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Lights, camera...

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A film being shot in Alto may herald more movie projects for Ruidoso area

The movie making industry may get cozy with the Ruidoso area.

Production of a film will get underway Saturday in Alto.

"It's a Hitchcock-style horror film," said actor and co-producer Zack Ward. "It's like *Ten Little Indians* up at a cabin. Slowly people start to disappear as they try to figure out why."

The name of the film is *Last Stop*.

Modern technology goes a long

way to the movie making in Ruidoso.

"It's tremendously fast compared to what they used to do," said co-producer Alan Tréver. "We couldn't have dailies if we were shooting in Ruidoso and shooting in 35 mil. We would have to have somebody going out to the airport flying it off to a place to develop it and sending it back."

"We've always kind of wanted to

try and shoot in southern New Mexico," said co-producer Carl Lucas. "That's kind of always been a drive Alan and I've been working on for the last six to eight years, to try and build a film community here in southern and southeastern New Mexico. It seems like a lot of films end up shooting north of Interstate 40."

Students in a film program at ENMU-Roswell will be used for

filming.

"We knew we had a wonderful film program in Roswell that has a lot of students and talent," said Lucas. "We were wanting to utilize that talent and shoot films in this area. So by pulling all of that talent together and some of the L.A. side, we're able to actually put together a film that looks like a full-feature film. I mean it's actually going to have all the lights, and bells, and whistles and we're going to be shooting for less than half-a-million dollars."

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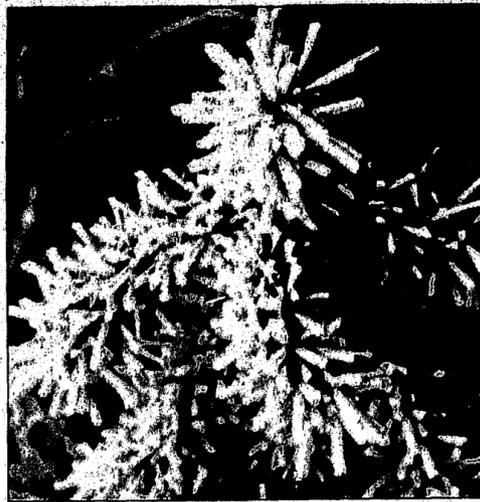
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COLD AS ICE



A condition known as ice fog, frozen by 10-degree temperatures, enveloped the region north of Ruidoso Thursday morning. Fog left a coat of white on foliage in Nogal, above, overlooking Carrizozo and the Carrizo Mountains (Julie Carter/Ruidoso News). At right, a cholla cactus at the base of the Capitan Mountains received a crust of ice (courtesy Lynne Damron).



Barrow resigns from Planning & Zoning

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He's served through the administrations of four mayors, but Glen Barrow said Tuesday it's time to step down from the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission.

He wrote in the letter to Mayor L. Ray Nunley he would be happy to stay on board through the April 6 meeting, after a new mayor

takes the oath of office. "I feel that it would get us through the election and give the new mayor time to appoint my replacement," he wrote in the letter dated Jan. 6, and handed out to village staff members and planning and zoning commissioners at the end of the planning and zoning meeting.

"I was appointed to the commission by Mayor Jerry Shaw on the recommenda-

tion of (now councilor) James Stoddard," Barrow wrote. "I subsequently served under Mayor Robert Donaldson, Leon Eggleston (and Nunley).

"I accepted the challenge for one basic reason, to give back some measure of service to the community that has given so much to me. To say the least, it has been a 'wild ride.'"

He thanked Nunley, village staff and councilors, as

well as previous mayors and councilors for their confidence in him during his terms.

"In my long service as chairman, I am most honored by the continued support and voluntary service of the P & Z Commissioners with whom I now serve and those with whom I have served," he wrote. "Their dedication to uphold

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Irish pub OK'd

■ Village tells P&Z that paperwork meets all requirements

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Some questions may linger, but Ruidoso's deputy manager told village planning and zoning commissioners Tuesday the site development submission for Shenanigans Irish Pub met all requirements for approval.

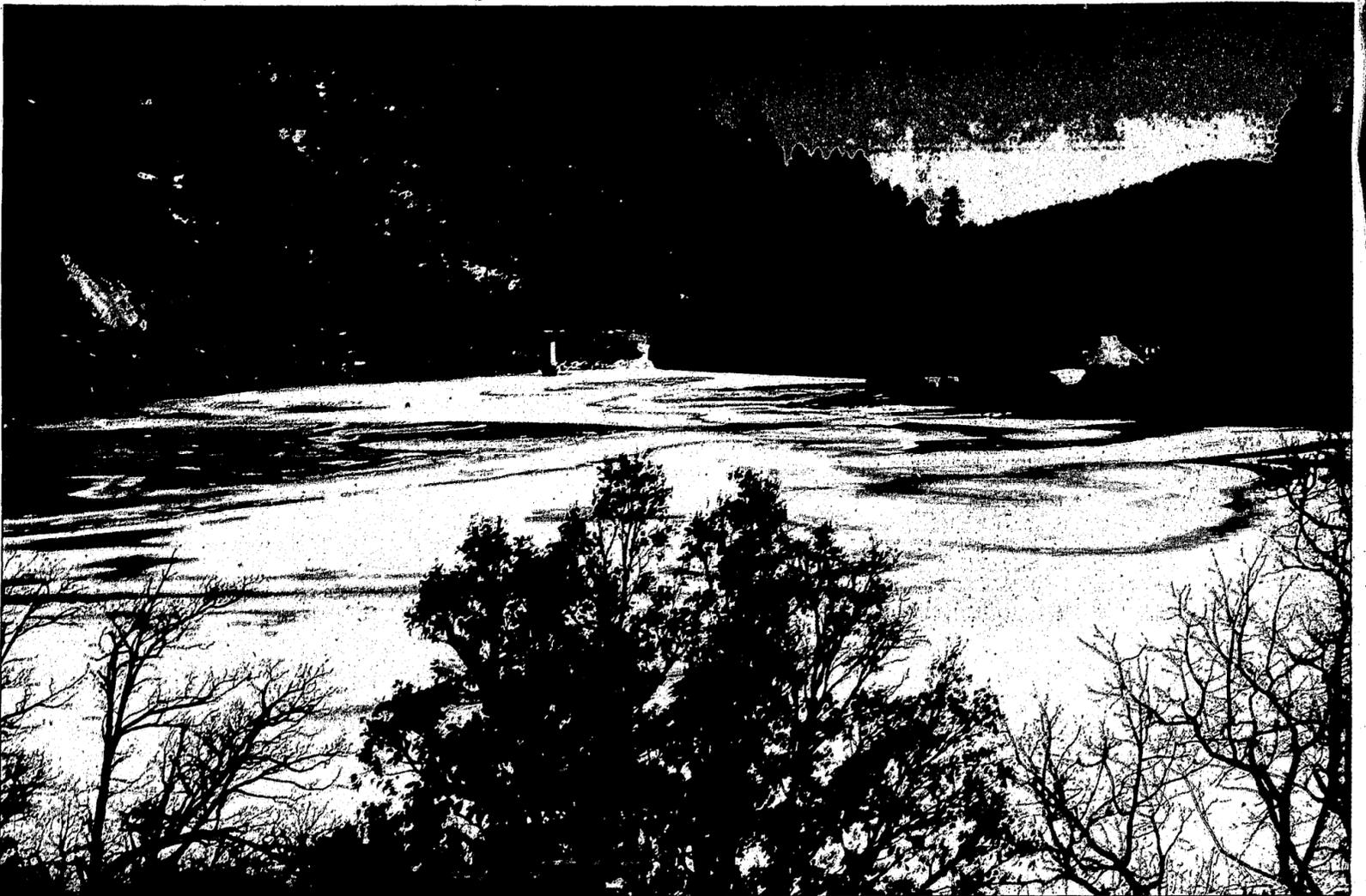
Bill Morris said many issues raised about the site will be handled at the time a construction permit is issued, and a proposal to turn Butler Street into a one-way route will be pursued within one month, similar to action on Burro Lane, which runs from the Boulder Plaza behind several businesses to exit onto to Sudderth Drive.

The vote to approve the site plan passed unanimously with several conditions and an admonition that dirt disturbed during construction be retained onsite with erosion control apparatus. The pub is being built on the lot previously used for the Pasta Cafe.

Morris began the discussion by reminding members of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission that the proposal includes a 6,000 square foot building. The plan complies with rules in the C3 Midtown commercial zoning district. The project owner Sheri Smith and associate Thomas Farrell also responded to a previous commission condition by pushing the building 10.5 feet back from the Sudderth Drive sidewalk

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As winter covers much of Bonito Lake with ice, the water level settled just below the spillway, waiting for the spring melt to replenish the reservoir owned by the City of Alamogordo and the centerpiece of its recreational and camping complex. Construction of the dam began in the late 1920s and the reservoir was filled by 1933, to provide water for the steam engines of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Tree recycling

Christmas tree recycling continues at Schoolhouse Park in Ruidoso through Saturday Jan. 16. The location is in the temporary orange fenced area between the swimming pool and the recycling dumpsters. Both green and flocked trees (fake snow) are accepted. All tree stands, lights, ornaments and other tree decorations

must be removed for the safety of the crews and machinery. Please do not illegally dump Christmas trees at other trash disposal dumpsters or compactors locations.

Nationally, approximately 93 percent of real Christmas trees are recycled through community programs. A good rule of thumb is to take your tree to the drop off location in the same condition as you

would find it naturally in the forest.

Christmas tree recycling information is available on the Authority web site at www.lcswa.org.

County meets

To allow department heads and elected officials to attend the 2010 Mid-winter Legislative Conference of the New Mexico Association of Counties in

Santa Fe, the monthly meeting of the Lincoln County Commission was moved up one week.

Commissioners will meet at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, in Commission Chambers at the county courthouse in Carrizozo. One of the first items of business will be to select a chairman and vice chairman for the year.

County Treasurer Beverly Calaway will present the county's Financial

Report for the period ending Dec. 31, 2009 and go over the county's financial health with commissioners sitting as the Board of Finance.

Other items on the agenda include:

- Indigent Health Care claims
- an update on the Paper on Green Projects for Lincoln County
- an Internet Data Access update

• property sales update, covering the sale of the Glencoe Rural Events Center, purchase of the Merritt property and purchase of the Cillessen property

• a report from Mel Patterson of the Center for Municipal Solutions on the county's Wind Tower Ordinance, a cell tower inventory and monitorship of

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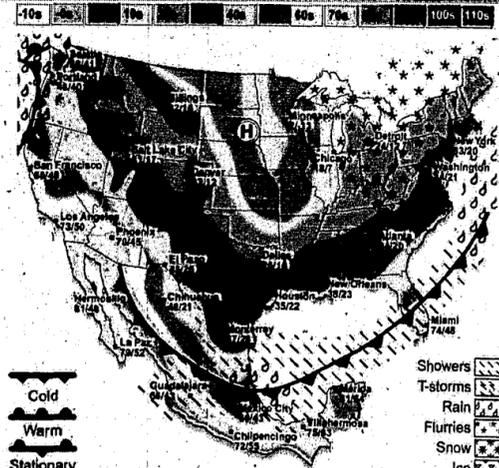
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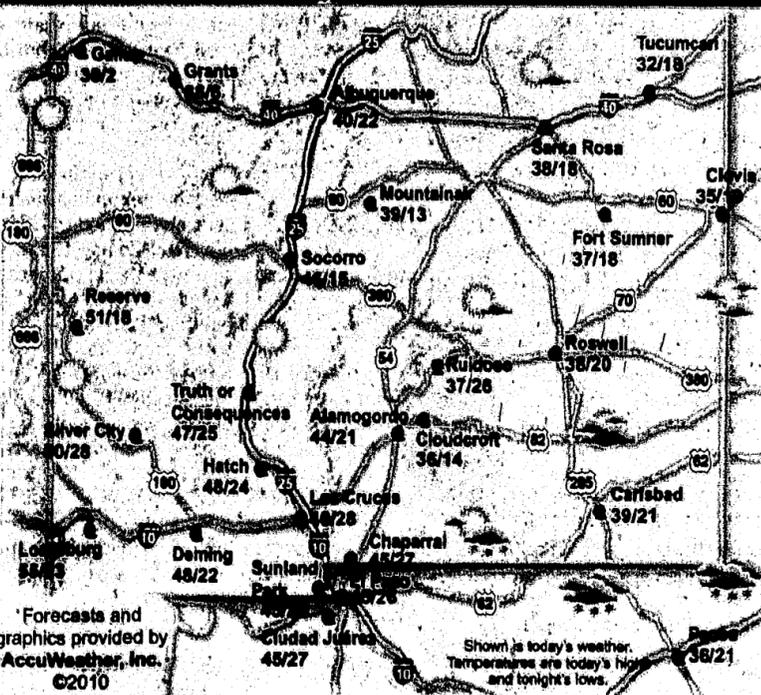
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National Forecast for Jan 8 2010



Regional Cities



Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/low 48°/23°
Normal high 49°
Normal low 19°
Record high 63° (1969)
Record low -26° (1971)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.30"
Year to date 0.00"
Normal year to date 0.30"
Pollen:
Grass Absent
Trees Low
Weeds Absent
Mold Low
Predominant Alternaria
Source: Eddie L. Gaines, MD, of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic

Alamogordo
Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/low 58°/21°
Normal high 54°
Normal low 28°
Record high 68° (1966)
Record low 4° (1971)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.18"
Year to date 0.00"
Normal year to date 0.18"

Weather Trivia:
Q: On ice, will a car stop quicker when it is 32F or 0F?
A: Twice the braking distance is needed at 32F.

National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Abilene	30/21/c	38/23/s
Anchorage	28/20/pc	26/16/c
Atlanta	34/20/pc	37/19/s
Austin	34/17/pc	38/19/s
Baltimore	34/19/sf	28/15/pc
Boston	32/22/sf	28/15/pc
Chicago	18/7/sf	19/3/pc
Dallas	26/14/pc	37/14/s
Denver	32/12/s	42/23/s
Des Moines	0/-14/pc	9/-2/s
Detroit	24/12/sf	21/11/pc
El Paso	45/26/pc	56/29/s
Las Vegas	61/39/s	63/40/pc
Los Angeles	73/50/s	72/50/pc
Minneapolis	2/13/pc	10/2/s
New Orleans	38/23/pc	37/23/s
New York City	33/20/sf	27/19/s
Philadelphia	33/19/sf	27/15/s
Phoenix	70/43/s	73/48/s
Reno	49/29/c	49/27/c
San Francisco	60/48/c	60/47/c
San Diego	67/51/s	69/51/pc
Seattle	48/41/r	49/40/r
Tucson	66/41/s	70/39/s
Tulsa, OK	18/2/pc	25/6/s
Wash., DC	34/21/sf	31/19/pc
Wichita	67/1/s	24/1/s
Yuma	72/50/s	73/51/s

Regional Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Albuquerque	40/22/s	46/25/s
Artesia	37/24/c	52/24/s
Chama	34/0/pc	40/2/s
Clayton	27/17/s	43/19/s
Cloudcroft	36/14/sf	48/4/s
Farmington	34/8/s	39/16/s
Hobbs	33/5/s	52/20/s
Los Alamos	36/11/pc	44/17/s
Portales	35/17/pc	48/21/s
Raton	33/5/s	44/13/s
Red River	32/3/s	40/3/s
Ruidoso	37/26/pc	48/27/s
Santa Fe	38/15/pc	45/18/s
Silver City	50/28/s	59/28/s
Taos	34/9/pc	44/15/s

Mexican Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Acapulco	84/72/c	90/73/pc
Cancun	81/63/pc	75/53/sh
Chihuahua	48/21/pc	57/25/s
Ciudad Juárez	45/27/pc	55/28/s
Leon	61/41/r	67/33/pc
Mexico, DF	59/43/r	61/39/sh
Monterrey	37/28/c	48/30/s
Morelia	61/48/r	68/39/c
Oaxaca	66/48/c	65/31/r
Pto. Penasco	73/50/s	74/45/pc
Tijuana	70/48/s	72/48/pc

Sun and Moon

Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 7:07 a.m./5:13 p.m.
Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 1:16 a.m./12:04 p.m.

Moon Phases



Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 79° in Chatsworth, CA
Low: -33° in On, MN

Wednesday's World High/Low:
High: 116° in Esperance, Australia
Low: -58° in Omolon, Russia



A military mom is collecting donations to assemble care packages for her daughter in the U.S. Navy. Swanlynn Chico, pictured, is a 2001 graduate of Capitan High School, who joined the Navy after graduation.

Her mother, Stephanie Chico, said Swanlynn will soon begin a third tour of duty in Afghanistan. Previous tours were in Iraq, from November of 2006 to

June of 2007. The second was with the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan from June through December of 2008. She currently works in military justice.

The care packages would include items such as phone cards and shampoo. Items can be dropped off at Stephanie Chico's residence at 24808 U.S. Highway 70 in Mescalero. Her phone number is 575-464-4308.

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tower inspections.

- a semi-annual Detention Center inspection
- consideration of renewal of the county attorney's contract
- an appointment from District 1 to the county Planning Commission.

'Hoop Shoot'

Ruidoso area youngsters will show their stuff on the hardwood court this Saturday.

The participants are divided into six groups by sex, ages 8 and 9, 10 to 11, and 12 to 13.

Organizer Al Buse said the competition is open to students from schools in Capitan, Hondo, Mescalero, and Ruidoso.

Local winners will advance to district and state competition. From there it will be onto national finals in Springfield, Mass. The winners each receive a trophy and their names will be inscribed on a plaque at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield.

Parents accompany contestants throughout the competition. The parents of finalists at the state, regional, and national levels attend the competition as guests of the Elks.

The free throw contests are expected to have more than 3 million youngsters participate around the country.

The "Hoop Shoot" program is described by the Elks as a constructive, character-building experience for young people. It allows competition free from the outside influence of parents, coaches, and teammates. In addition to the mental and physical benefits provided by the competition, contestants at various levels of competition receive certificates of participation and achievement.

For more information call Buse at 937-8457.

Chamber survey

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce (RVCC) Board of Directors have announced that it has taken another decisive action in response to issues related to the potential relocation of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino (RDRT&C).

The RVCC Board has created a special page on its web site devoted to providing area residents, visitors, and all interested persons with information on proposed tax parity legislation, the potential economic impact racetrack relocation, and ways that community members may get involved. As part of the new Web site, an opinion poll is available and all Web users are invited to make their views known. People may access the opinion poll at www.ruidosonow.com/survey. Village of Ruidoso residents will receive a reminder to access the opinion poll in their upcoming water bills.

"It is vitally important that we hear from the community regarding this issue," commented Chamber President Cynthia West. "We need to gather information for the lobbyists that we have hired. The opinion poll is an important tool in the process for it will provide both information and ideas generated at the grass roots level."

The RVCC Board of Directors recently approved an agreement to retain the services of Montgomery & Andrews (M&A) of Santa Fe to perform lobbying services on behalf of the Chamber. Representatives from M&A recently met with chamber officials, and plans for the upcoming efforts to support legislative approval of a

gaming tax parity bill, and to oppose any effort to relocate the Race Track, are beginning to take shape. The 2010 New Mexico Legislative session begins Jan. 18.

Forms were recently filed by RDRT&C with the New Mexico state legislature to grant tax parity legislation that will change the present tax structure that calls for Native American casinos to pay a tax from 3 percent to 9.75 percent based on revenue, while Race Track Casinos (Racinos) including Ruidoso Downs Race Track pay 26 percent regardless of size. The proposed new rates for Racinos would be 10 percent on the first \$10 million of net winnings and 26 percent on anything above \$10 million.

Chamber officials have estimated that the economic impact from racetrack relocation would equate to a loss of approximately \$30 million in direct and indirect revenue generated in Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Lincoln County. Those estimates include the loss of 285,000 visitors to the track each year and an approximate loss of 60 percent of lodging revenue generated during the racing season (Memorial Day-Labor Day).

For more information, visit www.ruidosnow.com and click on "Ruidoso Backs Our Track".

The RVCC Board will keep Chamber members

and area residents informed and will be requesting community-wide support during the Legislative session.

The annual Ruidoso Day in Santa Fe is scheduled for Fe. 3. Registration for this important event is now open.

Information about Ruidoso Day, area businesses, attractions and events can be found at www.ruidosonow.com. Call 575-257-7395 for more information.

JUB cancels

The regular Joint Use Board meeting of the regional wastewater treatment plant for Jan. 13, is canceled. A special meeting may be called.

Film series

The New Mexico Film Series resumes Jan. 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 104 at ENMU-Ruidoso and will continue the second Wednesday of the month through May.

The first movie is *Four Faces West*, a 1948 Western starring Joel McCrea and partially filmed in Gallup and Ramah, N.M. Based on the novel *Paso Por Aqui* by Eugene Manlove Rhodes, it is unique in that no gunshots are fired.

There is no fee for the movie, but registration is required. Call the ENMU-Ruidoso Community Education Department at 257-3012.

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Denise Dean Emerges From Obscurity to Run for Village Councilor

"I have decided to enter the race for Ruidoso Village Councilor. It is time for me to give back to the community that gave so much to Gary and me. After being out of the public eye for 5 years, I hope my community will come out and support me."

Denise and her husband Gary bought Ruidoso Office Supply & Hallmark in 1992. They sold the business abruptly in 2003 when Gary began getting sick which was later diag-

nosed as Crohn's disease. "People thought we sold out and moved to Florida!" The truth was Denise stayed home to take care of Gary those five years. Since Gary's surgery in late 2008, his health has improved and Denise has had the desire to get back into public service.

"I think there is a real opportunity to make some positive changes in our community. We have a great leader in our new Village Manager Debi Lee and I would like to be on the team that supports her. Because of my love of

numbers, I want to bring accountability to our citizens. I hope to be able to dive into the budget aspect of the Village and see where we can cut costs and focus our funds on improvements that benefit all our citizens. We have really had to tighten our own belts and I think we need someone to work with the Village to make sure they are doing the same."

After attending North Texas State University in Denton, Texas and majoring in Business Accounting, Denise has had many years in the accounting field. She also has experience in marketing, training

and owning a local business. She has stayed active behind the scenes as Treasurer of the Lincoln County Food Bank and Pine Top Rod & Custom Car Club.

She has displayed leadership abilities with her involvement as a Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce Board Member 1995-1998; Chamber President 1998-1999; Co-Chairman of RVCC Arts Festival for 4 years; introduced "Service Councils" to the Chamber; initiated "Community First" concept which included public service information via TV ads; was voted Sigma Beta Phi "Woman of the Year" in 1999 and

is currently serving as President of the Pine Top Rod & Custom Car Club. Her business experience, organizational skills, people skills and plain common sense are attributes that she hopes will be a real asset to the council.

Denise was born in Hobbs, New Mexico but spent most of her younger years in Roswell. Her family vacationed in Ruidoso during those years. As a teen she moved to Kermit, Texas and then onto the Dallas/Ft. Worth area (hence the accent!) It took her 30 years to get back to the place she loved but she finally made it here. Denise and Gary

have been married for 35 years but never had children. Their love is "Baby, the delivery dog" and lots of cats.

"Since I have been fortunate enough to retire, I want to spend my time and energy addressing the issues facing our Village and 'I Promise' I will do the best job I possibly can for you." I would deeply appreciate your support for my campaign. Please contact me at either denisedean4citycouncil@yahoo.com; phone 575-257-4966 or by mail at 116 Skyvue Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Thank You!

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OUR OPINION

No shortage of candidates this year

Campaign season begins

In the space of five days, we transition from the holiday season to the campaign season. Things are about to get equally hectic.

And that's a good thing.

In Ruidoso, four candidates have filed for the mayor's race; eight are vying for a council seat, of whom three will be elected.

In Ruidoso Downs, where there is no mayor's race this year, five citizens have filed for a shot on the city council; two will be successful.

In Capitan, three men are running for mayor and four candidates are seeking a seat

on the board of trustees; again, two will be successful.

In Carrizozo, two are running for the mayor's chair, while five are seeking a town council seat.

Our conclusion: Civic involvement is rather healthy in our county's municipalities. Any time a majority of hopefuls for a particular post are facing certain defeat, that indicates a good turnout.

As the elections approach, the newspaper will present the candidates up close and personal. Then, on March 2, it will be up to you, the voter, to finish this valuable process.

Deficit of common sense adds to budget woes

Sometimes a statistic knocks at your door. This one was an attractive, well-spoken, 40-something woman.

"My husband and I were laid off last month. I can do cleaning, and he can do yard work," she said, handing me a flyer.

I could have used her help, but like a lot of other self-employed people, I've seen my work thin out lately.

So it's hard to rustle up much sympathy for state workers whose morale is reportedly suffering after the first of five furlough days. They still have jobs and regular paychecks. The woman at my door, one of 25,400 people to lose a job here in 2009, would like to have their problems.

That said, I think Gov. Bill Richardson should have exempted the lowest-paid state workers and allowed those who would welcome the time off to volunteer.

This is just one swipe at state payroll and will save about \$8.1 million. Budget cutters are also looking at political appointees, double dippers and UNM's imperial presidency.

When 59 of the governor's chosen get the ax on Jan. 8, the state will save another \$8.3 million. (And 47 exempt positions are still vacant.) During the recent special session, a Republican bill would have cut 281; a Democratic bill, 180. The governor vetoed the surviving bill and promised to get rid of 84.

There's an assumption that the 59 are cronies, but one was Bruce Kohl, director of the Securities Division, who worked 15 years under three administrations investigating securities fraud and educating the public about finance. Kohl, wrote retired law professor Theodore Parnall, "is among the best and most well respected of the country's securities regulators."

Oops.

The governor's pruning is still limp-wristed, when you consider that exempt positions ballooned from 167 in the beginning of Richardson's administration to 470 early last year - and 1,222 of them were making

\$70,000 or more, up from 248 at that level in 2003.

Curiously, the governor took a pass on a third cut that would be the easiest of all - double dippers. He vetoed a bill that would have prevented retired state workers from returning to work and getting both a paycheck and retirement benefits.

He would snuff the practice for future workers but not touch the 2,000 current double dippers.

During better times there was an argument that it was worth the extra cost to preserve expertise and experience in government. Now, it makes no sense to pay somebody twice, when many good, experienced people are out of work.

We also note that UNM President David Schmidly has said he could do without one or two of 19 vice presidents costing some \$4.5 million. We're humbled by his sacrifice.

Now, how about those two state employees, Ace and Echo? Like many other working dogs, they went home at night with their handlers until the Corrections Department decided to enforce an old rule that required them to remain in kennels. The dogs - surprise, surprise - showed signs of stress.

"What idiot thought that would be a good idea?" This is from the K-9 unit in my house, who goes by Wendy. She can be a little blunt.

"This is what government does," says another household member who works in government. "They make a rule that flies across the board and apply it, whether it makes sense or not."

Animal Protection of New Mexico pushed to retire the dogs. Wendy and the governor agreed.

What about taxpayers? The department invested thousands in training these dogs, who were performing well, pre-rule enforcement. Now we lose their services, and the state will invest thousands more to acquire new drug-sniffing dogs. All over one inane rule.

Surely budget balancing will be more logical. Surely.



SHERRY ROBINSON
ALL SHE WROTE



Darling, your breakfast is on the table!

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YOUR OPINION

Thank you, from a survivor

To the editor:

MY DAUGHTERS and I are residents at The Nest, the domestic violence shelter located in Ruidoso Downs. God put it in my heart to write a letter expressing my gratitude to the many people who help make our shelter possible.

The staff at The Nest is amazing, and we are truly blessed to have each and every one of them working on our behalf. Thank You!

A woman comes every Wednesday night to teach the survivors a class on life-skills. Thank You!

Another woman comes regularly to do chair massage, and she stays until every woman that wants a massage has had one. Thank You!

Women come to The Nest to give us haircuts. You have no idea how this small act boosts our self-esteem. Thank You!

Circle J BBQ and Schlotzsky's each donate meals to The Nest once a month. We look forward to these meals and enjoy having "take-out." Thank You!

Families from Church out of Church come to The Nest to pre-

pare home-cooked meals for us. They share the meal and fellowship with us. Thank You!

Members of The First Baptist Church came one evening. They truly brought the Spirit of Christmas to The Nest when they arrived with home-baked goodies and an abundance of gifts for our families on Christmas Day. They stayed to help decorate the house for the holiday, and it was such a blessing because it helped us to realize that although we are in a domestic violence shelter, we too would be celebrating Christmas this year. Thank You!

Anonymous donations are dropped off throughout the day, every single day. These donations come from you, the Community, and while we do not know whom they have come from, we do know that they come with love. You help clothe us, and this is so vital because many of us arrive with only the clothes we are wearing.

Thank You!

You all may think that your donation or contribution is small, or goes unappreciated, but they are what help us to regain a

sense of normalcy, and even help us to feel loved. I appreciate what this Community has done for my family and I thank you all for everything you do for The Nest.

May God Bless You All!
With Sincere Gratitude and Love

A Domestic Violence Survivor

Thanking Corky

To the editor:

REGARDLESS of any allegations, regardless of any outcome, I'd just like to publicly thank Officer Corky Condon for what I've seen from him.

I've seen his positive influence on youth. I've seen him as he leads his Scouting Troop, and the effort he's put into that organization.

I've seen his heart as he speaks of the high school students in our community. I've seen him as he's assisted at his church when he's been needed.

I appreciate Corky and wanted our community to know that I'm glad to count him as my friend.

Sue Hutchison
Capitan

Fools rush in

For the record, if you're reading this right now, chances are you've successfully navigated through the wonders of the 21st century's first decade.

Perhaps you even have some water left from the Y2K scare. In fact, is there a better place to begin a reflection on the past 10 years than at the very beginning - or, say, the 12 months before?

One year or so before we set foot into the next 100 years, we were told to brace ourselves for doom. Like most Americans, I'm a huge fan of "doom." Predict the End of Days, and we're gulping grape Kool-Aid and scanning the skies for alien transports.

Of course, that's not true. But you'd never know it from the yarns our entertainment industry spins about mainstream Americans. Turn on your TV or settle in at a local theater and prepare to be preached to about how horrible Americans are. We're easily duped, you see.

So, when a cataclysmic opening to the new century - Y2K - was foreseen, you might believe we rushed to mega-marts and stocked up on ammo and water, rice and air mattresses, flour and CB radios.

For a lengthy period we were

told that the computers that run the world were incapable of switching from 1999 to 2000. As a result, rivers would flood; cars would stop on highways; the power grid would go dark; the Red Sox would win the World Series.

Well, 1,000 votive candles and 300 cases of bottled water later, I'm happy to report the sky didn't fall. We can laugh about it now; we lived.

Sept. 11, 2001

was horrific enough, but the response of many, too many, "progressives" was a series of apologies. Even President George W. Bush seemed to do everything but declare a national "hug a Muslim day," in his desire to appease the less-than-tolerant politically correct mob.

Another fallout of 9/11 was the creation of the Transportation Safety Administration to make our travel more secure. TSA consists of the folks scattered around X-ray machines at airports. Today TSA is jokingly referred to as "Thousands Standing Around." At least, I think it's jokingly.

Apparently, we used the decade to get fat. About every third news story is our about our obesity problem. However, a landmark study somewhere around the middle of the decade revealed that diet and exercise

were key to losing weight and keeping it off. Shockingly, this study mirrored a similar study conducted in the 1990s, which mirrored a similar study - heh, heh, you get my drift.

In 2002, Republican Governor Gary Johnson left office. A remarkably popular fellow, Johnson was term-limited or he may well have won a third term. He left the state with better highways and a budget surplus.

Taking full advantage of Johnson's accomplishments, the Republican Party of New Mexico imploded.

Bill Richardson took over and let the good times roll. He spent \$500 million on a train from Santa Fe to Belen. We're also building a rich man's amusement park outside of T or C. We're calling it Spaceport America. A 17-minute, suborbital jaunt goes for \$200K a ticket. State taxpayers, by the way, are on the hook for \$225 million.

I don't want to go without mentioning "climate change," formerly known as "global warming," until Americans got wise.

If only Mark Twain were alive to see this today. After all, it was Twain's immortal Huck Finn who said, "Hain't we got all the fools in town on our side? And ain't that a big enough majority in any town?"

Absolutely. Let's ring in the next decade before the ice caps melt, shall we?



JEFFRY GARDNER

RIGHT FOR A REASON

Area lawmakers pledge to oppose tax hikes

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Five southeast New Mexico state lawmakers – four Republicans and one Democrat – said they would oppose a New Mexico budget that included tax increases. Their general theme, during a town hall meeting on the upcoming budget Tuesday night in Ruidoso, called for fiscal responsibility.

“The reason we got to this point is not that the governor spent so much. It’s we appropriated too much,” Senator Rod Adair (R-Roswell) said of the state’s financial situation. “I firmly believe that budgets should be limited to inflation times population growth.”

Adair said recent annual budgets have grown by double digits.

“Our revenues didn’t materialize but the spending kept going on,” said Senator Tim Jennings (D-Roswell). “For a while we were losing revenues at the rate of about \$100 million a month.”

Jennings said the state’s reserve fund has been siphoned for about 18 months.

Questioning the panel of legislators, Dr. Walter Ray Seidel likened the reserve fund spending to using the state’s set-aside money “carte blanche.”

“If I ran my company the way the state, all the way up to the federal government runs it, I would be bankrupt,” said Seidel. We have to become very, very responsible and not overspend. The government is not taking a responsibility to understand that.”

Seidel told the lawmakers that they need to repre-



Among invited legislators who were able to attend the budget forum were, from left to right, Zach Cook, Nora Espinoza, Rod Adair, Dennis Kintigh and Tim Jennings.

sent their constituents a number of ways, including “economically.”

“It’s unfair to say that to me,” responded Jennings. “I’m one of the only ones that stood up about the spending levels of the state being way too high.”

Jennings, at times, has been at odds with Democratic Governor Bill Richardson on financial issues.

The governor this week advanced his budget recommendations, which call for spending cuts and new revenues. The Richardson plan would result in the equivalent of a three percent spending cut across state government, eliminate stalled capital outlay projects, and others.

Jennings predicted the Senate would not go along with the governor.

Representative Nora Espinoza (R-Roswell) said the mindset in the House is different than the Senate. The three-year legislator said she has never voted in favor of a budget.

“The philosophy on the House side is ‘we have not overspent, it is just a lack of revenues,’” said Espinoza. “They’re changing the words where the everyday lay person doesn’t understand what they’re doing. The letter that I got from the Speaker of the House, Ben Lujan, said we were not given all the tools to solve the budget crisis because of the absence of tax enhancements.”

Espinoza said the five lawmakers at the town hall would not vote for tax increases.

While a number of speakers advocated spending cuts, Alto resident Tony Davis said he would like the Legislature to spend more on renovations at historic Fort Stanton.

The 150-year-old fort was called a tremendous asset to the state by Jennings.

“But right now, I’m going to tell you, the state’s not in any shape to fund anything but maybe subsis-

tence or any kind of damage (to the fort buildings) that might be caused by weather, bad roofs or whatever.”

Representative Dennis Kintigh (R-Roswell) took that stand a step further.

“Our priorities have got to be public safety and water,” he said. “There was talk along the way of closing the corrections center in Roswell and releasing additional inmates. I would shut down museums before I close prisons. I will not spend a dime to restore facilities that are architecturally significant if that means I have to lay off a state policeman,” said the former FBI agent.

In 2007 Fort Stanton and its museum were named to become New Mexico’s seventh state monument.

But on trimming the budget, Kintigh said across-the-board cuts are the easy way and lawmakers have to look inside individual programs.

Jennings pointed to approximately 300 state positions that are considered “exempt employees” with high salaries.

“Salary cuts have to come more at the high-income level and a lower percentage at the lower-income level,” Jennings said.

“I was appalled,” Espinoza said of the cost of exempt employees. “If they’re in this exempt position for five years they’re vested. And this is infuriating. The chief scheduler, someone that does scheduling in the governor’s office, has a salary of \$133,000.”

Representative Zach Cook (R-Ruidoso) told the audience that he was a new legislator learning every day.

Cook said funding cuts could probably be made in the judiciary.

“I am an attorney. That’s what I know. I know the courts and I am on the judiciary committee.”

Cook was appointed to

the District 57 House seat one year ago, following the retirement of Dub Williams.

The governor said his proposed budget would eliminate exempt positions, saving \$8 million.

Richardson, in his budget recommendations, specifically ruled out any increase in personal income taxes, any increase in capital gains taxes, or any decrease in business tax incentives or credits.

“We’ve used those tax cuts and incentives to successfully create thousands of jobs in the state and I will not give up these tools when we need them the most,” Richardson said in a news release.

The town hall meeting, held at the Gateway Church of Christ, was assembled by the Lincoln County Tea Party Patriots. All five legislators have districts that include parts of Lincoln County. Lawmakers were invited but were unable to attend.

No false alarm: Old fire station due for the wrecking ball

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The demolition of the old fire station at 200 Eagle Drive is scheduled to begin Wednesday.

The demolition will be handled by the Ruidoso Public Works Department in cooperation with the fire and police departments. According to Fire Chief Gavin, all the asbestos in the building was safely removed under contract, and internal salvage operations are underway.

Gavin said actual demolition of the building should begin Wednesday and continue until completed,

which could be as early as Jan. 25, if the weather cooperates.

During demolition, driving and parking will be restricted in the area and may include the closure of Rio Street behind Lucy’s at different times. Gavin urged the public to use caution when traveling in the area and to obey barrier tape and construction fences.

Earlier in the month, the Fire Department paid its final tribute to the old building by conducting a saw class within its premises, the chief said.

“The station gave back to the department one last

time,” Gavin said. Firefighters received hands-on experience using a curricular fire saw during the training session.

Village councilors have indicated the cleared space will be used for additional Midtown parking. Officials estimate about 30 vehicles could be accommodated on the property occupied by the old station that was built in the late 1930’s and originally was used as a Village Hall and the town jail.

The Fire Department took over the building as its main station in 1951, and continued to occupy it until 2008, when firefighters

moved into the new main station at 541 Sudderth Drive in Schoolhouse Park.

“I suppose that there will be a huge number of memories that will be lost in conjunction with the demolition” Gavin said. “This old station served the department well for many years, even though it

lacked the modern technology and spaciousness of the new station. It turns a page in the history of the Ruidoso Fire Department.

“I have contacted Virgil Reynolds, the first paid fire chief for the department and the only paid chief the department had ever known, prior to me filling

his vacant position last year. Our last official act at the station will be to allow Chief Reynolds to remove a tree that he planted at the station, many years ago, for good luck and prosperity purposes. I am sure that many of us will be on hand for the demolition on Wednesday.”



The bays in the old Ruidoso Fire Station had been deemed too small for modern engines.

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BUSINESS

Denish hears small business owners' concerns

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Small business owners delivered some of their gripes, and visions for the future, to New Mexico Lieutenant Governor Diane Denish.

A Wednesday roundtable brought a score of small business owners and some local officials together.

Discussion on potential wind power production in northern Lincoln County turned to finding the local work force to maintain wind turbines.

"Look collaboratively," said Denish. "Your superintendents of schools, your presidents of your two- and four-year schools, your community colleges. Bring them together and talk about your needs."

Denish said the approach is especially fruitful now, with many adults also looking at new careers and in need of training or retraining.

"I call it repotting themselves," said Denish. "Getting into a new garden so to speak."

"Much of it is about computers and mechanical. Some of it's going into health care occupations which are the still unfilled jobs across the country."

A program established at Santa Fe brought high

schools and a hospital together for health occupation classes.

"Now there are 250 kids in that program," said Denish. "And now they're partnering up with the UNMU Health Sciences Center."

She recommended ENMU-Ruidoso be a part of a potential local collaborative.

New ENMU-Ruidoso President Clayton Alred, who was at the roundtable in Ruidoso, said he needed to hear what the local needs are.

"In my former position, the last program that I created was a wind technology program," said Alred. "Coming from West Texas, we were not too far from the largest wind farm system in the world. We clearly want to respond to the training and educational requirements in this area."

Melvin Johnson, with the Corona Landowners Association, said land leases are in place for wind farms in northern Lincoln County and adjacent southern Torrance County.

"In just project technicians, you're looking at 75 to 100 permanent jobs," said Johnson. "In the construction phase, 250 to 400 people."

New Mexico Small Business Development Center advisor Mike Byrnes said green energy is

a new opportunity for jobs in Lincoln County.

On another front, small business owner Arvil Coakley said the Florida bank that handled the electronic transactions for the automatic clearing house (ACH) company her Ruidoso Athletic Club uses to draft monthly fees from the bank accounts of members, froze the funds.

"I called your office," Coakley told Denish. "I called the governor's office in California where the ACH company is at. I called the governor's office in Florida where the bank resides. All of them said if you were a private citizen we could help you. But because you're a small business we won't get involved."

A line of credit was used to pay the Ruidoso Athletic Club's cover payroll, utilities and other bills, said Coakley.

An aide to the lieutenant governor said finding help will be pursued.

Following the summer of 2008 flooding along the Rio Ruidoso, a riverside lodge in Ruidoso's Upper Canyon said there was incredible frustration in finding government assistance to get back on their feet.

Denish said the state is looking at a bank loan guarantee program. She noted the national credit



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

New Mexico Lieutenant Governor Diane Denish listens to suggestions from Ruidoso CPA Robert Goddard.

crunch came right after the flood.

Ruidoso business owner Robert Goddard, a certified public accountant, said New Mexico's 2010 payroll withholding tax tables remain unavailable, yet his firm is doing payrolls.

The state's Taxation and Revenue Department

would be contacted "today," said Denish.

A program that allows at-risk youth to assist small business was praised by Carrizozo-area rancher Welda Grider.

Denish called youth working in a small businesses "service learning."

"For public education

there should be school credits for kids to go out and work directly, just like you're talking about," Denish told Grider. "We call it service learning because you go and work with somebody, not necessarily to be paid, but to get credits and identify a career path."

Special Web page for race track legislative information available

A special Web page, with information about the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino, and legislation called necessary to avert relocating the facility, is now available.

The board of directors of Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce said Wednesday that the page would provide area residents and other interested persons with information on the gaming tax parity legislation and the economic impacts of the track leaving Ruidoso Downs.

Track officials have talked about moving to Dona Ana County, and in November filed a request with the New Mexico Racing Commission.

There is also an opinion poll on the Web page.

"It is vitally important that we hear from the community regarding this issue," said Cynthia West, the chamber's president. "We need to gather information for the lobbyists that we have hired. The opinion poll is an important tool in the process, for it will provide both information and ideas generated at the grass roots level."

The chamber board last month retained a lobbying firm to press state lawmakers on the recently filed tax parity bill. Representatives from Montgomery & Andrews have met with chamber officials, and plans are taking shape,



CYNTHIA WEST

said chamber executive director Sandi Aguilar.

The 2010 legislative session at Santa Fe will begin on Jan. 18. Chamber officials have estimated the economic impact of a race-track relocation would be about \$30 million in direct and indirect revenue generated in Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Lincoln County.

The estimates include an annual drop of 285,000 visitors to the track and an approximate cut of 60 percent of lodging revenue generated during the Memorial Day through Labor Day racing season.

The Web page can be accessed at www.ruidosonow.com and then clicking on "Ruidoso Backs Our Track."

- Jim Kalvelage

Lincoln named in top 10 Western towns by True West magazine

Billy the Kid helped start the legend of Lincoln, New Mexico. Yet modern-day citizens keep that legend alive through their efforts to preserve the area's history for the many tourists who visit each year.

That's why Lincoln is No. 8 among *True West* magazine's 2010 Top True Western Towns.

Virginia City, Nev., won the top award. The True Western Towns will be featured in the January/February 2010 issue, at newsstands on Jan. 6, 2010.

Volunteer groups are key to Lincoln's success: Partners in Preservation, the Lincoln County Historical Society and the Old Lincoln Days Pageant Committee work together to preserve the many circa

1880 buildings.

Those include the courthouse (from which Billy the Kid escaped in 1881), the Tunstall Store and the Montano Store.

In addition, the private home of Sheriff James Brent and the Watson House were renovated in 2009.

Volunteers are working to restore the interior of the Fresquez House.

And, the Torreón, a defensive tower favored by fighters during the Battle of Lincoln in 1878, is being replastered.

"For such a small town, only 50 people live there, Lincoln does some big work," says *True West* Executive Editor Bob Boze Bell.

"That's the reason Lincoln is a True Western gem, one that hasn't

changed much since the time of Billy the Kid."

True West editors determine winners for this annual award based on criteria demonstrating how each town has preserved its history through old buildings, museums and other institutions, events and promotions of historic resources.

The feature includes Towns to Watch for their good works in historic preservation and several legendary locales that folks should know.

True West magazine is in its 57th year of leading the way in presenting the true stories of Old West adventure, history, culture and preservation.

For subscriptions and more information, visit twmag.com or call 888-687-1881.

Farm-ranch survey begins this month

Beginning this month, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct its Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS). The survey will provide farmers and ranchers with an opportunity to provide accurate, real-world data

that will help shape the policies, programs and issues that affect them.

"ARMS data collection asks a small, but representative, sample of farmers about their operation in order to understand the current financial state of U.S. agriculture," said Jim Brueggen, director of the NASS New Mexico Field Office. "Participation in ARMS is so important because government and agricultural leaders use the information to evaluate current policies and programs and to make sound decisions that impact the future of farmers, their families, their businesses and their communities."

The survey will be conducted through April, to maximize cooperation and data quality from the small sample of producers. In an effort to obtain the most accurate data, NASS will reach out to 160 farmers and ranchers in New Mexico. Producers will be asked to provide data on their operating expenditures, production costs and household characteristics.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by responders is confidential.

The economic data gathered in ARMS will be published in the annual Farm Production Expenditures report on Aug. 5, 2010.

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Zack Ward, Carl Lucas, Alan Trever (left to right) plan to make a movie titled Last Stop in the Ruidoso area over the next month.

FILM

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Last Stop may be followed by more film shooting in the region. "Our goal is to make a slate of movies in southeastern New Mexico," said Ward. "And by doing it at this budget level. Because the technology is available, as opposed to the way it had to be done before with massive sound stages in Los Angeles, with huge infrastructure to support, that's not really necessary. Our goal is to do six to eight films in a two- to two-and-a-half-year period and keep incorporating the same crews and locations and vendors." The venture is labeled an "experiment" by the trio. "Even though we're

doing films under \$2 million this is a grand experiment," said Ward. "This is the sample, to see if we can prove our theory here." Ruidoso is considered an enjoyable location for film shooting and the connection with the film resources in Roswell make it work, said Trever. The Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts played a role in assisting the production. "The wife of a board member had a chance meeting with the producers," said Ed Spurr, the executive director of the RRCA. "Then we had a meeting with them this past Monday. They're moving real rapidly." The arts group, which established a film office last year, assisted in providing locations for some shooting.

"We served as somewhat of a liaison," said Spurr. "It was frankly a new experience. I think now we will be

better prepared to help future producers." Spurr said the filmmaking would be a boost to the local economy. The project, which is expected to be in the Ruidoso area through beginning of February, should put about \$230,000 into the regional economy, with 90 percent of that in the Ruidoso economy, according to Last Stop Productions. Ward is best known for his role as the bully Scut Farkus in the 1983 holiday movie *A Christmas Story*. He also played Dave Scovil on the 2000 to 2002 television sitcom "Titus." Lucas is both a filmmaker and writer, who wrote *Ilegales*, a movie about human trafficking that was shot last year in southern New Mexico.

Trever is a film producer and media arts instructor at ENMU-Roswell. *Last Stop* is a work of screenwriter Travis Oates. Editor's note: For more, see today's ¡Vamonos!, p. 2.

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the ordinances of the village of Ruidoso requires patience, tolerance and a full measure of diligence. It has been my great honor to serve with them."

During his 13 years on the commission, Barrow acted as chairman almost exclusively, being selected just a few months after his appointment.

Barrow and his wife, Sherry, own a wood shavings, animal bedding business in Glencoe that uses trees cut during wildfire fuels reduction projects in Lincoln County. They also handle some of those reduction projects.

As he leaves his appointed post, Barrow responded to a few questions about his years on the board.

He said his major frustration was knowing that substantive changes to the zoning ordinance, proposed by the Commission to the Village Council, never were approved and implemented.

"They were changes that desperately, in my opinion, were needed to be made in the ordinances, but they seem to die on the vine year after year," Barrow said.

"Examples of what I would consider 'no-brainers', would include such changes as stepped-back heights from Sudderth Drive to prevent the tunnel effect, not letting a hillside cut be taller than the house or commercial building that will be constructed there. Ever seen the Pizza Hut cut? I could go on and on. More than numerous changes have been proposed by the P & Z Commission. And yet in defense



'It's been a wild ride.'

of the Council, every time the Planning Commission suggests ordinance changes, the roar, generally from a small contingent, arises, saying, 'O My God, Big Government wants to kill my status quo. No Change. No change!'"

Before Barrow answered the next question, he clarified, "Before I answer that question, let me say that I both like and respect the current council and am very aware of the huge challenges that they have taken on and the even larger achievements that they should be proud of. So, that said, the answers to the questions that I am being asked are not to be con-

strued as a 'put down' for them."

As for what he considers the major need of the village in reference to planning and zoning issues, Barrow said, "I feel that we need a strong minded council and mayor who can, with decisive action, gather the facts and then make a decision that enhances the collective good of the Village and the surrounding community. That group has, at it's disposal, a more than willing group of citizen volunteers called the Planning Commission to assist them in the fact-gathering phase."

Barrow said his personal vision for the village, "is

one of living in a small beautiful community that is growing at a steady, though conservative, pace with a commitment to smart and green development. In fact, I recommend that we adopt a motto, 'It's Cool to be Green in Ruidoso!' I see us as the leader in the state and perhaps the nation in enacting legislation that promotes a sustainable green concept. This, in itself, would, I believe, increase our quality of life in ways that little or no other investment could."

"In basic areas this could lessen our water needs, lower the impact on the wastewater treatment

Planners may adjust meeting schedule

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Nothing official yet, but Ruidoso Planning and Zoning commissioners seem to be leaning toward one meeting a month to handle applications and a second for workshops.

If people with projects tried to muscle their way onto the agenda for the workshop, they would be diverted and either a special meeting would be called to handle the items or they would have to wait until the regular monthly "business" meeting, Planning Director Bob Decker said during the commission meeting Tuesday.

No action could be taken on setting the meetings, because the issue was listed on the

agenda only for discussion. But Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris said it would be easier to cancel a workshop that is routinely scheduled, than have to set up new workshops each month and try to get quorums.

Decker said Ruidoso councilors will see the final draft of a revised Comprehensive Plan for the village at their Jan. 26 meeting. Once a revised plan is adopted, commissioners can tackle new or amended sections of the land use code to implement elements of the plan.

"We've identified a ton of issues," Decker said. "We have to get the councilors through that step (revised Comprehensive Plan adoption) before we can work through the language changes."

plant, improve our storm water runoff issues, keep more of our energy dollars at home, benefit the good health of the populace and, again, improve our quality of life and the desirability of our 'house' as a destination point."

The main obstacle to accomplishing that vision "could be us," Barrow said. "The Empire State Building was built, groundbreaking to occupancy, in 13 months in the midst of the Great Depression. We can't seem to implement a P & Z ordinance change in that amount of time. We seem to want to be our own worst enemy."

"Often when change or

modification regarding ordinances is proposed, we squander our most valuable resources in the community by bickering, slowly grinding ourselves down and sometimes, the sum of our tangible production approaches a big fat zero!"

His parting message to elected officials and the public was, "Wake up. Stand up. Have the conversation, make the decision, shake hands, have lunch and go on about the business of living in our own little heaven."

"I am grateful for the opportunity to be of some service to the community in which I live and that I love."

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If a structure is being used for one or two family occupancy, construction must comply with the residential building code, even if it is being built in a commercial zone.

Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commissioner Bill Hirschfeld asked Village Building Inspector Shawn Fort about the code, questioning if a house or cabin is built in the C3 Midtown commercial district, would the construction code requirement be different than in a residential zone.

Planning Commission Chairman Glen Barrow said if the structure was used for rental, it would

require commercial wiring, but Fort said zoning has nothing to do with whether a structure is built to commercial or residential code.

"The occupancy of the building determines that," he said. Structures with more than three stories or more than two family dwellings would be commercial, but fewer families and stories would be residential, he said.

"When he looks, it is through the International Building Code and it depends on the occupancy of the structure," agreed Deputy Manager Bill Morris.

"A hotel would be commercial, so putting up cabins one right next to the other is not?" Barrow

asked. Fort said because all of the cabins to which Barrow was referring are going up on one piece of property, some commercial aspects will apply, such as the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Village Attorney Dan Bryant said the code discussion also was raised during a recent debate over how to classify short-term rental units, including nightly rental of single-family dwellings.

"By our action, short-term rentals are a residential activity," he said. "We created a whole set of rules for them. They are homes for property tax purposes, but if they are used to a certain level, it could deprive

the owner of the residential classification and the tax rate applied would be different."

The short-term rental debate is being fought all over the state, as is the concept of tax lightning, where a person buying a house must pay property taxes based on current market value, while those who hold their property can only be increased a maximum of 3 percent taxable value each year.

"The new owner's value (for tax purposes) could double the day they take over," Bryant said. "A property owner needs to be a savvy consumer and not get stung." They need to know when the zoning law applies, when the property

tax law prevails and how the building code is affected, he said.

Hirschfeld said if he was out to beat the law, he could build a 4,000 square-foot structure in a C3 district under residential code, obtain his certificate of occupancy and then come back in and change the use to commercial.

"That would be a conditional use," Village Planning Director Bob Decker said. "It would need approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission."

"We don't look at all changes of use," Hirschfeld said.

"But I look at them because of how the change of use affects the IBC," Fort said. Decker said even an

application from one type of commercial activity to another is subject to review for things such as compliance to fire codes.

Bryant said several times he's looked at buying a residential property to turn it into a law office, but was stopped by the required expensive upgrade in electrical wiring to meet code, or sometimes an entire renovation.

Commissioners approved scheduling a four-hour or longer workshop called Zoning 101 for Jan. 29, with Randy Van Vleck, the attorney for the New Mexico Municipal League. They agreed the zoning primer would be good for them and for the public to hear.

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lot line and accommodated a neighboring business with a 10-foot side lot line setback, he pointed out.

As requested by the commission at last month's meeting, the project engineers, John Shaw and Smith, met Dec. 31, with Mike and Michelle O'Brien, owners of Michelle's shop next to the restaurant lot, about how the building's new position would affect shadowing of their property.

With Mark Newsome, the construction manager, and Ralph Nosker, in charge of earthwork also at the meeting, Shaw said he chose 3 p.m. to gauge exposure to the sun and to demonstrate where shadows project at that time and their source.

"Before the meeting, Mark placed three posts on the property," Shaw said. "The two side posts, 11 feet high from the proposed finished floor elevation, were placed to depict the horizontal position and vertical height of the front eaves of the proposed building. The center post, 26 feet high with the Irish flag on top, was placed to depict the center peak of the roof."

Farrell was watching the scene on Ruidoso Web cam from Ireland, where he was checking on the fabrication of the cabinetry for the pub, Shaw said.

Shaw contended he demonstrated that the shadow of the building would have no effect on Michelle's, except in spring and summer months.

"I showed them how the shade on Michelle's was being caused by the tall pine trees above Butler Street," he said. However, he added that he failed to convince them not to oppose the placement and height of the proposed pub.

Mike O'Brien said photographs showed the area would receive some sunlight, "But walking and parking will be an icy mess for the whole piece of property," with the pub in its proposed position, he contended.

The meeting was interrupted briefly when Rick Albers questioned if new testimony could be allowed in the continued session. Village Attorney Dan Bryant swore in those who had not testified and the others noted their testimony continued under a prior oath pledging truthfulness.

With the change in the building's position farther back on the lot, the highest point of the roof also is farther from the sidewalk, vil-

lage staff noted. It occurs about 55 feet back on the building and about 75 feet from the front lot line, Shaw said. The front roof line was dropped from 34 feet to 27 feet. Morris explained that building height within the village is calculated as an average, not the high point. The pub height complies with code.

Michelle O'Brien gave it one more shot, stating her objection to the height, the close proximity to her building and what she considered possibly inadequate handling of runoff

from the roof and from snowmelt. The building could be moved even farther back from the front lot line and "still be gorgeous," she said.

Shaw countered that the runoff will be retained in several vegetative retention areas before reaching Sudderth Drive and the project will not increase drainage to her property. Code requires that a project not increase runoff to village streets or adjoining property.

Commissioner Beth Hood listed several points

about the site plan she thought were either not covered or inadequately covered. Morris went over most, pointing out how they would be handled at the time a building permit was issued, already were satisfied or were not relevant to the commission's jurisdiction. They include questions about a sewer line connection, forestry and landscaping, roofing material, parking spaces and placement of other utilities.

Hood, a retired attorney, said the questions she

posed were based on her reading of the code as things that are supposed to be covered in an application for a site development.

"How the village decides to take care of them is fine with me," she said. "But we need the information for the public discussion for adequacy and impact on the neighborhood and the health, safety and welfare of the area. The building department doesn't answer to the public. This board does. The things I brought up are not adequately addressed in the site plan

and I think the planning department should have ensured we're (informed)."

She explained that she previously voted for approval of the preliminary site development plan, because of the word "preliminary," but she wanted to ensure everything was properly covered before voting on the final site plan.

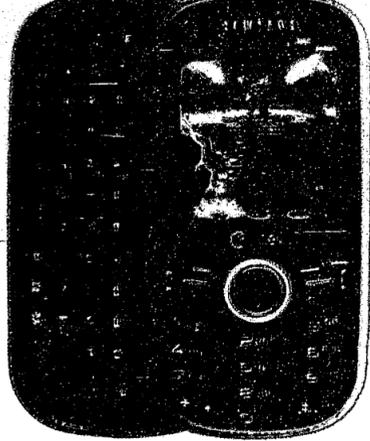
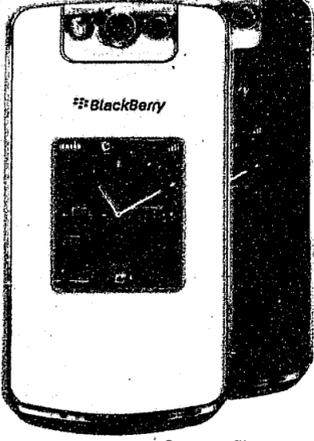
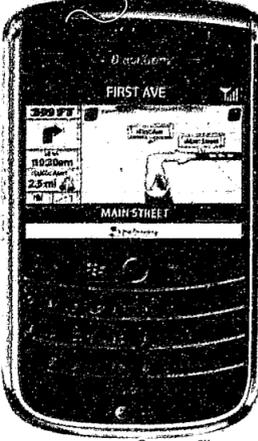
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Diet claims don't hold up

If you're tired of hearing about losing weight, you're not alone. Magazines, newspapers and television are bombarding us with dieting options. It's amazing that this same scenario happens every year. The holidays arrive. We're surrounded by tempting tidbits. We busy ourselves with pre-and post-holiday activities instead of exercise. We indulge ourselves. What's the solution? The New Year arrives and we make resolutions to get ourselves on track. Before long we decide it's not fun feeling deprived and those ads that promise to melt the pounds away like



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Unfortunately, these ads are filled with empty promises. Did you know that the number one type of consumer

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Wouldn't we all like to get something for nothing?

What you're really guaranteed to lose is your money, and you may jeopardize your health at the same time.

Is it too good to be true? Unless the lifestyle change you're considering suggests that you will need fewer

calories and should become more active, you won't lose weight permanently or safely. The magic pill, cream, skin patch, wrap or dietary supplement for weight loss does not exist.

Want to avoid dieting scams? Look out for these warning signs:

- "Lose more than two pounds a week without dieting or exercise." Often the ads will attract you with references to reducing pounds, dress sizes or belt notches, inches and body fat.

- "You can eat all you want and lose weight" because their potion or product does all the work for you.

- The weight loss is permanent even after stopping use of the product. An example is: "Take it off and keep it off."

- Among my favorite claims are the ones that say "Our product can block

the absorption of fat or calories." It would be a very unhealthy choice to block the absorption of all dietary fat because some vitamins - A, D, E and K-are fat soluble (which means they need fat to be processed in the body). These vitamins serve important functions.

- "Lose an amazing amount of weight in no time at all." The reality is that losing more than three pounds a week can cause health complications.

- "Anybody can use it." Some people have specific dietary restrictions that need to be followed for good health. Is the promise of a quick fix worth putting your health in jeopardy?

Along with the red flags already listed, some interesting words that could be tip-offs to a scam might be "miraculous," "instant,"

"secret" or "amazing."

If the claims seem vague to you but promise to purify your body, raise your energy level or boost your immune system, you should be suspicious.

One of the most important things you can do is look for qualified research to back up the claims.

Testimonials may be inspiring or interesting reading but they don't provide the necessary support to substantiate their claims.

If I had an easy, fun or exciting suggestion to help speed you on your way to weight loss success, I'd be very rich and famous.

However, I'm one of thousands of health professionals who will continue to encourage you to consider making lifestyle changes for your own good health.

As the quote from Mahatma Gandhi goes,

"Every worthwhile accomplishment, big or little, has its stages of drudgery and triumph; a beginning, a struggle and a victory."

I think starting a lifestyle change to lose weight can be hard, especially when one has experienced failure at weight loss in the past. But if you don't get started, you for sure won't succeed.

Imagine how excited you'll be to reach your goal of leading a healthy, active life. Go for it!

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"DecisionHealth would like to congratulate the top HomeCare Elite agencies

that achieved excellent clinical and financial outcomes by providing quality care to their patients," adds Marci Heydt, executive editor of DecisionHealth's Home Health Line.

Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice started providing home care services in 2000, and looks forward to celebrating their 10th year in

business in 2010. It is locally owned and managed by Jennifer Chadwick, RN and Pat Pillar with a commitment to providing home care and hospice services to all residents of Lincoln County.

This level of quality care cannot be achieved without an outstanding team of nurses, therapists, and home health aides providing excellent clinical care with professionalism and compassion. RHCH accepts Medicare, Medicaid, all insurances, is an indigent fund provider, and strives to keep private rates reasonable.

Medicare, Medicaid and Insurance are the principle payers for services. Home health services through Medicare are available under parts A and B.

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A new trend for home health care is for agencies to furnish care through a cadre of non skilled employees for families who do not qualify for Medicare or Medicaid home care but still need help with loved ones at home.

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The National Ski

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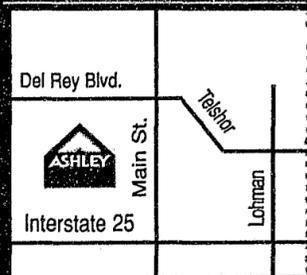
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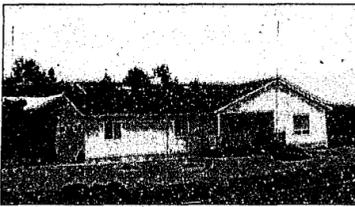
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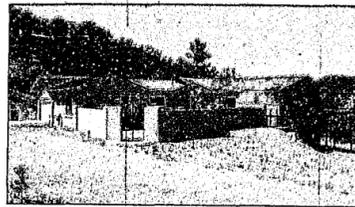
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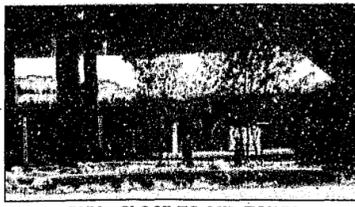


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1 LEVEL PERFECT FULL TIME OR RETIREMENT HOME Good sized home-4 Bd, 3 Ba-pinon-pine+6 fruit trees-nice gardens off country kitchen-2 lots-Energy Star heat-AC-all utilities-well insulated-lots of storage-metal roof. Storage shed-good parking, great dining room & FP. \$179,000. #105685



JUST REMODELED Great location in Ruidoso. 2240 sq ft, new paint through-out. Complete master bath & kitchen remodel, new covered redwood deck for privacy. Refrigerated air. Reverse Osmosis, water softener, all appliances included. \$174,500. #105397



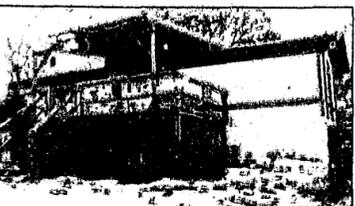
CLASSY CABIN ON CORNER LOT Close to everything! Flooring-tile & carpet-nearly new. Large rooms, carport, big deck, old timey charm & very comfortable. Two bedroom & 2 baths. Beautiful fireplace.. \$150,000. #104431



A CONDO BUY - FULLY FURNISHED Nice Alto Mtn Village - 3 bd, 2 1/2 bath + gameroom/pool table - hot tub on private deck - new carpet & windows, gas FP - 2 water heaters - HOA includes cable TV, swimming pool & tennis. \$138,500. #104927



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SPORTS

FRIDAY, JAN. 8, 2010

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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.: 0 inches

Season total: 78 inches

Weather for Friday: A 40 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 33. East wind around 5 mph becoming calm. New snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. Friday evening, mostly clear, with a low around 17. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Weather for Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 42. West wind between 5 and 10 mph. Saturday evening, mostly clear, with a low around 20.

Current conditions: Excellent

Mid-mountain snow depth: 36 inches

Snow surface: Packed powder, machine groomed

Groomed runs: Bunny, Easy Street, East Easy Street, Moonshine Gulch, Lower Moonshine, Lower Deep Freeze, Ramp, SBT, Capitan Lite, Snow Park, Smokey Bear, Chino, Meadows, Geronimo, Elk Ridge, Bull Run, Screaming Eagle and Caliente.

Groomers Pick: Caliente

Lifts open: No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6 and No. 8. Gondola is closed.

Snowmaking: No

Results

Boys Basketball

Saturday, Jan. 2
Pojoaque 75, Ruidoso 66
Monday, Jan. 4
Hondo 41, Mescalero 31

Girls Basketball

Monday, Jan. 4
Mescalero 51, Hondo 41
Valerie Garcia of Mescalero scored 18 points
Ruidoso 65, Mesilla 30
Abriana Herrera of RHS scored 16 points

Sports On Tap

Boys Basketball

Friday, Jan. 8
Cobre at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 9
W. Las Vegas at Ruidoso, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 12
Ruidoso at Goddard, 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Friday, Jan. 8
Ruidoso at Socorro, 7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 11
Hatch Valley at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 12
Socorro at Ruidoso, 4 p.m.

The natural genius of kids

BRADY PARK
For the Ruidoso News

As recreation coordinator for the Village of Ruidoso and the popular Wilderness Camp, I would like to see you and your children retain their natural, instinctive genius. There are many ways to begin this.

Take a walk with your kids around your yard, then graduate to the 'wilds' of Wingfield Park, Grindstone Lake or one of the village's other open spaces.

Take note of what your child notices and involve yourself in that, drawing from your own artistry. Walk barefoot, when safe, and get a little dirty or wet. Notice animals, especially bugs and birds.

Spend time with the things your child notices and be interested yourself, because they will enjoy something more if they sense you are truly interested.

A child may choose to spend time on building their own bow and arrow



Ruidoso children enjoy last summer's Parks Department Wilderness Camp.

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over shooting a store-bought model.

Next time you have a large cardboard box around the house, let your

child invent a whole world in their mind with it.

You have this time to be a kid again.

You didn't think of

yourself as a genius when you were eight years old

and catching crawdads and picking flowers and arranging

them in a pattern for mom, did you?

Dads and moms, re-

See KIDS, page 2B

Warriors are suppressed by Warriors

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The Ruidoso hardwood squad looked to be in command of Tuesday's game against the visiting Socorro Warriors ... for the first few minutes, that is.

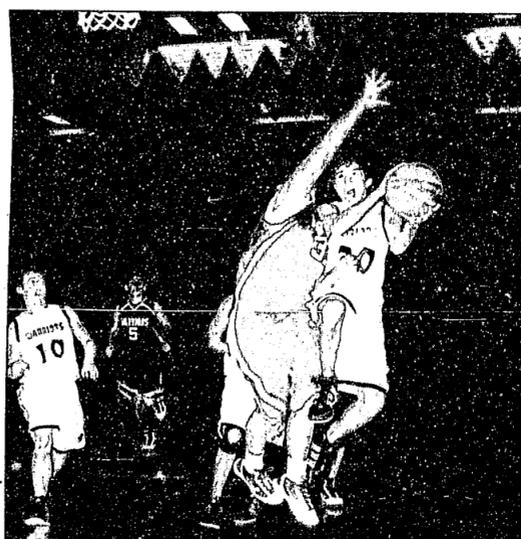
With barely two minutes gone in the first quarter, RHS led 6-0 but their winning rhythm was soon broken and by the closing buzzer the hometown boys went down to defeat, 65-51.

Going into the second period of play the local Warriors were only down 18-15 and that included



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Jacob Rigsby fights for his space while going for two.

'One day a lemming will fly'

So, anyway, quite some time ago, a man contemplated suicide as he sat on the top of a 10-story building in London with his legs dangling over the edge of the precipice.

A psychologist joined the potential self-killer on his death perch in an attempt to talk him out of it and said to the depressed soul, "You know, thousands of years ago pigeons couldn't fly.

"They were smaller versions of penguins. Every year, in Scotland, they took turns with lemmings jumping off of high cliffs and committing suicide, so the story goes.

"One year, a pigeon flapped its wings just before it hit the ground and found it didn't fatally crash. Ever since then those birds have flown.

And the lemmings have been watching them. One day a lemming will wave its little paws and soar with the pigeons. Yeah, I can see it now. In fact, if a lemming can fly, why not a human? Yes, I too, believe I can fly."

With that the brain counselor stood up and started to plummet into eternity but

the intended "jumper" grabbed him and they both fell harmlessly back onto the roof of the building with the psychologist still yelling, "One day a lemming will fly."

By this time, I know what you're thinking. What does this have to do with sports? Let me attempt to make a connection in my fumbling, round-about way.

Recently, when the news surfaced that Texas Tech University's head football coach Mike Leach had been fired for allegedly abusing one of his players I was dumbfounded when I read about the particulars of the episode.

Leach, as reported by the Lubbock *Avalanche-Journal*, allegedly made Adam James stand in a dark shed at Tech's practice facilities, after reputedly suffering a concussion, because Leach believed his player was faking the injury.

Two days after the first report, the paper reported that Leach made James stand in another dark room "for three hours." As an aside, James' father, Craig, is a football analyst for ESPN.

The older I get, the less surprised I am

about Man's stupidity (and that includes me, too). I ask myself why certain individuals in politics and sports continually go against the norms of sanity and travel a well-worn path to eventual oblivion?

The only answer I can conjure up is it has to be unmitigated, boundless arrogance. They must consider themselves impervious to the rules, both moral and otherwise, the rest of us mere mortals try to live by.

These imperious egos have, what I call, the "OJ Simpson Syndrome." Whatever they deem necessary and called for at any given time is permissible.

They are blinded to the consequences of tomorrow. You see it every day with our elected politicians in Washington. They are the plantation masters and know what's best for the rest of us "toilers in the fields."

Years ago, back in my

hometown, I was an avid Pitt Panther fan. In that environment you were either a Pitt supporter or a Penn State advocate.

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BY MIKE CURRAN
SPORTS EDITOR

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KIDS

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member the last time you watched your kids play in a sprinkler and then started playing with the mud?

Maybe they just threw it at each other but maybe they discovered, by themselves, that they could build a hill, then a fort, then a castle with kings and queens and soldiers and a whole realm.

According to Richard Louv, in his book, *Last Child in the Woods*, our children in America are experiencing "Nature-

Deficit Disorder".

He describes this as a lack of nature in the lives of today's wired generation and links this lack to some of today's childhood trends such as obesity, Attention Deficit Disorder and depression.

Nature leads us into a sense of wonder, exploration and invention.

Not long ago, my six-year-old daughter was "helping" me clean up a pile of bricks in our yard.

She started putting bricks in an oval, one on top of the other, and calling it her rabbit's outside brick home.

Two days later, we had

a four-high brick wall in an "L" shape, mortared together with a mix of fireplace ashes, leaves, dirt and sticks.

The wall had windows and doors, a parking lot, furniture, a bath tub, and plastered walls.

Again, Louv says in his book, "Unlike television, nature does not steal time; it amplifies it."

A number of researchers have seen some interesting things happen as they observe children playing in various environments.

In playgrounds dominated by man-made structures rather than natural

elements, the social hierarchy was established through physical competence. In more natural surroundings, such as a creek area or open grassland, the social standings were based on things like language skills, creativity and inventiveness.

Other studies show that children can become bored with structured playgrounds and choose a more natural play area.

Simon Nicholson, an early theorist of the idea of the natural genius of childhood, once said that, "everybody is innately creative but modern society suppresses the creative



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Local children inspect nature in the area.

instinct, while promoting an artist as a gifted elite, having all the fun."

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RHS

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four Socorro 3-pointers, three by No. 32, Michael Contreras.

By halftime the visitors still led the contest, but only by five, 33-28.

At that point the contest was up for grabs and the visiting Warriors grabbed first as they scored 13 points in the third quarter to Ruidoso's nine.

By stretching out the third quarter lead to nine, Socorro also obtained a winning momentum and

wound up prevailing by 14. The RHS offense managed to close the 3-point scoring gap, 11-10, by the close of the game.

Of Ruidoso's 30-point longshots, Mario Varela dumped in four of them and went on to lead RHS in scoring with 15 points for the night.

He also scored in all four quarters of play. Nick Smith just missed double-digits with nine.

Of the Ruidoso roster, 11 players saw action on the hardwood.

"We had our opportunities but didn't make the shots we had to make," Ruidoso head coach

Dennis Davis said.

"It was, basically, just as simple as that. But then some of the calls didn't go our way either. A foul against us at the end of the first quarter hurt the flow of our game-play.

"Socorro was only called five times for fouls. Things seemed to fall their way.

"Our boys played well at the start of the game but then Socorro made some 3-point shots that seemed to give them confidence as the contest went forward.

"I do think my boys had some good moments on defense but, offensively, we weren't as efficient as



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Gage Whipple tries for a corner bucket.



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Mario Varela scores two of his 15 points.

we could have been.

"There were times where we played them

even-up, and there were other spots where we

turned the ball over."

Before the varsity game; the Ruidoso JV took down their Socorro counterparts, 53-48, in a well-played game by both sides. The 3-7 Ruidoso Warriors will entertain the 0-7 Cobre Indians in a Friday night 7 p.m. tilt.

Less than 24 hours later they will take on the visiting West Las Vegas Dons (1-6) in a 1 p.m. (freshmen, JV and then varsity) make-up contest.

FLY

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For years I couldn't stand Joe Paterno ... until that is, I finally figured out why.

He is a winner and a great coach, in more ways than one.

He's won two national championships (1982, 1986) and numerous other titles and awards.

He was offered the head coaching position with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1969 before Chuck Knoll was hired for the job.

Reportedly, he has the highest rate of player-graduates of any Division I college football coach.

He wins games while setting disciplines in academic achievement. I have a good friend who played on Paterno's 1982 national championship team.

Shortly after winning the national title my friend suffered a career-ending injury to one of his knees.

Next season Paterno kept him on scholarship by putting him on the coaching staff, thereby guaranteeing his graduation.

Because of that, my friend went on to marry, raise two nice children and have a very successful business career.

With an overall 394-129-3 record (Paterno is now in his 60th year of coaching at Penn State), don't tell me a head coach has to be dictatorial, feared or egomaniacal.

I keep thinking, someday, a few of these narcissistic personalities will see the error of their ways and join the rest of us "field workers," even if they're only faking it.

Yeah, right, and "one day a lemming will fly."

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RELIGION

New Year's resolutions from Rabbi Gellman

I'm not a fan of New Year's resolutions. People of faith are taught to make resolutions daily, not annually, and even if I did believe in them, the Jewish time for resolutions is during the High Holidays in the fall.



The God Squad
MARC GELLMAN

I suppose any tradition that gets people thinking about making changes for the better is not all bad, however, so here goes.

I, Rabbi Marc A. Gellman, Ph.D., do hereby resolve that in the New Year, I will try my best to:

- Eat less. Exercise more. Swear less. Give more. (These are my big four.)
- Call people I like more often for no real reason.
- Call people I don't like and try to find something to like about them even though I have not found anything yet.
- Shut up more and listen harder.

- After the death of my dogs, try to find some way to fill the hole in my heart that does not involve getting another dog.

- Learn how to say no to people with love.
- Try to remember that those people who criticize me are all doing so because they just have not yet had the true pleasure of understanding me.

- Try to remember something - anything - that I still like about Tiger Woods.

- Always let drivers merge ahead of me because, despite how I act sometimes, I did not buy all the air in front of my car when I bought my car.
- Don't honk at those who don't let me merge and push me off onto the shoulder of the highway.

May I remember at those times that they are living small, shriveled, meaningless lives and that they will rot in hell for their selfishness (and I

mean that in the most loving and compassionate way).

- Try not to keep score in my life. OK, so this contradicts the previous resolution. Give me a break. If you want a perfect columnist, read Charles Krauthammer!

- When I see guys fixing utility poles in a storm or after a storm, go get them donuts and coffee right away. I already do that, but not nearly enough.

- Love all the seasons of my dear wife, Betty, because she's the one who agreed to share me with you.

- Try to figure out how to answer my 4-year-old granddaughter, Daisy, who asked me, "Poppa, do you still work, because you know, you are very old."
- Try to love playing golf again, even though I can't ever again play with Tommy.

Keep rooting for the Mets for no good reason, because everybody needs a team, even a losing, gagging, choking team and

the Mets are my losing, gagging, choking team.

- Keep rooting for the Jets for no good reason, because everybody needs a team, even a losing, gagging, choking team and the Jets are my losing, gagging, choking team.
- Tolerate Yankee fans because my theology requires me to believe that even Yankee fans are made in God's image.

- Try to remember that every day my blessings exceed my burdens.
- Try to remember that I can teach my children to fly on their own but I cannot fly for them.
- Listen to more music I hate because I could be wrong (I was wrong about Metallica).

- I read mostly non-fiction about wars, so let me try to read more fiction (about wars).
- Remember to personally thank all the doctors who never give up trying to heal me, even though I often give up trying to be healed.
- Try to enjoy the movies my wife, Betty,

likes even though in all those movies nothing blows up and people with no visible means of support live in insanely expensive apartments and homes.

- Try to pray a Thanks Prayer, a Gimmie Prayer, an Oops Prayer and a Wow Prayer every day.

Pray for Tommy with all my heart and with all my soul.

Send questions only to The God Squad, c/o Tribune Media Services, 2225 Kenmore Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, NY 14207, or email them to god-squadquestion@aol.com.

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Bobby Wayne Stockstill, 80 World War II Veteran

Bobby Wayne Stockstill, 80, of Ruidoso Downs, passed away, Wednesday, December 30, 2009 at his home.

He was born November 14, 1929 in Lubbock, TX to Lewis Wayne and Mary Bennie (Holman) Stockstill. He was a World War II Navy Veteran. He worked in a radio station in El Paso, TX and was a cowboy on a ranch in Kermit, TX before moving to Ruidoso Downs in 2002. While in Ruidoso Downs he worked as a security guard for the Billy the Kid Casino and Ruidoso Downs Race Track. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for more than fifty years.

He is survived by his brother, Don Stockstill and his wife Nancy of Alto, NM and a sister, Billie Jean Slaughter of Victoria, TX.

Inurnment will take place in Ft. Bliss National Cemetery.

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

To sign the online register book, please visit www.alamogordofuneralhome.org

Resolutions according to Scripture

The New Year is here and it is time for the new year's resolutions.

Many New Year's resolutions are made as wishes and not commitments and so they are doomed within a couple of weeks.

We want to lose weight, quit smoking, get more exercise, stick with a budget, and many other desires for a better "us." All of these are worthwhile, but as long as they live in the realm of wishes and desires, they are not going to happen.

The word, resolution, means "to deal with something successfully," so one

does not have a New Year's resolution until it is dealt with successfully.

I searched the Scriptures for the word, resolution. I did not find it, but I did find four of God's choice men who were resolved ... Paul, Jehoshaphat, David, and Daniel. Paul was resolved "to know nothing but Christ and him crucified."

Even in human weakness, fear, and trembling, Paul surrendered his mentality to the wisdom and power of God's Holy Spirit. He was not committed to the wisdom of the world or to eloquent and persuasive speech.

Paul succeeded because

he was resolved. I Corinthians 2:2.

Jehoshaphat was resolved "to inquire of the Lord" for help against the enemies of God and Israel. He prayed and fasted and God gave him direction.

God would be with him and God would fight for him and Israel.

In fact, his enemies destroyed themselves. Jehoshaphat succeeded because he was resolved. II Chronicles 20:3.

King David was resolved "to speak truth and righteousness." He hid God's word in his heart and from the overflow of his heart, his mouth spoke truth and wisdom.

David succeeded because he was resolved. Psalm 17:3.

Daniel was one of the

young Hebrews carried off in the Babylonian captivity and he was resolved "not to defile himself with the royal food and wine."

He asked for the simple, plain food that would give him health and not dissipation.

In fact, he would not defile himself physically, mentally, nor spiritually. He succeeded because he was resolved. Daniel 1:8.

In these four men, we see successful results from the resolutions of the mentality of Paul, the mind of Jehoshaphat, the mouth of David, and the mortality of Daniel.

What are your resolutions for the New Year?

Will they succeed and give you help for today and hope for tomorrow?



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Inez Ward Ballenger

Inez Ward Ballenger, 87, of Alamogordo, New Mexico passed away peacefully at home on January 5, 2010.

Inez Ward Ballenger was born in White Oaks, New Mexico on April 6, 1922 to Thomas Clayton Ward and Florence Current Ward. She moved with her family to Roswell, New Mexico, graduated from Roswell High School and attended Eastern New Mexico University as a piano major from 1939 till 1942. While in school she met her lifelong friend and love Kenneth L. Ballenger on a blind date. They were married on April 16, 1944.

While her husband served in the army in Europe, Inez worked as a Civil Service Secretary at the Roswell Army Air Field and also Camp Carson, Colorado. Following the war, she moved with her husband to Abilene, Texas and continued her study of piano at Hardin Simmons University. She studied piano at Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York as well as Stetson University, Deland, Florida. She moved to Fayetteville, Arkansas in 1954, where she completed a Bachelor of Arts in Music and Foreign Language from the University of Arkansas.

Inez was an accomplished pianist and dedicated teacher of piano for more than 60 years. She accompanied many of her husband's performances, and was involved in the music program of the churches she attended throughout her life. She was also a popular judge for Arkansas Piano Guild. Several of her students have become professional musicians and successful piano teachers.

Inez was a genealogist and published several books on the genealogy of the Ward, Current, and Ballenger families. She was an elder of the First United Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville, Arkansas, a member of Grace United Methodist Church of Alamogordo and an active member of the PEO Sisterhood in Fayetteville as well as Alamogordo. She was a member of Altrusa International; National Music Teachers Association; National Guild of Piano Teachers; Washington County, Arkansas Historical Society; White Oaks, New Mexico Historical Association; and an honorary member of the Alamogordo Rotary Club.

Inez is survived by her brother, Alton Ward of Alamogordo, her son David Ballenger and wife Denise of Charlotte, North Carolina, her daughter Joan Griggs and husband Ron of Alamogordo, her granddaughter Brynn Hall and husband Elam of Charlotte, North Carolina, her grandson Michael Ballenger and wife Amy of Orlando, Florida, her granddaughter Erin Regrutto and husband Ryan of Pueblo, Colorado, her grandson Reid Griggs of Alamogordo, and great-granddaughter Adelyne Regrutto of Pueblo, Colorado.

A memorial service to celebrate Inez's life has been scheduled at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 9 at Grace United Methodist Church, Alamogordo. Burial will be held at White Oaks Cemetery. The family will greet friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 8, 2010 at Hamilton-O'Dell Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions in Inez's name be sent to the Music Ministry at Grace United Methodist Church in Alamogordo or to the White Oaks Historical Association, in care of Karen Mills, 228 Patos Road, White Oaks, New Mexico 88301.

The Ballenger family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Hamilton-O'Dell Funeral Home to direct the funeral arrangements.

To sign the online register book, please visit <http://www.webfh.com/hamiltonodell>

LINCOLN COUNTY

Valle del Sol breaks ground on commercial lots

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A scraper began pulling away the top soil on the commercial side of the Carrizozo's Valle del Sol development on Tuesday.

First up on the plans for developing businesses on the designated commercial acreage is a building that will encompass 6,000 square feet of space and house a grocery store, pharmacy, liquor store and the developer New Mexico Lane and Ranches corporate and sales offices.

"Our goal from the beginning has been to fulfill the needs of the community," said Dan Dattola, the developer. "And we know that Carrizozo first and foremost needs a grocery store as well as several other types of businesses to make living here more convenient."

Dattola said much the same thing in March 2006, when the 3,500 acres mak-

ing up Valle del Sol were annexed into the limits of the Town of Carrizozo.

To date, the development has sold 300 lots and is now looking to focus on the commercial portion of their plan.

"We are in conversation with a couple of potential grocers," Dattola said. "We know that that a grocer and other retailers will first need a building, so we are starting with this one now."

Dattola said they are expecting the building and businesses to be up and running in six months to a year.

Carrizozo has been without a grocery store since 2005.

The town is on the threshold of seeing more than just the income from the gross receipts paid during the construction phase of the development.

Each water tap installed in the development puts \$1,000 in the coffers of the town and a special tax

assessment of \$100 per lot per year has been approved for Phases I and II of the project.

Dattola said there are four housing startups in the development this month. "By this summer, there will be 15-20 houses on properties out there," he said.

"Valle del Sol residents and all the people in Carrizozo will benefit from the commercial enhancements as they are built," said Dattola.

The developers are also "in active conversation" with businessmen for a truck stop that includes a truck and car wash and quick lube.

Other businesses being on the horizon are a pickup and delivery laundry/dry cleaning service, barber-shop and plumbing supply.

Broader, long range plans include the construction of apartments and the possibility of an assisted living complex.



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Valle del Sol developer Dan Dattola, left, Jack Ward, construction manger, center, and Leon Ivie, project manager, look over blue prints for the commercial area of the Carrizozo development. Construction began Tuesday for the first building in the designated acreage which will house a grocery store, pharmacy, liquor store and the corporate and sales offices for New Mexico Land & Ranches.

Disaster assistance deadline is Jan. 31

ALBUQUERQUE — Salomon Ramirez, State Executive Director for the New Mexico Farm Service Agency (FSA), reminds eligible ranchers and livestock producers of the Jan. 31, 2010, deadline to apply for benefits under the provisions of the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) for forage grazing losses incurred during calendar year 2009.

LFP provides payments to eligible livestock producers that have suffered livestock grazing losses due to qualifying drought or fire. Fire losses apply only to federally managed range-

land. Eligible livestock under this program includes beef cattle, alpacas, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep and swine.

Counties eligible for losses in 2009 are: Chaves, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln, McKinley, Otero and San Juan.

The applicant must have purchased insurance coverage through FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or meet the waiver requirements as defined in the Food, Agriculture, Conser-

vation, and Trade Act of 1990, Section 2501 (e) (7 U.S.C. 2279(e)) to be a Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, or Beginning Farmer or Rancher.

Producers can use the USDA's Limited Resource Self-Determination Tool to help determine if they qualify as a limited resource producer for FSA disaster programs.

The Tool can be found by visiting: www.lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/tool.asp.

Local county FSA offices can provide assistance in using this self-determination tool.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Candidate forums

The Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce will host two "Meet the Candidates" forums for the upcoming town elections.

All registered candidates will be invited to attend and participate in this opportunity to answer the public's questions.

Dates for the forums are Friday, Jan. 15, and Thursday, Feb. 18.

The forums will be held in Carrizozo at the County Commissioner's Chambers beginning at 7 p.m.

The public is invited to write down questions which will then be asked of the participants by moderator Welda Grider, owner of Superior Title Company.

This year the mayor's position and two town trustee positions are open for election. There are two candidates for the mayor's position and four for the two open trustee positions.

The Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce hopes the public will attend to find out where candidates stand on issues and also hopes that all candidates will attend in order to hear the interests of the public.

Art installation

The 6-foot by 8-foot art panels designed by Rick Geary and painted by local talent will be put in place on 12th Street to celebrate the Jan. 15 release of the movie filmed in Carrizozo last year, *The Book of Eli*.

The event is running concurrently with an art show at Gallery 408 on 12th Street, featuring the artists of Carrizozo. The work of 24 Carrizozo artists are on display at the gallery.

The art installation will be dedicated at 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 16, followed by a potluck reception at 5 p.m., at the Carrizozo

Country Club.

The "Hollywood Comes to Carrizozo" art installation will remain in place until the end of January and can be viewed by walking down 12th Street between Court and 4th.

For more information contact Dirk Norris at 648-2722.

'Zozo blood drive

There is always a need for blood and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2-3 seconds and most people will need blood in their lifetime.

A blood drive at Carrizozo Schools is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 11, 1:30-5:30 p.m., in the Multipurpose Room. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Carol Wilson at 648-2347.

Taco the border horse

Hola, amigos. Mi llama es Taco. I had another name before, but when I got a new home, I got a new name and a new profession.

I am in training to be an ace speed-demon team roping horse on the heels end of the roping steer.

In order for you to understand who I have become, please allow me to establish my credentials from my previous employment and adventures.

When I was a colt, starting out in my working life, I was known as Chapo Bueno. In the language spoken in Mexico where I lived, that was a quite a compliment. It means "good pony."

I was born of Hidalgo bloodlines, purebred Spanish grandee horses. This is evident in my beautiful light grey coat accented by a black mane and tail. It is even more evident in my kind, intelligent eyes.

At an early age, I was partnered to Jose Maria, the top vaquero on a large cattle ranch.

Jose Maria loved me and taught me patiently the ways of cattle and how to work them. We worked hard, made mucho dinero for the patrón, and I became known as a top mount.

As it was in ranching everywhere at the time, grass became short in Mexico. The patrón asked Jose Maria to do a little night riding, taking wet cattle across the river to Texas to sell.

Of course, Jose took me, his top horse, to help get the cattle from the ranch across the river.

We pushed them hard by moonlight, laid them up by day, and in the seven days it took to get across the river, we had no trouble. In this fashion, we shipped all the cattle belonging to the patrón.

At the end of the cattle drives, the patrón thought that since Jose and I were so good at being border bravos, we should continue our night riding with a little different contraband.

Jose was reluctant to be on the other side of the law, and I was insulted to be asked to carry a packsaddle, but it was work and we needed work.

Our good luck deserted us on our

first run with the contraband. La Migra gathered us in at the border.

Jose patted me, told me goodbye, and slipped off into the night.

The other horses and I were taken into possession, the drugs taken to the police station, and then we were taken to auction.

When I was arrested, I was wearing a packsaddle so no one knew of my history as a top cow horse. For this reason, I was sold for a pittance to a kind man who could see only my plight.

This man had a good friend in Texas, and soon after, I was sent to Dan the Team Roper. Fortunately, Dan speaks Spanish and has taught me the basics of

English. We are getting along fine.

When I first arrived, I made a few mistakes. One of those was that I ate all the briars along his fence line. He explained that in Texas, it was customary that would feed me hay and grain.

Another time I encountered an armadillo and spooked until Dan explained that it was just a hard-shelled possum.

Dan has been teaching me to be his team roping horse. He is beginning to understand that my cow horse athletic abilities and training are an advantage for us both.

My royal heritage has afforded me the perfect conformation to be outstanding in this new profession.

There are still a few mysteries about this new life that I have yet to understand, like why Dan named me Taco. But for now, I'm happy to have a home. He can call me anything he wants, as he includes the oats.

I am beginning to understand my job and am considering this sport to be great fun. We will win the world someday, and as you follow my career in upcoming year, I wanted you to know my story.

I send Happy New Year greetings to everyone on both sides of the border, but I'm glad to have a home on this side.

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Video aids in solving beer theft

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A surveillance video recording helped Ruidoso police solve a November beer run at an Allsup's convenience store.

At the time officers were unable to locate two boys who a store clerk said walked out with a 30-pack of beer around 8 p.m., on Nov. 22, 2009.

Last month a video recording was provided to police, showing two teens entering the store. An officer knew one of the boys from previous dealings.

An officer went to the home where Justin Spargo, 16, lived for questioning. Spargo said he and two others went to the Allsup's at 723 Mechem Dr. to steal beer.

He and a friend went into the store while another teen waited in a getaway pickup truck.

Spargo went to the cashier counter to distract the clerk while the friend, identified by Spargo only as "Mike" walked out with a 30 pack of Bud Light.

He told the officer that the three went to a pond outside the village and

drank the beer.

Also interviewed by police, Cesar J. Gomez, 16, said he had backed up the pickup truck behind the store ready to drive away.

When the two others exited the store Gomez said he drove to a house that "Mike" had access to in the Upper Canyon where the trio drank the stolen beer.

Both Spargo and Gomez have been charged with shoplifting and being minors in possession of an alcoholic beverage.

The teens were also referred to a juvenile probation officer.

Condon bound over to District Court

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A former Ruidoso police officer, charged last month with felony fraud, was bound over to the 12th District Court at Carrizozo.

Magistrate Judge Lorena LaMay ordered the bind over Tuesday, after the attorney for Christopher "Corky" Condon waived a preliminary hearing.

Condon, who had been with the Ruidoso Police

Department for nearly 10 years, is facing four fraud counts and two charges of forgery, all felonies.

A criminal complaint issued Dec. 14, 2009, accused Condon of defrauding the village out of more than \$8,000.

Investigators, including an FBI agent, contended Condon masqueraded as a brigadier general in the New Mexico State Guard, and took paid time off from his police job to attend annual Army Reserve training.

The investigation claimed Condon was not in the Reserves.

Condon had been arrested and detained for a short time.

Since Dec. 15, 2009, he has been released on bond.

He had resigned from the police force the previous week.

For one-half of his career at Ruidoso, Condon had been a school resource officer attached to the Ruidoso School District.

Dog shot by unknown assailant

Ruidoso police questioned two neighbors after a Mac Street woman said her dog had been shot.

Sue Comanche said she had let the dog outside on Dec. 29, 2009, without a leash and when it returned it had been shot on the left side near the stomach.

The animal was taken to the veterinarian. Comanche said a friend had witnessed a neighbor shoot the dog. But when questioned by an officer, the friend said she did not see any shooting that day, but about two months ago there was an instance of

the neighbor firing what looked like a pellet gun at a yellow dog.

Asked by an officer, the neighbor said he had not shot at any dogs that morning. The man was told that it is illegal to discharge any kind of firearm within the village boundaries.

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RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Dec. 26
11:06 a.m. - An out-of-state man went to police to report that he may have dropped his wallet while carrying his luggage from the Comfort Inn in Ruidoso. He told an officer that another man he passed at the hotel's entry door might have picked up the wallet.
1:45 p.m. - Police were called to a residence in the on Sunny Slope Drive for a pick-up truck with a broken out rear window. A 4-

foot long stick had been thrown through the window.
Dec. 29
9:11 a.m. - Motion alarms at a home in the 100 block of King Road brought a police response. Footprints in fresh snow sent officers to the rear of the residence where a back door was severely damaged from being kicked in. Inside officers found no signs of a burglary. Photographs of the shoe prints were taken and the information was

forwarded to the department's Criminal Investigation Division.
Dec. 31
1:29 a.m. - Police cited a Downs woman with being a minor in possession of alcohol after responding to a car off the road on Country Club Drive. Seven people had been in the Dodge Neon, and an unlicensed 16-year old behind the wheel. Brittney Priddy, 20, of Ruidoso Downs, told police she asked the 16-year old to drive.



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Jan 7, 2010	Thu	Noon	BACH's Luncheon - Free Concert	El Paso Museum of Art	
Jan 8, 2010	Fri	7:30pm	Opening Night World Premiere	UTEP Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall	
Jan 9, 2010	Sat	7:30pm	An Evening of Guitar with David Leisner	Western Hills Methodist Church	
Jan 9, 2010	Sat	9:30pm	Jazz@2900 with Mad Fusion* Special Event - not included in season ticket price	2900 Kitchen / Lounge	
Jan 10, 2010	Sun	2:00pm	Afternoon Classics - Schubert/Gershwin	First Baptist Church	
Jan 13, 2010	Wed	7:00pm	Music Film Series - <i>Thirty Two Short Films about Glenn Gould - Free</i>	Trinity First United Methodist	
Jan 14, 2010	Thu	Noon	BACH's Luncheon - Free Concert	El Paso Museum of Art	
Jan 15, 2010	Fri	7:30pm	Simone Dinnerstein/ACME Ensemble	Las Cruces - NMSU Atkinson Recital Hall	
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Jan 20, 2010	Wed	7:00pm	Music Film Series - <i>Note by Note - The Making of Steinway L1037 - Free</i>	Plaza Philharmony Theater	
Jan 21, 2010	Thu	Noon	BACH's Luncheon - Free Concert	El Paso Museum of Art	
Jan 22, 2010	Fri	7:30pm	EPPM/EPSCO Symphony Concert featuring Zuill Bailey	Plaza Theater (Tickets only through EPSCO)	
Jan 23, 2010	Sat	7:30pm	EPPM/EPSCO Symphony Concert featuring Zuill Bailey	Plaza Theater (Tickets only through EPSCO)	
Jan 24, 2010	Sun	2:00pm	Pianist Lara Downes - Barber/Chopin Celebration	Western Hills Methodist Church	
Jan 27, 2010	Wed	7:00pm	Music Film Series - <i>Song of Love - Free</i>	Trinity First United Methodist	
Jan 28, 2010	Thu	Noon	BACH's Luncheon - Free Concert	El Paso Museum of Art	
Jan 29, 2010	Fri	7:30pm	Maud Powell Tribute - Bach/Tchaikovsky	Western Hills Methodist Church	
Jan 30, 2010	Sat	7:30pm	Pelzman & Zukerman III Concert	UTEP Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall	
Jan 31, 2010	Sun	2:00pm	Schumann and his World	First Baptist Church	
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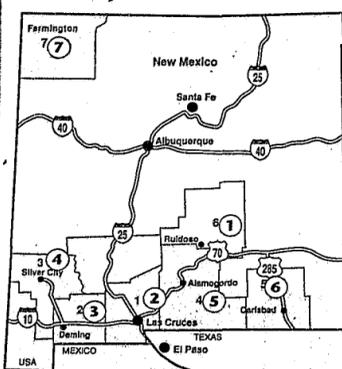
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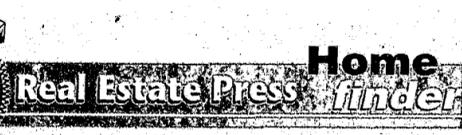
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RESOLUTION #11-2010

UPPER HONDO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION

Whereas, Section 10-15-1 (B) of the Open Meetings Act (Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978) states that, except as may be otherwise provided in the constitution or other policy-making body of any agency held for the purpose of formulating public business or for the purpose of taking action within the authority of such board, commission or other public meeting open to the public at all times; and

WHEREAS, any meetings subject to the Open Meetings Act at which the discussion or adoption of any proposed resolution or formal action occurs shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District is holding a public meeting on this 5th day of January, 2010 that;

1. Regular meetings of the Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm at the District Office located at 516 Smokey Bear Blvd. (Hwy. 580 West-USFS Complex), Capitol, NM. A proposed agenda will be available at the office. Notice of regular meet-

ings will be given seven days before the meeting to parties who request it in writing.

2. Special meetings of the Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon seven days notice. Parties who have requested notice in writing will be notified by telephone.

3. Emergency meetings of the district are meetings called under circumstances which demand immediate action by the Board of Supervisors. Such emergency meetings may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon three days notice. Parties who have requested a notice of meetings in writing will be notified by telephone. Notice of emergency meetings will be posted at the district office, at the Post Office, at the First Federal Bank in Capitol and other places deemed appropriate.

4. Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (E) NMSA 1978, the Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District will call a meeting to the public if the subject matter of such meeting is included in the Subsection E of the Open Meetings Act. Section 10-15-1 (E) NMSA 1978, if any and any other policy-making body of the Board of Supervisors and authority shall be taken in an open meeting and the vote of each individual member is to be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects announced or voted upon prior to closure by the Board of Supervisors may be discussed in a closed meeting; and (2) if called for a closed meeting shall not be held until public notice is given under the circumstances, stating the subject matter of such meeting and to the general public.

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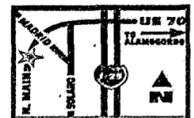
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The first stop for the *Last Stop*

When the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts was asked to lend support to local artist Brian Sarinova and the attempt to film a locally based movie, the organization discovered that this was an area for future film growth.

The mission of the RRCA is to make Ruidoso an arts destination by promoting all arts in the community. Previous to its involvement in Sarinova's *Apparent Solution*, the arts council had not been involved with any movie projects.

When the organization

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saw the need to support local artists in their endeavor to become involved in the movie medium, it formed a sub-committee of the RRCA called the Ruidoso Film Office. The intent of the Film Office is to be a resource for local residents in the community.

That includes, among other services, acting as a clearing house for people who are involved in all aspects of film production.

New Mexico is the sec-

ond-largest film-producing state in the nation, following California. Much of that is due to Gov. Richardson's encouragement of the state giving substantial tax incentives to film producers.

In 2009, Columbia pictures and Warner Bros. used the Town of Carrizozo as the location for their new major film, *The Book of Eli*, starring Denzel Washington, Gary Oldman and others (Sarinova was an extra). That film is



Ruidoso's Brian Sarinova appears in The Book of Eli. He is also a board member of the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts and its Film Office. (Dick Bryant)

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This week, a new opportunity presented itself to Ruidoso and the RRCA. Last Stop productions has arrived to shoot a film titled *Last Stop*. The film has 10 actors in it, possibly the most well-known being Mena Suvari and Brian Austin Green.

It is being shot in its entirety here (including Alto) for the next month. The production company estimates it will spend \$230,000 in the Ruidoso area in various capacities, including catering, rental

of facilities, equipment, lodging, meals and all the various needs a project of this size entails.

Many of the production people for this project will be associated with ENMU-Roswell. In time, these types of services may become available through ENMU-Ruidoso and its expanded campus across from the Spencer Theater.

Together with subsequent productions, the potential is there for a great source of revenue, generated by a "green" industry.

The RRCA is acting as

location coordinator for the production company, with the primary role of helping them find the resources they need while here.

The area has served in prior projects of this nature, such as the "Gentle Ben" television series and "Casey's Shadow." The exterior of the Spencer Theater was recently featured in the *Gamer*, released in September 2009.

So, Ruidoso, prepare to see yourself in a new light: as a backdrop for the motion picture industry.

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The Book of Eli opens next weekend. Cover photo by Polly Chavez.



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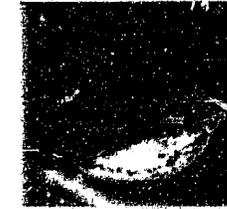
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EVENTS CALENDAR

"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.

"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.

Auditions for musical January 12 & 14:

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(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.

Geocaching

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

The Game of "Clue"

January 14: (Ruidoso) *Star Wars*; open to adults and children grade 6 and up; 4 - 5:30 p.m.; prizes. Ruidoso Public Library, 575-258-3704.

Blake Shelton

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

Eagle Ranch Open House & Art Reception

January 14: (Alamogordo) Art exhibit featuring students of Buena Vista elementary school. For more information, call Marianne Schweers, 575-434-0035

"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 & Wednesdays. For info, 575-524-8287, or 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. 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.

Carrizozo Art Installation

January 16: (Carrizozo) Art panels commemorating the filming of *The Book of Eli* will be installed on historic 12th Street at 3:30 p.m.; potluck at Carrizozo Country Club 5 - 8 p.m.

Steppenwolf

January 22: (Mescalero) Canadian hard-rock band of the '60s at IMG; 8 p.m. Tickets from \$25; 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.

"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.

Teens Only

January 26: (Ruidoso) "Bored Game Day"; open only to teens; board and card games; 4 - 5:30 p.m.; Ruidoso Public Library, 575-258-3704.

"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.

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"Lust in the Dust"

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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.

Ruidoso Day in Santa Fe

February 3: (Ruidoso) Business leaders and chamber members from Lincoln county meet with legislators. For information, call the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, 575-257-7395.

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.

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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.

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.

Cats

March 7: Renowned musical by Andrew Lloyd Weber; 1 p.m.; \$76 & \$73.

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Howie Mandel

February 19: (Mescalero) Comedian, television host, and actor at IMG, 8 p.m. Tickets from \$25; www.ticketmaster.com, or call IMG at 1-888-324-0348.

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Mountain Annie's (2710 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 258-5816): Riversong Ramblers; 8 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): The Mixx; 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): Los Mustangs with speacial appearance by Frank Zona; 7 p.m.

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

Mountain Annie's (2710 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 258-5816): Riversong Ramblers; 8 p.m.

Texas Club (212 Metz Dr., Ruidoso; 258-3325): Skooter Jones

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): The Mixx; 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

The Quarters (2535 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9535) The Mixx; 3 -7 p.m.

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

Rich Chorné

BY JESSIE HANSON
FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

For Rich Chorné it has never been a question of whether or not to become a musician. Since age 14 when he picked up both the guitar and the saxophone, Chorné has been making music. Indicative of popular music in the early '60s, Chorné's high school band "The Phanatics" played chart hits of the Rolling Stones, the Yardbirds and other groups of the time.

A native of El Paso, Texas, Chorné began to perform at popular clubs even before he was of legal age. During college, he expanded his music abilities to include upright bass which he played with

El Paso's star Joe Renteria. Together they performed the music of Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr. and other standard cabaret fare.

During this same time, Chorné came on board with Texas blues player Long John Hunter. He recalls of that time, "Long John didn't take set breaks, so if you had to go to the bathroom, you just put your instrument down and went, and the band played on. Then you'd just join back in when you returned. We always found the pocket and the place jumped all night long."

Chorné also played with a number of other acts, including a bass stint with a local bluegrass band. "In one week I would play a blues gig, a

folk gig with a bunch of frat guys, a bluegrass gig and a rock and roll gig. I was doing it, playing five nights a week."

It didn't take long for Chorné to move up in the business, and one day he received a call to open for ZZ Top on a national tour. As they made their way around the country, he met and jammed backstage with a number of legendary performers. Eventually, he also started doing electronics work, which led to a year on the road as a tour technician with Daryl Hall & John Oates.

After marrying, Chorné left the road and focused on his songwriting. Before long, however, he was back on the road again with his own band, playing



original music and headlining popular clubs and major events. Lately, he's been a fixture of Los Mustangs, who play Saturdays at Casa Blanca.

Chorné's guitar playing has brought him a high level of recognition within the industry. As a songwriter, he has gained national acclaim receiving many notable awards. He has also added the flute to

his instrument lineup.

Chorné has remained true to himself and stayed in the challenging business of music. His energy and passion have not dulled, and he continues to ignite the stage on which he plays. His talent surfaces through the layers of the years and flows easily into the appreciative souls of those who pause to listen.

Happy Birthday, Rich.

Don't Miss Out!

**Rich Chorné's
annual
"Birthday Bash
and Jam"**

Sat., Jan. 9,
7 p.m., at
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music, call him at
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www.guitarrich.com.

ART MATTERS

Robert Harrison

Robert Harrison is a native New Mexican who was raised in the farming and ranching area of Guadalupe County. Following his roots, he pursued a career in the world of technical agriculture with the United States Government Soil Conservation Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

After retirement he cultivated his life-long interest in the world of art. While holding true to his interest in agriculture, he delights in capturing the likenesses of old barns, windmills,

churches and ranch scenes. He works primarily in pencil, ink, colored pencil and occasionally watercolor.

A self-taught artist, Harrison has developed his own style and methods in acquiring the fine details of realistic art. He specializes in detailing existing buildings and scenes by removing all unwanted features that distract from the focal point, highlighting only old and rustic features.

Harrison also manufactures frames using stressed wood to complement his

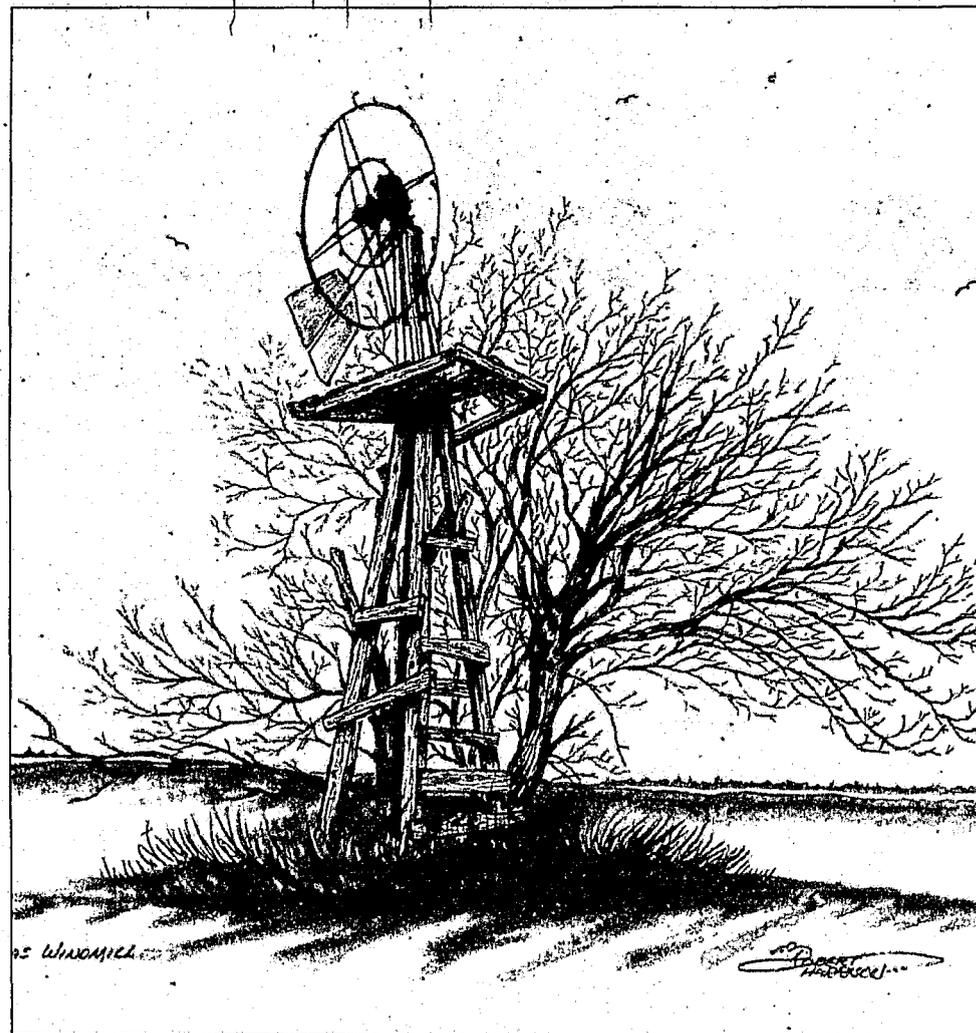
drawings and will custom build frames by special order to size, shape and style.

Although most of his works are framed in 8" x 10" or larger, he can also work with reduced sizes. Some of Robert's artwork can also be found on a selection of greeting cards and Christmas cards.

In addition to working with pencils and ink, he also enjoys creating sculptures in bronze, alabaster stone and wood. His work remains extremely detailed in every piece.



"Middle Tennessee Barn" (above).



"Texas Windmill" (above).

Each of Harrison's drawings and paintings are a testimony to his Christian beliefs with the inclusion of three birds in the sky representing the Holy Trinity, and a cross located somewhere within the piece.

His artwork graces homes and businesses in private collections all over the United States, as well as in foreign countries. Commissioned pieces are

welcome.

Harrison's work can be viewed at various shows in the Ruidoso area, including Art in Public Places sponsored by the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts and galleries at many locations throughout the southwest. Private viewings may be arranged by contacting him directly at 575-378-8484, or e-mail Harrison at RLHsundown studio@gmail.com.

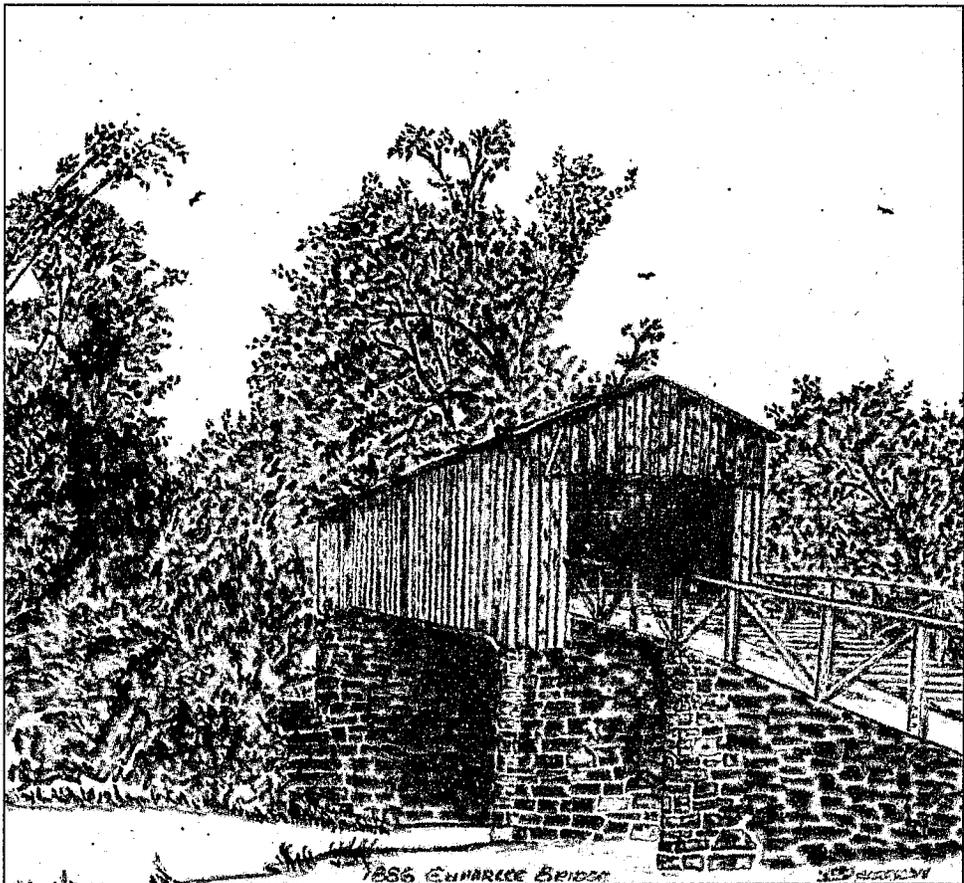
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This weekly series showcases RRCA member artists and their work in a variety of mediums.

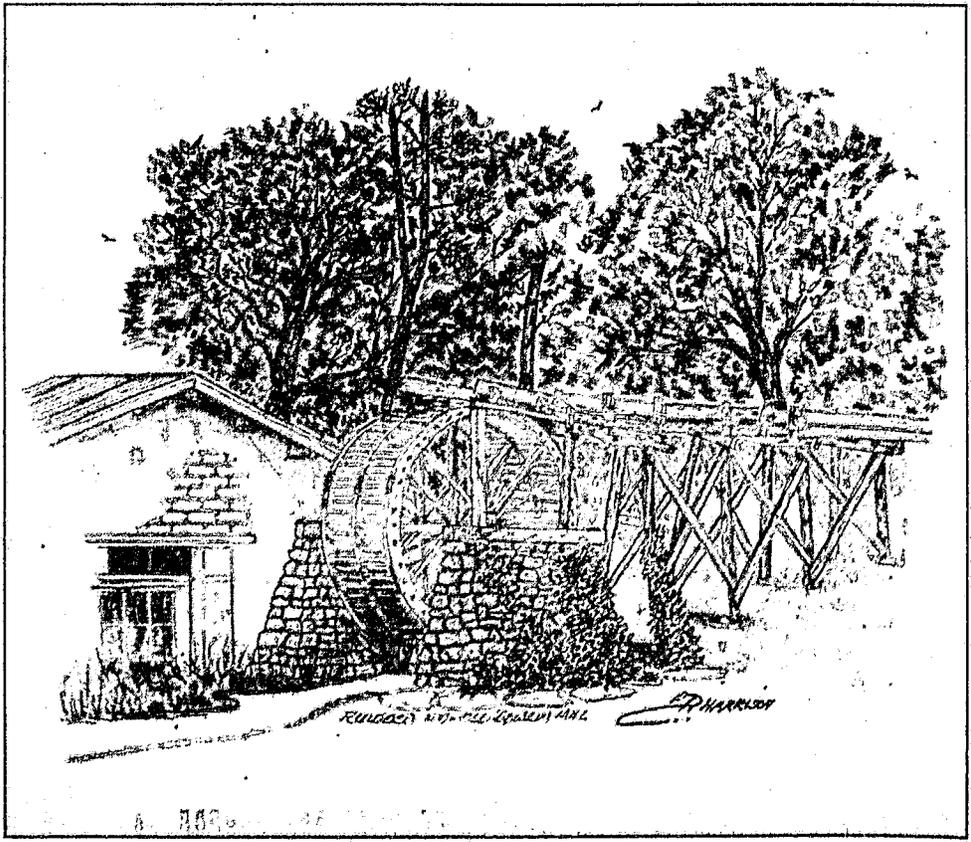
For information on the RRCA visit their gallery at 1712 Sudderth Drive or call 575-257-7272.

ART MATTERS



"Euharlee Bridge" (above) and "Yates Saddle Barn" (below).

"Tennessee Tobacco Barn" (above) and "Old Dowlin Mill, Ruidoso, NM" (below).



ART GALLERIES & 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.

Earthly 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 • Pet 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. Prujitt, Anni 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 lampshades 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 Glorieta 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 Granado 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 Granado • 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 with Art Gallery Listing Request in subject line.

Buena Vista Elementary School Art Exhibit

Buena Vista elementary school students will be the featured artists on exhibit at the Eagle Ranch Gallery in Alamogordo for the month of January.

Built in 1959, Buena Vista is a neighborhood school located at 2600 19th St., with an enrollment of 291 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Michelle Korbakes is their principal.

Students, teachers and volunteers have put forth a great effort to make this month-long gallery exhibit a success. Each student will have one piece of art displayed. Their collection includes decorated masks, Georgia O'Keeffe flowers, underwater art, and many other original masterpieces.

The Alamogordo School District has been utilizing Arts Attack, an art curriculum which teaches line, color, shape, pattern, texture, space and composition. In addition to Katie



Clarke, an instructional assistant who teaches art once-a-week every other month, Buena Vista teachers incorporate art into their classrooms. This year, the PTA also donated their time toward the production

of Winter Holiday art projects.

Eagle Ranch invites all parents and community members to attend an open house reception for the Buena Vista Elementary School's Fine Arts Night on

Jan. 14, 6 - 8 p.m.

Eagle Ranch Gallery is located at 7288 U.S. Hwy. 54/70, between Alamogordo and Tularosa and is open 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mon. - Sat., Sun. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Call for Artists

If you are a resident of Lincoln County, you may apply to become a participant in the "Grandmother of Art Tours" - the Art Loop Studio Tour, July 9 - 11. All forms of art will be considered.

For more information and to download an application, call 1-877-377-6576, or visit www.artloop.org. Deadline is Jan. 15.

At the library

This month in the Children's Library at the Ruidoso Public Library, the school field trip theme is "Artistically

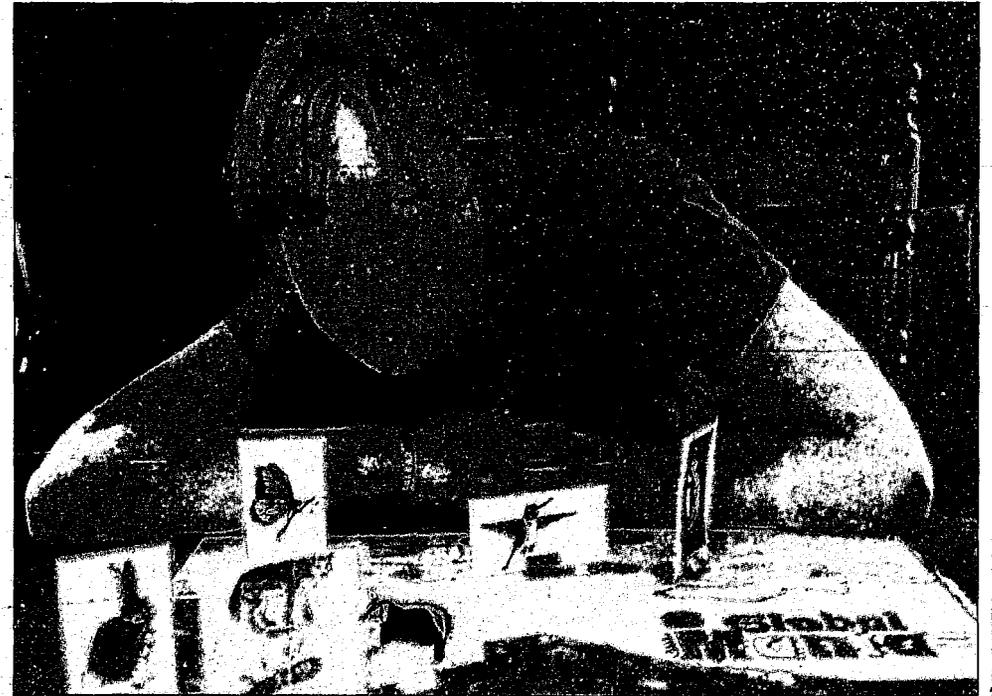
Speaking." Children in grades 3 - 5 will write a story about a famous painting and those in grades K - 2 will receive a book to illustrate. Started this past

fall, the field trips have proven to be immensely popular.

On Jan. 14, back by popular demand, the game of "Clue" returns to the Ruidoso Public Library. This "Clue" game is *Star Wars* and will be held from 4 - 5:30 p.m.

The action will take place in six different rooms, with six different weapons and six different characters all *Star Wars*-themed.

Participants should feel free to come dressed appropriately for *Star Wars* authenticity. Prizes will be awarded to the murderer and to the person who



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solves the murder. Bring along friends or family to play in teams. The *Star Wars* live "Clue" game is open to adults and children grade 6 and higher. This game provides for great family entertainment.

On Jan. 26, teens will have a "Bored Game Day" from 4 - 5:30 p.m. This teen-only event offers the chance for teens to play favorite board games or cards with their friends. The library has several games from which to choose, or teens can bring their own favorites.

The Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Rd., and is open Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For more information, go online to www.yousee-more.com/ruidosopl/ or visit <http://ruidosopubliclibrary.blogspot.com/>.

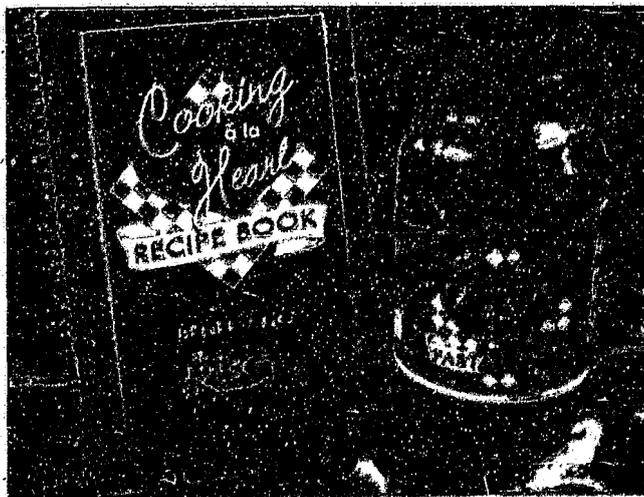
SPECIAL EVENT

Heroes with heart

Help End Abuse for Life (HEAL) and the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter have announced a new program called "Heroes with Heart." This special project celebrates local heroes who have shown exceptional and unselfish caring for others.

According to the nomination form, "heroes" are true examples of what it means to have a servant's heart in our community. By honoring ordinary people who perform extraordinary acts of kindness, philanthropy and significantly impact the lives of others in a positive way, we foster a community of Heroes with Heart.

Award recipients will be honored during the annual HEAL Spaghetti a la Heart Family Dinner and Awards Gal which will be held on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, at 6 p.m.



Cooking a la Heart is an attractive keepsake recipe book containing 250 well-loved recipes designed to use with the a la Heart Pasta Sauce.

all of the taste-testers regardless of age.

Both Cooking a la Heart and the HEAL a la Heart Pasta Sauce are available for purchase for \$20 on the HEAL Web site at www.HelpEndAbuseForLife.org or from any HEAL board member.

The Nest Domestic Violence Shelter is located at 512 East Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs.

All services are free and confidential. For more information, please call 378-6378 or toll-free at 1-866-378-6378.

The event will take place at Mountain Annie's Dinner Theater located at 2710 Sudderth Dr.

Heroes with Heart nominations are open to any individual or group whose heroism, heart and philanthropic efforts have made a substantial contribution to the health and well-being of our community. Acts of heroism and heart must have occurred in Lincoln County, on neighboring Mescalero Apache Reservation or involved a Lincoln County citizen.

Both adult and junior "heroes" will be honored. A community panel, in-

cluding youth, will select the honorees. First Lady Barbara Richardson is the honorary chairperson of the selection committee.

Heroes with Heart nomination forms can be obtained by calling the Nest at 575-378-6378, or by going online to www.helpendabuseforlife.org. Nominations will be accepted until Jan. 10.

Tickets for the HEAL Spaghetti a la Heart Family Dinner and Awards Gala are \$15 adults and \$10 for children 6 years and up. Table sponsorships are available. For advance event reservations, call 575-378-6378.



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The Book of Eli

*Major film production
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Friday, Jan. 15*

In the not-too-distant future, some 30 years after the final war, a solitary man walks across the wasteland that was once America. Empty cities, broken highways, seared earth – all around him, the marks of catastrophic destruction. There is no civilization here, no law. The roads belong to gangs that would murder a man for his shoes, an ounce of water, or for nothing at all.

But they're no match for this traveler.

A warrior not by choice but necessity, Eli (Denzel Washington) seeks only peace but, if challenged, will cut his attackers down before they realize their fatal mistake. It's not his life he guards so fiercely, but his hope for the future; a hope he has carried and protected for 30 years and is determined to realize. Driven by this commitment and guided by his belief in something greater than himself, Eli does what he must to survive – and continue.

Only one other man

in this ruined world understands the power Eli holds, and is determined to make it his own: Carnegie (Gary Oldman), the self-appointed despot of a makeshift town of thieves and gunmen. Meanwhile, Carnegie's adopted-daughter Solara (Mila Kunis) is fascinated by Eli for another reason: the glimpse he offers of what may exist beyond her stepfather's domain.

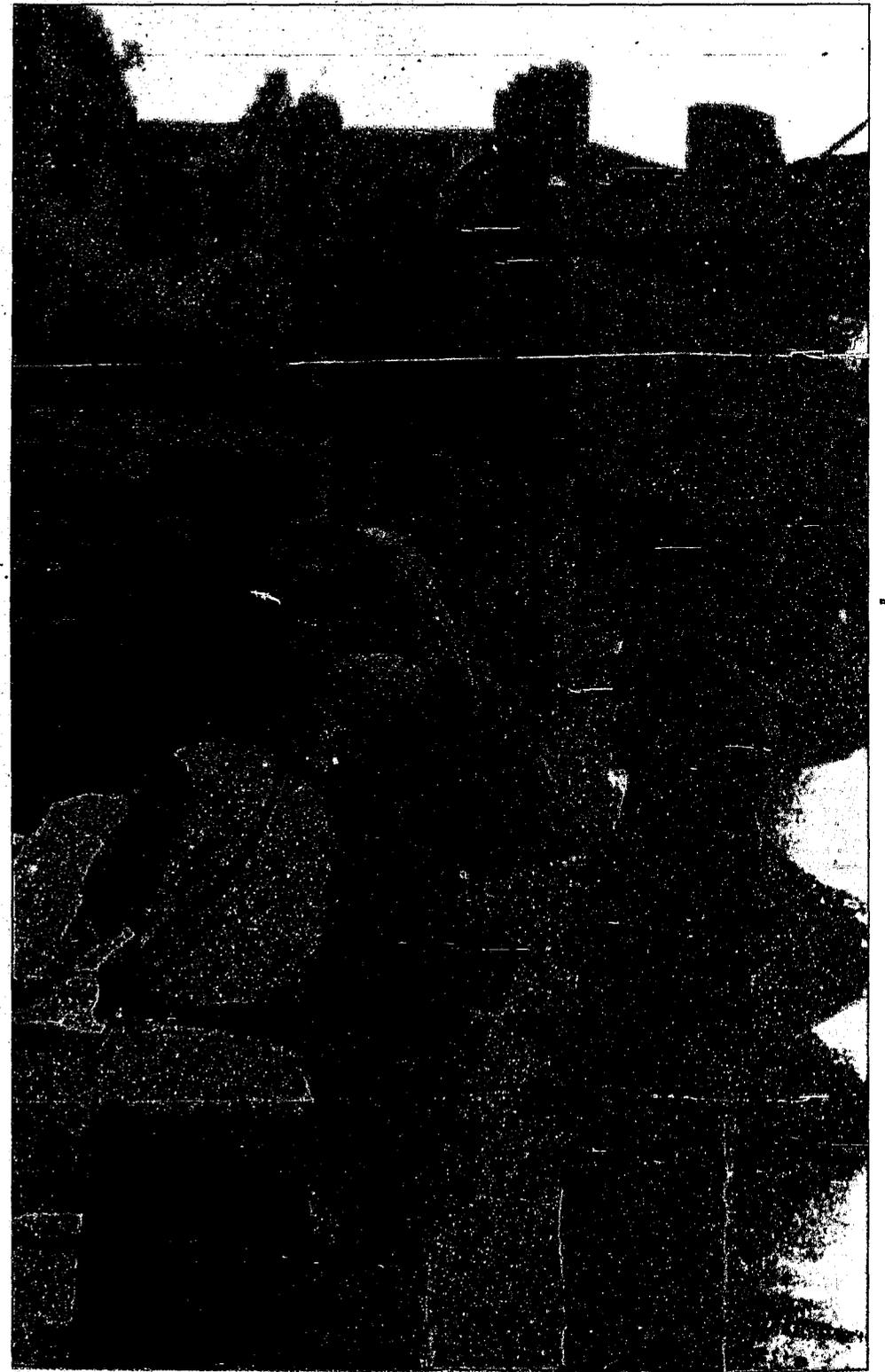
But neither will find it easy to deter him. Nothing – and no one – can stand in his way. Eli must keep moving to fulfill his destiny and bring help to a ravaged humanity.

Alcon Entertainment presents a Silver Pictures production, a Hughes Brothers Film: *The Book of Eli*. The film stars two-time Academy Award winner® Denzel Washington (*Training Day, Glory*), Gary Oldman (*The Dark Knight, the Harry Potter* films), Mila Kunis (*Forgetting Sarah Marshall*), Ray Stevenson (*Punisher: War Zone*), Jennifer Beals

(Showtime's *The L Word*), Frances de la Tour and Michael Gambon (both of *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*). *The Book of Eli* will be distributed domestically by Warner Bros. Pictures, a Warner Bros. Entertainment Company. Summit Entertainment is the international sales representative. It is rated R by the MPAA for some brutal violence and language.

Next week in ¡Vamonos!

- Special art installation invitation in Carrizozo
- Economic impact of movie-making in NM
- The future of the movie industry in our state



Extras on the set of *The Book of Eli* during filming in Carrizozo.

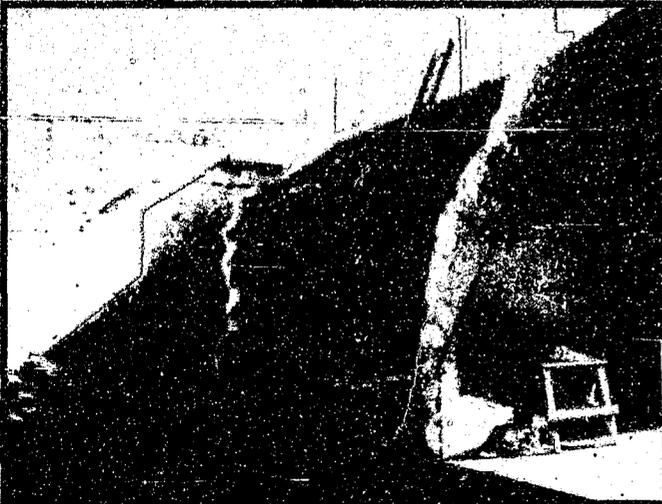
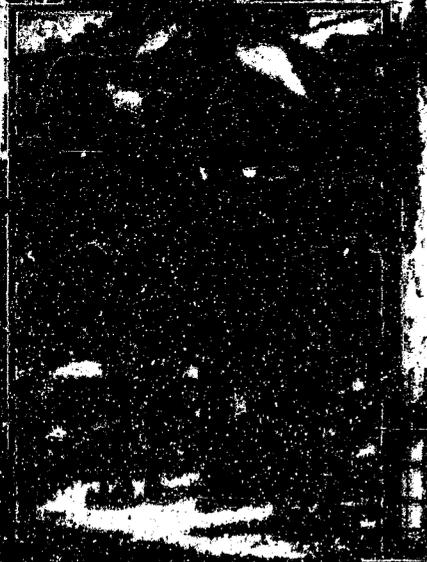


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Photos below courtesy of Bonnie Soley



Background photo courtesy of Polly Chavez

Maison

BY TONY DAVIS
FOR ¡VAMOS!

Local gourmards and foodies can rejoice at the return of an exceptional chef to Ruidoso. Kristian Markland, who owned and operated the former Morsels restaurant, has returned from El Paso to set up Maison in the same location – 2919 Sudderth – which was occupied in the meantime by the International Grill.

Kristian returns to Ruidoso accompanied by his new wife Karina, who does double duty as waitress and pastry chef.

On a recent meal at Maison and despite a bit of a crowd, including a large Mexican family – both Karina and Kristian are fluent in Spanish – we were all well served.

The menu offered is varied and seasonal with new items appearing monthly. Regular features include soup, salad, appetizers, entrees of pasta, seafood, pork, chicken and

beef. There is even the exotic and delectable Chicken Fried Steak, especially for our Texas friends. It is excellent fare, similar to what was offered at Morsels – simple ingredients, thoughtfully prepared and elegantly presented, but at a slightly lower price point.

Both lunch and dinner are served with restaurant hours Tues. - Sat., 12 - 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Reservations are recommended by calling 257-8840. Being a little late with our arrangements, we were not able to get in on New Year's Eve, but caught the 6 p.m. seating on New Year's Day.

Simple but delicious soups are a Markland specialty. We both had a carrot soup that was very creamy – with no cream, but maybe with just a little butter – and delicately flavored with a bit of heat.

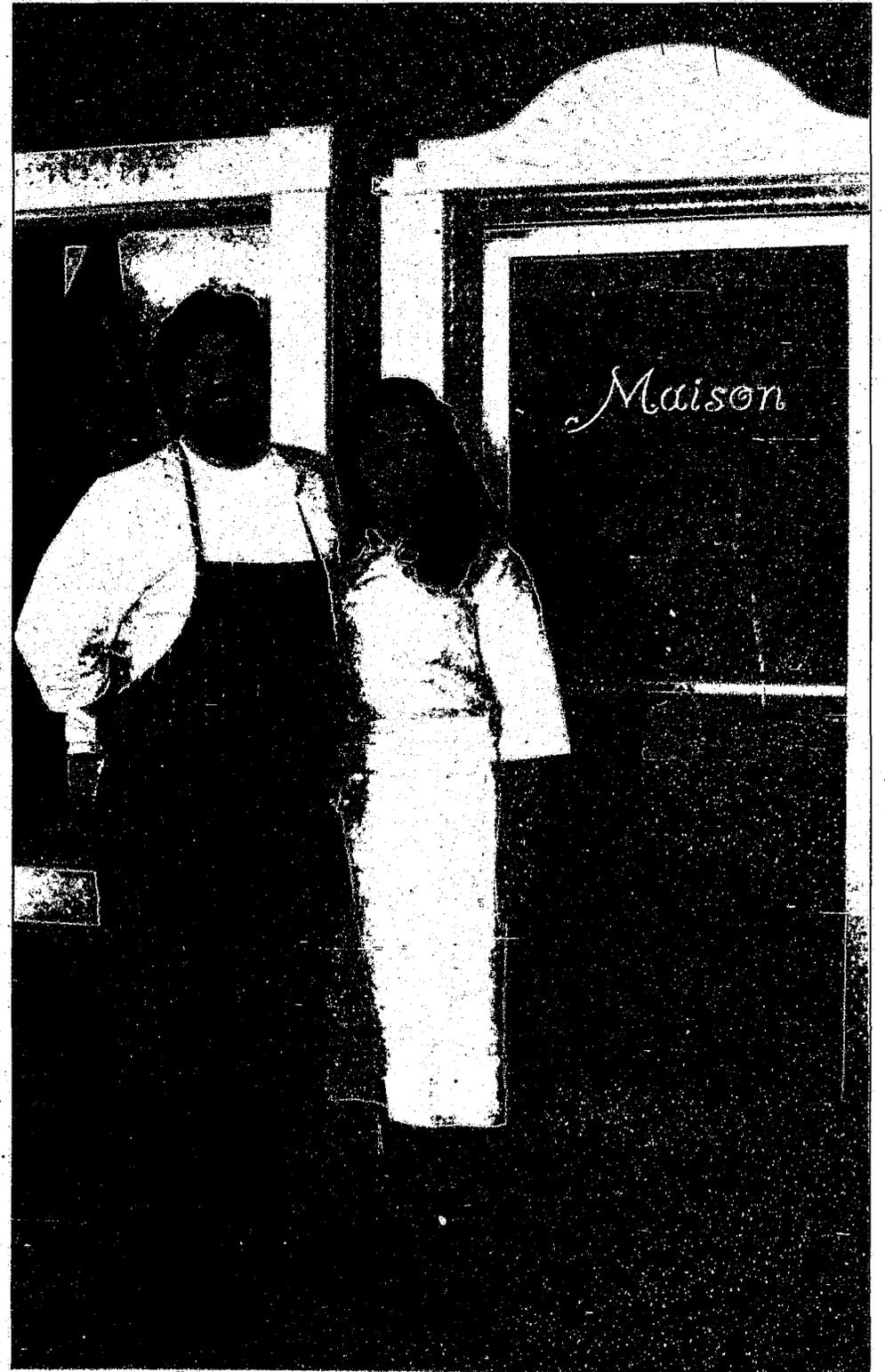
The Maison chop salad is reminiscent of Basque

salads, but with a lot more variety, such as radicchio, bleu cheese, and walnuts with everything coated with a thin buttermilk and sherry dressing.

For entrees, we had pork and pasta. Typically, Kristian can shed new light on old dishes and surprise one's expectations. The pork shoulder, usually a pretty heavy dish, was light, delicately seasoned with anise and served over a light creamy polenta. The pasta – usually light fare – was robust and served with pappardelle – a wide pasta – along with Asian beef sausage, ginger, chili, garlic and soy stock. Both were accompanied by stir-fried crispy bok choy, and were delicious.

At this point we were both pretty full, but we had to try one of Karina's desserts. We chose to split a dark chocolate torte with mulled wine ice cream. I keep track of memorable desserts and even rank them. This dessert has now taken over at least the number two spot replacing what has fallen to number three, a parfait I had in Lyon in 1996. Like that dessert, Karina's had different textures, different temperatures, flavors and levels of sweetness. Kristian had better watch out that someone doesn't hire away his pastry chef.

All in all, it was a memorable dining experience. Welcome back to Ruidoso, Kristian, and welcome Karina.



Kristian Markland along with his new wife Karina have opened Maison located at 2919 Sudderth Dr. in Ruidoso.

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Sugar Cookies



Polly's Potpourri

by
Polly E. Chavez



"It's the end of the world as we know it." This is what Entertainment Tonight said early last year of the film, *The Book of Eli*, which took place in Carrizozo, my ol' hometown. "ET" claimed that their reporter Kevin Frazier was the only one on the closed New Mexico set of the apocalyptic film. Fact is there were many people not associated with the media who were in and around the movie set totting cameras. I was among the onlookers, taking over 2,800 still photos. These included the casting call at city hall, construction of mock fronts, extras in grimy attire, and at the end when all traces of movie paint, foam core, dirt and wrecked cars were removed.

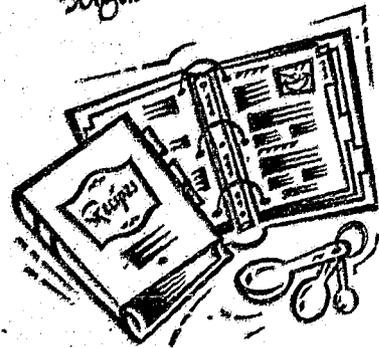
The movie features Denzel Washington, who battled his way across the desolate wasteland. Denzel tells "E.T.s" Frazier, "Let me tell you something, no matter what people say, I did all the fights myself. I fought 15 guys myself." Denzel plays the lone warrior Eli, who determines that it's his destiny

to bring civilization back from the brink of destruction and save the future of humanity.

The film also stars Gary Oldman, Jennifer Beals and Mila Kuni, and is directed by the Hugh Brothers, Allen and Albert. Allen says, "I would dare anyone to look for any major motion picture star on Denzel's level that has done as much action in one take, one shot, with no cuts as he did in this film." Albert says of the setting, "In 2030, there are very few pockets of civilization. People are like cannibals — there's stretches of not seeing people for long distances. Denzel's character doesn't see anybody for like the first 10 minutes until he reaches this town. He comes for water." This movie town he speaks of is my hometown where I was raised and reside. It was interesting to see the hovels up and down the street. In the movie set is a business, Selma's Cookies — the building that was our Ben Franklin store so many years ago — which inspired me to feature my recipe, Sugar Cookies, for this week's recipe. Enjoy.



Sugar Cookies



1 cup sugar
3 eggs
1 cup shortening
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon baking powder
3 cups flour

Blend the sugar, eggs and shortening. Add the vanilla. Using a wooden spoon add baking powder and flour, one cup at a time. Use your hands to add about one eighth cup of flour to form into a soft dough. Roll out and cut out using simple cookie shapes, like circles and rectangles. This dough is too soft to cut into shapes that have detail. Bake on ungreased baking sheets in an oven preheated to 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until golden brown. Once baked lift the cookies off the sheet onto a platter using a spatula. When the cookies have cooled top with vanilla frosting.

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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.

Jamocha 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, 2-8 p.m.

Mayhill Café • Mayhill • 687-3066

Mayhill Mercantile • Mayhill • 687-3425.

Mountain Top Mercantile Deli • 105 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-2777 • Open 7 days, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. • 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, carside to go • Open Sun-Thu 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fri-Sat until midnight. • 434-2616.

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

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

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

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

Gallo's Red Rooster Café • 306 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2448 • 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.

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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. 650.

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

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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.-8 p.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 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • 354-0977

Calamity Jane's • 500 W Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Mon - Thu 7 a.m. - 3 p.m., Fri 7 a.m. - p.m., Sat 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 354-8309

Cornerstone Bakery Café • 359 Sudderth • 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 Skyy 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

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Battle 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. • 57-9355

Free 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

Leslie'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

Marley's Food Fun & Pub • 200 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, 7 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 11 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

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Worshemen's Grill • 321 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Tues - Sat 5 p.m. - 9 pm; Sun brunch 10 am - 3 p.m. • 54-1447.

BOB's • 157 W. Hwy. 70 • Mon-Thu 11a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sat 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • 378-0025.

Handlocked • 441 Mechem • 57-9559 • Mon-Sat, 11a-9p

Lincoln County Grill • 2717 Sudderth • Daily; 7 a.m.-9 p.m. • 257-7669

Log Cabin • 1074 Mechem • Wed-Mon; 7 a.m.-1:45 p.m. • 258-5029.

Lucy & Ethel's • 1009 Mechem • Gourmet deli • daily soup • 8 a.m.-5 p.m. • 630-1221.

Outpost Bar & Grill • 415 Central, Carrizozo • Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Sun 12n - 8 p.m. • 648-9994.

Picnics Deli • 127 Rio St. • Deli, dine-in, take-out, in-town delivery. • Mon - Sat, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. • 257-2200

Schlottzsky'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.

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Ellis Store Country Inn • Hwy. 380 MM 98, Lincoln • Gourmet dinners • Mon-Sat • By reservation only. • 800-653-6460

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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

Michelena's • 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

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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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Quiet heroism, part 1

I have been accused, over the years, of "sympathizing" with outlaws. I find this assertion ridiculous, as anyone who has read my work for any period of time knows that - 1) I admire and "sympathize" with anyone who shows courage, and;

2) I have pointed out repeatedly that where the Old West is concerned, it is frequently quite difficult to tell the "good" guys from the "bad" guys.

—Many of the Old West's premier lawmen had pasts that were checkered at best. Wyatt Earp is a good example. "Saint" Wyatt as he is sometimes jokingly known among historians, first found notoriety as a horse thief in Arkansas and was wanted for murder in Arizona to the day he died in 1929. Which is not to say that he was not also a good lawman. It's just that it was never that simple — never that cut and dried.

However, every now and then, one comes across an incident where the man (or woman) in question was clearly wearing a "white" hat. An excellent example is Joseph Lee Heywood, of Northfield, Minn. Heywood was a bank employee who was confronted, one autumn day, by any bank employee's ultimate boogeyman.

Past Tense Of banks and trains

by Drew Gomber
Historian



normal stomping grounds and ride north to far-off Minnesota. At Northfield, there was a bank that was rumored to have \$75,000 in it that belonged to two former Union generals. And that wasn't even counting the rest of the money in the bank.

The former guerrillas cockily thought that it was going to be easy to rob a fat Yankee bank that was guarded only by a bunch of Yankee sodbusters. Not only were they sodbusters, but to the Gang, they were also "Dutchmen." During the Civil War, and especially in Missouri, "Dutchmen" as Germans were commonly known, were considered to be blind supporters of the Union — yet another reason to rob them. That way, the Gang could also tell their many supporters in Missouri that they were striking yet another blow for "The Cause."

In actual point of fact, the population was not so much German as it was Swedish and Danish. In the end, it made no difference, as the sodbusters —

be they German, Swedish, or whatever — turned out to be far tougher than anyone, including the Gang and the sodbusters themselves, realized.

Robbery

The Gang had it organized so that three of them would enter the bank, while two others were to cow the population out in the street if necessary. Three other gang members waited at the far end of town, near the Cannon River bridge, in reserve.

To this day, no one is certain which of the bandits strode into the bank that day. Many assume that Jesse James was the man in charge in the bank, but in the opinion of this writer, it was Frank James, Bob Younger and Charlie Pitts who entered the First National Bank to make their unauthorized withdrawal at about 2:30 on the afternoon of Sept. 7, 1876.

Whoever the man in charge in the bank that day was, he commanded Joseph Heywood to obey him. "You are the cashier," he said, "now open the safe, you goddamned son-of-a-bitch."

Heywood had served in the Civil War on the side of the Union, most notably at the siege of Vicksburg. He was a 39-year-old widower who had recently remarried, with a wife and a 5-year-old daughter from his first marriage at home. Heywood, as they used to say, had "sand." When confronted

by members of the most notorious band of outlaws in the country, he was unflappable. Looking the desperadoes right in the eye, he calmly replied, "It is a timelock and cannot be opened now." To his immeasurable credit, he was lying.

As one of the outlaws stepped inside the vault's outer door, Heywood attempted to close the door behind him. Cursing him, one of the bandits pulled a bowie knife and drew it across Heywood's throat, just enough to draw blood. Heywood shouted the word "Murder" and was subsequently pistol-whipped to the floor.

The robbery goes south

Teller Alonzo Bunker, seeing what was happening, took the opportunity to grab for a .32 revolver in his drawer. He wasn't quick enough and he, too, was beaten to the floor. As the outlaws began rifling through the drawers, Bunker bolted for the back door. One of the bandits, probably Bob Younger, took a shot at the fleeing employee and while he was hit in the shoulder, the shot seemed to energize Bunker, who crashed through the closed screen door and made it to safety. (In fact, he lived a long life, dying in 1929).

As Bunker exited the bank, everyone in earshot heard him screaming robbery and murder, and the citizens didn't have to be told twice. Every citizen

not already armed raced to arm himself. A local hardware store began handing out weapons to anyone who asked. To compound all of this, hunting season was about to open and there were guns virtually everywhere.

Cole Younger, one of the mounted men in the street, gave the signal and the desperadoes began riding up-and-down, firing in the general direction of anything that moved. At first, they weren't trying to actually hit anyone. Their standard modus operandi was to fire over the heads of the citizens, driving them back inside. It had always worked before, but in Northfield, things were going to work out differently.

A Swede named Nicholas Gustavson, new to Northfield, came out of a saloon to see what all the ruckus was about. It's a pretty good bet that Gustavson was drunk, as he seemed confused and disoriented.

Gustavson did not speak English and was demanding to know, in Swedish, exactly what was going on. He was still doing that as Cole Younger bore down on him. Younger's pistol barked once, and Gustavson fell dead in the dust of Division Street, the first fatality of the day, but not the last.

Shortly before his death, nearly 40 years later, Cole confessed on his deathbed to killing Gustavson. In any case, things were not going well for the gang.

Gang member Clell Miller was blasted out of the saddle on Division Street, as was Bill Chadwell. Both men died there, and Cole Younger realized that it was, perhaps, time to leave.

The men in the bank were still attempting to intimidate the unflappable Heywood when Younger rode up and said the words that none of the James-Younger Gang had ever heard before; "The game is up," he shouted, "we are beaten."

Next: Heywood saves the day, but at great cost

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IN OUR SKIES

Second odyssey

In Our Skies

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awaits the crew upon arrival. An "understory" of 2010 is the development of indig-enous life forms in the oceans of Jupiter's moon Europa, and the central event of the story occurs when the "monolith beings" cause Jupiter to "ignite" into a

small star so as to become a parent sun to the European life and to accelerate their evolution. This second star of our solar system is soon christened "Lucifer" which, despite the devilish connotation of that word in modern society, means "bringer of light" in its original Latin.

The twin *Voyagers 1 and 2* spacecraft had passed by Jupiter in 1979 (just a few years before 2010 was published) and had revealed Europa to be a very smooth-surfaced world covered with ice. Studies and calculations suggested that internal heating due to tidal forces from Jupiter should be sufficient to melt some of the European ice and potentially create a worldwide subsurface ocean of liquid water a few tens of miles below that icy crust. The presence of liquid water, obviously, raises the possibility of indigenous life forms, and this certainly provided an impetus for Clarke's usage of these in

his story.

The *Galileo* spacecraft that orbited Jupiter between 1995 and 2003 made several close flybys of Europa (especially during the latter of those years, when Europa was designated as the primary object of interest during *Galileo's* extended mission).

Although *Galileo* could not completely confirm the existence of this supposed subsurface ocean, many of *Galileo's* images, which indicate large cracks filled with what appears to be freshly frozen ice, along with large structures that look strikingly similar to large ice floes here on Earth, do rather strongly suggest that this ocean likely exists.

Curiously, *Galileo* also detected fairly strong evidence of a worldwide subsurface ocean beneath the crust of the larger moon Ganymede as well.

Conclusive proof of the existence (or non-existence) of Europa's and Ganymede's oceans may have to wait for a while. NASA's *Juno* mission slated to be launched towards Jupiter a year and a half from now is primarily focused on the planet itself; meanwhile, a proposed joint mission between NASA and the European Space Agency provisionally dubbed the Europa Jupiter System Mission and slated for launch around 2020 may indeed be able to answer such questions but is only in the design phase at this time.

Despite Clarke's "ownership" of the current year, many – indeed, most – of the events that he depicted are extremely unlikely to take place this year. There will almost certainly be no manned missions to Jupiter taking off, and the transformation of Jupiter into the star Lucifer is very unlikely to take place in this or in any other year.

The focus of all these events – Jupiter itself – now shines brightly in our southwestern sky after dusk on these mid-January evenings. By an interesting coincidence, it was exactly 400 years ago this week that the Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei examined Jupiter with his primitive telescope and detected the four (what are now called) Galilean moons. (He discovered three of them on Jan. 11, 1610, noticed that they had moved by the next night, and on the following night noticed a fourth – what is now Ganymede).

At that time the geocentric, or Earth-centered, view of the universe that dominated society held that all astronomical objects orbited around Earth; the fact that these four objects clearly orbited around Jupiter was one of the strongest pieces of evidence Galileo produced to demonstrate that this geocentric view was incorrect and that the heliocentric (or sun-centered) view of the universe published half a century earlier by the Polish astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus was in fact basically correct.

By way of additional sequels to the 2001 storyline Clarke can be said to "own" two additional years: 2061 (coincident with the return of Halley's Comet that year) and 3001; he can also perhaps be said to "own" the year 20,001 by way of the epilogue to 2010.

It's still quite some time before we encounter any of those years and can compare the events Clarke depicted therein with the reality – but that also means we have plenty of time to write our own stories as to what that reality might be. The beginning of this new decade that is now upon us perhaps pro-

vides an excellent opportunity to begin doing just that.

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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 29ers game 1 p.m. Mondays; Ruidoso Senior Center; Info: 257-7411 or 257-6188.

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

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 Mon-

day 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.

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 Tuesdays; 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.

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

Laughing Eyes Kennels: 501(c)(3) nonprofit breeder and trainer of Service Dogs in Nogal seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling & puppy socialization, bookkeeping, fundraising and kennel upkeep/management. Info: www.lakennels.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, Phillips, 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 whitemountainarsar@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainarsar.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 Mosler, 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 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Alamogordo Physical Therapy Center, 10th and Washington; and every 2nd and

COMMUNITY LISTINGS

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 paintedladies64@yahoo.com.

Child Health Care: No or low cost for children under 19. Apply at the Otero County Public Health Office. 437-9340, 437-9899, or 437-9093.

Divorced & Widowed Adjustment Group: Meets at 6:30 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Alamogordo Church, 2826 Indian Wells Rd. Non-sectarian self-help group dedicated to

assisting men and women of all ages through the loss of a partner through divorce, separation or death. Info: Ben, 682-3621.

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, Alamogosa, Tularosa and Mesalero. 439-4971.

Zia Thrift Store: Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 816 E. Ninth St., Monday - Saturday; Proceeds support the programs at Zia Therapy Center for children and adults with developmental disabilities; Donations appreciated; Fridays are Military Discount Day; 437-0144.

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

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.

Republican Party of Otero County: Fourth Thursday meeting each month. Info: Sassy Tining, 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 McDeldery 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.

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

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

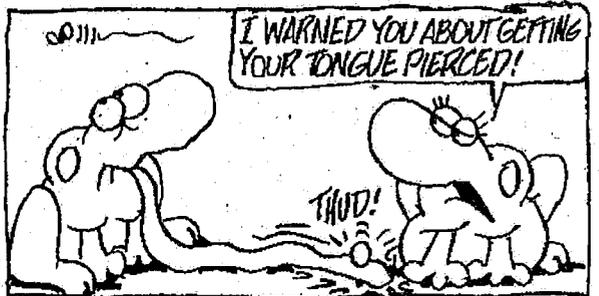
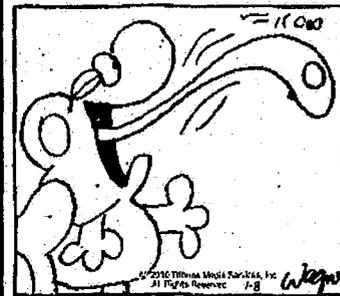
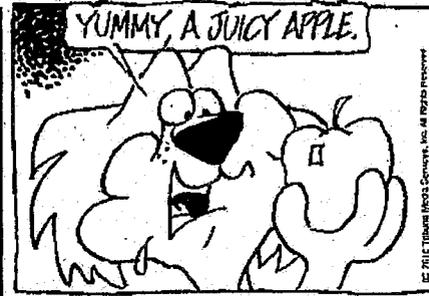
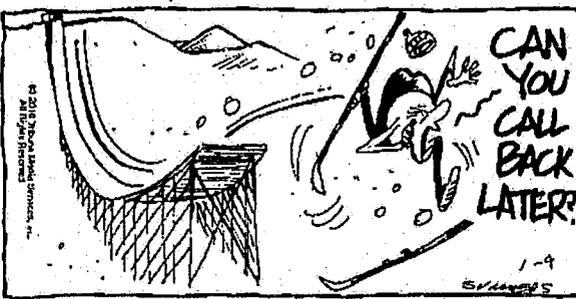
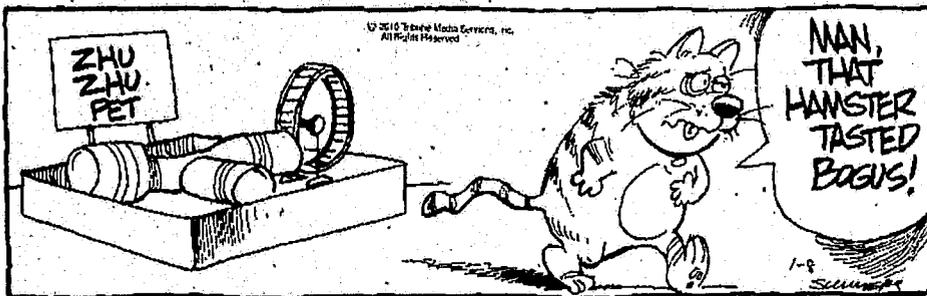
New Mexico American Legion Riders Association, Chap 8: Meets second Tuesday at 8 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, or Darrell Winfree, 430-7735.

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

VFW Post 7686 and Ladies Auxiliary: Meetings are at 7 p.m. every third Tuesday at 700 U.S. 70 West in Bingo Hall; 437-0770.

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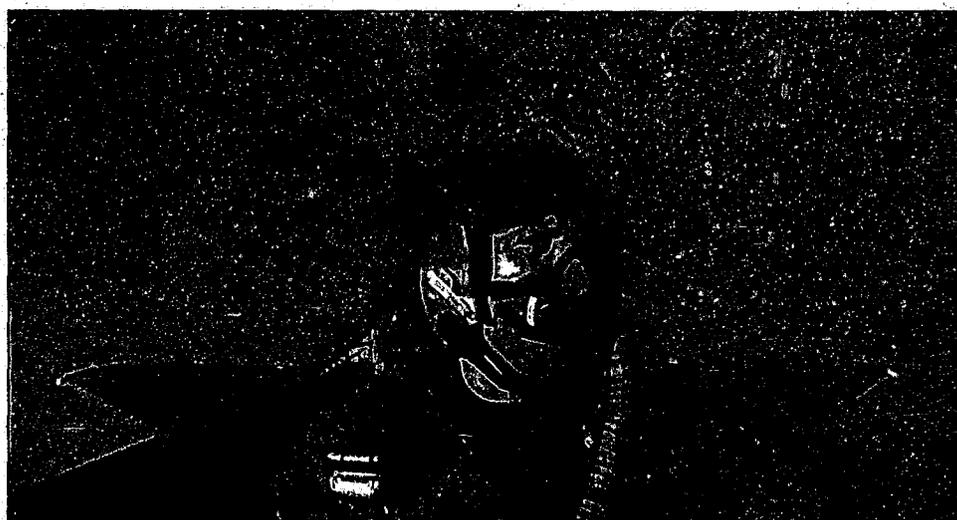
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"Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag"

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Captain John Stratton is a young American fighter pilot, determined to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather, a decorated World War II flying ace. He joins the world's best pilots at Red Flag – the most challenging training exercise for the air forces of the U.S. and its allies. The film follows Capt. Stratton in his F-15 Eagle as he undertakes Red Flag's treacherous and immensely complicated training. His childhood vision of heroism widens as he witnesses the teamwork of his ground crew and other pilots, ensuring a successful mission and his safe return home.

The Stephen Low Company and K2 Communications send audiences into exhilarating aerial combat training in *Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag* showing on a limited engagement beginning Jan. 1, at the Clyde W. Tombaugh IMAX Dome Theater. Following a young F-15 fighter pilot through Red Flag, the final training phase before pilots are sent into actual combat, this giant screen film is the closest that most audiences will ever get to a ride in the world's greatest fighter jet.

Capitalizing on IMAX's renowned 15/70 format film technology and ultra-advanced digital surround-sound system,

Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag was directed by one of the foremost large format filmmakers and provides a rare insider's view into the teamwork and dangers inherent in military flight training.

The film is appropriate for general audiences and has a running time of 45 minutes. Director/producer Stephen Low (*Volcanoes of the Deep Sea, Titanic, Super Speedway*), with 11 films to his credit and almost 30 years of IMAX® format experience, stated, "So many films on fighter aircraft essentially fake the interaction between the planes using a lot of quick cutting, simulated cockpit photography and special effects. Working with the

Air Force made it possible for us to shoot actual dog-fighting for the first time on one. Al-together we were working with more than 100 aircraft of all types. This is the closest an audience will ever get to flying in the middle of a massive air combat operation."

"This is the movie of the Air Force for the next 30-40 years, as seen through the prism of a Red Flag exercise and Capt. Stratton's personal journey," stated Major Sam Morgan, fighter pilot and

the film's Air Force Technical Advisor.

The film is a presentation of K2 Communications with major funding provided by The Boeing Company.

The IMAX Museum is open daily from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. The IMAX Theater is open daily at 11 a.m. with the last showing at 5 p.m. Call 575-437-2840 or 1-877-333-6589, or visit the museum Web site at www.nmspacemuseum.org for showtimes and pricing.

Aviation fans should know that the film features 20 F-15E Strike Eagles, representing four American squadrons, considered by many to be the greatest fighter ever built. The Germans brought six of their European-built Tornados. These aircraft are known for their sophisticated electronics. The Israeli's arrived with six F-16's. The Canadians brought F-18 Hornets from Alberta and Quebec. The British Royal Navy flew their famous Harrier jump jets used mostly for close ground support.

Additional American-supplied aircraft for the film include bomber, fighter and attack aircraft B-1, B-2, F-117, F-15C, F-15E, F-16, A-10; search and rescue aircraft HH-60; reconnaissance aircraft U-2, aerial refueling KC-10; airlift support C-130 and C-17; and the E-3 airborne warning and control system AWACS.

For more aircraft information, go online to www.af.mil/factsheets.

Established in 1975, Red Flag is a two-week realistic combat training exercise involving the elite aerial forces from all four branches of the U.S. military, plus their Guard/Reserve components. It is commonly described as being more challenging than actual combat. Since its inception, NATO and the air forces of 27 other countries have joined the U.S. in these intensive exercises, as well as individual members of other countries (such as India) who have participated as observers. Red Flag is conducted on the vast bombing and gunnery ranges at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., as one of a series of advanced training programs administered by the Air Warfare Center and Nellis through the 414th Combat Training Squadron. Red Flag exercises have provided training for over 400,000 elite military personnel, including more than 132,000 aircrew members flying over 350,000 sorties and logging over 600,000 hours flying time. For more information on Red Flag, visit www.nellis.af.mil.

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