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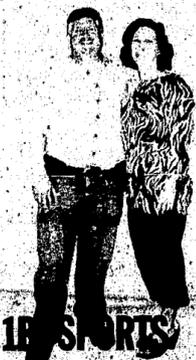
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# Track lobbyist OK'd

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**R**uidoso village councilors approved hiring a lobbyist solely for the issue of obtaining tax-break legislation for Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino.

In a 5-1 vote, they authorized Village Manager Debi Lee to negotiate a contract up to \$10,000, but indicated they hoped for a sum under the cap.

Councilor Michele Rebstock voted against the motion offered

## Village Council votes to hire lobbyist for tax parity legislation; Rebstock lone dissenter

over the telephone by Councilor Greg Cory and amended by Councilor James Stoddard. She reminded other board members that they previously agreed to drop lobbying services for the short 30-day session this year as available budget dollars dwindled.

At the mayor's request, Kimble & Associates was contacted to discuss lobbying. Lee wrote in an

agenda item memorandum to the council. Under an independent contract, David Kimball and Dominic Silva would coordinate a strategy to promote tax policy related to the casino at the Downs, would lobby legislators on the impact and benefits of horse racing industry on Ruidoso, she wrote.

Silva lobbies and advises other groups on the horse racing indus-

try. Cory pointed out that the council originally set aside \$25,000 for lobbying services connected to the state Legislature's annual session. This contract would cover a single issue. The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce hired a lobbyist, as did the city of Ruidoso Downs and the Jockey Club, Cory said.

"I think it would be appropriate to have someone represent village interests in front of the legislature," he said.

See **LOBBY**, page 9A

## MODERN-DAY HIDE-AND-SEEK



Geocacher Mike Bilbo opens what had been a hidden cache in Ruidoso.

## 'Geocaching' takes off in Ruidoso

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**M**odern day hide-and-seek has come to life in the Ruidoso area. It is called geocaching.

"Geocaching is about 10 years old," said Mike Bilbo, who is with the Bureau of Land Management. "It is a good recreational thing. And it is getting kids outdoors and they're having a good time."

Speaking to a class of 12 adults Wednesday at the Ruidoso Public Library, Bilbo outlined the high-tech hide-and-seek activity.

Participants, who are called geocachers, use a global positioning system (GPS) receiver to navigate to a hidden cache.

Caches are typically a waterproof plastic case that can be as

large as a five-gallon container or as tiny as a film canister. Inside will be a logbook for the finder to sign and often trinkets for trading. There may be "travelers," items that have a goal, such as traveling around the world. The finder helps the traveler by moving it to another cache. A new finder there later continues the item's travels. The activity is documented online.

Before the search adventure begins, geocachers go to a geocache Web site to research cache attributes and rough locations.

Geocacher Steve Tally, who is Ruidoso's tourism director, sees geocaching as a tourist luring tool.

"I see how it can bring more tourists to Ruidoso and get more people outside," Tally said. "I get emails when someone finds my cache and get their comments like

'wow, I didn't know disc golf existed in Ruidoso.'"

Information about caches is posted at www.geocaching.com. Ruidoso's zip code showed 100 caches around the village. Worldwide there are almost 1 million hidden stashes.

The Web site provides geocachers with a cache's coordinates to plug into their GPS unit as well as clues, said Bilbo.

If a non-geocacher stumbles upon a cache and takes the container or its contents, the person is called a "mugger," a term used in the Harry Potter book series. A mugged cache is reported to the owner on the geocaching Web site.

Following the instructional session, students in the Wednesday class used their GPS units to track down a cache.

## Assault case to federal Supreme Court

■ Stems from 2006 attack in Mescalero

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A federal court restitution order, coming out of a vicious attack on the Mescalero Apache Reservation, will be considered by the U.S. Supreme Court.

In a one-page order the high court agreed to look at whether a federal district court may impose a restitution order beyond the time limit in the Mandatory Victims Restitution Act (MVRA).

The case started on Sept. 11, 2006, when then 26-year old Brian Russell Dolan picked up a fellow tribal member who was hitchhiking along Tribal

See **COURT**, page 9A

## Council adopts utility rate structure

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New wastewater treatment rates that focus more on volume were adopted Tuesday by the Ruidoso Village Council, but they will be phased in over three years beginning in February.

Casting the lone negative vote, Councilor Michele Rebstock declared, "No way."

Earlier in the meeting, she told the other councilors to be careful about the numbers presented by

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ROAD CLOSED

First, the road was cordoned off (above), then crews from Ruidoso's Public Works Department loaded tractors and trucks (left) and hauled away debris from the demolition of the old Ruidoso fire station at 200 Eagle Drive Thursday. The cleared land will be used to augment parking in the Midtown commercial area. The building initially was used as a village hall and although some residents hoped to preserve it as a museum or for an arts center, the associated renovation cost was deemed too high.

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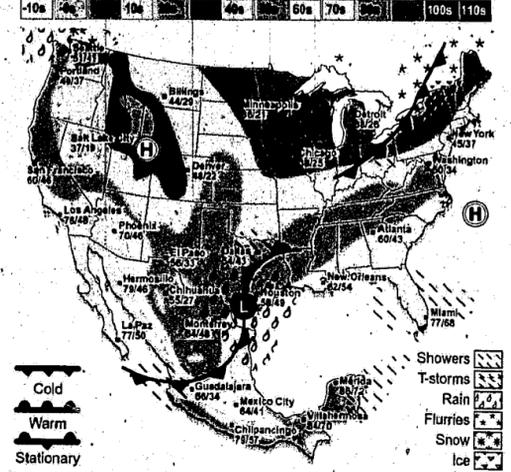
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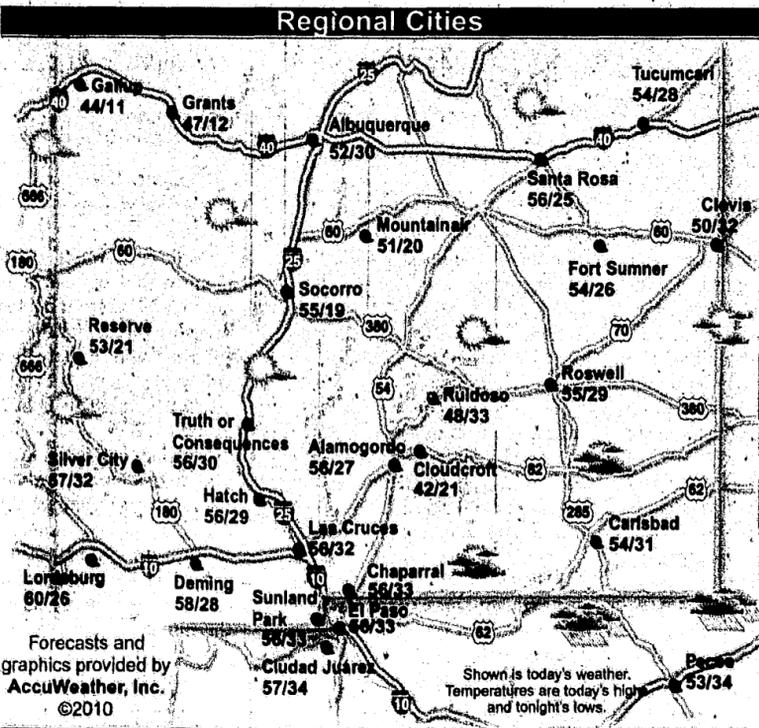
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<b>RealFeel</b> 51°	<b>RealFeel</b> 58°	<b>RealFeel</b> 52°	<b>RealFeel</b> 46°	<b>RealFeel</b> 44°	<b>RealFeel</b> 41°	<b>RealFeel</b> 43°
<b>Humidity</b> 52%	<b>Humidity</b> 30%	<b>Humidity</b> 28%	<b>Humidity</b> 33%	<b>Humidity</b> 47%	<b>Humidity</b> 48%	<b>Humidity</b> 62%
Mostly sunny	Plenty of sunshine	Sunny to partly cloudy	Partial sunshine	Some sun	Partly sunny	Partly sunny
Wind: NNW 4-8 mph	Wind: WNW 6-12 mph	Wind: SSW 7-14 mph	Wind: WSW 10-20 mph	Wind: WSW 8-16 mph	Wind: S 10-20 mph	Wind: WSW 6-12 mph

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National Forecast for Jan. 15, 2010



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



Sun and Moon		Moon Phases	
Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 7:06 a.m./5:19 p.m.	Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 7:20 a.m./5:55 p.m.	New	Full
<b>Extremes</b>		Jan 15	Feb 5
Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states) High: 77° in Organ Pipe Cactus, AZ Low: -11° in Gunnison, CO	Wednesday's World High/Low: High: 113° in Vioolsdrif, South Africa Low: -57° in Oymyakon, Russia	Jan 23	Jan 29

Almanac	
<b>Ruidoso</b> Statistics through Wednesday	
<b>Temperature:</b>	
High/low	50°/30°
Normal high	49°
Normal low	20°
Record high	62° (1974)
Record low	-22° (1963)
<b>Precipitation:</b>	
Wednesday	0.00"
Month to date	Trace
Normal month to date	0.60"
Year to date	Trace
Normal year to date	0.60"
<b>Pollen:</b>	
Grass	Absent
Trees	Low
Weeds	Absent
Mold	Low
Predominant	Juniper
Source: Eddie L. Gaines, MD, of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic	
<b>Alamogordo</b> Statistics through Wednesday	
<b>Temperature:</b>	
High/low	55°/20°
Normal high	55°
Normal low	28°
Record high	70° (1969)
Record low	1° (1962)
<b>Precipitation:</b>	
Wednesday	0.00"
Month to date	0.07"
Normal month to date	0.39"
Year to date	0.07"
Normal year to date	0.39"
<b>Weather Trivia:</b>	
Q: Can raindrops freeze into snowflakes?	
A: No, snowflakes melt into raindrops, but the opposite is not true.	

National Cities			Regional Cities		
City	Today	Sat.	City	Today	Sat.
Abilene	52/39/r	61/37/s	Albuquerque	52/30/s	53/29/s
Anchorage	21/18/sf	25/19/sn	Artesia	56/34/c	63/33/s
Atlanta	60/43/pc	55/40/r	Chama	43/11/s	45/8/s
Austin	54/50/r	62/36/r	Clayton	50/27/s	59/28/s
Baltimore	50/30/s	48/32/s	Cloudcroft	42/21/s	48/12/s
Boston	44/32/pc	42/32/pc	Farmington	44/19/s	46/22/pc
Chicago	36/25/pc	39/28/s	Hobbs	53/32/c	60/31/s
Dallas	54/43/r	61/39/pc	Los Alamos	45/21/s	48/23/s
Denver	48/22/s	52/24/s	Portales	53/28/pc	60/33/s
Des Moines	34/23/pc	40/22/s	Raton	49/15/s	56/17/s
Detroit	38/26/c	39/28/pc	Red River	40/8/s	44/8/s
El Paso	56/33/s	62/34/s	Ruidoso	48/33/s	53/37/s
Las Vegas	62/38/s	62/41/pc	Santa Fe	48/23/s	51/23/s
Los Angeles	76/48/s	70/48/pc	Silver City	57/32/s	61/35/pc
Minneapolis	38/21/pc	36/24/s	Taos	47/18/s	53/20/s
New Orleans	62/54/c	61/46/r			
New York City	45/37/s	44/33/pc	Mexican Cities		
Philadelphia	46/32/s	46/30/pc	City	Today	Sat.
Phoenix	70/46/s	71/47/pc	City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Reno	50/28/pc	50/30/pc	Acapulco	88/72/pc	88/70/c
San Francisco	60/46/pc	59/48/sh	Cancun	84/72/l	80/63/l
San Diego	70/51/s	66/50/pc	Chihuahua	55/27/pc	59/30/s
Seattle	51/41/r	49/41/r	Ciudad Juárez	57/34/s	63/34/s
Tucson	66/40/s	69/41/pc	León	63/32/c	69/34/s
Tulsa, OK	46/37/c	56/34/s	México, DF	64/41/c	66/39/pc
Wash., DC	50/34/s	45/34/s	Monterrey	64/48/sh	63/45/pc
Wichita	42/28/pc	55/28/s	Morelia	66/37/c	72/40/s
Yuma	72/49/s	72/47/pc	Oaxaca	73/54/pc	79/47/sh
			Pto. Penasco	72/46/s	68/45/pc
			Tijuana	73/48/s	70/48/pc



SHIRLEY ESTES/RUIDOSO NEWS

Alto is a welcoming place for deer, but the elk are invited, too.

**Posse banquet**

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse will hold their annual awards banquet on Saturday, Jan. 16, beginning at 5 p.m. The event, which the public can attend, will be at Mountain Annie's in Ruidoso.

Posse president Dave Michen said there has been enormous interest in the posse, with the swearing in of two to five new members a month for the last few months.

Men and women interested in volunteer community service work are invited to join. The cost of the annual membership is \$60 per family and \$35 for singles.

Having a horse is unnecessary to join, but equestrian events, like the annual Pony Express trail ride, are an integral part of the group.

The organization has been in existence since 1989 and has been successful in raising funds for scholarships for area students.

The posse will again assist the Ruidoso High School's Red Feather Theater Company raise funds to send drama students to the statewide Dramafest.

**King holiday**

Monday, Jan. 18, is a

federal holiday to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Most government offices will be closed as well as banks in the area.

Students at public schools in Capitan, Carrizozo and Ruidoso, as well as the Mescalero Apache School, will have the day off. The Hondo Valley Public School campus will be open for instruction on Monday. While students at Capitan have a three-day weekend, teachers will have in-service on Monday.

ENMU-Ruidoso will begin its spring semester on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Municipal offices in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs will be closed. The same applies to nearly all state and federal agencies, including postal delivery.

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions' Unemployment Insurance Call Center will be closed Friday, Jan. 15, through Monday, Jan. 18.

**Tree-cycling**

Christmas tree recycling continues at School House Park in Ruidoso through Saturday Jan. 16.

The drop-off 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, about 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.

For more information on Christmas tree recycling, contact Ruidoso Parks and Recreation at 257-5030, or the Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697, toll free at 1-877-548-8772 or via email at lcswa@valornet.com. Christmas tree recycling information is available on the Authority website at www.lcswa.org.

**Candidates forum**

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Candidates Forum for the Village of Ruidoso on Tuesday, Feb. 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

This meeting will enable the public to meet the four mayoral, eight council and single judge candidates.

The candidates will have the opportunity to introduce themselves and answer questions from the public.

Each candidate is given an allotted time to answer each question. All questions will be collected prior to the forum and organized to better facilitate the meeting.

If a member of the public is interested in assisting with the creation of the questions, contact the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce by Friday, Jan. 29 at 257-7395. The Chamber would like to thank L Ray Nunley, Greg Cory, Ron Hardeman and Jim Stoddard for their service, cooperation and dedication to our community.

**Pots and pans**

Recycle your old anodized aluminum, stainless steel or cast iron pots and pans at the new Pots and Pans' Recycling Event today, Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, from 8 a.m. to noon at Schoolhouse Park in Ruidoso.

Any unwanted and/or discarded pots and pans in any condition will be accepted for recycling or

reuse from any part of Lincoln County and from Mescalero.

Contact the Greentree Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697; toll free at 1-877-548-8772 or via email at lcswa@valornet.com.

**GOP women**

The Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County will hold their January lunch meeting at

the Cree Meadows Country Club on Jan. 25.

The speakers will be Jim Gibson, who is running for mayor of Ruidoso; Matt Rush, a candidate for New Mexico Land Commissioner; and Susan Martinez, a gubernatorial hopeful.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the speakers will take to the podium at noon. The lunch buffet price is \$11.50.

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# OPINION

## RUIDOSO NEWS

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### OUR OPINION

## Drug testing debate has a dark side

It is not a councilor's mandate to pursue issue

Several Ruidoso Downs Councilors — principally Dean Holman and Rene Olivo — want to institute drug testing for council members.

Councilor Gary Williams, who rarely sides with Holman and Olivo on important issues, is opposed to the idea.

So are we.

Yes, it is imperative that public officials conduct their city's business with a clear head and a clean conscience.

Yes, drug abuse is a widespread health and moral problem that rips at the fabric of society.

Yes, we need leaders to set a good example by obeying the laws of the land.

And, yes, drug testing is a common hiring procedure among corporations and governmental entities.

But elected officials are not municipal employees. Elected officials are "hired" by the people. If the voters want a say in whether their councilors, or mayor, should be tested for the presence of illegal substances, then the City of Ruidoso Downs can put a referendum forward that end on the ballot.

If passed, when a candidate runs for office, he or she knows what is expected — as on a job application.

In this case, two councilors are attempting to wield authority over another member (or members) of equal standing.

That kind of power play on a governing roster is not any member's function or mandate. Without a referendum, a councilor has no more right to impose drug testing after the

fact than he does calling for councilors to show a clean bill of health prior to every council meeting; after all, one of them might be contagious with the swine flu. One might be suffering a physical condition that impairs sound judgment.

Because two councilors are grandstanding on the issue, they have put the third councilor in an untenable position: Gary Williams opposes drug testing; therefore, Gary Williams has something to hide.

That is patently unfair and it borders on a witch hunt. That Williams felt the need to address such implications in a public forum (*Ruidoso News*; Jan. 13) is unfortunate.

If Holman and Olivo want to rid governance of debilitating substances, they might also call for everyone to take breathalyzer tests at City Hall. They might suggest interlock devices in all city vehicles or in the personal vehicles of elected officials — or roving spy cameras in the homes of elected officials. Surely, no one has a nip before council sessions, do they?

Where does the intrusion into one's privacy and dignity, without just cause or a record of drug-related arrests, stop?

We are not here to defend Williams personally. But the facts are, he works out at the Ruidoso Athletic Club and his wife has been employed at a local health-food market.

So, here's an idea. If this debate is about clean living, sharp minds and sober judgment concerning municipal affairs, may the fittest councilor prevail.

## Sunny days for the county seat

Carrizozo is enjoying a resurgence

The Town of Carrizozo — you know, that little hamlet on the other side of the mountain — is on a roll.

Within the past few years, a number of positive developments have shined on the community, almost in random fashion.

The filming of *The Book of Eli*, which, by the way, premieres this weekend, really put the town on the map; that is, it garnered a reputation for hospitality and as a movie-making location in far-flung locales such as the Left Coast.

That reputation is being nurtured by the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce, and it may well yield more film-making opportunities.

Meanwhile, the massive and ambitious Valle del Sol development just east of town has 300 lots sold in a tough real estate environment. Concurrently, developer Dan Dattola has plans to install a commercial center that stands to bring needed services to the area. He also refurbished a municipal golf course that had gone to the weeds and the snakes and built a clubhouse.

The town's other main benefactor, Warren (and Joan) Malkerson, remodeled the old Nike Bar last year and continued to gild the resurgence of historic 12th Street into an arts destination.

On Saturday afternoon (3:30), a convergence of *The Book of Eli* and 12th Street will culminate in the Art Installation ceremony.

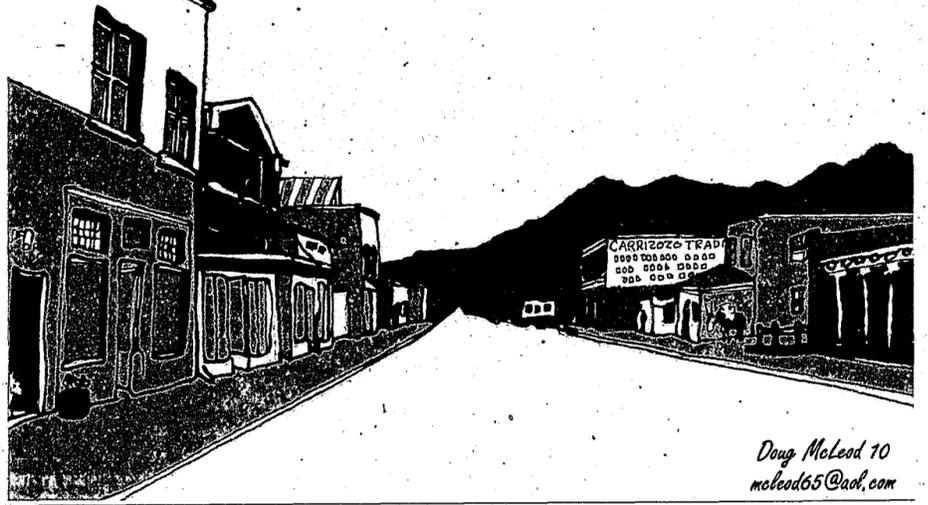
Just this week, Peter and Suzi Wolfe announced they were putting a new grocery in the old Sturgis Market. Plans are vague as of now, but if they are realized, they would fundamentally alter Carrizozo's psychological state.

A new restaurant, Kelly's, is expected to open next week in the old Manny's, and a new pawn shop/trading post, Sierra Trading & Pawn, just opened.

The town's police force is said to be the most stable and efficient in years; the schools are seeing major renovation; and the prep basketball, volleyball and football teams have recently won numerous district titles.

Carrizozo's time is now.

*Carrizozo: Star of the silver screen...*



### GUEST COMMENTARY

## A model accomplishment

CATHIE R. EISEN

We who live in the Western States share a common thread of concern regarding our water resources; the very fabric of our lives relies on them and as the demands continue to increase, so do our worries. In the case of water, supply has always controlled demand for you can't use what you don't have, quality being a ruling factor as well. The old timers will tell you that the reason this land was so sparsely populated is because, "There ain't no water!" If we look at where the original settlements were built we can see that this is largely true, even Carrizozo has water at 30 feet below the ground surface but also has a surface water treatment plant to supplement the supply. If you drive out to the neighboring ranches, they are all located adjacent to springs and shallow wells; the broad expanses between might have water, but it is deep in the ground or of poor quality.

The people who settled here years ago were wise to the ways of the land and had no choice but to respect it. The ones who have come later, drawn to the wide open spaces from the crowded cities overlook the obvious for they have never had to train themselves to do otherwise. When a resource is in plentiful supply it is often taken for granted and no more consideration is given to the distance to water than it is to electrical service! Who would think it would be a 1000 feet deep to water and three miles away to a power pole, let alone the cost entailed in bringing it to their new home? Rather hard to imagine when you come from a place where you have never been more than 200 feet from a paved road!

The Upper Hondo Water Basin is the water supply source for the Village of Ruidoso New Mexico as well as several neighboring communities. Much of the property within the basin boundaries was developed during a period of ample rain and snow; resources that have dwindled drastically over the recent years even as the population continued to expand. Due to rapid growth and the impacts of extended drought area residents came to recognize that the area has a limited water supply. As the resources literally dried up and restrictions were put into place the concerns regarding future availability of this crucial element gave rise to a need for a deeper understanding of the function of the systems that provide it.

In 2006 a group of concerned citizens with tremendous support from local businesses collaborated with Sandia National

Laboratories for the development of the Upper Hondo Water Availability and Decision Support Model. The goal was to create a working tool that would provide an in depth understanding of the water resources in the Upper Rio Hondo Watershed as well as future management strategies. The project was funded through the New Mexico Small Business Assistance Program at no cost to the local community; the State of New Mexico paid for this project through tax credits to the laboratories. Amongst the many benefits of this program is the strengthening of the viability of small businesses as well as the rural economy while also transferring technology and expertise from Sandia to the private sector. This project is a perfect example of how that can be accomplished.

The function of the model will be to help determine what actual water input and withdrawals are occurring in the specific zones identified within the study area and what the potential impacts may be according to future predicted and user defined scenarios. The model allows for tracking precipitation as well as the distribution of the flows; whether they are lost through evaporation, taken up by plants and trees, running off during floods or entering the ground and recharging the aquifers. It also allows for user adjustments to the amount of rain and snow we receive as well as to the demands according to residential, commercial, and other users who withdraw water from the system. In this way, the model allows users to play "What If?" games by creating their own scenarios. It is a spatially coarse model in the sense that it averages the supply and demand across relatively large spatial areas. However, because it simulates many different parameters and how those parameters interact with each other over time, it provides a tremendous understanding of what is occurring beyond any previous efforts that have been made. We already knew that we had a concern, now we have a chance to study the cause and effect and develop a means to minimize future impacts. The model represents a foundation from which we can begin to answer these questions.

Several other similar models have been developed in the past, primarily to contribute information to Regional Water Plans; once the understanding of the immediate concerns was achieved the tool was shelved for future reference. The goal of the Upper Hondo Water Availability and Decision Support Model is to utilize this tool not only for the current issues but also as a

long term management opportunity. It will also serve as a public educational tool whereby members of the general public can learn about how human demand and the hydrologic cycle interact.

The final meeting for the Upper Hondo Water Availability Model was conducted at the Eastern New Mexico University campus in Ruidoso on December 16, 2009. After review of the elements and function of the model there was a great deal of discussion regarding who would be the local keeper of the model and how it would be utilized in the future. The obvious concern was that the model could be manipulated or misused, or that it would not be fully utilized for the purpose it was intended for. The need for additional input as well as funding was also brought forth; all of these issues that had been considered but had taken the backseat to the actual development of the model and that will now require further consideration. What is apparent is this, a tool now exists that has tremendous potential to reach far beyond the boundaries of a single watershed and that could benefit each and every area of our western region. Having created a foundation for a deeper understanding of the capabilities and limitations of one specific area to support a human population this can now be fine tuned and utilized elsewhere with many far reaching benefits. What we need now is a funding stream that will allow for the scientists at Sandia to continue with its development.

Perspective: Several years ago when I was entertaining a job as a technical provider for small water systems I asked a friend how she felt about her job. She told me she enjoyed it but felt that she was taking on a lot of other peoples problems. I later developed a different perspective; I found it was far easier to identify the concerns and offer constructive advice than it was to act on repairing them. We need to bear this in mind and be willing to provide the effort to remedy our concerns for therein lays the solution. My friend had a point; she could only do so much by herself; repairing the problems will always require a group effort!

For additional information regarding the Upper Rio Hondo Water Availability Model, contact: Dr. Thomas Lowry, Sandia National Laboratories; tslowry@sandia.gov. To inquire about the New Mexico Small Business Assistance Program, visit: www.nmsbaprogram.org.

CATHIE R. EISEN was chairman of the now-defunct Water Research and Conservation Committee for Lincoln County.

# HEAL, county work on speeding cases

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Following accusations that drivers were speeding in two vehicles owned by Lincoln County and used by Help End Abuse for Life, the operator of The Nest domestic violence shelter, County Manager Tom Stewart asked for the vans to be returned.

Officials with HEAL appealed the decision to the county commission and after a lengthy discussion Tuesday, a temporary compromise was reached.

In a motion approved unanimously, Commissioner Dave Parks specified that the vans remain parked until HEAL obtains a \$1 million liability and collision insurance policy protecting the county, and until Stewart is given the names of up to eight people who drive the vans.

The drivers also must provide their license numbers for a background check and agree to random drug testing. HEAL officials will be given until the next commission meeting in February to work out a more permanent solution, possible the purchase of the vans by the non-profit organization. A revised contract reflecting the changes with HEAL also will be reviewed at the next commission meeting.

"I hope it will only be a couple of days until we can resolve the issues," said Commission Chairman Tom Battin. "I don't want to interrupt your mission, but I don't want to expose the county to risk. I don't like responding to unsubstantiated accusations. However, it may have allowed us to strengthened our structure."

Stewart explained to commissioners that a \$4,000 state legislative appropriation was used to purchase two Dodge Caravans for HEAL. Because a nonprofit can't be given public money or equipment, the county owns the vehicles, although that group insures them.

Stewart said on May 20, 2009, the state received a complaint from a citizen about one of the vans doing 95 mph between Belen and Los Lunas, and the state notified HEAL by letter. On Jan. 4, 2010, another notice of violation of speed with the same van between San Antonio and Carrizozo on Dec. 10 was received with the notation that "small children" were on board.

Stewart said it was the first time in 11 years as manager he received such notices. He requested the return of the vans to the county with an option for HEAL officials to appeal the decision to the county commission, which they did.

"Under the current circumstances, I have no idea who is driving our vehicles or how they are being used," he told commissioners. "Drivers are not subject to our random drug testing, have not taken our defensive driving course and (unlike) county employees whose licenses are constantly monitored, I have no way of knowing their citation history."

He recommended to stay within the legislative intent for the vans that they be offered back to the state Department of Finance and Administration for use in the state vehicle pool.

Coleen Widell, HEAL



*Widell, at microphone: 'It is distinctly possible that this abuser, who is a very system-savvy man and a state employee in a highly respected position, may have called in the complaint as an attempt to negatively influence the program that was assisting his family in achieving safety from him.'*

Executive Director, said Stewart's action would have severe implications for victims of domestic violence in the county.

"We approached Senator Rod Adair for Capital Outlay funding to purchase these vehicles long before we even opened the Nest," she said.

"It was clear that the residents of the Nest would have varying transportation needs as they work through their empowerment plans to rebuild a life free of violence. These women and children most often appear at the shelter with little more than the clothes on their backs, and rarely bring their vehicle, mostly for safety reasons.

"HEAL staff transports our shelter residents to medical appointments, including to the Emergency Room for treatment of injuries from the abuser's assault. Residents often seek protection orders from the court and need to be transported to and from meetings with attorneys, as well as court hearings, to ensure their safety and the safety of their children."

The vans also are used to help find safe and affordable housing, to complete education or to obtain employment to become financially independent and not be forced to return to an abuser just to feed their children, Widell said.

To be authorized to drive the shelter vans and transport residents, HEAL staff is required to pass a national criminal background check performed by New Mexico Department of Public Safety and Children, Youth & Families Department, she said. They are also required to have a valid New Mexico driver's license and submit a current, clean driving record.

"A large part of our in-house staff training, as well as our monthly in-service training, addresses related safety issues related to our residents," Widell said. "In the 34 months

that HEAL has had possession of the vans in question, 45 staff members have driven more than 84,000 miles without a single citation.

During that time, there have been two alleged incidents of speeding that were called into the state's hotline. They were anonymous calls. There was no law enforcement contact or citation for speeding or any other violation of the law. This most recent call reported 'a male driver' speeding with children in the van. HEAL has no male employees and the 'sighting' allegedly occurred within a span of over 65 miles between San Antonio and Carrizozo. This van was returning from a court hearing in the greater Albuquerque area with a resident and her children, a court hearing that was exceedingly contentious and that resulted in the abuser being entirely banned from contact with his wife and children after a substantial violent outburst before the judge in the courtroom.

"Why do I tell you these details?" Widell continued. "Because it is distinctly possible that this abuser, who is a very system-savvy man and a state employee in a highly respected position, may have called in the complaint as an attempt to negatively influence the program that was assisting his family in achieving safety from him."

Once HEAL was notified by Stewart about the complaint, officials began an internal investigation and subsequent corrective action was taken in line with HEAL protocol and policies, Widell said.

Chief Operations Director Kathryn Walker notified Stewart of the resolution within 24 hours of the allegation, she said. The employee involved in the incident admitted that while she had no explicit memory of speeding, it was possible that she had indeed exceeded the posted

speed limit, given the emotional intensity of the court activities that day and the fear of the abuser, Widell said.

She said that although Stewart demanded to know the identity of the employees, HEAL's attorney, Diane Garrity, counseled that there is no law or contract provision requiring HEAL to release that confidential employee identification.

"Much to the contrary, we cannot disclose employee identification or information," Widell said. "Doing so could be a violation of confidentiality laws because HEAL is the employer, not the county."

"While we greatly appreciate the county's support of our efforts in the past, and our service to HEAL as our fiscal agent for the Nest building and vans, we remind ourselves that HEAL stands as an independent employer, distinct and separate from the county," Widell said. "And, in doing so, we stand alone in any legal exposure for employee intervention, including release of confidential information or wrongful termination, should that ever arise."

For extra protection, the organization also provided an additional \$1 million insurance policy for coverage of its staff as drivers of the vans, she said. She contended Stewart's demand to surrender the vans based on unsubstantiated claims of speeding was "over-reaching and excessive," and punitive to victims of domestic violence.

She asked commissioners to overrule Stewart's request to relinquish the vans.

No matter what extra insurance coverage HEAL obtained, Parks, a former insurance agent, said liability follows ownership of a vehicle.

The county provides physical and property damage liability and it is the primarily responding coverage, he said. "Your higher

amount is excess and not too likely be involved," he said. The attorney for the state risk pool recommended that if HEAL wanted to keep the vehicles, it provide the primary coverage to comply with Tort Liability Act for \$1 million, the maximum for which a government entity in New Mexico can be sued, and also name the county as an additional insured. "To me that would be simplest way of handling this," Parks said.

The vehicles cannot be given to HEAL, because it would violate the constitutional prohibition against donations of public money or property to a private non-profit entity, he said.

While Commissioner Jackie Powell said she admired HEAL's work. She thought the county has played a large role in helping the group and Stewart dedicated his time to tracking several projects when the county was fiscal agent.

"I think you need to handle your own vehicles, whether they could be passed to CYFD and then to you (or bought outright by HEAL)," she said. "Even if we have a hold harmless agreement, we'd still be dragged in and liable in court, especially if we were warned twice. I think it is a serious thing for the county."

Commissioner Don Williams preferred parking the vans until the issue was resolved.

County Attorney Alan Morel said he wasn't sure CYFD would accept the liability for use of the vans either, but he could check. Powell said if CYFD doesn't want the liability, then the county really was in a "horrendous position," and HEAL should buy them.

Widell said the arrangement of a municipality or county working with a shelter on capital outlay items is not unusual.

"I truly hate making the recommendation, but I strongly recommend removal of the vehicles,"

Stewart urged. "Had the driver been given a state ticket, I would never know. Give them two weeks without the vehicles to work something out. The nightmare I have is something happening and being sued to point we'd just have to close our doors. It's a wake-up call and I need to talk to other counties and risk management."

But Parks and Battin reminded commissioners of the \$1 million limit for a suit against the county and that HEAL will carry a policy for the county's protection until something more permanent can be worked out. Widell said her board meets Jan. 21 and she can report back.

Debbie Haines Nix, president of HEAL, said after four years of dealing with county, "I can't think of a group that asked less than HEAL. We got own capital outlay money. We've never had a ticket. This is a community health issue and an employment issue by putting women back in the workforce and children in schools. I think we're one of the strongest assets of this community. We've stepped up and taken care of one of the (most difficult) issues in a community."

"What troubles me - I have a problem taking punitive action on unsubstantiated charges," Battin said. "I'd like to give HEAL time to work out a solution whether it is insurance protection or finding donations to own the vehicles." He would refer that HEAL drivers undergo exactly the same requirements as employees driving other county vehicles, he said.

In a related issue, commissioners voted 3-2 against a motion to act as fiscal agent for a new legislative appropriation request for a security fence around the HEAL shelter. They said the state has no money for projects. Voting for the motion were Battin and Parks.

# BUSINESS

## Census takers are tested

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Potential census takers are being tested in Ruidoso. The U.S. Census Bureau will train census takers and enumerators the next several months in advance of census questionnaires that will be mailed to residents at mid March.

"We are trying to recruit and train them before census day, April 1," said Jesse Lucero, with the Census Bureau area office in Las Cruces.

Those interested in taking the test can call the office at 575-680-3420.

A sample test is available online at [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov).

As many as 5,000 people may be working for the Census Bureau in 12 counties in southern New Mexico in a number of positions for a time this spring.

The census takers will mostly follow up with residents who fail to send back their questionnaires in postage-paid

return envelopes by May.

"The enumerators and census takers will have some sort of identification on them," said Lucero. "There won't be any car stenciled with the Census Bureau. But people should as for an ID."

For residents who don't speak English, the census takers will have flashcards written in four-dozen languages to assign the case to a census taker that speaks that language.

In an effort to increase the participation rate, residents can phone the Las Cruces office if they fail to see a census taker and have not mailed back the 10-question form.

During Census 2000 New Mexico had a 62 percent return rate. The bureau is aiming to improve that by ten points.

In Lincoln County the mail-back rate in 2000 was 39 percent.

The census results help determine how more than \$400 billion will be allocated to communities across the U.S. and to reapportion legislative district boundaries.



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Developer Don Murphy stands in front of his new restaurant Magic Forest in the Avalon Town Center in Ruidoso Downs.

## Eatery has clientele magic

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The Ruidoso area's newest restaurant has proven to be a success beyond owner Don Murphy's expectations.

Magic Forest Restaurant and Pub opened in mid-December. Murphy said the family-style eatery sees about 500 people a day.

"I wanted to open before the Christmas rush and establish a clientele," said Murphy. "And it's worked. We have a good base established."

Murphy is a developer, with Magic Forest the first restaurant he had designed. And the first he has owned. Originally, his Avalon Town Center development, across U.S.

Highway 70 from Walmart in Ruidoso Downs, was going to bring a Chili's Grill and Bar to the property. But just before finalizing the deal Chili's backed out.

Murphy said company officials told him that the Ruidoso area had an inadequate workforce and lacked affordable housing.

"I didn't have any problem hiring," said Murphy. "After I lost Chili's, I decided to open a restaurant in that price range and family-oriented. This is better than Chili's or (TGI) Fridays."

The theme of Magic Forest is outdoorsy. Part of a huge juniper tree making up the main entrance greets diners. Two life-size trees are inside. Tables are cut from trees.

"But the main element

to keeping people coming back is the food," said Murphy. "My chef-operator is Brian Hennington."

Hennington is known for previously operating Hennington's Grille and Bar in the Swiss Chalet Inn.

The restaurant includes a wood burning grill, an array of pizzas and specialties. Starting as soon as next week, wok-cooked dishes will be available.

Murphy sees Magic Forest being the anchor for his Avalon Town Center. The shopping mall has about a 50 percent occupancy rate, said Murphy.

Ruidoso Downs city officials have said they are pleased to have the Avalon Property Company development in their community.

## Gas prices on a steady climb

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Motorists are digging deeper into their pockets for gasoline as prices kept climbing this month, according to the AAA New Mexico Weekend Gas Watch.

The statewide increase this week in New Mexico was five cents, the motorist organization said on Thursday.

Since New Year's Eve, statewide prices have jumped by 10 cents from \$2.63 to \$2.73 per gallon.

The least expensive gas is in Albuquerque at \$2.64.

The metropolitan area with the most expensive gas is Santa Fe at \$2.71, said AAA New Mexico.

The Web site [newmexicogasprices.com](http://newmexicogasprices.com) posted Artesia with the steepest pump prices, at \$2.89.

Some Ruidoso gas stations this week pushed up their price for regular unleaded to \$2.87.

Gasoline prices today are roughly a dollar a gallon more expensive than one year ago.

What's driving the market?

After remaining below \$80 a barrel for most of the last half of 2009, on Jan. 7 the price of oil climbed to \$83 a barrel.

Over the past few days it has fallen back below \$80.

A broad cold snap delivered unseasonably cold temperatures across much of the U.S.

Consequently, investors saw the possibility of a demand spike for heating oil and drove up the futures prices for all types of oil and gas commodities.

That, in turn, impacted wholesale fuel prices.

Although demand is down, oil industry analysts say for much of the past year, the weak U.S. dollar has contributed to market oil prices remaining higher than strict supply and demand fundamentals would suggest.

When confronted with a weak dollar, many investors buy commodities such as oil to protect their investments, by owning something physical in nature, rather than currency alone.

## Lincoln County Medical Center recognizes employees for service

Lincoln County Medical Center, LCMC, recognized 34 employees for their service to the countywide delivery system last month during an employee celebration.

LCMC recognizes employee longevity once a year. Employees are recognized having completed their five, 10, 15, 20 or 25 year employment anniversary as of Dec. 31st of each year. The recognition includes a certificate and a service pin.

Hospital Administrator

Al Santos said great staff with longevity assists in delivering high quality care.

"This is a proud moment for everyone at LCMC as we recognize quite a few employees for their years of service, commitment and dedication to providing quality care for Lincoln County residents," said Santos.

Four employees topped the list with at least 30 or more years of service. David Blackmon in the hospital's radiology department

is the most tenured employee with 35 years of service. Sue Lewallen in the business office at the hospital has 32 years of service.

Both Michelle Propsner in medical records and Charla Lathan in the operating room have 30 years of service each.

"These four employees exemplify quality and consistency in their respective departments," said Santos.

Five employees were recognized with serving between 25 and 29 years of service. Sheree Brown in the medical/surgical department has 25 years of service.

Both Jim Stover, with Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services and Maria Soto with environmental services each have 26 years of service. Elizabeth Bates in the ICU has worked for 27 years. Cristobal Barela in the operating room has worked at LCMC for 29 years.

Two employees each provided more than 20

years of service; Jimmy Portio in materials management and Cindy Wolfel in administration.

"It's quite a benefit to have such longevity throughout the hospital," said Santos. "Roughly one-third of those employees recognized have 20 or more years of service which is incredible for a small, rural community hospital."

Five employees were recognized for 15 years of service. They include Suzanne Dennehy, on-call nurse practitioner; Ann Blue in the business office and Lindsey Valliant, Dr. W. Chris Robinson and Elizabeth Candelaria with the White Mountain Medical Clinic.

The 10-year employees included Wafawn Fitzpatrick from the White Mountain Medical Clinic and Donna Vermillion from the Carrizozo Health Center.

The final category, five years of service, included 16 employees. Sandralynn Nunnally, Laura Christen-



COURTESY

Lincoln County Medical Center's longest serving employee, David Blackmon, right, is congratulated by Al Santos, the hospital's administrator.

sen, Michelle Howard and Steve Olson with Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services; Dr. Tim Harkins and Linda Najjar with the Lincoln Surgical Clinic; Janie Lester in medical records; Connie Ziarnik and Jennifer Buff with the medical/surgical department;

Cassandra Jinzo and Terry Riehl with White Mountain Medical Clinic; Jan Schnelle with labor & delivery; Kathy Passig with environmental services; Sara Proctor with ICU; Linda Morris with rehabilitation services and Kim Portio with radiology.



### Last Chance for Christmas Tree-cycling

January 15, 2010 is the last day to drop off trees at Schoolhouse Park for the Keep Ruidoso Beautiful recycling program.

Free Mulch Chips!

Come back on January 16

PNM will be on hand to chip the trees.

Free mulch/chips will be available at Schoolhouse Park starting at 9:00 a.m.-?

Mulch/Compost is given out on a first come first served basis and as long as it lasts.

Mulch is good for water retention, walking paths and erosion control.

For more info 257-5030

Compost is also available at White Mt. Sports complex and is provided by Sierra Contracting and VOR Solid Waste.

Remember to reduce, reuse, recycle to Keep Ruidoso Beautiful Thank You Very Mulch!

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Medicaid

Nearly one in five Lincoln County residents were enrolled in Medicaid, said a new report from the New Mexico Health Policy Commission. But the 19.6 percent rate, as of Oct. 5, 2009, was below the

statewide level of 23.4 percent.

Enrollment in the county stood a 4,078. Children under the age of 21 on Medicaid accounted for 2,817 of those on the program. That was 13.5 percent of the population.

Medicaid is a joint state

and federal that provides medical assistance to families with dependent children and persons with disabilities who are in financial need. According to the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, at the beginning of fiscal year 2009,

enrollment was projected to grow on average by 3.6 percent.

But the worsening economy contributed to increasing poverty and an average increase in Medicaid subscribers of 5.4 percent for the year.

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# Battin, Sedillo retain commission roles

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Standing by the old adage, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it," Lincoln County Commissioner Dave Parks proposed re-election of the chairman and vice chairman by acclamation.

Tom Battin will continue as chairman and Eileen Sedillo as vice chairman.

"At the risk of being inappropriate, I'd like to say that I enjoy working with this group, their commitment, attitude and absence of personal agendas," Battin said at the meeting Tuesday. "Each treats the other with respect and that way we

are able to conduct the business of the county and we are able to accomplish so much more than if it were otherwise."

Battin won election in 2004 and took the oath of office in January 2005. When Rick Simpson left at the end of 2006, Battin was selected in January 2007 as chairman and has continued to serve in that capacity.

He was re-elected for a second four-year term in 2008.

In other business, commissioners approved conveyance of obsolete fire equipment to Otero County with the concurrence of the

State Fire Marshal, because the trucks were purchased with state fire fund money. The units are a 1978 Ford pumper from the Nogal Volunteer Fire Department and a 1978 Broadman pumper from Bonito Volunteer Fire Department.

Under the county's Indigent Health Care Fund, commissioners approved 27 claims for reimbursement out of 33 processed for a total payment of \$17,908.57. That brings the year-to-date outflow to \$128,881.52. The average monthly payment for seven months of this fiscal year is \$18,411 compared to \$34,136 last year. The pro-

jected budget requirement is \$220,939.75 out of \$472,069 available from the fund financed by a dedicated gross receipts tax.

The fund reimburses health care providers not connected to the county-owned hospital. That hospital, the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso, is reimbursed for patients who cannot pay through the Sole Community Provider Program.

County Indigent Health Care Administrator Scott Annala processed 48 claims under SCPP and recommended 45 for payment for a total of \$39,409.44.

Commissioners followed his recommendation.

# Harris signs new school superintendent contract

A new two-year contract is approved to keep Dr. Bea Etta Harris on as the superintendent of the Ruidoso Municipal School District.

The district's education board Tuesday evening approved the contract following an executive session.

"Bea is a good fit for Ruidoso," said school board president Susan Lutterman. "She is learning and I think we have a really nice team."

Ruidoso is the only district where Harris has been a superintendent.

Harris was hired two years ago to replace Paul Wirth, who retired from the position.

The new contract will run from July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2012.

The new agreement is without a salary increase because of economic conditions.

"She was appreciative of that," said Lutterman.

Before becoming superintendent in July 2008, Harris had been the principal of the Nob Hill Early Childhood Center.

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# Spring snow runoff forecast promising

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With three feet of snow at the Sierra Blanca snotted station high in the mountains west of Ruidoso, the Rio Ruidoso and Rio Bonito could flow much better this spring than the river did the last couple of years.

The January New Mexico Water Supply Outlook report from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) put the Rio Hondo and the Mimbres basins as "notable exceptions" compared to a year ago.

"Ruidoso and the Hondo Basin are doing very well," said Wayne Sleep, a snow survey hydrological technician with the NRCS in New Mexico.

"The only other location in the state on par with you

is the Mimbres. But the southwest part of the state is somewhat spotty."

Snowpack is described as fair, but not stellar for most of the rest of state, said the report.

The spring runoff forecast for the Rio Hondo Basin is for 9,000 acre-feet of runoff water to flow between March and June in the Rio Ruidoso at a measuring gauge on Ruidoso's east edge. That would be 122 of average.

An acre-foot is 43,560 cubic feet of water, or about 325,851 gallons.

For the water year that started Oct. 1, 2009, rain or liquid equivalent snow is 136 percent of average, up significantly from October through December of 2008. Precipitation this past

October was 148 percent of average, up slightly from

the previous year's 121 percent. November precipitation was below average 80 percent, but was well above November 2008 when it was 23 percent. December precipitation picked back up with 167 percent of average, compared with 92 percent a year earlier, stated the report.

## Snowpack up

The snowpack in the Rio Hondo basin is up, with 169 percent of average a significant increase from a year ago, when it was at 128 percent. The early 2009 snowpack quickly dried up because of warmer than normal temperatures, windy conditions, and lackluster snows after the first of the year.

"We have an El Niño, which typically favors a wetter winter season," said

Sleep. "If that continues to pan out the hope is the (streamflow) forecast will stay. It's important to remember that it's still pretty early in the season, and the forecast could change."

## El Niño promising

The report noted current forecasts and prior El Niño patters generally favor a wetter than average January through March period, especially for the southern part of New Mexico.

"Since it is now only early January there is still lots of opportunity during prime snow season for this effect to materialize," the report stated.

The streamflow forecasts are issued monthly by the NRCS in New Mexico, beginning in early January and concluding in May.

# Native directory released

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The Indian Affairs Department ("IAD") is releasing the first extensive Directory to the State of New Mexico's Native American Programs and Services.

"Particularly in these challenging economic times, it is vital that our state's Native American citizens know and have access to the programs and services provided by state agencies," said New Mexico Secretary of Indian Affairs Alvin H. Warren.

"This first-ever Native American Programs and Services Directory continues our department's efforts to assist Indian tribes, nations and pueblos and Native Americans in New Mexico with identifying and securing resources to address their communities' needs and priorities."

An array of state agency programs and services that could benefit Native Americans are included, each with varying deadlines and requirements that can change frequently. To ease the challenge of accessing these services, the 120 page Native American Programs and Services Directory is organized into 28 chapters and lists the programs and services available to Native Americans in 27 of the state's cabinet-level agencies, as well as the New Mexico Finance Authority. It provides a summary of each program and service, the contact person and information for each program and any Web site links.

The in-depth directory was researched and developed by the IAD's Training and Technical Assistance

Coordinator Benjamin Fletcher in cooperation with Dawn Begay and other college interns. The creation of the IAD Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator's position and the directory both resulted from the Tribal Policy Forum held in June of 2008.

"We hope this Programs and Services Directory, with its wide range of information and web links, will serve as a valuable tool for those working in and for Native American communities."

"As it is intended to be a starting point and is by no means exhaustive, we welcome any comments, corrections and suggestions for inclusion or improvement of the sources listed and look forward to continuing to improve the technical assistance we provide to assist our Native American constituents" said Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator Benjamin Fletcher.

The directory also was requested by members of the Legislature's Interim Indian Affairs Committee and Legislative Finance Committee.

"I encouraged the creation of this directory to make it easier for Native American leaders, service providers and individuals to identify and access a variety of detailed funding sources and services provided by state agencies," said State Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom (D-McKinley & San Juan). "I congratulate the Indian Affairs Department on the remarkable work they did to complete this important directory."

The Native American Programs and Services Directory can be accessed at [www.iad.state.nm.us](http://www.iad.state.nm.us).

# Forest grants available

About \$3.5 million dollars in federal funding is available for forest restoration projects in New Mexico, including on the Lincoln National Forest.

The grants will be awarded this year under the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program, said the U.S. Forest Service's Southwestern Regional Forester, Corbin Newman.

"The Forest Service will provide grants of up to \$360,000 for projects that will be implemented in four years or less," said Corbin.

The program encourages different organizations to collaborate on the design, implementation and monitoring of restoration projects on public and tribal lands. Grant money is available for projects on federal, tribal, state, county or municipal lands.

Corbin said by working together to apply for the grants, small business owners, conservation and environmental groups, community organizations, Native American tribes, universities and other

organizations can help reduce the threat of wildfire, improve forest and watershed conditions, and bring jobs to local communities.

The collaborative partnerships are sought to create local employment and training opportunities while accomplishing forest restoration objectives.

"Last year the Forest Service received 39 grant proposals requesting more than \$12 million," said Newman. "A technical advisory panel reviewed the proposals and made recommendations to us on the proposals that best met the objectives of the program. The Forest Service then awarded 14 grants totaling approximately \$4.1 million."

Grant proposals are due at the Forest Service Southwest Center in Albuquerque by March 1. The program coordinator for the Lincoln National Forest is Connie Zipperer in Alamogordo. She can be reached at 575-434-7297.

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**Ruidoso Downs Public Works Director Cleatus Richards points to a Riverside Park location that may be developed for fishing.**

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## New Downs park may meet river restoration requirements

JIM KALVELAGE  
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The first spending toward a mandated \$1 million in Rio Ruidoso river restorations and enhancements is coming together. A Silver City firm has been selected by Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs to con-

sult on watershed restoration projects along the Rio Ruidoso. A contract with Stream Dynamics will also need the approval of the two communities' wastewater treatment Joint Use Board. "This whole affair is a part of the settlement agreement with the Forest

Guardians (now WildEarth Guardians)," said Cleatus Richards, Ruidoso Downs' public works director. "We are required to make improvement for the benefit of the river health and recreation." The 2008 settlement of an environmental lawsuit over phosphorus in the dis-

charge from the regional wastewater treatment plant to the Rio Ruidoso required, among other things, that Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs spend at least \$1 million on projects to restore the river. Stream Dynamics will be paid up to \$40,000. Their scope of work would

include a discussion of the issues during a face-to-face meeting with the Rio Ruidoso Restoration Committee (RRRC), preparing a set of maps of the Rio Ruidoso from the Mescalero Apache Reservation line to a point one-half mile below the wastewater treatment plant's effluent discharge

point, mapping of river tributaries, ecological conditions of the waterways; urbanized areas and features, and potential recreational locations.

### Riverside Park

The new Riverside Park in Ruidoso Downs could fit into the recreational category. With the 85 percent Ruidoso/15 percent Ruidoso Downs split of wastewater treatment expenses, Richards said the city must cover \$150,000 of the \$1 million requirement. Ruidoso is responsible for \$850,000. Outside funding, such as grants and in-kind work, would count toward the \$1 million.

"I had proposed to the restoration committee the Riverside Park project," said Richards. "And the consultant has been provided with a copy of our park plan to be considered during their river work process. We want them to consider that as our project."

Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong liked the proposal. "We want to spend our money in our area here," Armstrong said. "The park is one of the areas we have that would meet the requirements."

### Tables in place

The nine-acre park had a dozen picnic tables installed and land work done in September courtesy of a group of area churches. Richards said three pavilions, a walking path, more picnic tables, and a fishing area are included in future plans. He estimated close to \$300,000 would go into the new park, with much of that covered by using the city's workforce.

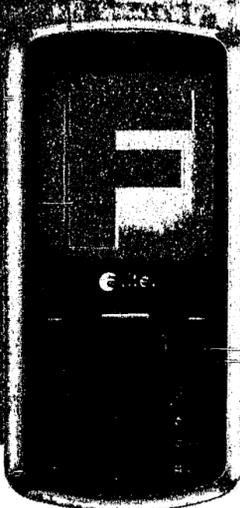
Stream Dynamics specializes in watershed projects. The company was recommended over Parametrix, a firm with an Albuquerque office.

The RRRC initially recommended Stream Dynamics to review the plans. The committee is comprised of a delegate each from Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, a New Mexico Game and Fish Department official, and two representatives from WildEarth Guardians.

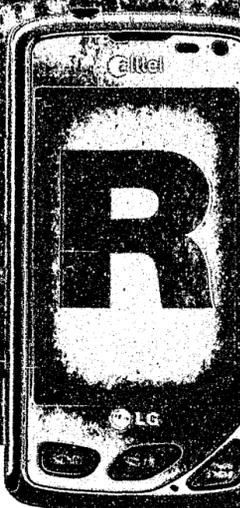
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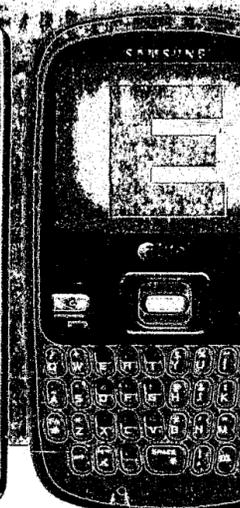
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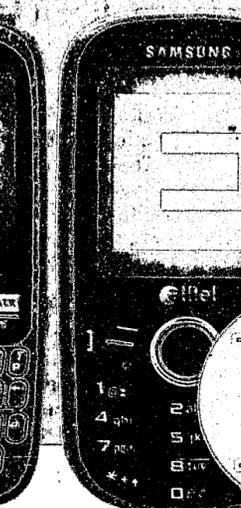
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## LOBBY

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Stoddard said with such tight economic times, it is difficult to send \$10,000, but Ruidoso has the biggest stake in the tax-break issue and needs a strong voice.

Cory added to lose the race track would be a blow because it is one of the largest employers in

Lincoln County. The track owner has applied to move the operation to Doña Ana County, if a tax break to the associated casino isn't forthcoming from the state.

Mayor L Ray Nunley said even if another track operator moved into Ruidoso Downs, it would take a year to set up and that could "devastate" the village.

Rebstock reminded councilors the money set

*"If [Debi] Lee could be there every day, I'd be happy. But how could she with the mess we dumped into her lap?"*

aside for lobbying was allocated to another use. She said with all of the other lobbyists in the mix, Nunley and the village manager would be good substitutes for a profession-

al lobbyist in representing the village.

Stoddard, former executive director of the R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation, took exception to the characterization that

the lobbyist would be helping Hubbard, the track owner. The lobbyist would be helping the village, he said.

"If (Lee) could be there every day, I'd be happy," he said. "But how could she with the mess we dumped into her lap?"

Councilor Angel Shaw said she could support the contract if the money was in the \$8,000 range, because the lobbyist would be

piggybacking with others. Lee said she already suggested reducing the amount to the lobbyist and he was going to get back to her.

She and Cory agreed the expense legitimately could be funded with lodgers tax dollars, because of its connection to the promotion of tourism. Shaw said she would be more comfortable with using that source for the expense.

## COURT

FROM PAGE 1A

Route 6. The two got into a heated argument, according to court filings, and eventually Dolan parked his car so they could fight. The victim suffered a fractured nose, a broken wrist, a fractured leg, a spinal injury, broken ribs, and a head injury. Dolan left the hitchhiker lying on the side of the road and drove off. A Bureau of Indian Affairs police officer found the man unconscious and bleeding. A medical helicopter transported him to a trauma center in El Paso.

After Dolan pleaded

guilty to assault resulting in serious bodily injury, the district court on July 30, 2007 sentenced Dolan to 21 months in prison and three years on parole. At the sentencing hearing the court also noted that restitution was required by the restitution act. But because the court had insufficient information about the victim's medical costs, it left the matter open. The court informed Dolan that he should "anticipate that such an award would be made in the future."

On Oct. 5, 2007, probation officials estimated the hitchhiker's medical care costs were \$105,559.78 and provided documentation to the court. The court was

also informed that MVRA had a deadline. The report stated "the court shall set a date for the final determination of the victim's losses, not to exceed 90 days after sentencing, which in this case shall be Oct. 28, 2007."

The district court did not hold a restitution hearing by the deadline, but instead waited until Feb. 4, 2008.

At the hearing Dolan's attorney argued that the court no longer had authority to order restitution because more than 90 days had passed since sentencing.

Following another hearing on the deadline question, the district court can-

didly acknowledged it had erred, but ruled the deadline requirement did not deprive the court of entering a restitution award.

Dolan's attorney appealed, and on May 27, 2009, the U.S. Court of Appeals Tenth Circuit upheld the district court decision.

A three-judge appellate panel agreed that the district court's restitution order was indeed late, but their decision added a tardy restitution order was not an invalid one.

"MVRA's deadline seeks to prod the government into ensuring victims swift compensation," the decision stated. "Sometimes, of course, the government is not so easily prodded.

When that happens - when the MVRA's deadline passes without a restitution order entered - the affected victim may have a cause to complain. But the defendant does not get off the hook."

The appeals court panel said MVRA is about "mandating" restitution.

"The statute thus suggests that restitution shall be awarded within 90 days but also that, notwithstanding any missed deadline, restitution must be awarded," the judges said.

"Nothing in the MVRA suggests that a defendant should be freed from the obligation of paying restitution just because the district court was slow in

ordering it. Such a result would thwart rather than effect Congress's expressed desire that all victims of covered crimes receive restitution," the decision stated.

MVRA also allows a district court to revise a restitution order days, months, years or decades after the deadline, if the victim incurs additional losses because of a defendant's conduct.

Dolan also appealed the amount of restitution. His attorney argued \$250 each month was beyond Dolan's finances.

A date for the U.S. Supreme Court to consider the case has not been established.

## RATES

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Red Oak Consulting.

"I've lost faith in the study," she said. "I think we will do better (than projected). The average consumption is 6,000 gallons a household and 4,000 gallons is the base (before the volume charge kicks in), so most customers are not going to see a drop in their bills."

After some time with the new rates, she wants a review to "get past phantom numbers," and to adjust the rates again, if needed, Rebstock said. Councilor Angel Shaw included an annual review in her motion to approve.

Under the scenario adopted by the council, the minimum monthly rate will be adjusted at the beginning of each fiscal year using the Consumer Price Index.

The monthly minimum base charge for in-village customers will be \$14.20 for residential in 2010, decreases to \$12.90 in 2011 and \$10.30 in 2014. The nonresidential charge begins this year at \$21.88, then drops to \$13.60 in 2011 and \$12.30 in 2014.

The associated sewer commodity charge for residential begins this year at \$1.15 per 1,000 gallons in excess of 4,000 gallons for residential and non-residential; increasing to \$1.77 per gallon in 2011 and \$2.73 per 1,000 gallons in 2014.

The wastewater treatment base monthly charge would be \$33 for residential and \$45.50 for nonresidential this year, decreasing to \$27.80 and \$39.10 in 2011 and to \$19.70 and \$25.30 in 2012. The wastewater commodity charge for water in excess of 4,000 gallons will be \$2.88 per 1,000 gallons for residential and nonresidential this year, \$4.61 next year and \$7.40 in 2012.

Charges for sewer and wastewater vary for customers outside the village limits or those inside the village without municipal water service.

Staff recommended a five-year phase-in to allow business owners and residents to adjust, and a review every two years. The new rates are neces-

sary to pay off general obligation bonds and a loan for \$36 million in changes at the plant, as well as covering the cost of operation annually, according to a staff memorandum. The new rates also are aimed at equalizing the financial burden for the plant between residential and nonresidential customers. Historically, residential customers carried a disproportionate share of the responsibility through higher rates. Ruidoso councilors also previously enacted a gross receipts tax in an attempt to capture contribution toward wastewater expenses from tourists, who are the primary reason a larger and more efficient plant was required to meet peak demand.

Instead of the three and five year phase-in volume emphasis choices, councilors could have opted for an immediate switch to a volume-based rate, thrusting the charge in excess of 4,000 gallons to \$7.12 per thousand this year and finally, up to \$7.60. Councilor Ron Hardeman said he wasn't in favor of a five-year phased approach.

"The Red Oak study took two to three years and we've been telling people relief was coming," he said. "I'm not comfortable telling them they'll have to wait five more years."

Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris said five years is a gentler curve for adjusting to the new volume system and was recommended by Red Oak consultants. The staff asked for an intermediate three years after conferring with councilors, he said.

"Even with three, if we encountered problems, we could revisit the rates," said Councilor Greg Cory, who attended through a conference call.

Shaw asked about increasing the minimum 4,000 gallons to 5,000 gallons under the base before the commodity charge per thousand kicks in, but Morris was concerned about the projected money stream for repayment of the bonds and loan. Hardeman agreed that any change to the formula now could cause a ripple effect and "change everything."

Mayor L. Ray Nunley said the 4,000 gallon cap also was an attempt to encourage conservation.

Councilor James Stoddard agreed, saying, "When I gave my children an allowance, it didn't matter what it was, they spent it."

Stoddard said he wants to see relief for residential customers, who carried the majority of the financial load for a long time.

Morris said 52 percent of the village's water bills are for 4,000 gallons or less per month and 56 percent are for 5,000 gallons or less.

Village Manager Debi Lee said, "We really won't

know until we have a year's experience." Wastewater treatment and sewer charges are based on metered water consumption.

Businessman Harvey Foster said in September he asked for the consultants and councilors to consider different grades of commercial. "It doesn't make sense" to charge an office the same commercial rate as a restaurant, he contended. Foster said he was told Red Oaks was

working on it, but he didn't see any mention in the final scenario or recommendation.

Hardeman said with the change to a volume emphasis, he was assured businesses that don't use much water, such as real estate offices, won't see a substantial increase in their bills. But Foster said a rate that causes a person to pay more in an office using about 400 gallons a month than a residence using 4,000 gallons "is not right."

Lee said staff checked out a dozen other communities for comparisons and suggestions. None had separate commercial categories, only residential and commercial.

The village already began paying back the general obligation bonds and the new completion date for the wastewater treatment plant is Feb. 11, 2011, Morris said. In her motion, Shaw said the newly adopted rates should be reviewed beginning Feb. 1, 2011.

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# HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

## Winter blues got you down?

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"Every mile is two in winter." - George Herbert  
Do the winter months get you down?

As the temperatures drop and the days shorten providing less hours of sunlight, some individuals suffer from increasing symptoms of depression. You may be one of them.

Ruidoso is blessed with more sunshine than many locations in the winter.

Even so, the colder weather can keep you inside, away from friends and activities.

In the winter months, these symptoms point toward seasonal depression:

- decreased levels of energy;
- difficulty concentrating;
- fatigue;
- an increase in appetite, especially craving carbohydrates such as bread or pasta;
- an increased desire to be alone;
- an increased need for sleep;
- weight gain, and feeling irritable, sad, moody, or anxious.

Enough people, particularly women, deal with increased symptoms of depression during the winter months that the phe-

nomenon has been identified as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) or Seasonal Depression.

People who live in countries located within 30 degrees of the Equator and experience plenty of sunshine throughout the year rarely have this disorder.

The degree of seasonal depression varies from being mildly irritable and out of sorts to full-blown depression resulting in loss of relationships, productivity or even suicide.

Mood disorders are serious and emotionally debilitating.

If you are experiencing several of these symptoms, contact a professional - counselor, psychologist or doctor to determine your level of depression and suggest effective treatment. Cognitive-behavioral counseling is one way to learn new ways to manage your symptoms.

Medication may or not be indicated.

If you find yourself emotionally down during the short days of winter, several things can help:

- Spend some amount of time outside very day, even if the sky is overcast.
- Eat a balanced diet.

You may crave starchy and sweet foods but lacking sufficient vitamins and minerals lowers energy and decreases health.

• Exercise for 30 minutes a day, at least three times a week. This is most effective when geared to your fitness level and can be inside the home.

• Stay involved with regular activities with friends and family. Social support is extremely important any time of the year, but especially during the winter months.

When our emotions become negative and imbalanced, our physical lives and daily life suffer.

It is easy to ignore the symptoms and simply hope they will go away.

Reach out for help if you find yourself sinking into depression.

Resources are available in our community to assist.

"In the depth of winter, I learned that within me lay an invincible summer."

- Albert Camus

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## Gonzales named admitting supervisor at hospital

Lincoln County Medical Center, LCMC, is pleased to announce Jodie Gonzales is the Admitting Supervisor for the hospital.

Gonzales assumed the role on Jan. 10. LCMC is managed by Presbyterian Healthcare Services; New Mexico's only private not-for-profit healthcare system.

Gonzales has been an employee of LCMC for the past three years and has worked in the Admitting department for her entire tenure.

"With her knowledge of admitting and management background, Jodie is a welcomed addition to our leadership team," said LCMC's Business Office Manager Ann Blue.

Prior to returning to the area in 2006, Gonzales worked in north Phoenix, Arizona for Albertson's grocery stores and Chase Bank for more than 18 years.

"I really enjoy taking care of people and making sure that the admitting process is as quick and easy for every patient as possible," said Gonzales.

"I feel like I can better assist our patients in this position."

Gonzales has two chil-



Jodie Gonzales assumed the role of admitting supervisor at LCMC on Jan. 10.

dren and one grandchild. Lincoln County Medical Center and Presbyterian Healthcare Services operates a hospital, six clinics and a countywide ambulance service. Lincoln County Medical Center employs more than 250 people, including more than 15 providers throughout Lincoln County.

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## Prenatal and childbirth classes offered monthly at LCMC

The Lincoln County Medical Center will offer childbirth delivery classes for expectant mothers and coaches on Saturday, Jan. 16, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Classes will be held in the conference room at LCMC, 211 Sudderth Dr. in Ruidoso.

Cost is \$20 per class.

Future classes will be held every month on the third Saturday at the same time and location listed above. Mothers expecting to deliver between Feb. 1 and March 31, are encour-

aged to attend. The classes will teach relaxation and breathing techniques, vaginal and cesarean births, pain management, newborn care and breastfeeding. Pregnant mothers expecting to deliver between now through early-January are encouraged to attend.

Attendees should bring pillows, something to drink and snacks and there will be a one-hour lunch break.

For additional information, contact the LCMC OB Department at 575-257-8275.

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Oct. 1, 2009, a boy, Jonah Ken Kaydahzinne, 7 lbs, 1 oz, 21", to Kareena Kaydahzinne of Mescalero;

Oct. 1, 2009, a girl, Leah Dodson, 6 lbs, 13.3 oz, 18", to Christina Cole of Ruidoso;

Oct. 1, 2009, a boy, Johnathan Victor Rodriguez, 8 lbs, 15 oz, 20", to Jonna Hamilton and Victor Rodriguez of Ruidoso;

Oct. 2, 2009, a girl, Nyasia Keeyana Sanchez-Begay, 6 lbs, 8.2 oz, 17-1/2", to Brianna Sanchez and Michael Begay of Ruidoso;

Oct. 3, 2009, a girl, Clover Belle Cope, 6 lbs, 14 oz, 19", to Tanya R. McGee of Alamogordo;

Oct. 5, 2009, a boy, Matthew Lee Born, 6 lbs, 1.3 oz, 19-1/2", to Katy and Garrett Born of Ruidoso.

Oct. 7, 2009, a boy, Marcus Edward Allen Dunlap, 7 lbs, 12 oz, 20", to William P. and Janette M. Dunlap of Alamogordo;

Oct. 9, 2009, a boy, Deric John Cole Russell, 9 lbs, 3.5 oz, 21", to Darlene and Eric Russell of Ruidoso;

Oct. 9, 2009, a girl, Jewel Kay Tahnito-Palmer, 7 lbs, 10.2 oz, 19", to Wynona Tahnito and Scott Palmer of Mescalero;

Oct. 13, 2009, a girl, Seaven Reign Martinez, 4 lbs, 12 oz, 17", to Lori and Jesse Martinez of Mescalero;

Oct. 17, 2009, a boy, Giovanni Marqus Andrade,

8 lbs, 5 oz, 19-1/2", to Selina and Frank Andrade of Alamogordo;

Oct. 19, 2009, a boy, DeShaun Cody Cajé, 9 lbs, 1.1 oz, 21", to Arielle Beck and Matthew Cajé of Ruidoso;

Oct. 21, 2009, a girl, Kaylee Marie Jones, 5 lbs, 7 oz, 18", to Heather Jones of Ruidoso;

Oct. 22, 2009, a girl, Beya Angel Gonzales, 8 lbs, 4.3 oz, 19", to Apollonia S. Page and Adam A. Gonzales of Ruidoso;

Oct. 22, 2009, a boy, Aiden Daniel Garrett, 7.03 lbs, 20-1/2", to Ernestine Gonzales and Jerrod Garrett of Ruidoso;

Oct. 22, 2009, a boy, Adrian Villanueva Esquivel, 6 lbs, 13.3 oz, 20", to Dan Villanueva and Mayra Esquivel of Ruidoso;

Oct. 24, 2009, a girl, Alynah Lugo, 6 lbs, 12 oz, 19-1/2", to Rudi Rachel Lugo of Ruidoso;

Oct. 25, 2009, a girl, Dustine Lind Alvarado, 8.9 lbs, 19-3/4", to Damian and Shannon Alvarado of Mescalero;

Oct. 26, 2009, a girl, Mystery Eve Forte, 8 lbs, 5.1 oz, 19-1/2", to Cassandra Hosetosavit of Mescalero;

Oct. 27, 2009, a boy, Ivani Oliver Tena, 6 lbs, 12.1 oz, 19", to Ivan and Desirae Tena of Ruidoso Downs;

Oct. 31, 2009, a girl, Evy

Ireland, 6 lbs, 1 oz, 21-1/4", to Paul and Amanda Berger of Ruidoso;

Nov. 3, 2009, a boy, Torrin Bentley Phillips, 8 lbs, 5 oz, 21-1/2", to Tiffany Tinker Phillips and Justin Phillips of Ruidoso;

Nov. 4, 2009, a boy, James William Phillips, 8 lbs, 8.3 oz, 19-3/4", to Jane and Gareth Phillips of Cloudcroft;

Nov. 6, 2009, a boy, Christopher Herrera, 6 lbs, 13 oz, 18", to Trisha Yocum and Chris Herrera of Ruidoso;

Nov. 8, 2009, a boy, Jacob James Robertson, 8.62 lbs, 22", to Kayla Rai Robison and John Harvey Robertson II of Ruidoso Downs;

Nov. 8, 2009, a boy, Michael R. Arenas, 7.63 lbs, 21", to Brenda Lucero and Jaime Arenas of Ruidoso;

Nov. 9, 2009, a boy, Luis Fernando Perez, 7 lbs, 13 oz, 19.7", to Maria Garcia and Luis Carlos Perez of Ruidoso;

Nov. 10, 2009, a girl, Raylene Shalane Padilla, 8 lbs, 2.4 oz, 20", to Kristen Belin and Jose Angel Padilla of Ruidoso;

Nov. 13, 2009, a girl, Destinie Z. Zubia, 6 lbs, 17-3/4", to Stephanie and Arturo Zubia of Ruidoso;

Nov. 17, 2009, a girl, MaKayla Lynn Lopez, 9 lbs, 13 oz, 22", to Ralynne Stanbrough and Manuel

Lopez of Ruidoso;

Nov. 19, 2009, a boy, Angel Gabriel Angulo, 6 lbs, 13.6 oz, 19.5", to Karina Rivera and Miguel Angulo of Ruidoso;

Nov. 21, 2009, a boy, Daniel Ethan Kyler Lawrence, 6 lbs, 6.9 oz, 21", to LeAnna and Michael Lawrence of Alamogordo;

Nov. 21, 2009, a girl, Bailey A'lynn Swanner, 7 lbs, 9 oz, 21", to Cassi Swanner of Ruidoso;

Nov. 22, 2009, a girl, Haylin Amber Hagebusch, 8 lbs, 1.8 oz, 21", to Lacy A. and Duane L. Hagebusch of Alamogordo;

Nov. 23, 2009, a boy, Jacob Patrick Hill, 6 lbs, 13.8 oz, 20", to Briana Drury of Ruidoso;

Nov. 24, 2009, a boy, Spencer Dave Sammy, 6 lbs, 5.5 oz, 18", to Nateal and Roger Sammy of Alto;

Nov. 24, 2009, a girl, Nora Anae Comanche, 6.14 lbs, 18-1/2", to Valerie and Arden Comanche of Mescalero;

Nov. 26, 2009, a girl, Jennyfer Ahimar Quezada, 8 lbs, 13 oz, 19", to Adriana Quezada and Juan M. Lucero of Ruidoso;

Nov. 39, 2009, a boy, Abel Marcus Bellon, 9 lbs, 1 oz, 20", to Tara and Brian Bellon of Ruidoso.

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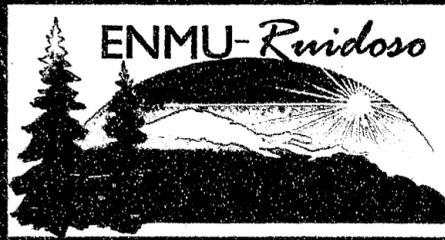
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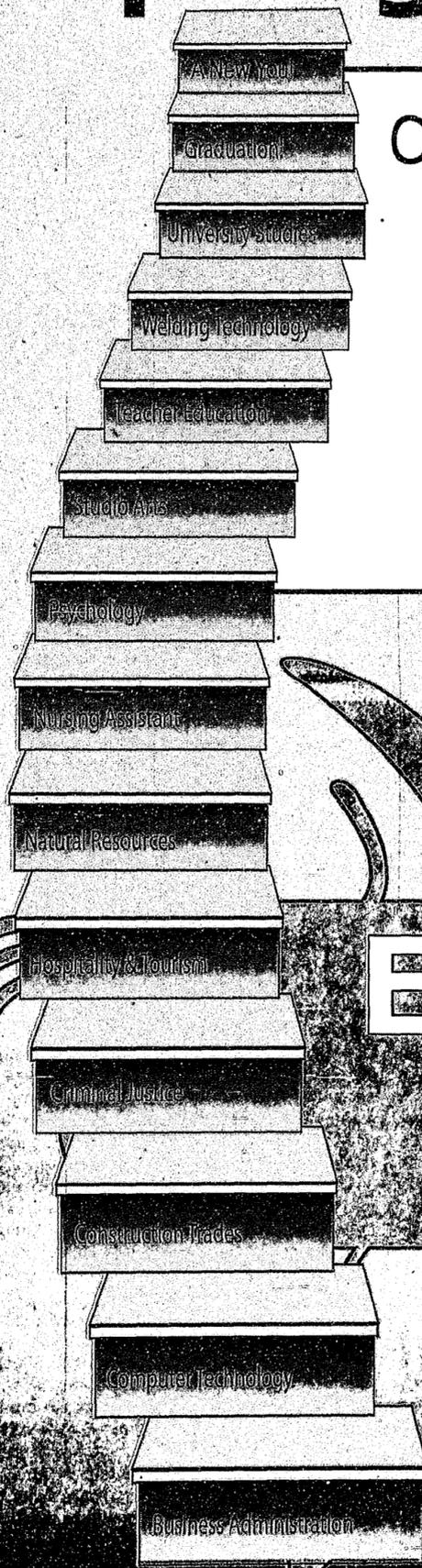
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## Council to review shareholder approach to plant ownership

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A proposal for ownership and operation of the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant based on a shareholder approach was submitted to Ruidoso village councilors Tuesday for their review.

The council was scheduled to discuss possible options during a special meeting late Thursday.

For years, officials from the Village of Ruidoso and City of Ruidoso Downs have disagreed about representation on the Joint Use Board that oversees the plant, whether a new entity should be formed and if the city should become a customer of the plant operated by the village.

The executive summary prepared by Village Public Works Director Randall Camp and other staff may not change any minds, but lays out the rationale for a shareholders approach. Currently, the two towns each have two representatives on the JUB and Lincoln County, which does not use the plant, has one. The plant is undergoing a \$6 million rehabilitation to meet required federal and state standards for discharge of contaminants into the Rio Ruidoso, and to comply with the settlement of a lawsuit.

Village Manager Debi Lee wrote councilors that the draft proposal was gen-

erated by staff after researching arrangements in other areas and borrowing some ideas from several models for regionally operated wastewater treatment plants around the country.

"The basic format of the proposal is that capital costs and operating costs are treated separately," she wrote. "Each participant has the option of determining for themselves how much capacity in terms of flow they would like to purchase."

Because capital costs must be incurred up front, an amortization schedule was created that recognizes later purchases of capital participation will reflect the fact that early participants have been paying off bond and loan expenses, including interest in the intervening period of time.

"The proposal represents one of several different stakeholder models that could be considered," she wrote.

Essentially, all municipalities interested in receiving wastewater treatment service from the plant would be required to purchase shares in the plant's capacity based on each town's peak need. Shares would be priced according to the cost to design and build the plant divided by 2.7 million, which is the design capacity of the plant in gallons daily.

Each share owned would entitle the municipality to send one gallon

per day to the plant at a municipal shareholder's treatment rate. Each municipality could purchase for growth, for lease or to sell to other municipalities, if the capacity was unneeded.

If on any day, a town exceeded its capacity share ownership, it would be required to purchase excess capacity shares equal to the excess flow above owned capacity. The price would be at the current value and that would be figured using the original cost per share escalated by accumulated yearly Consumer Price Index increases or the interest rate of outstanding loans, whichever is greatest from the date of the plant completion until the date of purchase.

The interest rate on the outstanding loan is 4.625 percent for 20 years. Shares would be less expensive at the completion date and then become more expensive with time. It would be in the best interest of a municipality to buy excess shares early, according to the analysis.

The thorniest issue, representation on the governing board, would be based on the number of capacity shares owned by each municipality. Voting strength would be based on the percentage of the total shares owned by a municipality regardless of the number of representatives per town.

The municipal treat-

ment rate would be the actual cost to treat the waste based on a per 1,000 gallons monthly billing. The rate would cover the approved budget for the plant on July 1 of each year divided by the previous year's total flow to the plant to arrive at a per gallon cost of treatment. That cost would be multiplied by 1,000 to set a price per 1,000 gallons.

If a budget shortfall occurred, each municipality would be required to contribute financial in proportion to the flow it sends during the fiscal year, divided by the total flow to the plant.

A capital reserve to replace aging equipment would be established and funded with a 15 percent per month billing.

The plant would be operated and administered by the village of Ruidoso as an enterprise fund, and the village would be compensated for administrative work performed on behalf of the plant, including human resources, purchasing and management. The village also would act as fiscal agent for the plant.

A conveyance agreement would be required if a municipality must use the sewage lines of another town to reach the plant. The village would handle monthly billing to cover the cost to treat and the capital reserve fund contribution. Penalties would be applied to bills more than 30 days old and after 90 days, a delinquent municipality's share would be decreased by the total outstanding bill. Loss of shareholder status would result in a higher commercial rate being levied for treatment.

Legal costs related to the plant would be allocated to each municipality based on shares owned by percentages. Shareholders would be given monthly discharge monitoring reports and meters would be calibrated and certified by an independent third party annually.

If the plant were expanded in the future, associated costs would be shared in proportion to capacity shares owned.

Some of the advantages listed for the proposed method included transparency and equity for all municipalities involved, that the community of Alto

and the Mescalero Apache Tribe would have a chance to join as municipal partners, Lincoln County could provide service to areas along the Rio Ruidoso, that the plant would operate as a true regional service, that a town could choose to be a shareholder or a customer or combination of the two and that ownership requirement would be based on the same design requirements as the new plant, daily peak, instead of yearly average.

The plant would have the operational benefits of an Authority without the additional complications and costs, estimated at more than \$500,000, according to the report. The arrangement also would establish an incentive for reducing inflow and line leakage, currently estimated at more than 30 percent, or about a \$426,000 per year loss.

A flow analysis in the packet concluded that only with daily metering can the true flow generated by each member be calculated. Capacity should be assessed in the same manner as the design of the new plant, gallons per day. The plant will be rated at 2.7 million gallons per day.

Under a staff position paper, criticism was leveled at the city of Ruidoso Downs for frequent disputes about billing. Staff wrote that the city withholds all payment instead of only the disputed portion, thrusting a significant financial burden on the village for as much as six months at a time.

The city also only pays what officials there define as their share of operating costs, but not capacity. They pay toward a capital recovery fund for replacement of aging equipment and recently, began paying a percentage of administrative costs, usually under protest, according to the report. They consistently refuse to pay the city's share of the cost of equipment for treatment of sludge at the plant. "The net effect is that the (Village) ratepayers have been subsidizing the (city's) share of these costs for years," the staff wrote.

The staff advocated the current 50-50 percent representation of the two towns on the Joint Use Board be discarded and

representation be based on fiscal/flow responsibility with 10 to 12 members. One to two seats would go to the city and the remainder to the village with no representative from Lincoln County.

"The fairness and equitability of any agreement will be questionable until such time as representation is proportional to each municipality's respective customer base and financial contribution," they contended.

Normally, a junior contributor would be a customer, not an owner, the staff wrote. As such, the city would have to abide by requirements such as a grease trap program, which it only implemented within the last two months, while the village had a program for more than 10 years because of grease's negative effect on the system.

Creating a separate Authority to operate the plant, as has also been suggested, would immediately increase sewer rates for both towns, because of additional expenses connected to salaries and benefits and more attorneys. The towns would surrender taxing power to the Authority.

The staff recommended restructuring of the JUB to reflect ownership of the new plant with representation on the board reflecting the funding supplies by each municipality through the purchase of treatment capacity. The City of Ruidoso Downs could become a municipal customer of the village and the plant would operate as an enterprise fund.

The rate structure would be based on a capacity charge, a capital recovery charge or capital reserve, operational costs and administrative charges.

All components would be captured to establish a cost per gallon or cost per 1,000 gallon charge. It would be in each municipality's best interest to secure as much funding on the front end to reduce the capacity charge component.

If members decide the JUB will continue to oversee the operation, the staff recommends membership be expanded to 12 seats to allow proportional representation based on flow and financial responsibility.

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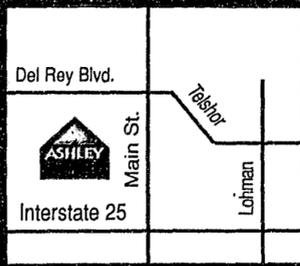
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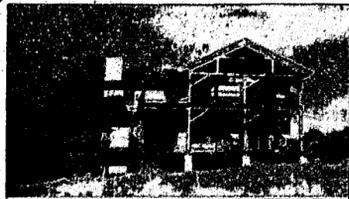


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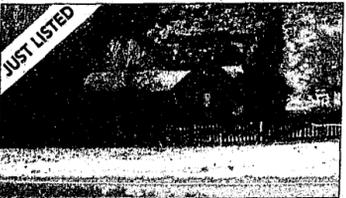
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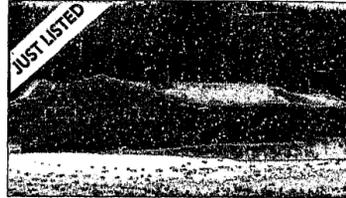
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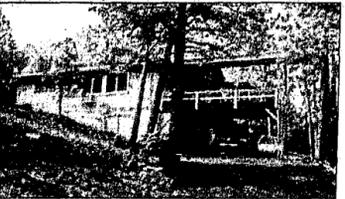
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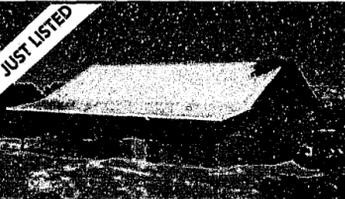
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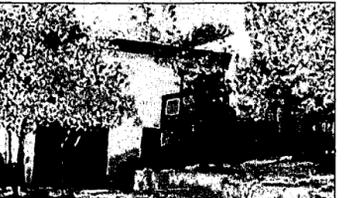
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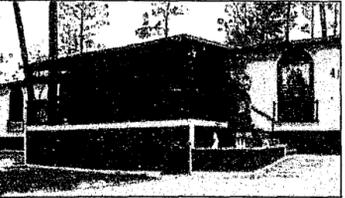
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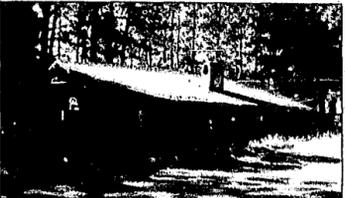
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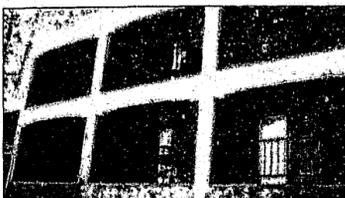
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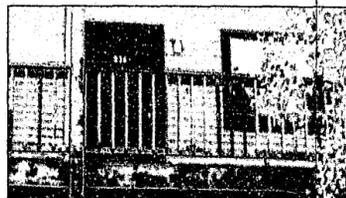
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### Ski Report

#### 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: 79 inches

Weather for Friday: A 10 percent chance of snow showers before 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 44. North wind between 5 and 10 mph. Friday evening, partly cloudy, with a low around 21. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Weather for Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 47. West wind between 5 and 10 mph. Saturday evening, partly cloudy, with a low around 26. West wind around 10 mph.

Current conditions: Excellent  
Mid-mountain snow depth: 37 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, Chino, Meadows, Snow Park, Smokey Bear, Upper Deep Freeze, Face, Game Trail, Geronimo, Elk Ridge, Bull Run, Roys Run, Upper Snow Park, Lincoln Lift Line and part of Apache Bowl.

Groomers Pick: Lincoln Lift Line  
Lifts open: No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6 and No. 8. Gondola is closed.

Snowmaking: Yes, Lift No. 8 area.

### Results

#### Boys Basketball

Friday, Jan. 8  
Ruidoso 73, Cobre 32  
Monday, Jan. 11  
Ruidoso 68, W. Las Vegas 67  
Tuesday, Jan. 12  
Capitan 55, Carrizozo 44

#### Girls Basketball

Thursday, Jan. 7  
Magdalena 79, Mescalero 41  
Friday, Jan. 8  
Socorro 64, Ruidoso 54  
Monday, Jan. 11  
Ruidoso 60, Hatch 35  
Tuesday, Jan. 12  
Socorro 50, Ruidoso 41  
Capitan 57, Carrizozo 22

#### Smokey Bear Tournament

Boys, Thursday, Jan. 7  
Capitan 58, Mescalero 42  
Hagerman 88, Hondo 48  
Carrizozo 40, Capitan JV 23  
Reserve 52, Cloudcroft 35  
Girls, Thursday, Jan. 7  
Hagerman 41, Capitan 30  
Cloudcroft 34, Carrizozo 32  
Hondo 50, Reserve 27  
Boys, Friday, Jan. 8  
Hagerman 61, Capitan 38  
Reserve 53, Carrizozo 44  
Hondo 70, Mescalero 55  
Cloudcroft 55, Capitan JV 33  
Girls, Friday, Jan. 8  
Capitan 53, Reserve 14  
Hondo 58, Cloudcroft 46  
Hagerman 42, Carrizozo 19  
Boys, Saturday, Jan. 9  
Hagerman 80 (First Place), Reserve 42 (Second)  
Capitan 43 (Third Place), Carrizozo 38 (Fourth)  
Hondo 68 (Consolation Champion), Cloudcroft 50  
Mescalero 53, Capitan JV 30  
Girls, Saturday, Jan. 9  
Hagerman 50 (First Place in Pool Play), Hondo 37  
Capitan 16 (Second), Cloudcroft 10  
Carrizozo 50, Reserve 29

### Sports On Tap

#### Boys Basketball

Friday, Jan. 15  
Mescalero at Capitan, 4 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 16  
Hondo at Cliff, 3 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 19  
Hot Springs at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.  
Cloudcroft at Capitan, 4 p.m.  
Zozo at Magdalena, 4 p.m.  
Hondo at Gateway, 5:30 p.m.

#### Girls Basketball

Friday, Jan. 15  
Tularosa at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.  
Mescalero at Capitan, 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 16  
RHS JV at Zozo, 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 19  
Ruidoso at Cobre, 7 p.m.  
Hondo at Gateway, 5:30 p.m.

## Leading trainer Paul Jones heads Ruidoso Hall of Fame class

TY WYANT  
For the Ruidoso News

Paul Jones, the all-time leading money-earning quarter horse trainer, heads the 2010 class to be inducted into the Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame during the induction banquet on June 26.

Joining Jones in the 2010 class are owner/breeder Dr. Leonard Blach, jockey Eddie Garcia and the All American Futurity winning horse Mr Master Bug.

Jones has dominated quarter horse racing with eight-straight titles as the nation's champion Quarter Horse trainer.

He won his most recent title when the champions were announced Wednesday evening in Oklahoma City.

In December, Jones became the all-time leading money earning quarter horse trainer when he surpassed Blane Schvaneveldt.

Each trainer has saddled the earners of more than \$55 million. Schvaneveldt, a 12-time national training champi-



FILE PHOTO

Dr. Leonard Blach, left, shown with partner Mark Allen, owners of Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird, will be inducted into the 2010 Hall of Fame.

on, is a member of the Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame.

Last year, Jones' horses earned a record \$7,481,604, which was more than \$2,000,000 above the second- and third-leading money earning trainers combined.

In 2009, Jones won his third Grade 1, \$2,000,000 All American Futurity with his probable champion 2-year-old Running Brook Gal.

He also swept the top three spots in the Grade 1 All American Derby and won the Grade 1, \$2,000,000 Los Alamitos

Two Million Futurity.

"This is a very humbling honor for me, especially at my age, to be involved with such greats as are already in the Hall of Fame," Jones said.

"This famous organization exists because of the Hubbards, Joan Dale and R.D., and it's a huge compliment to be included with such a noble horseracing group."

Blach, of Roswell, New Mexico, owns and operates Buena Suerte Equine, a major breeding operation. He was the veterinarian and ranch manager of Buena Suerte Equine's pre-



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Paul Jones, shown with his wife Marin at the 2008 Hall of Fame induction dinner, will be a 2010 Hall of Fame member.

decessor Buena Suerte Mark Allen of 2009 Ranch, which stood leading Kentucky Derby winner sires Easy Jet and Go Man Mine That Bird.

Blach is co-owner with

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## Ruidoso racers head north to Durango

LAURA DOTH  
For the Ruidoso News

For a ski racer, Christmas vacation isn't about sleeping in and watching TV. With Mother Nature smiling on the mountains of Southern New Mexico, the Ruidoso Ski Team took full advantage of the excellent snow conditions at Ski Apache.

Under the guidance of coaches Mark Doth and Hubert Seigmann, ski team members Lexie Doth, Borja Ferrero and Mitchell Perry were joined by college racers Peter Zagone and Kelsey Fagan and international racers Javier and Bruno Ferrero for a four day training camp.

Working with the management at Ski Apache, the racers loaded the lifts at 8:00 AM every morning to begin setting gates on Capitan.

Once the course was set, they practiced arcing in

and out of the gates, fine tuning their skills with each run.

When heavy snow prevented the coaches from setting a course, the racers headed to the top of the mountain and reveled in spectacular powder skiing.

The training served the racers well, and they were in great shape for the first Southern Series race of the season.

While the rest of the world slept in or nursed a headache from an overly active New Year's Eve, the Ruidoso Ski Team packed their equipment and welcomed the new year with a giant slalom race in Durango, Colorado.

In the early days of alpine ski racing, athletes competed in only two events; Downhill and Slalom.

Giant Slalom was added to the lineup in 1950 and Super G in 1983. Because of the open placement of

the gates, Downhill and Super G races are known as "speed" events, while Slalom and Giant Slalom races are "technical" events.

Giant Slalom (GS) races are considered the discipline that requires the most technical skill. Competitors race down the mountain through a faster and more open course than a Slalom race.

The vertical drop of the course determines the number of gates placed in the course.

The January 2 GS race in Durango was set on Upper Hades. The course featured rolling terrain and steep pitches.

Lexie Doth was the first Ruidoso racer to leave the starting gate. She had an excellent run going until she swept down the hill preparing to hit the final pitch.

Ski racers are more stable when they put their



ZACH DOTH/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Lexie Doth puts her skis on edge during the Durango GS.

weight forward, over their skis. If their balance is not right, it's called "getting into the back seat". Coming off the rolling terrain, Lexie got into the "back seat" and

fell. She slid through the gate, and with the onlookers urging her on, she got back up and finished the

See SKI, page 2B

## These are 'the good old days'

Older people sometimes wax nostalgic about 'the good old days,' in sports when it comes to past icons of, say, baseball, basketball, boxing or football.

One time I asked my father what his favorite time period was in life and he instantly replied, "Today, son. And tomorrow will no doubt be better.

Visit any hospital, supermarket or automobile showroom if you don't think so."

His answer surprised me. "But, don't you think Ty Cobb was the greatest baseball player to have ever put on a pair of cleats?" I asked him.

"So, you're telling me Roberto Clemente, Stan Musial or Sandy Koufax are chopped liver," he replied.

I struggled to win the discussion with him.

"Next, you'll tell me girls will play Little League baseball," I blurted out.

He just looked at me and smiled.

As was his habit, he paused and then tersely said, "Bet on it."

"No way, dad, no way," I think I sputtered. "That'll never hap-

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BY MIKE CURRAN  
SPORTS EDITOR

pen."

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# CAPITAN-CARRIZOZO GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL



CHRISTEL GRIEGO/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS  
**Jordan Dalton** (No. 1) defends against Carrizozo's Ashley Ventura (front) and Dakota Lovelace in Tuesday's 57-22 Capitan win.



CHRISTEL GRIEGO/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS  
 'Zozo's Sarah' Ferguson, left, and Scheryiah Romero get set.



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS  
 Capitan's Logan Eshom (No. 3) tries to go around Zozo's Cody Ventura while Rudy Chavez (No. 0) and Marshall Ventura observe. The Tigers won Tuesday's game at Capitan, 55-44.

## FAME

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The gelding was also second in the Preakness Stakes and third in the Belmont Stakes.

Blach and Allen brought Mine That Bird to Ruidoso Downs to lead the post

parade for the 2009 All American Futurity before more than 23,000 fans.

"I was totally surprised and astonished when I was informed I would be included in the upcoming 2010 Hall of Fame class," Dr. Blach said.

"It never occurred to me I would join the likes of Paul Jones and other such

great recipients. Considering the people in it, to say I'm honored would be putting it mildly.

"The Kentucky Derby was on my 'bucket list' but it never entered my mind that I would be involved in such an acclaimed body as the Hall of Fame. I am touched that I will be a part of it."

Garcia has been a stalwart in the jockey colony at Los Alamitos Race Course in Southern California and is that track's all-time leading rider with nearly 2,600 winners. He surpassed Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame member Danny Cardoza to reach the top spot.

He earned his richest

win in 2008 when he teamed with Schvaneveldt to win the Los Alamitos Two Million with Tres Passes. He won the race in 1996 (when it was the Los Alamitos Million) with Corona Cartel.

Marvin Barnes' Mr Master Bug became the first racehorse of any breed to win a \$1 million first-

place check when won the 1982 All American Futurity. The stallion trained by Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame member Jack Brooks retired with earnings of \$1,793,718. He still holds the title of the all-time leading money-earning quarter horse stallion 30 years after he was foaled.

## SKI

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course. As an ability class racer, she must complete the first race in order to get a second run.

Despite falling, Doth finished the first race with a time of 1:05.69.

Next out of the start was J2 racer, Borja Ferrero. Wearing bib number 132, Ferrero raced down the course, taking each gate cleanly.

While he wasn't overly aggressive in his run, he finished the course with a respectable time of 54.88.

Mitchell Perry was the next Ruidoso racer to tackle Upper Hades. In his first race of the year, Perry skied a safe race, finishing with a time of 1:01.33.

"The first race of the season is always difficult", said coach Mark Doth. "Mitchell was a bit hesitant, but he started to get his rhythm and move for-

ward." Course setters re-set the gates for the afternoon and the athletes headed back to the hill for more racing action.

It was a very different course in the afternoon, and most racers finished three to four seconds slower than their morning times.

Coming off her morning fall, the pressure was off for Lexie Doth, and she could concentrate on perfecting her technique.

She shaved six seconds off of her morning run, posting a time of 59.28. Her combined time of 2:04.97 put her in 16th place for the day.

More comfortable with the course and the feel of the snow, Borja Ferrero finished the afternoon run with a time of 58.37. His combined time of 1:53.25 was good enough for a 17th place finish.

The problems continued for Mitchell Perry. Intent on improving his time, he focused on the

run in front of him. He missed a delay at the top of the course and had to hike.

His final time was 1:21.70, giving him a combined time of 2:23.03. Following the advice of his fellow racers, he notched it up to experience and prepared for another race day.

Sunday, January 3 was cold and clear.

Temperatures on the way to the ski area dipped to -10 degrees Fahrenheit, but warmed up as the sun rose over the snowy peaks. In the morning run, Lexie Doth donned bib number 41.

This time, she had a clean trip down the mountain, posting a time of 59:02. Borja Ferrero was hot on her heels, finishing his race in a time of 59.96. Mitchell Perry took a tentative line, and crossed the finish line in 1:06.53.

Ruidoso coach, Mark Doth set the gates for the afternoon race. He set a demanding course with

frequent technical turns on the top of the course. After the coaches knoll, it opened up and set up for more speed. The difficult set required all of the athlete's attention, and posted times were again slower than the morning run.

Lexie Doth scrubbed some speed when she got airborne over the "camel hump", but she recovered and finished with a time of 1:02.88.

Her combined time of 2:01.90 gave her an 11th place finish. She was just 32 hundredths of a second away from her first top ten finish of the season.

Borja Ferrero hit the course next. He skied aggressively, and handled the top of the course well. He finished the afternoon race with a time of 1:02.25 for a combined time of 2:02.21. He finished in 22nd place for the day.

Mitchell Perry chose a safe line down the course, but had a clean run. His time of 1:09.74 gave him a combined time of 2:16.27.



ZACH DOTH/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS  
 Borja Ferrero takes a tight line down the course.

His 28th place finish lowered his overall points and improved his standing from the previous day.

"I was pleased with the effort shown by the racers in Durango", said Coach Mark Doth. "This race

course is a real challenge for many racers, and the kids handled it well. It was a good start to the new year. Our next race is a Super G, and this race was a good prep for that effort."

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## DAYS

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"We'll see, won't we?" he said.

That approximate conversation took place many years ago but I remember it vividly because his initial answer astounded me.

Monday I covered a girls' basketball game at Ruidoso High School. While in the course of taking pictures of the Lady Warriors as they shot baskets I noticed, upon reviewing them at half-time, a goodly number of my pictures were of No. 21.

It wasn't intentional that I had multiple photos of her. I shoot whomever comes to the basket in a good potential "shot." It's not a good idea to focus on one particular player.

You then miss too many other great shots of the expressions on other faces and the action surrounding them.

As is my custom, with enough pictures in hand, I watched the second half of the contest without the distraction of having to

work a camera. During the last 16 minutes of the contest I followed No. 21 up and down the court.

Her head was in the game. She's just a slip-of-a-thing but her energy more than made up for her lack of stature. She, Claudia Morales (No. 11) and a few others impressed me.

And this is coming from a guy who once never thought girls would ever see a baseball diamond.

At the end of the contest I went over to the scorekeeper's table and asked, "Who's No. 21, I think she's talented?"

"Why that's Lyndsey Saenz and she's only a freshman," came the reply. "Get out of town," I replied. "You're just telling me that because I'm Irish, right?"

"No, she's only in ninth grade."

As I drove home I thought, "Boy, things sure have changed since I played high school sports." My girlfriends back in those days used to give me cookies they made in home economics class.

Or I dated cheerleaders and they would meet me as I came out the door of the locker rooms after a

game. Now I'm covering tough female athletes on basketball courts and softball fields.

What's next, boxing? Wait a minute ... last month I wrote an article about two cage fighters - Monica Lovato and Barb Honchak. And because of that article we became friends. You can never have enough friends, right?

Now that I think of it, it's fun to watch such athletes as Alexa Borowski of Carrizozo, Taylor Huey of Corona, Alicia Nieto of Hondo, Jordan Dalton of Capitan and Tristine Chico of Mesalero. Maybe some of these female athletes can use sports as a vehicle to a college education. It wasn't that many years ago that opportunity was only open to men.

I find it hard to imagine what "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias, Jackie Joyner-Kersey or Amelia Earhart, to name but a few, had to endure while they blazed a path for others to follow.

That sage intellect who first informed me that "the good old days" are today may have been right. They are good for more of everyone.



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Brendan Flack is awarded MVP.



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Ivan Scott is honored for Leadership.



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Ralph Miranda is Hardest Hitter.



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Jarod Lewis is co-The Warrior.



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Nick Smith is co-The Warrior.

# Ruidoso football banquet honors its 2009 players

Wednesday evening saw Ruidoso football players honored for their 2009 efforts on the gridiron.

The dessert banquet featured a series of awards for numerous players.

MVP went to Brendan Flack, Hardest Hitter – Ralph Miranda, Leadership – Ivan Scott, The Warrior award, voted on by the players, was divided between Nick Smith and Jarod Lewis, Most Improved – Daryl Carr,

Special Teams – Kayle Frierson, for averaging 41.6 yards a punt.

Frierson was also elected second team All State punter and first team All District punter.

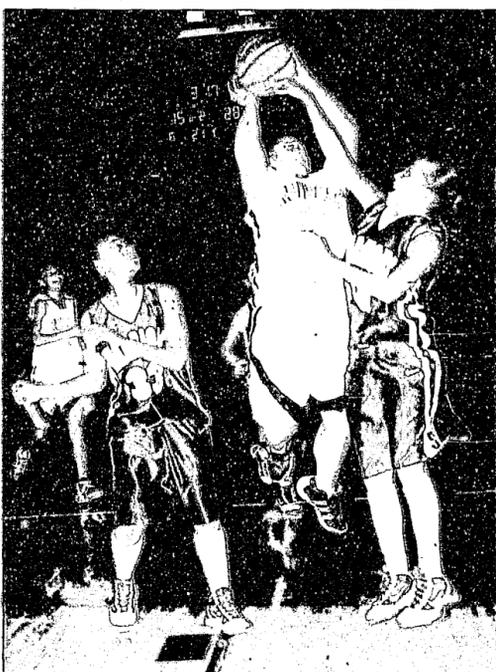
In the All District category eight Warriors were voted onto

the second team – Flack; twice, for safety and inside receiver, Scott; for offensive center, Forrest Sanchez; wide receiver, Lewis; defensive tackle, Frierson; safety, Miranda; corner and Jesse Scarafiot-ti; corner.

Blue and gold chocolate covered strawberries (made by head coach Kief Johnson (he claimed)) were served at the seniors' table.

The end of the affair was marked by thoughts of next season and the work ahead.

## RHS GIRLS HOOPS



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Gabrielle Smith goes for two in Tuesday's 50-41 loss to Socorro.

## CORONA GIRLS BASKETBALL



MICHELLE HUEY/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The 2009-10 girls Corona basketball team are: Front, Cassandra Sanchez. Second row, l-r, Judy Torres, Alicia Palomarez, Allysanne Huey. Back row, Christian Huey, Kelly Gensler, Kristi Gensler, Taylor Huey, Shelly Gensler, Lois Robinson.

# Ruidoso Downs Grade 1 Stakes produce champions of 2009

TY WYANT  
For the Ruidoso News

Once again in 2009 the six grade 1 races at Ruidoso Downs produced champions, headed by All American Futurity winner Running Brook Gal and two-time derby winner Inseperable.

The grade 1 stakes at Ruidoso Downs are the All American Futurity and All American Derby, the Rainbow Futurity and Rainbow Derby, and the Ruidoso Futurity and Ruidoso Derby.

The 2009 world champi-

ons were announced by the American Quarter Horse Association on Wednesday night in Oklahoma City.

Running Brook Gal was named champion 2-year-old and champion 2-year-old filly while Inseperable was honored as champion 3-year-old and champion 3-year-old colt.

They are each trained by Paul Jones, who was named the champion trainer for the eighth consecutive year.

Running Brook Gal earned quarter horse racing richest first-place check of \$1,000,000 while win-

ning the All American Futurity, quarter horse racing richest race. That \$1,000,000 propelled the Brookstone Bay filly to top the 2009 earnings list with \$1,318,357.

She was also second in the \$625,000 Rainbow Futurity and the only horse to qualify for the Ruidoso, Rainbow and All American futurities.

Running Brook Gal is owned by A&C Racing and Roping, who was named the champion owner. A&C Racing and Roping consists of Albert and Chad Richard of Roosevelt, Utah.

Inseperable blossomed last summer at Ruidoso Downs with wins in the All American Derby and the Rainbow Derby.

The Separatist son drew out to win the Rainbow Derby by nearly two lengths and prevailed by a neck in the All American Derby to lead a 1-2-3 sweep by horses from the Jones barn.

Denis and Julie Schoenhofer's First Klas Fred, trained by Mike Joiner, won the Ruidoso Futurity and was voted the champion 2-year-old gelding. He went on to Zia Park

and defeated Running Brook Gal in the Grade 2 Hobbs America Futurity and finish third to that rival in the Grade 1, \$300,000 Southwest Juvenile Championship.

The Double Eagle Ranch's Time For A Cigar, conditioned by Tony Sedillo, won the Ruidoso Derby and was second behind Inseperable in the Rainbow Derby on his way to the champion 3-year-old gelding award.

He is owned by Mark Allen's Double Eagle Ranch, also co-owner of 2009 Kentucky Derby win-

ner Mine That Bird.

The deadline for foals of 2009 to gain eligibility to the 2011 futurities - the All American Triple Crown - and their derby counterparts is January 15. The 2011 All American Futurity continues the tradition of the 440-yard classic being quarter horse racing's richest event. The winner's share is being increased to a new record of \$1,200,000 from the estimated purse of \$2,400,000. A foal of 2009 may be nominated for a single payment of \$150 by calling (575) 378-4431.

# The 'Wild Bunch' Lincoln County shoot 'em up takes no prisoners

JACK SHUSTER  
For the Ruidoso News

"The Wild Bunch" was the theme for the January Cowboy Action Shooting match of the Lincoln County Regulators. Twenty-one cowboys, cowgirls and spectators came from all over Lincoln County and they came armed with six guns, lever guns and scatter guns.

The shootists, along with family members and spectators, gathered under sunny skies at the Cowboy Action Shooting Range and Old West Town at the Ruidoso Gun Club range on Hale Lake Road in Ruidoso

Downs on Saturday morning, Jan. 9.

Competitors shot a Cowboy Action Shooting match with four stages based on the familiar film, "The Wild Bunch" with an additional single stage Wild Bunch Action Shooting Match. Stages were designed by Lincoln County Regulator Special Constable John Steele with scenarios written by Lincoln County Regulators founder Sgt. Shuster.

The morning started with the raising of an historic 36-star flag and the National Anthem played on a cavalry bugle by Regulator Kiowa Mike. A

Safety Briefing followed the Pledge and Allegiance and then the shooting started.

The First Stage took place during a Texas bank robbery when the escape of the Wild Bunch is foiled by the local temperance union singing "Shall We Gather At The River?" Placing first in Stage One was Regulator Rowdy Lane of Alto with Regulator John Steele of Ruidoso in second and Regulator Rusty Fillins of Ruidoso taking the third spot. They each shot a clean stage with no misses.

In the Second Stage, the Bunch holds up the train and shooters began the shooting sequence by say-

ing the line, "I could do a lot with ten grand." In a repeat of the first stage, Rowdy Lane took first place in Stage Two, followed by John Steele and Rusty Fillins. A clean stage was accomplished by Regulator Doc Lecter of Ruidoso, Regulator Frank Coe of Alto, Regulator Clayton of Ruidoso, Rusty Fillins and Rowdy Lane.

The gang members decide to take a stand in Stage Three. The Bunch has wired the wagon with dynamite and the fuse is lighted. Following the line, "How long is that fuse?" John Steel captured first place. Coming in second on

Stage Three was Rowdy Lane with Rusty Fillins taking the third spot. A clean stage was accomplished by Frank Coe, Rusty Fillins and John Steele.

In the Fourth and final Stage, a vicious, bloody gunfight results as the Bunch takes control of the machine gun. Taking control of Stage Four were John Steele, Rowdy Lane and Rusty Fillins, in that order. Rowdy Lane, Doc Lecter, Clayton and Frank Coe all shot that stage with no misses.

The Wild Bunch Action Shooting match was shot with firearms typical of the

film in a new Single Action Shooting Society competition based on the movie. SASS Wild Bunch competition is a combination of SASS Cowboy Action Shooting and Action Shooting with 1911 Pistols, Lever Action Rifles, and 1897 Pump Shotguns. These firearms were available for competitors to borrow. The next shoot of the Lincoln County Regulators will be on Saturday, February 13. For information about Cowboy Action Shooting and the Lincoln County Regulators, call or email Special Constable John Steele at srwood@val-ornet.com or 937-3023.

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# RELIGION

## Dear X: Please take me off your porn mailing list

Along with many people who've obtained my email address, a certain man I know has begun forwarding to me articles, cartoons and jokes he finds amusing and insightful, and thinks I will enjoy, as well. Oh, and he also sends me porn.

At first, I tried to spam this reader out of my e-view, but for some reason it didn't work. Therefore, I decided to send him a personal e-mail, which I've decided to share with my readers - devoid, of course, of all identifying personal details.

I do this because over the years I've written this column, I've also received many letters from readers about husbands, brothers, sons and grandsons who've become addicted to pornography Web sites, leading to a variety of heartbreaking, morally corrosive consequences.

For some time, I've wanted to address the issue of pornography.

My thoughts came together in the following letter to my porn-addicted acquaintance:



The God Squad  
MARC GELLMAN

Dear X:  
I hope the New Year brings you joy.

I'm writing to ask you to take my name off your porn mailing list. I don't know how I got on the list in the first place, but

I'm asking you to remove my name immediately. If it is not possible or convenient for you to take me off your porn list, then please remove my name from your mailing list all together.

It may seem defensive to begin this way, and I am not a prude. I really don't care what your private sexual proclivities happen to be - as long as they're legal and harmless.

However, I do want you to know that I'm deeply opposed to pornography for the following ethical and spiritual reasons:

- Porn separates love and sex. This is the essen-

tial moral and spiritual offense of pornography. Sex is not just a physical urge; it's the most intimate and profound way of expressing love. Therefore, in my opinion, pornography is immoral because it destroys the link between sex and love. I'm not referring to naked women as subjects in true art, but to the stuff you send me. I'm also not taking up the question of censorship of pornography. My life is spent trying to figure out not just what is legal but what is right.

There's a famous "Sesame Street" song, "When I'm Itchy, I Scratch," which, over images of bison and other big beasts scratching their backs against trees and rocks, delivers the lyrics: "When I'm hungry, I eat. When I'm thirsty, I drink. I get my fires lit up with a match, and when I'm itchy, I scratch."

However, sex is not like any other physical urge; it's not just like scratching an itch. Sex is the deepest and most intimate way to bond and to show love for another person. Sex is a total physical giving of yourself. That is why we

read in Genesis 2:18,24 "For it is not good that a person be alone ... and therefore a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife so that they become one flesh."

In pornography, sex is more like taking than giving, more like one exposed flesh and a million clinging eyes - more like something that makes our loneliness even more desperate.

- Porn fosters casual sex, or "hooking up," as people now refer to it. Casual-sex is dangerous to your health and catastrophic to your ability to figure out what love means. Hooking up is what you do to connect two things, not two people.

Neither our moral life nor our culture are helped by separating love and sex. That's the worst thing about porn.

- Porn exploits women. The women in the photos you send me are, I feel safe to assume, being offered money to pose. This fact makes a lie out of the thin defense of porn that such women do this freely. In any case, this is not a good thing for you or them or our culture.

Perhaps our modesty is

one of the many things we ought not be able to sell and our decision to allow it is a moral, cultural and spiritual tragedy.

The Bible teaches that we should not place a stumbling block in front of a blind person. Offering porn as a profession to poor and desperate women, and offering it all up to sexually-obsessed men is an immense stumbling block that God must condemn. It's like offering a drink to an alcoholic.

- Porn has produced an overabundance of predatory men and exploited women. Tiger, are you listening? It is bad karma for everyone associated with it.

- Porn also transforms women into sexual objects. Seeing women or men as simply collections of physical attributes distorts and diminishes their sacredness as thinking, feeling human beings.

I know from teaching children and teenagers that it can be difficult for pretty girls to be taken seriously for their ideas. They get so used to being stared at that they eventually forget what it's like to be listened to.

The ancient rabbinic commentaries to the Book of Genesis (Beresheet Rabbah 4) were not referring to your porn e-mails when they taught the following - but I am:

"Be very careful if you make a woman cry, because God counts her tears. The woman came out of a man's rib: Not from his feet to be walked on. Not from his head to be superior, but from the side to be equal. Under the arm to be protected, and next to the heart to be loved."

I hope, dear X, that you can fall in love with a woman that way.

Let me close by apologizing to you if the tone of this letter seems harsh. I hope you take it in the spirit in which it was intended. I'm just trying to live a minimally decent life and porn doesn't help me do that. I don't know why you thought it would.

God bless you, Rabbi Gellman

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.

## Adoptions are not just for children

Adoption is a Biblical concept as well as a current cultural fact. The spiritual idea of being adopted into the family of God is a beautiful consideration.

Alice and I have three adopted daughters as a part of our family with the four natural born daughters.

The four are daughters by blood and the three are daughters by God's grace.

The history of adoption

shows that adoptions were not of babies or little children.

The at-large family would care for them. Adoption in the ancient days was of adults.

Perhaps a Roman emperor had a general who served him well, so he would adopt him.

Perhaps a Greek patriarch had a servant or slave who saved his life or performed some other heroic act, so he would adopt him.

Our three adopted daughters were 14, 28, and 32 years of age, respectively, when we adopted them.

One might wonder why we would adopt adults.

Well, the truth is that they needed a father, mother, and family.

This column is too short to go into the individual circumstances.

In addition to the three adopted daughters, we have five adopted grandchildren.

One of the five, Michael Steele, spent last week visiting with us here in Ruidoso.

Michael was born in Romania to young parents

who abandoned him. So the first six years of his life were spent in an orphanage.

Our second adopted daughter, Maxine, and her husband adopted Michael in 1994.

She made four trips to Romania before could bring him back with her to America.

Michael is a delight to our whole family.

We rejoice in him and cherish him as much as our natural born grandchildren.

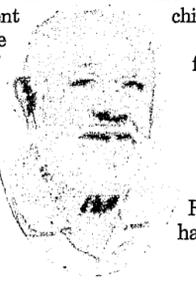
I share this part of our family life to illustrate God's adoption of children into his family.

Some of those "children" are adults, teenagers and older children.

Three weeks ago, the J Bar J Country Church celebrated the adoption of an 83-year-old gentleman into

the family of God. I suppose that shows that it is never too late to become a child of God.

That should give us help for today and hope for tomorrow.



Clarifications  
BY CHARLES CLARY  
RUIDOSO PASTOR

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR KENNETH G. SHOCKEY**

A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 16, 2010, at 2:00PM at the Lagrone Funeral Chapel for Kenneth G. Shockey who passed away December, 3, 2009 in Alamogordo. A reception will follow at the BPOElks Lodge on Highway 70 West.

Kenneth Shockey was retired from the New Mexico State Police. He served 27 years in various stations in New Mexico, including being a driver and bodyguard for Governor John Simms. His last five years assignment was as the District Supervisor for Otero and Lincoln Counties. After retiring in 1980, Ken became Chief of Security for Ruidoso-Sunland Racing for several years.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials may be made to the Race Track Chaplaincy, Lincoln County Humane Society or the Ruidoso Elks Lodge.

Delight thyself also in the Lord;  
and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.  
Commit thy way unto the Lord:  
trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.  
*Psalms 17:4,5*

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Betty Jean Davis Hicks

Betty Jean Davis Hicks 71, of Stephenville, Texas, went home to be with her Lord and Savior Friday January 1st, 2010. A celebration of life was held Wednesday January 6th at East Side Baptist Church in Comanche, Texas, held by pastor Steven Schulte. Betty and her husband, Billy Hicks, moved to Ruidoso in 1989 from Dublin, Texas.

She was born February 19, 1938 in Gorman, Texas to George Malcom Davis and Nancy Irene (Keating) Davis. Betty was a florist in Comanche, Texas for many years. Betty's passion in life was her family and gardening. She is survived by Billy Hicks, her husband of 52 years, of Ruidoso, N.M. 5 daughters and their husbands: Judy and Steve Kreins of Waco, Texas, Cathy and Herman Guill, Carla and Brent Waugh, Melissa and David Hutchins, all of Ruidoso, N.M. Jackie and Bryan Swanner of Ruidoso/Stephenville. One brother, Ferrell (Tincy) Davis and wife Betty, of Meadowlake, Texas. She was known as Mamaw by her 12 grandchildren, and 11/12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Kristy Swanner in 2006. Numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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We put off many things in life, there's always a good excuse. Some of us are just natural procrastinators... others have chaotically busy lives. One thing that often falls to the bottom of the list is the enrichment of our spiritual life. Spending time with God on a regular basis can give us so much joy and sustenance!

Don't wait! Find solutions now through regular prayer and weekly worship. In John 12:35 we read... "Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you." Live in God's light today and every day.

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First Assembly of God  
El Paso Road, Ruidoso 257-2324, Rev. E. Thomas Kearns, Pastor, Sunday morning worship: 10:45 a.m.; Children's Church during a.m. service, Sunday evening worship 6 p.m.; Rock Youth Group Monday evening @ 6:30 p.m., ages 12-18; Bible Study @ 7:00 p.m.  
**BAPTIST**  
Canaan Trail Baptist Located just past milepost 14 on Hwy. 48, between Angus & Capitán, Roland Barnett, Pastor, Sunday School: 9 a.m.; Worship Service: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Bible Study: Wed. @ 7 p.m., 336-1979.  
First Baptist Church  
270 Country Club Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345, (575) 257-2081, Sunday Services 10:30AM Wednesday Meal 5:30 p.m.; Activities 6:30 p.m.  
First Baptist Church  
Ruidoso Downs, Randy Widener, Pastor, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship hour 8 & 11 a.m.; Eve. worship: 6:00 p.m.; Wed. Prayer meeting 6:30 p.m.  
First Baptist Church  
Timmie, Bill Jones, Pastor, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m.  
Mescalero Baptist Mission  
Mescalero, Sunday: Sunday school 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; Training union 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday services 6:30 p.m.  
Ruidoso Baptist Church 126 Church Drive, Palmer Gateway, Wayne Joyce, Pastor, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.  
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St. Theresa Catholic Church Corona, Sunday Mass: 6 p.m.  
St. Joseph's Apache Mission Mescalero, Father Paul Botenholgen, OFM, Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.; Our Lady of Guadalupe Bona, Father Larry Gosselin, Sunday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.  
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Christian Community Church 127 Rio Corner W/Fagle, Mt. Top, 9-11 Sunday Services/Prise & Worship, For more information call: 378-7076  
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Church of Jesus Christ LDS Ruidoso Ward, 1091 Mechem Bishop Jon Ogden, (505) 258-1253 or (575) 258-1253, Sunday schedule: Sacrament starts at 9 a.m.; Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Priesthood and Relief Society at 11 a.m.  
Church of Jesus Christ LDS Mescalero Branch, 671-4630, Wayne King, President, 505-434-0622, Sunday: Sacrament meeting 9 a.m.; Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc. & Young Women, 12:10 a.m.  
**EPISCOPAL**  
Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso, Rev. Canon Peter Sanderson, Team Leader, Sunday Eucharist Rite I: 8:00 a.m.; Rite II - 11:00 a.m., nursery available for the 11:00 service; Sunday School & Gody Play: 9:45-10:45, Wednesday: Eucharist 5:30 p.m., Phone: 257-2356 Spanish Service: Saturday 6:00 p.m.  
St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel in Glencoe, Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.  
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Community United Methodist Church Junction Road, behind Wells Fargo Bank, Todd Salzweidel, Pastor, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 2:57-170, Bibles & Blue Jeans Service Youth Warehouse 9:45 on Sunday.  
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tor Terry Aiello, CLP, Sunday worship: 9 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
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**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Capitan - Highway 48, Les Earwood, Minister, Sunday Bible study: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 6 p.m.  
**EPISCOPAL**  
Episcopal Chapel of San Juan In Lincoln - 1st & 3rd Sunday: Holy Eucharist - 11:00 am  
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United Methodist Church Parish  
Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846, Carrizozo, Johanna Anderson, pastor, Sunday school 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship 11:00 a.m. Choir Practice

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# RELIGION

## Dear X: Please take me off your porn mailing list

Along with many people who've obtained my email address, a certain man I know has begun forwarding to me articles, cartoons and jokes he finds amusing and insightful, and thinks I will enjoy, as well. Oh, and he also sends me porn.

At first, I tried to spam this reader out of my e-view, but for some reason it didn't work.

Therefore, I decided to send him a personal e-mail, which I've decided to share with my readers - devoid, of course, of all identifying personal details.

I do this because over the years I've written this column, I've also received many letters from readers about husbands, brothers, sons and grandsons who've become addicted to pornography Web sites, leading to a variety of heartbreaking, morally corrosive consequences.

For some time, I've wanted to address the issue of pornography.

My thoughts came together in the following letter to my porn-addicted acquaintance:



The God Squad  
MARC GELLMAN

Dear X:  
I hope the New Year brings you joy. I'm writing to ask you to take my name off your porn mailing list. I don't know how I got on the list in the first place, but

I'm asking you to remove my name immediately. If it is not possible or convenient for you to take me off your porn list, then please remove my name from your mailing list all together.

It may seem defensive to begin this way, and I am not a prude. I really don't care what your private sexual proclivities happen to be - as long as they're legal and harmless.

However, I do want you to know that I'm deeply opposed to pornography for the following ethical and spiritual reasons:

- Porn separates love and sex. This is the essen-

tial moral and spiritual offense of pornography. Sex is not just a physical urge; it's the most intimate and profound way of expressing love. Therefore, in my opinion, pornography is immoral because it destroys the link between sex and love. I'm not referring to naked women as subjects in true art, but to the stuff you send me. I'm also not taking up the question of censorship of pornography. My life is spent trying to figure out not just what is legal but what is right.

There's a famous "Sesame Street" song, "When I'm Itchy, I Scratch," which, over images of bison and other big beasts scratching their backs against trees and rocks, delivers the lyrics: "When I'm hungry, I eat. When I'm thirsty, I drink. I get my fires lit up with a match, and when I'm itchy, I scratch."

However, sex is not like any other physical urge; it's not just like scratching an itch. Sex is the deepest and most intimate way to bond and to show love for another person. Sex is a total physical giving of yourself. That is why we

read in Genesis 2:18,24 "For it is not good that a person be alone ... and therefore a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife so that they become one flesh."

In pornography, sex is more like taking than giving, more like one exposed flesh and a million clinging eyes - more like something that makes our loneliness even more desperate.

- Porn fosters casual sex, or "hooking up," as people now refer to it. Casual sex is dangerous to your health and catastrophic to your ability to figure out what love means. Hooking up is what you do to connect two things, not two people.

Neither our moral life nor our culture are helped by separating love and sex. That's the worst thing about porn.

- Porn exploits women. The women in the photos you send me are, I feel safe to assume, being offered money to pose. This fact makes a lie out of the thin defense of porn that such women do this freely. In any case, this is not a good thing for you or them or our culture.

Perhaps our modesty is

one of the many things we ought not be able to sell and our decision to allow it is a moral, cultural and spiritual tragedy.

The Bible teaches that we should not place a stumbling block in front of a blind person. Offering porn as a profession to poor and desperate women, and offering it all up to sexually-obsessed men is an immense stumbling block that God must condemn. It's like offering a drink to an alcoholic.

- Porn has produced an overabundance of predatory men and exploited women. Tiger, are you listening? It is bad karma for everyone associated with it.

- Porn also transforms women into sexual objects. Seeing women or men as simply collections of physical attributes distorts and diminishes their sacredness as thinking, feeling human beings.

I know from teaching children and teenagers that it can be difficult for pretty girls to be taken seriously for their ideas. They get so used to being stared at that they eventually forget what it's like to be listened to.

The ancient rabbinic commentaries to the Book of Genesis (Bereshheet Rabba 4) were not referring to your porn e-mails when they taught the following - but I am:

"Be very careful if you make a woman cry, because God counts her tears. The woman came out of a man's rib: Not from his feet to be walked on. Not from his head to be superior, but from the side to be equal. Under the arm to be protected, and next to the heart to be loved."

I hope, dear X, that you can fall in love with a woman that way.

Let me close by apologizing to you if the tone of this letter seems harsh. I hope you take it in the spirit in which it was intended. I'm just trying to live a minimally decent life and porn doesn't help me do that. I don't know why you thought it would.

God bless you, Rabbi Gellman

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.

## Adoptions are not just for children

Adoption is a Biblical concept as well as a current cultural fact. The spiritual idea of being adopted into the family of God is a beautiful consideration.

Alice and I have three adopted daughters as a part of our family with the four natural born daughters.

The four are daughters by blood and the three are daughters by God's grace.

The history of adoption

shows that adoptions were not of babies or little children.

The at-large family would care for them. Adoption in the ancient days was of adults.

Perhaps a Roman emperor had a general who served him well, so he would adopt him.

Perhaps a Greek patriot had a servant or slave who saved his life or performed some other heroic act, so he would adopt him.

Our three adopted daughters were 14, 28, and 32 years of age, respectively, when we adopted them.

One might wonder why we would adopt adults.

Well, the truth is that they needed a father, mother, and family.

This column is too short to go into the individual circumstances.

In addition to the three adopted daughters, we have five adopted grandchildren.

One of the five, Michael Steele, spent last week visiting with us here in Ruidoso.

Michael was born in Romania to young parents

who abandoned him.

So the first six years of his life were spent in an orphanage.

Our second adopted daughter, Maxine, and her husband adopted Michael in 1994.

She made four trips to Romania before could bring him back with her to America.

Michael is a delight to our whole family.

We rejoice in him and cherish him as much as our natural born grandchildren.

I share this part of our family life to illustrate God's adoption of children into his family.

Some of those "children" are adults, teenagers and older children.

Three weeks ago, the J Bar J Country Church celebrated the adoption of an 83-year-old gentleman into

the family of God.

I suppose that shows that it is never too late to become a child of God.

That should give us hope for today and hope for tomorrow.



Clarifications  
BY CHARLES CLARY  
RUIDOSO PASTOR



**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR KENNETH G. SHOCKEY**

A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 16, 2010, at 2:00PM at the Lagrone Funeral Chapel for Kenneth G. Shockey who passed away December, 3, 2009 in Alamogordo. A reception will follow at the BPO Elks Lodge on Highway 70 West.

Kenneth Shockey was retired from the New Mexico State Police. He served 27 years in various stations in New Mexico, including being a driver and bodyguard for Governor John Simms. His last five years assignment was as the District Supervisor for Otero and Lincoln Counties. After retiring in 1980, Ken became Chief of Security for Ruidoso-Sunland Racing for several years.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials may be made to the Race Track Chaplaincy, Lincoln County Humane Society or the Ruidoso Elks Lodge.

Delight thyself also in the Lord;  
and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.  
Commit thy way unto the Lord:  
trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

Psalms 17:4,5

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Betty Jean Davis Hicks

Betty Jean Davis Hicks 71, of Stephenville, Texas, went home to be with her Lord and Savior Friday January 1st, 2010. A celebration of life was held Wednesday January 6th at East Side Baptist Church in Comanche, Texas, held by pastor Steven Schulte. Betty and her husband, Billy Hicks, moved to Ruidoso in 1989 from Dublin, Texas.

She was born February 19, 1938 in Gorman, Texas to George Malcom Davis and Nancy Irene (Keating) Davis. Betty was a florist in Comanche, Texas for many years. Betty's passion in life was her family and gardening. She is survived by Billy Hicks, her husband of 52 years, of Ruidoso, N.M. 5 daughters and their husbands: Judy and Steve Kreins of Waco, Texas, Cathy and Herman Guill, Carla and Brent Waugh, Melissa and David Hutchins, all of Ruidoso, N.M. Jackie and Bryan Swanner of Ruidoso/Stephenville. One brother, Ferrell (Tincy) Davis and wife Betty, of Meadowlake, Texas. She was known as Mamaw by her 12 grandchildren, and 11 1/2 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Kristy Swanner in 2006. Numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# LINCOLN COUNTY

## The season for snow cowboys

It was always a fair weather cowgirl, but it just didn't always happen that there were fair weather cattle that needed tending.

Fact of life — if you have cattle and live where winter is a force to contend with, you have to be dedicated to the job. Being a little bit crazy doesn't hurt.

The Texas Panhandle, Amarillo particularly, claims some notoriety for its miserable winters.

Running yearlings on winter wheat is a tricky deal requiring good hard horses and cowboys of the same ilk.

Darrell had a big string of yearlings on winter wheat throughout most of a miserable Panhandle winter. The wheat had gotten too short and the cattle needed to be moved.

Darrell, known for his penchant to always do things the hard way, called for some help to come move the cattle.

Trucking them would have cost about \$100 dollars, but Darrell was determined to save the expense for Buster, the mega-bucks Kansas cattleman that owned the herd.

The morning that the cowboys showed up to move the cattle, a cold, bitter east wind blew in, driving ice and sleet in front of

it, and into the faces of the cattle, horses and cowboys.

Naturally, east was the very direction they needed to go.

The cattle fought to turn back, refusing to drive into the wind except by force. This kept all but two of the riders at the back of the herd plenty busy.

The two point riders were needed mostly just to open the gates. No danger of the cattle running off in that direction.

It took all of the morning and a good part of the afternoon to drive the herd six miles.

The cowboys took turns thawing out in the pickups that followed behind.

The horses had balls of ice and snow packed in their hooves and their eye lashes and nostrils were iced over, same as the cowboys.

There wasn't a creature, man or beast, that wasn't chilled to the bone and hoping they'd live to see another warm day.

Nobody ever heard if Buster appreciated all the misery and work that went into saving him \$100, but it was quite some time before Darrell was able to round up any extra winter help again.

In times of blizzards, a solid broke horse that will pull whatever you tie a rope onto is a must.

Yearlings are known to ball

up in a corner of a wheat field and die out of pure spite.

Farmers seem to be irritable about it when they have to run over bones to plow in the spring, so a fella needs to be able drag off the deads and make them available to the used-cow dealer.

Many a wheat pasture lord has become closely acquainted with the guy at the rendering service. All part of winter wheat pasture cowboying.

Meanwhile, back in the mountains where winter may not blow in quite the same as it does on the plains, cold and snow are still the challenge.

It was late in the fall and everything but a few strays had been gathered out of the mountain pastures, but the search would continue as long as the hills were passable.

My brother and I were still pretty young when we tagged along with my dad to track a few of the last stragglers in the deep canyons fronting the Rocky Mountain range of home.

With our horses in single file, we trudged through the snow that had settled in the bottom of the draws.

Often we had to dismount and let the horses lunge their way to the top of a steep hill. We would catch them at the top of the ridge after we first, and then they, floundered through the belly deep drifts covering the north slopes in the shade of the pines.

Wet boots and wet gloves aided in fingers and toes turning



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Wacey Walraven rides a colt in training during a late December snowstorm.

to popsicles without feeling.

As the sun made its way to setting behind the mountain range, the cold fell on us like a heavy blanket, chilling us to the marrow.

We were so cold by the time we headed home that my brother, unable to reach his stirrups, unknowingly lost one of his too big hand-me-down boots during the long miserable jog trot back to barn.

As long as there are horses that need ridden, cattle that

need tended, cowboys will saddle up in the chill of winter and do the job because it's there to be done, no matter the conditions.

In their youth, it comes more easily. A few decades later, justification for waiting for the sun to shine comes even easier.

"Why ride colts in a snowstorm? How can you teach them to watch for rattlesnakes in this weather?"

Send comments to [jcarter@ruidosonews.com](mailto:jcarter@ruidosonews.com).



Cowgirl Sass & Savvy  
BY JULIE CARTER

## SPELLING CHAMPS



COURTESY

Capitan Schools had their annual Spelling Bee on Jan. 12. There were 26 students representing grades 4 through 8. The Elementary Champion was Shelby Southard, above right, and the Middle School Champion was Natalie Barnwell, above left. Following is the breakdown of the winners: **4th Grade:** 1st Place — Shelby Southard, 2nd Place — Ayanna Mendibles; **5th Grade:** 1st Place — Cambrea Walker, 2nd Place — Domonique Silva; **Mid-School:** 1st Place — Natalie Barnwell, 2nd Place — Cheyenne Swistak; 3rd Place — Ulises Guereca. Shelby Southard and Natalie Barnwell will be representing Capitan at the Regional Spelling Bee in El Paso, Texas, in February. Thanks to PTA for paying for the winners to go to the Regional Spelling Bee.

The participants were: Natalie Barnwell, Faith Burch, Aubrey Closson, Taylor Cox, Sophie Dirks, Sam Edington, David Ellison, Stephen Ellison, Jacob Griego, Ulises Guereca, Brontson Leach, Adriana McWilliams, Ayanna Mendibles, Mackey Muller, Cherish Payton, Kylie Pruett, Regan Pruett, Kailyn Ratliff, Taylor Ratliff, Domonique Silva, Jacob Smith, Shelby Southard, Clay Bob Stearns, Cheyenne Swistak, Cambrea Walker, Tyelynn Woodall.

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## COUNTY BRIEFS

### Carrizozo 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 Commissioners 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.

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

### Art installation

The 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.

For more information, contact Dirk Norris at 648-2722.

### Capitan roundtable

There will be three roundtable forums to meet Capitan election candidates, George Tippin, Dennis Haskell and Ricky LaMay.

Tippin is running for mayor and Haskell and LaMay are trustee candidates.

The roundtable forums will be held:

- Jan. 19, 5:30 p.m., at the El Paisano Restaurant;
- Jan. 25, 6:30 p.m., at Smokey Bear Restaurant;
- Feb. 1, 6:30 p.m., at Calamity Jane's Coffee.

Residents of Capitan are invited to attend to discuss any issues or problems facing Capitan.

This will be a great opportunity to get to know the candidates. Citizens are encouraged to attend.

The events are hosted by supporters of Tippin, Haskell and LaMay.

### Capitan forums

Two Candidate forums will be hosted by the Capitan Chamber of Commerce for the upcoming March elections.

A third forum for the Municipal Judge position will be announced at a later date.

The first will be a Trustee Meet and Greet

Forum on Friday, Feb. 5, at the Capitan Public Library from 6-8 p.m.

The public is invited to come and go as they please during that two hour block to meet each of the registered candidates.

This will be an opportunity to have a one-on-one conversation with any of the four candidates running for two open trustee positions, and talk about their interests and hopes for Capitan.

Refreshments will be served.

The second forum hosted by the Capitan Chamber of Commerce will be a Mayoral Meet the Candidates on Wednesday, Feb. 17 from 7-9 p.m.

This forum will be held at the Capitan Public Schools.

There are three candidates running for the position of Mayor. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Each candidate for Mayor will have an opportunity to talk about their goals and Capitan issues, followed by a moderated question and answer session.

The public will also be invited to provide written questions prior to the forum, which will be asked of each of the candidates as time allows.

We hope that both the public and the candidates will plan on attending to hear the concerns and hopes of the citizens of Capitan.

### School history

Melody Gaines is heading up a project at Carrizozo Schools to locate the names and photos of all school board members,

principals and superintendents that served at Carrizozo Schools since, as she put it, "the beginning of time."

She has located names for the administrators but is unable to track the school board members.

Gaines is asking the community to help locate names and photos of school members prior to 1984.

If you have any information that might help with the project, contact Gaines at the school at 548-2347 or email her at [melody.gaines@carrozozogrizzlies.org](mailto:melody.gaines@carrozozogrizzlies.org).

### Beef Symposium

Cattle producers are encouraged to attend the 2010 Southwest Beef Symposium, scheduled for Jan. 20-21 in Tucumcari.

Numerous speakers on topics of interest to the beef industry are scheduled, including:

Jason Henderson, executive vice president of the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank in Omaha, Neb., on the U.S. Economy and its Impact on Agriculture; Tom Field, National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Director of Producer Education on Animal Welfare Issues Facing the Beef Industry; Manny Encinas, New Mexico State University Extension Livestock Specialist on Genetic Tools: DNA Assisted Selection and \$Value EPDs; and Ted McCollum, Texas AgriLife Extension Beef Specialist on Risk Management Tools: Forward Contracts, Futures, and Options.

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**'10 FOCUS**  
STK# FC90961

- CD/MP3
- A/C • TILT
- PWR. LOCKS

0% APR  
UP TO \$4,691 OFF!

MSRP ..... \$16,690  
RETAIL CASH ..... \$1,000  
FORD CREDIT CASH ..... \$500  
PROMOTIONAL RETAIL CASH ..... \$1,000  
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT ..... \$2,191

**\$11,999\***  
w/FACORY REBATES & FORD FINANCING

\*After all factory rebates & discounts (qualifications apply). TT&L extra. †Factory financing in lieu of rebates, OAC. Must take delivery from dealer stock by 3/31/2010.

**'10 F-150**  
STK# FT21308

- AUTO
- 4 WHEEL DISK BRAKES

0% APR  
UP TO \$6,356 OFF!

MSRP ..... \$22,355  
RETAIL CASH ..... \$1,500  
FORD CREDIT CASH ..... \$500  
PROMOTIONAL RETAIL CASH ..... \$1,000  
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT ..... \$3,356

**\$15,999\***  
w/FACORY REBATES & FORD FINANCING

\*After all factory rebates & discounts (qualifications apply). TT&L extra. †Factory financing in lieu of rebates, OAC. Must take delivery from dealer stock by 3/31/2010.

**'10 FUSION**  
STK# FC90992

- AUTOMATIC

0% APR  
UP TO \$4,446 OFF!

MSRP ..... \$23,045  
RETAIL CASH ..... \$1,000  
PROMOTIONAL RETAIL CASH ..... \$1,000  
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT ..... \$2,446

**\$18,599\***  
w/FACORY REBATES & FORD FINANCING

\*After all factory rebates & discounts (qualifications apply). TT&L extra. †Factory financing in lieu of rebates, OAC. Must take delivery from dealer stock by 3/31/2010.

**'10 F-250 LARIAT**  
STK# FT21300

- DIESEL
- LOADED!
- NAVIGATION

0% APR  
UP TO \$11,000 OFF!

MSRP ..... \$58,115  
FORD CREDIT CASH ..... \$1,000  
RETAIL CASH ..... \$2,500  
PROMOTIONAL RETAIL CASH ..... \$1,000  
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT ..... \$6,500

**\$47,115\***  
w/FACORY REBATES & FORD FINANCING

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†Factory financing on select models, OAC. See dealer for details.

**'09 HONDA FIT**  
STK# H057958

- A/C
- 4 CYL
- CD

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MSRP ..... \$15,420  
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT ..... \$1,421  
UP TO \$1,421 OFF!

**\$13,999\***

**'10 HONDA CIVIC DX-VP**  
STK# H038466

- A/C
- 4 CYL
- CD • TILT

MSRP ..... \$17,415  
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT ..... \$2,916

**\$49 PER MO. LEASE\*\*** OR **\$14,499\***

\*\*\$12,416 due at signing. TT&L extra. OAC. †LEASE: \$1 payment of \$49 with 20% down, first monthly payment, \$0 security deposit, TT&L and \$395 acquisition fee due at signing, OAC.

**'10 HONDA ACCORD LX**  
STK# H058501

- A/C • CD
- 4 CYL
- TILT
- CRUISE

MSRP ..... \$21,700  
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT ..... \$3,766

**\$59 PER MO. LEASE\*\*** OR **\$17,999\***

\*\*\$13,562 due at signing. TT&L extra. OAC. †LEASE: \$1 payment of \$59 with 20% down, first monthly payment, \$0 security deposit, TT&L and \$395 acquisition fee due at signing, OAC.

**'09 HONDA INSIGHT LX**  
STK# H058114

- HYBRID!
- A/C
- TILT

MSRP ..... \$20,435  
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT ..... \$1,436  
UP TO \$1,436 OFF!

**\$18,999\***

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**'10 HYUNDAI ACCENT GS**  
STK# H174933

- A/C
- CD

MSRP ..... \$13,810  
OTHER DISCOUNT ..... \$1,811  
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT ..... \$1,000  
UP TO \$2,811 OFF!

**\$10,999\***

**America's Best Warranty 10 YEAR/100k WARRANTY**  
\*After all factory rebates & discounts (qualifications apply). TT&L extra.

**'10 HYUNDAI ELANTRA GLS**  
STK# H174928

- A/C
- PWR. EQUIPPED

MSRP ..... \$14,960  
CUSTOMER REBATE ..... \$1,500  
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT ..... \$1,961  
UP TO \$3,461 OFF!

**\$11,499\***

**America's Best Warranty 10 YEAR/100k WARRANTY**  
\*After all factory rebates & discounts (qualifications apply). TT&L extra.

**'10 HYUNDAI SONATA GLS**  
STK# H174942

- A/C
- PWR. EQUIPPED

MSRP ..... \$19,520  
CUSTOMER REBATE ..... \$2,500  
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT ..... \$2,721  
UP TO \$5,221 OFF!

**\$14,299\***

**America's Best Warranty 10 YEAR/100k WARRANTY**  
\*After all factory rebates & discounts (qualifications apply). TT&L extra.

**'09 HYUNDAI TUCSON GLS**  
STK# H174901

- A/C • CD
- PWR. EQUIPPED

MSRP ..... \$19,690  
CUSTOMER REBATE ..... \$2,000  
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT ..... \$2,000  
UP TO \$4,000 OFF!

**\$15,690\***

**America's Best Warranty 10 YEAR/100k WARRANTY**  
\*After all factory rebates & discounts (qualifications apply). TT&L extra.

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**'10 MAZDA3**  
STK# MC31498  
VIN# JM1BL15F8A1186342

- A/C
- CD

0% APR  
UP TO \$2,956 OFF!

MSRP ..... \$16,955  
LOYALTY DISCOUNT ..... \$500  
COMB. MODEL CASH ..... \$500  
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT ..... \$1,956

**\$13,999\***

\*After all rebates & discounts. TT&L extra. †Must own Mazda vehicle, see dealer for details. †Must own GM, Ford, Chrysler or Nissan product to qualify, see dealer for details. †Factory financing in lieu of rebates, OAC.

**'10 MAZDA6**  
STK# MC31503  
VIN# 1YVH2B8H8A5M04611

- A/C
- CD

0% APR  
UP TO \$4,371 OFF!

MSRP ..... \$20,070  
LOYALTY DISCOUNT ..... \$500  
CUSTOMER REBATE ..... \$1,500  
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT ..... \$2,371

**\$15,699\***

\*After all rebates & discounts. TT&L extra. †Must own Mazda vehicle, see dealer for details. †Factory financing in lieu of rebates, OAC.

**'10 MAZDA TRIBUTE**  
STK# MT40476  
VIN# 4F2C0C77AKM01727

- A/C
- AUTO
- CD

3.9% APR  
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MSRP ..... \$22,880  
CUSTOMER REBATE ..... \$2,000  
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT ..... \$2,881

**\$17,999\***

\*After all rebates & discounts. TT&L extra. †Factory financing in lieu of rebates, OAC.

**'10 MAZDA CX9**  
STK# MC31511  
VIN# JM3TB2M4A0201186

- A/C
- CD

0% APR  
UP TO \$4,306 OFF!

MSRP ..... \$31,305  
LOYALTY DISCOUNT ..... \$500  
CUSTOMER REBATE ..... \$1,000  
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT ..... \$2,806

**\$26,999\***

\*After all rebates & discounts. TT&L extra. †Must own Mazda vehicle, see dealer for details. †Factory financing in lieu of rebates, OAC.

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No Questions Asked

**Found Pets 131**

**FOUND**  
Black & white female Terrier with pink collar. Found on Hwy 37. Please call 354-9148.

**Personals 134**

Good natured, generous retired SYM seeks youthful and well rounded SD female 30/45 for good times provide current pictures and phone number. P.O. BOX 1182 Carrizozo, NM, 88301

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**RUIDOSO VALLEY DISTRICTS, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ARE SHOWING BY THE PLACED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON NOVEMBER 30, 1982, IN CABINET NO. 99 TO 103.**

**TOGETHER WITH A 2003 PALM HARBOR MPP358A4 28 X 39 MOBILE HOME, REFRIGERATOR, STOVE, DISHWASHER, AND ALL APPLIANCES AND IMPROVEMENTS THERETO.**

The sale is to begin at 11:45 a.m. on January 20, 2010, in the front steps of the Lincoln County Court House, 202 Park Street, Corrales, City of Corrales, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in low currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale and to satisfy the judgment granted by GMAC Mortgage, L.L.C.

GMAC Mortgage, L.L.C. was awarded a Judgment on December 16, 2009, in the principal sum of \$131,872.22, plus outstanding interest through November 16, 2009, in the amount of \$6,416.05 plus accruing daily thereafter, at a rate of \$22.92 per day, plus late charges of \$681.88, plus property inspection fees of \$73.13, plus an escrow balance of \$1,231.56, plus attorney's fees in the sum of \$750.00 and costs through November 20, 2009, in the sum of \$702.61, with interest on the late charges, property inspection fees, escrow advances, plus attorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 6.75% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and assessments of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

**PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING.**

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**#8926 2T (1)15,20**

Region IX Education Cooperative Coordinating Council Meeting - Thursday, January 14, 2010 9:00 am. The meeting is open to the public. Agenda items include budget adjustments and project updates. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, community members are requested to contact Cathy Jones at 257-2268, if public accommodations are needed.

*/s/ Cathy Jones, Executive Director*

**#8927 2T (1)15,20**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF HIGH SIERRA DOMESTIC WATER USERS ASSOCIATION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the Annual Meeting of the Members of the above Association has been called by the President of said Association, pursuant to the provisions of the Bylaws.

**Date of Meeting:** January 20, 2010 11:00 a.m.

**Place of Meeting:** Bonito Volunteer Fire Station, Sun Valley Rd. Alto (off Hwy 37) Post Office

Some of the issues that will be presented at the meeting are:

1. Election of Directors' results.
2. Report on the status of the water system.
3. Present financial statement for year 2009 for review and discussion.
4. Any other business to come before the meeting.
5. Open floor for members to present their comments, questions, suggestions, etc.

**PLEASE REMEMBER, THIS IS YOUR MEETING.** Your attendance and participation is important and we urge you to attend if at all possible.

If you have any questions, you may call:

**Bob Vickers**  
808-1329 or 336-1559  
Respectfully submitted by:

*/s/ Carolyn Vickers, Secretary*

Note: The required "Proof of Annual Meeting Notice" under Article V, Section 3 of the Bylaws has been signed and notarized and is on file with the Secretary.

Dated: January 13, 2010

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**#8928 1T (1)15**

**Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District**

**Meeting Notice for January 28, 2010**

The Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District Board will hold a Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2010 in the Conference Room of the District Office, located at 214 Lake Shore Drive, Alto, New Mexico. The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM.

*Delores Brewington, Asst. District Secretary*

**#8929 1T (1)15**

**Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District**

**Notice of Adoption of Resolution**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District, pursuant to the provisions of the Bylaws, has adopted and approved a Resolution, the text of which is contained in its title.

This notice constitutes compliance with Section 6-1-6, NMSA 1978.

**#8930 1T (1)15**

**Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District**

**Notice of Adoption of Resolution**

Notice is hereby given of the title and of the contents of a Resolution of the subject matter contained in Resolution No. 10 (FY 09-10), duly adopted and approved by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District on January 9, 2010.

The title of the Resolution is:

**UPPER HONDO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 9 (FY 09-10)**

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A BORROWER/GRANTEE AGREEMENT AND BETWEEN THE BOARD AND THE NEW MEXICO WATER TRUST BOARD AND THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY.**

**LENDERS/GRANTEES (ORS) AND THE UPPER HONDO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (BORROWER/GRANTEE) IN THE AMOUNT OF HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000).**

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF UTILIZING THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) OF RESTORATION MONIES TO ASSIST IN THE RESTORATION OF THE RIO BONITO IN LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AND SOLELY IN THE INTEREST OF THE BORROWER/GRANTEE.**

**PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT AMOUNT OF THE LOAN/GRANT FROM THE BORROWER/GRANTEE'S CERTIFIED AMOUNT, TOGETHER WITH OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE AGREEMENT, RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE LOAN/GRANT AGREEMENT.**

A general summary of the subject matter of the Resolution is contained in its title.

This notice constitutes compliance with Section 6-1-6, NMSA 1978.

**#8931 4T (1)15,22,29 (2)5**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK, a National Banking Corporation,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**PATRICIA I. RUIZ,**  
a married woman dealing with her sole separate property.

Defendant

CV-2009-190  
Division: III

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that

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**#8932 2T (1)15 (2)5**

**NOTICE**

**Mortgage with Promissory Note:** \$19,557.85  
Interest from October 27, 2009-February 1, 2010.....\$582.40

**Attorney fees and costs.....\$2,809.05**

**Special Master Fees.....\$150.00**

**Publication Costs.....\$180.00**

**Total.....\$25,177.30**

The terms of this sale are that the purchaser must pay cash at the time the property is struck off to him, except that Plaintiff may bid all or any part of its mortgage lien, plus interest.

Dated this 7th day of December, 2009

*/s/ Lydene Bacco, Special Master*

**John R. Hakanson**  
307 East 11th Street  
Alamogordo, NM 88310  
(575)437-2874

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**#8933 4T (1)15,22,29 (2)5**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK, a National Banking Corporation,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**PATRICIA I. RUIZ,**  
a married woman dealing with her sole separate property.

Defendant

CV-2009-190  
Division: III

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that

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**#8934 4T (1)15,22,29 (2)5**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK, a National Banking Corporation,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**PATRICIA I. RUIZ,**  
a married woman dealing with her sole separate property.

Defendant

CV-2009-190  
Division: III

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

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**#8935 4T (1)15,22,29 (2)5**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK, a National Banking Corporation,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**PATRICIA I. RUIZ,**  
a married woman dealing with her sole separate property.

Defendant

CV-2009-190  
Division: III

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that

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**#8936 4T (1)15,22,29 (2)5**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK, a National Banking Corporation,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**PATRICIA I. RUIZ,**  
a married woman dealing with her sole separate property.

Defendant

CV-2009-190  
Division: III

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that

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**#8937 4T (1)15,22,29 (2)5**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK, a National Banking Corporation,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**PATRICIA I. RUIZ,**  
a married woman dealing with her sole separate property.

Defendant

CV-2009-190  
Division: III

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that

**jobs 200-232**

Employment Information 203

Construction Laborer looking for work. ANY Kind of Labor. 491-0950

General Help Wanted 230

General World finance is hiring in the area for Assistant Manager. Small loans experience, lending and collections preferred but not required. Customer service, cash handling. Competitive pay, paid time off on the job. Training with opportunities for advancement. Reliable transportation is required. Please apply in person at 324 Sudderth Drive

Hotel/Motel 233

Super 8 Motel is seeking experienced Housekeeper & Laundry Person. Please apply in person.

Typing Job. Transfer if typewriter written pages corrected, to finalized computer written text. Must be able to use foreign letters. 354-2918

Wanted Caregiver for Elderly woman. Must have valid Drivers License. Must be over 21. Part time and full time. Please apply in person at the Holiday Inn Express, 400 W. Hwy 70.

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**#8916 4T (1)15,22,29 (2)5**

**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

**GMAC MORTGAGE, L.L.C.**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**JIMMY D. WILSON,**  
a married man as his sole and separate property, CACH, L.L.C.,

Defendants.

CV 09-259

**NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above entitled Court, having appointed me as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known as Little Creek Road, Alto, New Mexico, 88312, and more particularly described as follows:

**LOT 1, BLOCK 12 OF**

**Legal Notices 152**

**NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR BIDS Bid # 3 09-10 SY**

The Mesalero Apache School wishes to receive bids for Pre-K Playground Equipment. Copies of the specifications can be obtained at the office of the Superintendent at 249 White Mountain Drive, Mesalero, NM 88340 or by phone (575-464-4431).

In order to be considered all bids must be received at the Office of the Superintendent no later than 9:00 a.m. on February 3, 2010. NO FACSIMILE TRANSMISSIONS OF A BID SHALL BE ACCEPTED. All bids must be addressed as follows:

Mrs. Maria Saenz, Interim Superintendent  
Pre-K Playground Equipment Bid File #3 09-10 SY  
249 White Mountain Drive (hand delivered) or P.O. Box 230 (mailed)  
Mesalero, NM 88340

Bids will be opened and reviewed publicly by MAS Business Officials and the lowest bidder announced at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Results will be determined pending Board approval.

This bid may be canceled and any and all bids may be rejected in whole or in part when the School District determines that it is in the best interest of the School District.

*/s/ Mrs. Maria Saenz, Interim Superintendent, Mesalero Apache School*

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CV 09-259

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**Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator/Lab Technician**  
Salary \$18.88 - 19.88 hourly depending on wastewater certification level. Competitive benefit package included (vacation, sick, retirement, & insurance).

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Law/Enforcement/Security 239
Professional The U.S. Probation Office is accepting applications for U.S. Probation Officers...

Employment Wanted 261
Laborer wants any kind of cleaning etc. Reasonable, call Steve, 257-2714, 7 pm-8 pm

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Management/Supervisory 241
Southeast NM Community Action Corporation

Fiscal Director Position is responsible for the overall management and leadership of the accounting department for the agency...

Health Care 232
Start 2010 off on the right note

CNA's 1st and 2nd shifts \$500 sign-on bonus Limited time offer good thru 1/31/10

New Grad Nursing Assistants are welcome. We offer competitive salaries and benefits packages.

General Help Wanted 230
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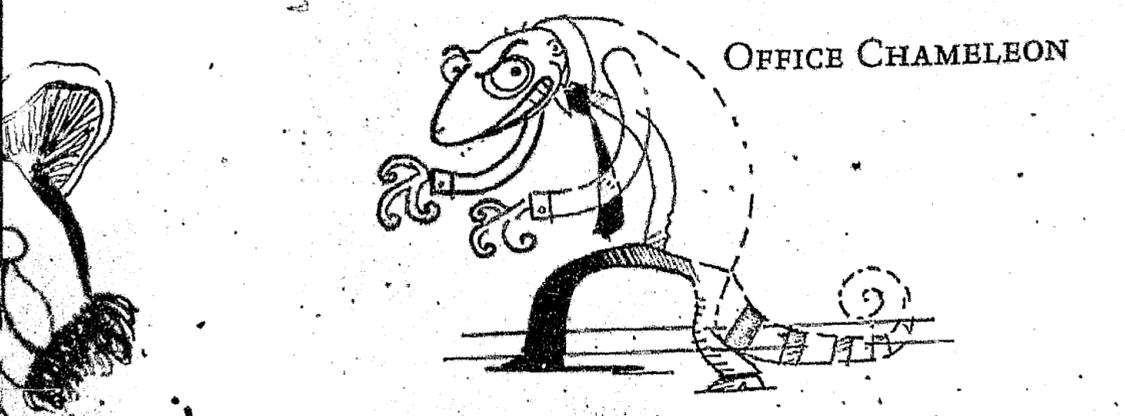
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4 CYL, AUTO, A/C

**SAVE \$2,725**

MSRP ..... \$19,220  
REBATE ..... \$2,000  
DISCOUNT ..... \$725  
**SALE PRICE \$16,495**

**NEW 2010 JEEP COMPASS SPORT**

**SAVE \$3,155**

MSRP ..... \$19,150  
REBATE ..... \$1,500  
DISCOUNT ..... \$1,655  
**SALE PRICE \$15,995**

**NEW 2010 DODGE CHARGER SE SEDAN**  
AUTO, AIR, POWER PACKAGE, ALLOY WHEELS

**\$295 PER MO.**

MSRP ..... \$26,140  
REBATE ..... \$3,000  
DISCOUNT ..... \$441  
**SALE PRICE \$21,699**

**NEW 2010 DODGE RAM 1500 CREW CAB ST**  
AUTO, AIR, POWER WINDOWS AND LOCKS, CD PLAYER

**\$328 PER MO.**

MSRP ..... \$30,675  
REBATE ..... \$2,500  
DISCOUNT ..... \$2,180  
**SALE PRICE \$25,995**

**NEW 2009 CHRYSLER SEBRING LX**  
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**SAVE \$4,760**

MSRP ..... \$21,255  
DISCOUNT ..... \$4,760  
**SALE PRICE \$16,495**

**NEW 2010 JEEP PATRIOT SPORT**  
29 MILES PER GALLON!

**SAVE \$2,230**

MSRP ..... \$18,225  
REBATE ..... \$1,500  
DISCOUNT ..... \$795  
**SALE PRICE \$15,995**

**NEW 2010 DODGE JOURNEY SE**  
AUTO, AIR, CD PLAYER, APPEARANCE PKG

**SAVE \$2,000**

MSRP ..... \$21,885  
REBATE ..... \$1,500  
DISCOUNT ..... \$500  
**SALE PRICE \$19,885**

**NEW 2010 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SE**  
AIR, CD PLAYER, THIRD ROW SEAT

**\$299 PER MO.**

MSRP ..... \$24,695  
REBATE ..... \$1,000  
DISCOUNT ..... \$1,695  
**SALE PRICE \$22,995**

**NEW 2010 CHRYSLER 300 TOURING**  
V6, CD STEREO, ALUMINUM WHEELS

**SAVE \$4,115**

MSRP ..... \$28,110  
DISCOUNT ..... \$1,115  
REBATE ..... \$3,000  
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V6, AUTO, A/C, CD STEREO

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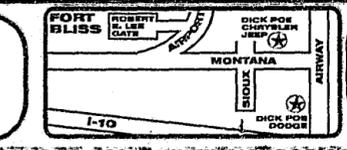
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**SAVE \$4,000 OFF MSRP ON ALL REMAINING SRT'S IN STOCK**

**2009 CALIBER SRT**

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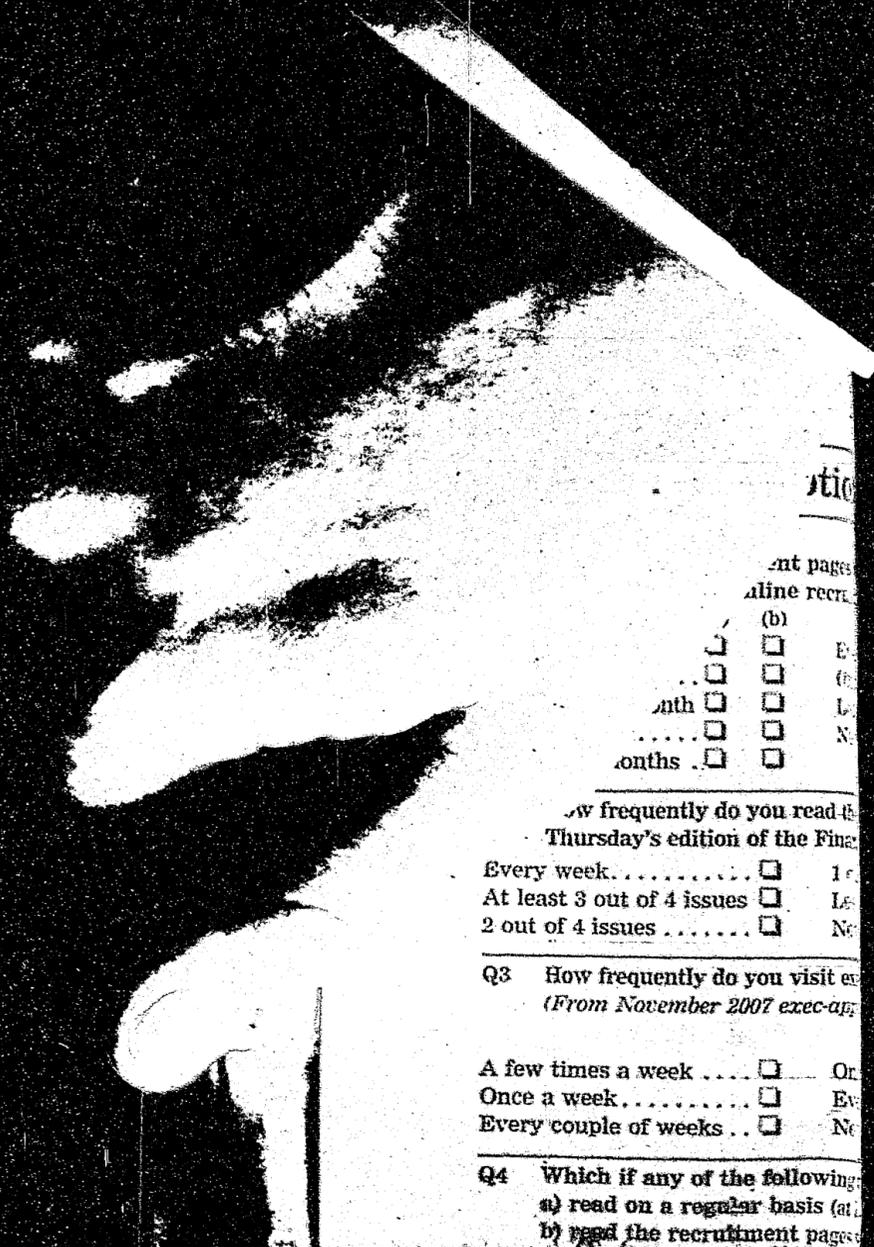
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55201	04 OLDS ALERO	GL, SPOILER, ALLOYS, LOW MILES, 1 OWNER	\$8,388
55681	04 FORD FREESTAR SEL	QUAD CAPTAIN CHAIRS, 3RD ROW SEAT, DUAL AC, LEATHER, LOW MILES	\$9,588
55491	03 DODGE RAM SLT	QUAD CAB, TONNEAU COVER, BEDLINER, RUNNING BOARDS, LOW MILES!	\$11,947
3J4121	07 PONTIAC G6	MOONROOF, TRACTION CONTROL, HEATED LEATHER, GT	\$12,277
5541	09 PONTIAC G6	SE, REMOTE START, TRACTION CONTROL	\$12,888
5534	09 PONTIAC VIBE	GT, MOONROOF, SAFETY CANOPY, LEATHER, ONSTAR	\$14,977
5J4111	09 FORD FOCUS SE	2.0 4CYL, AUTO, CRU, TIL, CD, SAT, PW, PL, CPO ✓	\$14,988
5540	08 DODGE NITRO 4X4	SXT, AUTO, SAFETY CANOPY, CD, A/C	\$15,855
5571	08 FORD TAURUS SEL AWD	3.5 V6, AUTO, CRU, TIL, PW, PL, PSE, CD, CPO ✓	\$17,488
5546	06 CHRYSLER 300C	HEMI, MOONROOF, HEATED LEATHER, 18" WHEELS, CPO ✓	\$17,545
5538	08 JEEP WRANGLER 4X4	POWER WINDOWS, LOCKS, TILT, CRUISE, AUTO	\$18,757
5572	08 FORD FUSION SEL AWD	LEATHER, MOONROOF, NAV, AMBIENT LIGHTING, CPO ✓	\$18,977
8J0271	10 FORD F-150 CC	PLATINUM PKG, NAV, MOONROOF, SYNC, ONLY 3046 MILES LOADED, CPO ✓	\$41,277
8J0121	08 F-250 DIESEL 4X4	CC, KING RANCH, NAVIGATION, MOONROOF, LOADED! CPO ✓	\$42,555

6J0151	06 FORD FOCUS ZX5 SE	2.0 4 CYL, AUTO, CUR, TIL, CD, MP3, PW, PL, CPO ✓	\$9,898
5524	07 FORD FOCUS SE	2.0 4CYL, 5 SPD, CRU, TIL, CD6, MP3, PW, PL, CPO ✓	\$10,133
5521	06 FORD FUSION SE	3.0 V6, AUTO, CRU, TIL, CD6, PW, PL, PSE, CPO ✓	\$12,995
5522	06 FORD FUSION SE	3.0 V6, AUTO, CRU, TIL, CD6, PW, PL, PSE, CPO ✓	\$12,995
5527	08 FORD MUSTANG 4.0 V6	REAR SPOILER, TRACTION CONTROL, CD, MP3, CRU, TIL, PW, PL, CPO ✓	\$13,988
5J4131	09 FORD FOCUS SEL	2.0 4 CYL, AUTO, LEATHER, HEATED, MOONROOF, CD6, LOADED, CPO ✓	\$15,888
5532	08 FORD FUSION SE AWD	3.0 V6, CRU, CD6, MP3, TRACTION CONTROL, PW, PL, PSE, CPO ✓	\$18,133
6I0511	06 WRANGLER 4X4	CUSTOM HARDTOP, SOFTTOP, 16, AUTO, ONLY 13K MILES!	\$18,747
5539	09 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS LS ULTIMATE	4.6 V8, LEATHER, ABS, TRACTION CONTROL, LOADED, CPO ✓	\$19,177
55101	09 FORD RANGER SC XL	4.0 V6, AUTO, TONNEAU COVER, TIL, CRU, CD, MP3, CPO ✓	\$19,977
5552	09 FORD ESCAPE XLT 4X4	3.0 V6, CRU, TIL, CD, MP3, SAT, PW, PL, PSE, CPO ✓	\$20,333
5554	07 JEEP WRANGLER 4X4 4DR	HARDTOP, AUTO, A/C, CD, STABILITY CONTROL	\$21,255
5565	09 FORD ESCAPE LIMITED 4X4	LEATHER, MOONROOF, SYNC, CD6, MP3, SAT, AUDIO PHILE, CPO ✓	\$22,655
5561	09 FORD EDGE SEL 4X4	3.5 V6, AUTO, CD6, MP3, SAT, CRU, TIL, PW, PL, PSE, CPO ✓	\$25,477
55571	06 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR ULTIMATE AWD	MOONROOF, REAR DVD, LOADED, CPO ✓	\$25,737
5574	09 FORD EXPLORER 4X4 XLT	RUNNING BOARDS, 3RD ROW SEAT, DUAL A/C, CPO ✓	\$26,555
6I0411	06 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR ULTIMATE	QUAD CAPTAIN, LEATHER, REAR DVD, LOADED, CPO ✓	\$26,555
5569	09 FORD FLEX SEL FWD	3.5 V6, AUTO, LEATHER, REAR DVD, SYNC, CD6, SAT, SONY AUDIO, CPO ✓	\$26,757
5563	09 LINCOLN TOWN CAR SIG. LIMITED	LEATHER, TRACTION CONTROL, LOADED, CPO ✓	\$28,555
5559	09 LINCOLN TOWN CAR SIG. LIMITED	LEATHER, TRACTION CONTROL, LOADED, CPO ✓	\$28,555
5560	09 LINCOLN TOWN CAR SIG. LIMITED	LEATHER, TRACTION CONTROL, LOADED, CPO ✓	\$28,555
5556	09 FORD EDGE LIMITED 4X4	3.5 V6, AUTO, PANORAMIC VISTA ROOF, LOADED, CPO ✓	\$30,747
5566	09 FORD FLEX LIMITED AWD	LEATHER, PANORAMIC VISTA ROOF, SYN, AMBIENT LIGHTING, CPO ✓	\$31,849
8J0422	08 F250 DIESEL 4X4 CC	AUTO, A/C, TOW PKG, CD, CPO ✓	\$33,855
5564	07 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR AWD	LEATHER, MOONROOF, REAR DVD, THX AUDIO, CD6, SAT, CPO ✓	\$35,955
5573	09 LINCOLN MKS AWD	HEATED/COOLED LEATHER, MOONROOF, LEATHER, 6 CD, VOIPHILE, SAVE THOUSANDS CPO ✓	\$36,747

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THIS WEEKEND

# Hollywood in Carrizozo

The small New Mexico community of Carrizozo is celebrating the release of *The Book of Eli* in a big way. Carrizozo was the location for some of the filming of the *Book of Eli* and the town is commemorating the film with an art installation.

The town's "Hollywood Comes to Carrizozo" art installation consists of several large wooden panels that will be erected on the street where the movie was filmed. Each panel depicts a different aspect of the movie making process. The fictional story that the panels tell is one of Hollywood coming to Carrizozo in 1923.

The idea of the art installation and the panels themselves were provided by Jon Hendry, business agent for the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employee (IATSE) union local 480. The panels, ranging in size from 6' x 8' to 8' x 12' were used on other sets as backdrops.

Now they are being re-used for the art installation.

The panels were illustrated by renowned graphic novelist and current Carrizozo resident Rick Geary, who also came up with the 1923 storyline that the panels tell. Geary began to work in comics in 1977 and for 13 years was a contributor to the "Funny Pages" of *National Lampoon*. His comic stories have also been published in *Heavy Metal*, *Dark Horse Comics* and the *DC Comics/Paradox Press Big Books*. His early comic work has been collected in *Housebound with Rick Geary* from Fantagraphics Books. During a four-year stay in New York, his illustrations appeared regularly in *The New York Times Book Review*. His work has also been seen in *MAD*, *Spy*, *Rolling Stone*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, and American libraries.

Deborah Geary, Rick's wife, along with Dennis



Art panels created by renowned graphic novelist and Carrizozo resident Rick Geary will be dedicated and installed this weekend on historic 12th Street in Carrizozo.

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Dunnum, town trustee, and Carrizozo Chamber president Dirk Norris have been organizers of this project as well, identifying various work groups and artists from around town to paint the panels. The project has been a true community effort. The primary idea behind the installation is to celebrate the history of filming in New Mexico, celebrate the making of *The Book of Eli* in Carrizozo and to celebrate the

town's art community. The art installation will be dedicated Saturday, Jan. 16., 3:30 p.m. on historic 12th Street in Carrizozo. A pot-luck reception will follow at 5 p.m. at the Carrizozo Country Club. Running concurrently with the art installation is an art show at Gallery 408 located on historic 12th street. The exhibit features the works of 24 Carrizozo artists. This special event

occurs almost exactly one year after the original potluck dinner that gained attention for Carrizozo in the film industry. In January 2009, the town invited approximately 30 International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employee (IATSE) construction crew members to a potluck dinner as a way of welcoming them to Carrizozo. "This was a group of people who were going to be in our town for three months

building a movie set and we wanted to make them feel welcome," said Norris. The "Hollywood Comes to Carrizozo" art installation will remain in place until the end of January and can be viewed by walking 12th Street between Court and 4th Streets. For more information contact Dirk Norris at 648-2722, or the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce

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World acclaimed duo Acoustic Eidolon performs at Coffee and More in Tularosa tonight. Story on page 12.

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**"The Boys Are Back"**  
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**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)



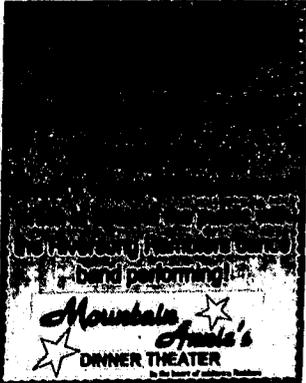
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**"The Burning Plain"**  
January 16: (Mesilla) Cinematinee screening time is 1:30 p.m.; admission \$4, members \$1. For info, call 575-524-8287, or [www.mesillavalleyfilm.org](http://www.mesillavalleyfilm.org).

**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.

**Country Charm**  
January 16: (White Oaks) Roswell country music band; 7 p.m. - midnight; No Scum Allowed Saloon. [www.noscumallowed.com](http://www.noscumallowed.com); 575-648-5583

**Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse Awards Banquet**  
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**"New York I Love You"**  
January 22 - 28: (Mesilla) Showtimes evenings 7:30 p.m.; Sundays at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Ticket Prices \$7; \$6 senior & student; \$5 member & child & Wed. For more info, call 575-524-8287, or go online to [www.mesillavalleyfilm.org](http://www.mesillavalleyfilm.org).

**"Fools Rush In"**  
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**Miss Ruidoso Pageant**  
January 23: (Ruidoso) Mountain Annie's; \$22 dinner and pageant; 7 p.m. dinner; 8 p.m. pageant. For more information, call 257-7982.

**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.

**Book Signing**  
January 28: (Ruidoso) Lyn Kidder and Herb Brunell will sign copies of their book *Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs* at ENMU-Ruidoso; 6 - 7:30 p.m.; for info call (575) 257-3006.

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

**Ski Apache Disabled Skiers Program Silent Auction**  
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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](http://www.hubbardmuseum.org).

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February 13: (Ruidoso) Sponsored by RRCA at Ruidoso Convention Center; 6 - 10 p.m.; adults, \$8 advance or \$10 at the door; Children under 12, \$5. Art auction, mask competition, children activities. For more information, call 575-257-7272.

**a la Heart dinner**  
February 14: (Ruidoso) HEAL's Spaghetti a la Heart family dinner and awards gala; Mountain Annie's Dinner Theater; 2710 Sudderth Dr.; 6 p.m. Call 575-378-6378 more info.

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

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

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

**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): Cowboy Mafia; 8:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY

**Casa Blanca** (501 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso; 257-2495): Steven Ashbrook

**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): Cowboy Mafia; 8:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY

**Laughing Sheep Farm** (Highway 380, Lincoln; 653-4041): Mark Remington and Sally Canning; 12 - 3:30 p.m.

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

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

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## The Book of Eli opens in theatres tonight

BY JESSIE HANSON  
FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

Residents of Lincoln County have been looking forward to the release of the movie *The Book of Eli* ever since producers came to the small town of Carrizozo to shoot a portion of the highly-touted Denzel Washington film.

While it is the final movie release that is most anticipated, the actual process of filmmaking in Carrizozo offers a story in itself. When asked why Hollywood chose Carrizozo, the town's Chamber of Commerce president Dirk Norris explains that it was location, a depressed economy and a great location manager.

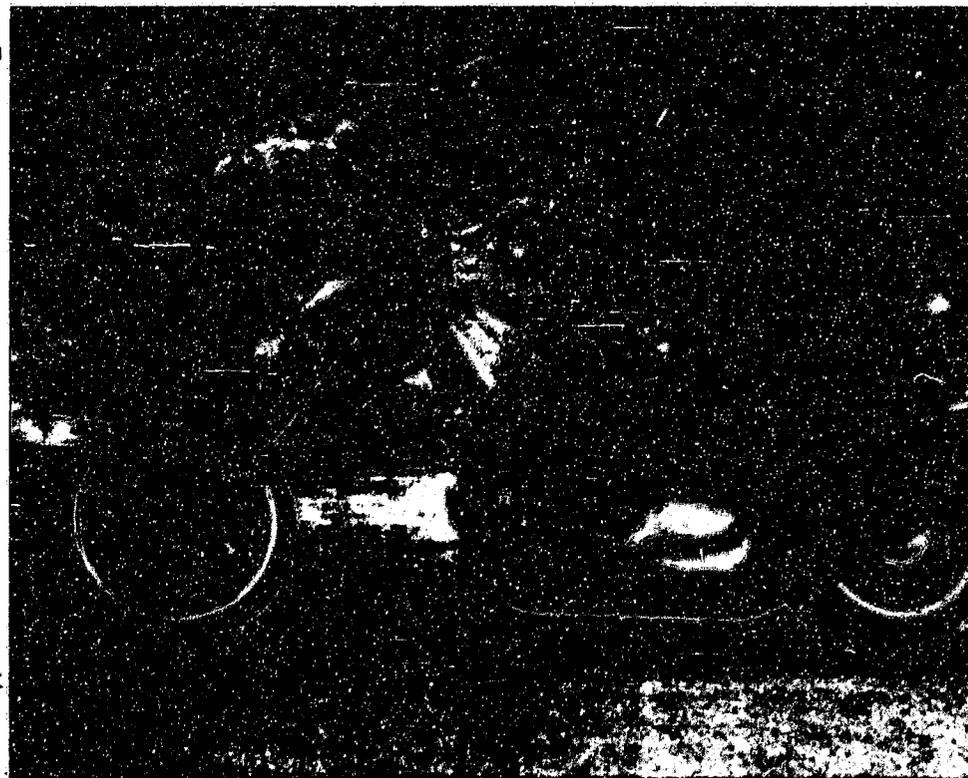
12th Street, essentially a wide street that could be blocked off from traffic. In addition, due to the currently depressed economy there are many empty buildings on 12th Street and little business. If there were more businesses it may have been harder to us this street. On the next block another empty building was used for the carpenter shop and two blocks away they found one more that was used for costumes for extras."

Norris continues, "Another key factor was that Michael Dellheim, the location manager, had known about Carrizozo and

thought it would be a great town to film in. He set forth expectations for the town. They wanted to spend locally and support the local economy. Support of the mayor, town council and community were essential. They saw opportunities for area businesses and were flexible and open-minded."

Of the 120 extras hired, 39 were from Carrizozo, with more actors from around greater Lincoln County. Construction of the set took two-and-a-half months, while the filming only took seven days.

*The Book of Eli* opens at the Aviator 10 theatre in Alamogordo tonight. Check your local theatre for listings and showtimes.



## MUSIC

## Rock On

One of rock's most enduring and respected bands, Canadian rock group John Kay and Steppenwolf, will deliver their hard-hitting, personally charged music live at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino on Friday, Jan. 22 at 8 p.m.

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

remain fixtures on classic-rock radio and have been licensed for use in approximately 50 motion pictures, plus an even greater number of television programs.

In addition to being the first band to use the term "heavy metal" in a song (in "Born to Be Wild"), Steppenwolf's punchy style helped to establish the fundamentals of the hard-rock sound that flourished in the 1970s.

The group was originally formed in 1967 in Los Angeles by vocalist John Kay, guitarist Michael Monarch, bassist Rushton Moreve, keyboardist Goldy

McJohn and drummer Jerry Edmonton after the dissolution of Toronto, Ontario, group The Sparrows, of which Moreve and Monarch were not members.

Steppenwolf enjoyed worldwide success from 1968 to 1974, but clashing personalities led to the end of the core lineup. Today, front man John Kay is the only original member left, having served as lead singer for more than 40 years.

In 1980, Kay launched an all-new lineup — billed as John Kay and Steppenwolf — virtually from scratch in an effort to restore his band's good



Steppenwolf's (left-to-right) John Kay, Michael Wilk, Danny Johnson and Ror Hurst, play the Inn of the Mountain Gods on Friday, Jan. 22 at 8 p.m.

name. The new group spent the next several years working a punishing touring regimen, playing anywhere and everywhere it could to rebuild Steppenwolf's reputation as a class act.

The lengthy rebuilding period has put Kay and company back in touch

with a large and loyal fan base, as well as an influx of younger listeners responsive to the band's enduring appeal that has kept Steppenwolf rolling ever since.

Since then, John Kay and Steppenwolf, which now includes longtime members Michael Wilk

(keyboards/bass), Ror Hurst (drums) and recently recent addition Danny Johnson (guitar) have released seven albums and maintain a busy international touring schedule.

The band continues to generate vital new music with a number of recording projects in the works, including the recent John Kay solo effort, *Here and Privateers*.

Tickets start at just \$25 (discounts available at Apache Spirit Club members) and can be purchased through [www.etmaster.com](http://www.etmaster.com), or by calling 888-262-0478, or on [www.InnofTheMountainGods.com](http://www.InnofTheMountainGods.com).

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As part of the adventure they would continue on to Gallup, shopping at Richardson's, Tanner's Indian Art, Shush Yaz, and Ellis Tanner Trading Co. where she meet Lynn. She did this for years, each time bringing a different friend from Ruidoso.

"The people were all so nice and friendly," Lynn recalls. "I had to see more of Ruidoso."

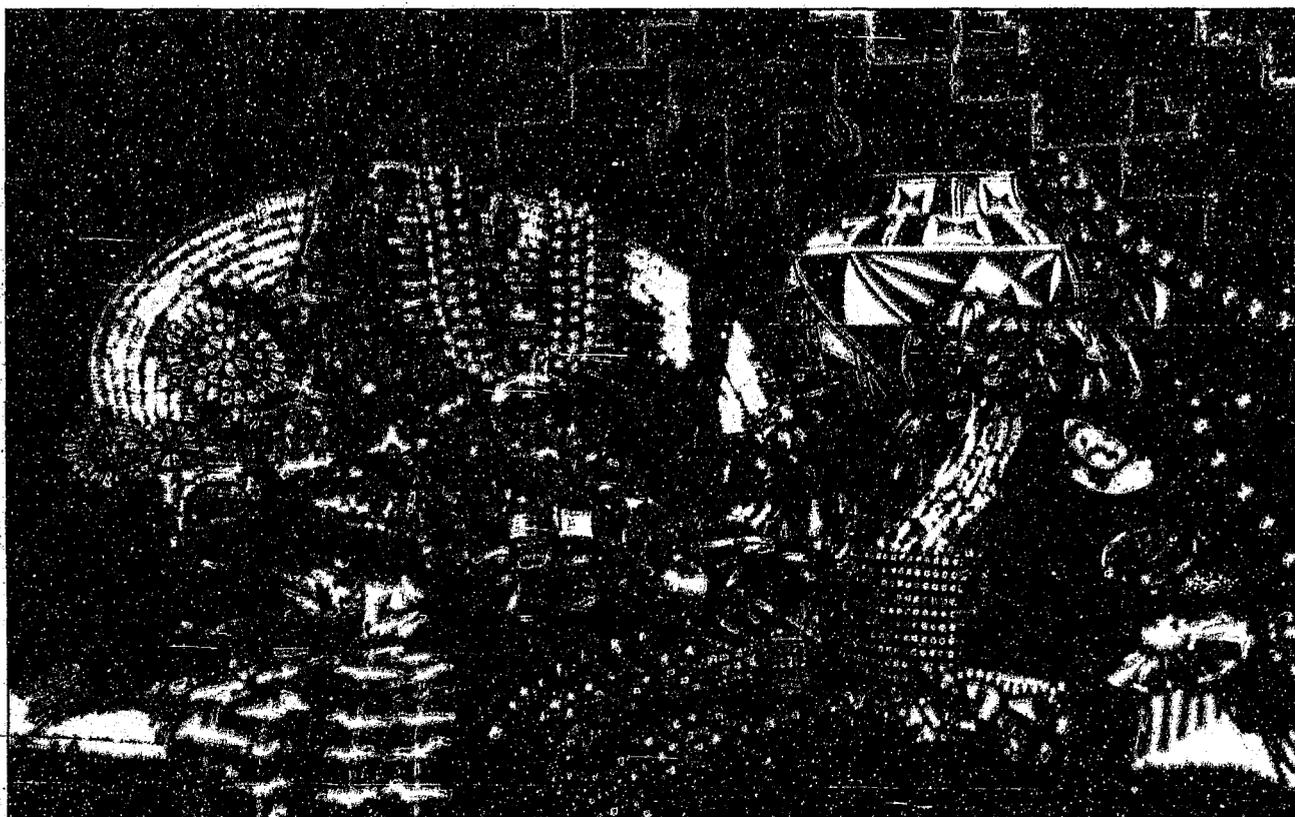
In 2007, after visiting the area a few times, he

and Kathy Dawn decided to take a leap of faith, and made the move.

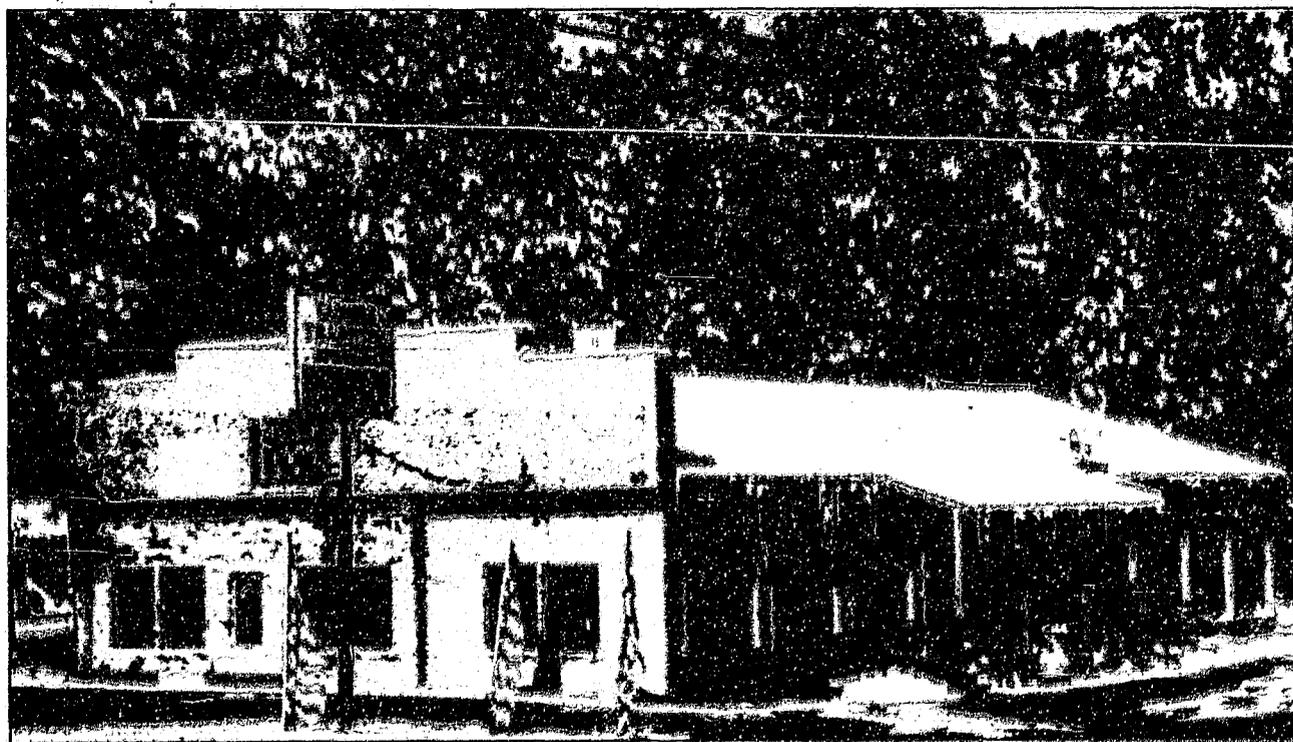
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## SPECIAL EVENTS &gt; BOOK SIGNING

# A story behind the story

"We were very lucky to find so many people who so generously told us their stories and shared their photographs and memories," Lyn Kidder said of the efforts

that she and Herb Brunell invested into their book *Images of America: Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs*. "Often these were people who someone else recommended that we meet. Some of the material

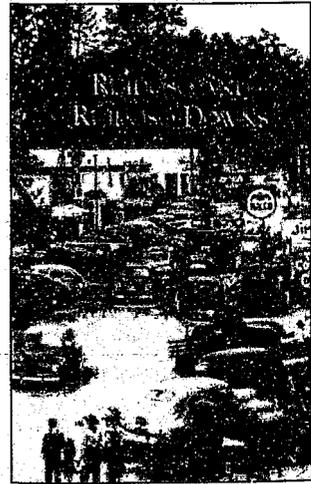
that we found was just by pure luck."

Kidder continues, "I always say that we're still writing this book, and I'm only partly joking. We continue to search out materials — Herb has a

great scanner and we can scan photographs on the spot. Sometimes people feel that because they don't have volumes of material that we won't be interested, but that's not true. If it's a photo of

something that we haven't yet seen, it's worth documenting."

"We did our best to verify everything that went into the book," Kidder explains. "We interviewed as many people as we



could and then attempted to back up their memories with materials like the *Ruidoso News* and the *El Paso Times*, both of which have wonderful archives.

"I'm in the process of transcribing some taped interviews, some of which were made by Dan D. Swearingen in the 1980s and loaned to me by Dave Parks. They include interviews with Edith Boyce, the owner of the Navajo Lodge and Amelia Bolton Church, who was a young girl in Lincoln during the Lincoln County War," Kidder comments.

"I plan to give copies of the transcripts to ENMU and the Ruidoso Public Library, and anyone else that has any interest. I believe that information should be shared."

Author Lyn Kidder and photo editor Herb Brunell will be signing copies of their book *Images of America: Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs* at ENMU-Ruidoso, Jan. 28, 6 - 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 575-257-3006.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

# Art takes flight

BY BRUCE DEFOOR  
FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

We all know most of the standard forms of art that are out there today – or at least we think we do. Often they play such a common part of our lives that we don't even recognize them as art anymore.

One of those artforms waiting to be rediscovered is kites. Kites have been around for more than 2,000 years and take on

Festival and shares the same name.

ENMU-Ruidoso is always seeking to find opportunities to help the community, so supporting this popular springtime Ruidoso event seemed only natural.

The spring 2010 semester begins Tuesday, Jan. 19, with the first meeting of the new kite class to be held on Monday, Jan. 25. The class will meet every Monday from 1 – 3:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to sign up while there is still room, although late registration will run through Jan. 25.

This course promises to

be both fun and productive. Kite history, kite making and kite flying techniques will be taught and demonstrated.

Anyone can learn to make beautiful kites that fly very well. No previous experience is necessary – only a spirit of adventure.

The class culminates with the participants helping to host the Fourth Annual Ruidoso Kite Festival, which is scheduled to be held on April 23 – 25.

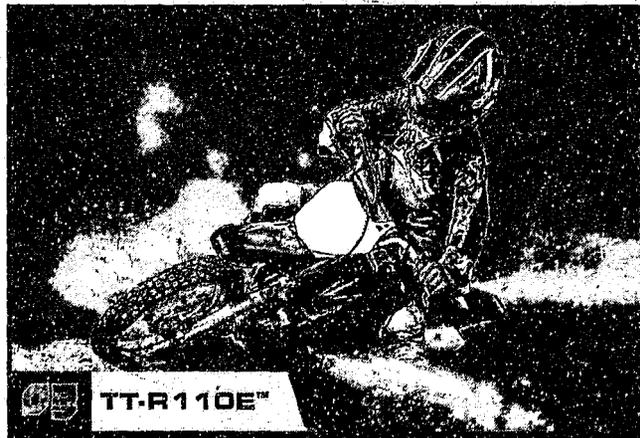
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countless shapes and diverse regional forms around the globe. Kites have been used for everything from friendly competitions to warfare, to helping the Wright brothers with their invention of the airplane.

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## COVER STORY

# Acoustic Eidolon

## Unique duo creates 'world music for the soul'

**A**coustic Eidolon, featuring Joe Scott on double-neck guitjo and Hannah Alkire on cello, joined forces on the music scene in 1998. This internationally acclaimed duo has graced stages throughout the United States, Europe, Australia and Canada.

Their original sound is created by the mixing of their diverse musical backgrounds and their unusual instrumentation, including the unique, one-of-a-kind double-neck guitjo, an instrument of Scott's own design praised by *USA Today* as a "beautiful harp-like sounding instrument – like nothing we've ever heard before." The double-neck guitjo has 14 strings and Scott has developed his own style and technique, playing both necks simultaneously.

Classically-trained cellist Hannah Alkire studied with G. Magyar of the Hungarian String Quartet and is recognized internationally for her stunning tone and emotional, im-

peccable playing – taking the cello places it's never been before. Her inquisitive nature has prompted her to take her cello playing into uncharted territories, risky moves that have continued her reputation as a tour-de-force in cello performance.

With seven CDs and a DVD to their credit, these masterful artists continue to captivate audiences throughout the world with a repertoire that defies categorization. Their signature "new acoustic" sound knows no bounds as their music travels through Celtic, folk, world & Latin music influences. At times, even some Asian tonal poems and hard rock are blended into the mix – something that *Dirty Linen* magazine praises as "a sumptuous musical feast."

Acoustic Eidolon are described by the Swallow Hill Music Association as "an evening of brilliant instrumentality," and Georgia's *Good Life* magazine enthuses, "Acoustic Eidolon offers concert-goers a

chance to absorb some of the most powerful and intriguing music on the scene today."

The convergence of their talents took Scott and Alkire a step further, sharing not only a musical vision but a life vision when they married in 2001. Their live performances are a direct reflection of their musical and emotional alliances.

It is Acoustic Eidolon's crowning feat that in their performances they create a seamless experience from their radically different musical vantage points. Their passionate live music and thoughtful, humorous rapport stand them above the crowd, engaging their audiences in spontaneous applause, laughter and appreciation.

In their words, "We consider it a great honor and privilege to travel and share our music and meet so many wonderful people all over this world. There is no other experience like doing what you love with the one you love."



*Acoustic Eidolon has performed their musical magic on stages worldwide (above) with their instruments of choice – the cello and Scott's own original "guitjo" (below).*

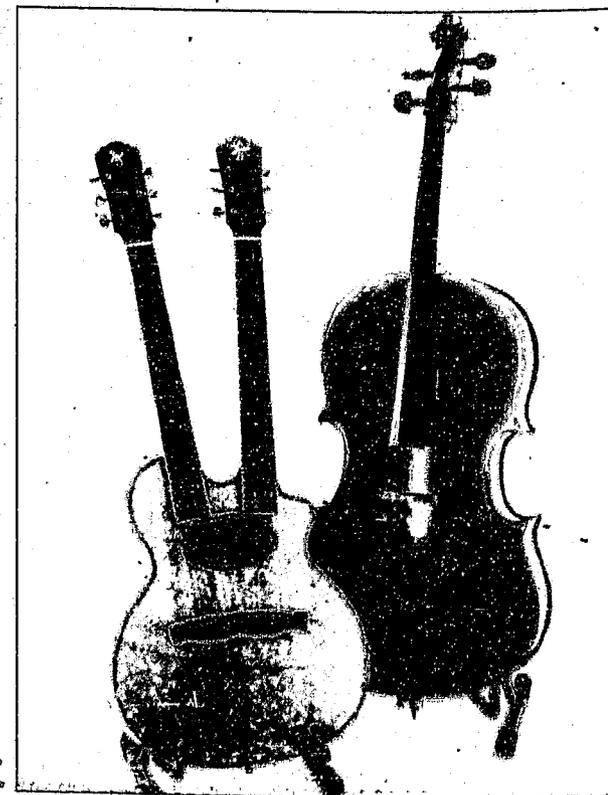
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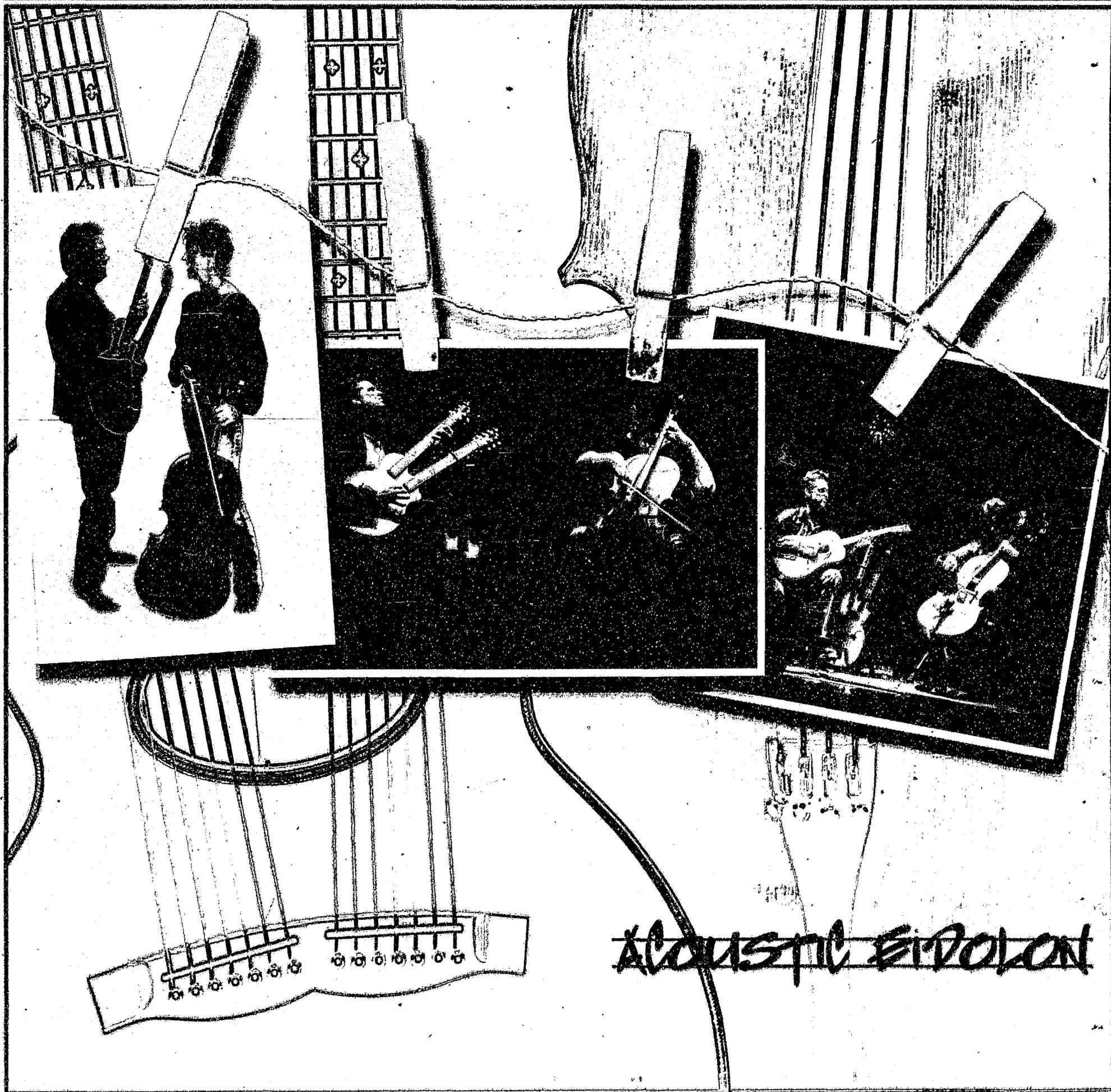
For more information on Acoustic Eidolon, or to hear a sample of their music with video clips and photos, go online to their Web site at [www.acousticheidolon.com](http://www.acousticheidolon.com).



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'above'  
"below"



ACOUSTIC EPOLON

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

# Mutiny on the bounty

## What happened to the mutineers?

I stood atop the highest point on Pitcairn Island and stared into the blue waters of Bounty Bay 1,100 feet below. Foamy waves covered the remains of *HMAS Bounty*, burned on Jan. 23, 1790, exactly 220 years ago.

Perhaps you have read *Mutiny on the Bounty* by Nordhoff and Hall, or saw any of the popular movies starring Charles Laughton, Clark Gable, Marlon Brando, or Mel Gibson and Anthony Hopkins. Did you wonder what happened to the mutineers led by Lt. Fletcher Christian after he set William Bligh and his loyalists adrift? The mutineers landed on an island somewhere in the South Pacific.

### Follow me to Pitcairn Island

If you want to hide from the world, Pitcairn Island is perfect. This 2-mile-long by 1-mile wide volcanic island juts up from the southern Pacific Ocean exactly halfway between Tahiti in the west and Easter Island to the east. Rich with coconuts, fruit trees and water, Pitcairn is surrounded by hundreds of nautical miles of ocean.

After the mutiny, Lt. Christian and the mutineers landed in Tahiti to

### Follow Me!

by Yvonne Lanelli

Adventure Writer & Photographer  
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gather provisions, livestock and Tahitian men and women then set sail for a place to hide from the British Navy who would hunt them down once news of their mutiny reached London.

They headed east. Four months later, they stumbled upon Pitcairn, located and named several

years before but charted 200 miles from where it actually was. In other words, if British ships followed their charts, they wouldn't come close.

On Jan. 23, 1790, Christian and his band landed on Pitcairn, stripped everything valuable off *Bounty* and fired her, thus assuring that no one would leave the island and betray their location. The mutineers and Tahitians settled the island, farmed, fished, raised families and stayed hidden for 18 years until an American ship stumbled upon the island in 1808.

By this time, only one mutineer remained alive, all others plus the Tahitian men and several women having died. The remaining mutineer, Alexander Smith, had assumed leadership under the alias of John Adams and the little colony of mixed English and Polynesian blood lived quietly. Smith/Adams was

pardoned and eventually the island was assumed into the British Empire.

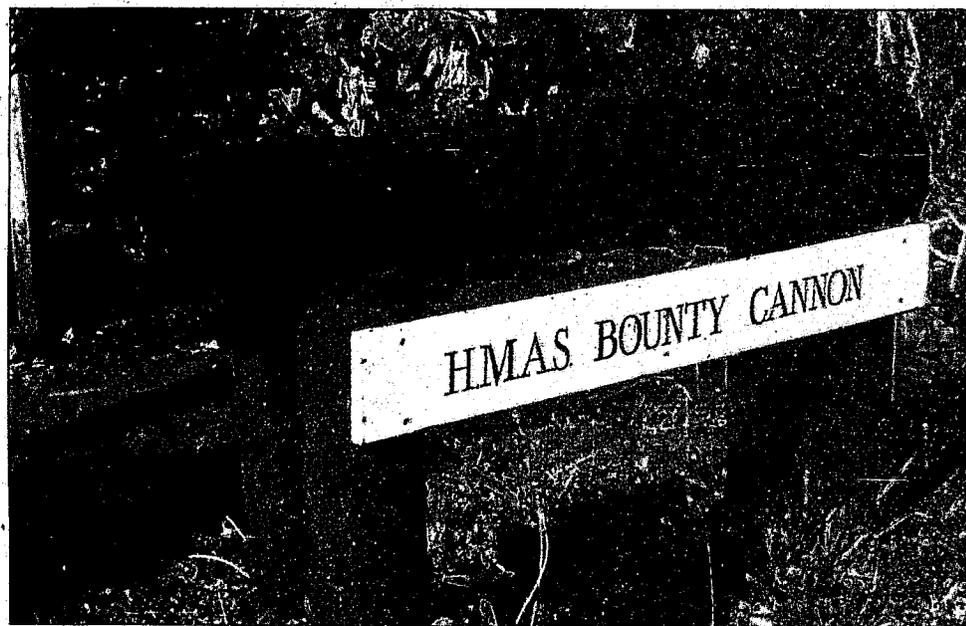
### Fast forward two centuries

Friends waved from ATV "taxis" but I chose instead to hike well-marked, steep red dirt roads that led to scenic and historic sites dotting the island. At Fletcher Christian's cave, my guide pointed out, "Here he looked over the ocean to see if ships were coming."

Reed warblers flitted across the Eco Trail festooned with perfume apple trees, pandanus, zambusa, apricot and beach hibiscus. From the observation point where frigate birds soared overhead, I hiked back to Adamstown, a tidy village with church, school, tiny museum and Health Clinic centered on the town square.

For our ship visit, locals had set up tables laden with wood carvings, local honey, woven pandanus curios, buttons, postage stamps (Pitcairn stamps are prized by philatelists), postcards, T-shirts and caps emblazoned with *HMAV Bounty* and Pitcairn Island.

After buying a cookbook from Irma Christian, seventh-generation descendant of Fletcher, and admiring Reynold Warren's wood carvings, I fell into conversation with Nola Warren. Talkative Pitcairners enjoy sharing their unique history and culture with guests.



The cannon from His Majesty's Armed Ship *Bounty* was recovered and is on display in Adamstown on Pitcairn Island.

"About 50 people, nearly all mutineer descendants including me, live on Pitcairn today," said Nola. "We garden veggies and fruits, fish for food or catch feral goats. Our eight children go to elementary school here on the island—our teacher is from New Zealand as is our doctor—but have to go to New Zealand for high school. It's hard when they leave," she added with a sigh, "and many choose to stay there."

"Care for a cuppa tea?" she asked suddenly, and led me down a path to her home, an airy stone structure with open windows and gas drums in the yard. "My husband's family has lived here for generations," she said. As we sipped hot tea, Nola showed pictures

of her son and grandchildren living in Los Angeles, and shared Pitcairn life. "Christmas is like nowhere else. Everyone gets presents and we hang them on the community Christmas tree in the square."

Pitcairn's unique holiday is Bounty Day, celebrated every Jan. 23. "We re-enact the burning of the ship that happened on Jan. 23, 1790. We build the replica and burn it, then have a big fish fry afterward." I regretted that we would miss the big day next week.

Having recently acquired satellite TV and Internet, Pitcairners communicate with the outside world and run Internet-based businesses selling stamps and crafts. But they

are still isolated. Cargo ships arrive every three months or so and little cruise ships such as the one I work on visit in the austral summer. The nearest airport is Mangareva, a French Polynesian island 300 miles away and two or three days by sea. Electricity is expensive, "but there's talk of solar power," said another local.

### "LUNCHTIME!"

Mayor Steve Christian rang the bell and we joined Pitcairners for a fish fry potluck in the square. "The chocolate cake's mine," confided Nola as we selected desserts.

Amid new friends and good food, I marveled at Pitcairn, where history lives, where few people have heard of, where even fewer go.

# Cherry Cobbler



## Polly's Potpourri

by  
Polly E. Chavez



Carrizozo's major attraction in the early part of last year was the filming of a motion picture. An entire street was converted into a post-apocalyptic-type set. It was interesting to see 2 x 4s, foam core and paint used over facades of existing buildings and empty lots to create a set for a tyrant of a small and pathetic town.

The villain ruled amid rusting vehicles, chunks of concrete and grubby, beggarly looking residents. The action included sniper gunshots and an armored car rching down the street with buildings with broken glass windows, busted walls and black soot from fires.

Theatrical release of *The Book of Eli* is today, Jan. 15. This is the day that movie extras looked forward to when casting director Elizabeth Gabel and her crew came to the city hall on Jan. 17, 2009. The casting call attracted more than 650 people of all ages, all hoping to be extras and a chance to rub elbows with Denzel Washington, an Academy Award-winning actor.

I was granted permis-

sion by Gabel to take behind-the-scenes photographs of the casting call. After filling in cards and returning them to Gabel or her assistant, the wannabe extras posed for a mug shot. I had casting card number 1 and I took a photograph of the casting call photographer taking my photo. Some extras, who came from near-and-far, had experience under their belt and were able to bypass the photographer, handing over a folder with professional photographs. The rest of us held a number over our chest and stared bugged-eyed at the camera.

One building in the movie is a dilapidated donut and ice cream place with a mock second story added. Before the movie this building was, and is now again, our veterinary office. Until actual filming began, vet Mary Jane Ferguson Cooper conducted business using the back door entrance for her furry clientele. The mock front inspired me to bake this week's dessert. Vanilla ice cream is tasty with the Cherry Cobbler I baked this week.



### Cherry Cobbler



- 1/2 CUP shortening
- 1 CUP GRANULATED SUGAR
- 3 eggs
- 1 TEASPOON VANILLA
- 1 3/4 CUPS ALL-PURPOSE FLOUR
- 1 1/2 TEASPOON BAKING POWDER
- 1/2 TEASPOON SALT
- 1/4 CUP MILK
- CAN OF 21 OZ. CHERRY PIE FILLING

Cream the butter and sugar together in a large bowl. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Add vanilla and beat smooth. Add flour, baking powder, salt and milk. Stir until just moistened.

Spread the batter into a greased 9x13-inch pan. Drop small spoonfuls of the prepared cherry filling over the top of the batter, allowing the dough to show here and there. Bake in an oven preheated to 350 degrees for about 45 minutes. This dish can be served warm or cold.

## CULINARY DINING GUIDE

## Alamogordo / Otero County

## Bar-B-Que

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

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

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

## Cafés

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Dave's Café** • 300 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thu, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. • Hamburgers

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

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

**High Rolls General Store Deli** • 845 Hwy. 82 • 682-2855.

**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, 2-8p.m.

**Mayhill Café** • Mayhill • 687-3066

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

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

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

**Nature's Pantry** • 2909 White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-3037 • Deli/bar open Mon-Fri, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. • Organic.

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

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

**Plateau Espresso** • 2724 N. Scenic, Alamogordo • 434-4466 • Open Sun-Thu, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-11 p.m. •

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

**Weed Café** • Weed • 687-3611.

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

## Casual Dining

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

**Applebee's Bar & Grill** • 1355 White Sands Blvd. • casual dining, friendly staff, full bar, 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.

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**Bamboo Garden Restaurant** • 2617F N. White Sands • 437-5552

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Fine Dining

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

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

**Rebecca's at The Lodge** • 1 Corona Place, Cloudcroft • Breakfast, 7-10:30 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; dinner 5:30-10 p.m. • 800-395-6343, 575-682-2566

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

## Mexican

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tia Lupe's Authentic Mexican Restaurant** • 1200 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-0820 • Daily; 10 am-8 pm.

## Pizza/Italian

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

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

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

**Pizza Patio** • 2203 1st St., Alamogordo • 434-9633.

## Ruidoso/Lincoln

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**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., Capitán • 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 - Sat; 7 a.m.-3 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

**Café Rendezvous** • 522 Sudderth Dr • French casual • Mon - Sat, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 575-937-9419.

**Café Z** • 103 Lincoln, Capitán • 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., Capitán • 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

**All American Diner** • 390 Sudderth Dr. • Mexican and American specialties • Daily, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. • 257-8625.

**Big Game Bar & Grill** • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd., Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero • 464-7880.

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**Billy's Sports Bar & Grill** • at Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino • 378-4431.

**Cattle Baron** • 657 Sudderth • Steak, seafood, lounge • Mon-Thu, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. • 257-9355.

**Cree Meadows Restaurant & Bar** 301 Country Club • Breakfast all day, Friday night catfish buffet • Daily; 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 257-2733

**Denny's** • 2219 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • Open 24/7 • 378-1389

**Elsie's Charbroiled Burgers** • Hwy. 54 at Hwy. 380 • Carrizozo • Tue-Sat 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. • Patio seating. • 648-4200

**Farley's Food Fun & Pub** • 1200 Mechem • Burgers, pizza, pub fare, lounge, pool tables, patio. • 7 days, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. • 258-5676

**Four Winds Restaurant** • 111 Central Ave., Carrizozo • American variety, Mexican, freshly baked goods. • Daily, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. • 648-2964

**Gathering of Nations Buffet** • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IMG • 464-7872

**Global Grill** • 2919 Sudderth Dr. • entrees under \$10 • Mon-Sat, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun 7 a.m.-9 p.m. • 630-1037.

**Good to Go** • 1206 Mechem • Gourmet bakery, deli, catering, take-out • Mon-Fri, 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Sat, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. • 258-1294

**Hall of Flame** • 2500 Sudderth • Burgers, salads • Sun & Mon 11am - 2pm; Tues-Thu 11am-8pm; Fri & Sat 11am-3pm • 257-9987

**Horsemen's Grill** • 321 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Tues - Sat 5 p.m. - 9 pm; Sun.brunch 10 am - 3 p.m. • 354-1447.

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

**Landlocked** • 441 Mechem 257-9559 • Mon-Sat, 11a-9p

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

**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

**Schlotsky'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; 6 a.m.-8 p.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 - 12 a.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

**La Fondue** • 2800 Sudderth Dr (below Elena's) • Steak, seafood, fondue, tempura. • Tues - Sun, 4 - 11 p.m.

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**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

**Chiléo's** • 135 W. Hwy. 70 • Sun-Thu, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri & Sat, 7 a.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 11 a.m. - 2 p.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 a.m. - 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.

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**Yee's** • 633 Sudderth • eat in or take out • Daily, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. • 257-5888

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# Quiet heroism, part 2

The movies tend to make us think that the only people in the Old West with courage were the gun-slingers – law-men, outlaws and the like. But there is a lot more to bravery than simply carrying a gun.

Joseph Lee Heywood, a cashier at the First National Bank in Northfield, Minn., demonstrated that fact dramatically on Sept. 7, 1876.

It was on that day that eight heavily armed men rode into Northfield with the intention of robbing the bank. And these weren't just any bank robbers, either – they were the legendary-in-their-own-time James-Younger Gang.

Things had become too hot for the outlaws in their native Missouri. It had been more than 10 years since their first robbery, and it was getting harder and harder to convince people that they were still fighting for the "Lost Cause." The Civil War had ended in 1865, and even Missourians had begun to note that the gang robbed not only Yankees, but virtually anyone who had money. One of the gang's newer members, Bill Chadwell, had convinced them that the bank in far-off Northfield would be "easy pickins'." Chadwell had lived in Minnesota for a time and had assured Jesse, Frank and the

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Youngers that he could also lead them to safety after the robbery.

The attempt to rob the bank at Northfield was to become known as the James-Younger Gang's "Waterloo." They had cockily assumed that a bunch of Yankee sod-busters would be no match for them as they were, after all, some of the greatest pistol fighters the world had ever seen. They had received their training riding with such men as William Clarke Quantrill and Bloody Bill Anderson, guerrillas during the War Between the States, and they thought that no one – absolutely no one – was their match. The guerrillas' standard tactics were to get in close to their enemies and using their pistols to deadly effect, either kill or intimidate their foes into retreat. They thought that no man could stand up to them. They were wrong.

### Hell in the bank and on the streets

Three of the desperadoes who were – in the opinion of this writer – Frank James, Bob Younger and Charlie Pitts, although no one has ever been certain of the role each man played, walked into the bank and demanded that cashier Joseph Heywood open the vault.

Heywood, a quiet, un-

assuming man, a veteran of the siege of Vicksburg, and the father of a 5 year-old daughter, had looked into the eyes of the men who were every bank employee's nightmare, and calmly told them that the vault had a timelock on it and could not be opened. He was lying – all they had to do was open the door. But for reasons that no one has ever been quite certain of, they didn't. (Just for the record, it is the opinion of this writer that the over-confident bandits were drunk). Heywood was not armed, and even though he was confronted by the country's most legendary outlaws, he managed to keep his wits about him.

Teller Alonzo Bunker had first tried to go for a pistol in his drawer, but was beaten to the floor. As the bandits turned their attention to Heywood, pistol-whipping him and even drawing a knife across his throat – just enough to draw blood – Bunker had seen his opportunity and raced for the back door. One of the outlaws sent a bullet screaming into his shoulder, but the round seemed only to energize Bunker who, after plunging through a closed screen door, hit the street screaming that there was robbery and murder going on in the bank. The citizens of Northfield didn't have to be told twice.

As the five other desperadoes in the street began galloping up and down, firing over the citi-

zens' heads to cow them into submission and back indoors, the robbery began to unravel.

What the gang did not know was that there were already guns everywhere – hunting season had just opened. And those who were unarmed were given weapons by hardware stores and anyone else who had any available. It must have seemed to the outlaws that everyone in Northfield was shooting at them.

A Swedish immigrant who was probably drunk and didn't speak English anyway, lurched out of a saloon and into the street, demanding to know what was going on, in Swedish, of course. Unfortunately for this man, whose name was Nicholaus Gustavson, he stepped out almost in front of Cole Younger, who immediately shot him through the head, killing him on the spot.

As the outlaws galloped up and down, they were taking their own lumps, too. Clell Miller was hit first by a load of buckshot and then by a bullet through the heart that toppled him into the dust of Division Street. The next casualty was Bill Chadwell, the man who was supposed to lead the gang to safety through the unfamiliar Minnesota countryside.

It was getting ugly when Cole Younger finally galloped up to the bank and shouted the words that the James-Younger Gang never expected to hear:

"The game is up. We are beaten."

### Inside

Inside the bank, Joseph Heywood, despite his bleeding throat and the gashes in his head from the pistol-whipping he had endured, remained calm and continued to insist that the vault was locked. As the frustrated outlaws exited the bank, taking all of \$26 and change with them, one of them, (in the opinion of this writer, it was Frank James), turned and shot Heywood, who was on his knees, dazed and bleeding, through the head. It was as unnecessary a killing as ever there was.

The outlaws organized and thundered across the Cannon River Bridge. The pursuit went on for weeks and when it was over, only Frank and Jesse James escaped. Gang member Charlie Pitts was killed and the three Younger brothers – Cole, Bob and Jim – much the worse for wear, were taken into custody and given hefty prison sentences. Bob ultimately contracted a fatal case of tuberculosis from the chest wound he had received in Minnesota, and died in prison. Jim Younger committed suicide in the wake of a failed love affair after he was paroled, and Cole was the only one of the brothers to make it back to Missouri, and that wasn't until after the turn of the century.

And Joseph Heywood? The man who had stood

up, alone and unarmed, to the most fearsome band of outlaws America has ever seen? He was given a hero's funeral, and people from all over the country sent donations to his widow and daughter, ensuring that they would never sink into the depths of poverty. Heywood's tombstone said it all: "Faithful unto death."

SOURCES: *Bank Cashiers Sometimes Dealt with Unauthorized Withdrawals* by John Koster for "Wild West Magazine"; *Faithful Unto Death* by John Koblas and *Frank and Jesse James: The Story Behind the Legend* by Ted Yeatman.

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IN OUR SKIES

# Return of the red planet

Of all of our fellow worlds in the solar system, the one that has captivated the human psyche the most is undoubtedly the red planet, Mars. Its relative proximity to Earth, a surface topography that is roughly similar to Earth's, and the fact that its surface conditions, while cold by our standards are not drastically so, have all added together to create a world in our collective consciousness that can to some degree be considered "Earthlike."

Many of our science fiction stories that have come out over the past century and more, have featured human travel and colonization of the red planet, or visits to Earth by Martian native life.

Mars is at "opposition," i.e., in a location of the sky that is directly opposite from that of the sun, every 26 months – this is how long it takes Earth to catch up to, and "lap," Mars as the two planets make their respective orbits around the sun. At opposition Mars rises around sunset, is highest above the horizon around local midnight, and sets around sunrise, and thus this provides the best opportunities for viewing it. Because it is generally closest to Earth around this time, it is also then at about its brightest, and

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appears at its largest when viewed through a telescope. It so happens that Mars is currently near opposition – the specific date being Fri., Jan. 29 – and it is located somewhat to the west of the "sickle" that marks the

constellation Leo, the lion.

Like all of the planets, Mars' orbit around the sun is not a circle, but rather an ellipse. Even though it can still be considered as being close to circular, Mars' orbit is nevertheless more "elliptical" than Earth's, and as a result Mars is located at different distances from us, and thus exhibits different brightnesses and sizes at different oppositions. At the extremely close opposition in August 2003 Mars passed slightly less than 35 million miles from Earth, while this month's opposition is far more distant, the minimum distance being 62 million miles. (The next opposition, in March 2012, will be slightly even more distant.)

Because of its quasi-Earthlike physical nature and its relative proximity to us, a number of spacecraft have been launched towards Mars over the past four decades. Active Mars-orbiting spacecraft right now include NASA's Mars

Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO) and Mars Odyssey missions, as well as the European Space Agency's Mars Express, and meanwhile on the surface we have the twin Spirit and Opportunity rovers that touched down six years ago this month. These two rovers, in particular, have been enormously successful missions, especially when one considers that their planned operational lifetimes were only three months, and yet they continue to operate even today. Spirit is having some difficulties in that it has been stuck in a deposit of soft sand for the past six months; however, the place where it is stuck is very rich in minerals like sulfates and thus Spirit continues to return interesting scientific data.

A key objective of these various missions has been the quest to detect signs of water, since water is believed to be necessary for the existence of life (at least, life as we know it). In this sense, all the recent missions have been major successes. For example, both rovers have detected strong evidence that significant amounts of liquid water flowed on Mars' surface in the distant past (and in fact examination of the sand where Spirit is currently stuck provides some of the strongest of that evidence). The Phoenix Mars Lander which touched down in Mars' north polar regions in 2008 detected significant signs of subsurface water ice (and even evi-

dence of liquid water droplets on its landing legs), Mars Odyssey data suggests that a large ocean may have once covered as much as a third of Mars' surface, and images from the Mars-Global Surveyor mission (which ceased functioning in 2006) tantalizingly suggest that liquid water may still exist on Mars in underground aquifers.

Refining this search for water, along with detection and characterization of organic (i.e., carbon-containing) substances, is among the primary objectives of the Mars Science Laboratory (recently renamed Curiosity) mission that is now scheduled for launch in September 2011. Curiosity is another rover mission, although it is several times larger and contains many more scientific instruments than Spirit and Opportunity, and pending a safe arrival at Mars in mid-2012 (at a landing site that will be selected later this year) it should tell us a lot more about the conditions that might have led to the existence of life on the red planet.

Back in 1996 a team of NASA scientists led by David McKay of the Johnson Space Center announced that they had detected evidence of microbial life, in a meteorite that originally came from Mars and that was discovered in Antarctica in 1984. While these claims were never confirmed and other researchers pointed out alternative explanations for the mete-

orite data, McKay's team has recently announced that re-examination of the meteorite with a high-resolution electron microscope provides even more evidence of the presence of life signs (and also water). While this new evidence is intriguing and is beginning to convince some of the previous skeptics, it still probably can't be considered compelling, and as one scientist remarked, "one meteorite is never going to answer such a complex question."

Perhaps Curiosity, when it arrives at Mars two-and-one-half years from now, will be able to do that. For now, though,

Mars shines brightly in our nighttime sky, compelling us to discern its secrets and to contemplate the origins of life – including, perhaps, ourselves.

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# COMMUNITY LISTINGS

## Lincoln County

### Clubs/Associations

**Alto Women's Association:** 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards. Business meeting every first Tuesday.

**Angus Wood Carvers:** 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, junction Hwys. 48 and 37; 336-9161.

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

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

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

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

**Lincoln County Bird Club:** Monthly field trips are scheduled at various times. Info: 257-5352 or 258-3862.

**Lincoln County Garden Club:** Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m.; New members and visitors welcome; Info: Joyce, 258-4663, or Elena, 258-3724.

**Lincoln County Right to Life Chapter:** 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday at 309 L.L. Davis Dr. All are welcome; Info: 258-5108.

**Mountain Top 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: 937-1823.

**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.

**AI-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.

**AI-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 Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70; Info: 257-2607.

**B.P.O. Does:** Noon, second and fourth Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70.

**Capitan Smokey Bear Lions Club:** 5:30 p.m. every Thursday at Smokey Bear Restaurant. Info: Bob Callender, 575-258-1345 or 575-937-7911.

**Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program:** 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso. For children age 4 to 6th grade; Info: 257-2081, www.tbcruaidoso.com.

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

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

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

**Laughing Eyes Kennels:** 501(c)(3) nonprofit breeder and trainer of Service Dogs in Nogal seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling & puppy socialization, bookkeeping, fundraising and kennel upkeep/management. Info: www.lekennels.org or 575-354-4342.

**Lincoln County Community Health Council:** 8 a.m. first Tuesday of each

month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. New members welcome. Info: 973-1829.

**Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary:** 9:30 a.m. second Tuesday of each month in the hospital conference room. New volunteers welcome. Info: 630-4250.

**Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse:** Meets first Sunday each month at 2 p.m. at the Posse building, Hwy. 54, in Carrizozo. Groups needing their volunteer security services, notify by mail one month (but not less than two weeks) prior to the monthly meeting. Send to P.O. Box 1784, Capitan, NM 88316. Info: 888-663-7029.

**OES Ruidoso Chapter 65:** Meeting every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 144 Nob Hill Dr. Info: 257-5313.

**Optimist Club (Friends of Youth):** Noon every Wednesday at K-BOB's. Info: 257-5938 or 258-9218.

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

**Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club:** 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: Barbara, 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555, or Greg, 257-1255.

**Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary:** 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center off East Highway 70; Info: 378-8099 or 378-8316.

**Ruidoso Evening Lions:** Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Evening Lions Club House, 106 S. Overlook (behind Chef Lupe's). New members always welcome. Info: Mike Zaragoza, 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 whitemountainars@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainars.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. St. Citizens Center, Capitan, 575-336-2194

**VFW Post 1207:** Meets at the Ruidoso Evening Lions Club, behind Chef Lupe's Restaurant on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. Info: email theboss@RuidosoToday.com.

**VFW Post 12071:** Ladies Auxiliary meets at Ruidoso Evening Lions Club, behind Chef Lupe's Restaurant on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. Info: Kelly Fouse at 575-430-8531.

## Otero County

### Clubs & Associations

**Alamo Squares:** Square dancing on 2nd and 4th Saturdays. 8 p.m. Info: 437-3043, 434-2618 or 437-5474.

**Alamogordo Astronomy Club:** Meets every third Friday. Mike Mosier, 437-8260.

**Alamogordo Genealogical Society:** 2 p.m. every third Saturday in the Sacramento Room, Alamogordo Public Library. Betty Bass, Bruce and Jinnie Matson will discuss publishing family histories. Chewy, 439-1205.

**Alamogordo Mustang Club:** Meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at Vision Ford. Daurian Orchard, 491-7952.

**Barbershop Harmony Society:** The "Sounds of Enchantment" barber-shop chorus meets at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo, every Tue., 7-9 p.m. Gentlemen of all ages welcome. Info: 437-8832.

**Boy Scouts:** Programs open to boys first grade-age 20, girls tenth grade-age 20. Info: Suzy, 437-7640.

**Chaparral Kennel Club:** 6:30 p.m. every first Wednesday at various locations. Promotes purebred dogs and sponsors therapy visits, dog shows, matches and the rescue of purebred dogs. Michele, 434-5220.

**The Christian Self-Employed Business Club:** Breakfast meetings at 8 a.m. on Fridays. Any self-employed person and a guest are welcome to attend. Paul Collins, 437-8257.

**Crochet Guild of America:** The Alamogordo Touch of Class Chapter welcomes all levels. 437-3832.

**Desert Basin Toastmasters:** Meets 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Alamogordo Physical Therapy Center; 10th and Washington; and every 2nd and

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4th Tuesday at Comm. Center at Holloman AFB. Guests welcome. Visit [desertbasin.freesthost.com](http://desertbasin.freesthost.com) or phone 921-4767.

**Desert Castaways Duplicate Bridge Club:** Meets 12:30 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday & Friday at the Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico. 437-2822.

**Desert Mountain 4-Wheel Drive Club:** Meets third Tue. of each month at Wok Inn. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7. Info: 491-4257 or 430-3608.

**Enchanted Quilters Guild:** Meets 7-9 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 1300 Hawaii Ave. All are welcome. Info: 434-5162 after 4 p.m..

**Experimental Aircraft Association:** Meets at 7 p.m. every second Tuesday in the pilots lounge at Alamogordo-White Sands Regional Airport. Open to all, including non-pilots.

**Girl Scouts:** Open to girls ages 5-17. Nancy, 437-2921.

**Golden Gears Car Club:** Meets at 7 p.m. every first Thursday at the VFW annex building. Cruise-ins are on the last Saturday of each month at Sonic on the north end of town on White Sands Blvd. 434-0200.

**Historic Vehicle Association of Alamogordo:** Anyone with an interest in old cars is welcome to join. John Douglas, 437-5318 or Gale Ortiz, 434-5242.

**The New Horizon Band:** Rehearsals 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Alamogordo Senior Center. 434-4281.

**Noel Southard Chapter of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation:** Meets at 7 p.m. first Monday at the Aristocrat Assisted Living Center on Robert Bailey Drive. 434-8356 or 434-1467.

**Otero County Association of Educational Retirees:** Meets 11:30 a.m. every third Tuesday at Margo's Restaurant, Alamogordo. Lincoln and Otero County educational retirees welcome. For info: Barbara, 585-5564 or Dave, 437-6948.

**Singles of Otero County:** Weekly activities to provide a social network for singles in the area. 18 & over welcome. 437-4035.

**Tularosa Basin Rockhounds:** Meets every second Tuesday at First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St. Field trips every fourth Saturday, annual campouts and picnic. 437-3377.

**White Sands Dart Association:** Double team open tournaments 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Fraternal Order of Eagles Club, 471 24th St. Join to play or learn. Contact Delilah at 442-8750.

## Education

**ESL:** English as a second language class, 9 a.m. each Monday, 1328 Scenic Dr. \$15 for workbook. Class sponsored by Mountain Valley Baptist Association; 437-9987.

**H.E.L.P. Head Start:** Accepting applications for pre-school children with or without disabilities. Free meals. Alamogordo Center: Maria Gallegos, 434-6313; La Luz Center: Martina Travis, 437-4485; Tularosa Center: Annette Chavez, 585-4818.

**Integrated Instructional Services Department:** Monthly Parent/Staff Advisory Committee meeting, 4 - 6 p.m. every second Tuesday at the IIS Building. Dr. Doug Householder, 439-3200.

**Lacy Simms:** Governing council meets at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at First National Bank Building Atrium. Regular meetings are at 7:15 p.m.; 437-4011.

## Help &amp; Healing

**AI-Anon:** New Day AI-Anon group meets noon Thursdays at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo.

**Alamogordo City Disability Council:** Meets at 2 p.m. every third Wednesday at the Sgt. Willie Estrada Memorial Civic Center. Disability Resource Center, 439-1112, or Ann-French at 439-4227 or 439-4889.

**American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center:** 2 - 5 p.m. every Mon-Tue at 2689 N. Scenic, north of hospital; hats, wigs, scarves, bras and prostheses available; free "Look Good - Feel Better" make-up sessions available with reservations; Vivian Smith, 434-5874 or 439-7681, or Lillie Lewis, 439-8409.

**Blood Pressure Screening:** 9 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Red Cross office. Free; 700 E. First St., No. 765. 437-4421.

**Calvary Baptist Clothes Closet:** Open 2 - 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 1200 Indian Wells Rd.; Clothing is free; Donations accepted. 437-0110.

**Cellac Disease/Gluten Intolerance Support Group:** Meets second and fourth Sundays, 2-3:30 p.m., in the conference room of ERA-Simmons Real Estate, 918 10th St., Alamogordo. Info: Kathie at 437-0603, Robin at 442-9419, or email 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, Alamosa, 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 Tinning, 443-1195.

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

## 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.

**Aitrusa 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 434-3988 or Martha 437-7515.

**Flickinger Guild:** Supporting the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts, Guild members sell tickets in the box office, work the door for performances, usher, hand out programs and work concessions. Contact chairman Flori McElderry at 437-6616.

**Kiwanis Club of Alamogordo:** Meets on first and third Thursdays at 8 a.m. at Maximino's Restaurant, 2300 N. White Sands Blvd; 434-0923.

**Order of the Eastern Star:** Tularosa Basin Chapter No. 72 meets at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday at 409 Higuera St., Tularosa. 434-1456.

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

## Veterans / Military

**Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1257:** Open meeting/lunch on 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.

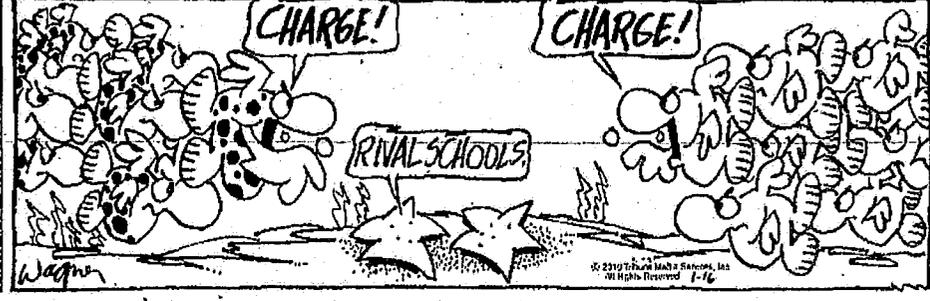
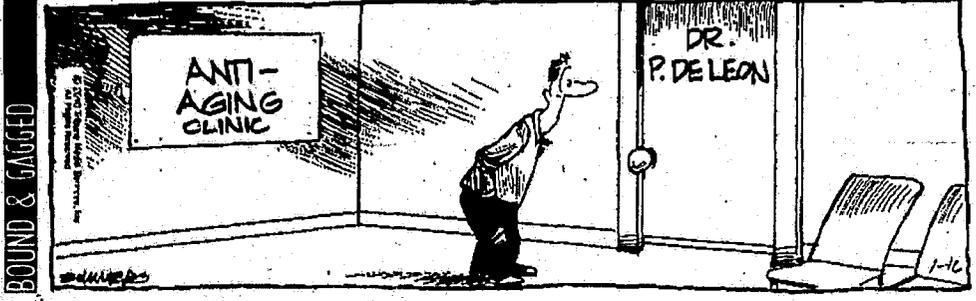
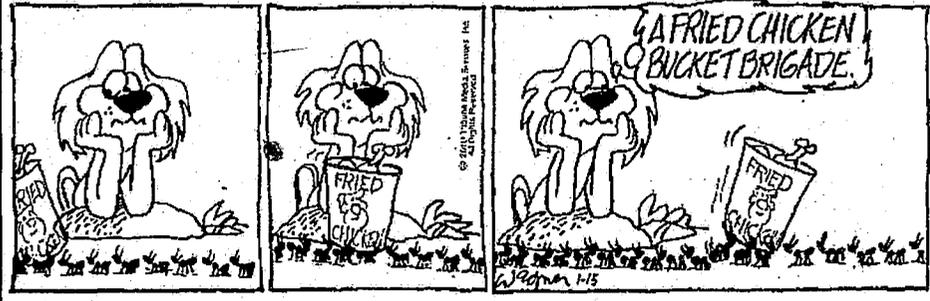
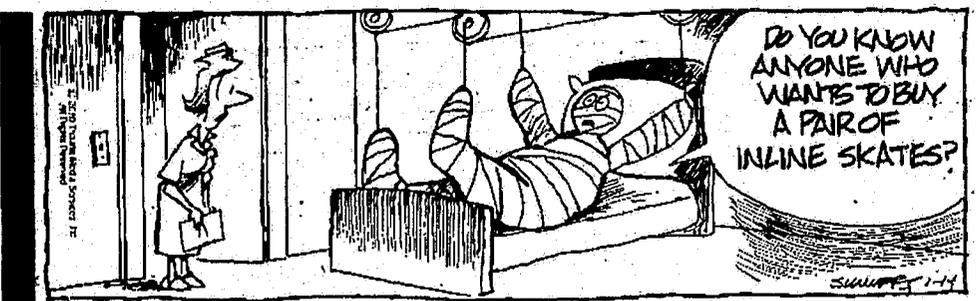
**New Mexico American Legion Riders Association, Chap 8:** Meets second Tuesday at 8 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, or Darrell Winfree, 430-7735.

**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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							3rd Letter Triple	
E <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	X <sub>8</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>		RACK 2
A <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>3</sub>	G <sub>2</sub>	B <sub>3</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>		RACK 3
O <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>		RACK 4

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TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

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**"JUST DO IT"**  
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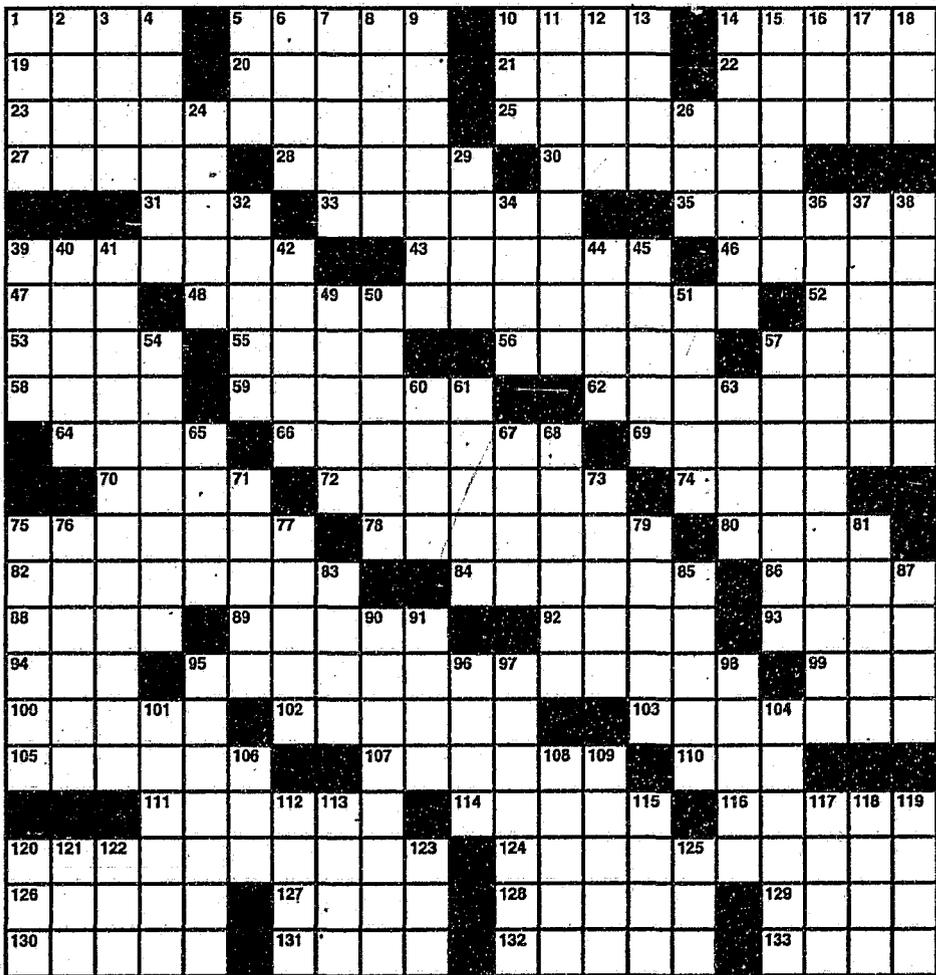
- 1 Apply crudely
- 5 Practice exercise
- 10 Man \_\_\_: 1920 U.S. Horse of the Year
- 14 Interface developed for the Intel x86 family of microprocessors
- 19 Juanita's "this"
- 20 Arabian peninsula capital
- 21 Part
- 22 Southern New Mexico county
- 23 Unlikely bar snack?
- 25 Hair stylist's blunder?
- 27 Try
- 28 South side?
- 30 Quarrel
- 31 Don't just sit there
- 33 Provides with funds-
- 35 Hilo exchanges
- 39 Santa
- 43 A single bounce, in baseball
- 46 Glacial ridge
- 47 Sch. founded by Jefferson
- 48 Place marker in "The Compleat Angler"?
- 52 Beaver, to Ward
- 53 Churn
- 55 Copycats
- 56 Paint spill sound
- 57 Soprano Lily
- 58 Ligurian Sea city
- 59 Kitchen tools
- 62 Class
- 64 Beatles girl with a "little white book"
- 66 Snack brand sold in twists and puffs
- 69 Pan-fried
- 70 Singer with The Velvet Underground in the '60s
- 72 Nice piece of change
- 74 Household servant
- 75 Talky get-together
- 78 Like eagles
- 80 82-Across cry
- 82 Alley wanderer
- 84 Equiangular geometric figure
- 86 Lower Manhattan neighborhood

- 88 Jazz home
- 89 Legend creator
- 92 Sugar source
- 93 Maker of nonstick cookware
- 94 British golfer Poulter
- 95 Paid athletes with upscale apartments?
- 99 Kin of -kin
- 100 Like some waves
- 102 Eye shadow?
- 103 Cuts into
- 105 Kept a partner up, maybe
- 107 Rather modern
- 110 Scale's fifth
- 111 Primarily
- 114 Jewish community orgs.
- 116 Arm bones
- 120 Tennis great's swimwear?
- 124 Typical dog's motto?
- 126 Vaudeville show
- 127 Race

- 128 They're usually made of African Blackwood
- 129 Barely managed, with "out"
- 130 Explorer Amundsen
- 131 Vodka in a blue bottle
- 132 '30s veep John \_\_\_ Gamer
- 133 Mothers' groups?

**DOWN**

- 1 Charging result
- 2 On the Aegean
- 3 Old Navajo enemies
- 4 It may be picked up at a pub
- 5 British mil. award
- 6 Made a jingle
- 7 Accustom
- 8 "Aeneid" language
- 9 Puzo novel, with "The"
- 10 Dot follower, perhaps
- 11 Vocational course
- 12 Baseball's Matty
- 13 Calls the game
- 14 Sectional home
- 15 Daze of wine and rosés?
- 16 Security pmt.
- 17 Diner req.
- 18 Great Lakes' Canals
- 24 Java choice
- 26 LAX info
- 29 Album track
- 32 Three-tone chord
- 34 Ties the knot
- 36 "What a jerk!"
- 37 Medical stat?
- 38 Detected
- 39 Newborn's achievement?
- 40 To have, to Henri
- 41 Bringin' up a crime boss
- 42 Gelatin garnish
- 44 Eye blatantly
- 45 Bell sounds
- 49 Horizontal bar dismount
- 50 Op art viewer's cry, maybe
- 51 Elite unit
- 54 Queen with a Grammy
- 57 Like a good waiter
- 60 Prynne's stigma
- 61 Pens and needles
- 63 Micronesia's largest island
- 65 \_\_\_-deucy
- 67 Baja bears
- 68 Shell alternative
- 71 Actor's dream
- 73 Mullally of "Will & Grace"
- 75 Astronauts' wear
- 76 Accomplish
- 77 Food in shells
- 79 Orphan boy of old comics
- 81 Jonah's problem
- 83 Keister
- 85 Bright signs
- 87 Pamplona chorus
- 90 Future time of need, metaphorically
- 91 Writer Tyler
- 95 Smiling, probably
- 96 Damp at daybreak
- 97 Ivy League color
- 98 Search all over
- 101 As much as you can carry
- 104 Undermoulished
- 106 Onion
- 108 Biblical queendom
- 109 Rye lead-in
- 112 Bottom lines
- 113 Vichyssoise veggie
- 115 Design detail, briefly
- 117 Apt company for this puzzle?
- 118 Port of Yemen
- 119 Lays down the lawn
- 120 Boxer's warning
- 121 Classic wheels
- 122 Actress Gardner
- 123 Transit end?
- 125 L.A.-to-Tucson dir.



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Ans:     OF

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ROIL APES SPLAT PONS  
PISA DICERS ELEGANCE  
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NICOTIDYSUM MAID  
GABFEST TALONED MEOW  
STRAVACAT ISOGON NOHO  
UTAH ACURA CANE TEFAL  
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