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The four candidates for mayor of Ruidoso, seated left to right, Tuesday, are Ray Alborn, Jim Gibson, Don Williams and Joan Zagone.

# Mayor's race is on

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Four candidates have their say during Tuesday's forum. Here is a transcript.

### Wednesday: Ruidoso council race

A marathon candidate forum brought together Tuesday the four people vying for Ruidoso mayor and eight for three seats on the village council.

Sandra Aguilar, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, said with the primary goal of keeping the community educated and involved in public affairs, the forum was scheduled to provide voters with information on who has the vision to lead the community.

Clayton Alred, president of Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, acted as moderator. He explained that an anonymous group of business owners and residents came up with five questions for the mayor candidates and nine for the council candidates. A nearly verbatim transcript follows of the responses of Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commissioner Ray Alborn, a former Rice University coach; Joan Zagone, a real estate agent and former executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce; Jim Gibson, former administrator of the Lincoln County Medical Center; and Don Williams, a retired engineer who

serves on the village council and the Lincoln County Commission.

#### Introductory remarks:

**Ray Alborn:** The most important thing to me is accountability. When you get into elected office, you must be accountable to the people who put you there. At the Lincoln County Food Bank (where he is president) we are very accountable for the money donated and the food donated. Accountability is critical to me. Another thing I think is important, we need to let the village staff do their work with oversight, not micro-managing. We have good department heads and I'm very impressed with Village Manager Debi Lee.

No more than pointed out recently, we need regional cooperation with other communities and with the (Mescalero Apache) Tribe.

I've been rapped about being anti-growth. I am not anti-growth. I am for sensible and responsible growth. I was criticized about turning down the Swiss Chalet (water park-time share) project. I believe it was a unanimous vote (of the

Planning and Zoning Commission on which he serves). There were some valid reasons and I would be more than happy to talk to you about them. Just call me.

**James Gibson:** I think there are three questions everyone needs to ask themselves when they go to select who to vote for, and they are qualifications, why a candidate wants to be mayor and what they are going to do.

Each of our qualifications are listed on the (campaign) sheets so I won't waste any of your time on that. But why, I think is important. Mayor L. Ray Nunley called me last fall to ask me to consider running, because of the financial issues with the village. So I asked him for a budget and looked at it and found out the village budget was part of the problem. It's not just the state and federal government with a problem, it's our village as well. Our manager has done a stupendous job correcting a lot of those problems and the actual result will be a lot better than we budgeted for, but budgeting for deficits I think is the wrong road to

go down.

If I'm elected mayor, it will be to initiate fiscal responsibility with our government.

**Don Williams:** I've been honored to serve the last three years on the (Lincoln) County Commission and six years on the village council. I really enjoy what I'm doing and have gotten an education beyond belief. I learned not only what we should do, but what we should not do.

If I'm elected mayor, some reorganization will be involved, and some multiple recommendations from the public will be considered seriously. I'm for reorganizing the Planning and Zoning Department, which is underway. I want to make the Planning and Zoning Commission an appointed office by village councilors. My main purpose is to return governance back to the council. The mayor has no policy-making authority, the council does, and I will do everything I can to make sure the council represents you in the decisions by the council.

**Joan Zagone:** You have an excellent opportunity in four good candidates from which to choose for mayor. I believe the choice comes down to substance and style. I have lived here over three

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## County tables film subsidy

■ Action comes after commission is asked to show support for industry tax breaks

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With state department budgets being cut and capital outlay money dried up, Lincoln County commissioners aren't sure tax breaks should continue to be granted to attract film makers to New Mexico.

They tabled action Tuesday on a request to tell the governor and legislators they favor keeping tax incentives.

Dirk Norris, Carrizozo liaison to the State Film Office, asked commissioners to officially express dissatisfaction with two legislators who introduced bills

to either cap or eliminate tax incentives.

But County Manager Tom Stewart said he is tracking the bills and considered adoption by the legislature unlikely.

"In the opinion of the county manager, when the state is facing such a serious shortfall, all programs should be considered for reduction and therefore, I do not agree with Mr. Norris' proposed action," Stewart said. "The state is facing a significant deficit and I have nothing against the film industry, but everything needs to be on the table."

He urged commissioners to listen to Norris' position, but take no action, because of the complexity of the sit-

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## Hondo man killed in hostage standoff

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A Hondo man was killed Tuesday after a three-hour hostage situation ended in a gunfight with Otero County Sheriff's Department deputies between Tularosa and Alamogordo.

New Mexico State Police spokesperson Peter Olson identified the deceased man as 37-year-old Paul Gilfoyle. The department is investigating the police involved shooting.

The events began about 3:10 p.m., when the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety received a call of shots fired at a motel.

Olson said when Alamogordo police arrived at the hotel, Gilfoyle took Megan Mays, 23, of Alamogordo hostage and then led offi-

cers on a high speed chase on U.S. Highway 54/70. Spike strips, in an effort to stop Gilfoyle's white 1997 Mercury Grand Marquis, resulted in the vehicle eventually riding on its rims.

Otero County Under-sheriff Norbert Sanchez said Gilfoyle crossed the median of the highway several times, and at one point drove south in the north-bound lanes without hitting oncoming traffic.

"The suspect ended up on La Luz Gate Road," Sanchez said. "The suspect got out of the vehicle with a female hostage at gunpoint."

Sheriff's deputies attempted to use a Taser, but were unable to control Gilfoyle, said Olson. Several hours later shots were

fired between deputies and Gilfoyle, with one deputy shot in the leg. Gilfoyle was also struck and eventually died from his wounds. Olson said Mays was not injured in the pursuit or gunfight. Mays was arrested at the scene on a Lincoln County District Court warrant for failure to comply with conditions of probation, and on a New Mexico Department of Corrections order for failure to report.

The District Court at Carrizozo had issued a bench warrant on Feb. 1. Mays had been on probation after pleading no contest to a charge of attempted forgery and two counts of fraudulently obtaining a controlled substance, according to court records.

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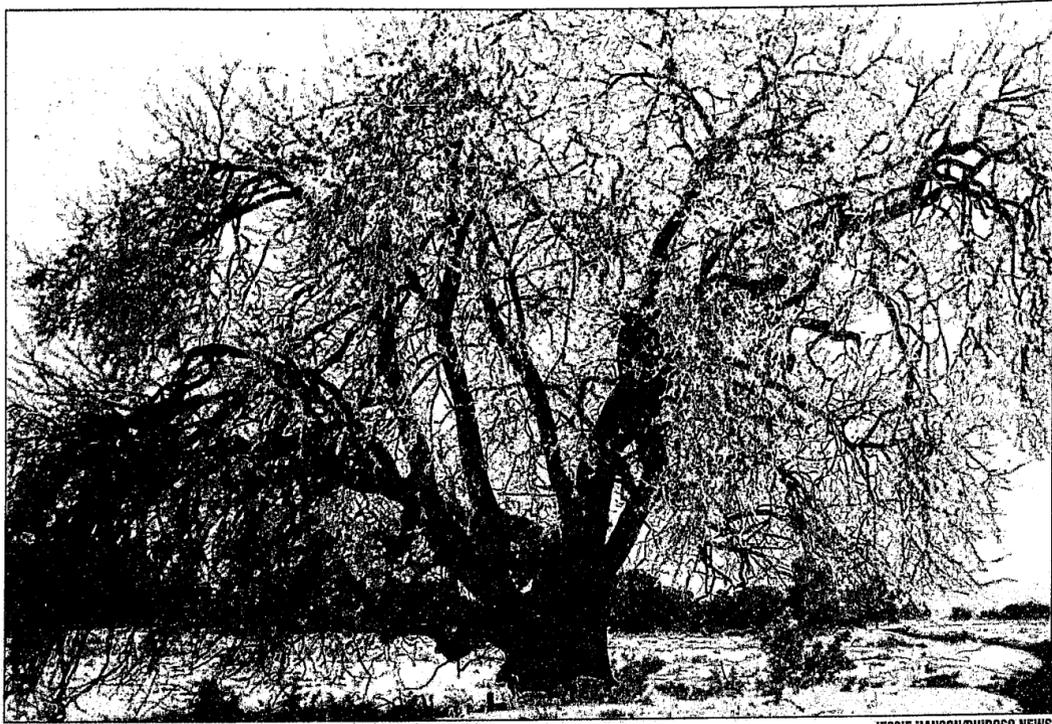
**PNM grants**

Beginning today and continuing through April 15, nonprofit organizations served by PNM can apply for grants of up to \$5,000 to help become more energy efficient.

The nonprofit PNM Fund, a division of the PNM Resources Foundation, will award \$250,000 this year in Reduce Your Use Grants to nonprofits in its service territory to implement energy-saving measures that lower their electric bills and help the environment.

"With the demand for services supplied by so many nonprofits rising, and budgets tightening, the Reduce Your Use Grant represents a unique opportunity for a nonprofit to focus more of its money on what really matters, fulfilling its core mission," said Diane Harrison Ogawa, executive director of the PNM Resources Foundation.

Grants will be awarded for a variety of projects, including energy-saving



JESSIE HANSON/RUIDOSO NEWS

Ice fog coated much of the region recently, draping this tree north of Capitan in delicate white.

building upgrades, energy-efficient equipment and appliances, environmental education that encourages public participation and awareness and projects that conserve valuable resources for public use and future generations.

In prior years funded projects included the replacement of inefficient appliances with Energy Star-rated appliances, replacement of single-pane windows with double-pane windows, upgrades and updates to lighting systems, and installation of solar photovoltaic panels.

Information on which organizations qualify, how to apply and the application itself are available online by visiting PNM.com/foundation and clicking on "PNM Reduce Your Use Grants."

Applications must be

submitted online by April 15. Recipients will be announced in May.

**Alto Lakes**

The Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District Board will meet at 9 a.m., Feb. 25, in the Conference Room of the ALW&SD Office, 214 Lake Shore Dr., Alto.

**LCMC Board**

The next meeting of the Lincoln County Medical Center Board of Trustees is 6 p.m., Monday, in the LCMC board room.

**ATV rules**

The next time you see an ATV, dirt bike or other off-highway vehicle (OHV) violating New Mexico's OHV laws, taken time to gather some information and call

the state's new toll-free OHV Violations Hotline, 800-336-4868.

The Department of Game and Fish launched the 24-hour automated hotline last week. Callers are prompted for basic information, which is forwarded to the OHV program manager for investigation. All reports will be confidential.

Hotline callers will be asked to provide a date and time of a violation, the location and county, the type of vehicle involved, details of the violation, suspect information, such as vehicle description and license plate, and the caller's name and phone number should they want to be contacted.

Any information about off-highway vehicle violations is helpful as the department and other law enforcement agencies increase efforts to enforce the

New Mexico Off-Highway Vehicle Act. People who witness violations are encouraged to report them, but are discouraged from confronting violations on the trails.

**Mrs. Ruidoso**

The Mrs. New Mexico Pageant is seeking applicants for the title of Mrs. Ruidoso, says Sheree Channel, executive state director for the pageant.

Once selected, the lucky lady will advance to represent her community in the 2010 Mrs. New Mexico Pageant to be held June 19 at the Albuquerque Journal Theatre located in the Roy E. Disney Center for Performing Arts.

Local titleholders will compete to win a prize package valued at over \$8,000, including an all-

expense-paid trip to the national Mrs. America Pageant.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old (no age limit), married at the time of competition and a New Mexico resident, no performing talent required.

Celebrating its 34th year, the Mrs. America pageant is the only competition to recognize the one person who contributes so much to modern day life... America's married woman.

To request an application or for information, call Channel at 877-631-4447 or go to [www.mrsnewmexicoamerica.com](http://www.mrsnewmexicoamerica.com).

**GOP caucuses**

The Lincoln County Republican Precinct Caucuses and Pre-Primary County Convention are set for Saturday at Cree Meadows Country Club.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the convention is at 10 a.m.

Each of the 19 precinct organizations in Lincoln County will hold a caucus to elect delegates to the Pre-Primary County Convention.

The purpose of the local convention is to elect delegates to the Pre-Primary Republican State Convention in Santa Fe on March 13.

The number of delegates is determined by the number of registered Republicans in each precinct. Those delegates will, in turn, elect the seven delegates and seven alternates to represent the county at the state Convention.

Registered Republicans in Lincoln County, from the grassroots to party officials, are urged to attend Saturday.

Cree Meadows Country Club is located at 301 Country Club Dr.

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RealFeel 59° Humidity 30% 58° 36° Mostly sunny Wind: W 7-14 mph	RealFeel 50° Humidity 32% 53° 34° Mostly sunny and breezy Wind: SW 12-25 mph	RealFeel 42° Humidity 40% 47° 33° Breezy with some sunshine Wind: WNW 10-20 mph	RealFeel 46° Humidity 41% 49° 30° Some sun, then clouds and chilly Wind: WNW 7-14 mph	RealFeel 51° Humidity 46% 50° 33° Mostly sunny Wind: WNW 7-14 mph	RealFeel 52° Humidity 41% 53° 37° Partial sunshine Wind: W 8-16 mph	RealFeel 57° Humidity 41% 55° 35° Clouds and sun Wind: W 6-12 mph

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**National Forecast for Feb. 19, 2010**

**Regional Cities**

City	Today	Sat
Gallup	50/26	
Grants	53/24	
Albuquerque	50/34	
Tucuman	50/31	
Santa Rosa	57/29	
Clovis	55/33	
Mountainair	53/25	
Fort Sumner	59/32	
Socorro	60/27	
Roswell	64/36	
Ruidoso	58/36	
Cloudcroft	45/26	
Carlsbad	64/36	
Reserve	59/25	
Truth or Consequences	63/38	
Alamogordo	64/38	
Las Cruces	65/39	
Chaparral	66/40	
El Paso	66/41	
Cludad Juárez	66/41	
Lordsburg	68/32	
Deming	66/35	
Sunland Park	66/41	
Pecos	72/39	

**Almanac**

**Ruidoso**  
Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:  
High/low ..... 52°/25°  
Normal high ..... 53°  
Normal low ..... 22°  
Record high ..... 65° (1977)  
Record low ..... -8° (1978)

Precipitation:  
Wednesday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 0.34"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.72"  
Year to date ..... 1.49"  
Normal year to date ..... 2.04"

Pollen:  
Grass ..... Absent  
Trees ..... Moderate  
Weeds ..... Absent  
Mold ..... Low  
Predominant ..... Juniper

**Alamogordo**  
Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:  
High/low ..... 60°/25°  
Normal high ..... 61°  
Normal low ..... 33°  
Record high ..... 77° (1996)  
Record low ..... 14° (1966)

Precipitation:  
Wednesday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 0.53"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.34"  
Year to date ..... 1.34"  
Normal year to date ..... 1.11"

**Weather Trivia:**  
Q: How thick should pond ice be for safe skating?  
A: 4 inches

**Sun and Moon**

Friday: Sunrise/Sunset  
6:43 a.m./5:52 p.m.

Friday: Moonrise/Moonset  
9:14 a.m./11:20 p.m.

**Extremes**

Wednesday's National High/Low:  
(For the 48 contiguous states)  
High: 83° in El Cajon, CA  
Low: -22° in Hoover, SD

Wednesday's World High/Low:  
High: 113° in Telfer, Australia  
Low: -66° in Oymyakon, Russia

**Moon Phases**

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# Volunteers grease the wheels of county government

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To help Lincoln County government run effectively, many volunteers spend hundreds of hours each year donating their time and intellect in an advisory capacity to the elected county commission.

They study subdivision plans, they recommend changes to existing rules, they view roads, they serve on task forces with narrow assignments and on committees and commissions with broad responsibilities. Although the final votes rest with county commissioners, the volunteers wield influence and often provide the research. Some could receive stipends as reimbursement for travel expenses, but nearly all serve without any compensation.

Commission Chairman Tom Battin said probably the most active volunteer board is the county Planning Commission, which is responsible for reviewing the plans of new subdivisions for compliance with rules and compatibility with surrounding property. The board then recommends action to county commissioners. Members also helped in the latest rewrite of the subdivision ordinance.

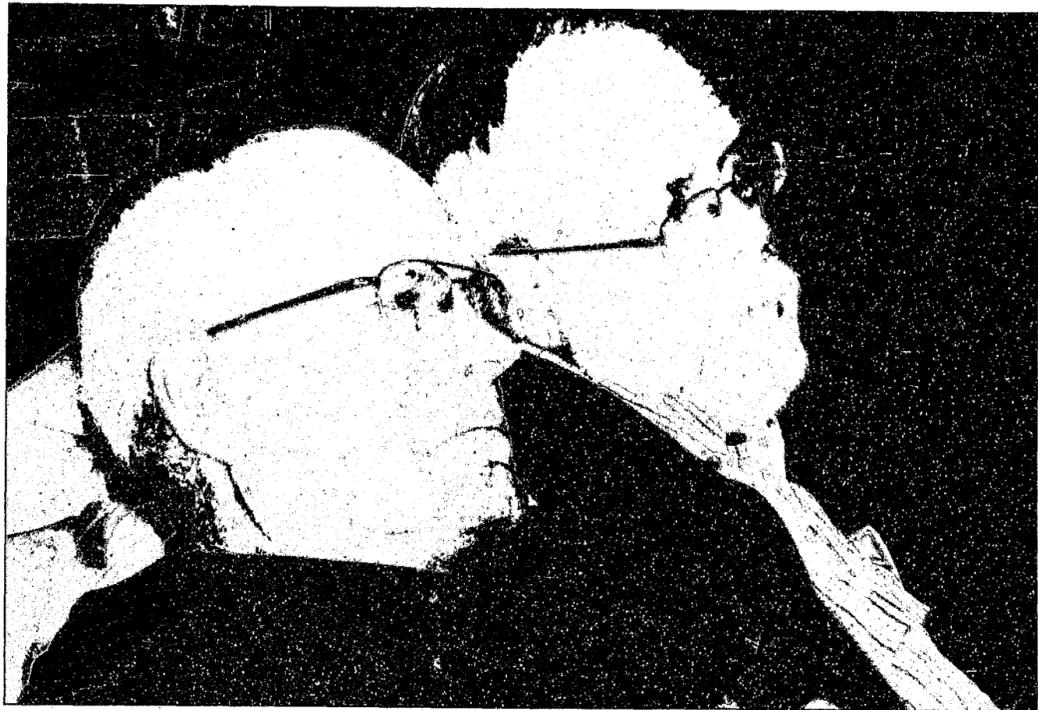
"There are periods when that position takes quite a bit of time, not currently, because we have no active subdivision applications," Battin said. "The job is not quite as broad as Ruidoso's Planning and Zoning Commission, but they meet once a month."

A newer committee created last year called Land Use and Natural Resources deals with water and U.S. Forest Service issues, which can be major. Out of the county's 3.1 million acres, more than one-third is federally owned in two national forests and by the Bureau of Land Management. The board meets only when issues crop up that the county commission wants members to tackle.

"Both of those boards have very good people on them," the chairman said, "It's a benefit to me to be able to bring a level of expertise to an advisory board through appointments that we as individual commissioners, don't have. They can look at issues more in-depth than the commission. Both of those boards were helpful in developing the county's Comprehensive Plan."

"We advertise when vacancies occur on the boards," he said. "We talk to people in the community and we look for recommendations from members of the committee or board where the vacancy exists."

A few years ago, the county began asking potential appointees for resumes and an indication of the boards on which they would be interested in serving. Those resumes were helpful in evaluating if someone had special qualifications or background, he



Pete Gnatkowski and Tony Davis are among volunteers who advise the county on critical issues.

said. But the pool of volunteer names and resumes pretty much was drained by previous appointments, Battin said.

Several of the boards are to be composed of appointments from each commission district. When a commissioner nominates, the others on the commission try to honor that choice and the system has worked out well, Battin said.

"There are only a couple of times, some commissioners had concerns," he said.

But commissioners are not required to choose from their district. The appointment should be based on best qualifications or "fit" for the assignment, Battin said.

Personally, he first looks at how long someone has lived in the county as part of his assessment.

Next, he looks for specific expertise that would be helpful on a particular board. That could include education, past work experience or professional, or where they live now or previously resided, "to bring an element to the committee that might not be represented by someone else," Battin said.

He paused, laughed and added, "That sounds more skillful than I really am. People are so good to volunteer, they really are. When a board gets busy, they give a lot of time."

Just as commissioners come from different philosophical-outlooks and backgrounds, but manage to work well together, honoring varying points of view, Battin said volunteer boards also need to respect the judgments of others.

"They should work together and not bring their own agendas to that committee," he said.

Commissioners were scheduled Tuesday to appoint people to fill the District 3 and 5 positions on the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board and one position on the Senior Olympic Committee.

They also received a letter of resignation from Bob Johnson, a long-time mem-

ber of the County-Ruidoso Extraterritorial Zoning Commission. In his letter, Johnson said he commended Glen Barrow and Phillis Barnett, the two chairmen under whom he served. "They have been completely fair, dedicated, honest and a pleasure to work with," Johnson wrote.

Volunteer boards functioning in the county include:

- County-Ruidoso Extraterritorial Zoning Commission, two year terms with the three county positions not up until March 2011. Currently in those positions are Frank Higgins, Ralph Romero and Johnson. Three positions are appointed by the village, one is vacant, and ETZ board members appoint a member at large, a seat now occupied by Reynaldo Valcarcel. They meet once a month or as needed and deal with land use issues and subdivisions in a one-mile zone around the village in the unincorporated area of the county.

- Land and Natural Resources Advisory Committee, two-year terms. Members are Chairman Rick Simpson, member-at-large; Vice Chairman Pete Gnatkowski from District 1; Lee Amon from District 2, Bob Johnson from District 3, Tony L. Davis from District 4; Joel Bonnell from District 5 and member-at-large Duane Frost. They meet as needed.

- Lincoln Historic Preservation Board, two-year terms. The board oversee any new construction or activities to ensure that are compatible with the historic nature of the designated zone around the settlement. Members are Bill Strausser from District 1, Elaine Armstrong from District 2, District three is vacant, Russell Waterhouse from District 4 and Nancy Barone from District 5. They meet once a month or as needed.

- Lodgers Tax Committee, two-year terms. Members grant money generated by a tax on motel, hotel, RV park rentals in unincor-

porated areas of the county to promote and advertise special events as well as annual ad placement. They are appointed based on function, Brad Cooper and Reita Kiker are tourist related, Gail Majors from the general public, and David Vigil and Victor Garrison from the lodging industry. In March of each year, members are to conduct a budget hearing to receive public input about the expenditures of lodgers tax dollars and no later than April 15, the must submit a proposed budget to the commission of how the money will be spent.

- Planning Commission, two-year terms. Members are Paul Van Gulick from District 1, Vice Chair Jennie Dorgan from District 2, Caroline McCoy from District 3, Fred Hanson from District 4, Tom Mann from District 5 and Richard Hawthorne and Nora Midkiff, members at large. They meet once a month.

- Road Review Advisory Committee, two-year terms. From District 1 through 5, respectively, members are Lance Hale, Duane Williams, Sal Beltran, Donald Hawley and Billy Seelbach. All requests to abandon or temporary close a right of way, or any other related issues, are reviewed by the committee for recommendation to the commission. They meet as needed.

- Senior Citizens Olympic Committee, two-year terms. Members are Lucy Servies, Jim Clements, Jerry Longbotham and Wolfgang Diem. One position is vacant.

- a private sector representative for the county on the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District, Brad Trepow in a two-year term.

- Property Tax Protest Board, two-year terms. Members are Lori Wetzel, Bill Pippin and alternate Derek Moorhead. They resolve property tax protests and meet as needed, usually after new tax valuations or tax bills are issued.

- Predatory Animal Control Board, five-year term. Members are Mark Hendricks, Jim Cooper, Ron Merritt, Mike Skeen, Lee Sultemeier and Billy Bob Shafer.

- Carrizozo Health Center Advisory Board, two-year terms. Members are Joan Means, Sue Ann Stearns, Jenny Kelly, Sudan Hightower and Margo Lindsay. One regular position is open and one of the five ex-officio seats is open. They other ex-officio members are Dr. Dale Goad, Commissioner Eileen Sedillo, County Manager Tom Stewart and former administrator of the county hospital, James Gibson.

- Board of Registration, two-year terms. Members oversee elections. They are John Billingsley, Tony Davis, Duane Williams and alternates Paul Perreault and Daryl Snyder.

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# OPINION

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### OUR OPINION

## Tough decisions in Ruidoso Downs

Endorsements would be inappropriate

The *Ruidoso News*, in the grand tradition of newspapers, has long endorsed candidates in municipal elections.

Endorsements are merely informed opinions meant to stimulate discussion and provoke thought prior to voting. They make no claim to a hold on absolute truth.

This is the day we would be endorsing candidates for Ruidoso Downs (Ruidoso, Capitan and Carrizozo are next week), but we cannot in good conscience do so.

The situation in the Downs is a mess. The city botched an offer from the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce to hold a candidates forum, then turned to a citizens group accused in many quarters of bias. The result: Two of the five candidates boycotted the event.

Surrounding all this are questions about the candidates, questions about health, personal agendas and competence.

For Ruidoso Downs's sake, let's hope this plays out and gets the city quickly to 2012.

## Two giants of the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association

Two heavy hitters passed from the oil and gas industry in recent weeks.

Pete Hanagan headed the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association for 15 years until 1985. He died at age 81 in Ireland.

The association's other Irishman, Bob Gallagher, got his walking papers a week after Hanagan's death. Both men hailed from Roswell, and both practiced law, but the similarities end there. In their differences is a tale for our times in New Mexico.

The ever cheerful Hanagan entered a room with a 100-watt smile and a hand extended. He was quick with a joke, didn't take himself too seriously and got a lot done behind the scenes. He knew everyone. Even his adversaries liked him.

Things weren't particularly easy then either — pipeline capacity was an issue, and the environmental movement had dawned, bringing with it a new era of regulation. But Hanagan observed the line between advocacy and engagement; he never became personally embroiled in an issue.

Enter Gallagher in 1999. I've found him to be bright, articulate and gracious. I like the man, as I did Hanagan. But in temperament, he's Hanagan's polar opposite — outspoken, intense and passionate about his cause. The industry folks who wanted their man to go toe to toe with government regulators got their money's worth, but it seems Gallagher's stridence got him in trouble.

In the last few months, Gallagher had been speaking wherever he could find an audience, often to business groups. He was frank: "We ought to be concerned about the loss of production in New Mexico. There's a systemic problem with development in New Mexico."

The proposal for state greenhouse emissions was "an attack on business in New Mexico. Every business that has an emission, they're coming to see you."

"We think in the state of New Mexico we have an over-zealous regulatory climate. It needs to be consistent, coordinated and stable."

And the capper, about the

governor: "He promised us heartache and he has delivered."

After one of his talks, I asked Gallagher a question. He was a picture of nervous energy, mopping his crimson face with a napkin, and I found myself hoping he had a strong ticker because he looked like the guy your doctor warns you about.

We've read the dueling op-eds between Gallagher and the state Energy and

Minerals Department over pit rules, intended to protect groundwater from toxic spills and leaks. This back-and-forth spiraled into a stand-off between Gallagher and Oil Conservation Division Director Mark Fes-mire and his boss, then Secretary Joanna Prukop.

Prukop has argued that the pit rule isn't single-handedly responsible for the industry's decline, which is true, but there is still the drip-drip erosion of marginal costs. When commodity prices declined, the additional cost of the pit rule sent them south a little faster.

John Byrom, a member of the association's regulatory practices committee, told the *Albuquerque Journal* that the new goal is "a more collaborative approach to the issues rather than having such a knock-down, drag-out, adversarial relationship." He and others want to see more innovative, science-based solutions.

Hear, hear.

In months past, I opined that the pit rule seemed unreasonable and unnecessarily costly, only to hear from knowledgeable people about problems on the ground. Many producers operate responsibly, but not all. We have to protect water in New Mexico. How do you make what one regulator calls "fly-by-night operators" toe the line without unfairly penalizing those who are trying to do the right thing?

Maybe with some new players in the game, the state and industry can begin anew and learn to work together. It's refreshing to see at least one party holster its rhetoric.

Don't count Gallagher out. I expect he'll reappear, wearing a new hat.

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### YOUR OPINION

## Track issue comes down to 'Yes' or 'No'

Support was real

To the editor:

I TAKE EXCEPTION to the editorial that the poll responses in support of a GRT increase to retain the race track may have been corrupted or some how "scammed."

In fact, I wholly disagree with the assessment. Is it possible the poll was pulled from the Web site when the response percentages began to run opposite of expectation?

The same afternoon in which it was implied there was possible inappropriate action I received an email with the link and a request that I vote. Then I personally sent out numerous emails asking people to log on and take the poll. I encouraged a "Yes" vote.

I believe that several others sent out similar emails encouraging their friends and business associates to vote. The power of a grassroots effort can't be ignored and a grassroots effort of this nature is in no way corrupt or a scam. It's simply creating awareness and a call to action.

As an example, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce recently conducted a survey on the race track issue. Although a formal announcement was not made until Jan. 11, the survey was actually launched on Jan. 5 at approximately 11:45 a.m.

I emailed the chamber's Board of Directors and approximately six other people letting them know the survey was active. Phenomenally, there were 50 survey responses made between 12:42 p.m. and 3:58 p.m. that same day. No formal announcement or request to participate was made but the link to the survey traveled like wildfire within hours.

At dinner that night I was told by two people that they had received the link and had already taken the survey. I was astounded at how quickly a call to action had traveled.

I suggest the same thing happened with your poll when several of us emailed the link and encouragement to vote. I say bunk to the idea that some person out there was clearing cookies and voting over and over.

Possible? Yes. Likely? No. More likely, and in my opinion, I believe that the business community became aware and they

voted. They voted "Yes."

I am the President of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce but I submit this letter as business owner in Lincoln County who stands much to lose if we don't retain the racetrack.

Cynthia West  
RuidosoWeb, Corp.

*Editor's note: The poll was pulled from the Web site not because of which side was leading but because of the sudden abnormality of the voting on its fourth day, coupled with the fact that scamming the poll was proven to be easy. Had the "Yes" votes been leading by a large margin and the "No" votes showed a similar abnormality, the poll would still have been pulled.*

### Apology owed

To the editor:

THIS MORNING I was able to finally read your newspaper. I'd have read it sooner but work for a living.

Your "Track-tax poll scammed" editorial was an insult to those of us who are in business and don't have the time to constantly look at the *Ruidoso News* Web site.

If it wasn't for a couple of emails that I received from other Ruidoso business people that notified me about the poll I wouldn't have known about the poll, much less have had the chance to vote "Yes."

You noted in your editorial that at 9 a.m. on Feb. 15 it was 186 votes against and only 76 for and that it changed beginning about 5 p.m.

The first email I received, which was also sent to many other Ruidoso business people reached my desk at 6:41 p.m. That means I was one of the 237 people that you say scammed the poll after 6:34 p.m. To that statement I take great offense.

I find it interesting that between 9 a.m. and 6:34 p.m., when I "scammed" my vote, only eight additional people voted "No." Are you suggesting that the scammers some how did something to the "No" votes?

While I'm at it, why wouldn't you have mentioned the fact that there was a poll on this question in last Friday's paper in the same manner that you announced that the "poll was corrupted" in Wednesday's paper ...in bold

type above the fold. Could it be that the *Ruidoso News* was looking to keep the poll quiet and only reach those that might vote "No"?

I feel you owe an apology to all of the hardworking business people in the Ruidoso area that have realized perhaps their business life depends on the legacy of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track, remaining in Ruidoso and maybe, just maybe voted and encouraged others to vote "Yes" in your poll.

Bruce Timson  
General Manager  
Crown Point Condominiums

*Editor's note: I fail to see any correlation between keeping the poll "quiet" and how one might vote. Either side could plainly locate the poll on our Web site. It had not been kept a secret for four days.*

In addition, your numbers are wrong. The editorial did not say the poll was scammed after 6:34 p.m., Monday, seven minutes before you state your first email reached your desk. It said the suspicious voting occurred well earlier, between 4 and 6 p.m. A graph of the voting showed the activity in question.

### Let me get this straight

To the editor:

I HAD TO LAUGH when I read the Feb. 3 *Ruidoso News* headline, "Plan B for Race Track."

Remember when the powers that be from the track told us there was no Plan B? They told us unequivocally, "If we don't get tax parity, we will be forced to leave Ruidoso."

Yet, when the parity bill went down in flames, an alternate proposal was introduced within hours.

And what is the track's new plan? They want to raise the taxes of Lincoln County residents and give the money to R.D. Hubbard.

That's right. They want to raise the Gross Receipts Tax and give up to \$750,000 every year to Hubbard.

Let me repeat that. If you live in Lincoln County, they want to take almost a million dollars of your money, year after year after year, and give it to a billionaire.

Does anyone besides me have a problem with that?

Rickie Prichard  
Ruidoso

## YOUR OPINION

## Statistics can lie in global warming debate

To the editor:

ELLEN WEDUM's response letter on global warming [letters, Feb. 17] caused me to come out of retirement and once again dust off the old word processor (it used to be an IBM Selectric) and submit a letter to the editor.

I would never quote numbers from the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). They are the group whose cronies received a Nobel Prize (along with Al Gore) by putting together a report that has now been shown to be full of fabrications, poor science and intentional deception.

Climate Research Unit Director Dr. Phil Jones, one of the now-disgraced scientists who helped submit data, has admitted to the BBC that the Medieval Warm Period may have been warmer than it is now.

I will instead buy American and go with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the official weather service for the

United States. They have been keeping records that date back to 1895 and find only a slight trend toward warming and that last summer was the 34th coolest on record.

As far as Wedum's data on ocean temperatures, not only are they slightly confusing (most people will never understand nor try to understand them) but they are also very iffy. The ocean is huge, and measuring the temperature is impossible. The best science can do is take as many samples at as many depths in as many places as often as time and money permit, and try to draw conclusions.

Or you can use satellites and use computer models (having worked on computers since 1972 I'm not too hot on that approach). We still don't understand El Niño and it was discovered hundreds of years ago and is studied on a regular basis by the best scientists in the world!

But numbers can look impressive when you are trying to confuse people.

Last summer, I met Ed Bagley Jr. at a Green Energy fair held in Southern California. Few celebrities are as passionate or as committed to saving the planet. He made a fascinating comment. Permit me to paraphrase:

"We all believe in clean air and clean water, let's push that agenda without going overboard on global warming where people can honestly argue either way. The economic value of going green has been proved over and over again."

I like that.

Reynaldo Valcarcel  
Ruidoso Downs/Los Angeles

## Garbage in, garbage out

To the editor:

IN WEDNESDAY'S *Ruidoso News*, Ellen Wedum takes issue with my recent article on climate change. I had noted that there

has been no global warming since 1998 (some say 1995).

I also made the point that the concern of scientists during the 1970s was global cooling. Ms. Wedum says I'm wrong on these assertions and proceeds to offer a complex explanation to prove that there has been global warming all along.

The fact is that there is room for disagreement regarding climate change for a good reason. Despite Ms. Wedum's argument in support of global warming, there is no compelling evidence to prove that (1) global warming is a long-term secular trend, (2) that it is the fault of human beings and (3) that we can alter it.

Rather, what we have is politicized science. The best evidence of this is the recent "climategate" scandal, in which it was revealed that data at East Anglia University in England had been manipulated to hide findings that did not support the global warm-

ing theory.

In this regard, the former director of that university, Phil Jones, admitted that lots of his decades' worth of data were sloppy or missing.

In another case, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) claimed that the Himalayan glaciers will melt by 2035, but it turned out that this claim was based on the work of a single researcher.

IPCC also reported in 2007 that by 2020, global warming will reduce crop yields in Africa by 50 percent, but there was no scientific data to back that claim up. I do not know what data Ms. Wedum uses to make her argument regarding her claim of global warming, but the most sophisticated model in the universe is only as good as the data input. You know, "garbage in, garbage out."

William L. Haralson  
Alto

## Political clout lies in the caucuses

To the editor:

IT IS AN OVERALL strategy of the Tea Party movement to take our country back. Both parties have been moving away from liberty and we need to move both parties back towards liberty.

This doesn't mean picking one party over the other; we want to encourage those in both parties to start getting involved with the political process. We differ with those who feel that being registered Independent is the best way to go.

The real political power is at the local level via precinct caucuses. These caucuses elect delegates to the state conventions, who then determine which candidates will be placed on the ballot for the primary elections.

Independents can't influence candidate selection for the primaries or vote in the primaries; therefore, on Election Day they are presented with choices made by others. Please join a party and become part of the solution.

Unfortunately, the Democratic

County Pre-Primary Convention and Precinct Caucus were held last weekend. We apologize for not getting that information out. However, those registered Democrats who want to understand the interworkings of the Democratic Party should consider attending the Democratic State Pre-Primary Convention. It will be held March 13 at the Buffalo Thunder Casino near Santa Fe. For more information, contact Maria Quintana at 575-937-8394.

For Tea Party members who

are registered Republican, we strongly encourage you to attend the Republican County Pre-Primary Convention and Precinct Caucus being held this Saturday, Feb. 20, at Cree Meadows Country Club. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the meetings begin at 10 a.m. It's important that everyone show up and let them know the Lincoln County Tea Party Patriots are "Boots on the Ground."

Contact all of your friends and neighbors and get them to attend. Now is not the time to be too busy

or unconcerned. We need to reaffirm that we are a force and this is how we can make a difference.

Perhaps in three years you will be at your party's National Convention, writing the platform and saying the Great State of New Mexico casts its vote for a real conservative for the next president of the United States.

Glynis Racine  
Sally Moore  
Terry Franklin  
Lincoln County Tea Party  
Patriots

## Ruidoso election: Beware easy promises

To the editor:

NOW THAT THE campaigns for mayor and council are in full swing, it's become apparent that some of the candidates have not learned the lessons of the past.

It therefore falls on the voters of Ruidoso to ensure that we remember the most important lesson: that elections count.

There is talk of diversification and responsible growth. These are the same issues that every candidate has put forth since the very beginning of Ruidoso. It is time to understand why this is misleading and why we should all ask our candidates to deal in specifics and not wishful pie-in-the-sky promises.

As someone who has been deeply involved in Ruidoso's economic development efforts over the past five years, first as vice president of Economic Development for the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and currently as a board member of the Ruidoso Valley economic Dev-

elopment Corporation (RVEDC), I feel a responsibility to illuminate on some facts.

Economic growth is very difficult anywhere and even more so in Ruidoso because of our environment and geographic location, and it will only come with a huge effort by the private sector with the various levels of government helping where needed.

The RVEDC is registered with the State of New Mexico and receives inquiries that come to the State's Economic Development Department.

This is the main source of contacts for businesses looking to relocate or for start up businesses that may prove to be a good fit for our area.

The RVEDC vets these inquiries to determine if Ruidoso complements their needs and to see if they are a good fit for a community like ours.

Once it is established that we are a potential site, the real work begins. Data is collated and

forwarded to the prospective company with detail-ed information on demographics, infrastructure, real estate, available building space, services, education facilities and much more.

The local government has no involvement or control over these contacts and is only involved once the process enters the next stage.

Any candidate who tells you that they have a plan had better lay it out with names and dates or change their rhetoric, because these words are empty and show a dangerous lack of knowledge.

The low-hanging fruit in economic development for our community is tourism. Tourism is the most sought-after growth entity in the world because it is clean, low impact and creates new wealth rather than just recirculating local wealth.

Ruidoso is envied because we have no smokestacks polluting our air, no low-skilled factory workers changing our demo-

graphics, very low crime and a very high standard of living and quality of life. Tourism provides this for us and any meddling risks all of it.

In fact, anyone speaking of responsible growth must be looking at ways to expand tourism as part of their package if they are to be taken seriously.

Ruidoso experiences about 40 percent occupancy annually. Compare this to other destinations that have recorded occupancy numbers as high as 99 percent, and it takes little imagination to see that we have incredible opportunities in growing our base industry.

Even moving the needle by 10 percent will impact our resources and change our fortunes.

Listen carefully to the candidates. Concentrate on their specifics. Are they informed about how Ruidoso's economy works? Do they have any business sense? Listen for empty promises or big plans with nothing to support

them. Watch for talk of growth that has no substance. Watch for promises of expanding services such as health care or parks or new attractions with no specific plan on how to do so or how to pay for it.

Remember always that we are now the highest-taxed community in the state and foolish actions now, during this economic downturn, will be devastating.

Please excuse me while I beat this dead horse one last time. We are currently experiencing severe drops in gross receipts revenues and any talk of tampering with our only source of revenue, tourism, will result in severe cuts to services to our locals, especially our seniors, our youth, our workforce and others dependent on the village when they are in need.

Remember, elections count. Let's make sure we get it right.

Chuck Duncan  
Ruidoso

## Attorney general misunderstands title insurance industry

To the editor:

NEW MEXICO Attorney General Gary King and Think New Mexico seem to be on a vendetta to drive small title companies out of business.

The quote by King said, "The last 20 years have been extremely profitable." And while that might have been true, the last couple of years with the falling economy have driven some out of business and downsized others across the board.

With the exception of the 20 percent we pay to the underwriters, the remainder stays here within our county. It pays employees who live locally and spend their money locally.

Most Title Insurance Companies are "Mom and Pop Shops." If AG Gary King continues to target the title insurance industry, you will be buying title insurance from a nationwide conglomerate somewhere outside New Mexico who doesn't understand the concerns and land located within this county.

The title insurance industry does have a low claim rate. This is a point of pride for those of us

in the business. It means we are doing a good job of protecting our customers from claims and/or lawsuits for bad titles. To use this as an excuse to lower our rates is in truth punishing us for taking our job seriously and thinking of our customer first.

For a \$100,000 transaction you will pay just over \$800. This is less than 1 percent of the cost you will incur and usually the seller—not the buyer—pays these costs.

If we point out the amount of origination fees or realtor fees in comparison to the title insurance fees, it pits us against the very people who bring us business. No one in the title industry berates our customers for making a profit. We don't make money unless our Realtors and banks do.

I think Attorney General Gary King and Think New Mexico need to do more research and understand their proposals will hurt the home buyers of New Mexico rather than help them.

Welda McKinley Grider  
Owner  
Superior Title Company  
Carrizozo

## Hire me, I'm qualified

To the editor:

LATE FRIDAY afternoon I took to the House Floor to share a letter from an outraged constituent who used humor to emphasize her frustration with overspending and government waste in New Mexico.

The constituent, who requested that she remain anonymous, was pleased that her letter received so much attention.

This letter brings so many of our policies that have led us to overspend and truly are absurd, into perspective.

The constituent's letter, which drew knowing laughter at key points from the representatives in attendance who have been fighting to slash the budget this legislative session, is posted below.

"Dear Legislators,  
"I am submitting my resume for one of those gubernatorial appointee high-paying positions since it is now confirmed that you don't need any experience whatsoever for the job.

"After not much thought, I would like to be the Director of Rail Runner Public Relations for Cow Fatalities. My qualifications or rather lack thereof, are that I have ridden a train, I've watched them pass by at the Willard crossing and I used to play with my brother's toy trains when I was a child. Also, I have owned a cow in my life and I do eat red meat.

"I was going to submit my resume for the Director of a non-existent museum, but that position was already filled by someone that obviously needs the money, a Maloof. I would like to earn \$85,000 to \$95,000 a year, since that seems to be the going rate for these gift jobs from Governor Richardson.

"I hope to hear from you soon with a job offer. I'm very excited about the opportunity to have a government job that I don't have to actually do anything productive. In fact, these jobs don't even have legitimate job descriptions, even better.

"One other thing, I would like to work from my house for four days a week, but of course I would

show up if there happens to be a cow fatality. If this position is already filled, please consider me for the Assistant to the Director of Rail Runner Public Relations for Cow Fatalities since assistants seem to make a boatload of money also.

"Thank you for your consideration."

In the postscript, the constituent charged that the salaries of 750 exempt state employees listed in a report compiled in September 2009 by the Department of Finance and Administration are "absurd."

She suggested that the 750 exempt state employees should be cut by 75 percent and that the ones that are left should have their salaries lowered by 50 percent before any tax increase is considered.

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# BUSINESS

## Ruidoso Downs track GRT bill passed

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As did the New Mexico House of Representatives last week, the state Senate Wednesday evening unanimously approved a bill aimed at keeping the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino in Ruidoso Downs.

The business retention gross receipts tax bill would allow Lincoln County to impose an up to a one-quarter of one percent gross receipts tax that would fund a gaming tax credit for qualifying racetracks and casinos.

The measure was crafted to pinpoint the Ruidoso Downs track and casino.

Track officials have said they would move the facility to Dona Ana County without a gaming tax rate closer to what tribal casinos provide the state in revenue sharing.

The track had dubbed the need "tax parity."

The bill goes to the governor, who the past two years had backed legislation that would have cut the gaming tax for the Ruidoso Downs track and casino.

"I don't foresee any problems," said Rep. Zach Cook, a cosponsor of the legislation.

"The way the governor talked in the past he was in favor. But I don't want to count my chickens before they're hatched."

Cook said the unanimous votes in both houses should send a message to the governor.

Caitlin Kelleher, a media coordinator for Governor Bill Richardson said Thursday that the governor would carefully review each bill sent to him.

"The governor's focus right now is on the budget."

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners would have to put the additional gross receipts tax question to the voters at the ballot box. Three of the commissioners are firmly in favor of that.

"I told the people at Santa Fe that it is important to the voters in Lincoln County," said commission chair Tom Battin. "If the track stays or goes is very important to Lincoln County. But I can't impose a tax without the voters saying so."

Commissioner Dave

Parks called it "key" that county voters will decide the tax.

"My concern is the 130 some jobs that are permanent, year round at the track. There's up to 400 jobs in the summertime. And all the other jobs in lodging and restaurants. A lot of those jobs depend on the track being here."

Commissioner Donald Williams also pointed to jobs.

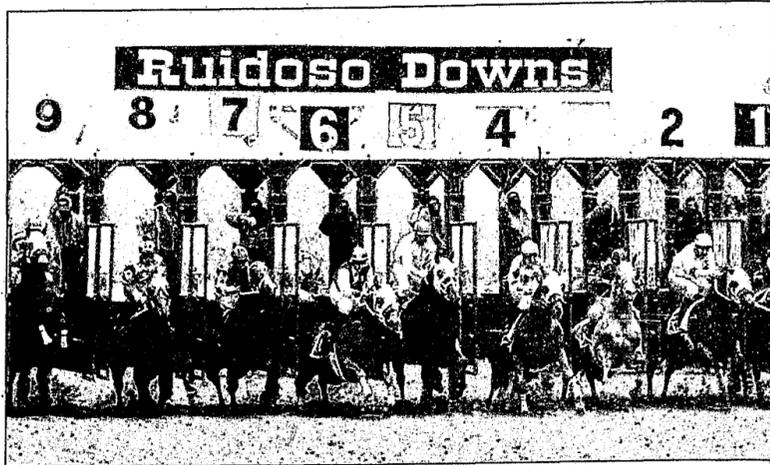
"It's not because I'm in love with the tax, but I'm concerned with the people that work there and the businesses that those people support," Williams said.

He added that letting the voters decide was "better representation."

Somewhat on the fence, Commissioner Jackie Powell said she has been back-and-forth on the tax.

"Personally, I am against any taxes whatsoever. But I know voters say they never get a chance to vote. I know voters would like to vote on a lot of things. I'm leaning toward letting the voters decide, like they do with the hospital (mill levy tax)."

Commissioner Eileen Sedillo was noncommittal. "I haven't really gone



FILE PHOTO

A GRT bill aimed at keeping the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino in Ruidoso Downs passed both the House and the Senate.

that far. I've thought about it since I heard this morning they passed it," Sedillo said on Thursday. "I think that if it's put to a vote in the county the voter will decide it."

Battin noted that the business retention gross receipts tax, if imposed, would sunset in five years.

"Hopefully the state's fiscal situation would be improved by then so they could reduce the track's (gaming) tax," Battin said.

Parks said he was not obligated to track owner

R.D. Hubbard, but was looking at what is best for the community.

Most of the commissioners rejected what some have labeled the additional tax as "corporate welfare."

But Powell was at odds with the gross receipts tax for a gaming tax credit.

"I don't want to say it's a bailout, but I don't think we should give tax money to business."

If the tax question goes to the ballot box, Powell said she would vote against it. Battin, Parks and

Williams said they would cast a "yes" vote. All were given the option to decline to answer, and Sedillo declined.

A bill received by the governor during or after the last three days of a legislative session is automatically vetoed in what is known as a "pocket veto" if the governor does not sign it within 20 days of the legislature's adjournment. The legislative session closed yesterday.

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### PRODUCE PICK OF THE WEEK

Chuck's produce pick of the week at your Lawrence Brothers I.G.A. is fresh leeks.

#### Leek selection

Leeks look like scallions on steroids! And like scallions, they are usually sold in bunches.

We sell them unpackaged with the roots and dark green leaves intact, which gives the longer life.

Select leeks with a clean, white, slender bulb, at least two to three inches of white, and firm, tightly rolled dark green tops.

The younger the leek, the more delicate the flavor and texture will be.

Check the center of the leek for a seed stalk

(the hard stalk can sometimes be felt with a gentle squeeze) and avoid any you find.

#### Leek storage

Leeks will exude an aroma that can be absorbed by other things in your refrigerator, so to store them before cooking lightly wrap them in plastic to contain the odor and moisture.

Do not trim or wash them before storing.

**CHUCK GURUITZ** is a seven time National Award Winner has been in the produce business for 38 years. His experience has taken him from Indiana to the British West to Ruidoso.



Chuck Gurutz

## PNM electric costs to rise Feb. 19

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The amount of electricity generated from renewable resources in New Mexico must increase next year, from the current six percent, to ten percent.

PNM, which locally serves Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Alamogordo, is putting together a plan to meet the renewable standards.

"In 2015 the total amount goes up to 15 percent, and the in 2020 the total amount goes up to 20 percent," said Greg Nelson, PNM's executive director of utility services.

"We have to balance the RPS (renewable portfolio standards), the costs impacts, and diversity targets to propose a diverse portfolio for our customers."

Diversity targets are the mix of renewable sources, such as wind, solar and others.

The state's renewable mandates will mean higher electric bills in the future.

"The addition of renewables will add to the cost," said Nelson. "The exact cost we don't know at this point and time. But the cost of energy is going to go up over time. A reasonable cost threshold imposed by the Public Regulation

Commission is an attempt to hold the cost of renewable additions down, that you don't add renewables above and beyond that reasonable cost threshold."

In 2011 the reasonable cost threshold is no more than a two percent impact to electric rates. In 2015 it would increase to three percent.

"So it grows over time," said Nelson. "But it's a small number in the overall scheme of things."

New wind generation facilities have a kilowatt-hour cost of about 10-cents, said Nelson. Solar is about twice the cost of new wind farms.

A kilowatt-hour (kWh) is the amount of electricity needed for a 100-watt light bulb to burn for 10 hours, and is how electric rates are calculated.

The average PNM residential customer consumes about 600 kWh a month, an amount higher than 10 years ago.

Conservation is pointed to as a way to soften the impact of upcoming higher electric rates.

"We in America have become very used to cheap and plentiful electricity," said Nelson.

"And our customers in New Mexico are no different. They've benefited from rates that are far below the

national or regional average. But we have a variety of energy efficiency programs in place, the goal of which are to help us reduce our customers' usage."

Reduced monthly kilowatt-hours were described as good goal on a number of standpoints.

"One, it helps reduce their bill," said Nelson. "It helps reduce the amount of emissions that go out into the atmosphere. It helps reduce the amount of infrastructure we have to have that our customers ultimately pay for."

The energy efficiency programs are available to both residential and business customers.

"In early numbers we've seen an about 20 to 30-percent reduction in customer consumption," said Nelson. "The customer plays a strong role in it by making wise energy choices."

EnergyStar appliances and compact fluorescent lights can be big power savers.

PNM's manager of stakeholder engagement, Amy Miller, said adequate weatherization will also assure lower electric costs.

"When we submit (energy efficiency) programs to the (Public Regulation) Commission, they have to meet certain rules and guidelines that can show

beneficial payback," said Miller.

"With every program that we offer, we actually had to have a third party auditor go and verify that those savings were actually realized."

The need to become more efficient will be a wake-up call for many, because of increasing costs not just in fuel costs, but new electric infrastructure.

"Building blocks of new power plants is still increasing even with the economy down," said Nelson. "Copper cost more than it used to. Steel, concrete, all of the things that we need to build our facilities cost more than they used to."

"And we're getting ready to add new generation facilities, not just PNM, but utilities across the country to keep up with load growth, population growth, all of those types of things."

Over the next three years PNM is expected to spend \$250 million on capital expenditures, an expense that will impact ratepayers.

While renewable resource facilities will be a part of the expenditures, Nelson said the top need of the utility is for energy efficiency by its customers.

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### Senate bill protects Native American arts industry

Protection for the Native American arts and crafts industry in New Mexico is just around the corner.

Senate Bill 107, which has passed the legislature, would amend the penalties provision of the New Mexico Indian Arts and Crafts Sales Act.

Both the Senate and House unanimously approved the measure, which was spearheaded by Attorney General Gary King.

"These amendments will provide an important tool for law enforcement in the fight against fraud in the Native American arts and crafts industry which has been severely affected over

the past 20 years by a flood of foreign imports and domestic copies, much of which is misrepresented as authentic Indian art," said King.

Secretary of Indian Affairs, Alvin Warren testified before the Senate Indian and Cultural Affairs and House Judiciary Committees that fraud has had a devastating economic impact on many families who have made their living for generations as artists.

It has also attacked the cultural integrity of the entire industry, he said. King has asked Governor Bill Richardson to now sign the aide in the fight against fraud in Indian arts.



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# Funding may provide forester for Lincoln, Otero counties

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Funding from a federal program may provide the basis to hire on contract a forester to be shared by the counties of Lincoln and Otero.

With so many tree thinning and water restoration projects needed in both counties, more boots on the ground would help cover the demand, explained Eddie Tudor, Capitan District Forester under the State Forestry Division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, who attended the Tuesday Lincoln County Commission meeting with Rick DeIaco, Southcentral Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Coordinator.

The criteria for expenditures was changed last year for the money received by Lincoln County from the Secure Rural Schools federal Forest Title III program, County Manager Tom Stewart explained.

Previously, the money helped support wildland-forest projects and search and rescue, but was narrowed specifically to actual search and rescue operations and wild fire protection activities, he said.

"To date, we have not used any of the new funding, because there have been no claims for actual search and rescue and no Firewise projects identified," Stewart said.

"Assuming that the impact of actual search and rescue will be minimal, and that funding will decline about 10 percent each year, as scheduled, until January 2012, when the pro-



Rick DeIaco, seated front, and Eddie Tudor, at podium, brief commissioners on a federal forester program for Lincoln and Otero counties.

gram may lapse unless extended by Congress, the current projection (of available dollars) is \$53,797, received Jan. 1, 2009; an additional \$49,877 received Jan. 28, 2010; estimated 2010-2011 funding of \$45,877 and 2011-2012 funding of \$42,216."

The total would come to \$191,777.93, Stewart said. If the money isn't obligated by September 2012, it will revert back to the federal source.

Tudor submitted a proposal and was granted funding for a Rural Communities Forester. He then issued a request for propos-

als and the SCMRC&D responded.

Under the agency's proposal, DeIaco would manage the forester program for the RC&D.

"It is thought this Rural Communities Forester can develop projects throughout our extended wildland urban interface for landowners with the county participating in funding as a match with Title III monies," Stewart said. He sees that type of expenditure as authorize under the new criteria.

A standard contract for service can be used between the county and the

non-profit RC&D, he said.

If Otero County commissioners elect to participate, they receive 1.5 times what Lincoln County is allocated in Title III dollars, Stewart said.

Tudor advised he received \$1,225,000 under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the treatment of an estimated 600 acres on Alto Mesa, Moon Mountain and the Fort Stanton area. The work would create another 30 jobs in the industry, he estimated.

Stewart said County Attorney Alan Morel, who was out of town on govern-

ment business, wanted more specifics on how payments would be made, because there is a limit on community involvement and because the new forester position would not be a county employee.

Tudor told commissioners it would benefit the two counties to have an additional person on ground to assess possible projects, find the funding and oversee compliance.

The two agencies, state forestry and RC&D, already have partnered on projects and are focused on communities at high risk of wildfire for projects, he

said. DeIaco said the new position's duties would mimic the state forestry's service forester, handling cost share programs, marking trees to be removed and performing inspections. The project cost percentages for each participating entity will depend on the amount of the project grants secured, he said. Some could be a 50/50 split and others could be covered 100 percent.

The county forester's salary would be paid with grant money and he would be an employee of the SCMRC&D, DeIaco explained.

"The (\$50,000) funding will be good only for three years and then we will see if we can keep the position as a joint effort with Otero and Lincoln," Tudor said. "I hope it's very successful and a model for other forested communities across New Mexico."

Commissioner Jackie Powell wanted assurances that the person selected will know upfront that funding ends in three years and the county is not obligated to hire or to contribute more money toward the position.

DeIaco gave her that assurance.

No action was required, Stewart said he thought the proposal is a great opportunity for the county to reap the benefits of having a county forester.

DeIaco said the \$50,000 that will be available each of the three years, will pay for a well-qualified technician.

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# County Commission dissolves Fort Stanton Fire District

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A resolution dissolving the Fort Stanton Fire District and essentially transforming it into a substation for the Lincoln Fire District was approved Tuesday by the Lincoln County Commission.

County Manager Tom Stewart told commissioners the action will increase state fire funding to Lincoln, which is part of the strategy of the move. "The personnel support is

starting to grow at Fort Stanton and we'll have a sort of a historical district with fire departments that can respond," he said.

In offering the motion to approve the recommendation from Stewart, Commissioner Jackie Powell also specified that the county manager was to use money saved on construction of the emergency services station at Copper Ridge for construction of a substation at Glencoe.

In his report to commissioners, Stewart said Em-

ergency Services Director Travis Atwell is working with county fire departments to improve their Insurance Services Office Public Protection Classification ratings. The lower the rating on a scale of one to 10, the better prepared the department, which affects insurance premiums.

Stewart said the current ratings are Arabela, Nogal, Glencoe and White Oaks, 9; Bonito, Fort Stanton, Hon-do, 8; and Lincoln, 6.

"Improving the ISO rat-

ing involves improvements to communications, equipment on hand and training of personnel, and available water systems," Stewart said. "Travis is working to get Bonito and Glencoe to 6. Glencoe's efforts will involve getting (a) new station constructed with a water tank. The State Fire Marshal wants us out of the small station in Ruidoso Downs by the summer. With commission approval, I can use the savings in the Copper Ridge (station) to get this new three bay fire station con-

structed on the recently purchased Merritt property (in Glencoe). I envision the cost at less than \$100,000, because we will use the building already on the property for the station offices and the three-bay station will be prefabricated."

"The consolidation of Fort Stanton and Lincoln, will that improve ratings in and of itself?" asked Commission Chairman Tom Battin.

"Not in itself. You have to work on all of it," Stewart said. "They come down and inspect with a checklist. Lincoln is lowest (best), because it is the only one with fire hydrants throughout the district and that affects the ratings."

Atwell is considering creating a reservoir for fire-fighting water to increase the ISO rating for the new Glencoe station, Stewart said.

"Some of the rating also is based on communication and training," Battin said.

"It's across the board and you have to work on everything almost simultaneously, Stewart said. "The mutual aid agreement with Ruidoso is another element. We currently have them with all other (surrounding) departments. If it goes to an automatic response, the rating improves. It's a large checklist."

Although Battin expressed some concern with ratings, Stewart said, "Physically, there is not much we can do about it, but facilities help eventually. Lincoln jumped from 8 to 6, when they determined there was a good hydrant system throughout the district."

Fort Stanton has a hydrant system, but suffered staffing problems when the fort was used as a rehabilitation center and now that it is closed. Only two people were available for a while, Stewart said. But personnel numbers are improving and he said Lincoln's 6 rating probably will encompass the fort.

Commissioner Eileen Sedillo wondered if Lincoln's ISO might be damaged by adding the fort. Parks, a retired insurance agent, said a rating takes into account facilities within a 5 mile radius and if a

house is not within 1,000 feet of a fire plug "theoretically, you don't get a lower rate."

### Mutual aid

Stewart said the mutual aid agreement with Ruidoso is not an automatic response. Mutual aid specifies assistance if assets are available, but not if it degrades either department.

"Do you anticipate Ruidoso signing on?" Commissioner Don Williams asked.

"I hope they will councilor," Stewart said, then realized his slip, and added, "I mean commissioner." Williams serves on both the village council and the county commission.

"Dispatch centers page the departments and it's pretty much automatic, because everyone realizes we have to jump on fires quickly," Stewart said. "Fire departments look out for one another."

Powell, who offered the motion to approve the requested resolution of dissolution, asked if Arabela's poor rating was before construction of the new station. Stewart said it was, but the isolated department also suffers from training issues.

"You're five miles from everything out there and there is no way to get much lower," Parks said.

The Bonito and Glencoe departments are the priority now, Stewart. "Once we improve those ratings, we will look at how we can improve the others. We have great cooperation among all departments. We had a great meeting with the Ruidoso fire chief. Great strides are being made."

Stewart told commissioners that the owner of the property donated for use by a fire station in an area that used to be east of Ruidoso Downs' Agua Fria subdivision wants the land back, because the property was annexed by the city and no longer will be used for a fire station.

"It's a one-bay station," he said.

"It was intended the new Glencoe station would replace that," because of the annexation, Battin said.

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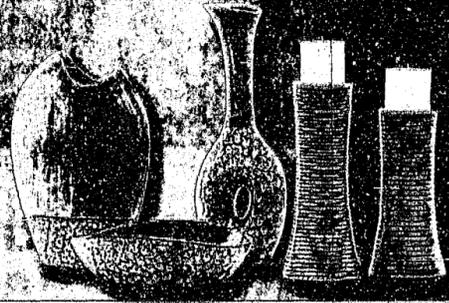
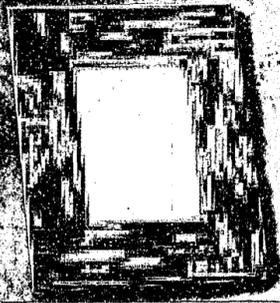
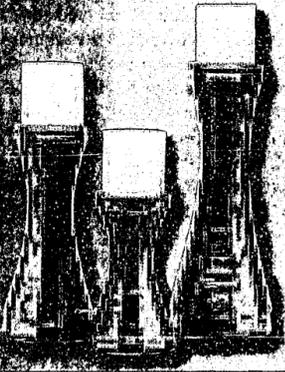
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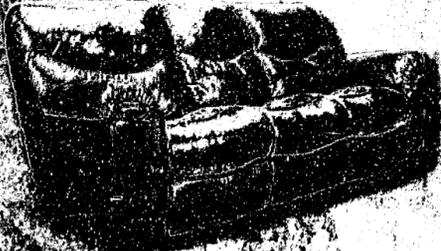
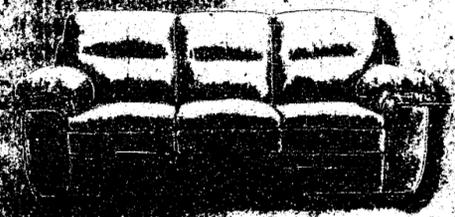
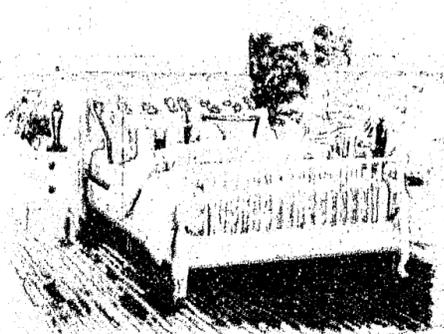
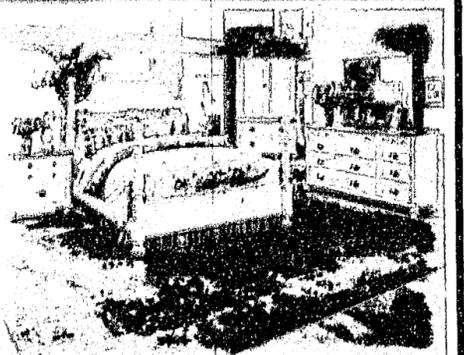
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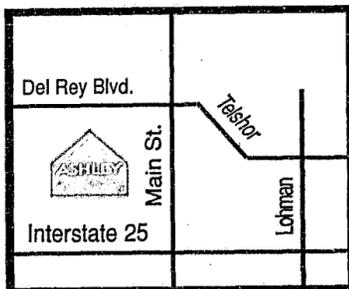
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# Census questionnaire to be mailed in early March

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The 2010 U.S. Census questionnaire will begin arriving in the mail March 10, said Tom Chagolla with the Census Bureau office in Las Cruces.

He asked for help from Lincoln County commissioners Tuesday in selecting the best locations for census service centers to help people fill out the forms to improve the county's percentage of response. Ten years ago, Lincoln County posted a meager 39 percent mail return, the lowest in New Mexico, he said.

That low response hurt the county financially, Chagolla said.

"You lose about \$1,000 a year (in federal dollars for various programs) for each uncounted person," he said.

"That's about half a million a year and \$5 million over 10 years. That's money you could use for roads, infrastructure, seniors citizens and housing."

Staff in the service centers would work from 15 hours to 30 hours a week for seven weeks. A place that could provide privacy would be needed from Feb. 26 through April 19, he said. He proposed setting up the census offices in county senior centers in Corona and Capitan to serve the rural areas.

Three other centers would operate in the New Mexico Income Support Division office on U.S. 70 in Ruidoso Downs, the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce on Sudderth Drive and the Ruidoso Village Administration Center on Cree Meadows Drive to provide help in the most heavily populated section of the county, Chagolla said. "We want to make every effort to reach everyone in a community. It's about money for the community."

Commissioner Jackie Powell suggested setting



*"It's a matter of trust. You have my word," Tom Chagolla of the Census Bureau told county commissioners.*

up a census service center in Walmart in Ruidoso Downs, "because sooner or later everyone goes there." But Chagolla said corporate officials changed their minds on that arrangement, which at one point was being considered.

Commissioner Don Williams questioned the potential liability exposure for the county, if someone coming to the census centers was injured. For the county to recover any related cost, it would have to receive permission from the federal

government to sue the federal agency, he said.

County Manager Tom Stewart said County Attorney Alan Morel noted the absence of an acceptable hold harmless clause. "If something happened, the county would be liable and would have difficulty recovering from the federal government," he said. "When (Morel) reviewed the U.S. Tort Claims Act, his remark was 'Good luck.' That's why he wanted commissioners to know his (hesitation)."

"I understand your problem," Chagolla said. "I didn't write the document, I just want to ensure everyone completes the form and sends it in. Not everyone has the greatest trust in the federal government."

Commissioner Dave Parks asked if any other council or commission questioned their liability exposure and Chagolla replied, "No, you're the only one."

"We read the liability statements," Stewart said.

"As do the others, but everyone is focused on the success of the census. We want to say we did the best we could," Chagolla said. "It's a matter of trust. You have my word."

Commissioner Eileen Sedillo told Chagolla, "We're probably cautious beyond what we need to be." The county is covered through a self-insurance pool up to about \$1 million.

"But every time we enter into an agreement with another government agency to use our facilities, we get a hold harmless," Williams insisted.

Stewart suggested the

issue be tabled until he can confer with Morel, who was out on town on other county business.

"Give me the authority to proceed with the two locations," he asked commissioners. Before he heard about the two sites in Ruidoso, he suggested using the county station there as one of the centers. Powell said to eliminate liability, post offices could be used, they already are federally owned and "everyone goes there."

Parks offered a successful motion to authorize Stewart to work with Morel and to select two sites.

Chagolla said to raise awareness of the need to return the census forms, announcements will appear on prime-time popular television shows.

To apply for a job with the census, call 866-861-2010. Passing a 30-minute test with at least a score of 70 percent is required, and a background check will be run. The test will be administered in Carrizozo or Ruidoso.

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## Ruidoso man indicted on first degree murder charge

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A Ruidoso man, immediately considered a "person of interest" after a Thanksgiving 2008 weekend homicide on the village's south side, was indicted Tuesday by a Lincoln County Grand Jury on a first degree murder charge.

In addition to the open

count of murder, Justin Slaughter, 25, is accused of tampering with evidence and conspiracy to tamper with evidence.

After the case was presented by deputy District Attorney Reed Thompson, the grand jury returned with a "true bill" in less than 40 minutes. A true bill means a grand jury believes there is sufficient

cause to put a defendant on trial.

On Nov. 22, 2008, a 9-1-1 call to Ruidoso Police from a property owner in the 100 block of Santa Anita Drive said as he was driving to meet a friend and found an unresponsive man lying in the road. The victim was identified as Julian Orosco, 23, of Ruidoso. Police said he had

been shot at least three times.

Near the body, investigators found shell casing and bullet evidence, indicating Orosco had been killed at the location. Some residents in the neighborhood told police they had heard shots or "pops" sometime shortly after 9 a.m.

One of those interviewed in the neighborhood said

the only vehicle she saw on Santa Anita Drive around that time was a white four-door vehicle that went by five to seven minutes before the sounds of gun fire.

Several days later the vehicle was found, and investigators learned the car had been loaned to Slaughter around 9 a.m. on Nov. 22, 2008, and returned about 30 minutes later.

The case appeared to open late last year when police received additional information.

Orosco's parents said they have heard very little about the case from police or the district attorney's office. The first they were made aware of Slaughter's indictment was from a Ruidoso News reporter on Wednesday night, the day after the grand jury's decision.

"We haven't been kept up on anything," said Elmer Orosco, the victim's father. "We were supposed to be in on every step that they made. They were supposed to notify us."

The indictment, however, provides some relief, he said.

"It's really just a start. I still have a lot of doubt. There is one indictment, and I hope a conviction. But the rest have been left out. There were three other people in the car besides my son and Justin. There were three others that assisted or didn't try to stop him. I'm not comfortable with it yet. I still have a lot of doubt where this may go."

Shortly before the shooting, Julian Orosco had gotten into a vehicle that showed up at the Orosco home. The car contained four other people, said Shirleen Orosco, Julian's mother.

"I knew something was wrong," she said. "I just knew something bad was going to happen."

While the indictment may begin the process of closure for the Oroscos, Julian's sister Elma remembers her brother.

"I won't have closure because my brother will not be here," she said. "He (Slaughter), if he gets life in jail, will still be alive."

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# MAYOR

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decades and have gotten an incredible education in a number of arenas, such as being a business owner, executive director of the chamber of commerce, co-founder and curriculum chair of Leadership Lincoln.

I feel like these are uncertain times and a lot of you out there are downright scared with the question of the racetrack (possibly moving) and our utilities going up, but I feel like this could be our finest hour. I'd like to borrow a tactic from Sarah Palin by quoting Lee Iacocca, "We are continuously faced with great opportunities disguised as problems that can't be solved."

If elected mayor, I would like to bring back study sessions, because the substance of what we have to talk about can't be done at council meetings. I want to Web stream meetings of the council and of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

I want to call for resumes of the intellectual capital out there (locally) so we don't pay thousands (of dollars) for people from the outside. I want to call a mountain summit once a year for all the elected leadership here and from Mescalero, and to bring the goose who laid the golden egg back into the big house by creating a Village Department of Tourism.

**Regarding the relocation of the license of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino to Las Cruces, if residents vote against the business retention gross receipts tax, what do you plan to do to offset the potential loss, not only for economic diversity, but legal means?**

**Alborn:** I am very much opposed to any tax increase at all. I think we are going through very difficult times right now. As far as what should be done for diversity in the event the track leaves, I recently attended a meeting of the International Mountain Biking Association and you look at the figures they threw out and there is a tremendous amount of opportunity. There also is the movie industry. I think we need to have incentives, but be careful we don't give farm away, and we also should go out and solicit businesses to come in. I am not opposed to the track and I hopes it stays, but I don't think right now is the time to raise taxes.

**Gibson:** It's a shame the state Legislature abdicated their responsibility to level the playing field, but it did, so it is up to us. I think (losing the track) would be analogous to when we lost Bonito Lake (to the city of Alamogordo) and analogous to Alamogordo losing Holloman Air Force Base. The loss of the track would be financially horrific and we need to do whatever is needed to support it. I would support a tax increase.

**Williams:** I personally don't believe the track is going anywhere. The move would be a business decision by Mr. (R.D.) Hubbard and he's agreed to leave it here, if gets the tax break. As far as the tax goes, the best way is to get a representative vote. Put the issue before the county and whatever the people decide is what happens.

**Zagone:** Ruidoso has never been a single



A large crowd estimated at 200 turned out at the convention center to listen to candidates for Ruidoso mayor and council.

dimension community, certainly not as a resort community. There are attributes we still have and will never go away and are the reasons people come to visit and live here. We'd be a prime location for a high altitude training center and for what now is called a "green vacation," what people came here for in the 1940s, hiking, biking and camping and all the activities nature brings us to do, as well as a live entertainment center. Not a Branson (Mo.), but to take advantage of what we have.

**What past experiences qualify you to lead a tourist community like Ruidoso that is dependent on small businesses?**

**Gibson:** I have 23 years of experience as chief executive officer of small to medium size hospitals. I also have four years as a company commander in the U.S. Army serving on the battlefields of Vietnam. I have done the hard things a chief officer has to do to make payroll, to meet and exceed customer expectations, to make the hard decisions and to do strategic planning and move toward goals, whatever they are. I have done so in the past and would bring those skills to the table as we move forward to meet the many challenges (facing the village) from infrastructure, to the race track to water problems and the wastewater plant. I have done those things and bring all of those skills to the table.

**Williams:** Included in my past experience, but not listed on my qualification sheet, I have owned and operated a couple of small businesses. I know what it is like not to be able to find qualified employees to do the type of work needed and you end up doing it yourself. In addition, I have worked with the aerospace industry in building large facilities and organizing them so they can be managed for the government.

**Zagone:** I have been a lodger in Upper Canyon 16 years, director of the Chamber of Commerce for 10 years and we managed the Visitors Center, marketing director for the village for a number of years, chair of the Lodgers Tax Association and past president of the Tourism Association of New Mexico. Tourism put meat and bread and vegetables and fed my children and sent them to college.

**Alborn:** As a college foot-

ball coach, you better get people pulling in the same direction if you are going to survive. I keep hearing about conflict in Midtown to some degree. I think that can be worked out and I believe we need to get people on the same page to solve any problems we have, particularly in Midtown.

**Are you a supporter for tourism and if not, what other industries do you intend to implement to maintain economic stability?**

**Williams:** I am a supporter of tourism and the best thing a mayor can do is support the economic development board that works with chamber to promote tourism. It is very important to our community. I think it is the biggest income and I am for supporting it anyway possible, as best for village.

**Zagone:** There is a central reason everyone around world wants to get into tourism. It is a friendly, noninvasive, nonsmoke-stack industry. It also is something that is such a natural for Ruidoso. I wouldn't know how to tell you (where) I don't support it. It is why we have the quality of life we have in Lincoln County. We cannot do this by ourselves. Our visitors help pay for streets and all infrastructure and we're darn lucky to have them.

**Alborn:** I certainly support tourism, but as I said earlier, I don't think we can be one-dimensional. We must have diversity. We spent 15 years coming here every chance we had as tourists. We rented cabins at every opportunity. I support tourism whole-heartedly, but I think we need to diversify so that we are not so dependent.

**Gibson:** I think Coach is right that we need diversification, but how do we go about finding what that should be. I think the key issue is bringing people together, creating a business-friendly environment so that we can bring them together to look at what we have here, what the workforce is and the opportunities out there. And I think we can do that quite aggressively.

**What is your opinion of the proposed update to the village Comprehensive Plan? What aspects do you think are important and what, if any, are lacking?**

**Zagone:** I really like this Comprehensive Plan. For

the first time, we have a plan with not only a head, but two arms and a life about it. When I first read it, I commented to Rick Albers, who was involved in it, how much energy it has. We finally have a living document. We have literally been looking for something like this not only to showcase our community, but to be what we truly are. It has a timetable in it and we will be held to task. It is something business owners and elected officials can work with. I am extremely excited about it. It was long overdue and thank God, we can participate in it.

**Alborn:** The Comprehensive Plan certainly is a guide for us to follow. I think we need to be careful we don't pick and chose things out of it that fits our particular need. One of the things in the plan I think is important in dealing with Midtown is to make it a pedestrian-friendly walking area. I think that is critical. We also need to get a river walk. That would be greatly important to the village.

**Gibson:** Strategic planning needs to be done as an ongoing activity, not every five year. The Comprehensive Plan is a living document and needs to be reviewed and revised every year, depending on the changes and dictates of circumstances. If I am elected mayor, that's what I propose to do.

**Williams:** In my opinion, the Comprehensive Plan is very comprehensive. One of the main things that needs to happen, is that it needs to be passed by the council with the included due dates. If we keep putting it off, the dates have to change and then we will put it off again.

**How would you recruit and appoint for committees and commissions such as Planning & Zoning and the Convention Center Task Force to ensure proper qualifications and diversification of ideas?**

**Alborn:** I'm very much for opening the tent and letting citizens in and giving them an opportunity to participate. Being on the Planning and Zoning Commission, I know how much time and effort it takes, and it is a non-paid position. This whole community is about volunteers. We have 45 at the (Lincoln County) Food Bank and then there are the Pink Ladies (hospital auxiliary). I don't think finding qualified people

would be any problem at all. I think we ought to advertise and have them write letters if they are interested in any particular boards, and let them know about the time commitment and the no-pay commitment. I feel secure it can be done and done quickly.

**Gibson:** I worked a long time recruiting people (to volunteer) at hospitals and it is not an easy task to attract them to do hard jobs. I look at the job task and what qualifications are need to fulfill (the position) and then ask people to come forth who have them.

**Williams:** Most of the committees are made of seven members and we have a mayor and six councilors. I would have each member of council appoint someone and that way people would be assured through their councilors that their desires are being represented on those committees.

**Zagone:** I would call for resumes from all over the county. We have the intellectual capital and we have to let them know what we need, identified in various categories such as water and engineering. Once we have them, then the issue is how we treat those volunteers. I'm not sure we in the village have such a good reputation on how we treat our volunteers. It should be with respect, and they should be given the necessary training. (The respect) must come from the council side and from citizens as well. I would like to see that change.

### Conclusions:

**Zagone:** I must tell you, I am so tired of talking about myself and if you've never had your picture that big on a banner, I suggest you never do it. On the other

side of it, I have had such an incredible experience campaigning for this important office. I never thought I would end up thinking I can do this job, but I truly believe I can, because of all of the help from the teams I have been part of and my life experiences. But if I do not win, I must tell you this has been the best time I've had in my life, except for raising my two children. God bless all of you for giving me the opportunity to do so.

**Williams:** I have used my time in elected office well. I managed to take all the courses involving the New Mexico Municipal League and I am a certified official by the league and a registered parliamentarian. I am a retired, registered professional engineer, and because of the time I have spent with the council, I know the issues and what's coming at us. My experience on the council, my engineering and administration (background) give me a leg up on the other candidates.

**Gibson:** This is the first elected position I have ever run for in my life and it is a real honor to put my hat in the ring and (experience) the sense of responsibility in trying to do something for a community as nice as Ruidoso. I do this out of a sense of duty and obligation to a community that has been very wonderful to me and my family. I think I bring a lot of experience the community needs from fiscal management to the ability to bring diverse groups together to meet common goals and objectives. I believe I can do a good job and can bring us back to where we need to be, looking forward with a whole lot of huge issues out there we are facing.

**Alborn:** We need to get "I, my and me" out of village government and get it to "we." I spent a lifetime trying to get people pulling together. When you have 11 assistant coaches, all grown men with egos who want to make a name for themselves, and 100 kids wanting to make All-American or All-Conference, it becomes difficult at times. But it is important to get together and have one common goal and that is what we need for the village.

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# FILM

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uation. Norris pointed out that during the current legislative session, three bills were introduced to cap or eliminate the tax incentives for the film industry in the state.

Two came from legislators representing Lincoln County, House Bill 52 by State Rep. Dennis Kintigh (R-Roswell), asking for a repeal, and Senate Bill 248 by State Sen. Timothy Z. Jennings (D-Roswell) establishing a cap of \$50 million on tax incentives.

"Last year, more than \$82 million was returned to film production companies," Norris said.

"I think that if the tax incentive is a good thing, then there should be no cap on it," Norris said.

"That is like saying we do not want too much of a good thing. If you think tax incentives are a bad thing, then (it) should be eliminated all together. I believe tax incentives are a good thing."

He doesn't believe the two legislators represent the opinions of residents of the county, Norris said.

"I believe the people who live in Lincoln County want to see the film industry flourish in the state, and want to see more movies made here," he said.

"I would like the county commissioners to inform the governor and state film office that they are in favor of the film tax incentives and that Representative Kintigh and Senator Jennings do not represent the feelings of Lincoln County."

Commissioner Eileen Sedillo, who was acting chairman in the absence of Commissioner Tom Battin, asked Norris if he sought support from the mayors and councils of the county's five municipalities.

He said he was speaking for the town of Carrizozo,



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**Dirk Norris**, foreground, asked the County Commission Tuesday to relay support to the governor and Legislature for a continuance of tax subsidies for the state's film industry. Norris, the Director of the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce, is Carrizozo's liaison to the state's film office.

but had not contacted the other four.

"I agree with Dirk, because I think the film industry has been good for New Mexico and there are a lot of other places the government could be cutting instead," Sedillo said. Part of the film, *The Book of Eli*, released earlier this year and starring Denzel Washington, was filmed in Carrizozo.

Commissioner Jackie

Powell took an opposite side, saying schools in the state are taking a hit because of the huge budget revenue shortfall.

"Kids come first," she said.

Sedillo said the film industry helped many young people with employment and specialty training, "especially in rural areas."

Powell said New Mexico is such a wonderful state

with "everything to offer," that movie and television officials should want to come here anyway.

"I agree now that we have been discovered, it's not as much of a problem," Sedillo said. "I don't disagree with a cap."

Movies have a long history in New Mexico, Norris acknowledged, but without incentives, not as many will film here and opportunities will be lost to other

states.

"When they first introduced tax incentives, the number of movies quadrupled," he said. Setting a cap whether at \$2 million or \$50 million seems arbitrary. Producers have to be able to count on a certain percentage or arrangement.

"I want to indicate to the state that Lincoln County has great interest in films being made here and we

don't all feel the same way (as the legislators)," Norris said.

On a \$4 million expense in New Mexico filming, a movie project receives a 25 percent or \$1 million tax credit, he said.

Commissioner Don Williams said the film industry remains in its infancy in New Mexico. Officials with the state Film Office toured the county and he was told they were elated about the variety of scenery.

Kathryn Minter, who regularly attends commission meetings, said, "Not everybody in the county support subsidies, which have grown over the years to 25 percent."

She said the money is actual cash back, not an incentive.

An analysis by the New Mexico Legislative Counsel concluded the tax incentives are a "no win" situation for the state and New Mexico spends more than it gets back in zero interest loans, she said, adding she could find no record of the loans ever being repaid.

"Someone in the state has to make up what is spent (on the film industry)," Minter said.

Commissioner Dave Parks told other board members he couldn't vote until he saw something meaningful and he was better informed.

Powell's motion to table passed unanimously.

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# SHOT

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Mays is being held in the Otero County Detention Center on a no-bond hold pending an appearance in court.

Mays is the woman who is suing the Lincoln County Commission and Sheriff Rick Virden in U.S. District Court, alleging violation of civil rights and injuries. She claimed that she was sexually assaulted by a guard employed by Court Services Inc., a contract provider of inmate transport services for the county. The suit claims the incidents occurred during a transport from Tennessee to New Mexico.

Gilfoyle was also wanted on a bench warrant from district court in Lincoln County on Feb. 4. That involved alleged violations of his release order in a case involving forged checks.

Police were unable to say if Gilfoyle and Mays knew each other.

Four Otero County Sheriff's Department deputies are on standard administrative leave. The injured deputy was checked over at the hospital.

"The deputy received a slight graze to the knee," said Sanchez. "The deputy will be fine. The deputies had no choice but to return fire."

Duane Barbati of the Alamogordo Daily News contributed to this story.

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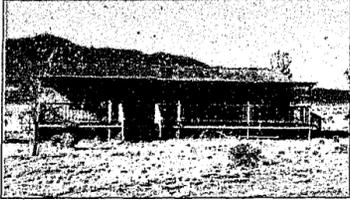
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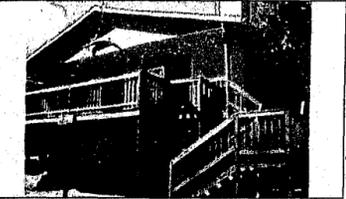
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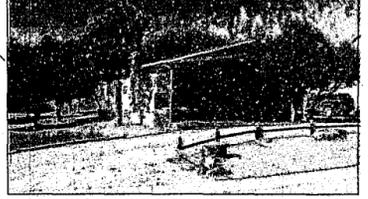
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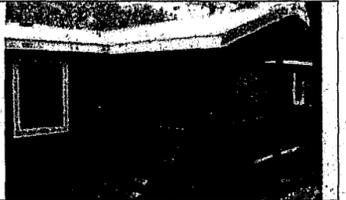
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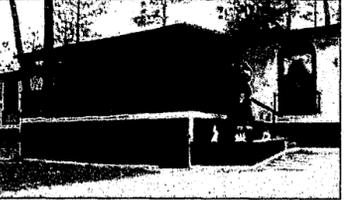


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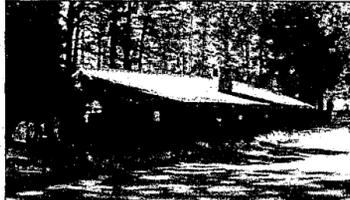
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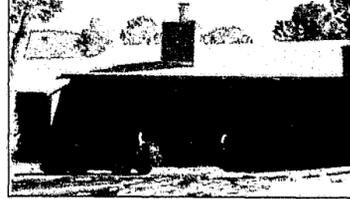
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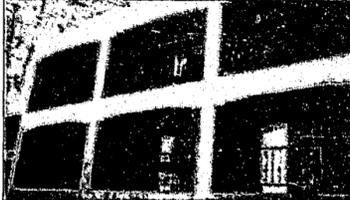
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### Ski Report

#### 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. The ski report is culled from [www.ski-apachesnowreport.com](http://www.ski-apachesnowreport.com)

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

**New snow past 48 hrs.:** 0 inches  
**Season total:** 155 inches

**Weather for Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 53. West wind between 10 and 15 mph. Friday evening, partly cloudy, with a low around 33. West wind around 10 mph.

**Weather for Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 49. Breezy, with a west wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Saturday evening, mostly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 26.

**Current conditions:** Good  
**Mid-mountain snow depth:** 60 inches

**Snow surface:** Packed powder, machine groomed

**Groomed runs:** Bunny, Easy Street, East Easy Street, Moonshine Gulch, Lower Moonshine, Lower Deep Freeze, Ramp, SBT, Snow Park, Captain Lite, Smokey Bear, Chino, Meadows, The Face, Elk Ridge, Bull Run, Lincoln Lift Line, Elk Lift Line, Gondola Lift Line and Cliff.

**Groomers Pick:** Lincoln Lift Line

**Lifts open:** No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, No. 7 open Saturday, Sunday and holidays and No. 8. Gondola is open Friday through Sundays and holidays.

**Snowmaking:** No

### Results

#### Boys Basketball

**Monday, Feb. 15**  
Valley Christian Academy 53, Mescalero 18

**Tuesday, Feb. 16**  
Lovington 66, Ruidoso 45  
Tularosa 76, Capitan 30  
Hondo 64, Carrizozo 56

#### Girls Basketball

**Monday, Feb. 15**  
Mescalero 63, Valley Christian Academy 34

**Tuesday, Feb. 16**  
Tularosa 42, Capitan 33  
Hondo 51, Carrizozo 42

### Sports On Tap

#### Boys Basketball

**Friday, Feb. 19**  
NMMI at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.  
Capitan at Mesilla Valley, 8 p.m.  
Mescalero at Lake Arthur, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 20**  
Mountainair at Corona, 6:30 p.m.

#### Girls Basketball

**Friday, Feb. 19**  
Capitan at Mesilla Valley, 6:30 p.m.  
Mescalero at Lake Arthur, 5:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 20**  
Ruidoso at Portales, 7 p.m.  
Mountainair at Corona, 5 p.m.

### On Deck

#### Co-Ed Volleyball

The Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Dept. will have the Auxiliary Horton gym (old Middle School) open for volleyball on Mondays and Wednesdays through March 10. It counts for anyone who signed up in the "Walk in the Woods" fitness program and it's free. For info call 257-5030.

#### Little League Sign-up

There will be three Little League baseball sign-ups starting Tuesday, Feb. 23 from 5-7 p.m. at the First Methodist Church warehouse, Thursday, Feb. 25, 5-7 p.m., at the Capitan High School cafeteria and Saturday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the White Mountain Intermediate School cafeteria. To register, each participant must bring one proof of age, original document issued by the state, feds or vital statistics, and three or more documents that show the address of the legal resident. Only cash or checks are accepted. For more info call Christine at 808-1677.

#### Spring Soccer Signups

The Lincoln County Youth Soccer League will hold signups on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 23, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the White Mountain Elementary School cafeteria. Ages 4-14 (must be 4 by 7/31/09 and 14 on 7/31/09). Absolutely no late registrations. Online registration is available at

# RHS wrestlers go to state

## Warriors send 13 athletes to Rio Rancho tourney

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First-year RHS head wrestling coach Johnny Carson and his grapplers have done well this season.

It's a young team but his boys have been more than competitive throughout seven tournaments this year (the Jan. 23, Sierra Blanca Invite was cancelled due to snow), including the district matches which were held here last Saturday at RHS.

This may be Carson's first year at the helm of the Ruidoso wrestling squad but he has 26 years of coaching 5A and 4A wrestling in Texas and Oklahoma.

"This is a youthful squad," Carson said. "We have quite a few first-year wrestlers, including kids in eighth, ninth and 10th grades. They all worked

hard and got better as the season progressed."

Three Warrior grapplers took first place at Saturday's district matches.

Ethan Myers competed in the 171-pound class and pinned his opponent in the first round.

"I'm looking forward to the state tournament at the Santa Ana Star Complex in Rio Rancho Friday," the 18-year-old athlete said.

"This will be my last year here and I want to do well for Ruidoso."

Tanner DeSoto also grabbed a first at the district competitions in the 189-pound division by decision.

Desoto beat his opponent, Ben Faust, who had been seeded No. 1 in district, by a 5-4 decision. This 16-year-old student has been wrestling for three years.

"By getting first at dis-



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RHS wrestlers going to the state tournament are, front row, l-r, Robert Frizzell, Ty Marshall, Michael Carpenter and Cannon Irons. Middle row, Kaylen Chavez, Patrick Randolph, Brennin Cross, Casey Williams and Oscar Magaña. Back row, Tanner DeSoto, Ethan Myers, Lance Garrison and Chance Irons.

tricts I've gone as far as I could until now," the sophomore said.

"I want to do well in Rio Rancho because no one else will do it for me. I have to do it. I would like to suc-

ceed for my parents and teachers who have supported me."

Brennin Cross, an 18-year-old heavyweight, scored a top finish at the district meet, too, when no

other rivals showed up. He's been concentrating on wrestling now for six years.

"If I do well at state I might be able to get a schol-

See RHS, page 2B

# Ruidoso High Altitude Aquatics competes

CHRISTY PEARSON  
*For the Ruidoso News*

The Ruidoso High Altitude Aquatics Swim Team has been quiet but working hard in the pool these past few months.

Swimmers have competed in many meets with several accomplishments under their caps.

The older swimmers traveled to the Barracuda Swim Meet in El Paso, Texas January 23rd where Cisco Bob III won 1st place in the 200 freestyle and the rest of the team came back with several personal bests.

The younger swimmers then traveled to Albuquerque Feb. 6 for the Rio Grande League Championships.

Most recently, six Dolphins made the trek to

Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque for the KAC Last Chance Invite.

Cisco Bob, III took 1st Place overall, Irene Bob won 10th place overall, Ethan Maheng won 3rd place overall and Sydney Annala won 5th place overall.

Emma Pearson swam a personal best in the 50 butterfly and Elise Coakley swam personal bests (PB) in the 50 & 100 freestyle, and 50 butterfly.

Cisco swam PBs in the 50, 100, & 200 freestyle, 100 backstroke, 50 breaststroke, 50 butterfly and 100 Individual Medley.

Irene swam her PBs in the 100 and 200 freestyle, 50 backstroke and 50 breaststroke.

Maheng swam PBs in the 50 & 100 freestyle, 50 & 100 backstroke, 50 breaststroke, 50 butterfly

and 100 Individual Medley. Annala swam her PBs in the 50 & 100 butterfly and the 200 Individual Medley.

The team will be traveling back to Albuquerque Feb. 26-28 for the New Mexico State Short Course Swimming Championships to be held at the University of the New Mexico.

RHAA's state qualifiers are Maheng, Coakley, C. Bob, III, I. Bob, Annala, Pearson and Lane Carter. All but Carter will be competing in the meet in a total of 27 events.

All events are preliminaries with the fastest eight times advancing to the finals held during the second session of each day of the meet.

The team is training at the Ruidoso Athletic Club and will take a break after



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This is RHAA swimmers are, back row, l-r, Irene Bob, Cisco Bob III, Sydney Annala and Emma Pearson. Front row, Ingrid Maheng, Ethan Maheng and Elise Coakley.

the state meet with practice resuming March 15 to begin the Long Course sea-

son. Follow the team at [www.vikaza.com/ruidosodolphins](http://www.vikaza.com/ruidosodolphins)

# Regulators find 'Western Romance'

JACK SHUSTER  
*For the Ruidoso News*

"Western Romance" was the theme for the Cowboy Action Shooting match of the Lincoln County Regulators for February.

Nearly 20 spectators, waddies, cowgirls, cowboys, and buckaroos armed with six guns, lever guns, and scatter guns gathered 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, February 13.

Judge William Cutenshoot came all the way from El Paso, Texas.

The day began with Presentation of the Colors using an historic 34-star flag and the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a

mandatory safety briefing. Competitors and spectators dressed western, brought their sweethearts and had a hot time on the range.

Competitors shot four stages based on "The Big Trail," "Stagecoach," "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon" and "Rio Grande," all Western Romances starring John Wayne. Stages were been designed by John Steele with scenarios based on the movies and written by Sgt. Shuster.

Match Director was Rowdy Lane, assisted by Rusty Fillins.

Registration was handled by Scarlet Lane and Sgt. Shuster coordinated scoring.

On the First Stage, "The Big Trail," shooters began with the statement, "I love



COURTESY

A Lincoln County Regulator sweetheart all dressed up and ready to shoot.

See SHOOT, page 3B

# Parks crew receives merit award

The Park crew received the NM USSSA Award of Merit for their outstanding ball field maintenance.

The crew was honored at the NM USSSA State Conference and Hall of Fame Banquet in Las Cruces on Feb. 12.

Jim Lawless, "T-Bone" (Dave Tetrault), and Bill Stumpf attended the banquet to receive the award on the behalf of the crew, others honored were Rodney Griego, Toby Juarez, and Ryan Benson who were unable to attend.

This award was the first given by NMUSSSA to recognize a Park crew.

All past awards are given to umpires, directors and players.

For years the park crew has been complimented by teams, umpires and fans

from all over the state for their ability to bring back fields after a rain out (fields completely under water).

Teams line up along the dugouts to watch their skills.

There are times as many as 8 times in one tournament they will come in and get the fields back in playing condition.

They receive compliments in other cities when their crews just hang it up and cancel the tournaments.

Only once in 16 years has a tournament in Ruidoso been canceled due to a fourth rain in the same weekend.

The crew has it down to a science. After the rain stops they wait one hour, plus three hours to prep three fields.



Parks and Recreation Director Debbie Jo Almager, Dave "T-Bone" Tetrault, Jim Lawless and Bill Stumpf display their award.

During that time the tournament director has to redo the brackets and times and resort all games

to a one-pitch format to finish out the tournaments. Congratulations to the crew.

# HONDO-'ZOZO HOOPS



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Marshall Ventura makes a basket while German Lerma (No. 15) and Raymond Montañio of Hondo defend. The Eagles won 64-56 and the Hondo girls beat the Lady Grizzlies, 51-42.

# Warriors lose in district; finish season with NMMI

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At the end of the first quarter things looked bright for Ruidoso as visit-

ing Lovington only managed a 3-point lead, 16-13.

The second period of play proved to be the nail in the coffin for RHS as the Wildcats outscored the

Warriors 19-1 and then went on to a 66-45 win.

Ruidoso tied Lovington in scoring in the last two quarters with 21 and 10 points, respectively.

It was the 18-point deficit in the second eight minutes of play that proved to be too much to overcome. Lovington is the No. 1 team in District 4-3A with a 21-4, 8-0, record.

Ruidoso ranks third behind NMMI (16-9, 4-3) who will be making a regular season-ending contest

visit to RHS Friday at 7 p.m.

Tuesday's loss to the Wildcats puts the Warriors at 8-15, 2-5.

"We played three good quarters of basketball," RHS head coach Dennis Davis said.

"It seemed like our intensity dropped off considerably in the second, both on offense and defense.

"We did not respond well at all in that quarter and we paid the price."

Ruidoso had played Lovington before, on Jan. 29, and even though they eventually lost the game, 52-37, the Warriors had a lead at one point early in the contest.

"In Tuesday's contest we seemed to compound our mistakes before the half," Davis said.

"You can't heap one error on top of another and expect to win."

NMMI, who will come to town Friday, has won their last two games against

Dexter and Gateway by decisive margins.

Before that, the Colts took a home loss to Lovington, 56-48.

In Ruidoso's previous match-up at NMMI, Feb. 2, the Colts claimed a 62-34 win.

"Needless to say, we didn't play well at NMMI," Davis said.

"I expect us to play a good game Friday because we need to make it happen."

District play starts Monday with the Warriors hosting Dexter in the evening.

The subsequent playoff game should be against Portales or NMMI.

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Although the fairground is a county entity, it is located in capitan. We must reach out to the fair board and be willing to work with them and encourage them to work with the village on the over-all improvement of the facilities.

Tourism is the number one industry in Capitan. We must take advantage of our unique relationship with "Smokey Bear" and encourage a friendly atmosphere for our tourists. This will strengthen our local businesses and create new jobs for our citizens.

Law enforcement is a vital part of day to day life in Capitan. However, it must be tempered with fairness and equality.

I am a firm believer in volunteerism. Acting as volunteers, our citizens can become a mighty force in conserving our precious water supply. They can also act as good stewards to clean up our village and make it a model for all of New Mexico to admire.

City hall must become a place that citizens want to use to conduct their business or lodge legitimate complaints when necessary. No one should feel intimidated by any local officials when dealing with this "people's government".

With a healthy budget surplus, we should address a pay increase for our village employees. They work very hard and surely deserve a pay scale review.

It is our duty to work respectfully with a Mayor and Board of Trustees that are willing to put the concerns of the people and businesses of Capitan first.

**Together we can do it Capitan!**  
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## RHS FROM PAGE 1B

arship to college," the senior said.

"I thank God for my ability which allows me to wrestle at the pace I do. And my mom supports me wholeheartedly."

Senior Casey Williams competed to a second place finish Saturday by winning in overtime in the 130-pound division. He's been at the sport for 12 years.

"My dad inspired me to wrestle and helped me a great deal," the 17-year-old said.

"This is my last year at RHS and I would like to do well at state for my school. Maybe I can use the state competitions as a springboard to college."

Carson also had two freshmen who took a second and third and three eighth-graders who accomplished second place finishes.

"We're having a good time," Carson said.

The Warriors' wrestling team left for Rio Rancho Thursday.

Weigh-ins will be at 10 a.m., Friday, with first round 5-, 4- and 3A competitions starting at 1 p.m. The second rounds begin at 3 p.m. and the first consolation rounds commence at 6 p.m.

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# OPEN YEAR ROUND!

# Ruidoso Gymnastics competes in three tournaments

The results for Ruidoso Gymnastics from competitions for the last three tournaments are listed below.

The team will next compete in Belen, Feb. 20-21.

They will then travel to the state meet, also in Belen, Feb. 27-28.

The entire team (25) has qualified for the state meet.

## Gold Cup Classic – Albuquerque – Jan. 16-17

### Level 7

13-year-olds Kayleen Schenk.....2nd All Around, 9.25 Vault, 9.1 Bars (2nd place), 9.2 floor

Alana Willingham .9.475 Vault (1st Place), 9.275 Floor ((3rd Place)

14-year-olds Erika McClain.....9.2 Vault (2nd Place)

### Level 9

Harley Bonnell .....3rd All Around, 8.9 Vault (3rd Place), 9.0 Bars (3rd Place), 8.65 Beam (3rd Place), 9.15 Floor

Amanda Willingham . 4th All Around, 8.55 Vault, 8.5 Bars, 8.95 Beam (1st Place)9.35 Floor (3rd Place)

## Winter Fiesta-Precision – Alb. – Jan. 23-24

### Level 5

10-year-olds Karina Martinez ....3rd All Around,

8.8 Vault (1st Place), 9.1 Bars (3rd Place)

### Level 6

10-year-olds Baily Jones .....3rd All Around, 9.0 Beam, 9.325 Floor (1st Place)

13-year-olds Macey Walker .....5th All Around

### Level 7

13-year-olds Kayleen Schenk.....2nd All Around, 9.025 Vault (4th Place), 9.25 Bars (1st Place), 9.15 Floor (4th Place)

Alana Willingham . 8.9 Bars (2nd Place), 9.1 Floor

### Level 9

Harley Bonnell .....3rd All Around, 8.75 Vault, 8.85 Bars (4th Place), 8.95 Beam (2nd Place), 8.9 Floor

Amanda Willingham . 8.5 Vault, 8.75 Beam, 9.45 Floor (1st Place)

## Black and White Invite-AGS – Alb. – Feb. 6-7

### Level 4

7-year-olds Kaylin Saiz-Thetford . 1st Place All Around, 9.15 Vault (1st Place), 8.95 Floor (1st Place)

Hope Misquez .....3rd All Around, 9.05 Vault (2nd Place)

9-year-olds Carson Vasile.....9.15 Vault

Isabel Martinez .....9.15 Bars  
Nina Herrera .....9.1 Vault  
Dana Atchley .....1st All Around, 8.9 Vault (1st Place)

### Level 5

9-year-olds Lauren Denney .....4th All Around, 9.05 Bars (1st Place)

10-year-olds Karina Martinez ....3rd All Around, 9.45 Bars (1st Place)

### Level 6

10-year-olds Bailey Jones .....3rd All Around, 9.15 Bars (1st Place), 9.1 Beam (2nd Place)

12-year-olds Ryann Flack.....4th All Around  
Kate Barleen .....5th All Around  
Macey Walker .....9.1 Vault

### Level 7

13-year-olds Kayleen Schenk ....4th All Around, 9.05 Vault, 9.1 Bars (2nd Place), 9.05 Floor

Alana Willingham . 9.0 Vault, 9.05 Floor

### Level 9

Harley Bonnell .....4th All Around, 9.15 Beam (2nd Place)

Amanda Willingham . 1st All Around, 9.3 Beam (1st Place), 9.1 Floor (2nd Place)

# SHOOT

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you, Ruthie."

Gunsmoke Cowboy from Capitan took first place, followed by Rowdy Lane of Alto and Saddletramp from La Luz.

Rowdy Lane took first place on Stage Two, based on "Stagecoach" which began with the line, "Dallas, marry me."

Gunsmoke Cowboy came in second with Rusty Fillins of Ruidoso taking third place.

A clean stage, no misses, was shot by Capitan Regulator from Capitan, Gunsmoke Cowboy, Rusty Fillins, Judge William Cutenshoot and Rowdy Lane.

Winners of Stage Three, "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon" were Rowdy Lane in first place with Rusty Fillins and Gunsmoke Cowboy in second and third.

Cowboys and cowgirls joined the Captain by telling his lieutenants, "Leave that girl alone!" No misses from Judge William Cutenshoot, Saddletramp and Rowdy Lane on that stage.

On the Fourth and final Stage, "Rio Grande," contenders began with, "You know you still love me, Kathleen."

Gunsmoke Cowboy captured the lead, followed by Rowdy Lane and Rusty Fillins.

Gunsmoke Cowboy, Capitan Regulator and Rusty Fillins all shot a clean stage.

The four stage "Western Romance" Cowboy Action

Shooting match was followed by a single stage Wild Bunch Action match, a new Single Action Shooting Society competition using 1911 Pistols, Lever Action Rifles, and 1897 Pump Shotguns.

Winners were Rowdy Lane, Capitan Regulator and Gunsmoke Cowboy, in that order.

Overall Top Gun for "Western Romance" was Rowdy Lane, followed by Gunsmoke Cowboy and Rusty Fillins.

Winner in the Wrangler category were Gunsmoke Cowboy.

Top Buckaroo was 10 year old Capitan Regulator. Top 49er was Judge William Cutenshoot.

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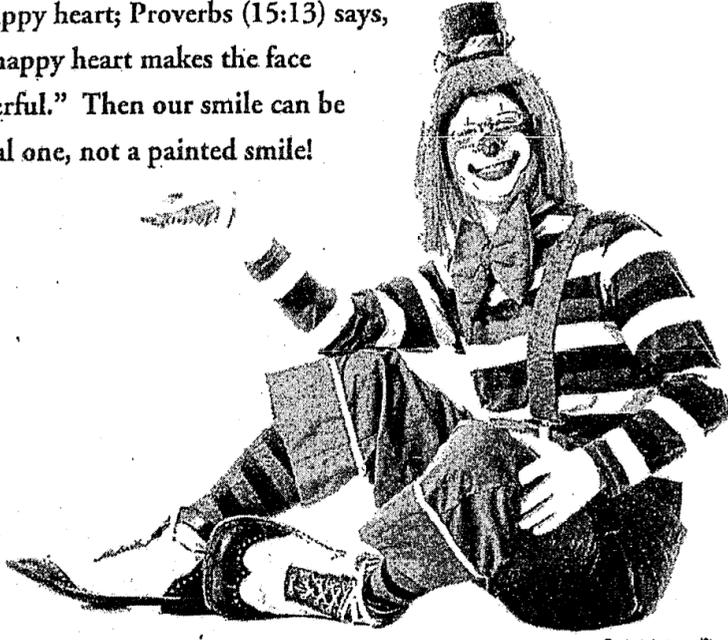
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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First Assembly of God  
El Paso Road, Ruidoso 257-2324. Rev. E. Thomas Keams, Pastor. Sunday morning worship: 10:45 a.m.; Children's Church 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 & Capitan. Roland Burnett, Pastor. Sunday School: 9 a.m.; Worship Service: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Bible Study: Wed. @ 7 p.m. 257-1979.  
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.  
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Ruidoso Downs, Randy Wiedner, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. prayer meeting: 6:30 p.m.  
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Mescalero Baptist Mission  
Mescalero. Sunday: Sunday school 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; Training union 6:30 p.m. Wednesday services 6:30 p.m.  
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St. Theresa Catholic Church Corona. Sunday Mass: 6 p.m.  
St. Joseph's Apache Mission Mescalero. Father Paul Botenangen, OFM. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe. Rev. Father Larry Goselin. Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Max Jones Interim Minister, Hull and Gavilan Canyon Road. Sunday School, K-12/Adult: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

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Gateway Church of Christ 415 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-4381. Jimmy Spotswood, Minister. Sunday Morning worship: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Bible Class: 11:00 a.m.; Mid-Week Service: Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
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Community United Methodist Church Junction Road, behind Wells Fargo Bank. Todd Salzwedel, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 257-4170. Bibles & Blue Jeans service Youth Warehouse 9:45 on Sunday.  
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Capitan - Highway 48. Les Earwood, Minister. Sunday worship: 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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Christ Community Fellowship Capitan, Highway 380 West, 354-2458. Ed Vinson, Pastor, Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.  
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Ferry Zumwalt, minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM. Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11:00 am; Evening Worship 1:15 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm.  
**EPISCOPAL**  
St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel  
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**METHODIST**  
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 (Tues.) 6:30 pm; United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wed. 1:00 pm; Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of month 12:30 pm.  
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# RELIGION

## Religious tolerance can be tough at times

**Q.** I consider myself blessed to have been raised by parents who taught us that all people are cherished and blessed by God. While embracing our own faith, we learned respect for other beliefs, and were encouraged to look for similarities and embrace differences among people. We've raised our children in the same way. I felt we were all traveling toward the same ultimate destination, though our paths might be different.

In recent years, though, I've found my own teachings difficult to follow. Watching some of the events occurring around the world and being witness to extreme fundamentalist beliefs has challenged my open acceptance. For example, what I see as gravely inhumane treatment and oppression of women and brutality toward others in the name of God fills me with anger and disgust.

I consider you a brilliant and insightful man and wonder if you can help me recon-

cile my feelings. I'm finding it increasingly harder not to be judgmental.

- B., via email



The God Squad  
MARC GELLMAN

**A.** Extolling my brilliance and insight are good ways to get your question answered, but truthfully, you've greatly exaggerated both traits in me (ask anyone in my family).

I agree with you that these are hard times for mainstream religious folks. Religious fanatics are getting most of the media coverage.

However, remember that extremists attract more attention than the tolerant and the wise.

My experience is that religions produce far more compassionate people than cruel people. Visit any soup kitchen sponsored by a religious group and your faith will be restored at least a bit.

Another piece of advice I would humbly offer about supposedly intolerant religious practices is to try harder to see the positive, even in religious practices with which you disagree.

Like you, I believe that God wants my daughter to have the

same spiritual horizons as my son, but I'm not so quick to castigate religions that preserve gender-specific rituals and divisions. I believe, for example, in marriages born of romantic love, but I also understand the spiritual value of arranged marriages; their divorce rate is lower and happiness within them seems just as high as in romantic marriages.

I believe in men and women being seated together in prayer, but I understand and respect religious practices that separate men and women in prayer services. This separation can produce gender solidarity and reduce the distractions to focused, intense prayer.

As to more egregious cases of discrimination and brutalization, I'm definitely on your side.

Anyone who uses God to justify the murder of innocents has not understood the will of God.

And those who believe that mainstream religions teach murder are slandering the most civilizing force the world has ever known: faith.

As one final bit of advice, never treat a believer the way you treat a belief.

It is not proper to condemn a believer, but it is perfectly proper to condemn a belief. Believers, unless they physically harm

someone else, are made in God's image and must be respected for that reason alone.

However, some religious do seem to me to be misguided, magical, authoritarian, or triumphalist, and I have no qualms about saying so.

I've never felt insulted or degraded, for instance, by Christians who take issue with my non-Christian beliefs, as long as they affirm my right to hold them as a child of God.

Such disagreements, if approached with respect, can produce understanding and compassion, not rancor and insults.

We can agree to disagree without becoming disagreeable. This doesn't mean we should become weak in our faith or hesitant to proclaim its truth to our broken world.

Pray that religious people who do practice physical violence will discover the love their faith proclaims that can melt away the hatred and violence they've embraced. God is not through with any of us.

### Note to readers

Thank you for your many compassionate responses to my recent column on the death of a pet. Some of you recommended pet bereavement groups where people who've lost beloved pets

can receive comfort. (Your veterinarian will probably know of groups in your area.)

C., of Bethpage, Long Island, N.Y., wrote to commend the work of Medea Berkman, who runs such groups (she can be reached at pawtoheart.org).

As with all grief work, it's better to be a stick strengthened by being bundled with others rather than vulnerable to being broken alone.

A., from New Haven, Conn., and others wrote about deep guilt feelings caused not by the natural death of a pet, but by pets being put to sleep because they were "inconvenient" or because they were adopted by another family that then put them to sleep for suspicious reasons.

Such circumstances are particularly painful and should remind all those who consider adopting a pet that this should never be an impulsive decision.

Unless you're prepared for a 10-to-15-year commitment to a dog or cat, don't get one. Stick with goldfish.

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

## Premarital sex carries physical, emotional and spiritual dangers

**Q.** Can you give me even one reason why I ought to keep myself sexually pure? I'm 16, and I don't see why I shouldn't have the same fun my friends do, no matter what my parents say. But I promised them I'd write you.

- K.S.

God gave sex to us - and one reason is so we could express our lasting love and commitment to our husband or wife.

That's one reason why God commanded us to abstain from sex with anyone other than our spouse.

But when we treat sex casually, we destroy its true meaning.

Don't let this happen to you. The most important thing

I can tell you, however, is that God loves you, and He wants to come into your life and put your feet on the right path - His path.

By faith commit your life to Jesus Christ.

Then ask Him to help you live for Him, no matter what others are doing.

The Bible says, "Therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:20, KJV).

Send your queries to "My Answer," c/o Billy Graham, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, N.C., 28201; call 1-(877) 2-GRAHAM, or visit the Web site for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association: www.billygraham.org.



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MY ANSWER  
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**A.** Have you asked yourself why your parents are urging you not to go down the same path your friends are taking? It isn't because they're old-fashioned or don't understand the temptations you face, because they do.

Instead, I suspect they're encouraging you to resist these temptations because they know the dangers you'll face if you give in to them.

Some of them are physical; almost every day I get a letter or email from someone who unexpectedly became pregnant, or contracted a sexually transmitted disease that will be with them the rest of their life.

They never thought it would happen to them - but it did. But the dangers also are emotional and spiritual.

## Give your heart a spiritual checkup

I have praise to the Lord for the successful surgery on our great-grandson Gus.

He had open chest, open heart surgery two Wednesdays ago, in the Dallas, Texas, Childrens Hospital.

Without getting into the nuances of the surgery itself, God equipped the surgeons, nurses, anesthesiologists, and everyone involved to restore life to our little Gus.

They closed his chest last Saturday, and last Monday he was removed from the ventilator.

Within two more weeks, barring no complications, Gus should be

able to go home to his Mom and Dad. This surgery was perfected and first performed in 1954.

It was developed to correct the "blue baby" syndrome. Dr. Alfred Blalock created the surgery with the help of an assistant, Vivien Thomas.

A movie, *Something the Lord Made*, gives the story of the development of the surgery.

Gus spent several hours on the heart-lung machine, while the surgical team worked on his heart.

I am amazed at the knowledge, skill and courage of everyone

involved in the surgery. Gus received a mylar patch to close the hole between his ventricles, an aortic valve and a pulmonary artery.

To receive a new heart is a greater miracle. I am not speaking of a heart transplant. I am speaking of a heart transformation. From a heart of stone to a heart of flesh, God spoke about this through the prophet, Ezekiel. In the Proverbs, Solomon tells us "the heart is the wellspring of life."

He is speaking of the seat of our souls, not the physical organ that pumps blood. The heart is the spiritual home of our intellect, will, and emotions.

God gives us a new heart by faith. God gives us a mind (intellect) to renew.

God gives us emotions

that we can love.

We are to guard our heart. Trust with our heart. Love with our heart. Treasure with our heart. Commit with our heart. Understand with our heart.

Remember with our heart. Create with our heart. Be brave with our heart. Be motivated with our heart. And work with our heart.

According to the Scripture, a heart can be broken, grieved, pierced, wounded, troubled, cheerful, glad, merry, joyful, whole, divided, wise, foolish, steadfast, true, upright, stout, valiant, frightened, faint, cowardly, wandering, forgetful, dull, stubborn, humble, proud, hardened, wicked and sinful.

Does your heart give you help for today and hope for tomorrow?

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Donald R. (Bob) Shaw

Graveside Services for Donald R. (Bob) Shaw 70, of Capitan, NM will be held at Forest Lawn Cemetery on Saturday, February 20th at 11:30 a.m. Reverend Wayne Joyce will be officiating. Reception to be announced.

Jocelyn Rebecca (Becky) Sutton

November 14, 1941 - February 13, 2010

A Celebrating of Life for Jocelyn Rebecca Sutton (Known as Becky) will be held on February 20, 2010 at The Church of Christ. She is Survived by her mother, Erol Pirelli, sister, Alicia Annala and brother, Sam Pirelli, her daughters, Debbie Rathburn, Dience Roush, Denise Methvin and Sunny Goggin. She's a Grandmother of nine and a great grandmother of five. Becky's Family resides in Ruidoso, California and Colorado. She was well loved and will always be in our hearts.

Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; ... The foolishness of man perverteth his way; and his heart fretteth against the Lord. He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul; He that keepeth understanding shall find good.

Proverbs 19: 2a, 3, 8

# LINCOLN COUNTY

## The perils of counting cattle

The probability factor for knock-down drag-out fight in corrals zooms to 100 percent when him-and-her cattle counting is involved.

"Differing slightly" is a smooth term for what happens when he expects her to count and she expects him to help or accept her count as correct. Neither of which ever happens.

Counting cattle appears to be a simple process of pointing and starting with the number one and progressing to a final tally. Nothing could be further from the truth.

First, let me say that of all the skills required to work cattle, counting is one that is always taken for granted.

No one ever asks if you can count, they just expect that you will. And it's never an issue, until of course, you've done it wrong.

In every counting situation, it helps to know how many there are supposed to be. It's been suggested by better cowboys than me that the best way is to count at least twice and get an average. You might end up with 37-1/2 but that's a number.

A couple of broke cowboys bought a huge roan saddle horse at a horse sale in Amarillo.

Because neither had enough money to individually pay for Roanie, they partnered on him.

The day Jess got his turn with the new purchase, he was supposed to help his bride count a big string of wheat pasture cattle.

There were about 450 head on three sections of undivided wheat pasture and when they got them pushed to one side, they headed them down the fence.

The cowgirl was counting them at the corner and her able partner was supposed to keep them coming and count anything that went behind her. When she finished her count, she turned to ask for his to add to the total.

What she saw indicated he'd never even started his job.

The cowboy and his new roan horse had ridden off and were doing little turns, circles, stopping and other assorted horse training maneuvers.

After the fight, the cowgirl hired some reliable help and the next day got a good count on the herd.

Another time, they were riding through a big string of cattle on a couple sections of wheat. He was to count one side and she the other.

Her horse had to stop and water the ground, so she got a ways behind.

When she caught up, he managed to take the time out of his busy schedule to raise hell with her, but in doing so, lost his count.

They managed to settle on a plan. One day she counted and the next it was his turn.

Florida cattle are treasure to count. When they arrive in the West, most of them have never seen men or horses.

Often described as wilder than "outhouse rats," getting them to slow down enough to count them was a feat and if that



COMPARING NUMBERS.

happened, then they waded up in a ball, all looking at the rider with no intention of stringing out for the count.

Darrell always had a lot of Florida cattle and would gather up everybody within a million miles to come help receive them.

The trucker would turn out the first bottom compartment of the trailer and it was pretty standard that they all had to be roped and tied down because they simply would not stop running.

The theory was that the next compartment would stop to see what was tied down.

Sometimes it worked, sometimes it didn't.

One cowboy suggested that the words women use that don't really mean what they say were created in the corrals during counting.

The definitive use of "Whatever!" "Fine!" and "Never mind!" suggest a few rocky days ahead.

When the boss asked me that dreaded question, "How many did you get?" I categorically always answered with all the sincerity I could muster, "All of them."

*Julie, never good at counting, can be reached for comment at jcarter@ruidosonews.com*

## Corona hunting land goes to auction in March

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More than 11 square miles of Lincoln County hunting land will be offered at auction Tuesday, March 30, at the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

The 7,320 acres of land, located in Lincoln County near Corona, will be sold in five tracts, ranging from 640 acres to 2,560 acres. It includes 6,880 deeded acres, 320 acres leased from the state and 120 acres leased from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

Westchester Auctions of Champaign, Ill., will manage the sale. They specialize in the sale of farmland, timberland, recreational land and other types of property throughout the United States.

The property is in the heart of the old Erramouspe Ranch that was sold five years ago.

The original buyer then resold a portion of prime hunting country that makes the parcel that will be auctioned.

The buyer of the hunting parcel made a number of improvements to the property including wildlife waters and a hunting lodge.

Reportedly there has been no hunting or livestock on the ranch for more than four years.

"This is an area that is known for its hunting, so it will be a tremendous opportunity to purchase a property with substantial hunting potential," said Scott Shuman, of Westchester's



Colorado office.

"Each of the tracts is large enough for an excellent hunting tract for use by individuals, clubs or outfitters.

"We will use a process that enables bidders to bid on different combinations of tracts that best meet their needs. The property will sell in the combination that brings the highest total price."

Shuman said the central location is expected to make the land attractive for use by investors as well as sportsmen seeking a retreat for hunting and other outdoor activities.

"The land can be

reached in two hours or less from Albuquerque, Ruidoso or Roswell, and it's not always easy to find that much quality hunting land in a convenient location," he said.

The auction will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino in Mesalero.

Auction personnel will be available for inspections Tuesday, March 2, and Tuesday, March 16. Westchester Auctions,

For more information, go to [www.westchester-auctions.com/2010NewMexicoLandAuctionWestchester.htm](http://www.westchester-auctions.com/2010NewMexicoLandAuctionWestchester.htm).

## Meet Carrizozo Clinic's new PA-C

On Wednesday, Feb. 24, the Carrizozo Health Center through Lincoln County Medical Center, will officially welcome and introduce Ellen Wittman, PA-C, the new medical provider for the rural health clinic.

The meet-and-greet event will be held from 3-5 p.m., at the Carrizozo Town Hall council meeting room, 400 9th St, Carrizozo.

Wittman started at the Carrizozo Health Center on Monday, Feb. 1, after nearly five months of the position being filled by LCMC Medical Director Gary Jackson, DO, on an interim basis.

Wittman completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan

in Ann Arbor. She completed post-baccalaureate courses in pre-medicine and Spanish at El Camino College in Torrance, Calif., the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, Santa Fe Community College and the College of Santa Fe. She received her Physician Assistant Masters Degree from Samuel Merritt University in Oakland, Calif.

Additionally, Wittman has provided clinical care services in New Orleans, Louisiana; family practice for the Dona Ana County Detention Center in Las Cruces and Health Centers of Northern New Mexico, and was a Hospitalist Physician Assistant at Alta

Vista Regional Hospital in Las Vegas, New Mexico.

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

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

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Edward Wallace has worked as an "extra" in movies and is a volunteer at El Rancho De Las Golondrinas.

He is a member of Toastmasters International and has attained the levels of Advanced Speaker Bronze and Advanced Leader Bronze.

He has conducted workshops and seminars on health and personal growth.

For more information, call the library at 354-3035.

### Coyote Contest

The Hondo Valley FFA is sponsoring a Coyote Calling Contest as a fundraiser for the chapter.

The hunt will be Feb. 20 with registration on Feb. 19, 3-7 p.m. at the Hondo Valley Public Schools Ag Building.

Check in Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Tinnie Fire Department. Fees due upon registration.

The fee is \$50 per two-person team.

All New Mexico Game and Fish rules apply.

Hunting is during legal hours only, and no spot lighting or road kills.

First place prize will be 40 percent of the total registration fees.

Pay out will be as follows: 1-10 teams, first place only; 11-15 teams pays first and second place; more than 15 teams pays first through third place.

### Seeking WWII vets

Efforts are being made to include Lincoln County World War II Veterans in the Honor Flight Program.

This is a program to fly veterans to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The organizers need to know the name and contact information for any veteran who would like to and would be able to make a flight. The flight is free made possible through donations.

A national conference is scheduled for Feb. 19, and they would like to know as soon as possible the number of veterans who would like to be included.

For more information, please call Fran Mack at 575-648-5203.

Municipal Elections March 2

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# Slow going for year-old Geronimo lawsuit

DIANA M. ALBA  
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES - One year ago, the long-dead, notorious Apache leader Geronimo once again captured headlines, when a group of descendants filed a lawsuit seeking the return of his remains to New Mexico.

Twelve months later, the case seems to be creeping forward slowly.

In the suit, Harlyn Geronimo of Mescalero and a number of family members contend that his great-grandfather's remains - now buried in a Fort Sill, Okla., cemetery - should be dug up and reburied at his birthplace, near the headwaters of the Gila River.

The complaint named the federal government as a defendant because it oversees the military base.

A competing clan of descendants, which includes Lariat Geronimo,

also a great-grandson of Geronimo, joined the suit last year, opposing the removal of the remains.

Reached by phone Tuesday, Lariat Geronimo said the case seemed "pretty much at a standstill."

However, he noted that his family's stance hasn't changed: It's staunchly opposed to disturbing the resting place of the legendary Apache warrior.

Asked his thoughts on the progress of the lawsuit, Lariat Geronimo replied, "We just want to put an end to it and put a stop to it. We don't need to have it lingering."

For about half a year, parties in the case awaited action by a federal court on several outstanding motions.

Federal Judge Richard W. Roberts issued a series of rulings earlier this month.

One of his decisions related to whether the Fort

Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma, a descendant tribe to Geronimo's Chiricahua Apache band, could join the lawsuit.

Fort Sill Apache attorney Phillip Thompson, who's also working on behalf of Lariat Geronimo's family, said the judge didn't grant the Fort Sill Apaches full permission to join the case, but gave them a lesser standing, called an "amicus."

"We're not a party, but our arguments are going to be taken into account," he said.

Fort Sill Apache Chairman Jeff Houser indicated that tribe's stance has remained the same over the past year.

"We still support removing the remains if the entire family agrees to it, but if they don't support it, we don't support it," he said.

"It's not something Apaches typically do,

despite the claims of the plaintiffs."

Lariat Geronimo continues to contend Harlyn Geronimo doesn't have a valid family tie to Geronimo. He said he's concerned Harlyn Geronimo is simply seeking attention.

"We're just taking care of what we have to," he said. "These people aren't related to me, nor are they Geronimo's descendants. They can twist their story any way they want."

Lariat Geronimo said his family members don't want to be in the limelight but only stepped forward to join the case because they felt they had no other choice.

Harlyn Geronimo and his attorneys couldn't be reached for comment.

Houser has said his tribe's records indicate both Lariat Geronimo and Harlyn Geronimo have ties to the historic Apache figure.

He said their grandparents were siblings and Geronimo's children.

Also named originally as a defendant was the secretive Skull and Bones Society at Yale University. Harlyn Geronimo's suit sought to find out whether the group actually possessed Geronimo's skull and some other bones, as a longstanding rumor had claimed.

Thompson said, however, it doesn't appear the Skull and Bones Society was ever served a notice in the case, meaning it's not currently a defendant.

The federal government is seeking that the case be dismissed. Thompson said the other parties must respond to that motion by Feb. 24.

Harlyn Geronimo and others of his family filed the suit in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 17, 2009 - the 100th anniversary of Geronimo's death.

Geronimo died in Oklahoma as a prisoner of war, and some of his descendants later migrated to the Mescalero Apache Reservation, near Ruidoso.

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## Measure puts more light on government

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The New Mexican

It would be easier for the public to find information about state government, its finances, laws and many of its employees under a bill passed by the House late Wednesday.

The bill passed by a 65-1 vote. Because the House amended the bill it must go back to the Senate for concurrence before it is sent to the governor.

Dubbed the Sunshine Portal Act, Senate Bill 195, sponsored by Sen. Sander Rue, R-Albuquerque, would include a monthly list of the revenue received by the state - broken down by source, such as taxes, fees or fines.

The portal would include tools for tracking the status of capital-outlay projects and public meetings.

It also would make available the yearly operating budgets for state agencies, listing expenditures by category.

In addition, the site would include the state contractor database that came online Jan. 1, and links to other state government sites that contain information of interest to the public, such as the secretary of state's Web site.

The portal also would link to New Mexico statutes, and the Administrative Code, and an open meetings tracker.

The House on Wednesday added an amendment by House Majority Leader Ken Martinez, D-Grants, that would not require the state to publish the names and salaries of all 27,000 state employees.

However, under the amendment the names and

salaries of exempt employees would be included.

Exempt employees are political hires who serve at the pleasure of the governor.

They are exempt from state personnel laws and generally are higher paid than classified workers. Critics of Gov. Bill Richardson have complained about the governor increasing the number of exemptions.

While the names of the classified employees wouldn't be included, the salaries of the positions would be available on the site.

Rep. Dennis Roch, R-Tucuman, said he thinks the bill would have been stronger with all employee names. But he voted for the bill anyway.

The bill unanimously passed the Senate earlier this month.

Lt. Gov. Diane Denish, a

strong advocate of the bill, praised the House's action.

"By putting the state's checkbook online, we're taking a historic step towards giving New Mexicans the open and accountable government they deserve," Denish said in a written statement emailed moments after the vote.

"The way government spends taxpayer money should be done in the light of day, not behind closed doors. We need a new way of doing business in Santa Fe, where New Mexicans are empowered to hold their elected officials accountable, and the Sunshine Portal will help take us in that new direction."

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## Legislature approves whistle-blower protections

STEVE TERRELL  
The New Mexican

Government employees who report official wrongdoing would be protected from retaliation in a bill passed by the Legislature late Wednesday.

The House voted 61-1 to pass the Whistleblower Protection Act. The bill now goes to Gov. Bill Richardson for his signature.

Senate Bill 96, sponsored by Sen. Sue Wilson Belfort, R-Sandia Park, would allow government employees to sue their

employer if they are retaliated against for reporting government corruption, testifying before a public body or refusing to participate in unlawful activity.

Supporters say the bill would protect public employees who refuse to take part in unlawful activity.

There was virtually no discussion of the bill, which is similar to B 165, sponsored by Rep. Joe Cervantes, D-Las Cruces, which passed the House by a similar lopsided margin. Cervantes' bill is awaiting

action in the Senate.

The last time a whistle-blower bill made it through both chambers of the Legislature, Gov. Bill Richardson vetoed it.

Richardson spokesman Gilbert Gallegos said earlier this month that the 2007 bill was vetoed for several reasons, including the fact that it contained a provision allowing unlimited punitive damages if a whistle-blower successfully won a case.

But apparently that won't be a problem this year.

Richardson asked for a whistle-blower-protection law in his call for the current session, Gallegos said. In his State of the State address on the opening day of the session, Richardson said, "whistle-blower protections to shield employees from retaliation for reporting fraud, waste or abuse" is one of "several vital reforms (that) have been put off for too long."

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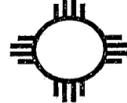
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## RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Feb. 7

4:07 a.m. — A child-custody dispute in the 100 block of Brady Canyon Road brought police, but officers said their hands were tied. A woman told officers that her ex-husband went to her home and took her children without permission. Police discovered there were no custody orders from a court and that would be required for police to get involved.

4:47 a.m. — An unwanted person at the Swiss Chalet Inn, 1451 Mechem Dr., received a criminal trespass notice from police. The Tularosa man told an officer he went into the lobby to get a room, no one appeared at the front desk, and he eventually reclined in a closet. The clerk said the man stated he was waiting for a friend. About 30 minutes later the clerk found the man asleep in a linen closet. Police provided the man a ride to another hotel to spend the night.

12:15 p.m. — A Midtown retailer went to police after a bounced check remain unpaid. An employee at Books Etcetra, 2340 Sudderth Dr., said a \$93.48 check came back non-sufficient funds. The Albuquerque check writer was called, and pledged to send a money order for the amount plus a \$5 returned check fee. Additional calls to the check writer indicate the phone number is now out of service. The case has been turned over to the district attorney's office.

2:47 p.m. — A woman told police that a text message she had received represented a violation of a restraining order. Police determined the temporary restraining order was invalid because of an issue with dates.

11:26 p.m. — A report of a violent domestic incident at a residence in the 100 block of Kirkman Drive brought a response from police. A police dispatcher said she had heard a man on the phone state "don't stab me," and then the phone went dead.

Arriving officers found a broken window, and a woman with blood on her right arm. She told an officer she had to crawl

through the window to get in her house. She asked that police remove a man in the home. The man was found to be bleeding from lacerations, and had scratches and bite marks. Barbara Enos, 46, of Ruidoso was arrested and charged with felony aggravated assault against a household member, and two misdemeanors.

Feb. 8

2:06 p.m. — A burglary was reported after a 42 inch flat screen television was found missing from a residence in the 200 block of Lookout Drive. The manager for Lookout Estates said the TV appeared to be the only item missing. A police officer believed a crowbar had been used to get into the unit.

4:25 p.m. — A domestic violence call to police resulted in the arrest of a man on several charges. Officers went to a residence in the 200 block of Gavilan Canyon Road where a woman said her husband came home intoxicated and an argument started. She said he pushed her and she pushed back in self-defense. The man allegedly

went back outside and crashed his vehicle into the wall of the home. Israel Parray, 41, of Ruidoso, was charged with battery against a household member, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving under the influence, and reckless driving.

Feb. 9

8:30 a.m. — An officer responded to the village's water department at 305 Center St. to write a report of a burglary. Tools were missing from some water department trucks. The case was classified as a fourth degree felony larceny because the theft a value of greater than \$500, but less than \$2,500.

9:27 a.m. — Village Ace Hardware, 2815 Sudderth Dr., reported vandalism to a company vehicle. An employee found a gas cap removed from the truck and the gas filler neck cut as well. It was thought someone had tried to siphon gasoline.

12:27 p.m. — Criminal damage to property was reported at a residence in the 300 block of Wingfield Street. The resident said after returning home a

front window was found broken. Nothing appeared to be missing from the house.

Feb. 11

9:04 p.m. — A Ruidoso man was arrested after allegedly causing a commotion in Midtown. Officers were sent to Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant on a report of a man causing problems with patrons and employees. Jonathan Bremer, 29, of Ruidoso, is also accused of \$1,000 in damage to a window at a nearby business. Bremer was charged with battery on a police officer and criminal damage to property. He was also issued criminal trespass notices for the two businesses.

Feb. 12

7:16 a.m. — Two vehicles at a home in the 100 block of Drooping Juniper Drive were reported vandalized. Both vehicles had nails in the tires and one had a broken windshield. The police report called the incidents tampering with motor vehicles. A man at the residence said he had had a confrontation with another man several weeks ago.

2:02 p.m. — A woman

reported to police that her purse was removed from her vehicle. The vehicle had been in the parking lot of Farley's Food Fun and Pub at 1200 Mechem Dr. for a while the night before. She said she realized the purse was gone when she should not find it earlier in the day.

Feb. 13

12:03 a.m. — A Texas man was arrested after a fight in Midtown. A police officer in Midtown saw the fight start and called in other officers. Jason Randolph Vargas, 24, of Kermit, Texas, was said to have been "very intoxicated." Another man was bleeding profusely from the face, according to the police report. The incident happened outside The Quarters, 2335 Sudderth Dr. Some sort of argument was reported and later a "sucker punch" outside the bar. Vargas was charged with aggravated battery.

11:20 a.m. — Vandalism to a motor vehicle was reported by a resident in the 400 block of Wingfield Street. The victim said he went outside to his carport and discovered a smashed

front windshield on his car. The damage was estimated at \$200.

11:20 p.m. — A woman sitting in Midtown approached a police officer and said someone in a vehicle that had left The Quarters, 2335 Sudderth Dr., pulled a gun on her. The car was found, and the three people inside ordered out at gunpoint. A gun was found in the glove compartment, but the occupants denied taking the weapon out. There had reportedly been an argument in the bar between two women. Officers were unable to then find the woman who had been sitting down. The three in the car were released, but the gun was seized to verify ownership.

Feb. 14

9:30 a.m. — An officer was called to an apartment in the 200 block of Camelot Drive for criminal damage to a pick-up truck. The front windshield and the rear window were broken out and the driver's side door bent. Police found footprints at the location.

11:22 p.m. — A report of a domestic disturbance sent officers to a location in the 1100 block of Sudderth Drive.

A woman and her boyfriend had been at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, and got into an argument on the way home. The woman said she had pushed the boyfriend and he then threw her onto the vehicle.

He told police that she "went crazy," and he got out of the vehicle and walked. A witness said there was an argument, but did not see physical contact. The couple was told to stay apart for the night.

Feb. 16

11:00 a.m. — A Mesquero woman was arrested on an outstanding warrant for failing to appear in court on previous charges.

The New Mexico Department of Children, Youth and Families notified police that the woman, Evelyn Pena, 25, was at the Lincoln County Medical Center, and the department would need help to take two minors into custody because of the woman's arrest.

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## DOWNS BRIEFS

Feb. 8

3:43 p.m. — Zia Natural Gas Company asked that an officer meet with a company employee at the Inspiration Heights apartments on a case of tampering with a gas meter.

An officer is investigating the incident and charges are pending against a woman for criminal damage to property and falsely obtaining services.

Feb. 10

8:29 p.m. — A report of a fight in progress in the parking lot of Walmart brought two officers to the location.

There were no further details of the situation.

8:31 p.m. — Police were called to the First Baptist Church in Ruidoso Downs in reference to a private property crash.

Feb. 11

1:54 p.m. — A larceny was reported at the River Bend. An officer took a report that noted a leather jacket and a vest had been taken.

6:17 p.m. — A homeowner in the 200 block of Miriam Drive called 9-1-1 because of a possible chimney fire.

The fire and police departments responded, as well as a Lincoln County

EMS ambulance.

Feb. 12

4:50 p.m. — A traffic stop on U.S. Highway 70 resulted in two arrests at different locations.

A warrants check resulted in Nathan Medina, 27, being taken into custody.

Then officers went to a home on North Central Drive where John Medina, 29, was arrested on a warrant for extreme cruelty to animals.

10:48 p.m. — Police arrested Ezekiel Sanchez, 20, at an undisclosed location. Sanchez was wanted on a warrant from New Mexico State Police.

Feb. 13

2:51 p.m. — An officer took a report from a man who said he had been

assaulted by a co-worker. The incident allegedly happened at Walmart.

An investigation was begun.

10:32 p.m. — Police said they nabbed a drunk driver at an undisclosed location.

In addition to driving while intoxicated, Amadeo Her-rera, 47, was also charged with a traffic violation and violation of a restraining order.

Feb. 14

10:06 p.m. — Police picked up a woman on an outstanding warrant.

Christine Ann Polaco, 49, was wanted by New Mexico State Police for a traffic violation.

From Ruidoso Downs Police Department blotter.

## Possible rape of teen

JIM KALVELAGE  
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A possible rape of a 15-year old Ruidoso High School student is under investigation by Ruidoso police.

The girl had gone to the school-based health clinic on the high school campus, and asked to be tested for sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy.

The case then was referred to police by the New Mexico Department of Children, Youth and Families.

The girl said she had

attended a party last month and gotten drunk.

She said a boy, only identified as "Junior," said he would take care of her.

The boy allegedly had sex with her while she said she was partially conscious.

A police investigator was assigned the case.

A report stated the girl has been reluctant to provide details of the possible rape to a police school resource officer, and wants the case to go away.

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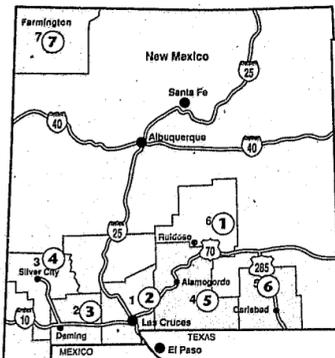
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Con respecto a la eleccion municipal en la orden de marzo de 2010 y de acuerdo con 3-8-30 NMSA 1978:

A. Por medio del presente se da noticia que los siguientes electores calificados son candidatos para puestos publicos de la Ciudad de Ruidoso Downs.

Los nombres de los candidatos aparecen en la oficina de la Ciudad de Ruidoso Downs.

1. Para el puesto de Consules para un termino de cuatro años.

Dean Holman Thomas E. Chavez Bob A. Miller Tommy Hood Joe P. Blaney

B. Por medio del presente se da noticia que los siguientes electores calificados son candidatos para puestos publicos de la Ciudad de Ruidoso Downs.

1. Votantes en los Consolidados 10,11 y porcion de 16 dentro de la orden de votacion en el City Hall, Hubbard Room Downs, Ruidoso Downs, NM.

2. Votantes en los recintos de votante absentistas votaron en la oficina de la Municipalidad, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs, NM.

C. Los siguientes miembros del Cuerpo

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NOTICE OF NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICES DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES, PRECINCT BOARDS, MEMBERS, AND NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR THE PRECINCT BOARDS

City of Ruidoso Downs

In connection with the regular municipal election to be held on March 2, 2010 and pursuant to 3-8-30 NMSA 1978:

A. Notice is hereby given that the following qualified electors are candidates for public office in the City of Ruidoso Downs.

The candidates' names are listed in the order that they will appear on the ballot as determined by the drawing by lot.

1. For the office of Two (2) Councilors for a four-year term.

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B. Notice is hereby given that the following qualified electors are candidates for public office in the City of Ruidoso Downs.

1. Votantes en Consolidados Precincts 10, 11 and a portion of 16 within the municipal boundary of the City of Ruidoso Downs, NM.

2. Votantes in the absent voter precinct will vote at the Office of the Municipal Clerk, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs, NM.

The following Precinct Board members have been appointed:

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D. Notice is hereby given that a Precinct Board Training School will be held on the 25th day of February 2010 at City Hall, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico, at 10:00 A.M. The school is open to the public.

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rentals 300-383

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Furn. Apts. - General 314

Aspen Lodge Apartment... 354-0468/937-7611

Caring & clean Effic. Cabin... 325-5857

Furn. Apts. - West 318

1 person efficiency... 575-378-4195

Unfurn. Apts. - General 328

1 bd, 1 ba, \$450/mo... 937-1081

3 bd, 2 ba Apt. \$850/mo... 575-937-3059

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Rooms for Rent 304

Studio apt. on quiet street... 855-3880

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2 bd, 2 ba part. furn. w/cov. deck, wood stove... 7571 or 937-3052

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El Capitan Apartments... 450-5500/month

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Beautiful views, nice neighborhood... 575-258-3283

Mobile Home Rental 308

REDUCED! Located in scenic Capitan... 575-544-1028

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For Rent \$800/mo - 3 BDRM/2 BA mfg home on 3/4 acre lot... 623-866-3949

Townhouses/Condominiums 342

3 Units, 2 bd, 2 ba, unfurn. Ruidoso... 257-1161

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711 MAIN ROAD Brand new efficiency... \$485/mo

Furnished Houses 350

COTTAGE CENTRAL 616 Sudderth... \$550 month

Unfurn. Home - General 352

1 bedroom, 1 bath, efficiency type... 575-257-2673

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Unfurn. Home - General 352

2 bd, 1 ba, fireplace w/wood... 937-1289

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2 bd, 1 ba, \$700/mo... 937-0650

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2 bedroom, 1 bath, office, washer & dryer... 336-8005

Unfurn. Home - General 352

32 home. Nice area... 575-257-2673

Unfurn. Home - General 352

3 bd, 2 ba, fp, w/d & lg deck... 937-0381

Unfurn. Home - General 352

3 bd, 2 ba, Garage, \$890/mo... 257-7911

By appointment only, Unfurnished, 32

home, large fenced yard... 354-0468/937-7611

Carrizozo Charming Historic 2 bd, walk in closets... 505-983-0483

Front half of Duplex

small 2 bd, 1 ba, sm furn. Yd. Appliances... 575-257-4345

Large adobe, 2 bd, living, dining, fireplace, patio, carport... 4159

North Alto spacious 3br, 2ba beautiful - fully remodeled \$1250 per month... 937-2202

Real Estate Service 400

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4 bd, 3 ba, 3 car gar., Lots of House for the money... 937-0600

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Mobile Homes/Mfg. Housing 500

1500 sq. ft. 2 Master Bedrooms... 937-0400

Well built manufactured home w/wrap... 937-0400

goods & services 600-668 & 2550-4137

Fuel/Wood 620

A-1 season long pinon-juniper FULL cord... 575-257-1950

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SPLIT PINE \$128 Cord. 10% OFF... 336-1237

Misc. Items 625

FOR SALE: Older White... 575-937-3798

Appliances 626

Moving Need to sale washer and dryer... 575-937-0979

Home Furnishings 627

HUGE Furniture Liquidation Sale!!! 100's of items... 575-937-2981

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For Sale: Antique Classic... 257-2774

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1-Stock Saddle 16" \$150.00

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3 Pair Chaps \$80.00 Each

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Horses/Stables/Misc. 702

HAY RANCH Roswell on Lincoln... 575-937-2200

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auto 900-921

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1995 Chevy Suburban \$4,400... 575-937-8697

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AUTO, AIR, 18 DIESEL, ST POPULAR GROUP, CROWN Pkg  
**\$275 PER MO.**  
MSRP \$27,355  
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**SALE PRICE \$19,995**

**NEW 2010 DODGE RAM 1500 CREW CAB ST**  
AUTO, AIR, POWER WINDOWS, AM LOCKS, CD PLAYER  
**\$328 PER MO.**  
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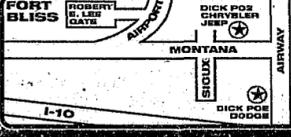
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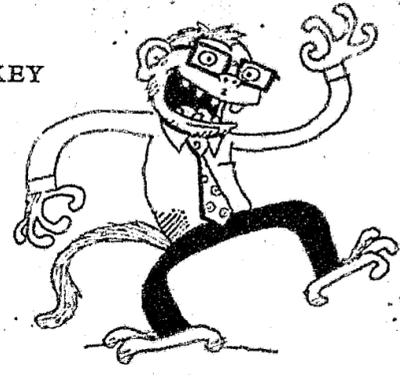
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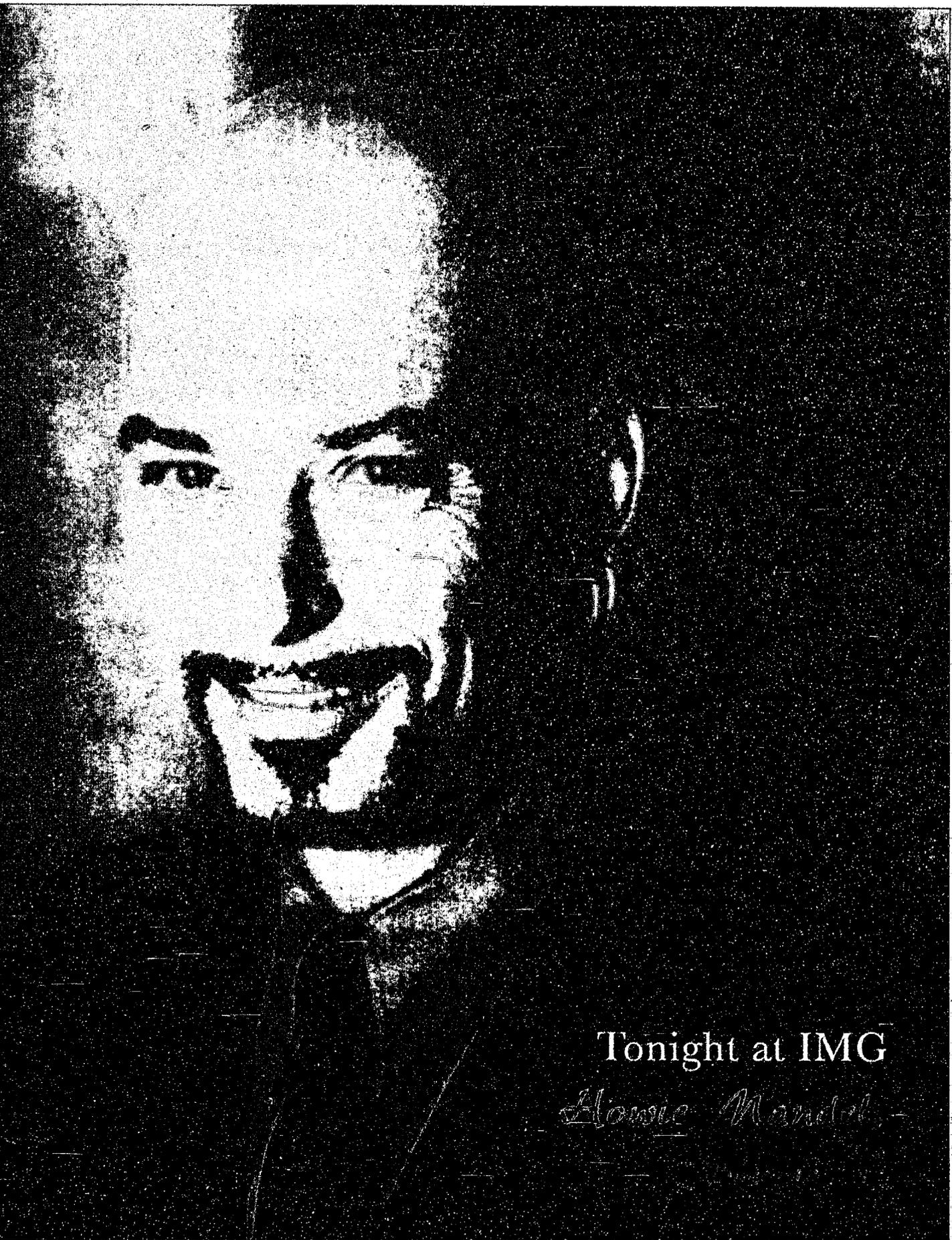
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The Fountain Theatre building itself boasts a

grand history. In 1873, Colonel Albert Jennings Fountain moved to Mesilla with his wife Mariana and their five children. In 1905, their son Albert Fountain, Jr. purchased the theatre building and began producing plays, vaudeville, light opera and lantern slide shows.

In 1912, he modified the building for films and changed the name to "Fountain of Pleasure." He, his wife and his daughters supplied live music for the films. The films were inter-titled in English, but the audience was Spanish-

speaking, so Fountain translated the cards into Spanish. According to some patrons who attended as children, Fountain invariably added his own comments, opinions and jokes. His son Henry ran the projector, which proved at times to be unreliable. When it would break down the musical accompanist would play and sing to entertain the audience.

The oldest part of the theater building is the front wall, which dates back to the 1870s. In either 1914 or 1917, Fountain, Jr. began painting the murals,



A look inside the Fountain Theatre, circa 2006. Photo courtesy Bob Peticolas.

which depict his father entering the Mesilla Valley. He completed them in 1924 and they were re-touched in the 1950s.

Changes in, and ownership of, the building continued over the years until in 1989, it was rented to the Mesilla Valley Film Society.

Today, the building structure and murals are in need of repair. The MVFS

is working with Cornerstones, an organization that mobilizes community resources to preserve buildings of historic significance. MVFS hopes to restore the historic structure. In the interim they continue to show weekly feature films and a Saturday matinee film.

For more information on the history of the Fountain Theatre and the Mesil-

la Valley Film Society go online to [www.mesillavalleyfilm.org](http://www.mesillavalleyfilm.org).

The Fountain Theatre is located at 2469 Calle de Guadalupe, one-half block South of the Plaza in Mesilla.

Interested persons may contact the Mesilla Valley Film Society by writing to P.O. Drawer Z, Mesilla, NM 88046, or by calling 575-524-8287.

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## Cover Story



Comedian, actor and television personality Howie Mandel comes to Inn of the Mountain Gods tonight at 8.

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**"Song of Sparrows"**  
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**2010 Biennale Grande Exhibition**  
**February 19 - April 11:**  
 (Ruidoso Downs) Juried exhibition of New Mexico fine artists at The Hubbard Museum. For more information, visit [www.hubbardmuseum.org](http://www.hubbardmuseum.org), or call 378-4142.

**Book Signing and Authors Reception**  
**February 19 :** (Lincoln)  
 Meet the authors of "Sharing Moments Over Tea: The Journeys of Four Women" at The Dolan House in Lincoln; 1 - 3 p.m. For more information, call 575-653-4670, or 575-354-2746.

**"Young Guns II"**  
**February 20:** (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).

**Fitness Class**  
**February 23 & 25:**  
 (Ruidoso) Free hula-hoop fitness class; 5:30 p.m.; Youth Warehouse; for more information, call 575-630-0318, or e-mail: [director@ruidosoyouthwarehouse.org](mailto:director@ruidosoyouthwarehouse.org).

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**Hubbard Museum**  
**March 20:** (Ruidoso Downs) Dr. Phillip Shelley will make a presentation titled "The Archeology of Ancient New Mexico"; 2 p.m.; for more information, go online to [www.hubbardmuseum.org](http://www.hubbardmuseum.org), or call 378-4142.

**The Doobie Brothers**  
**March 25 :** (Mescalero)  
 Popular American rock band inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 2004 with more than 30 million albums sold in the United States. IMG; 8 p.m. \$25; [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or IMG at 1-888-324-0348.

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**April 3:** (Ruidoso Downs) All American Park; 1 p.m.; bring friends and family for fun and prizes. Easter bunny will be there. For more information, call 575-378-4422.

**Trinity Site Tour**  
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**Creedence Clearwater Revisited**  
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**Gabriel Iglesias**  
**May 6 :** (Mescalero)  
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**Camelot**  
**February 20:** Award-winning musical where honor and chivalry reign; 2 p.m., \$49 & \$46; and 8 p.m., \$59 & \$56.

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

**Cabaret**  
**March 13:** Tony Award-winning musical set in Nazi Germany, tells the tale of a singer's doomed romance with an American writer; 8 p.m., \$69 & \$66.

**The Big Band Broadcast**  
**April 8:** Return to the era of big band music with Holly Larocque and the Mark Ferguson Orchestra; 8 p.m., \$59 & \$56.

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

**Mountain Annie's** (2710 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9748) Riversong Ramblers; 8 p.m.

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

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

### SATURDAY

**Casa Blanca** (501 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso; 257-2495): tbd; 7 pm

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

**Mountain Annie's** (2710 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9748) 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 Restaurant (IMG)**: Mike Sunjka; 5-10 p.m.

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

### SUNDAY

**Laughing Sheep Farm** (Highwa 380, Lincoln; 653-4041): Mark Remington & Sally Canning; 12 - 3:30 p.m.

**The Quarters** (2535 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9535): Blues & Barbecue; Homegrown; 3 - 7 p.m.

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

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The production features one of the most hauntingly romantic scores of all time including "If Ever I would Leave You," "How To Handle A Woman," "I Loved You Once in Silence," and "Follow Me." Featuring a cast of 30 singers, dancers and orchestra musicians, this stunning musical journey will be presented at the Spencer Theater on

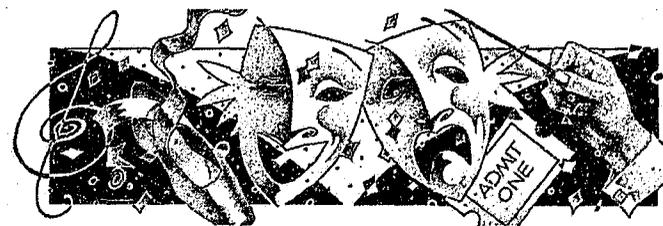
Saturday, Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Based on T. H. White's literary version of the legend *The Once and Future King*, *Camelot* was adapted for the Broadway stage by the famed songwriting duo of Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Lowe (*My Fair Lady*, *Brigadoon*) in 1960. It swept the 1961 Tony Awards with an amazing team of leading players including Richard Burton, Julie Andrews, Robert Goulet and Rodney Macdowell.

The story of *Camelot* is at heart all about relationships – the pursuit and complications of love, and the deceptions people resort to in order to get the relationships and love that they want. It is also about a deep love of place – the lavish, idyllic paradise forever known as Camelot.

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# Pinon Pottery

## Local studio potter celebrates her diverse gallery's 10th anniversary

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Pinon Pottery Studio and Gallery located on Highway 70 just east of Ruidoso Downs.

Opened by studio potter Vicki Conley in 2000, the gallery displays her own work, as well as that of other area potters, including Nancy Phillips and Shirley Lali of Roswell. Not limited to only pottery, the gallery displays original oil paintings by local artist Anita Keegan and fine art prints by Virgil Stephens, along with others.

As for Conley, variety abounds in her creations of both functional and decorative work, with her signature hummingbird design pattern proving to be very popular.

Conley's functional stoneware collection employs seven different colors and features unique items

such as microwave egg poachers, egg separators, grease jars and, of course, every type of plate, bowl or casserole anyone could need, want or desire.

More decorative in style are her Raku and horsehair pottery items, which represent Conley's expansive talent. The technique she uses in creating these pieces is referred to as "low-fired." Each individual item is unique and truly considered a work of fine art.

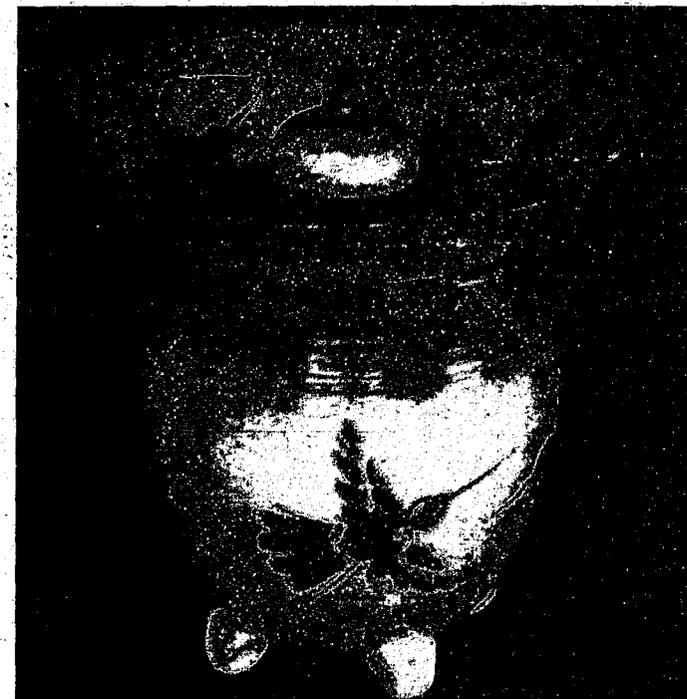
Both the Raku and horsehair pieces are pulled out of a hot kiln with big tongs. The piece is then either reduced with newspaper or decorated with horsehair, which burns into the clay for a one-of-a-kind look. Conley also creates custom horsehair pieces using the hair from an owner's favorite horse.

Conley began throwing

pottery in 1982 in a home studio located in Ruidoso Downs. She began selling her work in area shops, while also attending many arts and crafts fairs. Today, with the subsequent success of her gallery, she has chosen to reduce outside shows to only eight per year feeling that she is better able to display a greater variety and amount of her work in the gallery setting as opposed to a 10-foot exhibit booth.

One of the highlights of visiting Pinon Pottery is meeting the four, four-legged helpers, including "Skunk" – the official greeter dog, and Conley is always happy to give a tour of the studio.

Pinon Pottery is open Mon. – Sat., 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and often on Sunday. For more information, call 575-378-4270 or 1-800-378-4275, or go online to [www.pinonpottery.com](http://www.pinonpottery.com).



Conley's signature hummingbird (above) is a popular design on her extensive collection of functional pottery. Horsehair pottery (below) is another favorite.

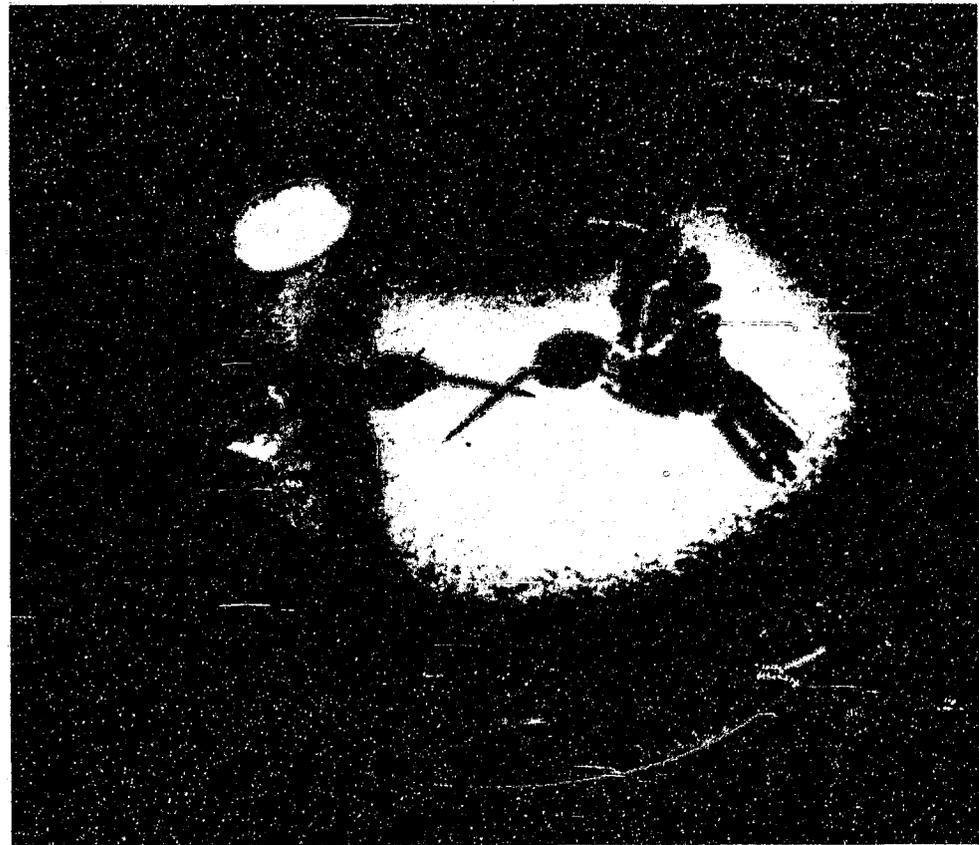


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*Raku pottery (above) results from a technique known as "low-fired." The gallery features Conley's work, as well as other local artists (below).*

*Some of Conley's work is both decorative and functional, as with the fountain bowl (above). The hummingbird design graces a unique style of dinnerware.*



## ART GALLERIES &amp; STUDIOS

**Lincoln County**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Miranda Howe Ceramics** • HC 71, Box 1109, Capitan • 575-336-4294 • Functional and sculptural ceramics • miranda@mirandahowe.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Ruidoso Area**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday include behind-the-scenes look at theater.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Pat Beatty Gallery and Framing**, 908 New York Ave.,

Alamogordo • 439-0188 • Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Fine art, work by local artists, gifts, hand-painted cards. Pat Beatty, proprietor.

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

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

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

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

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

**Mescalero**

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

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

## ART GALLERIES &amp; STUDIOS

## Art Connection

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

## Cloudcroft

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

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

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

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

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

## Tularosa

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

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

Sunday • 585-4575 • Rotating art exhibit.

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

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

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



Art Connection was conceived from inspiration to provide service to the community and be a center for others to experience a wide variety of growth opportunities. Since its launch in May 2009, Art Connection has spread into the hearts and helping hands of many.

Created to offer art classes, free drop-in art workshops, and cooking classes for children and adults, Art Connection is a satellite office of Sierra Dove Global Association, an educational not-for-profit.

Join us at Art Connection, a creative and innovative art and learning center which solely exists because of our volunteers and the generous support from the community.

## HappyHour

A fun-filled laughter workshop with certified laughter coach Michele Caskey will be held on Friday, Feb. 19, 6 - 7 p.m. at Art Connection, 1703 Sudderth Dr.

This free class teaches participants how to laugh for no reason using a simple and easily accessible technique that stimulates healing in the body and increases energy. Learn how to improve your outlook on life, and get your weekend off to a good start.

"No overt humor is involved. We breathe, we clap and we laugh...anyone can do it."

This event repeats on the third Friday monthly.

## Tribal Fusion Belly Dance

This weekly class welcomes all shapes and sizes to join in an hour of yoga warm-up and the basics of belly dancing.

Instructed by veteran yoga and dance instructor Teresa Montez, the class will be held weekly at Art Connection, 1703 Sudderth Dr. on Sundays, beginning Feb. 21, 1 - 2 p.m.

There is a \$7 drop-in class fee, or participants may prepay \$30 for a series of five classes.

For more information, call Shelly at 575-973-0681. To register for pre-paid classes, contact Teresa Montez directly at 575-973-0891.

## Hand Building Pottery

Learn basic hand building with ceramic clay. See all the possibilities using slab clay, molds, stamps, and how to embellish with beads and wire.

Classes are ongoing weekly on Wednesdays from 5 - 7 p.m. starting Feb. 24 through March 31 and are held at Art Connection, 1703 Sudderth Dr.

The class fee is \$15 per class, or \$75 prepaid for all six classes and includes all tools, clay, wire, beads, firing and glazes.

Classes are open to persons ages 7 and up. Please contact Shelly at 575-973-0681 to register.

## Let Us Know About Your Gallery

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

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

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

## ART ► WORKSHOP

# March art classes

## La Luz is the location for three art workshops

La Luz is the location of three art class sessions during the month of March.

Beginning on March 1, Dr. Clark Magruder of Black Stones Press will offer "Drawing in Pen and Ink." The class will meet weekly every Monday and Wednesday from 7 - 9 p.m. throughout the month of March. Artists who are of intermediate or advanced drawing ability are invited to participate.

Dr. Magruder will also

be offering a watercolor art class for those who have drawing or painting experience and are interested in creating their own artist's book. Classes will begin on Tuesday, March 2, and will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 7 - 9 p.m. through March 30.

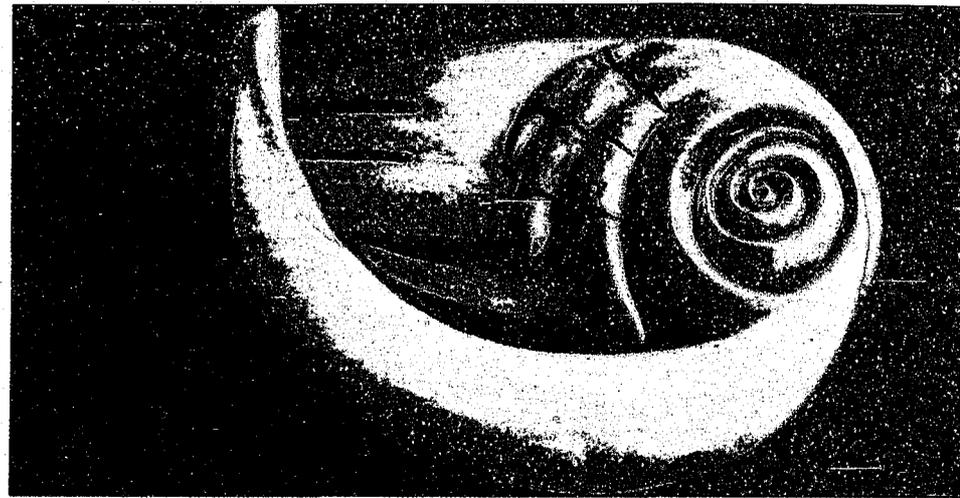
A third art workshop titled "Creative Wood Working" is being offered by Nogal artist Georgia Stacy. This class will begin on Saturday, March 6, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and continue

weekly through March 27.

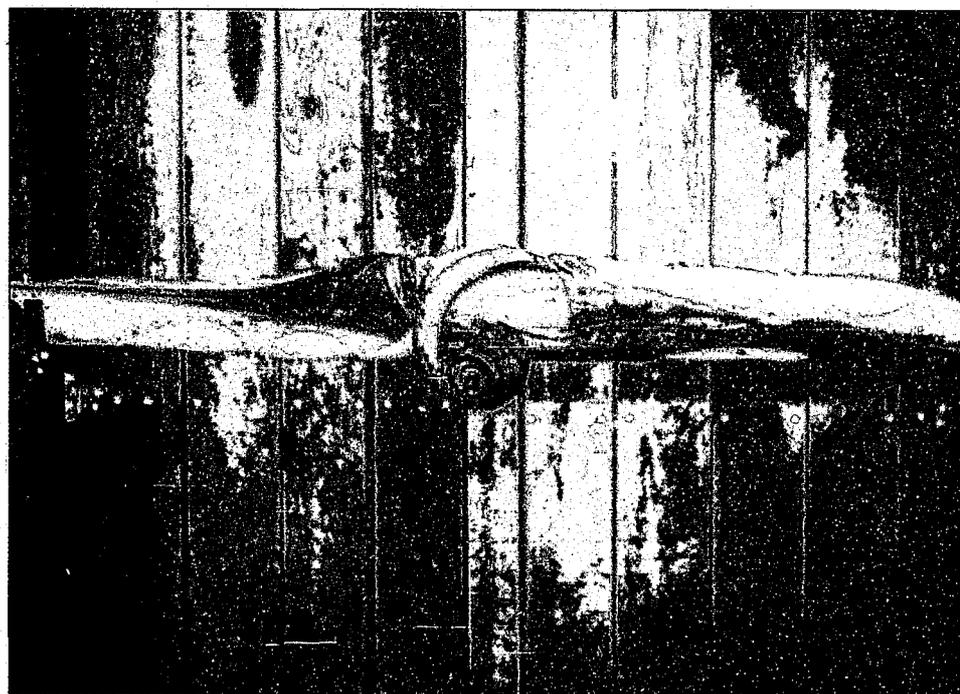
The fee for each of these three art class sessions is \$240 with a discount offered to art teachers. Class size is limited to five participants over the age of 18.

Interested persons need to mail a letter indicating their level of ability to P. O. Box 208, La Luz, NM 88337 along with a phone number at which you may be reached. The address line should indicate which class is of interest.

For more information on Georgia Stacy's work visit [www.strengthenmotion.blogspot.com](http://www.strengthenmotion.blogspot.com), or call 575-354-4206, or email [interpretations@inbox.com](mailto:interpretations@inbox.com)



"Unfolding" (above) and "Creative Peace" created of stained juniper (below) are examples of Georgia Stacy's intricate work.



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## ART ▶ FEATURED ARTIST

## Ed Newman

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Visitors to the exhibition will see two walls filled with large paintings – nine in all – that present a social commentary with irony, innuendo, and humor with styles that freely range from expressionistic to realistic.

This group of paintings is not a genre normally seen in commercial galleries, so Newman is an award-winning painter

who moved to Alamogordo in 2008 from Virginia, where he regularly participated in juried art shows and exhibitions. Locally, he has exhibited at Eagle Ranch, the Flickinger Center and 1st National Bank. The Cloudcroft Gallery located on Burro Street in Cloudcroft shows Ed's landscape paintings.

Although some of his paintings are rendered in oils, acrylic paints are Newman's preferred medium because of their versatility. Generally, he paints on hardboard, which he prepares with gesso and other materials.

Newman studied at North Carolina Central University for several years before relocating to Longwood College in Virginia. There, he completed a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts in 1998, which he now keeps in a closet behind some shoeboxes.

Townsend Library is located on the NMSTU campus at 2400 N. Scenic Drive. Hours are Monday - Thursday, 7:45 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Friday 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 1-5. Closed on Saturdays. For information, call 575-439-3650, or email library@nmsua.nmsu.edu.



Ed Newman (above) works in both oils and acrylics. "Smoke Signals" (left) depicts a story told in great detail.



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## COVER STORY

**Howie Mandel**

*Talented and diverse entertainer comes to the stage tonight at Inn of the Mountain Gods*

Actor, stand-up comedian and television host Howie Mandel makes his way to the stage of Inn of the Mountain Gods tonight, Feb. 19, at 8 p.m.

With a career spanning more than three decades, and best known for his hosting role of the hit show "Deal or No Deal," Mandel's career accomplishments encompass stage, film and television.

His most notable achievements include work on the Emmy-Award winning "St. Elsewhere" and as creator and executive producer of the popular Emmy Award-nominated children's series "Bobby's World," which ran for eight seasons on Fox and now appears in syndication six days a week in 65 countries. As the series' creator and executive pro-

ducer, Mandel was closely involved in its writing, as well as providing the voice of Bobby, Bobby's dad and other characters. Mandel attributes the show's success to drawing the storylines from real life.

Mandel started his career on a dare during a trip to Los Angeles in 1979. At the legendary Comedy Store on amateur night he was coaxed by friends to get up and try his luck. As fate would have it, there was a producer in the crowd who immediately hired him to appear on the comedy game-show "Make Me Laugh." His appearance on the show led to talk show guest invitations, a stint as Diana Ross' opening act and eventually to the NBC award-winning television series "St. Elsewhere," where Howie spent six seasons as the

character Dr. Wayne Fiscus.

Mandel has done countless comedy specials both on cable and network television. He has also hosted his own syndicated talk show "The Howie Mandel Show," and continues to be a mainstay on the talk-show circuit, including frequent appearances on Jay Leno's "The Tonight Show" performing hidden camera segments.

Not one to take too much of a break from business, Mandel will be a judge on the hit television show "America's Got Talent" starting June 1. He also has just published his book titled *Here's the Deal: Don't Touch Me...*, a frank, funny, no-holds-barred memoir that reveals the "Deal or No Deal" host's famous and ongoing struggles with Obsessive



*Howie Mandel appears live on-stage tonight at Inn of the Mountain Gods.*

Compulsive Disorder (OCD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and how it has shaped his life and career.

Mandel received a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame on Sept. 4, 2008, and another on Canada's Walk of Fame in Toronto on Sept. 19, 2009. He is

Canada's third game show host to be inducted, following Monty Hall in 2002 and Alex Trebek in 2006.

Mandel continues to perform as many as 200 concerts a year throughout the United States and Canada, and will be appearing tonight at Inn of the Mountain Gods in

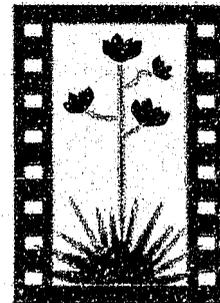
Mescalero. Tickets start at \$25 and are available through IMG by calling 1-888-262-0478, or online at [www.InnOfTheMountainGods.com](http://www.InnOfTheMountainGods.com), or at [www.Ticketmaster.com](http://www.Ticketmaster.com).

For more information on the career of Howie Mandel, visit [www.HowieMandel.com](http://www.HowieMandel.com).

## VIDEOGRAPHY ▶ CONTEST

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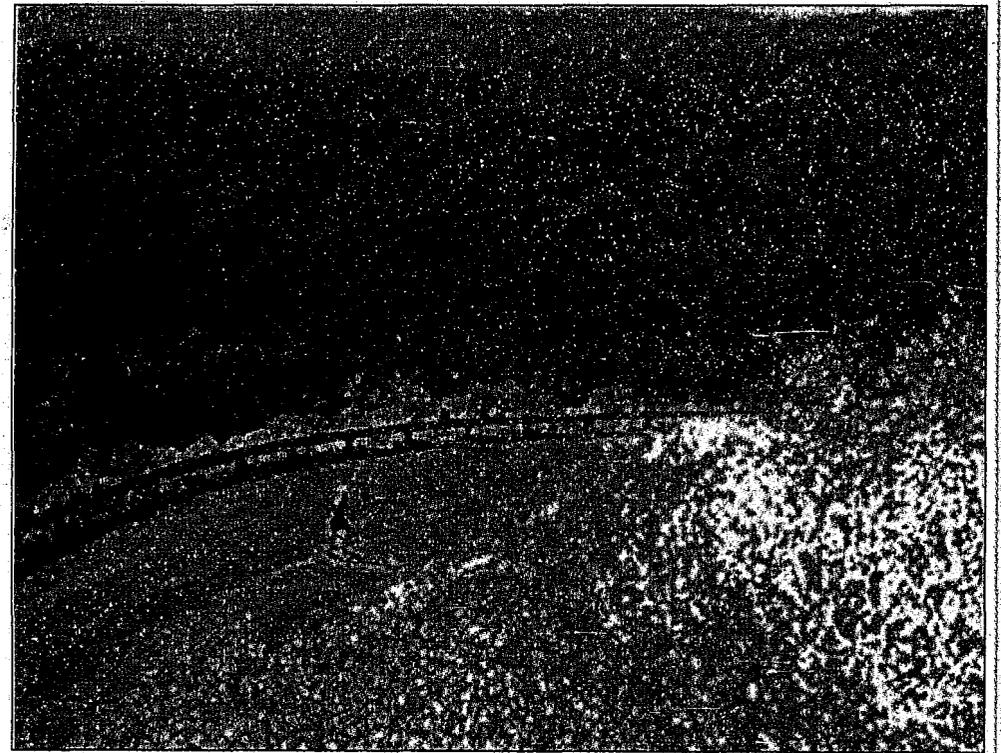


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organization is composed of amateur, hobbyist and professional photographers who offer their expertise to all who have a desire to know more about the field of photography.

Regular meetings are

held on the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Region IX Education Cooperative offices located in the Horton Complex at 237 Service Rd.

One-day and extended field trips, lectures and social gatherings are held throughout the year.

Dues for 2010 are \$15 which covers all family members living at the same address.

For additional information, contact either Leland DeFord at 575-257-8662, or Herb Brunell at 575-258-4003.

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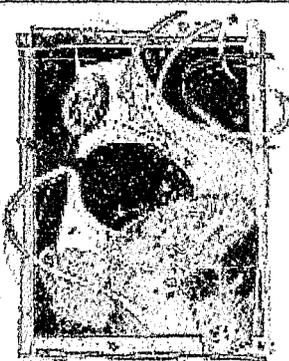
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# Pumpkin Cake



## Polly's Potpourri

by  
Polly E. Chavez



**A** co-worker, Melody Hefker Gaines, shared her pumpkin recipe with me. All other recipes for pumpkin cake that I had clipped from magazines, newspapers and other publications will be discarded as I was very pleased with her version. This week's recipe features Pumpkin Cake, or as we Hispanic say in Lincoln and Otero Counties "queque de calabaza."

I was raised calling cake "queque," perhaps from the Spanish word "panqueque," for pancake. In Spain they say "torta" for cake and in Mexico it is "pastel," although here we say "pastel" for pie. It can get confusing when one chats about wedding and birthday cakes with people from Mexico.

One of my cookbooks, *A Gringo's Guide to Authentic Mexican Cooking* by Mad Coyote Joe, includes a recipe for "Pastel de Tres Leches," or three-milk cake. His pastel (cake) is topped with whipped cream and strawberries. The cookbook is quite interesting and a good source for Mexican cook-

ing. Mad Coyote Joe brings the adventure and taste of authentic Mexico into your kitchen, while offering a light-hearted look at fast-food culture. When his Mexican friends called him "gordo" (fat) he was offended, but then realized that this was not an insult but rather a description, like tall or fair-skinned.

I have a Pueblo Indian Cookbook compiled and edited by Phyllis Huges which is found on the shelves of many Pueblo kitchens. Her recipe for "Piñon Cakes" has piñon nuts ground to meal with whole wheat flour. Most interesting are her "San Juan Muffins," which call for cattail flowers or pollen. Pollen-producing flowers from the upper part of summer cattail stalks are spread on a cookie sheet and roasted until dry, then they are used with wheat flour for pancakes, muffins, cakes and cookies.

The easiest cake recipe comes from Herencia's *Las Comidas de los Abuelos*. One cake recipe says to "Use your favorite cake mix, follow directions and add one extra egg."

Way to go, Granny.



### Pumpkin Cake



4 eggs  
1 cup cooking oil  
1 can pumpkin (15 oz.)  
1 cup sugar  
2 cups flour  
2 teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 teaspoon cinnamon

In a mixing bowl beat eggs, oil, pumpkin, and sugar until light and fluffy. In a separate bowl combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and cinnamon. Add to pumpkin mixture. Spread into a lightly greased 9"x13" glass baking pan (3 qt.). Bake in a 350 degree oven for 30-35 minutes. Cool and frost with cream cheese icing.

Cream Cheese icing: Cream together 8 oz. soften cream cheese, cup margarine, and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Gradually add 2 cups sifted powdered sugar, beating well until mixture is smooth.

# CUISINE DINING GUIDE

## Alamogordo / Otero County

### Bar-B-Que

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

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

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

### Cafés

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Dave's Café** • 300 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thu, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri-Sat; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. • Hamburgers

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

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

**High Rolls General Store Deli** • 845 Hwy. 82 • 682-2855.

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

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

**Josey's Sweets** • 603 St. Francis Dr. • Tularosa • 585-3120 • Mon-Sat, 12:30-9 p.m.; Sun, 2-8 p.m.

**Mayhill Café** • Mayhill • 687-3066

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

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

**Mountain View Café & The Bistro (GCRM), 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**La Rosa Steakhouse** • 21 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa (inside Travel Center) • 585-3339 • Open daily: 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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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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**Apache Tee** • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IMG Pro Shop • 464-7695

**Can't Stop Smokin'** • 418 Mechem • Bar-B-Que to go. Beef, poultry & pork. • Sun, Mon, Wed, Thu, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri & Sat 10 a.m.- 9 p.m. • 630-0000

**Circle J Barbecue** • 1825 Sudderth • Sun-Thu, 11 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-9:00 p.m. • 257-4105

**Tom's Barbeque** • 435 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Spare ribs, brisket, pork, sausage, green chile burgers. • Dine in/carry out • Tues - Sat 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. • 937-1515

### Cafés

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**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, Capitan • Southwestern • Thu - Sat 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. • 354-0977

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

**Cornerstone Bakery Café** • 359 Sudderth • 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. daily • 257-1842

**Dreamcatcher Café** • 2629 Sudderth • Tue - Thu 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Fri - Sun 11 a.m.-11 p.m. • Live music Fri & Sat • 802-2222

**Hummingbird Tearoom** • 2306 Sudderth in The Plaza • Soup & sandwiches. • Mon - Sat, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 257-5100

**Kiss The Skyy Cafe** • 2111 Sudderth • Carry-out only; all menu items \$6.50 • Sandwiches, soups, salads and homemade bread •

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**Sacred Grounds Coffee and Tea House** • 2825 Sudderth • Sandwiches, quiches, organic coffee, espresso bar. • Mon-Sat, 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. • 257-2273

**The Village Buttery** • 2107 Sudderth • Soups, sandwiches, salads; pies and cookies; patio. • Mon-Sat, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. • 257-9251

**The Wild Herb Market** • 1715 Sudderth • Deli, organic and natural foods • Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • 257-0138

**Zocca Coffee & Tea** • 1129 Mechem Dr. • Authentic Italian espresso, coffee, teas, ice cream, fresh-baked pastries, paninis; complimentary Wi-Fi. • Sun, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Mon-Thu, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.- 8 p.m.; 258-1445.

### Casual Dining

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**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 IIMG • 464-7872

**Global Grill** • 2919 Sudderth Dr. • entrees under \$10 • Mon-Sat, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun 7 a.m.-9 p.m. • 630-1037.

**Good to Go** • 1206 Mechem • Gourmet bakery, deli, catering, take-out • Mon-Fri, 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Sat, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. • 258-1294

**Hall of Flame** • 2500 Sudderth • Burgers, salads • Sun & Mon 11am - 2pm; Tues-Thu 11am-8pm; Fri & Sat 11am-3pm • 257-9987

**Horsemen's Grill** • 321 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Tues - Sat 5 p.m. - 9 pm; Sun.brunch 10 am - 3 p.m. • 354-1447.

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**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

**Schlottsky's Deli** • 2812 Sudderth • Sun - Thu 10:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Fri, Sat 10:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. • 257-7811

**7 Mares Seafood** • 340 Sudderth Dr. • 257-8534

**Shrimpy's Shrimp & Wing Shack** • 2501 Sudderth • Shrimp, fish & chips. • Thu-Mon, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. • Dine in or carry out • 257-8881.

**Smokey B's Grill** • 2584 Hwy. 70, Mescalero • Sun-Thu, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., Fri-Sat, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. • 464-7928.

**Smokey Bear Restaurant** • 310 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Daily; 6a.m.-8p.m. • 354-2557

**The Dolan House** • 826 Calle la Placita, Lincoln • Fri - Tues; 9:30 a.m. - 3:30; Fri. 5 - 8 p.m. • Reservations Required 575-653-4670

**The Quarters** • 2535 Sudderth • Steaks, burgers, barbecue. • Mon - Sat 11 a.m. - 2 a.m.; Sun noon - 12a.m. • 257-9535.

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

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**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 IIMG • Steaks, seafood, desserts • Daily, 5 p.m. - 11 p.m. • 464-7842

**Willmon's Prime Grille** • 2523 Sudderth Dr. • Prime steaks, seafood, wines • Reservations accepted; Mon-Sat, 5:30-9 p.m. • 257-2954

## Mexican

**Casa Blanca** • 501 Mechem • Sun-Thu 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri & Sat 11 a.m.-10 p.m. • New Mexican cuisine; lounge. • 257-2495

**Chef Lupe's** • 1101 Sudderth • Mexican, American, seafood, menudo. • Sun-Thu, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-12 a.m. • 257-4687

**Comal** • 2117 Sudderth • Daily, 11a - 8 p • 258-1397

**Chileo's** • 135 W. Hwy. 70 • Sun-Thu, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri & Sat, 7a.m-9 p.m. • 378-4033

**Disco Taco** • 141 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • Mexican food. • Daily, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. 378-4224

**El Camino Nuevo** • 1025 Mechem • 258-4312

**Elena's Place** • 2800 Sudderth Dr. • Tues-Sat 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 5 - 9 p.m., Sun 11a.m. - 2p.m. • 630-8022

**El Paisano** • 442 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Tue - Sat, 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. • 354-2206

**El Paraiso Mexican Restaurant** • 721 Mechem • Mon-Sat, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. • 257-0279

**Jorge's Café** • 2064 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • Daily, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. • 378-9804.

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**Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant** • 2408 Sudderth • Mexican & American cuisine • Thurs - Sun.music; Sat. Ladies Nite • Sun-Sat, 11 a.m.- 9 p.m.; 257-8754.

**Peña's Place** • 2963 Sudderth • Thu-Mon, 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sun 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. • 257-4135

**Old Road Restaurant** • 692 Old Road, Mescalero • Tue-Sun, 9 a.m.- 9 p.m. • 464-4674

**Olé Tacos** • 319 Sudderth • Sun - Th 11 a.m. - 11:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 11 a.m.-1:30 a.m. • 257-5040

## Pizza / Italian

**Café Rio** • 2547 Sudderth Dr. • Mon - Sat, 11:20 a.m. - 7:50 p.m.; Sun 12n - 7:50 p.m. • 257-7746

**Domino's Pizza** • 1717 Sudderth • Sun - Thu 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Fri & Sat 11 - 12 midnight • 257-8888

**Michelena's** • 2703 Sudderth • Tue-Sun 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • 257-5753

**Pizza Hut** • 725 Sudderth Dr. • 1201 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso • 258-3033

**Santino's Italian Restaurant** • 2823 Sudderth • Lounge 4:30-9 p.m., restaurant 5-9 p.m. • 257-7540.

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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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**Flying J Ranch** • Chuckwagon Supper and Western Show • Hwy 48, Alto • Gates open 5:30 p.m.; dinner 7 p.m. \$24 13+; \$14 ages 4-12, incl. tax & gratuity. 888-458-3595; 575-336-4330.

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PAST TENSE

# An unknown gunfighter, part 1

There are a lot of famous gunfighters who came out of the Old West. We've all heard of many of them. Men such as Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday, John Wesley Hardin, and many others. But there are also gunfighters who are still obscured by the mists of time and history. Jim Levy is one of them.

Levy was arguably one of the more unique gunfighters. For starters, he was of Jewish descent, which alone made him fairly unique. In fact, the only other Jewish gunfighter I can think of is Charlie Storms, who was shot dead by Luke Short in Tombstone in 1881.

## Beginnings

James H. Levy was born in 1842 in Ireland. Almost nothing is known of Levy's early years, other than the fact that he was a mere child when his parents emigrated to the United States. What is generally considered to be the turning point in his life happened in Pioche, Nev. on May 30, 1871. That day, Jim witnessed a shootout between two miners named Mike Casey and Tom Gossan, who was, apparently, a friend of Levy's. Before the gunsmoke had cleared, Levy rushed to his friend's side, but it was too late — Gossan was mortally wounded. Gossan's last words included the dictation of a Last Will and Testament,



part of which stated that he was leaving \$5,000 to anyone who would avenge his death.

Mike Casey made a statement to the local law enforcement officials to the effect that he had killed Gossan in self-defense. Whether or not Casey was lying is a fact that has long been lost to history. In any case, Jim Levy began to loudly and publicly contradict Casey's version of events, claiming that Casey had shot Gossan first and that Gossan had no chance to defend himself. Witnesses suspected that Levy was trying to provoke a gunfight with Casey, and if that was indeed the case, they were right.

Sure enough, Casey approached Levy and challenged him to fight. When it was ascertained that Levy did not own a firearm, Casey generously gave Jim the time to go and find one, instructing him to rendezvous in an alley behind a store for the shootout. Levy couldn't find a gun quickly enough, and headed for the alley. When he arrived, he found

Casey waiting for him. Levy called out and then opened fire. His first shot creased Casey's skull, but all it seemed to do was anger him and he rushed at Levy for a closer shot. Levy fired again, and despite the fact that the second bullet hit him in the neck, Casey kept coming. As Casey approached, he began to grow weak and began staggering from his wounds. As he staggered almost right up to Levy, Jim stepped forward and clocked Casey over the head with his pistol. Casey finally went down and died a few days later from his wounds.

But that was later. As Casey sagged to the ground, another shot rang out, this time fired by gambler Dave Neagle, who, after firing, decided that he had done enough. He turned and headed for the proverbial hills. Neagle's bullet crashed into Levy's face, passing through both cheeks and shattering his jaw in the process.

Levy was arrested, but most people agreed that it had been a fair fight when he killed Mike Casey. Jim was released from the calaboose with a hideously scarred face and a genuine claim to collect the money that Tom Gossan had offered for avenging his death.

## A new start

Up until this point in his life, Jim Levy had been a miner. But now, with his new, scary face and even scarier reputation, he decided to become a profes-

sional gunman and hired out to the Raymond and Eli Mining Company as a "regulator."

"Regulator" was a word that was used often in the Old West, and with different meanings, depending on where it was being used and by whom. In Lincoln County, the Regulators were a group of deputized gunmen who intended to "regulate" justice. In other places, a regulator was simply a man who went out and found cattle rustlers, usually killing them on the spot. In Levy's case, it basically meant that he was a hired thug. His job was to put a stop to any firms who wished to move in on Raymond and Eli's territory, and also to frighten miners who thought they deserved a raise in pay.

And Jim Levy turned out to be very good at his work. Very good indeed...

## The body count escalates

It was common for corporations, or any kind of big business to use violence in the Old West. A good example is the Santa Fe Ring, which controlled New Mexico for decades — in fact, there are people who believe they still do. In any case, Levy was basically a strongarm man until January 1873, when his next fatal encounter occurred. The Pioche Phoenix Company, a rival of Jim's employers, also had a squad of company goons who clashed with Levy and his men in a dark min-

ing tunnel. As the sound of the extra-loud gunfire faded and the gunsmoke began clearing out of the tunnel, a gunman named Tom Ryan lay dead and cold and Levy was credited — if that is even the right word — with the killing.

Later, lawmen came across Levy on the road to Hamilton, Nev. and took him into custody, telling him that he needed to be present at the inquest. It appears that Jim felt he would not do well at any kind of official hearing, and promptly escaped.

It can get very cold in Nevada in the winter, and January 1873 was no exception. Levy led the lawmen hither and yon, seeking to lose them, which he was unable to do. When they caught up with him again, the only thing that he had accomplished was to get both of his feet badly frostbitten.

Jim's employers apparently valued his services, though, and when he finally appeared in court at Pioche the murder charges against him were dropped.

Nevertheless, Jim seems to have felt that it was time to seek new employment and headed for Virginia City, Nev., where he became a professional gambler. Needless to say, this was an occupation that could also be bad for one's health. However, there is no record of his killing anyone else, which is not to say he didn't — only that there is no record of it. But the record is what must be followed in the

study of history, and as far as is known, Levy did not have another violent encounter until March 1877 in the Shingle and Locke Saloon at Cheyenne, Wyo. And it was this particular encounter for which Jim Levy is best remembered.

Next: More violence

SOURCES: *The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters* by Bill O'Neal and *Jim Levy* by Edmond Sheldon.

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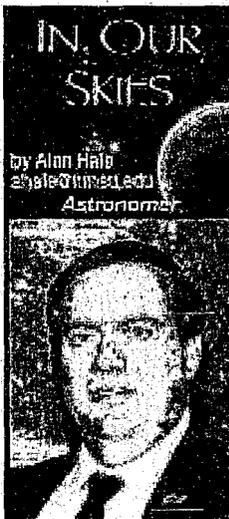
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IN OUR SKIES

# New way forward?

For the past six years, the official American manned space effort has been focused around a program called Constellation. This program, proposed by the previous Presidential administration following an extensive review that was conducted after the destruction of the Space Shuttle *Columbia* in 2003, is an ambitious effort to return to the moon initially by 2020, with increasingly longer stays eventually leading to establishment of permanent bases. Included within Constellation were several new elements, including development of a new ground-to-orbit rocket dubbed Ares I, a heavy-lift rocket (akin to the Apollo program's Saturn V) called Ares V, a crew exploration vehicle called Orion, and a lunar landing vehicle – somewhat similar to, but much larger than, the Apollo lunar module – called Altair. The plans also called for retirement of the Space Shuttle fleet at the end of this year, and retirement of the International Space Station (ISS) – now nearing completion – in 2015.

Some \$9 billion has already been invested in Constellation since its inception, and an early experimental version of the Ares I rocket successfully completed a suborbital test launch last October 28.



by Alan Hale  
Professional Astronomer

But – as is perhaps true in any ambitious program of such a nature – Constellation has also been plagued by schedule delays and cost overruns. There has been widespread sentiment among some in the space community that Constellation

has been significantly underfunded from the start, and would never be able to complete its goals in anything approaching its intended timeline. There is already concern about a gap in American human access to space that will extend from the Space Shuttle fleet's retirement for at least five years, perhaps quite a bit longer.

Shortly after coming into office last year the current Presidential Administration established a special committee (chaired by former Lockheed Martin CEO Norm Augustine) and tasked it with re-evaluating Constellation and to make recommendations as to the future course of American manned spaceflight. The Augustine committee presented its findings to the Administration last October, and while it did consider the currently-envisioned Constellation program as one option, it concluded that the Constellation effort was unsustainable in the current budgetary climate. Although it

avoided making any clear specific recommendations, the Augustine committee pointed out that a programmatic shift away from Ares I (although still including a heavy-lift vehicle like Ares V) and towards utilizing commercial spaceflight companies for ground-to-orbit flights was the best option to pursue, and suggested that a “flexible path” that included several potential destinations (for example, the moons of Mars, or near-Earth asteroids) be considered.

When the Administration formally presented its budget to Congress at the beginning of this month, it embraced the strongest recommendations made by the Augustine committee. Among the elements of the proposed budgetary plan are scrapping of the Constellation program as it had been envisioned; cancellation of Ares I development; reliance on commercial launch providers for ground-to-orbit spaceflight; and the “flexible path” as described in the committee's report. The proposed budget actually asks for a \$6 billion increase in NASA's budget over the next five years – remarkable, in fact, in the current budgetary climate – with much of this to be provided to commercial launch companies for development of launch vehicles, as well as greater international collaboration in space and an extension of the ISS mission to 2020.

A programmatic shift as dramatic as this will certainly have both its supporters and detractors. The latter can point to the funds that have already been invested in Constellation and, in a larger context, to the abandonment of a goal (in this case, a return to the moon) without which there is no end to justify the effort. Supporters, meanwhile, can point to the Augustine committee's conclusion that Constellation is financially unsustainable, and that in the longer run the moon and other goals can be reached in time:

Many of this author's colleagues in the space community are in fact supportive of this programmatic shift. One of the arguments that has been used is that NASA's mission should be exploration and extension of the space frontiers, and not to be “in the trucking business,” i.e., the ferrying of personnel and cargo to space. An initial government investment in the commercial spaceflight industry – akin to that in the commercial aviation industry several decades ago – would help create an environment where NASA, and other parties including the general public, would purchase rides to space aboard commercial vehicles just as is done with commercial airliners today. Several space-oriented companies, for example, SpaceX, XCOR Aerospace, and Virgin Galactic (that will be flying out of the burgeoning

spaceport in New Mexico) are already in the process of developing such vehicles.

This author's colleagues point out that pursuing such a path does not preclude an eventual return to the moon. What this path would do is create the infrastructure that will create a sustained human presence in near-Earth space that would allow for extending that presence to a variety of destinations, including the moon as well as Mars. Our return to the moon would take longer than was originally planned via Constellation, but it would be part of a more solid and sus-

tained effort with a better chance of permanence.

The current proposal is hardly the last word since Congress – which writes the checks – will need to consider it. A wise and thorough review of this proposal will – ideally and hopefully – set us on the path towards making the space frontier available and accessible to the generations that will come after us.

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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.

**Christian Motorcyclists Assoc:** Third Thursday monthly at 6:30 p.m.; 1204 Mechem, Suite 8.; online at [www.CMAUSA.org](http://www.CMAUSA.org); 575-336-1530 for local info. All are invited to attend.

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

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

**Lincoln County Bird Club:** Monthly field trips are scheduled at various times. Info: 257-5352 or 258-3862.

**Lincoln County Garden Club:** Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m.; New members and visitors welcome; Info: Joyce, 258-4663, or Elena, 258-3724.

**Lincoln County Right to Life Chapter:** 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday at 309 L.L. Davis Dr. All are welcome; Info: 258-5108.

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

**Party Bridge Group:** 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Center; 336-4808.

**Photographic Society of Lincoln County:** 7 p.m. every second Thursday in the conference room at the Region IX office at 1400 Sudderth Dr.; 258-4003.

**Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club:** Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

**Ruidoso Area Singles:** 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:** First Wednesday monthly at 10 a.m.; Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. Public is welcome.

**Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club:** Meets every Monday; program varies. Potluck and bridge/card games. Second Monday (Sept.-May) includes program, business meeting, potluck, bridge/card games at 116 S. Evergreen.

**Ruidoso Masonic Lodge No. 73:** Meets first Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., except national holidays, then moves to second Monday. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Info: 258-3598.

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

**Ruidoso Ridge Runners 4-Wheel Drive Club:** Meets 1st Wed. monthly at K-BOB's. Dinner 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 3rd 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.

**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. 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.

**Democratic Women Sacramento Mountain Area:** third Saturday at K-BOB's at 12:00 noon. For more information call 808-1133 or 257-6078

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

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

### Service Organizations

**Altrusa Club:** 5:30 p.m. every first Tuesday for program; noon every third Tuesday for lunch. Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail; Info: Jill, 336-1339.

**Boy Scouts of America, Troop 52:** 6:20 p.m. every other Wednesday; Angus Church of the Nazarene. Info: 808-1172.

**Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59:** 6 p.m. every Monday, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Info: Mark, 378-5623.

**B.P.O. Elks No. 2086:** 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70; Info: 257-2607.

**B.P.O. Does:** Noon, second and fourth Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70.

**Capitan Smokey Bear Lions Club:** 5:30 p.m. every Thursday at Smokey Bear Restaurant. Info: Bob Callender, 575-258-1345 or 575-937-7911.

**Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program:** 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso. For children age 4 to 6th grade; Info: 257-2081, [www.fbcruaidoso.com](http://www.fbcruaidoso.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](http://www.lekennels.org) or 575-354-4342.

**Lincoln County Community Health Council:** 8 a.m. first Tuesday of each

month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. New members welcome. Info: 973-1829.

**Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary:** 9:30 a.m. second Tuesday of each month in the hospital conference room. New volunteers welcome. Info: 630-4250.

**Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse:** Meets first Sunday each month at 2 p.m. at the Posse building, Hwy. 54, in Carrizozo. Groups needing their volunteer security services, notify by mail one month (but not less than two weeks) prior to the monthly meeting. Send to P.O. Box 1784, Capitan, NM 88316. Info: 888-663-7029.

**OES Ruidoso Chapter 65:** Meeting every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 144 Nob Hill Dr. Info: 257-5313.

**Optimist Club (Friends of Youth):** Noon every Wednesday at K-BOB's. Info: 257-5938 or 258-9218.

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

**Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club:** 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: Barbara, 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555, or Greg, 257-1255.

**Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary:** 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center off East Highway 70; Info: 378-8099 or 378-8316.

**Ruidoso Evening Lions:** Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Evening Lions Club House, 106 S. Overlook (behind Chef Lupe's). New members always welcome. Info: Mike Zaragosa, 937-0768 or Harold Oakes, 937-7618.

**Ruidoso Shrine Club:** 6:30 p.m. every fourth Wednesday at Cree Meadows Restaurant; Info: 258-5860.

**Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club:** Meets at 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: 257-0363.

**Sierra Blanca Daughters of the American Revolution:** Third Thursday of each month. Info: 258-3045.

**Zia Girl Scout Council:** 6 p.m. every third Thursday at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Info: 437-2921.

**White Mountain Search & Rescue:** 7 p.m. every third Monday at First Christian Church near the intersection of Hull and Gavilan Canyon Roads. Info: email [whitemountainars@gmail.com](mailto:whitemountainars@gmail.com), visit [www.whitemountainars.org](http://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 12071 meets the third Monday of each month at La Junta Lodge in Alto at 7 p.m. All eligible veterans are invited to attend.

VFW Post 12071 Ladies Auxiliary meets third Monday of each month at La Junta Lodge in Alto at 7 p.m. All eligible spouses, mothers, daughters and widows of veterans of foreign wars are invited to attend and join.

## 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.

**Cricket 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 4th Tuesday at Comm. Center at Holloman AFB. Guests welcome. Visit [desertbasin.freetoasthost.com](http://desertbasin.freetoasthost.com) or phone 921-4767.

## COMMUNITY LISTINGS

**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.

**Solar Energy Association:** Meets 6 p.m., every third Thursday (except summer) at Alamogordo Public Library. Public welcome. 682-6027.

**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 Dellilah at 442-8750.

## Education

**ESL:** English as a second language class, 9 a.m. each Monday, 1328

Scenic Dr. \$15 for workbook. Class sponsored by Mountain Valley Baptist Association; 437-9987.

**H.E.L.P. Head Start:** Accepting applications for pre-school children with or without disabilities. Free meals. Alamogordo Center: Maria Gallegos, 434-6313; La Luz Center: Martina Travis, 437-4485; Tularosa Center: Annette Chavez, 585-4818.

**Integrated Instructional Services Department:** Monthly Parent/Staff Advisory Committee meeting, 4 - 6 p.m. every second Tuesday at the IIS Building. Dr. Doug Householder, 439-3200.

**Lacy Simms:** Governing council meets at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at First National Bank Building Atrium. Regular meetings are at 7:15 p.m.; 437-4011.

## Help & Healing

**Al-Anon:** New Day Al-Anon group meets noon Thursdays at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo.

**Alamogordo City Disability Council:** Meets at 2 p.m. every third Wednesday at the Sgt. Willie Estrada Memorial Civic Center. Disability Resource Center, 439-1112, or Ann French at 439-4227 or 439-4889.

**American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center:** 2 - 5 p.m. every Mon-Tue at 2689 N. Scenic, north of hospital; hats, wigs, scarves, bras and prostheses available; free "Look Good - Feel Better" make-up sessions available with reservations; Vivian Smith, 434-5874 or 439-7681, or Lillie Lewis, 439-8409.

**Blood Pressure Screening:** 9 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Red Cross office. Free; 700 E. First St., No. 765. 437-4421.

**Calvary Baptist Clothes Closet:** Open 2 - 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 1200 Indian Wells Rd.; Clothing is free; Donations accepted. 437-0110.

**Celiac Disease/Gluten Intolerance Support Group:** Meets second and fourth Sundays, 2-3:30 p.m., in the conference room of ERA-Simmons Real Estate, 918 10th St., Alamogordo. Info: Kathie at 437-0603, Robin at 442-9419, or email painted-ladies64@yahoo.com.

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

**Divorced & Widowed Adjustment Group:** Meets at 6:30 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Alamogordo Church, 2826 Indian Wells Rd. Non-sectarian self-help group dedicated to assisting men and women of all ages through the loss of a partner through divorce, separation or death. Info: Ben, 682-3621.

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

**Humane Society of Otero County:** Meets 6:30 p.m. every first Thursday at Margo's Mexican Restaurant. 437-0157.

**Low Income Housing:** Applications are accepted 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Alamogordo Housing Authority, located at 104 Amigo Ave. Laura, 437-5621 ext. 11.

**New Life Group of Narcotics Anonymous:** Meets Sun. 6 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 8 p.m. First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St.

**Salvation Army Social Services:** Open 10 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 10 a.m.-noon Friday; 443-0845.

**Salvation Army Thrift Store:** Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. 443-0845.

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

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

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

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

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

## 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 loca-

tions. 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 Tirling, 443-1195.

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

## Service Organizations

**Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club:** Meets at 7 a.m. every Saturday at Maximino's, 2300 White Sands Blvd. The public is welcome. Jeanette or Chuck, 434-6296.

**Alamogordo Noon Kiwanis:** Meets at Margo's Mexican Restaurant every Wednesday, except the fifth. 434-6417.

**Alamogordo Public Library Foundation:** Raises money and awareness for Alamogordo Public Library. Flori, 437-6616 or Allen, 434-2349.

**Altrusa International:** 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. at 19th Hole golf course restaurant. Jan Wafful, 491-0713 or Marty Poitra, 921-1144.

**Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority:** Focusing on cultural, social and service activities. Lynn 585-5516.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters:** Accepting applications for children ages 6 - 17 and volunteers 18 years or older. 434-3388.

**Daughters of the American Revolution:** Meets monthly on third Saturday at time and place TBA. 437-7200.

**Downtown Lions Club:** Meets on second and fourth Mondays at Mariscos Costa Azul, 415 S. White Sands Blvd. Public welcome. Terry Reed at 434-3968 or Martha 437-7515.

**Flickinger Guild:** Supporting the Flickinger Center for the Performing

Arts, Guild members sell tickets in the box office, work the door for performances, usher, hand out programs and work concessions. Contact chairman Flori McElderry at 437-6616.

**Kiwanis Club of Alamogordo:** Meets on first and third Thursdays at 8 a.m. at Maximino's Restaurant, 2300 N. White Sands Blvd; 434-0923.

**Order of the Eastern Star:** Tularosa Basin Chapter No. 72 meets at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday at 409 Higuera St., Tularosa. 434-1456.

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

## Veterans / Military

**Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1257:** Open meeting/lunch-eon at 11:30 a.m. second Friday at Base Enlisted Club. Visits to area veterans in local care centers every third Saturday, starting at the Betty Dare Center on North Florida Ave. promptly at 10 a.m. Gil Isley, 434-5552.

**American Legion Post 108:** Meets second Tuesday at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, Ed\_wishbone@hotmail.com.

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

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

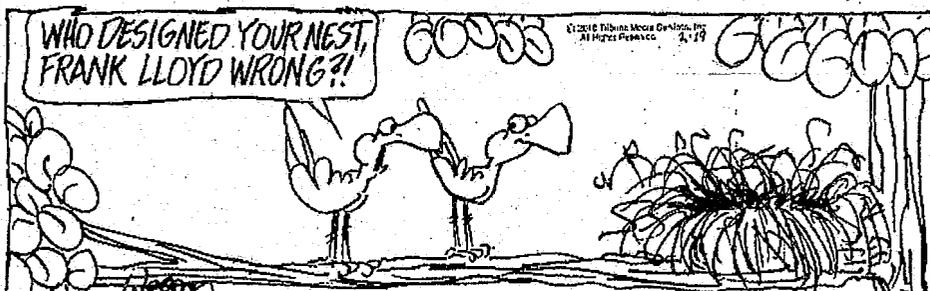
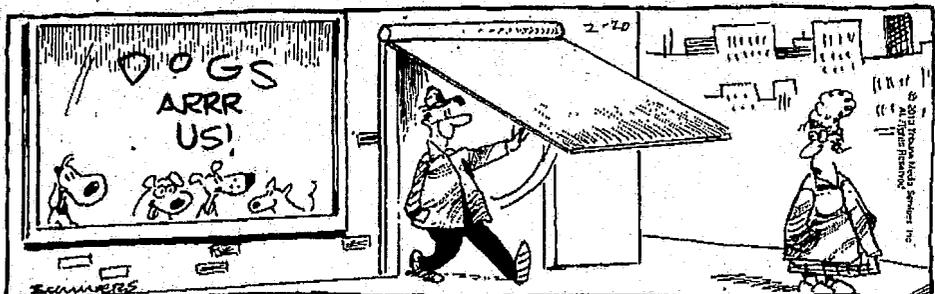
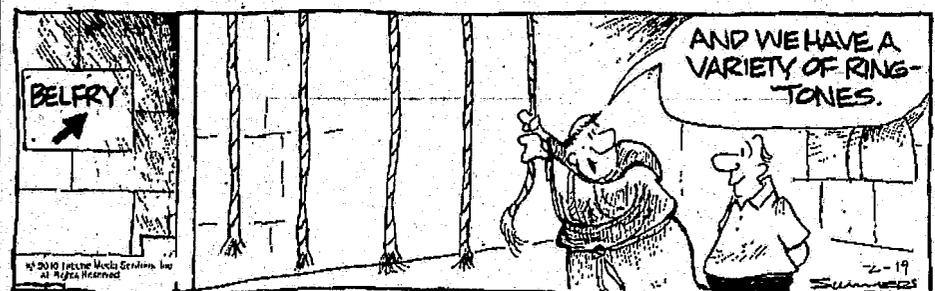
**New Mexico American Legion Riders Association, Chap 8:** Meets second Tuesday at 8 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, or Darrell Winfree, 430-7735.

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

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

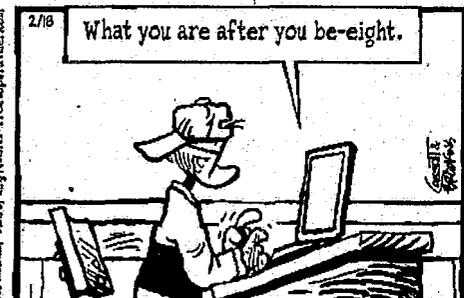
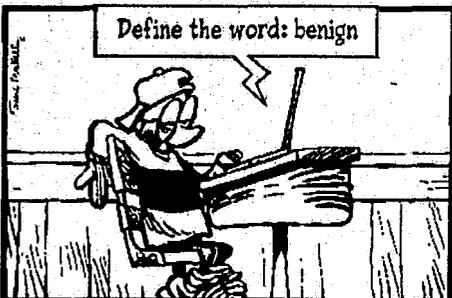
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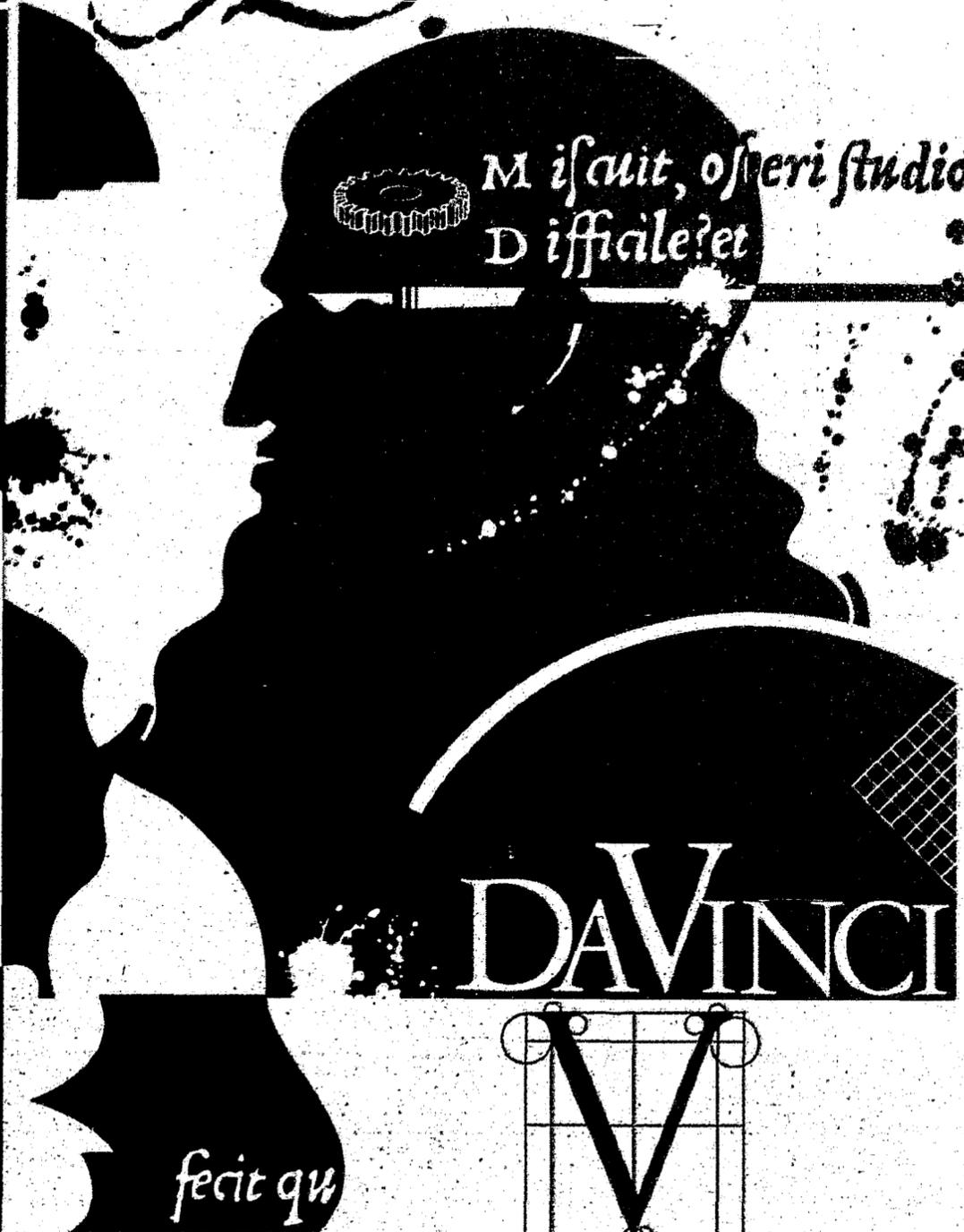
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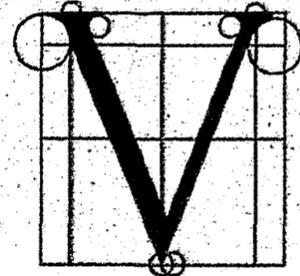
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