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Ruidoso's new mayor, Ray Alborn, and his wife, Sue, find a moment to relax at home after the campaign.

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One moment to exhale

Ruidoso's new mayor reflects on campaign, challenges ahead

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Ruidoso's mayor-elect leaned back in his favorite chair, stroked his pet boxer and reflected on the last few months of his life campaigning for the village's top elected position.

Not only did the campaign turn out to be a pleasant experience, Mayor-Elect Ray Alborn said Wednesday, it also allowed him to meet a new group of residents and to gather a solid pool of civic-minded individuals to consider for future board appointments.

"I got to meet a lot of people,

some I knew did not support me, but I was interested to hear their points of view," he said. "I'm indebted to those who helped and worked hard at it. There was no negative campaigning. That was impressive to me. I received calls of congratulations from Joan (Zagone) and Don (Williams)," who ran against him for mayor.

Alborn already is thinking about possible roles for Zagone, a former chamber of commerce executive director, and the same is true for the people who ran for the council. "I want to give an opportunity to serve to those who stepped up to run," he said. "I'm going to call some tonight and ask them to do some services.

One person doesn't get the job done. You need to surround yourself with good people. Joan has expertise in a lot of things and I want to lean on that."

Williams still has two years on his village council term and eight months left on his Lincoln County Commissioner term, so he'll be on-call automatically.

Alborn also intends to involve the council more in the selection processes coming up for board appointments and in filling jobs such as the police chief.

He's fortunate to be working with a good staff, to which he was exposed while serving as a Planning and Zoning commissioner. He sat in on several meet-

ings Wednesday and Thursday getting to know employees and department heads.

"I think you have to remember that the people you work with can make or break you, and darn sure support them, and hope the right ones are in the right places," he said. "You have to ensure they have the wherewithal to do the things they have to do and give them credit for the work they do."

He's mindful that disasters and emergencies can't be predicted.

"When (L. Ray) Nunley took office (as mayor), no one could

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Remember the ETZ? Neighbors object to group home

It still exists — kind of

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Lincoln County's Planning Commission is told there are problems in the Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zone (ETZ). The Extraterritorial Zoning Commission hasn't met for some time, said Lincoln County Planning Director Curt Temple.

But a records check showed that there were four meetings in 2009. And Commissioner Phillis Barnett said they meet when there is something to decide.

The commission is the first panel that hears zoning issues within the one-mile zone. If there is an appeal of a commission decision, the three-person

ETZ Authority hears the case.

"I know there's been projects but they just haven't been brought in and there hasn't been a lot of interest in the ETZ from the village," said Temple.

The original ETZ ordinance, approved years ago by the Ruidoso Village Council and Lincoln County Commission, saw revisions written in 2005. But the changes have never been adopted by the village or the county.

"A lot of the zoning issues they haven't had a lot of enforcement of it, of people complying with it (the ordinance)," said Temple.

"The county and the vil-

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■ Conditional use permit approved for Sudderth Drive facility

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Over the objections of neighbors, a conditional use permit was approved for a private group home on Sudderth Drive to treat the drug and alcohol-addicted. Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commissioner Beth Hood offered the motion Tuesday to approve with several conditions, seconded by Commissioner Don Dutton and passed unanimously.

Art Carmona said he plans to establish a 30-day residential program without state or federal subsidy on the 1.839-acre lot that includes a small mobile home park. The zoning on the lot at 642 Sudderth

Drive is C-2, community commercial, and such an activity requires a conditional use permit.

Ample parking is available and an entrance and exit already exist. No signage will be posted and no new drainage or landscaping is needed, according to Eric Collins, the project agent for D.T. Collins & Associates.

The three-bedroom house will accommodate up to nine young adults, Carmona said, but added that he will not turn someone away strictly based on age.

The proposed name of the project in the Gateway subdivision is Eota Group Home, Carmona told commissioners. Only local residents will be admitted to the residential program, he said. The house will be modified to meet requirements of the Americans

With Disabilities Act.

Alcohol and drug problems are common in Lincoln County, he said, adding, "I intend to do something." The 30-day intensive program would provide constant supervision with many types of therapy from early morning to 9:30 p.m., most in-house, except for attendance at meetings of Alcohol Anonymous and other addiction groups that would help with recovery.

"I'm trying to help and we will fund it ourselves," he said. An Albuquerque group call Oasis Recovery will send staff and a certified counselor will oversee the treatment and come down from Albuquerque twice a week, he said.

Commission Chairman Glen Barrow asked if any of

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McKnight named

The New Mexico Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission has announced the appointments of Denise M. Torres of Las Cruces as co-chair and James Hall of Santa Fe and Lorri McKnight of Alto as new members.

JPEC was established by the Supreme Court of New Mexico in 1997 to improve the performance of New Mexico's judges and provide credible information to voters on judges for retention elections.

McKnight is vice president of lending for City Bank New Mexico in Ruidoso. She has more than 27 years of professional experience, including manager and finance director for the Village of Ruidoso, bank examiner for the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department Financial Institutions Division, and as a Certified Public Accountant.

She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Lamar University in Texas, and a Master of Business Administration degree in Management and Organizational Behavior from the University of Houston. She completed doctoral studies at the University of Houston

and accounting courses at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. She is a licensed CPA and a licensed real estate agent in New Mexico.

McKnight volunteers as a board member and secretary for the Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club. She is a graduate of both Leadership Lincoln and Leadership New Mexico. She served as president of the New Mexico City Manager's Association from 2005-2007 and is a former board member of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Relay for Life

A Relay for Life team captains class takes place Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Express.

Lunch will be served. The session will provide information on starting a team and learning about fund raising ideas.

The American Cancer Society calls team captains and team members the "foot-soldiers" in the fight against cancer. Teams are made up of eight to 15 people who share a passion and commitment to raise money throughout the year. The fundraising efforts culminate in the actual Relay for Life event.

The event proves a chance to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease.

For more information, call Jennifer Freiburg at 937-1107 or Sashy Cordone at 937-2775.

Meet the authors

Local authors Wanda Wakkinen, Sandy Riordan, Carol Keys and Shirley Foster will meet the public

for their book, *Sharing Moments over Tea: The Journeys of Four Women*, from 3 to 5 p.m., Saturday, at Coffee and More, 308 Granada, Tularosa.

Authors speak

On March 8, authors Lyn Kidder and Herb Brunell will be the guest speakers at the Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club.

The two co-authored a book portraying a photographic history of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. If you have old photos of Ruidoso, please bring them to show.

Visitors are welcome to attend the meeting at 11 a.m. at 116 S. Evergreen St., 257-2309.

Teague staff visit

The 2nd Congressional District staff of U.S. Congressman Harry Teague will conduct Mobile Office Hours from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., March 9, in Ruidoso.

The mobile session will be at Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr.

Udall staff visit

Staff members for U.S. Sen. Tom Udall, D-N.M., will hold "Udall Serving You" office hours March 9 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Alamogordo City Hall, 1376 E. 9th St., and from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library boardroom, 107 Kansas City Rd.

"If you're having trouble with a federal agency and need assistance with things like veterans' or Social Security benefits, my office is here to help," said Udall. "I encourage you to meet with my staff to review your case and find out what solutions may be available."

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COURTESY

Stash Sisters, left to right, back row: JoAnn Haines, Vivian Lucas and Mary Dokianos; middle row: Gayleen Lenatsch, Vicki Arnold and Marilyn Marcott; front row: Bertie Matheny and Robie Elson.

Quilt donated

Local quilting group The Stash Sisters donated a beautiful handmade quilt and pillow to benefit the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter in Ruidoso Downs. The quilt, which they named

"The Ruidoso Heirloom," was unveiled at HEAL's Heroes with Heart Awards Gala held on Valentine's Day. Tickets for the raffle of the quilt will remain on sale until May 1.

The Stash Sisters are a group of Lincoln County quilters that started about

three years ago.

The top of the quilt was pieced by "somebody's great grandmother," in Ruidoso, using fabrics from the 1930s and '40s.

A friend bought the top at a Ruidoso garage sale in 2009 and gifted it to The Stash Sisters. The top was dirty and stained. They removed the spots and soil, but in the process some squares consisting of light fabric came apart.

Out of respect for the historical value of the top, they put new fabric on top of the damaged one. They applied hexagons on top

of the damaged ones.

In addition, a beautiful handmade pillow was donated. It was embroidered and stitched by a group of women who call themselves "Creaciones del lago," located in Jalisco, Mexico.

For further information about The Stash Sisters, join them when they meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the Ruidoso library at 1 p.m.

Raffle tickets for Ruidoso Heirloom Quilt are on sale now for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. To purchase, please call the Nest at 575-378-6378.

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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
RealFeel: 56° Humidity: 30% Mostly sunny Wind: W 8-16 mph	RealFeel: 59° Humidity: 27% Mostly sunny Wind: S 8-16 mph	RealFeel: 37° Humidity: 55% Showers possible; windy, colder Wind: SW 25-35 mph	RealFeel: 49° Humidity: 33% Sunny to partly cloudy and breezy Wind: W 10-20 mph	RealFeel: 53° Humidity: 33% Mostly sunny Wind: SSW 8-16 mph	RealFeel: 50° Humidity: 28% Partly sunny Wind: WNW 10-20 mph	RealFeel: 54° Humidity: 25% Abundant sunshine Wind: SW 8-16 mph

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National Forecast for March 5, 2010

Legend:
Cold (blue wavy line)
Warm (red wavy line)
Stationary (black wavy line)
Showers (cloud with rain)
T-storms (cloud with lightning)
Rain (cloud with rain)
Flurries (cloud with snowflake)
Snow (cloud with snowflake)
Ice (cloud with ice crystal)

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

Regional Cities

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Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:
High/low 57°/30°
Normal high 55°
Normal low 24°
Record high 70° (2009)
Record low -7° (1971)

Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.12"
Year to date 1.73"
Normal year to date 2.60"

Pollen:
Grass Absent
Trees Moderate
Weeds Absent
Mold Low
Predominant Ash Tree

Source: Eddie L. Gaines, MD, of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic

Alamogordo
Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:
High/low 66°/29°
Normal high 64°
Normal low 36°
Record high 80° (2009)
Record low 12° (1965)

Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.06"
Year to date 1.47"
Normal year to date 1.36"

Weather Trivia™:
Q: Is northern Canada colder than the North Pole?

Sun and Moon

Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:26 a.m./6:03 p.m.
Friday: Moonrise/Moonset none/9:20 a.m.

Moon Phases

Last New First Full
Mar 7 Mar 15 Mar 23 Mar 29

Extremes

Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 78° in Death Valley, CA
Low: -6° in Land O Lakes, WI

Wednesday's World High/Low:
High: 111° in Vioolsdrif, South Africa
Low: -66° in Omolon, Russia

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo	Sat. Hi/Lo
Abilene	62/49/c	62/52/r
Anchorage	36/28/sn	34/16/sn
Atlanta	56/27/s	59/34/s
Austin	67/50/c	68/53/c
Baltimore	44/28/pc	50/28/s
Boston	39/31/pc	48/31/s
Chicago	43/26/s	45/31/pc
Dallas	68/52/c	64/50/c
Denver	50/28/c	53/27/pc
Des Moines	38/26/pc	40/35/i
Detroit	38/20/s	46/26/s
El Paso	68/41/pc	71/44/s
Las Vegas	65/44/pc	64/41/c
Los Angeles	66/50/pc	60/48/i
Minneapolis	38/24/pc	36/30/c
New Orleans	60/41/s	63/44/pc
New York City	42/32/c	46/34/s
Philadelphia	44/28/c	49/30/s
Phoenix	72/52/s	72/51/pc
Reno	48/32/c	48/30/c
San Francisco	58/45/r	57/45/r
San Diego	61/53/pc	61/51/r
Seattle	58/41/c	57/40/pc
Tucson	69/46/s	74/47/pc
Tulsa, OK	64/47/pc	63/46/c
Wash., DC	44/28/pc	51/32/s
Wichita	56/46/r	62/46/c
Yuma	75/51/s	74/48/c

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

Regional Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo	Sat. Hi/Lo
Albuquerque	56/32/s	60/36/s
Artesia	68/35/s	66/44/s
Chama	42/15/pc	49/23/pc
Clayton	59/29/pc	59/33/pc
Cloudcroft	49/25/s	53/25/s
Farmington	49/26/pc	57/36/pc
Hobbs	69/37/pc	70/48/pc
Los Alamos	45/23/s	51/29/pc
Portales	66/34/pc	66/42/pc
Raton	54/19/pc	55/24/pc
Red River	38/11/pc	42/19/pc
Ruidoso	54/34/s	56/33/s
Santa Fe	51/24/s	55/29/pc
Silver City	60/32/s	63/33/s
Taos	52/21/pc	54/26/pc

Mexican Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo	Sat. Hi/Lo
Acapulco	88/70/s	90/72/s
Cancun	77/65/pc	79/59/s
Chihuahua	79/41/s	77/39/pc
Ciudad Juárez	68/41/pc	72/45/s
León	81/46/pc	84/51/c
México, DF	81/45/s	81/46/pc
Monterrey	66/57/s	68/61/c
Morelia	81/50/s	84/52/pc
Oaxaca	88/52/s	90/54/pc
Pto. Penasco	72/52/s	71/49/pc
Tijuana	64/50/pc	61/48/r



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Keep Ruidoso Downs Beautiful committee chair Judy Miller displays the Keep America Beautiful 2009 President's Circle Award. With Miller are committee members Jean Proctor and Brenda Frost.

Downs cleanup

The Great American Cleanup in Ruidoso Downs may be a week-long event. City councilor Gary Williams, who is on the Keep Ruidoso Downs Beautiful committee, said a schedule was being finalized, with a goal of holding the event near the end of March. Committee chair Judy Miller said both a clean up and a recycling opportunity are being planned. The Keep America

Beautiful President's Circle Award for 2009 was recently bestowed on the city. The award recognizes exemplary efforts by affiliates of Keep America Beautiful to reduce litter, minimize waste, and beautify and improve local communities. The city will partake in the Great American Cleanup on Saturday, March 27. Volunteers will meet at the senior center at All American Park at 8 a.m. There will be prizes and food for all the volunteers.

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For more information, or to sign up to attend Udall Serving You office hours in your area, visit Udall's Web site at <http://tomudall.senate.gov/office hours>.

Disney trip

The Humane Society of Lincoln County is participating in the "Give a Day Get a Disney Day" program where volunteers can earn free admission to a Disney theme park during 2010. The Humane Society has volunteer opportunities at both the Shelter and Resale Shop. The Humane Society works to find permanent, loving homes for the abandoned dogs and cats of Lincoln County while providing them with housing and care at the shelter located at 430 Gavilan Canyon. Its Resale shop, located at 147 Hwy. 70 (at the "Y"), provides donated clothes, furniture, appliances and more at affordable prices. For more information, go to [\[disneyday.com\]\(http://www.disneyday.com\) or email Tim Coughlin at \[tim@realwestservices.com\]\(mailto:tim@realwestservices.com\).](http://www.giveadaygeta-</p>
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RHS grad search

Ruidoso High School graduating classes of 1973 through 1980 will stage a class reunion June 18-20. Details are available at www.RuidosoReunion.org. Organizers say they need help. After extensive searching of the Internet, telephone books and other sources, they still are missing the addresses for many classmates.

Anyone who knows the address of any of the classmates, e-mail the information to feedback@Ruidoso-Reunion.org.

For the graduating year 1973, they are looking for Rick Bergeron, Emmalene Botella, Teresa Clower, Tony Corbell, Danny Dean, Darla Harris, Gordon Howell, Mike Hull, Juliet Klein, David McMinn, Filbert Montes, Loretta Moore, Laurie Norman, Doug Perreau, Gary Petree, Susan Reed, Emma Sanchez, Richard Sanchez, Lucy Sil-

va, John Sipes, Kent Skarda, Lonnie Stevenson, Toni Treas, Debbie Tyson and Jerry Wood. For the graduating year 1974, organizers seek contact information for Pat Aguilar, Alvin Anderson, Theresa Apadoca and Richard Baldinell.

New summer event

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce has announced a new event for the summer: the 2010 Summer Celebration at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino, June 19.

For this one-day event the Chamber is partnering with the track for an outdoor festival that will include horse racing, live music, assorted vendors, merchandise, service, theater, dance and arts and crafts. The festival is free to the public all day. Hours will be 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Among the performers will be the Mescalero Drummers and Dancers, Los Mustangs, Cowboy Mafia and Tomás Vigil.

For vendor applications, event schedule or to volunteer, contact Kathy Alexander at 575-257-7395 or kathy@ruidosonow.com.

For more information, contact Kathy at 1-877-RUIDOSO or visit www.RuidosoNow.com

Appliance rebates

Lincoln County and Mescalero residents will be able to replace some older residential appliances with new higher efficiency equipment with the help of the State of New Mexico.

New Mexico will implement a mail-in rebate program to help residents replace older, inefficient appliances with new ENERGY STAR® qualified appliances.

Rebates are tentatively scheduled to be available beginning in April and will continue until funds are depleted. Eligible products include clotheswashers, refrigerators and gas furnaces.

Residents must purchase the appliances from a New Mexico retailer. New Mexico encourages Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs consumers to recycle old refrigerators through existing program offered by the Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM).

Other county residents can transport old refrigerators for recycling at the Greentree Authority yard in Ruidoso Downs. Discarded washers and furnaces may also be transported to the Greentree yard for proper disposal.

Appliance stores in Lincoln County are expected to participate.

For more information, call 575-476-3310 or visit www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ecomd/FederalStimulusPackage.ApplianceRebate.

Training completed

Navy Seaman Recruit Rachelle C. John, daughter of Cora J. and Raymond John of Mescalero, recently

completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, John completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Sta-

tions." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment.

John is a 2006 graduate of Mescalero Apache High School.

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OUR OPINION

Racetrack defined mayoral election

Ray Alborn's minority view resonated

Make no mistake: The Ruidoso mayoral election was less about potholes and zoning than it was about the track issue.

When Mayor-Elect Ray Alborn explicitly opposed a hike in the gross receipts tax to subsidize the racino at Ruidoso Downs, he channeled taxpayer concern over the notion of "corporate welfare."

Second-place finisher Joan Zagone, after a halting start, called for solutions to keep the track without raising taxes. It's the correct call, but it was by definition a vague agenda.

Jim Gibson, third in the voting, clearly supports a tax. Don Williams, as county commissioner, says he'll vote to place the matter on the ballot.

The track issue is not to be confused with anti-R.D. Hubbard sentiment. Jim Stod-

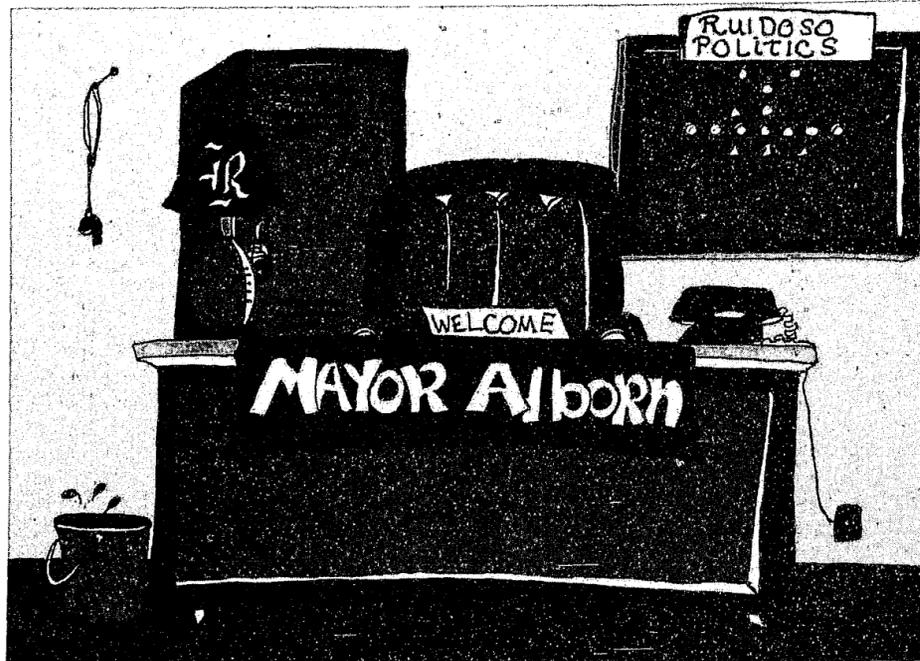
dard, former director of the Hubbard Foundation, easily led seven council challengers.

Every election has its priorities. In a different year, Zagone's optimistic style, Gibson's managerial savvy or Williams' council experience might have prevailed.

In another year, Zagone's ties to the Chamber, lodgers and Realtors; or Gibson's link to Hubbard and Presbyterian Healthcare Services might have carried either to victory.

This is not a season for politics as usual. By taking a stand — one that he figured might doom his chances — Alborn resonated among voters as an independent populist who speaks his mind.

At the Feb. 16 candidates forum that stand, alone, lifted his campaign above an evenly matched field.



YOUR OPINION

Congratulations to the victors

To the editor:

TO MAYOR ALBORN, best wishes and congratulations! To all mayoral candidates, thank you for a clean race. Each of you expanded the conversation and we the citizens of Ruidoso are better off for that.

To Jim Stoddard, Rifle Salas, and Denise Dean, congratulations! You each ran a fair and honest race and are deserving winners. I look forward to work-

ing with you as we move into an uncertain future for our beautiful community.

There will be tough decisions to make, but each of you has the commitment and the courage to make them. I firmly believe Ruidoso's best days are ahead of us.

To the 395 voters who voted for me and to the hundreds of others who said they did, I thank you! I thank Eddie and Dean

Fowler and the staff of The Quarters for the Meet & Greet.

God bless our new mayor and council members and may God continue to bless our wonderful community.

Don E. Dutton
The Dutton Firm, Ltd.
Ruidoso

Editor's note: Council candidate Don Dutton sits on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Alright, folks, step back from the ledge

Until this week, the debate over a proposed tax increase to retain Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino has been waged through a veil of histrionics and hysteria.

During the legislative process in Santa Fe, we went from a "tax parity" movement that was dead on arrival to a bill allowing a "public option" to support a gaming enterprise.

That, according to popular belief, left citizens with two choices: Raise your taxes or lose the cornerstone of your economy.

Gee, thanks. Do we get a painkiller with that?

At which point, proponents dutifully cried the sky would fall should we fail to provide aid to track owner R.D. Hubbard.

And then, by extension, those who opposed a "bailout" on conservative principles were branded as anti-racetrack — or, at the very least, naïve about its economic importance.

Where have we heard this before? Several years ago during the mill levy campaign for the hospital. In the fall of 2008 with President Bush's bailouts. Last year, with more bailouts and mad dashes to pass a stimulus bill, cap-and-trade and healthcare reform.

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In political theater, threats and doomsday scenarios will get your attention just as opportunistic lawmakers concoct a plan — for just \$19.95!

As a community we took a step back from the ledge this week. The mayor's race, while not resolving the track challenge, forced tax supporters to recognize the depth of the backlash. It's not so much that our new mayor opposes a tax hike; by questioning the need, he set in motion the stirrings of a rational, in-depth discussion opponents had been seeking.

Not everyone believes this has to be an either/or proposition, where we all line up and choose sides without so much as a community dialogue.

On the street, people are finally asking questions about this whole arrangement — about track licenses, Hubbard's options and strategy, the Indian Gaming Compact, profit margins, the current state of horse-racing, the track lease and the physical condition of the facility.

We have lots of questions, too. This is a complicated deal. Thus, the *Ruidoso News*, as a newspaper should, is planning to learn as much as possible about an industry — this thing we call gaming — shrouded in codes and regulations, fueled by dreams of big paydays and marked by plenty of wheeling-and-dealing.

And though it probably shouldn't be, this is also about an enigmatic, sometimes controversial figure that has meant much to this community. We hope to strip the dialogue of its emotion and lift it to the plane of education. In so doing, you, the voter, will be informed enough to make the right call in a referendum, should it come to that.

In the process — who knows? — we might even hatch a better plan.

I'm not sure when we will publish our findings. We'll follow trails, track down (pun intended) information and interviews, and then we'll give you plenty of heads-up.

If a referendum is folded into the November general election, the community — all of Lincoln County — has an opportunity, a duty, to move forward without suffering a panic attack.

So step back and chill out. We've a long way to go.

MARTY RACINE hosts the *Front Page, 11 a.m. Fridays on KEDU, 102.3 FM.*



MARTY RACINE

ON SECOND THOUGHT

Track remains issue of the day

To the editor:

IN HOUSE BILL 203, the Board of County Commissioners will be able to implement its first full socialist bill by adopting an ordinance permitting Lincoln County to impose a tax on all business receipts.

This money will allow Ruidoso Downs Race Track to retain revenues, otherwise sent as income taxes to the state, up to \$750,000 per year, or up to \$3.9 million over five years. This takes money out of the pockets of Lincoln County residents and gives it to the owners of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

This bill goes against the grain of a conservative county and free-market thinking. It would impose a sales tax on all businesses, taking money from all residents, no matter if they gamble at the track, and giving it to the track owners with no strings attached.

Yes, even Corona residents will be paying sales taxes that will be given to the owners of the racetrack. This essentially steals money from non-customers, and, like Mafia protection money, implies that the business will be retained.

I hope all other business owners appreciate that they will be collecting this handout. But no socialism for them.

There is an obvious hoax to the bill: HB203 is called a "county business retention gross receipts tax." Fact: There is no guarantee that the track will be financially viable in the future. And there is no guarantee the

handout to the track owners will be reinvested in the track, for HB203 does not require this.

Les Olson
Former Lincoln County
Manager, 1974-1979

To the editor:

I HAVE LIVED in Ruidoso most of my life and have seen the impact that racing has had on the population in the summer and through out the year.

Whether or not you personally attend the races or not, you should know that the summer racing season brings a whole lot of people to town.

Sure, there are people that just visit to enjoy the cool mountain air, but I am sure there are not enough of them to supplement the reduction in visitors that come to watch the races.

Consider not only the jobs that will be lost directly through the closing of the track, permanent or not. How many businesses in town beef up their staff to help deal with the influx of tourists? Those businesses include but are not limited to restaurants, shops downtown, hotels, and other service business.

How many people are going to lose their jobs through the indirect consequences of the reduction in tourists?

All of us who own property and homes in Ruidoso must also consider the long-term effects. There are a great deal of people who own second homes in Ruidoso for the sole purpose of spending the summer at the races. If only half of these people

put their homes on the market, and go buy one in Las Cruces, instead, how are the property values of all the full-time residents going to be affected?

Then you must consider the loss in gross receipts taxes to the communities of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, and how that loss will affect our everyday lives and our towns.

The fact is that whether you like R.D. Hubbard or not, whether you like gambling or not, whether you attend the races or not, if you live in Ruidoso and the surrounding areas, you will be affected by the closing of the racetrack and as citizens we must find a way to preserve the home we love so much and its economy.

Dan Wimberly
Owner
Ski Ruidoso Ski Shop and
Red Raccoon;
General Manager
Ruidoso Jockey Club

To the editor:

KUDOS TO THE Minters for their illuminating letter in the Feb. 26 *Ruidoso News*. Their message highlighted the emotional rhetoric regarding the potential move of the track, a suggested increase in the Gross Receipts Tax (GRT), and a proposed four-year university on the Spencer lands.

It is unfair to impose a tax on everyone for a private entity that everyone does not utilize or on those who do not derive a benefit from said enterprise.

Richard & Mary Samuels
Alto

Governor candidates in town

To the editor:

THE LINCOLN County Tea Party Patriots invite everyone to a gubernatorial candidate forum Saturday at the Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club, #1 Country Club Dr, in Alto.

Doors will open at noon and the forum will begin at 1 p.m. It's expected to run about two hours.

Janice Arnold-Jones, Allen Weh, Susanna Martinez and Pete Domenci Jr. have accepted invitations to attend. Doug

Turner is unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts.

Diane Denish was also invited but declined.

The audience can participate by submitting questions to a screening panel.

Candidates for lieutenant governor, state commissioner of public lands, the Public Regulatory Commission and attorney general will have tables and be available to visit with voters.

For those interested, we will

also shoot videos that will be uploaded to iamtheteaparty-leader.com.

A Tea Party fundraising effort will include raffling tickets to win a deer rifle. Fresh-baked bread from the wood-fired Adobe Bakehouse will also be sold.

We hope you attend to learn more about the candidates.

Terry Franklin
Sally Moore
Glynis Racine
Alto/Captain

ALBORN

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have anticipated the flood (in July 2008). There were such enormous problems. I wondered (election night) if something like that will define what I've done. The things the staff and council confronted were huge problems they couldn't have anticipated."

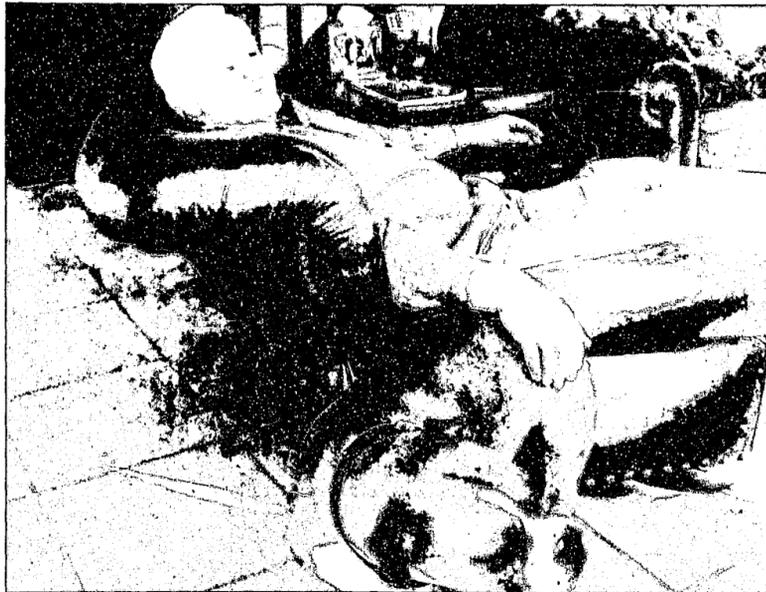
When Village Manager Debi Lee congratulated him at his victory party Tuesday, "I said I appreciated it, but what do I do now? She's done this before and I'm not too proud to say I don't have all the answers and to lean on her heavily." The previous council should be happy they brought Lee here from Hobbs, he said.

To those who contend his election was tied to a backlash against a proposal to ask voters to impose a special gross receipts tax to help keep Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino in Lincoln County, Alborn said the tax question definitely played a role.

"I think it evolved around the increase proposed in GRT and that leads to the track," he said. "I tried to be clear that I have nothing against the track or (the owner R.D. Hubbard), but this is not the time for any tax increase."

"We've seen people at the (Lincoln County) food bank really struggling on a small amount of money and they are seeing their utility bills increasing." Alborn and wife, Sue, operate the food bank as volunteers.

The village, while financially sound, also faces tight economic times, he said. The overriding theme in staff meetings he attended was how money can be saved and still maintain services for citi-



Mayor Ray and Windy relax at home

zens, Alborn said.

Two of the big appointments he faces are filling the police chief vacancy and reseating the planning and zoning commission, which is down to two members, Don Dutton and Beth Hood, because of recent resignations, the expiration of a term and Alborn's election as mayor.

"We have five positions open on P&Z to fill," he said. "When Nunley called me about serving, I said I had no engineering background and he said the main thing needed was common sense. I think the people who stepped up to run should have an opportunity to serve and I'll offer and hope the council approves."

As he readies to take the oath of office Monday, Alborn said his general philosophy for the village is not anti-growth, as some critics described him.

"I think we need to look at a project's value to our community," he said. "Some in the past had none."

"I intend to listen to the people who elected me. I want to hear from them."

What they say may not be what I want to hear, but I will be open-minded. I intend to call on the expertise of the people here in the village and I believe we can save money on consultants that way with some precautions."

He's in sync with Lee's hiring freeze, Alborn said. "We were losing people and no one was trained to fill in. Debi cross-trained so now someone there is doing the job and that's critical."

As for his management style, the mayor-elect said, "Let staff work, but watch them and be available to residents. I might not make everyone happy, but it pays to listen or the problems get more exaggerated."

In listening, Alborn has heard that residents are unhappy with the high wastewater treatment monthly fees; that a disaster escape route from Upper Canyon is favored; they are worried about the safety of Grindstone Dam; they want a solid qualified appointment for police chief; and they want to find out the future of the

race track once and for all, and plan for other options, if the track and casino no longer will operate in neighboring Ruidoso Downs.

"They talk about diversification and outdoor recreation," he said. "All I had to do to believe in the great opportunity there was to attend the meeting of the International Mountain Biking Association (that is designing a trail system for the village) and listen to the numbers they put out. It was phenomenal, and with a low capital investment."

"We also have two grants to pursue a River Walk Trail that Jim Stoddard (village councilors re-elected Tuesday) pursued, and we have to protect the river. Debbie Jo (Almager, village parks and recreation director) has huge baseball and softball tournaments lined up for the summer and that's a phenomenal source of money."

Being a coach. I'd like to try to get a high school coaching clinic here. They would bring their wives and kids, who would spend

money, and they'd play golf."

Almager delivered some potential good news at the Wednesday staff meeting, he said. Fort Bliss and Holloman officials are considering using Ruidoso as a rest and recreation destination for the 45,000 troops to be stationed there. That means the Military Appreciation Week, begun a few years ago, should become more valuable.

"People come here because of the climate, the mountains, the wildlife, and the snow in the winter," Alborn said. "We need to sell the devil out of it, because once they come, they're hooked and they want to come back."

As former coach at Rice University, he knows the effectiveness and value of working together, and when opinions differ, at least, respecting differing views. He credited Nunley with establishing an atmosphere of mutual respect on the council that seemed to be lacking in previous administration.

Alborn also pledged openness and communication, not only with residents but with councilors.

"At the Wednesday meeting, that was part of the discussion, getting information to the councilors and making sure they are informed," he said. "You get secretive and people start asking what's going on. I think we really need to be open and let people see and know what's happening."

Having dealt with multiple assistant coaches, hundreds of players and their parents, Alborn said he's fairly adept at juggling egos, soothing feelings and convincing people of the value of working together.

"You've got to make sure when you walk out of a room that everybody is on the same page," he said.

"Sometimes it's difficult and it may not happen, but that's what I strive for."

As a university coach, he's worked with big budgets before and supervised nearly 100 players at a time; he's dealt with media, served as a public relations spokesman and conducted press conferences.

"I think all of that will be helpful," he said. "You have to sell your program to citizens, coaches, kids and the people in town. You learn to respect the opinions of other coaches, but in the end, you also have to make some final decisions."

He learned the value of coaches through personal experience when his high school coach stepped in as a father-figure in his youth, Alborn said. "He was a savior to me. He was on me all the time about everything in the world. That's why coaches are so important, especially when there is no male in a home. They furnish discipline and image. I believe kids want discipline, as long as it is fair."

He decided to run for mayor as a way to continue to help the community in addition to the food bank and beyond the zoning commission, Alborn said. His son and daughter were excited about their father running, but he didn't declare until he was sure it would not interfere with visits to his 97-year-old father-in-law, who was like a father to him.

His own father wasn't a presence in his life after a divorce, and he was raised by his mother, a woman of strength and dedication, he said.

"She taught me that I better know how to work and to stand on my own two feet and not depend on anyone else," he said.

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HOME

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the adults will be referred from the courts. Carmona said he will not be a court-mandated treatment. He is aiming to help young people before they end up in court. However, some could be on probation. "I will not discriminate, but they all will be from this community," he emphasized.

Seven churches are involved, he claimed. Most of the clients will be brought to the program by their parents and they will be looking and ready for help.

"I will do screening," Carmona said. "We don't want people we don't think we can help."

An estimated staff of 12 will include a night watchman, he said.

Commissioner Bill Hirschfeld asked what program model Carmona will use. Carmona replied he needs to take care of zoning and licensing issues first, and hasn't settled on an exact approach, but a religious element will be involved.

Hood said because the property is owned by TAD Investments, which is composed of three partners, including Carmona, the commission should have proof of the agreement of the other principals.

The people in treatment will work to stay productive, but not at regular jobs, Carmona said. They will volunteer to clean gutters and help senior citizens as a community service, he

said. Several already attend meetings conducted by his group and helped remove snow during the recent big storms, he said.

Three neighbors voiced their objections to the proposal.

Janine and Ronnie Perry said their family has owned the property next door for 58 years and they want to feel safe in their own home. When they spoke to others in the area, they found no one in favor, they claimed, saying several elderly couples and families with young children live in the area. They worry about drug addicted clients breaking into houses looking for money to buy their drugs, they said.

They called the state Department of Children, Youth and Families that morning and were told the department had no record of any correspondence or applications from Eota, Perry said.

"There's quite an extensive application you have to go through (for a group home), she said. "I didn't contact the adult division because I thought he was talking about minors. (The state official) said the state is stopping support of group homes and moving to an out-patient type treatment."

Perry said whether minors or adults are treated, a therapist must be in charge.

Bob Bird, a resident of the mobile home park, also opposed the application. He said his grandchildren could not visit him, if the group home was established.

Business owner Jennie Dorgan, a resident who closely watches planning and zoning activities, said quite possibly a sex offender could be among those being treated and the home would be inviting him into that community.

Dutton said while her words ring true, federal laws dictate that group homes cannot be denied without some basis other than neighbor objections.

Dorgan asked if Carmona and his company would alert overnight rentals using the park that the group home exists.

"I would assume I'm protected (by renting a space in the park), but with mixed usage, how are you going to make me safe?" she asked. Dutton replied that someone staying in a motel has no assurance of safety.

"But they aren't living there," Dorgan shot back.

"Your job is the health, safety and welfare of the public."

Carmona said his company dropped the idea of nightly rentals, but sex offenders can happen anywhere. "If we start it and a problem develops, we will stop it as quickly as we started it," he promised.

Hirschfeld was bothered that Carmona presented no real guidelines for who would be accepted into the program. Carmona said the state has rules they would follow.

"They are still in the community whether they live here or elsewhere in Ruidoso and they will continue to be a problem unless we can step in and help," he said.

Hirschfeld also noted that one property owner who lives in California contended the notice of the meeting was inadequate. Every time the commission

handles something controversial, that complaint always seems to crop up, he said.

Village Attorney Dan Bryant assured him the village has proof of mailing, and if commissioners prefer, could require proof of delivery, although that would be more expensive.

Deputy Village Manager Morris said some people refuse to pick up the letters that require proof of delivery. "They don't want to know what the village is sending," he said.

Hirschfeld said while he thinks the residential treatment idea is good, there are health, safety and welfare issues. But Dutton, an attorney, said when they accepted the assignment to serve as commissioners, it meant they have to make some tough decisions.

"The 'not in my neighborhood' argument is no

foundation to deny," he said. He told Carmona he would feel more comfortable if the age range was limited to 18-22, instead of up to 30 years.

After a closed executive session with Bryant, commissioners returned and approved the motion to grant the conditional use permit. The action is final and does not go to the village council, Bryant said.

Conditions attached to approval include that the applicant must submit sealed architectural drawings to the building department for approval before a building permit can be issued; the facility can't be opened until a certificate of occupancy is received from the village; and copies of state permits for operating a group homes must be submitted to the village before a CO is issued.

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BUSINESS

Zia Natural Gas at odds over customer late fees

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A proposal to exempt some utility customers from late fees solicited a response from Zia Natural Gas Company.

In February, Community Action New Mexico (CANM), a statewide association of community action agencies, asked the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) to cut late fees for utility customers whose accounts are not subject to collection or shutoff for regulatory reasons. In addition, CANM called for late fees to not be assessed on those who meet the qualifications to receive assistance under the Low Income Home Energy As-

sistance Program (LI-HEAP).

The consumer advocacy association noted in a 2006 PNM natural gas rate case that the PRC directed the exemptions.

"The commission extended that order to PNM's electric operation in 2008," the CANM filing stated. "Moreover, Zia Natural Gas Company agreed to comply with the order in its 2008 rate case."

But Zia's manager of regulatory affairs, Mercedes Fernandez-Wells, told the PRC that statement is incorrect.

"Zia agreed to lower its late payment charge to eight percent per year, but did not agree to exempt low income customers from

imposition of the late payment fee, and the commission did not order Zia to do so."

Zia's response stated there is no clear PRC policy or intent to provide certain protections only to low income utility customers.

"Zia did not participate in the PNM rate case, and therefore does not know the basis for the commission's decision to exempt PNM low income electricity customers from the imposition of late fees," said Fernandez-Wells. "In Zia's rate case, Zia would not agree to such discriminatory treatment."

Zia's division manager Leslie Graham previously testified that "late payment fees are a legitimate tool

used by nearly all industries, not just energy companies, to compensate for the increased costs resulting from being forced to carry debt on their books. Rather than raise base rates to all customers to cover those carrying costs, late payment charges should be borne by those customers who fail to pay on time."

Zia agreed with another New Mexico utility, Southwestern Public Service Company, that CANM's proposal be rejected, or as suggested by New Mexico Gas Company and PNM, that such decisions regarding late payment fees be determined in individual utility ratemaking cases.

CANM has also asked

the PRC to forbid utilities from disconnecting service without providing written notice to the residents in cases where bills go to a different location, such as a landlord.

Zia responded there was no substantive argument provided by CANM to support the proposal.

A third proposed set of changes would require utilities to collect additional data and determine the impacts of things like the winter moratorium on shut-offs, a reduction in late fees, and increasing electric and gas prices.

Zia responded that some of the more than 20 specific categories would be burdensome and sometimes impossible to isolate. The

additional reporting requests were labeled "overly ambitious" by Zia.

"There is no showing that commission staff is capable or prepared to undertake such extensive economic and policy analyses of the mounds of data that CANM seeks to have generated by the regulated gas and electric utilities," said Fernandez-Wells.

"If CANM desires to collect data concerning utility consumption and payment patterns among low income households in the state, then the agencies whose clients are low income consumers should be able to collect such information directly from those clients."

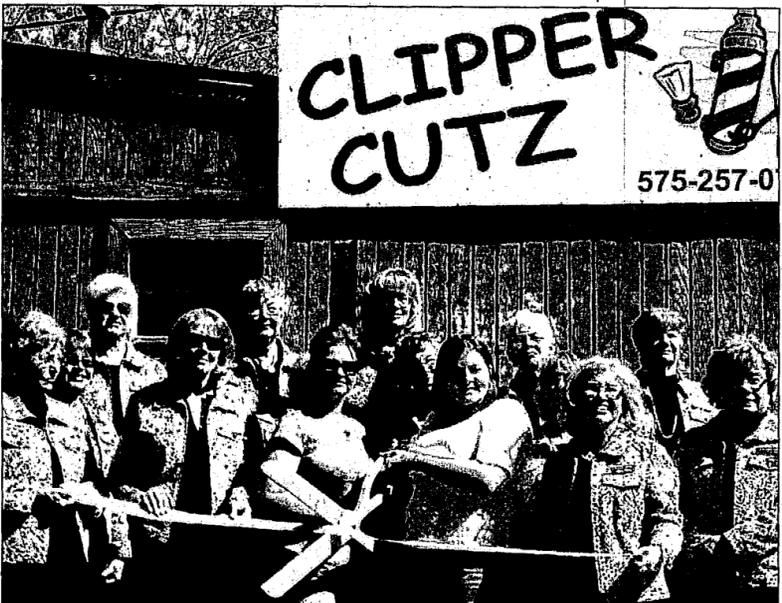
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NEW BUSINESS



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Opened a month ago, Austin Floral Design Studio owner Jeffery Austin cuts the ribbon as the Ruidoso Valley Greeters welcome his shop to Ruidoso. The floral store is located in the Camelot Castle at 101 Crown Drive.



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Clipper Cutz owner Jennifer Sanchez, right of scissors, and her aunt Carla Waugh, left, are surrounded by the Ruidoso Valley Greeters Thursday. The shop opened on Jan. 11. Clipper Cutz is located at 1302 Sudderth Dr., next to Johnston Jewelers.

Chamber board nominations due

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce is seeking community-minded leaders interested in serving on the organization's board of directors.

The primary purpose of a director is to bring personal and professional expertise to support the mission of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and represent this body and the community in a leadership capacity.

The responsibility of the directors is to shape the direction of the Chamber's goals and assist with their implementation. To ensure fair representation of the business community, the board consists of twelve elected directors representing 10 different business councils. The terms are for three years.

Four positions are available with representation in the Non-Profit/Government, Healthcare, Retail, and Lodging business councils.

One member from each of these four business councils will be elected during the Chamber's annual election in March.

Interested individuals

should contact the Chamber by 5 p.m., on Friday, March 12.

"This has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my professional career. I was a bit intimidated at first, but realized the cooperation and camaraderie of working for the betterment of Ruidoso creates an incredible driving force," said outgoing board member, Anne Reveley, who is planning to run for another term.

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce is also seeking nominations to recognize the incredible service from individuals and businesses that make Ruidoso such a wonderful community.

Nominees for the Citizen/Volunteer of the Year award should be an individual who has given unselfishly to a worthy cause within the region.

Last year's nominees included winner Tom McElligot, Kathleen Kennedy, Jodee Damron, and Cookie Rodriguez.

Nominees for the Hn' Zhu' Ne' Beautification Award should be those Chamber member busi-

nesses who have improved their store front or property through remodeling or new construction this past year.

Last year's nominees were winner First Savings Bank, Lincoln County Medical Center and Ruidoso River Museum.

"The Chamber is about service and we want to recognize those individuals who have gone above and beyond the norm. We hope to see a long list of nominees presented each year," stated President-Elect Glenda Duncan.

Submit a letter with nomination, details of their accomplishments, and your contact information by Friday, March 12, to the Chamber offices.

Elections for the Chamber Board of Directors will take place March 15-31, with a mailed ballot to the membership.

The ballot will include voting for the coveted Hn' Zhu' Ne' Business Beautification and the Citizen/Volunteer of the Year awards.

Contact the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at 575-257-7395 for more information.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Blue Bell

Blue Bell ice cream is now available in Ruidoso.

The Brenham, Texas, company first began distributing its products to locally in mid-February.

The ice cream can be purchased in Ruidoso at Lawrence Brothers IGA and Thriftway Super-market.

Blue Bell ice cream, light ice cream, sherbet, frozen yogurt, no-sugar-added Blue Bell, Blue Bell Frozen Snacks and all other products in the company's 250-product lineup

will be distributed directly to food stores in Ruidoso in Blue Bell trucks.

The company's direct store delivery program means that no one other than a Blue Bell employee handles the product from the time it is made until it reaches the grocery shelf. The company said that ensures that consumers get the freshest possible ice cream.

New name

First Federal Bank is being renamed Washington Federal as part of a larger corporate effort beginning this year.

Washington Federal acquired First Federal Bank in February 2007, and had continued to oper-

ate the 13 branches in New Mexico under the First Federal name since that time.

Branches in Lincoln County are at 398 Sudderth Dr. in Ruidoso and 100 Smokey Bear Blvd. in Capitan.

The company's First Federal signs are being replaced with the new Washington Federal brand identity at all the New Mexico branches, and eventually at 160 locations across eight western states.

"Our signs are new, but very little else will change," said Hal Bailey, senior vice president and New Mexico division manager.

The New Mexico division is the first to install the new signs and lobby merchandising.

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ETZ

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lage were working on revamping the ETZ. "But that kind of slowed down because of the elections. Someone said 'Hey, we might want to wait here a little bit and see what's going to happen with the (village) council before we spend a lot of time on it.'"

Temple said discussions on the ETZ may resume with a new mayor and two new councilors.

"Another problem that comes up with the ETZ is you have an ordinance, but you have to follow maps for the zoning," said Temple. "Zoning does not take effect unless you have a map identifying each of the zones and what the people can expect in their zones. Maps were never updated for the Village of Ruidoso so there's been a big problem with the mapping."

Temple said that has brought limited enforcement by the village resulting in a lot of mixed uses, such as a business next to a residence.

During the past decade the village has annexed areas, pushing out the one mile ETZ boundary. The village is currently working to define the boundaries.

"Enforcement seems to be the biggest problem," said Lincoln County Planning Commissioner Jennie Dorgan. "Can we look forward to more enforcement?"

Temple responded the village is heading in that direction.

"It will really help them in moving along when they want to expand the boundaries of the village," said Temple.

"Taking from what you're saying, it's to their advantage to continue it, and so the idea that it would be cancelled is not a probability," said Tom Hansen, the chair of the county's planning commission.

Temple agreed, and added that when the ETZ was first created the village said they would cover all the costs and enforcement, and the county was without any administrative duties. But in 2004 the village asked for financial assistance from the county, which led to a battle that came close to disbanding the ETZ.

Another enforcement issue is cases that end up in court, said Temple.

"If they go out and send one of their (code enforcement) officers or one of their planning people out, how do they enforce their ordinance? That was never addressed before," said Temple.

"You can't take someone in the county into municipal court because they're a county resident. That would be like Ruidoso police coming into the county and pulling you over for speeding. They can't do it." Ruidoso's deputy village manager mostly agreed with the ETZ issues.

"Maps need to be updated," said Bill Morris. "Taking someone from outside the village into municipal court is a question we're wrestling with. Enforcement issues have to be clarified. There are structural things as well."

Morris said the village will sit down with county staff and the county's attorney to get the issues rectified.

Temple felt the village will begin to move on the

Bill to aid ENMU Cedars Campus stalls

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A measure that would have helped pave the way toward establishing an ENMU-Ruidoso satellite campus near the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts in Alto fell short in the New Mexico House of Representatives.

Senate Joint Resolution 12 would grant the state's Cultural Affairs Department the authority to lease property given to the state in 2008 by the Jacqueline Spencer Morgan Trust.

The 139-acre site

includes the incomplete home that Spencer planned to move into prior to her death in 2003.

While the resolution cleared the New Mexico Senate unanimously last month, it failed to get beyond the House Voters and Elections Committee.

Next year

"Clearly the legislation ran out of time," said ENMU-Ruidoso President Clayton Alred. "There were a lot of matters that didn't make it. It means it will be reintroduced a year from now."

Alred said that the

process of establishing the Cedars Campus will take time.

"The expansion of the campus has always been seen as a long-term process."

The proposed lease had been reviewed by the state's Higher Education Department's Capital Outlay Committee in January.

Several contingencies were placed on the project, which included: The New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs ownership of the building; legislative approval for the lease, Eastern New Mex-

ico University's inclusion of Capitan in the taxing district; ENMU submitting a local general obligation bond to support 50 percent of the renovation of the building; and no plant nor operation and maintenance funding will be supplied for the building until it is run as an instructional facility.

"A phone survey of voters in Lincoln County outside the ENMU-Ruidoso district showed responses were positive to being included," Alred said of the required local funding in addition to state support.

ETZ issues because it's of more benefit to Ruidoso than the county.

"But if it's not enforced, or enforced in partials, and you get back to as a citizen, my point was 'why?'" said

Planning Commissioner Nora Midkiff.

Temple responded that question should be directed at elected officials.

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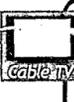
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At the end of a long, snowy winter, spring is in the air, about two weeks before the calendar date. It's been so nice that golfers George Spence, Phil Lane and John Castruccio took to the Links of Sierra Blanca on Thursday. Temperatures on Wednesday and Thursday climbed into the upper 50s in Ruidoso. The National Weather Service said high temperatures should rise into the 50s at least through Wednesday. At lower elevations, readings into the 60s are expected. The average high for early March in Ruidoso is in the mid-50s.

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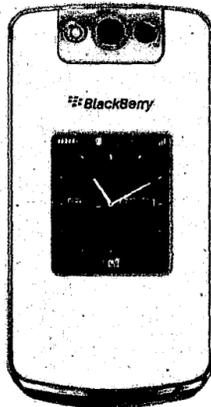
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County groups receive grants

Two Lincoln County organizations were among 18 nonprofits statewide that received grant awards for 2010 from HELP-New Mexico, Inc. in Albuquerque through the Compassion Capital Fund.

HELP-New Mexico, Inc. is a statewide, faith-based, community action agency whose mission is to create self-sufficiency and provide economic opportunities to strengthen families throughout New Mexico.

About \$660,000 has been awarded in New Mexico during the life of the program aimed at building non-profit agencies' capacity to accomplish community work and serve families in need.

Since 2007, HELP-NM has utilized this grant to provide opportunity to 49 agencies in more than 16 counties.

This year's recipients and the counties in which they are based include:

- Carrizozo Assembly of God, Lincoln County
- Southwestern Arts Alliance, Lincoln County
- HELP-NM administers the Bienvenidos Building Bridges Initiative, which has two intertwined capacity building components, a capacity grant award and training and technical assistance component.

HELP-NM staff, along with consultants provide one-on-one technical assistance to increase the organization's self-sufficiency and grow the capacity to serve their community.

Group training seminars are also offered which are open to any non-profit agency with or without a 501 (c) (3). Technical assistance and training seminars will be provided.

For a list of training sessions, contact Gary Larsh, Training and TA Manager at 505-766-4917 or log onto the Web site at www.help-nm.com.

- Dianne Stallings

District attorneys gather at Inn of the Mountain Gods

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In what could be described as a defense attorney's nightmare, all of the district attorneys and their staffs from across New Mexico converged for a conference Tuesday at the Inn of the Mountain Gods on the Mescalero Apache Reservation adjoining Ruidoso.

Besides attending various training courses offering at the New Mexico District Attorneys Association conference, they were there for the official launch of the Victim's Information and Notification Program and to hear about the revitalization of the National District Attorneys' Association from President and Keynote Speaker Christopher Chiles.

Kelly Kuenstler, director of the NMDAA, said the new VINE program was

initiated to ensure notification to victims about offenders' court hearings, releases, changes of status and sentencing. Notification will be handled by telephone, e-mail and soon by text messaging, she said.

The first VINE program was initiated in 1993, after the death of 21-year-old Mary Byron in Louisville, Ky. An ex-boyfriend murdered her the night of her birthday, shortly after his release from jail. Neither Mary nor her family were notified in advance of his release.

One year later, the first automated notification program began in the hope such a tragedy would never happen again, Kuenstler said. Today, 37 states use some form of the program. In New Mexico, Doña Ana County was the first, with the victim's advocate, district attorney and detention center staff leading the



RICHARD FLORES, PRESIDENT NMDAA

way in a pilot program, she said.

A grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance will help take the program statewide and add prison-related notification.

Victims and their families can register to be notified, she said. They also can

call 365 days a year to check status.

"One woman calls every night before going to bed to be reassured about the status of a family member who molested her," Kuenstler said.

Socorro will be the next county enrolled, followed

by Cibola and Sandoval/Valencia.

"We hope to have all jails involved in the next several months," she said. Within 18 months, an automated prison notification system should be in place.

Currently in many counties, victim advocates carry the notification load, "but help is on the way," Kuenstler said.

Ron Gathright from the VINE program in Louisville traveled to New Mexico to help organize and start the program. He told the audience, "I think it is a wonderful program and you soon will hear a lot about it."

During the awards segment of the program, Third Judicial District Attorney Susana Martinez was named Prosecutor of the Year. Martinez, who is running for the Republican Party's gubernatorial nomination, was first elected district

attorney in Doña Ana County in 1996 and has been re-elected twice.

Other awards were presented for Law Enforcement Prosecutor, which recognizes support given to law enforcement agencies, to Leslie Fernandez of the 8th Judicial District covering Colfax, Taos and Union counties; Community Service Prosecutor, which recognizes help provided to the community, to Rick Wellborn of the 3rd Judicial District; Legal Impact Prosecutor, meant to note prosecutors who've had a "significant and positive" effect on the law, to Nicole Moss of the 2nd Judicial District covering Bernalillo County; and Rookie Prosecutor of the Year, awarded to people with less than two years experience, to Beth Watson of the 5th Judicial District, covering Chaves, Eddy and Lea counties.

Architect briefs councilors on convention center renovation

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The architect handling renovation of the Ruidoso Convention Center walked village councilors through each element of the first change order on the project totaling \$55,185.

In her memorandum last week, Village Manager Debi Lee reminded councilors they awarded a contract for renovation to Jack Wayte for \$1,295,065. A contingency budget of \$71,329 was set up for change orders. With approval of the change order, \$16,425 is left in that fund, she said. The biggest cost is the technological equipment not included in the original bid needed to attract more conventioners to the facility.

"It will allow us the electric and wiring to do the (information technology)," she said. "I want to be able to bring my jump drive and plug it in, and to be able to purchase other equipment."

The work at the center should wind up in April or May, said Steve Newby, the architect from Steve Newby Architects and Associates based in Las Cruces. Councilor Greg Cory worried about delays and their negative impacts on a major annual emergency services convention in April that brings 1,200 people to the village.

Cory asked if sales representatives are using the remodeling and new technology available in attracting more conventions. "Are

they going out to trade shows and talking up our new (facilities)?" he queried.

Lee said she's confident that's being done. The cost of the IT is anticipated to be offset by the fees to use the equipment, she said.

Councilor Jim Stoddard said he's all for the additional equipment, but was concerned about the time extension to finish the work. "Can it be shortened?" he asked.

Lee said she's optimistic Wayte will deliver before the end of a 48-day extension, more in line with the original contract date.

"We're very nagging about the budget, he will tell you," she said. "He's been great to work with. I don't usually say that about (contractors). He looks for solutions," when thrown unexpected problems. "I really like this guy. He does a nice job and what's intended, without running up the cost."

Newby agreed, saying he's worked with many cities and counties on projects in new Mexico. By far this has been, "one of the best jobs I've ever had," because of the people assigned to the project, Newby said. Lee forced him to come up at least once a week and the local staff team assigned would match any in larger cities and better. He called the work site, the most coordinated he's ever seen, congratulating Wayte for keeping the workplace clean, even during demolition.

As for the unexpected twists thrown at the contractor from the old building, resulting in changes and extra charges on the job, the first was the discovery of mold in three meeting rooms, where leaks occurred soaking into insulation. The mold turned out to be nontoxic, but took three weeks to test and remove, and replace material at a cost of \$6,000.

While stripping away wall material back to sheetrock in the hallway, molded plywood was found, tile had to be replaced in the staff lounge vending room and a separate vending space was created that can be locked when catered events are scheduled.

They discovered the concrete subcontractor 30 years ago left uneven floors in the hallway with different finishes. After trying a

few other approaches to remove the material, they eventually skim-coated the floor to even it, Newby said.

The ceiling in all three meeting rooms had to be demolished and a great deal of structural steel added for stability. Once the ceiling was down, workers had to figure out a plethora of piping, he said.

A few items resulted in cutting \$1,500 from the project, but most were additions, including replacing the carpet in the men's restroom with tile.

One of the technological additions will add project screens and mounts in the ceiling of each meeting room, to eliminate piles of electrical cords. Visitors will have four different ways to access power point projectors, Newby said, adding, "This gets you into the next generation tech-

nology."

In the lobby, large posts and a big fireplace are part of the dramatic design to impress people as they come through the main doors. But Wayte didn't bid some of the details correctly and his company will absorb that additional cost, which is two-thirds of the entire change order, or an extra \$30,000 of the company's money, Newby said.

"That goes to the core of the issue of fairness," Newby said. Granting delay days is fair when the delays are no fault of a company, such as the mold issue, which could have been deadly.

"We believe he still will meet the contract deadline," Newby said. "You have a very motivated contractor. Your village manager starts each meeting with him by saying, Did I

mention we have no money and did I mention, you have to finish early?"

He said with mostly exterior and roof work left after this stage is finished, the remaining \$16,000 contingency should cover any additional change orders.

Councilor Ron Hardeman said village staff should invite convention planners to the center to see the improvements.

"I think then they will appreciate the inconvenience when they see the state of art facility," he said.

Mayor L. Ray Nunley thanked Hardeman and Councilor Angel Shaw for riding herd on the project since its inception. "They've done a magnificent job of making the convention center a great place to go."

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Jim & Jean Stoddard

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Local nursing delegation goes to China

BARBARA MADER, RN, CHTP, RM
For the Ruidoso News

I recently traveled to China with 20 other nurse ambassadors for the purpose of collaborating with Chinese professionals, exchanging ideas, and strengthening relationships and understanding between the two cultures.

The delegation was sponsored by the People to People Ambassador Program and by the Nightingale Initiative for Global Health (NIGH).

NIGH is a world-wide, nurse inspired movement created to increase global awareness of the priority of health for both ourselves and for the survival of our planet. This goes hand in hand with HMHC's mission statement of personal and planetary wholeness.

The delegation was led by the foremost authority on Florence Nightingale, international, award-winning author, Dr. Barbara Dossey.

The six delegation venues allowed a wide range of experiences from meeting with a well-known nurse-member of the Communist Party who advises the Party on health issues, to meeting with nurses and physicians who lived and worked, cross-culturally, among the poor in rural areas. The delegation traveled within China from Beijing to Guilin, and from Guilin to Shanghai, over the course of ten days.

The Chinese government recognizes its top nurses with Florence Nightingale Awards, the most respected nursing recognition given in China. We American nurses were honored to be treated with the same respect in a culture that values education, experience, age, wisdom, and the role of nursing.

The Li River cruise was a trip to remember with gorgeous Karst peaks giving us surprises with each

river bend. We saw things like water buffalo patrolling the fields, peasants reaping rice in the paddies, school kids and fishermen floating by on bamboo rafts. I enjoyed the river's breathtaking scenery and the taste of lives far removed from the concrete metropolis we just came from, and to which we would return too soon. For those 6-7 hrs, I felt I was in paradise.

Walking across Tiananmen Square on a Saturday morning was quite an experience. This was where I first felt the energy and love of the Chinese people. We must have been quite a sight ourselves: 20 or so Americans following our guide's flag as he lead us from place to place within the Square, and then let us roam on our own for a time before gathering us again to move on to the Forbidden City. It was during the time on our own that I connected with the people. Families would come up to us wanting to photograph their children with us. They wanted to touch my white hair (elders are honored in China), and for me to touch their children. It seemed that they were having fun taking pictures of us taking pictures. To me their energy felt calm, respectful, curious, open and accepting of us as we walked among them on that Saturday morning.

This experience didn't feel at all like what I had come to expect from our regular media about China and her people.

In the professional realm, there were several memorable experiences. One was the realization that Chinese Nurse Association (CNA) is similar to our ANA. Only it seems that Chinese Nurses are in charge of nursing, sitting at the table with the doctors and hospital administrators making nursing decisions. Nurses report to nurses. They

seem to have a strong team support system of nurses.

We were very pleased to see that the Chinese hospitals and clinics offer Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) as a normal logical choice right along with western medicine. The patients have the choice of either or both methods for their own best outcomes. Spinal cord injuries, brain injuries, and Parkinson's were being successfully treated with stem cells. In some ways they are ahead of our system.

TCM is a healing system that was developed in China more than 2,000 years ago. I am encourage about efforts to integrate it with Western medicine here in the US. An integrated East-West approach has been successfully practiced in China since about 1958, when Chairman Mao began encouraging all medical colleges in China to include both Western medicine and TCM in their curricula. Around this time, most provinces in China established schools, led by TCM masters, to teach traditional methods using modern science. This combined approach uses the best of each system to offset the deficits of the two systems. Western medicine excels at fighting germs with antibiotics and malignant tumors with surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation.

But the Western approach does disappointingly little to promote health and well-being. In contrast, Chinese medicine specializes in supporting the good, using a variety of techniques to strengthen the body's defenses and enhance its capacity to heal itself and maintain wellness. TCM views the human body as a group of interconnected systems involving the body, mind, and spirit. The key to health is harmonious and balanced functioning of all



Barbara Mader with Chinese student nurses who are proudly displaying their Nightingale commemorative coins. COURTESY

systems. As we visited hospitals it was evident that they have successfully and skillfully integrated TCM with Western medicine. And the winner is the patient who does not have to choose one or the other, but gets the best of both worlds. We saw chemo patients also getting acupuncture and Chinese herbs. Stem cell treatment is being used successfully for brain and spinal injuries. One of the most interesting events was when we went on rounds with a DOM (Doctor of Oriental Medicine) as she explained the diagnosis and treatment of some of her patients.

Another highlight was being able to gift each of the nurses we met with the Florence Nightingale coins created by two nurse entrepreneurs in our delegation.

This gifting of the Nightingale coins was a highlight at every venue for both the American delegates and the Chinese nurses.

With the influence of Florence Nightingale on nursing education and practice in China, there

was an immediate respect for the gift and the ceremony by the Chinese.

It was so inspiring to experience the vibrancy with which Nightingale lives in the hearts and minds of Chinese nurses. With Nightingale as our common heritage, our nurse to nurse connections were instantaneous, soulful beyond words ... eternal gratitude.

It is China's 100th year of professional nursing. Every year, the President of China awards Florence Nightingale Medals to nurses, who contribute greatly to China's health services.

Florence Nightingale is well respected across China. They call her "Nan Ting Ger." Every nursing student in China reads a short essay in English, about her as they begin their nursing lessons.

Our delegation met as strangers that night at the airport, but we soon became family traveling together as a unit. What a group we were, all holistic nurses on a mission under the leadership of my friend and colleague, Dr Barbara

Dossey, one of the founding mothers of AHNA (American Holistic Nurses) more than 20 yrs ago. We were having our own traveling workshop as we would share nursing experiences. It was amazing how many started their own projects or businesses in 1992. That was the year I created High Mesa Healing Center.

This trip was a life-changing experience for me for several reasons.

Spending 13 days with 20 other like minded nurses created a very special bond as we traveled everywhere together experiencing so many new things.

I returned home with a new perspective on the Chinese people and their culture that I do not get from our government or the media. We made heart connections with our counterparts half way around the world. That was so awesome. I felt my heart open and expand as the planet just got smaller.

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PRODUCE PICK OF THE WEEK

Discover fennel. Don't let an aversion to black jelly beans keep you away from fennel. Native to the Mediterranean, this licorice-flavored member of the parsley family is one of Italy's most popular vegetables. The type you'll find is Florence, or bulb fennel (sometimes labeled "fresh anise"), has a bulbous base, stalks like celery and feathery leaves. Like celery, the entire plant is edible. The crisp and slightly sweet bulb is especially delicious served raw in salads. Whether braised, sautéed, roasted or grilled, the bulb mellows and softens with cooking.

What to look for
Look for small, heavy, white bulbs that are firm and free of cracks, brown-
ing or moist areas.

Storage
Wrapped in plastic, fennel keeps for a few days in the refrigerator.

Roasted Fennel
2 Fennel bulbs (thick base of stalk), stalks cut off, bulbs sliced
Olive oil
Balsamic vinegar
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Rub just enough olive oil and vinegar, also to coat. Line baking dish with foil. Lay out piece of fennel and roast for 15-20 minutes, until the fennel is cooked through and beginning to caramelize.

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Week-long SWAT training a wrap Active shooter workshop hosted

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A week-long SWAT management training program in Ruidoso will wrap up today.

The National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA) conducted the training for 23 students, including two members of the Ruidoso Police Department.

"The training is very important for SWAT or special response teams around the country," said Rob Cartner, NTOA director of training. "It's leadership, management, legal issues training."

Ruidoso Deputy Chief Dewayne Goar said the department's Special Response Team is well required in the community.

"The Special Response Team averages anywhere from eight to 13 callouts a year," said Goar.

"The closest SWAT team to us is State Police, and it takes upwards of four hours before they could even get here.

"So this type of training, and us having a team is really important to the village of Ruidoso."

He said the Ruidoso Police Department is very proactive in training, not only in SWAT training but every aspect of law enforcement.

Officer David Gallegos is in charge of setting up the



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Lt. Don Kester, with the Pima County (Arizona) Sheriff's Office, reviews SWAT situation case law during training in Ruidoso this week.

training classes, which last year totaled 34. The instruction ranged from cyber crimes to domestic violence and everything in between.

"The National Tactical Officers Association is the granddaddy of SWAT training," said Gallegos.

The courses are open to law enforcement agencies from around the region. The current 40-hour session included officers that came from Texarkana

Texas. "Any time we can host a training it allows more of our people in the classes instead of sending them out of town.

"And it also brings people to our community and see what we have and spend a little money here," said Goar.

The SWAT Supervision and Command Decision Making course was conducted at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

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Police, other first responders, and school officials were filled in Thursday on how to deal with a potential mass-shooting incident.

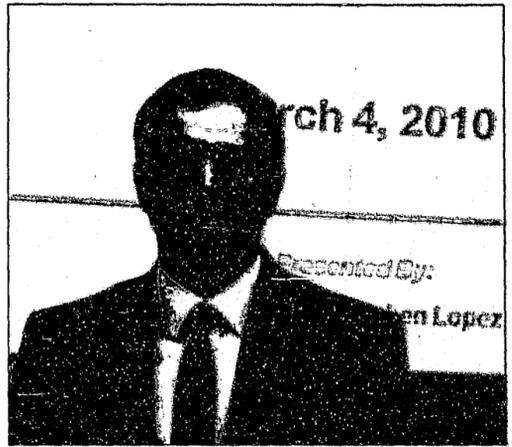
The two hour Active Shooter Workshop, scheduled by Ruidoso Emergency Management Coordinator Tom Schafer, provided guidelines for the roles of first responders.

"I think this is very important," said Schafer. "It's what do police do, how they react when there's an active shooter event. What do instructors do. What do students do."

New Mexico State University Police Department Deputy Chief Stephen Lopez led the session that detailed the roles of police, fire responders, EMS personnel, school administrators and the media.

"It's not geared for schools per se, said Schafer. "It for any active shooter event, whether it's McDonalds, the post office or schools."

Active shooter events have occurred in the U.S. since at least 1966, when the Texas Clock Tower Massacre took place in Austin, Texas. The shooter killed sixteen people and



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Stephen Lopez, the deputy police chief with the NMSU Police Department, outlines responder roles in the event of an active shooting event.

wounded 31 others. Several dozen local officials were at the workshop, held at the ENMU-Ruidoso campus.

Next week, what was learned in the workshop will be used. An exercise and then follow up will take

place at ENMU-Ruidoso on March 11, from 10 a.m. to noon.

"You hope something like that never does really happen," said Schafer. "But if it does you want to know what to do because every second counts."

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Tossed beer cans lead to arrest

A report of beer cans being thrown out the window of a U.S. Highway 70 car leads to a couple of citations for minors consuming alcoholic beverages, an arrest, and hours later a reported physical attack.

Ruidoso police received a call of the beer cans incident shortly after 3 p.m. on Feb. 22.

After an officer also witnessed a beer can being pitched, the car was stopped, and five of the six occupants admitted drinking.

The driver claimed to be the designated driver.

Raven Carrillo, 19, and Shawn Forte, 18, both from Mescalero, were issued the non-traffic citations.

Because of drinking or unlicensed persons, they occupants were told to call

someone to pick them up. William Antoine, 41, of Mescalero, came to provide the ride, but he was arrested when a check showed he had an outstanding warrant from Lincoln County Magistrate Court. He later bonded out after posting \$222 cash.

Later that night Ruidoso police were called to a location in the 100 block of S. Evergreen Street for an unwanted person.

That was Forte, who had been struck by another person that had been in the beer can tossing car.

A police report said there was a bruise on his face and some blood. Forte told officers that the other person was only trying to defend himself. He said he did not want to press

charges. An ambulance crew checked out Forte, who declined any further medical attention.

- Jim Kalvelage

RPD offers free inventory forms

The Ruidoso Police Department is offering free forms to the public to inventory expensive items you own, in the event of theft. The printed forms, to document critical information such as serial and model numbers, are available at the department.

By using the forms law enforcement will be assist-

ed in identifying and returning items that are discovered to be stolen.

The forms are easy to use and the little amount of time involved in completing them would greatly increase the chances of recovering stolen property.

The police station is located at 1085 Mechem Dr.

RUIDOSO DOWNS BRIEFS

Feb. 20
11:38 p.m. - An alleged drunk driver was arrested after an officer observed the man driving while impaired. Skylar A. Franklin, 18, was charged with aggravated DWI, first offense. He was booked at the Ruidoso Police Department and later bonded out.

Feb. 24
7:54 a.m. - A traffic stop on U.S. Highway 70 at mile marker 262 resulted in charges. Bill Funderburg, 59, no hometown provided, was arrested on charges of DWI, open container of alcohol in a vehicle, and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

2:40 p.m. - Two vehicles ran into each other at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino. An officer took a non-injury personal property crash report.

8:36 p.m. - An officer responded to a report of loud music at an area in the Willow Mobile Home Park. The officer was unable to hear loud music upon arrival.

Feb. 25
1:08 p.m. - A New Mexico adult probation asked Ruidoso Downs police to pick up Tammie Williams, 38, no hometown provided.

The woman was arrested by an officer.

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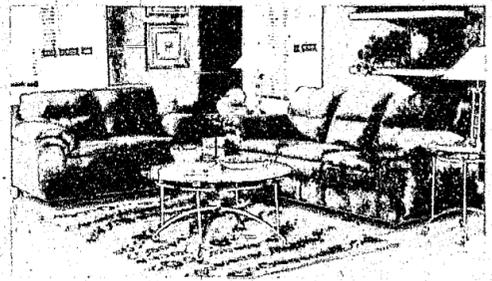
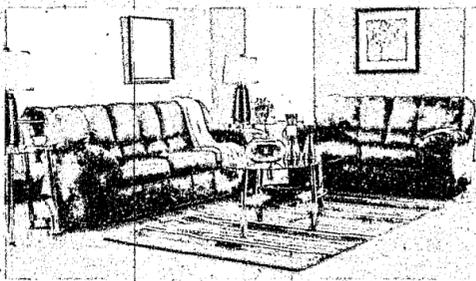
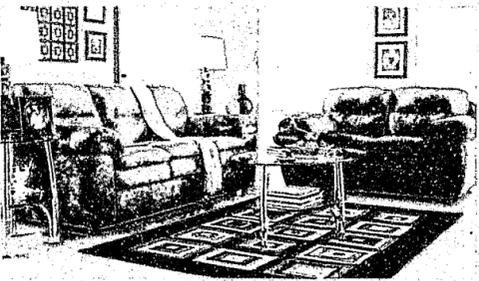
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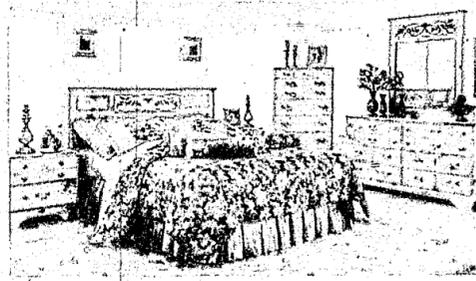
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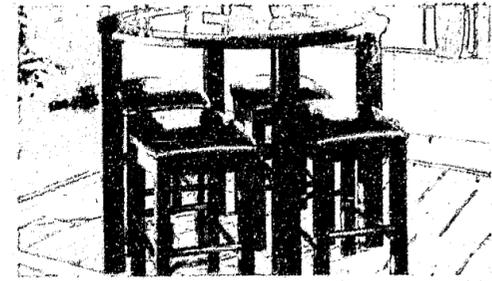
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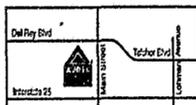


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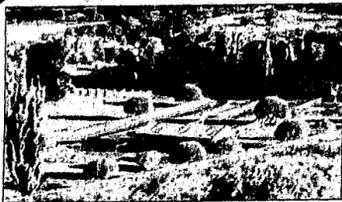
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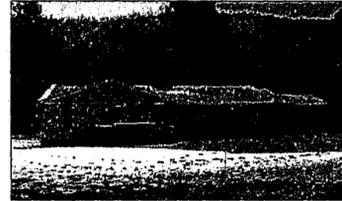
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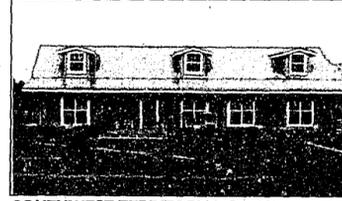
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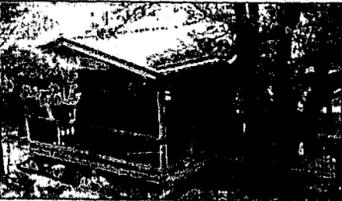
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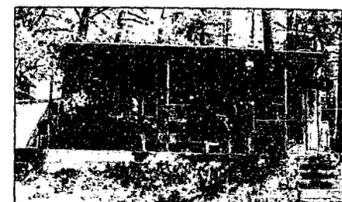
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Ski Apache

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New snow past 48 hrs.: 0 inches
Season total: 178 inches

Weather for Friday: Sunny, with a high near 57. West wind between 15 and 20 mph. Friday evening, mostly clear, with a low around 27. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Weather for Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. Southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph. Saturday evening, partly cloudy, with a low around 33. South wind around 10 mph.

Current conditions: Excellent
Mid-mountain snow depth: 55 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, Capitan Lite, Smokey Bear, Upper Deep Freeze, Chino, East of East, The Face, Part of Apache Bowl, Elk Ridge, Bull Run, Game Trail, Screaming Eagle and Caliente.

Groomers Pick: Caliente
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

Sports On Tap

Basketball - State Play

Boys
Saturday, March 6
Ruidoso (#16) at Hope Christian Academy (#1), 6 p.m.
Hondo (D-7 Runner-up) at Tatum (D-8 Champs), 6 p.m.

Girls
Friday, March 5
Ruidoso (#14) at Pojoaque (#3), 7 p.m.
Mescalero (D-8 Runner-up) at Hondo (D-7 Champs), 6 p.m.
Capitan (D-5 Runner-up) at Texico (D-8 Champs), 6 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.

RHS Golf

The Ruidoso Junior Golf Association, in partners with the Ruidoso Golf Teams will be hosting the first of six scrambles at Cree Meadows Golf Course on March 14. The event will begin at 1 p.m. For more info or to sign up call 257-5615.

Chee Family Fundraiser

Gina Chee and family will be hosting the 14th Annual March Madness Basketball Tournament on March 26-28 at the Ruidoso Middle School gym. All proceeds from the tournament will benefit Gina's husband, Abraham Chee, Sr., who remains in a Lubbock hospital. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated by the family. A trademark may be applied to the tournament T-shirts for donations given. For further info call Gina Chee at 464-3197.

Ski Apache Events

March 7: Sunday, Hot Chocolate Cup, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on East Easy Street for the members of the Ski Apache Kids Club.

March 10: Wednesday, Adaptive Ski Program Race, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Easy Street.

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Ruidoso Gymnastics shows the way

Local athletes win titles and one All Around State Championship at meet

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Ruidoso Gymnastics quietly goes about its mission - offering kids the opportunity to learn about commitment, work ethics and how to overcome failure.

The necessary things that could prepare them for a successful journey through life.

The gymnastics club has been in the Ruidoso area now since 1979 and its girls head coach, Amy Eggleston, has been dutifully on the job for 15 years.

"I believe gymnastics teaches life's skills, goal setting and perseverance," she said.

"The recreational side of the program alone instills coordination, agility and strength."

Their schedule of activities begins with the Mommy and Me class which can include toddlers as young as 18-months-old.

This division "shows

the way" for youngsters to learn the mental feats and exercise skills necessary to advance to higher levels.

From there the participants may advance to the Kinder Gym division.

From there they move on to Levels 1-3, which are non-competitive and primarily for fun.

The competition classifications begin at Level 4 and go through Level 9.

Currently, there are 148 athletes enrolled in Ruidoso Gymnastics and it includes boys and girls teams.

The girls' unit contains 25 members who work tirelessly towards their goals - year round.

They must practice hard because, in many cases, they compete against other teams in the state, such as those in Albuquerque, who might have three or four times the participants on their squads than the Ruidoso organization.

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Ruidoso Gymnastics athletes won nine different championships at the state compulsory meet in Belen Feb. 26-28. Front row, Level 6, l-r, Kate Barleen, Ryann Flack, Bailey Jones and Macey Walker. Second row, Level 5, Karina Martinez, Lauren Denny and Kylee Harvey. Third row, Level 4, Nina Herrera, Dana Atchley, Hope Miguez, Kate Ward and Kalya Saiz-Thetford. Back row, Level 4, Isabel Martinez, Carson Vasile, Alizabeth Autrey, Leah Flores and Natalia Espinoza. Lexi Lucero and Calli Patterson are not shown.

RHAA Dolphins qualify six swimmers for state

CHRISTY PEARSON
For the Ruidoso News

The Ruidoso High Altitude Aquatics Dolphins swim team qualified six swimmers for the New Mexico Swimming Short Course State Championships Feb. 26-28 in Albuquerque at the University of New Mexico.

Ethan Maheng, Lane Carter, Irene Bob, Sydney Annala, Cisco Bob, III, and Emma Pearson had all swam qualifying times during the 2009-10 long and short course season to earn a spot on the state team.

Cisco Bob won the Boys 10&Under 200 freestyle (2:24.12) and 100 backstroke (1:15.25).

He swam to second place in the 100 freestyle (1:05.34), third in each the 100 individual medley (1:17.36), 50 butterfly (35.47) and 50 freestyle (30.35).

In addition to swimming personal bests in all his events, Bob finished in

fourth place overall in his age group.

Annala brought home several medals in the Girls 10&Under.

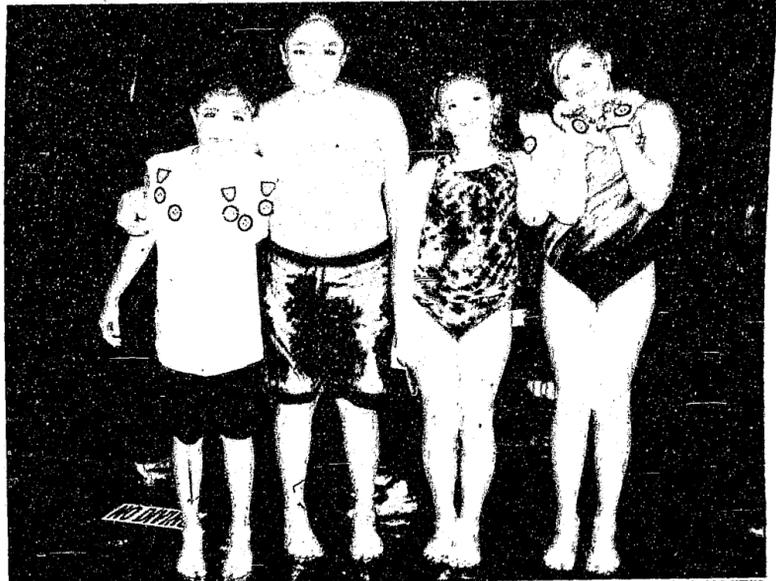
Her best place was 4th in the 50 butterfly (35.19). She also placed 7th in the 100 freestyle (1:11.26), 50 freestyle (32.97) and 200 individual medley (2:59.23) and 6th in both the 100 individual medley (1:23.37) and the 100 butterfly (1:28.69).

Pearson finished 3rd in the Girls 10 and under 200 (2:31.00) freestyle swimming her own personal record.

She also swam personal bests in the 100 backstroke (1:28.12), 100 freestyle (1:13.35), 50 backstroke (40.65) and 50 freestyle (32.69).

After not qualifying at all last season, Irene Bob turned around and appeared in seven events at state in the girls 11-12 age group.

She swam a personal best of 33.93 in the 50 but-



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Four of the six swimmers who qualified for the state team are, l-r, Cisco Bob, III, Irene Bob, Emma Pearson and Sydney Annala. Ethan Maheng and Lane Carter (unable to attend the meet) are not shown.

terfly, placing her 16th in her age group in this event. Irene swam to 18th place in the 200 freestyle (2:19.66) as well.

She also swam the 100

freestyle (1:04.37), 50 freestyle (30.07), 50 backstroke (35.98), 100 back (1:17.97), and 100 IM (1:16.93). Maheng returned to state to swim the

50 freestyle where he swam a 25.98 placing him 12th in the Boys 13-14 age group and a personal record.

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Aggies explode, beat UNM early

SUN-NEWS REPORT
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES - The New Mexico State baseball team bounced back to hammer No. 20 New Mexico 17-8 at Presley Askew Field on Wednesday.

With the win, NMSU moved above the .500 mark with a 6-5 record on the season.

The Lobos dropped to 6-3.

The Aggies posted 17 runs on 17 hits while UNM tallied eight runs on 14 hits.

"It was one of those days where we got out early and hit the ball well," NMSU head coach Rocky Ward said. "We were able to hit the ball well with runners in scoring position."

Las Cruces native Adam Heredia picked up the win for NMSU as he came in as a reliever in the fifth inning to retire three batters. NMSU used six pitchers on the day and gave up only three walks compared to the 10 walks the Lobo staff yielded.

"UNM is a good offensive team and one of the

keys to today's victory was when Adam Heredia came into the game and got three outs for us," Ward said. "The history of this series tells you that a team can't get too comfortable because anything can happen."

The Aggies caught fire early, marking eight runs on five hits in the bottom of the second inning.

Wade Reynoso highlighted the rally, crushing a grand slam to left-center field. Senior Nate Shaver also added an RBI, tying

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CHAMPS

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The Compulsory group includes Levels 4-6 who normally compete from October through February.

This group must learn a set nationwide standard pertaining to the bars, beams, floor and vault events. The state compulsory meets recently concluded, Feb. 26-28, in Belen.

When the budding stars reach Optional Levels 7-9 they learn more advanced skills, are able to pick their own music and may even choreograph their own routines.

Two 13-year-old Ruidoso athletes, Kayleen Schenk and Alana Willingham, will participate in the March 20-21 Optional state meet in Albuquerque.

After the March meet, in the Level 9 division, Ruidoso Gymnastics has two athletes who will be competing at the Regionals in Albuquerque at the Santa Ana Star Center.

Amanda Willingham, 17, and Harley Bonnell, 13, are busily preparing for the upcoming April 9-11 interstate event which will be held in New Mexico for the first time in 15 years.

Seven other states, including Texas, Colorado, Kansas and Oklahoma will be there.

As for the boys, the Level 4 group has won every meet it has attended (six).

The Level 5 and 6 squads finished at the top of state which allows them to participate in the regional meet.

Level 6 star, 10-year-old Bailey Jones, recently won the state competi-

tions on the balance beam and uneven bars.

Most importantly, she was judged the All Around State Champion at that level.

It should be noted she participated at that meet while not 100 percent healthy.

"I've tried to work very hard for the past two years so I would have an opportunity to win a state event," Jones said.

"I wanted a chance to win the all around state championship and I did."

Besides girls head coach Eggleston, Ruidoso Gymnastics is ably assisted by vault coach Joel Bonnell, beam coach Tara Jones and Level 4 coach Melissa Misquez.

The boys head coach is John Marshall.

"Overall, the teams have come a long way over the year," Eggleston said.

"They've put in many hours of hard work to be able to compete, even though they were young and neophytes to the ways of these highly-contested events."

The results for Ruidoso Gymnastics from competitions at the compulsory state gymnastics championships are listed below.

Compulsory State Meet - Belen - Feb. 26-28

Level 4	
7-year-olds	Hope MisquezVault 8.65 (2nd Place)
	Kalyn Saiz-Thetford..Vault 8.65 (2nd Place), Floor 8.85 (State Champion)
9-year-olds	Carson VasileVault 9.3 (State Champion)
	Nina HerreraVault 9.2 (2nd Place)
10-year-olds	Dana AtchleyBeam 8.9 (2nd Place)
	Alizabeth AutreyVault 8.7 (2nd Place), Beam 9.0 (2nd Place)
11-year-olds	Leah FloresVault 9.0 (State Champion), Bars 9.05 (State Champion)

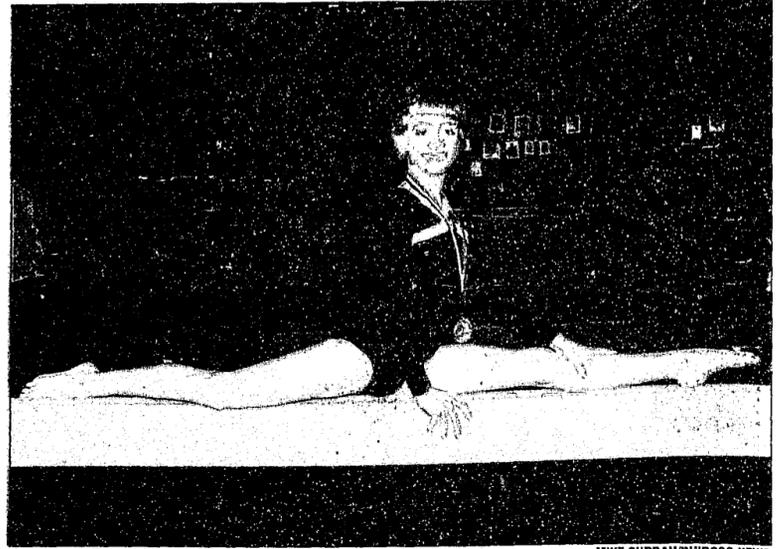
Beam 9.25 (State Champion), 3rd All Around 35.700 Natalia Espinoza.... Vault 8.9 (3rd Place), Beam 9.1 (2nd Place), Floor 9.0 (3rd Place)

Level 5
10-year-olds Kylee HarveyBars 9.25 (2nd Place), Floor 9.075 (3rd Place), 3rd All Around 35.525
Karina MartinezVault 8.6 (3rd Place), Beam 9.125 (2nd Place)

Level 6
10-year-olds Bailey JonesBars 9.2 (State Champion), Beam 9.15 (State Champion), All Around State Champion 36.02

12-year-olds Kate BarleenFloor 9.25 (State Champion), Vault 9.15 (2nd Place), Bars 8.65 (3rd Place)

13-year-olds Macey WalkerVault 9.0 (2nd Place)
Congratulations to Bailey Jones and all of the Ruidoso Gymnastics state champions.



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Bailey Jones, 10-years-old, won two events and was judged All Around State Champion.

SWIM

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He also swam a personal best in the 100 freestyle (56.71). Carter was unable to attend the meet.

RHAA Coach Elizabeth Bob was very impressed with the kids' performance. "The state meet was really tough this year because all age groups had to do preliminaries in the morning and qualify for the finals in the afternoon session, all

on the same day." She reinforces, "what the kids accomplished this season was really amazing because they are a young team and the teams they are competing against are well-established and competitive. I look forward to the upcoming long course season."

The team will compete at WSMR in a fun meet April 24th and follow that up with the first long course meet of the season in Las Cruces at the LCAT Suntan Classic May 1-2.

AGGIES

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him for the team lead with 14 RBI over the season. Junior shortstop Ryan Aguayo also posted an RBI

off a sacrifice fly to right field.

After UNM put its first run up on the board in the top of the third, the Aggies answered right back with five more runs in the bottom of the inning.

Two of those RBIs came

from Reynoso, when he singled through the right side.

It was a big afternoon for the third baseman, who went 4-for-6 at the plate with six RBIs and three runs scored.

With the score 13-1

heading into the fourth, the Lobos made a push, scoring four runs in the top of the fourth and three in the top of the fifth to slice the deficit to 13-8.

The Aggies managed to push three across in the seventh and one more run

in the eighth when Chace Perkins blasted his first homer of the year. The Aggies have now reached 20 home runs on the season.

The Aggies now look forward to a four-game series with Saint Joseph's, start-

ing on Friday. The series opener is scheduled to air on the radio at KSNM AM 570.

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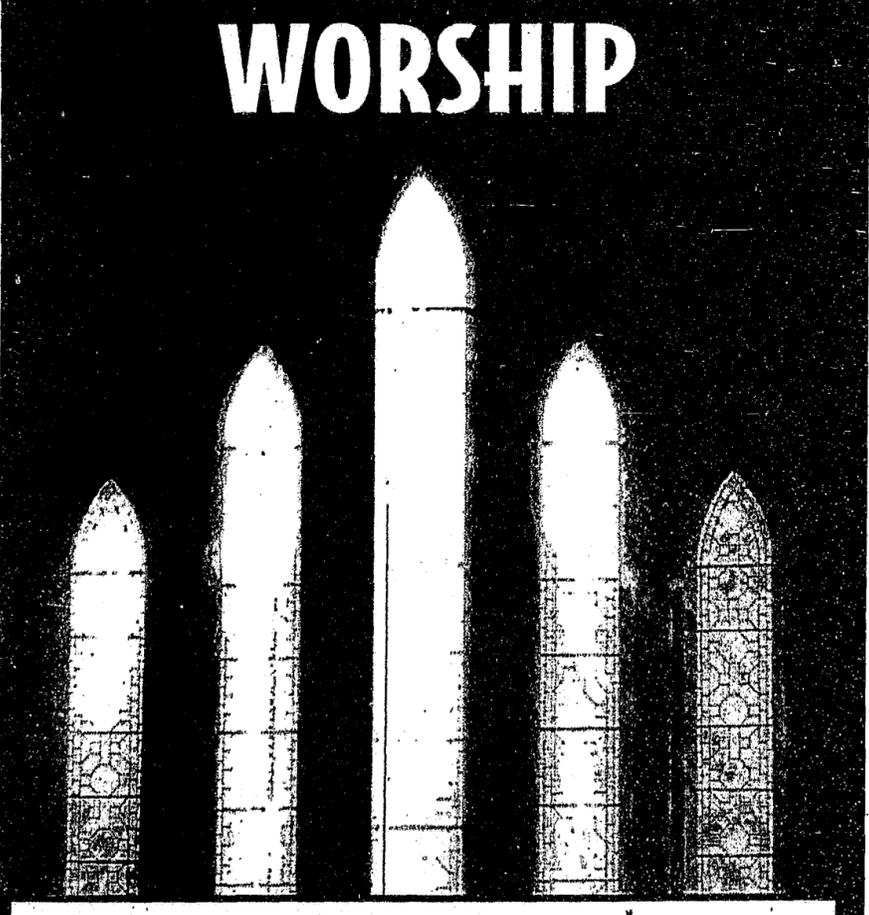
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First Assembly of God
El Paso Road, Ruidoso 257-2324, Rev. E. Thomas Kearns, Pastor, Sunday morning worship: 10:45 a.m.; Children's Church during a.m. service, Sunday evening worship 6 p.m.; Rock Youth Group Monday evening @ 6:30 p.m., ages 12-18; Bible Study @ 7:00 p.m.

BAPTIST
Canaan Trail Baptist Located just past milepost 14 on Hwy. 48, between Angus & Capitan, Roland Burnett, Pastor, Sunday School: 9 a.m.; Worship Service: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Bible Study: Wed. at 7 p.m. 336-1979.

First Baptist Church
270 Country Club Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345, (575) 257-2081, Sunday Services 10:30AM Wednesday Meal 5:30 p.m., Activities 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Ruidoso Downs, Randy Widener, Pastor, Sunday: Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; Worship hour: 8 & 11 a.m.; Eve. worship: 6:00 p.m.; Wed. Prayer meeting: 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Tinnie, Bill Jones, Pastor, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

Mescalero Baptist Mission
Mescalero, Sunday: Sunday school 10 a.m.; Union 6:30 p.m. Wednesday services: 6:30 p.m.

Ruidoso Baptist Church
126 Church Drive, Palmer Gateway, Wayne Joyce, Pastor, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

BAHA'I FAITH
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BUDDHIST
Buddhism of the Lotus Sutra George Brown 257-1569

CATHOLIC
St. Eleanor Catholic Church Ruidoso, 257-2330, Reverend Al Galvan, Sacrament of Penance: Sat. 5:00 p.m. or by appointment; Daily Mass: 9:30 a.m.; Sat. Mass: 6 p.m. (Bilingual); Sun. Mass: 9:30 a.m. (English); 11:00 a.m. (English); Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 5 to 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass, St. Jude Thaddeus, San Patricio: 8 a.m.

St. Theresa Catholic Church
Corona, Sunday Mass: 6 p.m.

St. Joseph's Apache Mission
Mescalero, Father Paul Botenhangen, OFM, Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Bent, Father Larry Gossett, Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

CHRISTIAN
Christian Community Church 127 Rio Corner W/Eagle, Mid-town, 9-11 Sunday Services/Praise & Worship. For more information call: 378-7076

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CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LDS
Church of Jesus Christ LDS Ruidoso Ward, 1091 Mechem Bishop Jon Ogden, (505) 258-1253 or (575) 258-1253, Sunday scheduler: Sacrament starts at 9 a.m.; Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Priesthood and Relief Society at 11 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ LDS Mescalero
Branch, 671-4630, Wayne King, President, 505-434-0622, Sunday: Sacrament meeting 9 a.m.; Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc. & Young Women, 12:10 a.m.

EPISCOPAL
Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso, Rev. Canon Peter Sanderson, Team Leader, Sunday Eucharist Rite I: 8:00 a.m.; Rite II - 11:00 a.m., nursery available for the 11:00 service; Sunday School & Godly Play: 9:45-10:45, Wednesday: Eucharist 5:30 p.m. Phone: 257-2356 Spanish Service: Saturday 6:00 p.m.

St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel
in Glencoe, Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

EVANGELICAL
THE LIGHTHOUSE Christian Fellowship church, 1035 Mechem Dr. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., 7 PM, Wed. 7 PM 258-2539

Jehovah's Witnesses
Kingdom Hall 1102 Gavilan Canyon Rd., 336-4147, 257-7714, Sunday: Public Talk-10:00 am.; Watchtower Study-10:35 am. Monday: Book Study-7:30 p.m.; Thursday: Congregation Book Study-7:00 p.m.; Theoc. Ministry School-7:30 p.m.; Service Meeting-8:00 p.m.

Congregacion Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova
1102 Gavilan Canyon Rd., 336-4147, 378-7095, Dom.: Reunion Publica-1:30 pm.; Estudio de la Atalaya-2:05 pm. Mart.: Escuela del Ministerio Teocratico-7:00 pm.; Reunion de Servicio-7:50 pm. Mier.: Estudio Biblico de Congregacion-7:00 pm.; Escuela del Ministerio Teocratico-7:30 pm.; Reunion de Servicio-8:00 pm.; Jue.: Estudio de Libro-7:00 pm.

JEWISH/HEBREW
Kehilla Bat-Tzion & Hebrew Learning Center, Inc.-2204 Sudderth Dr. Ruidoso, NM 88345 505-257-0122, Services 1st, 3rd & 5th Fridays at 7:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat Services followed with an oneg, Kabbalat means "to receive the Sabbath."

LUTHERAN
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church 1120 Hull Road, 258-4191, 257-5296, Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor, Sunday: Worship 8:30 a.m. (May-Labor Day), 10:30 a.m.; Sun. School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Thurs. Eve. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., call for location.

METHODIST
Community United Methodist Church Junction Road, behind Wells Fargo Bank, Todd Salzwedel, Pastor, Sunday School: 8:30 a.m. (May-Labor Day), 10:55 a.m. 257-4170, Bibles & Blue Jeans service Youth Warehouse 9:45 on Sunday.

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PRESBYTERIAN
First Presbyterian Church 101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220, Tony Chambliss - Pastor, Sunday school 9:45 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. Potluck fellowship after worship the third Sunday of every month.

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church
Pastor Terry Aiello, CLP, Sunday worship: 9 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.

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Nogal Presbyterian Church
Reverend Bill Sebring, Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.

REFORMED CHURCH
Mescalero Reformed Mescalero, Bob Schut, Pastor, Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:30 a.m. Mon.: junior high youth 6:30 p.m. Wed.: high school meeting 7 p.m. Thur.: Kids Club (grades 1-5) 3:30.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Ruidoso Seventh Day Adventist 207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161, Pastor Bill Kasper 575-437-0237; 1st Elder Manuel Moya 575-937-4487, Saturday: Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Church service: 11 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
Sacramento Mountains Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, meets 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month at 9:30 a.m. Call 336-2170 or 354-0602 for location.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
American Missionary Fellowship Rick Smith, 682-2999, Monday: Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. at Schlotzky's Deli. Tuesday: Ruidoso men's Bible study noon at Pizza Hut, Mechem Drive. Wednesday: (Sept. through May) Captain Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups 6:30 p.m. at Christ Community Fellowship, E-mail: RickS@americamissionary.org

Calvary Chapel
127 Vision, next to Cable Co., 257-5915, Pastor John Marshall, Sunday worship 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Mid-week bible study 7:00 p.m.; Casa de Oracion Comunidad Cristiana, Ruidoso 304 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345 (505) 257-6075, Pastor: Carlos & Gabby Carreon, Martes - Oracion 6:00 pm; Jueves - Servicio General 6:00 pm; Sabado - Kid-in-Revival 11:00 am; Domingo Servicio General 11:00 am. *All Services are Bilingual* ~ Translators Available ~

Centro Familiar Destino
304 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345, (575) 257-0447, Services are bilingual and as follows: Wednesdays @ 6:00pm, Sundays @ 11:00am, Youth Group "Verdad" Thursdays @ 6:30pm.

Christ Church in the Downs
Ruidoso Downs, 378-8464, Al and Marty Lane, Pastors, Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., Children's ministries concurrent with late Sunday Services, Sat. outreach at 1 p.m., at church, Thursday: 7 p.m.

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Cowboy Church
Noon Sundays at the Glencoe Rural Events Center, Everyone welcome, Preacher Buster Reed of Amarillo, Call 378-4840 for more info.

Foot of the Cross Christian Ministries
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Grace Harvest Church
1108 Gavilan Canyon Rd, 336-4213, Sun. Sunday school 9 a.m.; Fellowship at 10:30 am; Service 10:30 am.

Iglesia Bautista "Vida Eterna"
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Interdenominational (ULC) Alto North, 336-7075, Jeamsie Price, Pastor, Morning chapel: 6:50 a.m. (Sept. - June); Sun. Service: 11 a.m.

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Mountain Baptist Church
Independent-Fundamental KJV, Sunday School- 10 AM, Sunday Service - 11am, Sunday Evening- 6pm, Wednesday Bible Study 7PM 145 E. Grandview - Capitan - (505) 937-4019

CATHOLIC
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Capitan, 354-9102, Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 8:30 a.m.; Monday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Capitan - Highway 48, Les Earwood, Minister, Sunday Bible study: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 6 p.m.

EPISCOPAL
Episcopal Chapel of San Juan in Lincoln - 1st & 3rd Sunday: Holy Eucharist - 11:00 am

FOURSQUARE
Capitan Foursquare Church Highway 48, Capitan, Harold W. Perry, Pastor, Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

METHODIST
Capitan United Methodist Church
Pastor Johanna Anderson and the congregation of Capitan United Methodist Church welcome Lincoln County residents and visitors alike to attend Bible study Sunday morning at 8:30, followed by worship service at 9:10. Communion is offered during worship on the first Sunday of every month, and a potluck luncheon is served the third Sunday at 12:30. White Oaks and Third in Capitan, 505-648-2846.

NAZARENE
Angus Church of the Nazarene Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032, Rick Hutchison, Pastor, "OVERWHELMED", contemporary worship, 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School for

CARRIZOZO CHURCHES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)
Barbara Bradley, pastor, Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, Children's Church 10:30 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Wednesday Night Kids Club 5:30-7:00 pm; Thursday Bible Study 6:30 pm.

BAPTIST
First Baptist Church
Hayden Smith, Pastor, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; Church training: 6:30 p.m. Sunday

CATHOLIC
Santa Rita Catholic Church 648-2853, Father Dave Bergs, Pastor, Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Perry 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
Carrizozo, 6th & E Street, Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m.

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.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
The Word of Life Church
Rev. Chuck Fulton, pastor/648-2339, 711 'E' Ave., Carrizozo, NM. Affiliated w/the Evangelistic Assembly Church, Sunday 7:00 pm.

MESCALERO
Carrizo Christian Fellowship Leonard Kanesevaw III, Pastor, 56 White Mt. Dr., 3 mi. W. of Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero, Sundays 10:30 & 6:30, Wed. 6:30 464-4656

RELIGION

Bigotry against Islam is tragic

Q. Recently, I sent you a note regarding your misplaced love for the Islamic religion. In your last column, however, you conveniently missed another chance to lambast this religion of hate and terror. Are you on the payroll of some Arabic organization?

- S. via email



The God Squad
MARC GELLMAN

A. Thank you for your letter, you ignorant bigot. I don't lambaste Islam because I believe it is a great religion, a religion of peace, discipline, charity and submission to Allah, who is God.

I also believe that a part of Islam in our time has been hijacked by a group of terrorist thugs who claim to speak for a great religion. They do not.

They merely speak for their own bloodlust and bigotry, which, tragically, mirror your own. This is a tough time for Muslims.

Let me remind you that had I been writing about Christianity during the Crusades or the Inquisition, or when Oliver Cromwell was murdering Irish Catholics in the 17th century, I would also have prayed for true Christians to stand up and purify the

ugly, murderous perversions of their faith. Every religious tradition has tough times and glorious times, and every faith produces both saints and sinners.

What I pray for all of us to remember is that God is not finished with us. I pray that we can take a broader view of religions we don't understand and distrust.

Shame on you for blaming an entire religion for the sins of the few. May God soften

your heart and bring you a spirit of repentance. I also pray that true Muslims might have the courage to reclaim their wise and ancient faith from those who are merely using it to kill what they can't understand.

Q. I have some concerns about Christianity and some other religions. First, I reject the concept of original sin. Second, it follows that the shedding of Jesus' blood was not necessary to expiate that fictitious sin. Third, I believe that any blood sacrifice is basically an egregious carryover from paganism and that no loving God would condone it.

What do you think?
- D. via email

A. Judaism also rejects the notion of original sin, so I understand your difficulty. However, as a sympathetic admirer of Christianity, let me tell you what I appreciate in this religious belief.

The difference between the concept of original sin and what we might call "regular" sin is not as great as you might think.

Original sin is the sin of Adam, which by extension stains all succeeding generations until it is cleansed by the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus.

Regular sins are those each of us commit in the course of daily life.

The problem is that whether sin is original or regular, it remains a fixture in our lives and we need to find a way to expiate that sin.

The belief in the power of Jesus' atoning death helps Christians feel the close and intimate love of God in their struggles to overcome sin.

The blood sacrifice of Jesus was not intended to glorify blood sacrifice but to replace blood sacrifice forever by making his the last such sacrifice and by transubstantiating it into the Eucharist.

Judaism does the same thing by transforming the animal sacrifices of the ancient Temple into the prayers in the prayer book. There is something to be said for the concept of original sin, or primal sin, even for non-Christians.

New face at Holy Mount

The members of the Episcopal church in Lincoln County are excited that Reverend Judy Burgess has accepted the position of Rector.

Reverend Burgess' first day will be March 15, and she will conduct her first services at the Church of the Holy Mount in Ruidoso on Sunday, March 21.

Reverend Burgess earned a Master of Divinity degree from the Virginia Theological Seminary and comes to Ruidoso from the Big Bend Mission of the Diocese of the Rio Grande where she has served since 1996.

She has experience in the many parish ministries as well as developing ongoing relationships with local

community leaders and businesses. Accompanying her is her husband Seth Burgess who owns an employment placement firm for people in the horse industry.

The couple also bring with them two horses, a donkey and three dogs.

Rev. Burgess has expressed that she feels blessed for the opportunity to serve the people of the parish and the Lincoln County community.

For more information about Reverend Burgess



REVEREND JUDY BURGESS

and the Church of the Holy Mount, contact the church office at 575-257-2356, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9

Dave Batchelor of the NM Patriot Alliance (and President of NM constitution Party) will be speaking on the return to Constitutional Government at the Hotel Ruidoso, 110 Chase Street, Ruidoso on Saturday, March 6th from 6pm to 9pm. Free food will be served. Also speaking will be Daniel Woodruff. He is the founder of the Alamogordo 2nd Amendment Task Force. He will discuss the rose of the Constitutional Sheriff in these trying times. Dave will have copies of his book for sale "The Downward Spiral: Decline of the American Dream" and free copies of a pocket Constitution book to give out. For information, call 973-0541.

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Longing for spring and green

I must confess that I have an infection called longing-for-spring-itis.

There is no known cure, but time...springtime, that is.

I love the winter and the snow, but I am longing for the greening of the white landscape.

We have been blessed with this winter, not too drastically cold, but full of moisture.

But, I am ready to see the green swords of the iris spring from the earth, followed by the beautiful blooms.

I am looking forward to the delicate flowers of the lilacs.

I want to see the daylilies push their stems up through the green leaves and bless our deck with daily blossoms.

But, I will wait, because the groundhog says that we will have six more weeks of winter.

What will I do with the time that longs to be out-

doors, helping nature awake from the winter's sleep?

I can plan the outdoor garden and the green house garden. I can work out the dates of planting.

The fruit and vegetable bearing times are short here in the paradise of the Sacramentos.

The flowering times are somewhat longer, but not long enough to suit me.

This reminds me of life. Life is too long for some folks and not long enough for others.

Our gracious God wants us to bear fruit in our lives, long or short.

Paul writes in Galatians 5:22-23, that the fruit of the Spirit should be "joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

In Colossians 1:6, he says that the fruit comes from the Gospel.

In Philippians 1:11,

Paul prays that we would be "filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ".

Jesus gave the parable of the soils in Matthew 13 and the example of the fruitless tree in Matthew 21.

Many of his parables and illustrations deal with the bearing of fruit, making a harvest.

What seeds are you sowing in your life? What seeds are you sowing in the lives of others?

What kind of fruit are you bearing? Are you cultivating, fertilizing, pruning, harvesting? I am not speaking of fruit, flowers, or vegetables.

I am speaking of good deeds, right thoughts, and works. What is the produce from the garden of your life?

Will it give someone help for today and hope for tomorrow?



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LINCOLN COUNTY

How high's the water, Momma?

Dan and Donnie were working on the Tierra Verde Ranch one exceptionally wet spring. It had rained repeatedly. Deep mud prevailed and the ground was saturated to the hilt.

The duo had an old pickup they used to get around the ranch for feeding or whatever else needed doing. This relic had four-wheel drive, big tires, a good strong engine and a back window that was broken out.

Because of the rain and the fact that it could go most anywhere, the truck was christened Noah.

Cold, wet spring weather motivated them to acquire a new back window for Noah, which required an entire day of their time to install. The new window had a sliding glass opening which was just perfect for the special needs of cowboys, including but not limited to spitting and reaching the cooler strategically placed within reach.

The boss was gone one Saturday so Dan and Donnie decided to go to the Stephenville Horse Sale.

They didn't have any business going since individually or combined, they could not come up with \$10. Nevertheless, they loaded Noah with their cooler and headed out.

When they arrived, they visited with friends, watched the sale and got caught up on the news.

On the way home, they had to pass the Ranch House Restaurant, where they noted that the parking lot was crowded with pickups. They figured it was just some of the sale barn crowd and so they decided to stop and continue the day's good time. But when they got inside, they discovered the crowd belonged to a wedding reception.

Nobody threw them out and there was food, beverage and pretty girls all dolled up in the wedding attire. Being the suave and debonair type of cowboys, they got one gal sorted out and soon had her agreeing to go with them for a ride in Noah.

The girl was a bridesmaid - fancied up in a full length formal gown that is required for such an affair. They took off

in Noah with the girl in the middle, a cowboy on each side and the cooler just through the sliding window.

They were all getting along just fine. The roads were slick and the rain still falling when they came to a creek where water was rushing over the top of the road crossing.

Dan stopped the truck and a consultation was held. Donnie told Dan he had complete faith in Noah and to just take off.

Dan launched Noah into the creek and the rushing water promptly took them off the crossing and floating down the creek. Dan could feel the wheels touching bottom occasionally. It felt like the water wasn't too deep, so he didn't worry.

Eventually the girl became concerned that they might go too far down the creek. Dan climbed out Noah's sliding window, dropped a catch rope over the trailer ball and snared a big oak on the bank.

That stopped the truck from going any further. Dan sat down on the bank and watched the truck. At some point, Donnie thought Dan needed help, so he climbed out the window and joined in the sitting and watching.

Some later, the bridesmaid yelled at them from the truck. "Hey, did you guys forget something?"

Dan grabbed the rope and hand-over-hand, worked his way to the truck bed. There he rescued the cooler and brought it to the creek bank. He and Donnie had a few cool ones pondering the situation.

At some point, possibly near the end of the beer supply, it became apparent they were going to need some equipment to rescue Noah. They told the girl to stay with the truck while they went to get a tractor.

The general philosophy of "all's well that ends well" applied here. The truck was rescued, the occupant was safe and no harm was done.

However, Dan reports that that was one of the maddest women he had ever seen.

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



Cowgirl Sass & Savvy
BY JULIE CARTER



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The Carrizozo municipal election votes were canvassed on Wednesday by Magistrate Judge Martha Proctor, left, assisted by Carrizozo Town Clerk Leann Wehbrecht, center, and Election Judge J'Lane Zamora.

'Zozo voter fraud investigated

JULIE CARTER
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A ballot cast in the municipal election in Carrizozo was disqualified during canvassing on Wednesday by Magistrate Judge Martha Proctor.

During voting hours Tuesday, presiding election judge J'Lane Zamora alerted officials to a ballot cast by a person who did not appear on the municipal voting rolls and was deter-

mined to reside outside the town limits after checking with the Lincoln County Clerk's office.

Carrizozo Town Attorney JulieAnne Leonard told the *Ruidoso News* that the ballot votes did not count. "The ballot was sealed in an envelope along with a report explaining the situation and locked in the ballot box," she said.

Because the election was not close in any race, the ballot was not a factor in

determining a winner and did not affect the outcome.

An investigation into the voting fraud was completed by Carrizozo Chief of Police Rachel Weiser.

Weiser said that because it is a felony offense, she turned it over to the District Attorney's Office.

"At this point, it is up to the district attorney to decide if charges will be filed," said Leonard.

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Carrizozo police chief injured

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Carrizozo's police chief was injured Thursday after being attacked by a man the chief was going to arrest.

Police Chief Rachel Weiser was transported by ambulance to the Lincoln County Medical Center after the reported attack.

The incident happened early in the afternoon at Lovelace's property on Water Canyon Road on Carrizozo's east side.

Weiser had gone to arrest Gary J. Lovelace, 49, of Carrizozo, on a domestic incident warrant. Lovelace allegedly kicked Weiser in the face from his position on a loader.

Carrizozo Mayor Bob Hemphill said he visited Wieser at the hospital and she was lucid and sitting up. He said facial x-rays showed no broken bones.

Lovelace barricaded himself in a building for a while after the attack.

Lincoln County Under-sheriff Robert Shepperd

said Lovelace was eventually arrested by a deputy and taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center.

Additional charges were pending late Thursday afternoon.

Lovelace was already awaiting trial on a charge of battery to a household member in a separate case from an alleged incident on Dec. 16, 2009.

A March 25 jury trial date in Judge Martha Proctor's Magistrate Court had been scheduled in that case.

CARRIZOZO SCHOOLS ¡BRAVO!



Fall semester ¡BRAVO! winners at Carrizozo Elementary are, top photo, Grades K-2: Front: l-r, Melissa Barela, Kelsie Guevara, Robert Lueras, Daniel Najar, Jameal Garcia, Bella Bartz, Max Sanchez, and Ali Hernandez; 2nd Row: Kaitlin Guevara, Joanna Vega, Sydney Zamora, Suntana Zamora, Tazia Swift, Dallton King, Ethan Ortiz, and Jacob Parkhurst. Not Pictured: Erollyn Lueras, Grade 3-6, at left, l-r, Dominic Barela, Patrick Hooten, and Tristen Barela.

Lee to lead NM Federal Lands Council

Don L. "Bebo" Lee, Alamogordo, was elected president of the New Mexico Federal Lands Council (NMFLC) at the group's recent annual meeting.

Lee, a southeastern New Mexico rancher, says he is honored to be elected.

"For most of us, trying to stay informed, stay in business and deal with government regulations and agencies on an individual basis is almost impossible. The Federal Lands Council has a long history of protecting our industry, which I plan to continue."

Other newly-elected officers include Carlos Salazar, vice president; Bobby Jones, secretary-

treasurer; Bill Sauble, northeastern regional director; Jose Varela Lopez, northwestern regional director; Roy Farr, southwestern regional director; and Lewis Derrick, southeastern regional director.

The organization was founded in the mid-1970s as ranchers formed local grazing associations to help them work with land management agencies like the Bureau of Land Management.

Those groups grew into the NMFLC, which works to represent the livestock grazing industry on a state and national level, and keep producers informed. Past NMFLC presidents include Mike Casa-bonne,

Hope; Bud Eppers, Roswell; Dick Corn, Roswell and Bob Jones, Dell City. The NMFLC is made up of both individual members and grazing and agriculture trade organizations.

Member organizations include the Gila Livestock Growers Association; the Lincoln National Forest Allotment Owners; Southwest Grazing Association; Fee & Public Lands Association; Southern New Mexico Grazing Association; West Central Grazing Association; NM Cattle Growers Association; New Mexico Wool Growers, Inc.; Northern New Mexico Stockmen; and the NM Farm & Livestock Bureau.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, aka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP, Plaintiff,

vs.

PAMELA W. GASS; WALTER R. GASS; JOHN DOE and JOHN DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

No. CV-09-334

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 17, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the northeast corner of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Corrales, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest in the above-named Defendants in and to the heretofore described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 8775 SW HWY 380, Canton, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A tract of land in Section 12, Township 9 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the boundary survey filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, in Book 1997, in Cabinet F, Slide No. 676, and being more particularly described by Revised Description, as follows:

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THE FOREGOING shall be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 5, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff includes interest and costs, is entitled to the same bears interest at 6.25% per annum from December 1, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of the debt is \$167,072. The Plaintiff has the right to bid its own bid and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements contained herein will be sold subject to any and all recorded and unrecorded assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff disclaims all responsibility for any error or omission in the above description of the property, title and interest therein, and the purchaser of the property shall be deemed to have accepted the same as shown by the plat and plat of survey on file in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District (75-20-NM5A 1978)

To All registered voters, situated within the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District boundaries, county of Lincoln, State of New Mexico.

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday of May, 2010, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., closed from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., polls will be open to elect three supervisors of the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District, in accordance with the New Mexico State and Water Conservation District Act.

Polling locations is:

Upper Hondo SWCD office
516 Smoke
Bear Blvd.
Capitan, NM 88316

The positions to be filled are positions of Supervisor, currently being held by Preston Stone, position currently being held by Robert Runnels, and position currently being held by James Sanchez. Positions 1 and 2 are currently being held by resident owners of land within the district. The district will be filled by a resident of the district. Declaration of candidacy may be obtained beginning February 28, 2010 until March 15, 2010 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Declarations of candidacy must be filed at the main district office between April 14, 2010 and April 14, 2010 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at:

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Capitan, NM 88316

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location. This can be a voter registration card, utility bill, or other documentation of district residency.

If you have any questions regarding this election please call Upper Hondo SWCD at (575) 354-2220.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

CIPRIANO RAMIREZ, MELANIE RAMIREZ, JUSTINE RAMIREZ, ALTO, BEVAN TORRES, COMPANY FUNDING, CITIFINANCIAL Services, Inc, aka Washington Mutual Finance, PROPERTY OWNERS' COMPANY, ESTER VALLE, INC., and REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO; JOHN DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendants.

No. CV-09-198

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 24, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the northeast corner of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Corrales, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest in the above-named Defendants in and to the heretofore described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 106 Wyatt Court which may also be known as 218 Wyatt Court, Capitan, NM, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 6, BLOCK 25, RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON NOVEMBER 30, 1998, IN BOOK 1997, IN CABINET D, SLIDE NOS. 99 TO 103, BOTH INCLUSIVE, and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described by Revised Description, as follows: Readman DW, VIN 06334HP.

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FIRST NOTICE OF ELECTION (positions 1, 2 & 5)

Notice of Supervisor Election for the Corrales Soil and Water Conservation District (75-20-49 NM5A 1978).

To all registered voters situated within the Corrales Soil and Water Conservation District, counties of Lincoln and Torrance, State of New Mexico.

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday of May, 2010, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., polls will be open to elect three supervisors of the Corrales Soil and Water Conservation District, in accordance with the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation District Act.

Polling locations will be: NRCS/District Office, located at 307 12th Street, Corrales, New Mexico.

The positions to be filled are position #1 currently being held by Mark Allen Davison, position #2 currently being held by Steve Harvey, and position #3 currently being held by Jim Grider. Positions 1 and 2 may only be filled by resident owners of land within the district. Position 3 may be filled by a resident of the district.

Declarations of candidacy must be filed on or before March 8th, 2010 until March 15th, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. Declarations of candidacy must be filed at the above address on March 16th, 2010 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Write in candidates must file declarations of candidacy on March 23rd, 2010 at the above address between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Eligible voters within the district shall obtain and cast their ballots at the polling place on the day of the election. Eligible voters who will be absent on the day of the election may request an absentee ballot application by phone, and in person. Absentee ballots will be available between April 14, 2010 and April 14, 2010 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at:

Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District
Election Superintendent
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Capitan, NM 88316

To request an absentee ballot application by phone call (575) 354-2220. Completed absentee ballots must be received by the office above no later than 5 p.m., May 4, 2010.

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Plans and Specifications will be obtained from the purchasing Department of the City of Ruidoso, 122 Downes Drive, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88342 or Wilson Company, Inc., 2600 American Blvd., Rio Rancho, NM 87124, (505) 899-8021.

A deposit of \$50.00 per set of contract documents is required. Any bona fide bidder who furnishes the documents within 10 days following bid opening shall be returned 100% of deposit less cost of printing. A set of contract documents is required.

Sealed bids must be received by the Procurement Manager, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88342, P.O. Box 448 Ruidoso Downs, NM 88344. Bids will be received until Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. and

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ALTO LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, INC a New Mexico corporation

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CV 2009-00253

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER FORECLOSURE JUDGMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of that Decree of Foreclosure and Order of Sale entered by the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on March 1, 2010, in civil case number CV-2009-00253, the undersigned will offer for public sale to the highest bidder for cash of the front entrance of the Ruidoso Village Municipal Building, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico on the 19th day of April, 2010 at 9:30 a.m., all rights of the defendants Sergio Martinez and Laura Martinez to the following property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico:

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Amount of Plaintiff's Claim of Lien\$7,253.90

Interest to date of sale\$124.45

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Attorney's Fees.....

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General Help Wanted 230

Capitan Municipal Schools Employment Vacancy:

High School Teacher Math Endorsement

- Requires a New Mexico Teaching License
- Ability to be a successful mentor
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Position may also include coaching

Application Deadline: Until Filled

For detailed information and application please call 675-354-8500 or download from web page at www.capitan.k12.nm.us

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General Help Wanted 230

Greentree Solid Waste Authority

is accepting applications for a TEMP/FULL-TIME GDE DRIVER

Class "A" endorsement required. Positions will be filled as needed. You may pick up applications and job descriptions at 222 Second Street, Ruidoso Downs, NM or call (575) 378-4697. Applications deadline will be Monday, March 8, 2010, at 2:00 p.m.

Health Care 232 Health Care 232

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3 bed, 2.5ba, renov. cabin, 2 car, storage, half acre lot, walk to town, Pets OK. No smoking. Available April 1st. \$1100/mo. 575-258-4125

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309 Carters Lane 1 B d / 1 ba water & gas paid \$550 mo-\$450 deposit. Close to Midtown. 937-2494 NO PETS!

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Roommate Wanted 305
Looking for a responsible individual to share his home in Rancho de Ruidoso contact Dan @ 602-770-2760

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THIS WEEKEND

New 3D movies

Digital cinema is the latest technology to enhance the entertainment experience of moviegoers, and it now has arrived in Ruidoso at the Sierra Cinema.

The newly installed digital projector, which is manufactured by Christie Digital, offers "crystal clear visual and crisp sound," according to a Sierra Cinema employee.

Allen Theatres owns Sierra Cinema, along with the Aviator 10 theatre in Alamogordo. Digital projectors have been in place for quite some time at the Aviator 10, although they have just been installed in Ruidoso.

Ray Cook, manager of Sierra Cinema says, "There are approximately 40,000 total movie screens installed in theatres throughout the country, but only 10,000 of them are digital. We now have them in all three of our theatres."

Another benefit of having these new state-of-the-

art digital projectors is the ability to be able to offer the latest phenomenon in the film industry – 3D movies.

Although the viewer must still wear 3D glasses in order to "see" the movie as three dimensional, many believe that within a few years the glasses will become unnecessary, and that 3D technology will widely expand into the public sector.

The 2009 science fiction film *Avatar* was released in the standard two-dimensional format, as well as various forms of 3D. James Cameron, writer and director of *Avatar* states that 3D is here to stay. In fact, Cameron goes so far as to say that, "Within three to five years we will dispense with the (3D) glasses ... and that will allow us to have laptops and small portable devices and iPhones all in 3D."

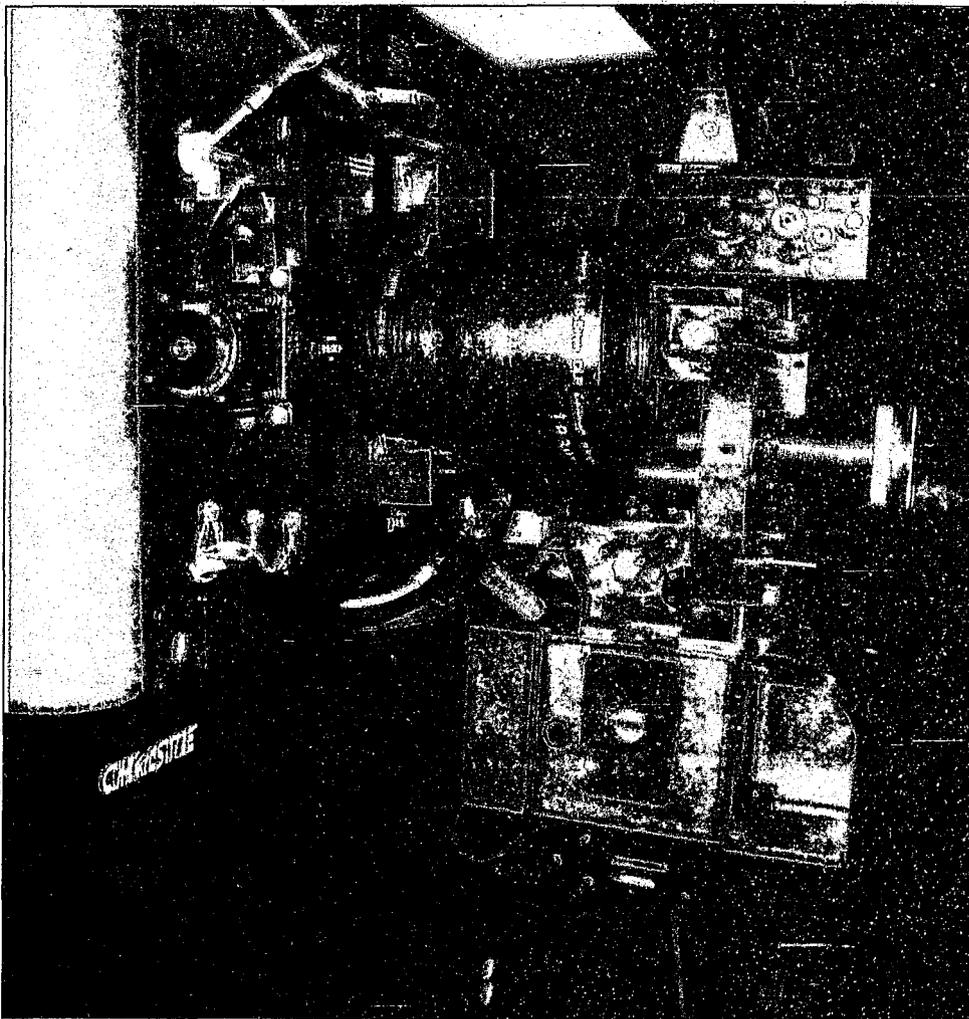
With specific regard to cinema theatres, Cameron continues, "For the last 10 years, or at least certainly

for the last five or six years, there's been more (3D) content than there has been screens. People were making 3D films at a rate faster than the exhibitors were adopting the technology in the theatres."

According to the Web site www.3dmovie.com, 3D movies generated over \$1 billion at theatrical box offices worldwide this year, and when a movie is projected in both versions, the 3D showings typically bring in more than double the revenue of the regular screenings.

Sierra Cinema will debut their new 3D theatre tonight with the new Tim Burton fantasy adventure film *Alice in Wonderland* starring Johnny Depp, Mia Wasikowska and Anne Hathaway among others.

For more information, call Sierra Cinema at 575-257-9444 or 257-2038, or go online to their Web site listings at www.allentheatresinc.com where there are listings and showtimes for all theatre locations.



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mation, visit www.hub-
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"Humble Pie"

March 6: (Mesilla)
Cinematinee screening
time is 1:30 p.m.; admis-
sion \$4, members \$1. For
info, call 575-524-8287, or
www.mesillavalleyfilm.org.

Women's Art Exhibit

March 3: (Ruidoso)
Village of Ruidoso Public
Library presents the "Won-
derful World of Women in
the Arts" featuring an exhib-
it of the art work of sever-
al are women artists. For
in-formation, call Sharon at
575-258-3704 extension
2003, or email sharonstew-
art@ruidoso-nm.gov.

Authors Reception

March 6: (Tularosa)
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ing Moments Over Tea:
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Aaron Lewis of Staind

March 11: (Mescalero)
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March 20 - April 20:
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dren's art work grades K -5
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Hubbard Museum

March 20: (Ruidoso
Downs) Dr. Phillip Shelley
presents "The Archeology
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The Doobie Brothers

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Trinity Site Tour

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return arrival at 2 p.m.
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co will be signing her new
book *No Mexicans, Wo-
men, or Dogs Allowed:
The Rise of the Mexican
American Civil Rights
Movement* at The Hub-
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April 17: (Ruidoso)
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duction at Alto Lakes Golf
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April 17, 7 p.m. Call Lori
Lamphere at 575-336-
1812; email VDay2010-
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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.

Texas Club (212 Metz Dr., Ruidoso; 258-3325): Skooter Jones; 7 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): Cowboy Mafia; 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Casa Blanca (501 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso; 257-2495): Tilted Floor Band; 7 p.m.

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

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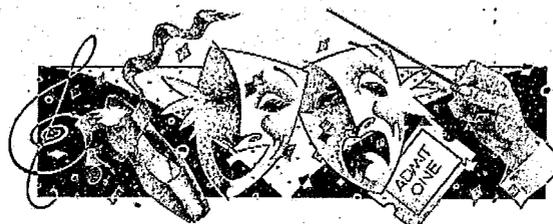
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SUNDAY

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

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ART MATTERS

Lorene Caywood

This month, the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts' *Art in Public Places* program features the Caywood Art Group. The group's work is on display at Village Hall through the month of March.

Led by Lorene Caywood, a native of New Mexico with small-town roots, this group of artists creates a variety of work spanning a number of different topics.

During Caywood's school years, art was not a subject which was offered. Nevertheless, in 1968, she began painting on her own. After a few years, she found that art in all forms was truly her life's passion.

She waited to indulge in her favorite pastime until her four children were almost grown – essentially so that she could keep them from getting into the paint – to pursue her interest on a full-time basis.

Almost entirely self-taught, Caywood has studied under Darwin Duncan and Don Langford, both of Chino, Calif., as well as Lee K. Parkinson in Midland, Texas.

Caywood's numerous commissions include homesteads – oftentimes committed from memory – wildlife, landscapes, and other subjects. Her work is in private collections throughout the United States, Japan, England, Arabia, Mexico, Australia and Alaska.

For eight years, Cay-

wood taught at the Community Center in Tularosa, and was Superintendent of Fine Arts for the Lincoln County Fair for 22 years. She also served as president of the Chino Art Association in Chino, Calif.

Caywood and her husband have resided in Capitan since 1978. Their business, "Lorene and Larry's Frame and Art," began in the early 1980s and specializes in unique framing, as well as miniature landscapes and similar artistic works.

Her hilltop studio offers a scenic panorama of Sierra Blanca and the other area mountain ranges. This wonderful view is an inspiration to not only Lorene, but also to her students and visitors.

Caywood is of the belief that there is an artist in everyone. It is her goal to assist every person in the exploration and enhancement of their own personal abilities. Instruction is based not only on Caywood's talent and expertise, but more importantly, on her ability to challenge each student while maintaining an atmosphere of quiet encouragement and positive feedback.

Classes are affordably priced and are structured as either private or group sessions. Group classes begin in the morning and continue into the afternoon. There is a break for lunch, which allows for interactive critique. During this time, each student exhibits what they have accomplished that day.

Caywood's students include all levels of talent, from beginners to advanced, with many having works in private collections, or exhibited in various venues.

Caywood offers instruction in several different media. While she personally excels in oils, her instruction includes pastels, acrylics, pen and ink to name a few. It is her versatility, love of art and passion for teaching that challenge and inspire her students in their artistic journeys.

Caywood comments, "It's the journey, not the destination, and so it is in all we do. When learning something new, it's the process and the fun of learning."

Anyone who is interested in seeing Caywood's work, or in taking a class, can contact her by calling 575-354-5466. Visitors are welcome to stop by the studio located at 168 Main Road in Capitan. Caywood's paintings, as well as those of her students, are on display.

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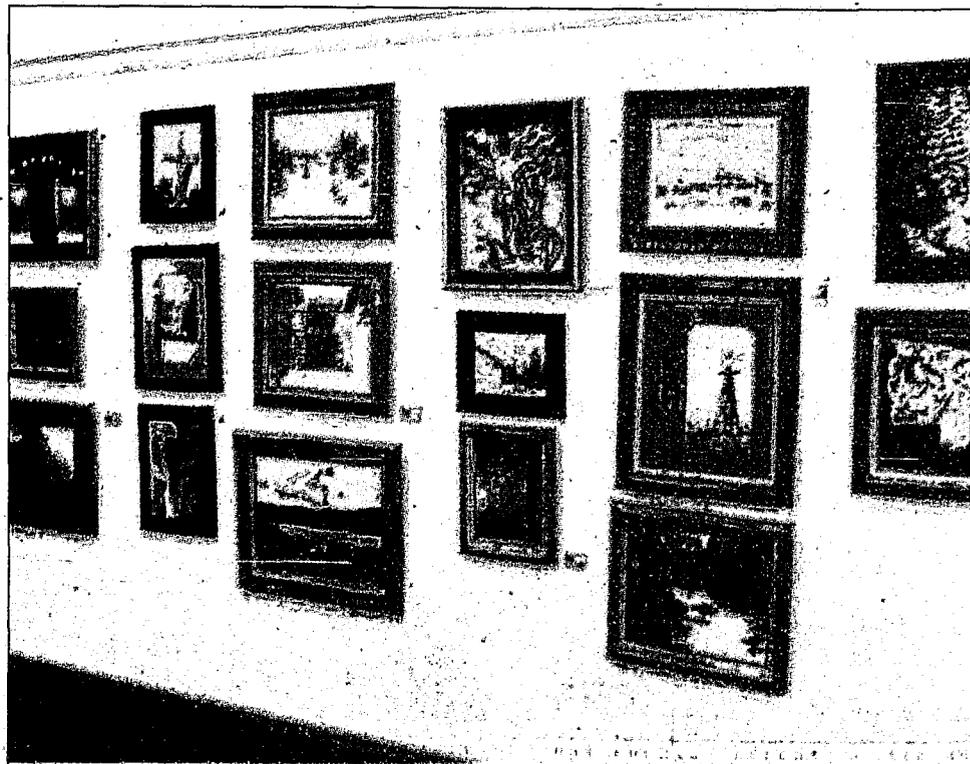
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This weekly series showcases RRCA member artists and their work in a variety of mediums.

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



Caywood's students include (above, left-to-right) Charlise McDonald, Anne Williams, Lorene Caywood and Judy Willingham. The group's work (below) is on display at Village Hall through the month of March.



ART MATTERS



"Horse on River's Edge" (above) and "Rounding Up" (top right) are both the work of Lorene Caywood.

Artist Anne Williams, one of Caywood's students, credits Caywood with developing her style and skill as exemplified in Williams' oil paintings (below left and right).



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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.

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ART GALLERIES & STUDIOS

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Cloudcroft

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

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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.



Portrait Workshop

Noted local artist Virgil Stephens is offering a series of two three-day workshops titled "Painting in Charcoal."

The first workshop focuses on horse images and takes place March 5-7. The subject of the second workshop is portrait painting, which is scheduled for March 26-28.

The location for both workshops is Innsbrook Village Country Club and Resort, 146 Geneva Rd. The cost is \$375 per person, which includes a catered lunch by Dreamcatcher Café and Coffee House for each of the three days. There is a maximum of 12 students per class.

Stephens has long been sought after as an instructor, but it is just recently that he has decided to ven-

ture into the arena of art instruction. As Stephens states, "There is a new aspect of my career taking place. I have been asked for a couple decades now if I would teach and I always said no, that I would rather be a taste-tester for beef jerky than to go about teaching. Well, God works in mysterious ways and leads us down unexpected trails as we go through life, and so He has placed it on my heart that it is time now to start giving back. I have gathered up some tried-and-true methods and techniques that I have kept up under my skirt all these years, and now is the time to share them in the form of three-day workshops."

One of Stephens' recent students says, "As a beginner, I was surprised



"A Gathering of Thoughts" is rendered in charcoal.

that I completed a portrait in three days, much less to have it look like the model. Virgil gave me one-on-one time, as well as the other students, which made all the difference in the students walking away satisfied. I can't wait for his next class."

For more information on Stephens, his art and upcoming workshops, go online to www.notevena.com. He may also be contacted at 575-354-3352, or email virgil@notevena.com or write Virgil C. Stephens, HC 67 Box 55, Nogal, NM 88341.

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.

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Patty Robinson

Public library celebrates Women's History Month with diverse women's artwork exhibit

The month of March is Women's History Month, and to recognize this celebration the Village of Ruidoso Public Library is presenting a special event titled "Wonderful World of Women in the Arts."

An eclectic show of the artwork of several talented local women will be on display in the library as part of the "Art in Public Places" program, which is sponsored by the Ruidoso Regional Council of the Arts. Artists included in this exhibit are:

- Jamie Slack - gourd sculpture;
- Victoria Mauldin - oil painting;
- Pat Speight - mixed media;

• Jennie Powell - watercolor painting;

- Patty Robinson - acrylic painting;
- Patsy Massey - ceramics;
- Susie Komara - fiber arts;
- Jan Kennedy - gourd sculpture;
- Mim English - oil paintings;
- Madeline Sabo - wood carvings;
- Zoe de Negri - jewelry;
- Anita Keegan - oil paintings;
- Dee Wescott - oil paintings;
- Jacqueline Kastor - oil paintings.

The artwork will be on display through the months of April and May.

The Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Rd. Hours are Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Fri., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call 575-258-3704, or go on-line to www.youseemore.com.



BY PATTY ROBINSON
FOR ¡VAMOS!

I have lived in Sonterra for nine years. My husband and I came here after Dave McGarry told me about the area. One of his sculptures

had been attacked by our cat and

had lost the metal tips of the feathers in the battle. I had questioned Dave about getting the piece repaired and he suggested

bringing the sculpture to Ruidoso. We bought in Sonterra the afternoon we saw it. Doug tells people that we *did* eat lunch first.

I love old-time cowboy music and saw all of those Western Saturday mati-

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nees. I even played the steel guitar for years. My kitties are named Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. So, it is understandable why we instantly fell in love with the property.

Having been born at Queen of the Angels in Los Angeles, I am a native Angelino. I grew up in East L.A. — like Cheech and Chong — and spent my teen years in the San Fernando Valley.

My mother used to drive us in her red Chevy convertible over Mulholland Drive to the Zuma Beach every day during the summers. Then, I was lucky enough to live with a view of Catalina out my window for 30 years.

I consider myself as "L.A." as one can get and love the town.

When asked what my background is for painting, I have to reply, "Teaching first grade." There, I played

with paints, clay, crayons, and collage to my heart's content. Paintings filled the walls and ceiling.

I also made my daughter's formals and costumes for shows. She started kindergarten with 25 hand-made dresses.

Oh — I also won a bronze medal in photography at the Los Angeles County fair. My photography hung in the superintendent's office for a year.

I remember the first time I painted in Ruidoso. We were sitting at Pat Speight's kitchen table painting Sierra Blanca, which is visible out her window. She was forming an art group to be called the "RaRas" and let me join. The entire group has nicknames. Pat is called Princess. So, I named myself the Contessa de Sonterra. I learned quickly with their guidance and critiques. I have taken

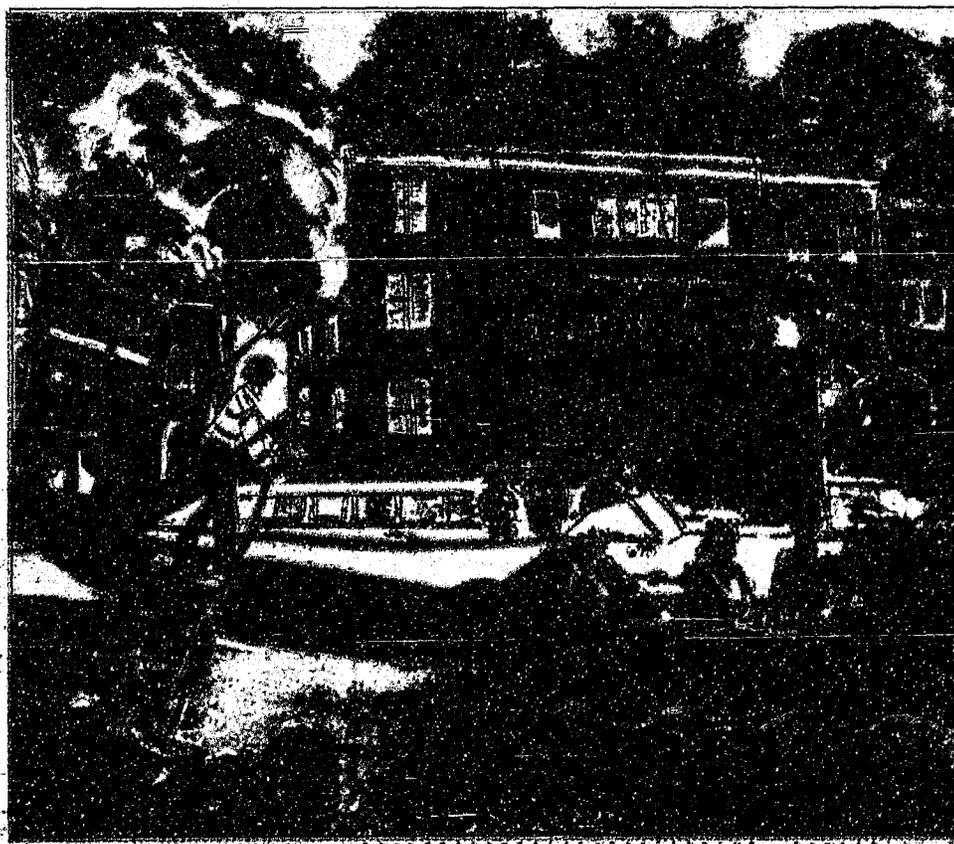
classes from some powerful teachers such as Judy Betts and Stephen Kilborn and even studied in Florence, Italy, with an instructor from their art institute. But, most of the impact comes from Dee Wescott, whose style I love. Manon Doyle taught me to paint beautiful eyes. Pat Speight and Vicki Maudlin have offered hours of support.

My work is considered mixed media. I paint mainly in acrylics and watercolor, adding collage. Most of my work are portraits of Hispanic and island women. I also paint whimsical paintings of Venice and Hawaii using colors from my heart, rather than from nature. My work will be available at ArtLoop and Alto Artist Studio Tour.

To learn more about Patty Robinson, go online to her Web site at www.contessasonterra.com, or email sonterra@yahoo.com



"Summertime" (above), "Hortenzia" (lower left) and "Gondola in Venezia" (below) all demonstrate Robinson's delightful flair and use of color.



Cabaret

Spencer Theatre for the Performing Arts presents this classic musical production

On Saturday, March 13 at 8 p.m., the Spencer Theatre will present the highly-acclaimed stage production *Cabaret, the Musical*.

Few musicals have been reincarnated so successfully in so many different forms. When *Cabaret* first premiered onstage in 1966, it was considered revolutionary for utilizing the musical form – a predominately upbeat genre with light stories – as the narrative vehicle for haunting history, the rise of the Third Reich and growing German anti-Semitism.

Based on John Van Druten's 1951 play *I Am a Camera*, which was adapted from the novel *Goodbye to Berlin* by Christopher Isherwood, the show proved to be a huge hit with critics and audiences alike, winning eight Tony Awards including Best Musical.

Cabaret made a splash again in 1972 as a Hollywood movie starring Joel

Grey and Liza Minnelli, winning eight Academy Awards. The 1998 stage revival merges aspects of both productions, utilizing characters in the subplot which were dismissed in the film version, as well as cabaret-style songs added in the film version.

The story takes place in 1931 Berlin as the Nazis are rising to power, and is set in the infamous, seedy cabaret, the Kit Kat Club.

Cabaret tells the story of the young singer Sally Bowles, a middle-class lass from Chelsea, London, as she struggles her best to live the thrillingly decadent life which the city is supposed to offer.

Into her orbit comes Cliff Bradshaw, a young American writer, and Sally soon joins him in the boarding house run by Fraulein Schneider. Their fellow lodgers include the cheerful whore Fraulein Kost, and the gentle, gray-ing fruiterer Herr Schultz.

As the clouds gather, Sally, now pregnant by

Cliff, is still determined to show the world what a good time she is having and she will not (or cannot) hear the terrifying noises of Nazism around her. But the others can.

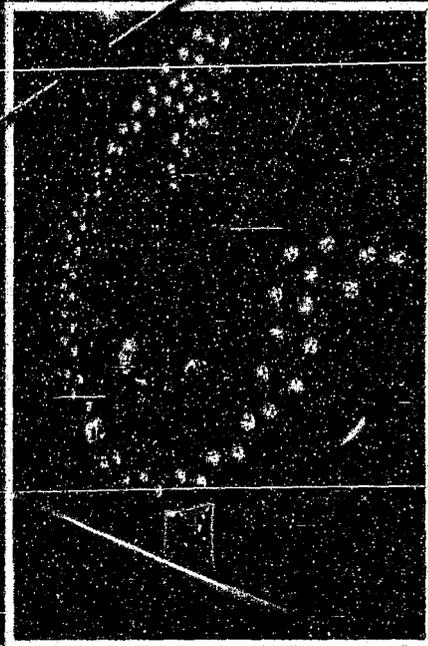
This hit musical includes some of the most outstanding songs in Broadway history, including "It Couldn't Please Me More," "Willkommen," "Cabaret," "Don't Tell Mama" and "Two Ladies" The production is also a display of some very distinctive dancing.

Presented by Windwood Theatricals (*Little Women, Urban Cowboy The Musical, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*), *Cabaret, the Musical* delights audiences of all ages.

For ticket information, contact the Spencer Theatre for the Performing Arts box office at 575-336-4800, email to boxoffice@spencertheatre.com, or go online to their Web site at www.spencertheatre.com. Tickets are \$69 and \$66 for this one-night-only.



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The Ruidoso Public Library offers a free class on the use of eBooks

For those who missed the Ruidoso Public Library's eAudiobook class, there will be a second opportunity to learn how to use the library's newest service.

Another class will be presented on Wednesday, March 10, at 2 p.m. Library assistant Jennifer Stubbs will be teaching the class, which allows the user to download eAudiobooks for free. A question-and-answer period follows the class.

Anyone interested should bring their mp3 device, iPod or laptop. In order to access the



eAudiobook library, patrons will need to come to the library and sign up for a free account on our public computers. Once an account has been estab-

lished with NetLibrary, the user will be able to download eAudiobooks and also view eBooks.

Before taking the class, participants may wish to view some of the titles that are available as eAudiobooks and eBooks by going online to the Library's Web site at www.youseemore.com and clicking on the "Free Downloads eLibrary" tab.

The Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Rd.

Library hours are Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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CUISINE

Natillas

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A recent trip to Santa Fe inspired me in compiling this month's Potpourri recipes. Cooking, foods, museums and history all come together for my recipe theme for March.

A school co-worker, Dena Odell, and I were in Santa Fe for a two-day FAEA (Fine Arts Education Art) winter meeting held at the New Mexico History Museum and the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum Education Annex. "Telling New Mexico: Stories from Then and Now," the core exhibition, is divided into six sections. It includes chronological periods from the pre-Colonial era to the present day.

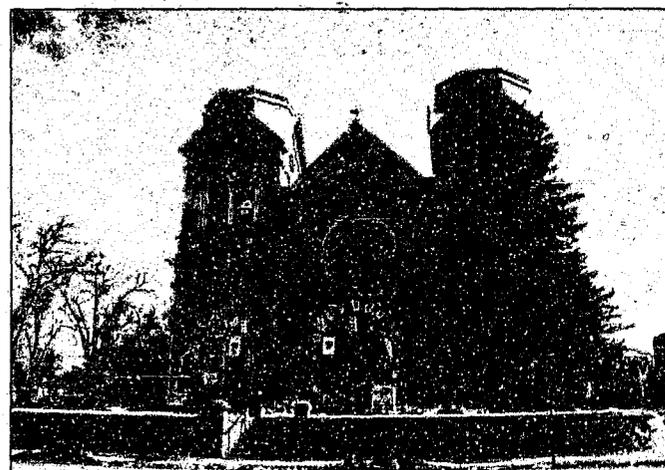
We spent our time attending music and art workshops, and eating at quaint places. We dined at Cowboy Hall of Fame, Burrito Company, The Shed, Café Pasquale, and shopped for healthy foods at Whole Foods Market and Trader Joe's.

At the Palace of the Governors I saw the exhibit, "Tesoros de Devoción," (Treasures of Devotion) where I viewed the art of my culture and tradition – and the art form on which my art is based, santos.

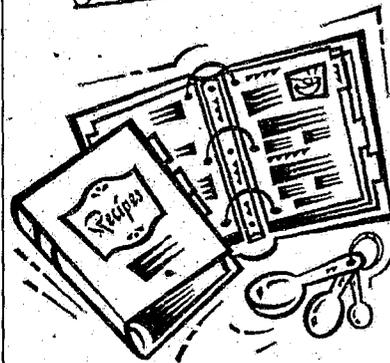
The nation's oldest government building, the 400-year-old palace, has seen Spanish soldiers, Pueblo peoples, Mexican governors, U.S. military personnel, territorial governors, merchants, fur trappers and traders of the Santa Fe Trail.

The outside and inside of the impressive and awesome St. Francis Cathedral, built in 1886, is known for its beautiful Romanesque architecture, and is the reason I chose Natillas as my first historic recipe. This soft custard is a favorite Lenten dessert.

Natillas are thickened very slowly over low heat. They can be cooked in a sauce pan or double boiler. Stir constantly while heating and do not boil.



Natillas



4 eggs, room temperature, separated
 1/4 cup flour
 4 cups milk
 3/4 plus 2 tablespoons granulated sugar*
 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon vanilla

Make a mixture of the egg yolks, flour and 1 cup of the milk. Add sugar and salt to the rest of the milk and scald. Using a sieve pour the egg mixture into the hot milk.

Cook slowly, over low heat stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, until mixture reaches the consistency of soft custard.

This can take up to 30 minutes. Do not boil. Remove from heat and stir in 1/2 teaspoon of the vanilla.

Beat egg whites until they are stiff. Gradually add 2 tablespoons sugar. Add 1/2 teaspoon vanilla last. Fold into hot custard. Pour into custard bowls. Natillas can be eaten warm or chilled. Garnish with nutmeg and cinnamon.

CUISINE • DINING GUIDE

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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.

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

Josey's Sweets • 603 St. Francis Dr • Tularosa • 585-3120 • Mon-Sat, 12:30-9 p.m.; Sun, 2-8p.m.

Mayhill Café • Mayhill • 687-3066

Mayhill Mercantile • Mayhill • 687-3425.

Mountain Top Mercantile Deli • 105 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-2777 • Open 7 days, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. • Carry-out only.

Mountain View Café & The Bistro (GCRMC), 2669 Scenic Dr., Alamogordo • 443-7456 (Mountainview) / 443-7457 (Bistro).

Nature's Pantry • 2909 White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-3037 • Deli/bar open Mon-Fri, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. • Organic.

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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. •

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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.

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

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

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Gigi's Pizza • 600 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-5811.

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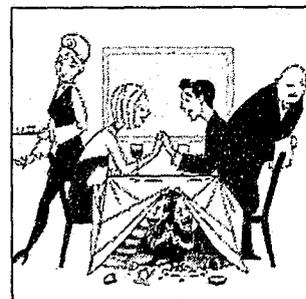
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Law with an attitude, part 1

Temple Lea Houston had a big name to live up to – one of the biggest, in fact, in Texas history. Born on Aug. 12, 1860, Temple was the eighth and youngest child of the legendary Sam Houston. He was named for his Baptist minister grandfather, but there was little about Temple that could be called religious.

Starting with his early childhood, Temple resented being compared to his father, who died when Temple was only 3. Temple fought to be remembered as one-of-a-kind, and he was that – in spades.

When Temple was 7, his mother died, and he spent the remainder of his childhood being raised by relatives and attending local schools. Even in his pre-teen years, Temple was known for his skill in debating and as the years progressed, he only got better.

Early years

At the age of 13, Temple became a cowboy and helped drive a herd of cattle to far-off North Dakota. According to historian Peggy Robbins, Temple – “just for the fun of it” – got a job as a clerk on a Mississippi steamboat and eventually landed in New Orleans, where he made the acquaintance of many of his father's friends and political allies. One of them, a U.S. Congressman, got Temple a job as a page in



the U.S. Senate.

He also spent time at the famed Baylor University, where one of his better-known photos was taken. But back to Washington, D.C.: The young man spent four years in the Nation's Capitol. At the age of 19, cutting a tall, muscular figure, Temple studied law and was admitted to the Texas Bar. His first law office was opened in Brazoria County.

Over the years, Temple's style of dress changed, with one major exception – he *always* carried at least one revolver. As the first district attorney appointed in the Texas Panhandle, Houston moved to Mobeetie, but his plans to marry a lady named Laura Cross did not fit in – he considered Mobeetie to be an unsuitable place for a bride. In his own words, Mobeetie was “a bald-headed whiskey town with few virtuous women.”

It was rare that Temple handled a murder case, because at that time, and in that place, the charge was murder *only* if the vic-

tim had no chance to draw his weapon. Therefore, there were numerous cases that were simply called “assault.”

According to one story, Temple was involved in a shooting contest at Tascosa, Texas, that included Billy the Kid and Bat Masterson. Houston out-shot both noted pistoleers.

Marriage and politics

Finally, in 1883, Houston married Laura Cross. Mrs. Houston's husband had by that time garnered a well-deserved reputation for his oratory and was known as a “powerful statesman.” He was even chosen to deliver the primary address at the dedication of the State Capitol at Austin in 1888. While there, Temple was offered the opportunity to be elected to the U.S. Senate, but by then, his yen for adventure had been neglected too long.

In the summer of 1893, Houston relocated to Woodward, Okla. Temple was already well-known there, primarily because of one night when he witnessed a young boy get “taken” for all of his money in a Guthrie gambling emporium. Houston's reaction was simple and quick – he shot the place to pieces, running off all of its occupants, including the place's proprietor.

It was at Woodward that one of Temple's most famous cases took place. It seems that in Cheyenne, a drunken cowboy, known to history only as “Red

Tom,” killed an Indian for the simple reason that he didn't like Indians. Red Tom followed his quarry around town, first into a restaurant where he snatched away a cup of coffee that the Indian had ordered and then followed the terrified man out of town, where without further ado, he killed him. Then, this fool went back into town and bragged about the killing.

It was as clear-cut a case of murder as ever there was and Red Tom would have undoubtedly faced the gallows had he not hired Temple Houston as his defense attorney. With what today would be called political incorrectness, Houston played on the sympathies of the jury, many of whom had lost family members to Indian depredations and Red Tom was acquitted.

In another case, Temple was defending a young cowboy for killing a locally well-known gunman. Witnesses testified that the dead man had been given no chance to defend himself. Nevertheless, Houston claimed that his client would have had no chance whatsoever in a fair fight. Stepping in close to the jurors, he informed them that, “He (his client) had no chance unless he fired first. The malefactor (the dead guy) was so adept with a six-shooter that he could draw and fire his own weapon before his victim could begin to draw. Like this.” And with that, Houston drew his

own pistol and emptied it at the jury.

Everyone panicked. The jurors leaped from the jury box and ran, with most of the rest of the crowd, toward the doors and windows. Even the judge took cover under his desk.

As it turned out, Temple had been firing blanks, but as soon as the jury mixed with the rest of the crowd, the judge was forced to declare a mistrial. The cowboy was retried and ultimately acquitted.

Devoted to his family, Temple purchased a pony for his son Sam, who was 10 years old. However, when the boy approached a local farmer named Jenkins to make sure it was all right to ride on his land, Jenkins, spectacularly drunk, spat in the child's face. This was a very large mistake.

A short time later, Temple appeared on the street, searching for Jenkins. When the two men saw each other, Jenkins ran for his horse, but when he saw Temple bearing down on him, he made the mistake of pulling his pistol. Houston's own pistol, which he referred to as “old Betsy” roared twice. The first bullet slammed into Jenkins' chest, exiting just below his shoulder blade. The second hit him in the arm. Miraculously, Jenkins survived the encounter and Temple was only given a small fine, which he never paid anyway.

Among Temple Houston's rivals in Woodward

was the law firm of Jennings and Jennings. There were four brothers – Ed, Frank, John and Al. Frank and Al were bandits – more in their own minds than in reality – and John and Ed were attorneys. Temple had clashed with the lawyer half of the family, either collectively or individually, on many occasions, but it was the night that Temple sat drinking with his friend, ex-lawman Jack Love, that the feud turned suddenly deadly. Prior to that night, Temple had never killed a man, but all that was about to change.

Next: The Jennings boys

SOURCES: *The Encyclopedia of Western Lawmen and Outlaws* by Jay Robert Nash and *Even Handier with Words than a Gun - Temple Houston* by Peggy Robbins.

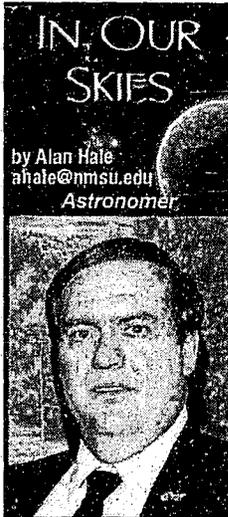
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IN OUR SKIES

Kepler at one year

One year ago this weekend, i.e., on March 6, 2009, the *Kepler* spacecraft was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla. *Kepler* is one of the first spacecraft to be launched with the specific mission of searching for planets orbiting other stars. It does so by what is called the "transit" method, i.e., it detects the small drop in a star's brightness when the planet "transits," or crosses directly in front of, that star. If this drop in brightness recurs on a regular basis, a planet's existence can be inferred, and in many cases can be confirmed when other observational methods – for example, changes in the star's spectrum due to reflexive orbital motion around the system's center of gravity – are applied.

In order for this type of search method to be effective in finding planets, the planet's orbital plane around its parent star has to be aligned almost exactly in our line of sight to that star. Only a very small percentage – in the neighborhood of 1 per cent – of such stars will have their accompanying planets aligned in such a fashion, and thus for individual stars this is probably not the way to go about looking for planets. *Kepler* gets around this by continuously monitoring the bright-



nesses of over 150,000 stars in a small region of sky located near the northwestern "wing" of the constellation Cygnus, the swan (currently located in the northeastern sky during the last couple of hours before dawn).

After a few weeks of orbital and instrumental check-outs, *Kepler* began its initial scientific observations last summer, and the first results were quite positive. An already-known planet oriented in the right orbital configuration is in this part of the sky, and *Kepler* picked it up right away. In fact, not only did *Kepler* detect the drop in the star's brightness as the planet passed in front of it, it also detected the drop in the overall system's brightness as the planet – illuminated by light from its parent star – passed behind the star. The planet in question, known as HAT-P-7, is one of the so-called "hot Jupiters," i.e., large, Jupiter-sized planets orbiting very close to their respective parent stars. HAT-P-7 is about 1 1/2 times the size of Jupiter and orbits around its star every 2.2 days.

Two months ago astronomers from the *Kepler* project announced the results from the first 43 days of full scientific observations. As many as 175 pos-

sible candidate planets were found, and 50 of these were then examined with ground-based telescopes for confirmation. While quite a few turned out to be false alarms for various reasons, five of these turned out to be true, bona fide planets.

Four of these five planets are "hot Jupiters," and one is a "hot Neptune." One of the "hot Jupiter" planets is almost 1 1/2 times as big across as Jupiter but only has a little over 40 per cent of Jupiter's mass, thus giving it an average density of something like styrofoam. The planet in question, known as *Kepler 7b*, orbits its parent star every 4.9 days, and the star itself, which is about 1.8 times as big across as our sun, is located a few degrees east of the bright star Vega (in the constellation of Lyrā, west of Cygnus).

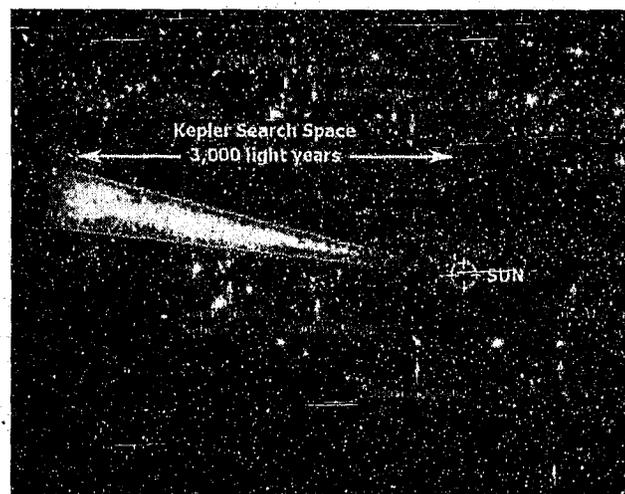
All this is only the beginning. There are still the remaining 125 initial candidates to check out, and in the meantime it should be remembered that this all comes from only the first few weeks of data. A timeframe this short is going to be predisposed to find the "hot Jupiter" planets, since any planets that orbit farther out from their parent stars aren't going to show up as multiple brightness drops over this short an interval. A planet orbiting at an Earthlike distance from a star the size of the sun will only cross in front of that star once a year, and thus it will take

two to three years of solid data-gathering to detect such a planet.

The instruments aboard *Kepler* are, in fact, sensitive enough to detect the extremely tiny drop in a star's brightness as a result of a transit by an Earth-sized planet. Were any such brightness drops to be detected and confirmed, and found to recur at approximately one-year intervals, and if the star involved is about the same size as our sun, we would then have solid evidence of a potential "Earth" orbiting within its parent star's "habitable zone," i.e., at a distance where water can exist as a liquid and life, theoretically, could develop and exist.

Kepler is thus the first scientific instrument that has the potential of detecting another "Earth" besides ours. Almost as important, since *Kepler* is examining a large number of stars it should ultimately be able to tell us how many stars have accompanying planetary systems, and should also be able to give us information as to what these planetary systems might be like. Putting all this together, what *Kepler* should be able to tell us is, statistically, how many "Earths" there might exist in our galaxy.

So, *Kepler* is now one year down (less than that, if one considers the time devoted to actual data-gathering), and several more to go: at least another two-and-a-half to three. If all continues to go well,



by the time its mission is complete *Kepler* should be able to provide us the information necessary for the initial step of answering that ultimate question of "are we alone?"

Alan Hale is a professional astronomer who resides in Cloudcroft, and is raising funds for the Earthrise Project, described at www.earthriseinstitute.org.

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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; 575-336-1530 for local info. All are invited to attend.

Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, plus a 29ers game 1 p.m. Mondays; Ruidoso Senior Center; Info: 257-7411 or 257-6188.

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

Lincoln County Bird Club: Monthly field trips are scheduled at various times. Info: 257-5352 or 258-3862.

Lincoln County Garden Club: Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m.; New members and visitors welcome; Info: Joyce, 258-4663, or Elena, 258-3724.

Lincoln County Right to Life Chapter: 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday at 309 L.L. Davis Dr. All are welcome; Info: 258-5108.

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

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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.

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Capitan Smokey Bear Lions Club: 5:30 p.m. every Thursday at Smokey Bear Restaurant. Info: Bob Callender, 575-258-1345 or 575-937-7911.

Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program: 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso. For children age 4 to 6th grade; Info: 257-2081, www.fbcruaidoso.com.

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

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

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

Laughing Eyes Kennels: 501(c)(3) nonprofit breeder and trainer of Service Dogs in Nogal seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling & puppy socialization, bookkeeping, fundraising and kennel upkeep/management. Info: www.lekennels.org or 575-354-4342.

Lincoln County Community Health Council: 8 a.m. first Tuesday of each

month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. New members welcome. Info: 973-1829.

Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary: 9:30 a.m. second Tuesday of each month in the hospital conference room. New volunteers welcome. Info: 630-4250.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse: Meets first Sunday each month at 2 p.m. at the Posse building, Hwy. 54, in Carrizozo. Groups needing their volunteer security services, notify by mail one month (but not less than two weeks) prior to the monthly meeting. Send to P.O. Box 1784, Capitan, NM 88316. Info: 888-663-7029.

OES Ruidoso Chapter 65: Meeting every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 144 Nob Hill Dr. Info: 257-5313.

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): Noon every Wednesday at K-BOB's. Info: 257-5938 or 258-9218.

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

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club: 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country 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 whitemountainsearch@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainsearch.org or phone 866-596-8382.

Veterans

American Legion Jerome D. Klein Post 79: 11 a.m. every third Saturday, 101 Spring St. at Hwy. 70, Ruidoso

Downs; Info: 257-6757.

American Legion James A Hipp, Post 57: First Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. Sr.Citizens Center, Capitan. 575-336-2194

VFW Post 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.

Crochet Guild of America: The Alamogordo Touch of Class Chapter welcomes all levels. 437-3832.

Desert Basin Toastmasters: Meets 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Alamogordo Physical Therapy Center, 10th and Washington; and every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Comm. Center at Holloman AFB. Guests welcome. Visit desertbasin.freetoasthost.com or phone 921-4767.

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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 Delilah at 442-8750.

Education

ESL: English as a second language class, 9 a.m. each Monday, 1328

Scenic Dr. \$15 for workbook. Class sponsored by Mountain Valley Baptist Association; 437-9987.

H.E.L.P. Head Start: Accepting applications for pre-school children with or without disabilities. Free meals. Alamogordo Center: Maria Gallegos, 434-6313; La Luz Center: Martina Travis, 437-4485; Tularosa Center: Annette Chavez, 585-4818.

Integrated Instructional Services Department: Monthly Parent/Staff Advisory Committee meeting, 4 - 6 p.m. every second Tuesday at the IIS Building. Dr. Doug Householder, 439-3200.

Lacy Simms: Governing council meets at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at First National Bank Building Atrium. Regular meetings are at 7:15 p.m.; 437-4011.

Help & 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, Alamogosa, Tularosa and Mesquero. 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 Tinning, 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/luncheon 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 Auxillary 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.

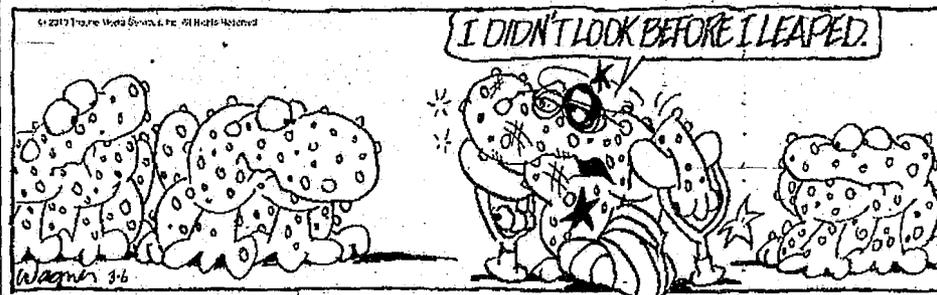
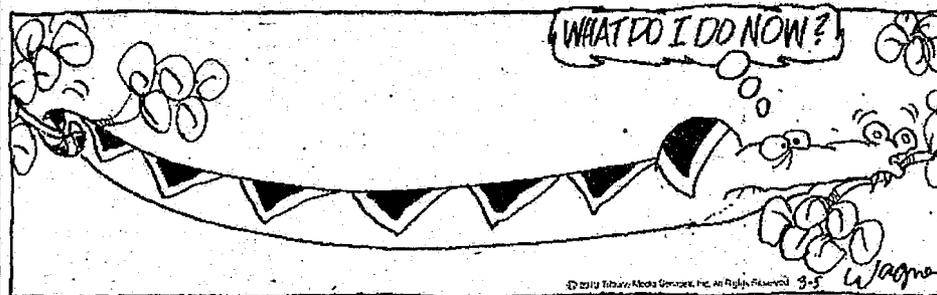
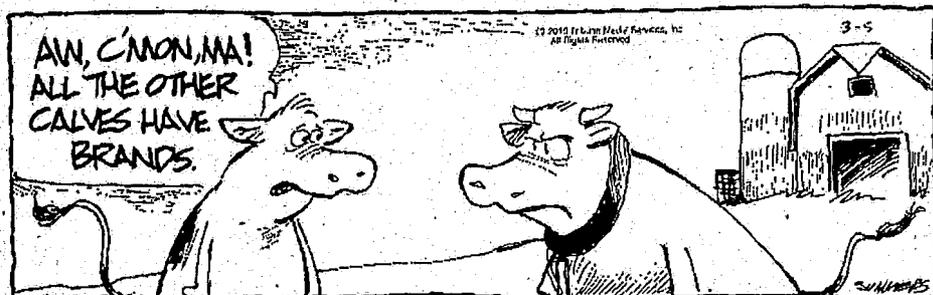
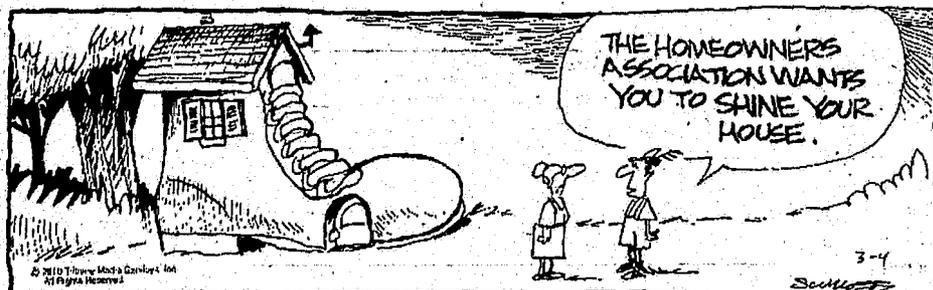
New Mexico American Legion Riders Association, Chap 8: Meets second Tuesday at 8 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, or Darrell Winfree, 430-7735.

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 Auxillary: Meetings are at 7 p.m. every third Tuesday at 700 U.S. 70 West in Bingo Hall; 437-0770.

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- 81 LL Cool J label
- 83 Actor Feldman or Haim

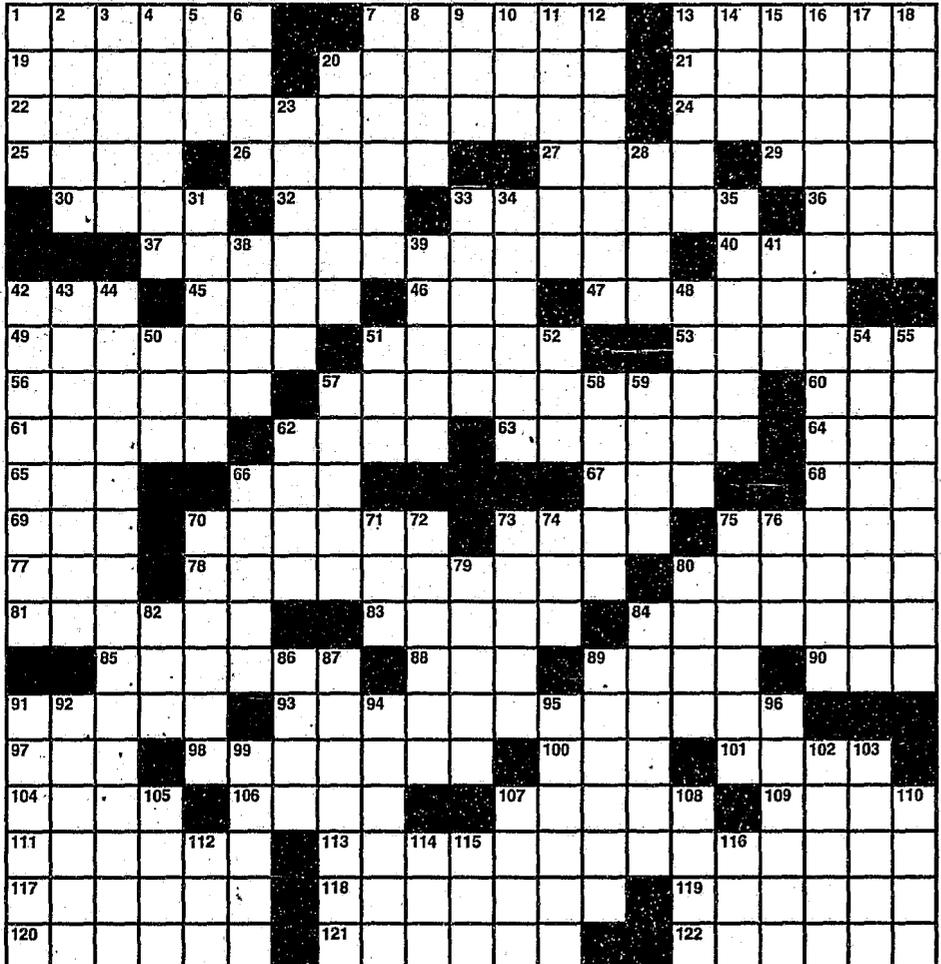
- 84 Jewish pancake
- 85 Alarm setting for one with a paper route, maybe
- 88 Strew seed
- 89 Globule
- 90 That ship
- 91 ___ brûlée: custard dessert
- 93 Communication from perverts?
- 97 Over there, back when
- 98 Gear on the slopes
- 100 Google had one in Aug. 2004
- 101 W. Coast enforcer
- 104 Letter sign-off
- 106 Organic compound
- 107 “___ the Boys”: Katy Perry album
- 109 Didn't hold, as dyes
- 111 It'll put you under
- 113 Competition for greased-up pooches?
- 17 High regard

- DOWN**
- 1 Inclusive choice
 - 2 Doff a bowler
 - 3 Castmate of Gasteyer, Ferrell et al.
 - 4 Gas bag
 - 5 Dermal opening
 - 6 Prefix with -gon
 - 7 Son
 - 8 Impulse
 - 9 W.'s degree
 - 10 Blackball
 - 11 Batting next
 - 12 Got around
 - 13 Night vision?
 - 14 Latin king
 - 15 “Unfortunately ...”
 - 16 Preserved a liquor bottle?

- 18 Hipster's accessory
- 20 It may be circled on a calendar
- 23 Special gifts
- 28 Remote control?
- 31 Break
- 33 Got a B-minus, say
- 34 Summer refresher
- 35 Traces
- 38 Tavern flier
- 39 Hound
- 41 Niagara Falls prov.
- 42 Spider, e.g.
- 43 Drink named for a football team
- 44 Aggressive policy to increase box office sales?
- 48 Phase
- 50 John or Jane
- 51 Series of jokes
- 52 Football stat.
- 54 Emulate Don Juan
- 55 Gas mileage calculating aid

- 57 Can't tell which ___ up
- 58 Onions partner
- 59 Had too much
- 62 Old school add-on?
- 66 Humiliate
- 70 They may be close
- 71 And so forth: Abbr.
- 72 Convention booths
- 73 Misrepresents
- 74 “I'm talking to you!”
- 75 Like some gowns
- 76 Director Howard
- 79 Swindler
- 80 Seating ___
- 82 Bowie at the Alamo
- 84 Parent's reminder
- 86 J. Juliet
- 87 Brunch drinks
- 89 Humans and ostriches, e.g.
- 91 Many a sci-fi villain

- 92 Former “At the Movies” co-host
- 94 Bring to the majors
- 95 “Nothing Compares 2 U” singer O'Connor
- 96 Experimental runner
- 99 Stays fresh
- 102 Fundraising dinner unit
- 103 Plastic duck, e.g.
- 105 Subdue by shocking
- 107 Fried Cajun veggie
- 108 Flat beer's lack
- 110 Mountain ___
- 112 King whose tomb was found in 1922
- 114 Bargain bin abbr.
- 115 “Take This Job and Shove It” songwriter David Allan ___
- 116 College résumé fig.



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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DAITS

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RUIFT

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TAUROH

○ ○ ○ ○ ○

HOCCUR

○ ○ ○ ○ ○

Ans: “○○○ - ○○○○○○○○○”

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WHAT HE CONSIDERED HIS WIFE'S NEW HAT.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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RACK 2 = 80	F U R L E S S
RACK 1 = 59	S O L U B L E

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