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# Mining site scoped

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**Canadian company hopes to explore for rare earth minerals in Jicarilla area**

Another mining company is scoping out sites in Lincoln County, but unlike three years ago, an ordinance already is in place to give county officials some input.

County Manager Tom Stewart told county commissioners Tuesday he received notification Feb. 18, of Red Basin LLC's intent to conduct exploratory operations in the Lincoln National Forest near Jicarilla. The Saskatchewan, Can-

ada, firm also is active in the Red Cloud area of the Cibola National Forest that falls within Lincoln County.

"In accordance with our mining ordinance, it appears that the documentation submitted to the state for a Mineral Exploration Proposal, if sufficient to address remediation, is sufficient for the county commission to provide a permit for explo-

ration operations, which is short of the full Mining Operations Permit that requires extensive public notification and review by engineers," Stewart said. After his inquiry to the Division of Mining and Minerals, the company's chief executive officer, Malcolm Bucholtz, dropped off the New Mexico Mineral Impact



BUCHOLTZ

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## Carrizozo's hometown boy

**New mayor Mike Petty found that you can go home again**

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Sit down and visit with Carrizozo's new mayor and in less than five minutes, you will solidly know two things. He has an unconditional love for the town he now leads and he wants more than anything to give back to the place and the people who are so much a part of who he is.

A Ruidoso News exclusive in a series featuring the mayors of Ruidoso, Capitan, Carrizozo and Corona

Running for a political office was a first for Mike Petty. However, his bid for the mayor's office was a serious endeavor and not one undertaken without serious thought.

He lays no claims to being a politician but stands firmly on his belief that you can either sit on the sidelines and accept the outcome, or you can get involved and try to make difference. He chose the latter.

The youngest son of Vernon and Gwenth Petty and grandson of Joe and Beatrice Petty, Petty is a hometown boy. The 1967 Carrizozo High School graduate attended New Mexico State University and received his degree in Police Science, now called Criminal Justice.

Petty's father had been a railroad detective for Southern Pacific as well



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

See PETTY, page 9A **New Carrizozo mayor Mike Petty will stay busy trying to unite his hometown**

## Preliminary flood plain maps ready for review

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Preliminary flood plain maps for Lincoln County prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency are available for review at the county substation on Kansas City Street and Cree Meadows Drive.

County Planner Curt Temple, who also acts as flood plains manager for the county and the cities of Carrizozo and Capitan, said he has a set in his substation office next to the Ruidoso Public Library.

People need to check to see if their homes now fall within the newly drawn

flood plain boundaries, because it could affect their ability to obtain insurance on their homes, to secure mortgages and could require raising the elevation of a proposed structure to meet new construction requirements.

### Comment period

Reporting to county commissioners Tuesday, County Manager Tom Stewart said a FEMA Flood Plain review occurred March 9, as a final meeting with local officials in the processing of the update of the maps. In a few months, FEMA will publish an announcement of a 30-day public comment

period and a 90-day appeal period.

"Once all appeals are resolved, a final determination letter will be sent to the county and then the county will have a six month period in which to adopt a new flood plain ordinance incorporating the new maps," Stewart said.

"According to FEMA, in unincorporated areas of the county, there currently are 11 flood insurance policies with no claims made as of yet. Ruidoso has 210 policies in effect and the last flood brought 51 claims totaling \$2,037,237 paid out. Ruidoso Downs has eight policies in effect and

two claims made in the (2008) flood for \$70,928."

Temple explained that the towns of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs have their own flood plains managers, and Corona is not participating.

Commissioner Dave Parks, a retired insurance agent, said the state six years ago passed a law requiring counties to enroll in FEMA, because of the impact on potential home sales. Few lending institutions will make loans, if a property falls within a flood plain unless flood insurance is purchased.

Regular home insurance doesn't cover flood damage and the cost of separate pri-

vate insurance, if the coverage is available at all, would be quite high, he said. If they couldn't sign up with FEMA, a buyer might be prevented from obtaining a loan, he said.

### 1978 vintage

The last set of maps dates back to 1978. FEMA officials came back in to study the areas for potential flooding. They found the owners of many expensive homes never were notified that the structures were within a flood plain, because they were purchased without a mortgage and insurance wasn't

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**Altrusa Fashion Show & Tea**

Altrusa Club of Ruidoso will hold their sixth annual Fashion Show and Tea on April 10 at 2 p.m. The fund raiser will take place at Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club, and will feature fashions from seven popular local clothing stores: Brunell's, Chic Boutique, Michelle's, The Bay Window, Rebekah's, St. Bernard's and the Alto Lakes Pro Shop.

There will be door prizes, a silent auction and more. Altrusa Club members will model many of the exciting spring styles locally available.

All proceeds from this event will be used to support Altrusa's community service projects, including scholarships and literacy projects, as well as Food Bank, HEAL and Humane Society donations.

This is Altrusa's most important fund-raiser of the year. It's a fun afternoon for a good cause. You can see the latest fashions, visit with your friends and at the same time contribute to the betterment of your community. Tickets are \$20 each and must be purchased in advance.

The club is well known in Ruidoso for its annual Low Cost Mammogram Program, offered in cooperation with the Lincoln County Medical Center Radiology Department. It is part of an international service organization with chapters throughout the United States and in many foreign countries.

Altrusa International is an association of professional women and men who volunteer their energies and expertise in projects dedicated to community betterment.

For information and tickets call Terri Trotter at 575-258-4615.

**Nunley commended for water rights simplification**

Long considered as having the most complicated water rights accounting system in New Mexico, the village of Ruidoso will see the process simplified because of the efforts of a former mayor.

New Mexico State Engineer John D'Antonio recognized the work of former mayor L. Ray Nunley in a statement released March 10, commending him for entering into a comprehensive agreement to simplify administration of Ruidoso's water rights.

The agreement took more than a year of negotiations and collaboration between staff of the village and the Office of the State Engineer, to resolve several problems that have plagued the process in the

past, he said.

"Water rights for the village of Ruidoso are numerous and complicated," D'Antonio said. "Because of these factors, friction was created between the agency and the village. Ray Nunley, whose term as mayor just ended, suggested a comprehensive review of the village's water rights and administration, and it was agreed to attempt to resolve many of the existing issues."

The agreement struck will streamline the process of accounting for the village's use of water. In the process, village officials agreed to relinquish some water rights, which had not yet been developed, D'Antonio said.

In response to a request

from the Ruidoso News for details on what water rights will be relinquished and how the system will be streamlined, Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris said Wednesday the agreement has not yet been presented to council. He said most likely the document will be approved in open session following a closed executive session at the council's March 30 meeting.

"This agreement should improve the administration of these water rights and make for a better working relationship between the OSE and the village," D'Antonio said in his prepared statement. "Mayor Nunley showed courage and foresight in pursuing this process, and I was glad

that we could work together."

Nunley responded that the state engineer and his staff helped village officials understand and simplify existing water rights.

"Water issues take time to resolve, but we got it done," he said.

During Nunley's term, village councilors and staff dealt with some extremely challenging issues, including two floods, a drought and building a new wastewater treatment plant, D'Antonio pointed out.

"I look forward to forging an equally good working relationship with the village of Ruidoso's new Mayor Ray Alborn," he said, Alborn took the oath of office March 8.

-Dianne Stallings

**EcoTourism**

The fourth EcoTourism Seminar in a series presented by staff with EcoNew Mexico is set for March 25 at ENMU-Ruidoso, 709 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso.

The seminar is designed for all tourism outfitters, lodge and ranch owners, guides, outfitters, and Native American communities interested in learning more about the statewide EcoTourism initiative and what it can mean for their communities.

The day will begin with coffee and muffins from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. for networking and morning wake up. The conference will start at 9 a.m., with a lunch break from noon - 1:30 p.m.. The workshop will conclude at 4:30 p.m..

The session will be an educational and informational workshop for communities on the benefits of EcoTourism. Seating is

available for 60 people on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The staff of EcoNew Mexico, an ecotourism company, is working closely with the New Mexico Tourism Department to create the largest and most exciting ecotourism initiative in the U.S.

The goal, over the next five years, is to see New Mexico recognized as the leading ecotourism destination and role model for conservation initiatives in the nation. As a year-round destination with a deep and dynamic multi-cultural history, diverse wildlife and breathtaking wilderness areas, New Mexico is already a natural leader for ecotourism in the United States.

EcoNewMexico is working to promote sustainable tourism through a unique collection of wilderness camps and ecodges that rely on the strength of partnerships with private land-

owners and rural communities throughout the State of New Mexico. By partnering with private and public conservation initiatives along with wilderness conservancies, EcoNewMexico aims to preserve and protect indigenous species and wilderness areas, empower and employ rural communities while bringing responsible eco-travelers to New Mexico.

**Archery grant**

A \$500 grant for an after school archery program was approved for the Ruidoso Parks & Recreation Department.

Department Director Debbie Jo Almagre received notification March 12 from Resa Kierstein of the National Recreation and Park Association.

The grant comes from a partnership with the National Alliance for the Development of Archery,

Kierstein said. "We are thrilled that your agency is taking part in a national initiative to increase participation and create sustainable programming for youth in your community," she wrote.

"As one of 100 organizations selected, your efforts will serve as the foundation for park and recreation agencies and youth serving organizations to take a leadership role and ensure that archery is sustained within your community."

The grant should be used to grow and enhance existing programs available to youth in the community, she said. The money may be designated to purchase archery equipment, programmatic resources and materials, and staff training relevant to the ASAP program.

After Almagre completes an RSVP Form on-

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# City Bank

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**AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso**

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
49° Humidity 34%	36° Humidity 52%	58° Humidity 29%	69° Humidity 22%	73° Humidity 20%	51° Humidity 43%	64° Humidity 45%
Sun and clouds, windy and cooler	A bit of snow and rain at times	Sunny and warmer	Episodes of sunshine	Mostly sunny	Mostly cloudy and cooler	Cloudy most of the time
Wind: W 12-25 mph	Wind: N 7-14 mph	Wind: W 6-12 mph	Wind: SW 7-14 mph	Wind: SW 6-12 mph	Wind: WSW 10-20 mph	Wind: NNE 4-8 mph

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

**National Forecast for March 19, 2010**

Legend:  
 Cold (blue line)  
 Warm (red line)  
 Stationary (grey 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)

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**Regional Cities**

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**Almanac**

**Ruidoso**  
 Statistics through Wednesday  
**Temperature:**  
 High/Low ..... 63°/34°  
 Normal high ..... 58°  
 Normal low ..... 26°  
 Record high ..... 75° (1967)  
 Record low ..... 7° (1959)  
**Precipitation:**  
 Wednesday ..... 0.00"  
 Month to date ..... 0.75"  
 Normal month to date ..... 0.61"  
 Year to date ..... 2.48"  
 Normal year to date ..... 3.09"

**Alamogordo**  
 Statistics through Wednesday  
**Temperature:**  
 High/Low ..... 69°/36°  
 Normal high ..... 68°  
 Normal low ..... 39°  
 Record high ..... 84° (1974)  
 Record low ..... 22° (1954)  
**Precipitation:**  
 Wednesday ..... 0.00"  
 Month to date ..... 0.07"  
 Normal month to date ..... 0.32"  
 Year to date ..... 1.54"  
 Normal year to date ..... 1.62"

**Weather Trivia™:**  
 Q: What was the worst tornado disaster of all time?  
 A: The tri-state tornado Missouri to Indiana 695 killed on March 18, 1925.

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**Sun and Moon**

Friday: Sunrise/Sunset  
7:08 a.m./7:14 p.m.

Friday: Moonrise/Moonset  
8:53 a.m./11:16 p.m.

**Moon Phases**

Mar 23   Mar 29   Apr 6   Apr 14

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**Extremes**

Wednesday's National High/Low:  
(For the 48 contiguous states)  
 High: 91° in Santa Ana, CA  
 Low: 1° in Angel Fire, NM

Wednesday's World High/Low:  
 High: 118° in Renk, Sudan  
 Low: -43° in Summit Station, Greenland

**National Cities**

City	Today	Sat.
Abilene	70/34/s	48/30/c
Anchorage	41/27/c	40/27/s
Atlanta	70/48/s	69/50/pc
Austin	74/52/pc	60/36/r
Baltimore	72/42/s	72/48/s
Boston	60/44/s	65/46/s
Chicago	58/35/pc	40/30/r
Dallas	72/43/s	48/37/r
Denver	30/12/sn	33/20/pc
Des Moines	44/26/r	34/24/c
Detroit	65/38/pc	52/33/sh
El Paso	71/44/pc	59/31/s
Las Vegas	72/48/s	74/49/s
Los Angeles	74/54/pc	82/54/pc
Minneapolis	40/28/c	42/28/c
New Orleans	70/52/s	72/48/pc
New York City	69/50/s	69/51/s
Philadelphia	72/47/s	72/47/s
Phoenix	78/56/pc	78/53/s
Reno	64/31/s	67/36/s
San Francisco	69/49/s	64/48/pc
San Diego	70/52/pc	72/52/pc
Seattle	61/39/s	64/45/pc
Tucson	74/47/s	73/45/s
Tulsa, OK	68/37/pc	41/32/r
Wash., DC	70/47/s	72/51/s
Wichita	55/29/sh	41/24/sn
Yuma	66/57/s	84/54/s

**Regional Cities**

City	Today	Sat.
Albuquerque	58/31/sh	48/28/sf
Artesia	74/33/s	49/27/pc
Chama	43/17/sn	42/9/sf
Clayton	40/17/r	38/21/c
Cloudcroft	50/21/pc	40/7/sn
Farmington	53/24/r	50/21/s
Hobbs	71/26/s	49/19/c
Los Alamos	48/22/r	43/16/c
Portales	63/24/pc	50/25/pc
Raton	40/16/r	36/15/sf
Red River	35/10/sn	33/7/sf
Ruidoso	53/22/pc	39/27/pc
Santa Fe	52/21/sh	43/22/c
Silver City	63/32/pc	55/25/s
Taos	43/19/sn	38/11/sf

**Mexican Cities**

City	Today	Sat.
Acapulco	90/70/s	90/70/s
Cancun	81/61/s	84/70/s
Chihuahua	75/59/s	72/32/s
Ciudad Juárez	72/45/pc	59/30/s
Leon	82/48/s	81/44/s
México, DF	79/46/pc	79/52/s
Monterrey	86/59/s	79/43/pc
Oaxaca	80/49/pc	82/49/s
Oraxaca	88/55/pc	90/55/pc
Pto. Penasco	81/55/s	80/52/s
Tijuana	72/50/s	77/50/s



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### OUR OPINION

## Camp Sierra Blanca faces uncertainty ...

... and that's good news

In 10 or 20 years the mesa country out Airport Highway 220 is likely to look and feel quite different.

Besides inevitable population growth in the high-dollar subdivisions out there, we might have an expanded "Cedars Campus" of ENMU-Ruidoso, a renovated Fort Stanton that has benefited from loving care and state monument status, an expanded or at least busier airport, and a new incarnation for Camp Sierra Blanca (CSB).

For nearly 50 years, after on-again, off-again use as a detention facility of one sort or another, CSB, on fort grounds, is going dark for at least the next two years.

That announcement, made by a state agency representative at Tuesday's County Commission meeting, was regarded as good news by County Manager Tom Stewart.

And in this case, if the county manager is happy, so are we. Stewart and the commissioners, after all, have argued before the New Mexico Corrections Department that changing land use in the area toward recreation, historic preservation and residential development was no longer appropriate for a prison.

Of course, CSB's future role remains to be seen. For now, we have a blank canvas. When the paint dries, we hope not to see another detention facility.

## It's spring, and music is in the air

Spring sprung on St. Patrick's Day, Wednesday the 17th, four days before the calendar makes it official.

Seasonal change was definitely in the air. Over at Landlocked, the Hillbilly Potentates were holding court once again after a long winter's hibernation. For nearly six months beginning last fall, one-half of the duo, Tim McCasland, had scored a real job over at Mountain Annie's on weekends, bending guitar strings with the Riversong Ramblers.

Now that that gig has apparently run its course, at least for the time being, the Hillbilly boys are back making the big bucks — playing for tips in front of 17 1/2 people with the money jar out front sporting this sign: "Home for Wayward Girls."

Toss in a few skins, donate to a worthy cause.

In the interim, McCasland has lost none of his chops (or weird chording techniques on the banjo) and his mate Jay Castleberry is still quick on the draw with his audience interaction; when the Hillbillies get famous — look, they've already toured Australia — he'll make a solid guest on Leno or Letterman.

And, Wednesday, they were joined, once again, by Tomás Vigil on guitarrón or bajo sexto or whatever that Noi teño-looking, cello-sized, short-necked guitar is that passes for a bass.

Spring has sprung, and the usual suspects will be making the rounds, presumably through summer. While Vigil is likely to play solo Spanish-classical guitar at Landlocked and show up with the guitarrón or whatever that thing is at other gigs; and while the Hillbilly Potentates alternate among Landlocked, Casa Blanca and, occasionally, Dreamcatcher Cafe (this Saturday), a familiar electric band will be rocking somewhere — probably at Casa Blanca.

They are likely to go under the name Los Mustangs or the Aaron LaCombe Band, and in

whatever permutation there will be a rotation of our favorite pickers and pluckers: LaCombe, Rich Chorné, Blake Martin, Sam Shackelford, DJ Pete, LouAnn Ellison, maybe one or both of those Hillbillies and even Flying J Wrangler Randy Jones on his nights off.

Oh, and last week-end Jones and his Flying J compatriot Roy Black teamed up in yet another one-off band playing rock and country favorites.

Which is all to say that another season of live music is budding. And in a town not exactly known for its music scene; in a town where

the sets often shut down by 10 p.m., even on the weekends; in a town where, literally, some working stiffs have to put out the tip jar; and, finally, in a town with a disproportionate amount of excellent musicians (including all those who have passed through the Riversong Ramblers), these people are still not in Austin.

I urge you to step lively, support these characters and jazz up your sweet summer nights around these parts. Back in another incarnation, covering music for another newspaper, regardless of how much fun I had in the clubs and no matter how much I admired the talent that crossed my ears, I never envied the lives of those musicians.

For the most part, professional musicians are underpaid and under-appreciated. For many audiences — and I've been among them — people with instruments exist merely to supply an evening's soundtrack.

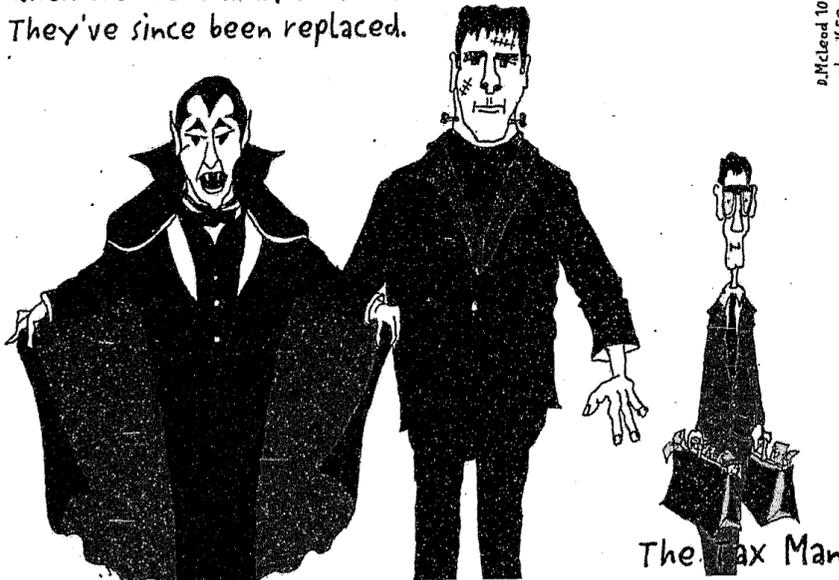
I have known musicians with chaotic personal lives who were masters of control once on stage. Only when on stage did their problems disappear, when their world harmonized with a lovely melody or a contagious rhythm, shared by strangers of the night nodding in agreement.

MARTY RACINE hosts *The Front Page*, 11 a.m. - noon Fridays on KEDU-FM 92.3.



MARTY RACINE  
ON SECOND THOUGHT

When we were kids, these first two were the scariest. They've since been replaced.



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### YOUR OPINION

## Healthcare reform back on operating table

### Bill is a mistake

To the editor:

I KNOW THAT everyone seems to want to talk about health care, so I'm sorry that I am not the exception. But I want to ask our great congressman, [Harry] Teague, to oppose the bill being proposed.

It is a watered-down shadow of true healthcare reform. It does not take into account the struggles that small businesses may have with these restrictions and mandates.

I'm concerned that the current administration is not seeing the forest for the trees. While passing this bill may have a few positive effects on health care, it will have a much more damaging effect on our economy.

I'm a big fan of Congressman Teague. I just hope he realizes that this bill is a mistake.

Brian Bullock  
Ruidoso

### Read the fine print first

To the editor:

MY FATHER-IN-LAW, a diehard FDR Democrat, has probably told me more than a hundred times that he knows personally that George Bush and his father were cutthroat businessmen because their Zapata Oil Company once shafted him on an oil deal.

I listened to that for years until one day I pointed out to him that the entire oil industry was pretty cutthroat and that if you weren't a shrewd businessman you were just a lamb among the wolves. And since he'd survived in it for 40-plus years, I guess that showed which he was. That pretty much ended that discussion.

My point is this: our congressman, Harry Teague, made his fortune in that industry and still operates successful businesses in the southeast New Mexico oil patch, so he has to be a pretty shrewd businessman to survive and prosper among the wolves.

That being the case, I'd like to pose some open questions to Harry: In all your years in the oil patch, how many contracts have you signed without reading the terms?

When you were shopping for health insurance policies for your employees, did you just accept what the fast-talking agents told you and sign the contracts they presented or did you carefully study and compare a variety of programs to see which ones best met your employees needs while remaining affordable for your company?

My purpose in posing these questions should be fairly obvious. Harry and his party leaders

are asking America to buy a health insurance policy for ourselves and our families without having any of its terms explained to us by this bunch of fast-talking hustlers in Washington. Any doubt of that was put to bed last week when the Lady in the Iron Mask, Madame Pelosi said:

"But we have to pass the bill so that you can find out what is in it, away from the fog of the controversy."

Harry, I'd be willing to wager you a November vote count that the vast majority of your regularly voting constituents would much rather know what's in this turkey before you pass it, rather than after.

If you don't agree, then I'd say you are out of touch with the folks in your district, or worse, you don't care what we think. If it is the latter and you insist on voting for this 2,700-page doorstop, then don't be surprised, come November, to find yourself thus charged:

We the People find you in contempt of your constituents.

Russ Vaughn  
Ruidoso

### No to insurance firms

To the editor:

JUST A REMINDER to everyone that if the healthcare bill does not pass, the insurance companies win.

I've been fortunate to always work for a large enough institution so that I always had health insurance. And now, even though I am retired, I will be more than willing to help others have the level of health care I have now: Medicare and a supplemental provided by my pension.

I do want to mention just a few examples told to me by residents of Ruidoso about their lack of care. One woman, who works full-time in a medical setting, does have company-sponsored insurance.

However, her husband had a small stroke years ago so, for the small sum of \$700/month, she can get him covered. That would take most of her current salary, so he remains uncovered and they keep their fingers crossed.

Another friend had insurance until just recently through her company. She got a better job with a small business in Ruidoso and her new employer cannot afford to provide insurance for her employees.

This woman needs to come up with an extra \$400/month just to cover her blood pressure medicine, an amount she can't afford. Both of these families are living with a ticking time bomb.

On the hospital side of the fence, I recently spoke with an employee of our local hospital.

She told me that if the hospital decides to do anything that the patient's specific policy does not provide for, the hospital does not get paid.

And in the emergency room, there is a patient who shows up regularly for drugs because she was diagnosed with Crohn's disease. Because she has an extremely low income, she gets her drugs for free and you and I are paying for them.

All of these programs would be solved or at least ameliorated with the new legislation. Please, when you discuss this with others, remember that a "No" vote supports the insurance industry, not you or me.

Marilyn Kamp  
Ruidoso

### While debt mounts ...

To the editor:

WHAT'S WRONG with this picture? Our country is suffering from unemployment levels that have hovered around 10 percent during most of Barack Obama's presidency. We are experiencing staggering deficits and debt of unparalleled magnitude.

So what does the Democrat leadership in Washington do? Continue to find more ways to add to the debt while doing nothing about growing jobs.

The concern, it seems, is healthcare reform. In spite of the fact that most people are happy with their health care, the Democrat leadership has determined that healthcare reform is the first priority. So, for over a year, Obama has delegated the responsibility for writing a health care bill to Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid.

The result is a witch's brew that most Americans cannot stand and even many in Congress will not be able to vote for without holding their nose. And the irony is that this bill does nothing to improve health care. We will be paying more for less.

If this bill passes in anything like its present form, we will be placed firmly on the road to socialism, which can only be realized by trading the rights of individual Americans for the tyranny of a statist society.

We will have fewer choices, since those choices will have been usurped by statist bureaucrats who think that they know better how to run people's lives than the unwashed masses. Oh, but I forget, that's the Democrat mantra today, isn't it?

If this bill passes, history will damn those of you in power in Washington who think so little of our country that you would fundamentally change it forever.

William Haralson  
Alto

## Track: Higher taxes mean fewer sales, pure and simple

### Does not merit survival

To the editor:

I JUST FINISHED reading your article titled "More funds for track lobby" in the March 12 *Ruidoso News*.

Let me be very clear. I will: Vote, make phone calls, drive voters to polls, and contribute money to defeat Lincoln County tax money being given to Billy the Kid Casino and the Downs.

Vote, make phone calls, drive voters to polls, and contribute money to defeat any Lincoln County Commissioner that votes to put this issue on any ballot.

Avoid making any major purchase of any kind in Lincoln County if this tax passes.

A business that has a state-issued license to steal (a gaming license needs to confine its pick-pocketing activities to volunteers who willingly walk in its doors, not taxpayers; no one and no management group that cannot make money with a license of this type does merit survival.

It is precisely this type of corporate welfare, approved by

Republicans (Republicans!) and Democrats in our Legislature that tends to grow the ranks of folks whose voter registration is unaffiliated with either party, most assuredly at the expense of both major parties.

*William (Bill) Kuehl  
Capitan*

### Special interest subsidy

To the editor:

**Re: HB203: Authorizing counties to impose a local option county business retention gross receipts tax; amending the gaming control act to provide a gaming tax credit for certain gaming operations that are racetracks; declaring an emergency.**

State fiscal responsibility apparently does not apply to race track and casino owners or county government.

On Jan. 8, the *Ruidoso News* printed an article by Jim Kalvelage: "Area lawmakers pledge to oppose tax hikes." Kalvelage said the general theme of the guest elected officials on the upcoming state budget called for fiscal

responsibility. The representatives attending included Zach Cook, Nora Espinosa, Rod Adair, Dennis Kintigh and Tim Jennings.

In that article the elected officials indicated that uncontrolled state spending levels are the problem (But, underlying this assertion is the real culprit—the lack of elected official discipline and adherence to sound financial principles).

The above representatives said they would oppose tax increases for the state budget. And, it appears from the record that the above elected officials did vote against the state 2010-2011 budget as passed.

Good so far, because the state budget as passed raises taxes substantially. Then, according to the legislative record, the above panel guests voted for taxing the local people (HB203) so race track owners would keep more money.

Voting for HB203 would make the track owners better off, and Lincoln County residents and local businesses worse off! Sales taxes mean higher prices, and

higher prices mean fewer sales, pure and simple. True since 1776 when Adam Smith wrote *Wealth of Nations*.

Elected officials at state and federal levels, especially, strive to obscure the real significance of bills, through the use of arcane legal terms (tax credit) and popular-sounding titles like "business Retention," when, in fact, most of these bills benefit special interests. HB203 is a case in point.

The legitimate title of this bill should be: "Higher sales taxes for County Residents to Subsidize the Owners of Any One or More Race Track and Casinos."

HB203 is a socialistic subsidy bill, pure and simple. The people of Lincoln County are not going to swallow this smelly bait.

*Les Olson  
Ruidoso*

### Shouldn't be fall guys

To the editor:

I WOULD LIKE to see R.D. Hubbard declare his worth to the people of Lincoln County before they vote on a gross receipts tax

raise that would subsidize Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino.

I think Mr. Hubbard and his management are holding an empty gun to people's heads when he threatens to move his racetrack and casino. We also have a man worth millions of dollars wanting to take money from taxpayers to support his casino and his addiction to buy high-priced racehorses.

If this was tax money to build a new school, I would be the first one on board, but, to raise the GRT and give it to a private business is almost unheard of.

New Mexico lawmakers are the ones that placed an unreasonable tax on racetrack casinos and they are the people that should come to Hubbard's rescue. We have too many people in Santa Fe that love spending other people's money. I am 100 percent in agreement that the racetrack casinos are getting ripped off, but, I disagree that Lincoln County taxpayers should be the fall guys.

*Jack Hemby  
Ruidoso Downs*

## Museums contribute to our national identity, sense of community

To the editor:

ON MARCH 23 a group of lobbyists will be prowling the halls of Capitol Hill. Not exactly news, to be sure, since in today's politics lobbyists outnumber the 535 Members of Congress almost eight to one. But these lobbyists will not be representing big oil or big agriculture. They will not be there pushing the interests of the health insurance giants or the Wall Street mega banks.

Rather, these individuals will be enacting a genuine exercise in democracy, one that would be familiar to the founders of our republic, citizen-advocates in the truest sense. For on March 23rd about 200 museum professionals will come to Washington, from all disciplines and museum types, from all stages of their careers, from nearly every state in the union.

They will be in the Capital to, in the words of the Constitution, "petition their government," making the case for the value museums bring to communities everywhere. Jay Smith, Director of the Hubbard Museum of the American West, will be among those museum professionals, representing museums around New Mexico and throughout the region as President of the Mountain Plains Museums Association.

We feel that museums are as essential to communities as schools, libraries and utilities.

Museums are touchstones for our citizens and, as the collectors, interpreters and exhibitors of our heritages — cultural, historic, natural and scientific — crucial pillars in our educational infrastructure.

Museums are popular, very popular. Research by the American Association of Museums (AAM) and the federal Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) estimates the number of annual visits to U.S. museums at 850 million, more than attendance at all professional sporting events and theme parks combined.

Museums spend more than \$2.2 billion each year on education programs, ranging from school field trips to local lectures to English as a Second Language courses, all nurturing the American hunger for lifelong learning. Most of us likely were introduced to museums through the traditional school field trip. In 2008, museums hosted some 55 million students participating in such educational outings.

Museums are popular, and why not? Museums are a bargain for our citizens, but never more so than in these difficult economic times. The average admission price for a U.S. museum is \$7; compare that to taking the family to the ballpark or even a movie. And according to a recent AAM survey, 35 percent of the estimated 17,500 museums in this coun-

try are free.

Perhaps that's why, in this recession, people are coming to museums like never before, as revealed in a January 2010 AAM survey.

But the public service mission of museums goes well beyond statistics. Here in Ruidoso Downs, the Hubbard Museum of the American West is creating new opportunities for programming and outreach with the Smithsonian Institution and other museums around the nation through video-conferencing and distance learning technology in the new Johnny & Marty Cope Learning Center.

And museums everywhere, large and small, are responding to meet the public needs. While the economy and the mandates of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) have endangered the traditional school field trip, museums have done yeoman work in continuing their enduring connection to school children. The Miami Art Museum has purchased its own fleet of busses to ensure that students can be introduced to the wonders of its collection. The Denver Art Museum is among many institutions to launch teacher workshops to instruct educators in all subjects on how to integrate art, often a victim of budget cuts and NCLB mandates, into their curriculum.

As our citizen-advocates journey to Washington on March 23

to bring both democracy and the museum value message to life for our lawmakers — in an exercise recognizable to our Founding Fathers — it is appropriate to remember that museums have been part of this country's make-up since its creation. Over those 234 years, museums have earned the public's trust; that's why museums (and libraries) have been shown to be the most trusted sources of information by the American people. For museums, trust is the coin of the realm.

Museums contribute to our national identity, our economy, our future competitiveness and our sense of community, regardless of the scope of the definition thereof. Museums teach us about who we are, where we've been, and hence inform where we're going. On March 23, an army of passionate advocates will make that case on Capitol Hill. Join us, in spirit if not in person, by supporting museums everywhere.

*Ford W. Bell  
President, AAM*

*Jay Smith  
Director, Hubbard Museum  
of the American West*

### Thanks for the rescue

To the editor:

DEAR MR. [JIM] KALVELAGE, my husband and I have seen your article about the rescue of our daughter, Catherine Murphree, and thank you for your factual

information. The story is complete, including thanks for those responsible for the search and rescue.

From the time we were notified of her disappearance until the following morning when she was found, we suffered the deep anxiety only parents can understand, but, hopefully, never experience. Knowing the Search and Rescue organization of New Mexico had been activated was a great comfort.

Hearing that our daughter and her boyfriend had been safely found was probably the best news we ever received.

We understand the New Mexico search and rescue efforts are free to those who need the service. Our heartfelt thanks go to all those involved, including White Mountain Search and Rescue members Rich Adams, Bob Drago, Mark Younger, Tony Davis and Joyce Westerbur; Ski Apa-che's Justin Rowland and Larry Schneider; the New Mexico State Police, led by Lt. Eric Garcia; and the New Mexico National Guard.

Again, thank you for your article and the photos you took as the skiers were departing the Blackhawk helicopter. Both Catherine and Miller said that you conveyed exactly what they experienced (and don't want to experience again!)

*Sharon Murphree  
Round Rock, Texas*

### THEIR OPINION

## If Richardson 'hates' the food tax, he should veto it

FRED NATHAN  
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Many New Mexicans are asking whether Governor Bill Richardson will line-item veto the re-imposition of the local portion of the food tax that was passed during the recent Special Session.

However, once they learn the story behind the food tax's passage, New Mexicans are more likely to ask instead: "Why wouldn't Governor Richardson veto the food tax?"

First, a little recent history: In 2004, Governor Richardson, delivering on a campaign promise made in his 2002 election, boldly pushed a repeal of the food tax through the Legislature with the critical help of Speaker Ben Lujan and many others.

At the time, Governor Richardson pointed out: "The gross receipts tax on the food that goes on the plates of New Mexico families is an unconscionable reach into the pockets of New Mexico breadwinners."

Indeed, this was an important victory for working low- and middle-income families in New Mexico, who had been paying this regressive, anti-family tax since 1933 when it was enacted as a "temporary" and "emergency" statute.

So it was not surprising that Governor Richardson, in his State of the State address to the Legislature at the beginning of the regular session this January, made it clear that he would not support re-imposing the food tax: "We cannot ask working New Mexicans to pay more for groceries when too many are struggling to make ends meet."

This was a sensible position to take at a time when tens of thousands of New Mexicans are newly jobless and many more are living paycheck to paycheck.

Nevertheless, about three weeks later, some in the New Mexico Senate concocted and passed the infamous "tortilla tax" by a vote of 23-19. This tax actually went well beyond tortillas to hit food staples including rice, canned soup, spaghetti, nuts, honey, eggs, potatoes and

yogurt. Thankfully, a House committee killed it 9-0.

In between the regular session and the special session, Governor Richardson worked hard to forge a compromise that would address the budget deficit.

He said that while he was still opposed to the food tax, he was open to signing a junk food tax on sugary soft drinks and candy. This tax would generate approximately \$22.4 million annually while helping to lower New Mexico's soaring obesity and diabetes rates and reduce health care costs for these illnesses.

In the special session, rather than accept the governor's reasonable offer to tax junk food, some in the Legislature chose instead to tax fruits, vegetables and baby food, among other things. The food tax is included in the tax package that now sits on the governor's desk awaiting his signature or a line-item veto.

Governor Richardson has many good reasons to line-item veto the food tax. First, re-imposing a \$68 million food tax will serve as an anti-stimulus, draining dollars out of New Mexico's

fragile economy and harming local businesses. The money that families will be forced to spend on the food tax is money that they would otherwise be able to spend on other goods and services.

Second, for the same reason, the food tax will not close the budget deficit or avert the need for another special session. Revenue estimates for the food tax (and the budget itself) are too optimistic because they assume that New Mexico consumers will not change their buying patterns even though they will have less discretionary income thanks to the food tax. In the real world, less spending on non-food goods and services means lower gross receipts tax collections, something which is not accounted for in the estimates.

Third, there are far better alternatives for balancing New Mexico's budget. The legislature could reduce state spending without cutting vital public services, as some fear.

For example, a bipartisan task force created by Governor

Richardson and headed by former Governor Garrey Carruthers recently recommended merging some state departments and eliminating a number of inactive boards and commissions.

Similarly, if the goal of this tax package is to "spread the pain" as broadly as possible, why was the liquor lobby spared from any increase in taxes on alcohol, which unlike fruits, vegetables and baby food, is a luxury?

We can do better than taxing food. Governor Richardson has said that he "hates the food tax." So do the vast majority of New Mexicans, but only Governor Richardson can veto it. Now is his opportunity to cement his legacy and keep New Mexicans' food tax-free.

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# BUSINESS

## Spring break business best in years

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"I think everybody's happy."

That is the response from Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce office manager Becky Brooks, over a town full of visitors this spring break week.

"It's one of our best weeks in a long, long time," said Brooks. "It's the best year snow-wise in about 15 years."

It was Ski Apache, still blessed with abundant snows that lured many to the Ruidoso area.

The skiing and snowboarding Mecca was jammed much of the week. On Tuesday 6,144 people took to the slopes.

"This is one of the best in 10 years," said Justin Rowland, director of opera-

tions at Ski Apache. A winter accumulation of 222-inches of snow has brought the best skiing conditions in years.

"It's interesting," Rowland said of this week. "We had lines pretty much everywhere. The parking lot was full."

In fact the parking lot overflowed Tuesday, with police forbidding people from parking along Ski Run Road (New Mexico Road 523) because of its narrow gauge.

The New Mexico Department of Transportation and State Police worked together on traffic issues at times, said DOT spokesperson Manon Arnett.

It was a record number of people," said Arnett. "Our traffic engineer said the average daily count for

(State Road) 523 is 614 vehicles a day."

Police were also on Ski Run Road enforcing the prohibition on traffic going up the mountain from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.

"Nearly all of Texas and New Mexico schools had their spring break this week," said Brooks. "That's unusual. Usually it's spread over a couple of weeks."

Brooks said the one-week deluge of visitors had lodgers happy.

"Lodging is full for the most part," she said at midweek. "We are finding a few things here and there, but it's full."

Rowland said what is good for Ski Apache is also good for Ruidoso.

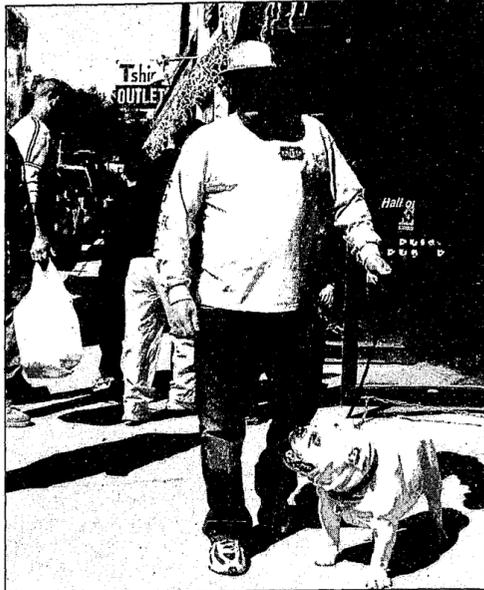
"This is great," Rowland said. "Our team members are tired, but they're smiling. This is our business. We're part of the lifeblood of this community, and we all prosper."

The snow resort announced in late February that they were extending the season through April 11, a week past Easter Sunday.

Brooks said conversations with some of the retailers were very encouraging as well.

"The merchants are seeing a lot of traffic. There are a lot of people out because it's warm. There are shopping bags in Midtown, so they're buying."

Brooks said there should be some extra activity next week, because schools in Las Cruces will be on spring break. "But this is the big week."



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Visitors fill Midtown to enjoy shopping, eating and taking in the sunshine.

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## Unemployment climbs higher PRC examiner recommends rates

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Unemployment took another increase in January.

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions reported on Thursday that Lincoln County's jobless rate rose a full point from December, to 7.7 percent. A year earlier the rate was 4.8 percent.

Of Lincoln County's labor force of 11,215 workers, 865 were without employment.

Part of the reason for the sharp increase was newly benchmarked data.

The revisions this year were large, and in a downward direction, according to the department's labor economist Mark Boyd.

As a result, actual job growth was much weaker than that originally measured.

"The benchmarking had brought every month of 2009 slightly higher," Boyd said of the unemployment rate.

"The benchmarking is to make up for sampling errors, because each month is not a complete count."

The benchmarked revisions are released in

March, and the reason for the delay in the Jan. jobless statistics.

But the economy also played a role on the increase in the unemployment rate.

"Claims information for Lincoln County increased the rate a little more than the state because of construction employment."

"But because of your small numbers it's really not that huge," Boyd said of the local one-point January jump compared to a smaller unemployment rate increase statewide.

In Otero County, the January out-of-work level was put at 8 percent. In December 2009 it had been 5.4 percent.

January 2009 was at 7.2 percent.

Statewide, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January was 8.5 percent.

The previous month it was 8.2 percent, and a year earlier, 5.9 percent.

In a report from the Department of Workforce Solutions, the state's jobless rate, currently at a more than 22-year high, rose sharply during 2009.

The department be-

lieves unemployment may be set for further increases this year.

"Technically we reached the trough in Sept. or Oct. of last year," said Boyd.

"The losses are starting to subside, but we will still lose jobs over the year."

"So the unemployment rate will increase probably for several months."

The state's current rate is up significantly from a record low of 3.4 percent reach in mid-2007.

While just three of New Mexico's 13 industry groups posted any job growth since last year, there may be a ray of hope for Ruidoso's tourism sector.

The largest employment gains had been in the leisure and hospitality industry.

Previously, government jobs were an area that could be relied upon when employment in most other industries was falling.

But government jobs are down slightly, even with the federal government hiring for Census 2010.

Those losses are especially showing up in the state and local government categories.

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A rate increase of initially 50 percent, and in three years up to 75 percent, is proposed for the sewer utility that serves the Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates and the Rainmakers subdivisions, as well as the Rancho Ruidoso Condominiums.

A hearing examiner with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) has recommended a slightly lower rate structure than had been requested by CDS Rainmakers' Utilities, L.L.C. (CDSRU).

The utility took over operations of the wastewater treatment plant located in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates several years ago, and hopes to soon acquire the facility.

In a June 2009 filing with the PRC, the utility requested a phased-in rate structure to limit "rate shock."

Currently residential sewer users are assessed a charge of \$20 each month. CDSRU had asked the PRC for a \$32 monthly rate for residential units for the first year, \$35 during the

second year, and thereafter \$37.

Adjusting the utility's calculated expenses and revenue requirements downward slightly, PRC staff has recommended \$30 the first year, then \$33, and later \$35.

Brett Christensen, CDSRU's manager, had previously testified that the utility lost between \$60,000 and \$80,000 a year since taking over the operation of the plant at the east end of the Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates Subdivision in 2006.

That was in return for allowing the Rainmakers Subdivision to connect to the sewage collection system.

The utility also began paying all the costs associated with the system.

A new sewer service connection fee is proposed at \$1,400.

An engineering study said the typical residence served by the sewer utility had an average daily wastewater flow of 120 gallons.

A new certificate, to allow CDSRU to own and operate the public utility, has also been recommend-

ed by staff at the PRC. The wastewater treatment plant, designed for an average daily flow of 40,000 gallons per day, has historically served as a private utility for the Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates Subdivision. CDSRU has claimed in 2000 the operation of the plant was turned over to Property Owners Committee (POC) in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, but the title to the facility was never formally transferred to the POC.

That resulted in a challenge to transferring the interest in the treatment plant. A property owner in the Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates Subdivision, Rabbi YHoshua Cohen, has questioned the authenticity of the POC. Cohen notified PRC hearing examiner Elizabeth Hurst on March 8 that he will file an objection to her recommendations.

Hurst said Cohen's claims of fraud by the POC are beyond the scope of the case before the PRC.

At the end of 2008 the sewer utility served 266 customers including the units at the Rancho Ruidoso Condominiums.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### EcoTourism seminar

Ecotourism will be the catch phrase in Ruidoso next week.

A fourth New Mexico seminar on ecotourism is expected to bring dozens together at ENMU-Ruidoso next Thursday.

The seminar will be especially aimed at tourism outfitters, lodge and ranch owners, guides and Native American communities interested in learning more about New Mexico's ecotourism initiative and what it can mean for areas of the

state.

The conference and workshop will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m.

Reservations are required by emailing bethany@eco-newmexico.com.

EcoNewMexico is a company that is working closely with the New Mexico Tourism Department to create the largest ecotourism initiative in the U.S.

The goal, over the course of the next five years, is to have New Mexico recognized as the leading eco-

tourism destination and role model for conservation efforts in the nation. As a year-round destination with a deep and dynamic multi-cultural history, diverse wildlife, and breathtaking wilderness areas, the state is seen as a natural leader for ecotourism in the country.

EcoNewMexico is working to promote sustainable tourism through a unique collection of wilderness camps and ecodolges that rely on the strength of partnerships with private landowners and rural com-

munities.

By partnering with private and public conservation initiatives along with wilderness conservancies, EcoNewMexico aims to preserve and protect our indigenous species and wilderness areas, empower and employ rural communities, while bringing responsible eco-travelers to New Mexico.

#### Rate suspension

A rate suspension on individual health insurance plans issued by Blue

Cross/Blue Shield of New Mexico (BCBSNM) will remain in place. And the attorney general will get involved in the case that is before the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission. The insurer last week petitioned the New Mexico Superintendent of Insurance to lift the suspension that was imposed following consumer complaints.

BCBSNM had gotten an initial approval to boost rates by an average of 25 percent on Dec. 8, 2009.

In denying the motion to

suspend the rate suspension, Superintendent of Insurance Morris Chavez said on Wednesday that a public hearing is first required. Also on Wednesday, a motion was filed with the insurance superintendent to allow the Attorney General to intervene in the case.

The submittal stated that the ongoing interest in the insurance rate case lead the Attorney General to conclude that his appearance on behalf of consumers is warranted and in the public interest.

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# MINE

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Exploration Permit that was deemed incomplete by the division, the manager said.

Bucholtz explained that the company maintains a consulting office in Albuquerque and is exploring in the Jicarilla and Gallinas Mountains for deposits of rare earth minerals such as lanthanum, cerium and neodymium. Systems such as missile guidance depend on rare earth minerals, he said. They also end up in silicone chips in items such as hybrid vehicles with electric motors to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

"Iron mixed with any rare earth becomes a permanent magnet for electric motors and every Prius requires 30 pounds of magnets," Bucholtz said.

The reasons rare earth minerals are becoming more valuable lies with a shift in the attitude of the Chinese government, he said. As the largest supplier with massive rare earth deposits, China handled most of the world's needs. But on Sept. 1, officials there announced they could no longer be relied upon to supply 90 percent of rare earth minerals to the world, he said. They intend to scale back on supplying the rest of the markets and stockpile the product for China's sole use.

"The Chinese are going to hoard," he said.

Major deposits were found in Mountain Pass, Calif., in the 1990s, but environmental concerns and the existence of large population centers blocked development of a mine.

New Mexico is blessed

with several of the handful of sites in America where rare earth minerals are present in dike-like formations in igneous rock, the result of cooling magma from volcanic activity, Bucholtz said. The U.S. Geological Survey after World War II spent a lot of money mapping the mineral deposits of the state and combined with publications by the New Mexico School of Mines, those deposits are marked but not delineated as to quantity. Besides Lincoln County, two other deposits are on Laughlin Peak, which is privately owned near Raton, and in a range north of Socorro.

Exploration is underway at staked claims, including a 750-acre tract near the Red Cloud Campground in the Gallinas Mountains, where a road is built on a major geological fault, rimmed on both sides with rare earth minerals. Academics also identified what they think is a deposit of rare earth minerals near Ancho in the Jicarilla Mountains. A small group was on site Tuesday studying the magnetic field there, he said. They anticipate exploratory drilling to begin and end in July with three to five holes on 0.27 of an acre. No new roads would be built.

"Lincoln County has been thrust into the limelight because of the global concern about China and rare earth minerals," he said.

Realistically, it could take 10 years for a mine to be up and running, he said.

"If it comes to fruition, I think it would be good for Lincoln County and would create jobs. I look forward to getting to know people here in Carrizozo and Lincoln County."

The market price is good for the minerals at about \$4 per pound for cerium and \$100 a pound for neodymium.

Commission Chairman Tom Battin thanked Bucholtz for his willingness to cooperate with the county and to comply with the regulations in the ordinance passed June 16.

Bucholtz said his firm is too small to mount a \$100 million mining operation and if successful with deposit locations, would partner with another company. The most effective mining approach is open pit style, but that could be unlikely because of limited access, leaving tunneling as an option. With water not easily available in most of the rugged terrain where the deposits seem to occur, a machine brought to the site could cool the drill with reverse circulation instead, he said.

Before any drilling can occur, surveys for Indian and other cultural artifacts, for endangered or threat-

ened plants and animals must be accomplished, along with wildlife studies, public scoping meetings and consultations with the Mescalero Apache.

"All this can take far too long for my liking, the better part of a year," Bucholtz said.

Commissioners recommended Bucholtz meet with ranchers who live in areas where mining might occur.

Karen Lessard, Mountainair District ranger of the Cibola National Forest, said the exploration area in her forest is about in the center of the portion in Lincoln County. She assured commissioners all studies will be completed. Motorized access was allowed as needed. Mining and grazing activities are exempt from the district's travel management plan limitations.

To prevent mining on federal land, extraordinary circumstances must exist, she said. They include significant archaeological

sites, endangered species or potential damage to a municipal watershed.

Battin asked the depth of exploratory drilling and whether the underground aquifer would be compromised. Bucholtz said the typical depth is 300 feet, but there are clear requirements by the Office of the State Engineer on how to plug a hole to protect the underground water supply.

Stewart said he's encouraged by the interaction of the U.S. Forest Service and the New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Resources on this application. Bucholtz said New Mexico has one of the toughest mining laws in the country.

Lee Arnone, a vocal opponent to a previous exploration for gold in the Capi-

tan Mountains, asked how much water is required for open pit mining, and noted the county doesn't have "an abundance of water."

Bucholtz said he wasn't sure and the question was premature.

Robert Moeller of Nogal asked what steps the company will take to repair the exploration drill areas. Bucholtz said the holes must be covered with earth and the area reseeded. A posted bond requires they go back to ensure the vegetation grows and the bond is held by the USFS and the state until officials are satisfied.

"The overriding objective is they don't want to see any signs we were there after one year," he said.

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# Village council receives report on waterline break

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A detailed report on the U.S. Highway 70 waterline break in February was presented to Ruidoso's new village council last week.

It was about 12 a.m. on Feb. 9, that the village was notified of the water leak near the highway's intersection with Cliff Drive.

In the report, the Public Works Department said excavation began early in the morning, and when it was discovered that the leak was under one of the street light standards work came to a standstill because PNM had to be called

in to help with removal of the light pole that was in the area of high voltage lines.

Work continued through the day. About 12 p.m. on Feb. 10 it was discovered that not only did the water line break, a minor sewer line had also been compromised.

Crews worked to a depth of 16 feet. At 6:45 a.m. on Feb. 11 work began again and continued for the next 55 hours nonstop. During that time two more waterline breaks occurred on the same line.

About 120 feet of 6-inch waterline and casing under the highway were replaced

and hundreds of yards of various specialized fill used.

Village Manager Debi Lee said a formal report was assembled because there have been some tort claims filed.

The report will be delivered to the village's insurance carrier. Businesses, such as hotels, along the stretch of U.S. Highway 70 were closed for several days because of a lack of water service.

In other village council action:

• Manager Debi Lee said building official Shawn Fort had passed the

International Code Council's Green Building Certification. Lee said Fort was one of two who have passed the test in New Mexico, and one of just 30 across the country. The International Green Construction Code aims to significantly reduce energy use and greenhouse gasses, as well as other environmentally friendly measures.

• The Public Works Department is continuing to meet with various engineering companies regarding issues related to the July 2008 flood.

Staff has submitted engineering plans for relocating sewers out of the Rio

Ruidoso corridor. Cultural, historical and biological reports concerning the project have also been forwarded to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

• Permanent bridges, to replace temporary river crossings put in place after the 2008 flood, are getting closer. Proposals to purchase all 10 bridges from a one manufacturer were due this week.

The bridges that are listed as a "high priority" for replacement are Main Road's upper and lower bridges, Eagle Drive, McDaniel Drive, Coyote Lane, Sleepy Hollow Road,

River Trail, Robin Road, Close Road and North Loop Road's upper bridge.

• The Federal Aviation Administration completed an inspection of the village's Sierra Blanca Regional Airport earlier this month. Lee said the facility passed with only four corrective actions. She said the corrections were minor, involving policies and procedures.

• Three letters were prepared for U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman requesting funding for Grindstone Lake Dam and Alto Lake Dam. The funding is considered the first phase of reclaimed water systems.

## MAPS

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required.

The county's FEMA participation ordinance mandates specific maps and the new maps will supersede the old ones six months after adoption.

FEMA officials will place advertisements to notify owners maps will be available to review in Temple's office at Ruidoso and in the county administration office in the courthouse in Carrizozo, Temple said.

"It's important if they are going to buy something in a flood plain to know the elevations," Parks said.

Temple said he requested a larger drawing scale be used on the maps in towns, but was told the program was running out of money.

"But in some of the areas in town, there are a lot of houses in flood zones," he said.



The blue-green channels on the FEMA maps denote flood-hazard zones.

In 1978, Nogal wasn't even on the map because not enough people lived there, but the new maps show homes all the way down the Nogal arroyo, he said.

A public hearing will be scheduled when the ordinance amendment is ready for adoption, Stewart said. But Temple said property owners need to check now, so they can contest a deci-

sion on elevations in a flood plain designation.

"There may be some homes by the river, but some natural feature hinders flooding and the owner possibly could get a waiver although the building still is within the zone," Temple said.

Stewart said he was interested to learn that even FEMA has a limit on the number of times own-

ers of property repeatedly damaged by flooding will be compensated.

"They told me the first time, insurance will cover the damage, and the second time, but by the third time, if the owner has done nothing to (remediate or eliminate the problem), like increase the elevation, 'You're out,'" he said.

Federal and state officials are urging residents to

buy flood insurance before the next flood hits. The day after the commission meeting, Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Secretary John W. Wheeler issued a statement pushing participation.

He said most Americans ignore the risks of flooding, assuming they aren't in a flood zone. The reality is, floods are America's number one natural disaster and can happen anytime, anywhere.

Ninety percent of all natural disasters in the U.S. involve flooding.

"Flooding costs New Mexico millions of dollars every year," Wheeler said. "Find out if you live in an area prone to flooding by checking out the Federal Emergency Management Agency's flood plain maps at FEMA.gov. With the snowpack higher than normal this year we expect the spring runoff to be high and flooding will occur in many areas of the state."

According to FEMA's Regional Administrator Tony Russell, "Even if you weren't flooded recently, you may still be vulnerable to rising water. The risk of flooding is almost three times greater than the risk of fire over the period of a 30-year mortgage, yet most people are insured against fire but not floods. Obviously it makes good sense to insure for both."

In 1968, Congress created the National Flood

Insurance Program to help individuals insure themselves for a reasonable cost against flooding. Local governments must first agree to participate in the NFIP before its residents can purchase the insurance. Almost 40 years after its creation, NFIP oversees more than 5 million flood insurance policies in more than 20,200 communities across the U.S.

In 2009, 81 flooding events were reported in New Mexico resulting in \$27.36 million dollars in property damage. Last year, one-third of all claims paid by the NFIP were for policies in low-risk communities.

Most people who live in NFIP participating communities, including business owners, homeowners, and renters, are eligible to purchase federally-backed flood insurance. A residential building can be insured up to \$250,000 and its contents up to \$100,000.

Renters can cover belongings up to \$100,000. Non-residential property owners can insure their buildings up to \$500,000, and contents up to \$500,000.

The premiums for an NFIP policy, which average about \$500 a year, can be less expensive than the monthly payments on a federal disaster loan.

The National Flood Insurance Program maintains a Floodsmart Website at www.floodsmart.gov to enable people to assess their vulnerability to flooding, calculate their costs for structure and contents insurance and find nearby agents who sell NFIP policies.

However, a check Wednesday showed that the maps for Ruidoso are not yet available online.

Flood insurance policies do not take effect until 30 days after purchase. It is important to buy coverage before the next flood. No waiting period is imposed if a policy is purchased at a mortgage closing.

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# Primaries set; two local representatives unopposed

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Unless independent or minor party candidates step forward in June, two state House Representatives with districts that include parts of Lincoln County will waltz to reelection.

Zach Cook (R-Ruidoso) is without competition at the June 1 primary, and there is no Democrat in the race toward the Nov. 2 general election contest for the District 56 House seat.

The scenario is the same

for District 57 incumbent Dennis Kintigh (R-Roswell).

District 59 Representative Nora Espinoza (R-Roswell) will be uncontested at the primary election. But two Democrats, Charles Berry of Roswell, and Ellen Wedum from Cloudcroft, are squared off for the Democratic nomination. One will advance to the Nov. 2 general election to challenge Espinoza.

Wedum had attempted the District 59 seat in the past.

Six Republicans are

vying for the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission seat that covers southwestern New Mexico, including parts of Lincoln and Otero counties.

Former PRC member Tony Schaefer, Otero County Commissioner Doug Moore, Robert Maez of Las Cruces, Jamie Estrada from Las Cruces, Ben Hall from Lincoln County and D. Kent Evans, a former Doña Ana County commissioner, are on the Republican ballot in June.

Two Democrats, former Doña Ana County commis-

sioner Bill McCamley, and Ronald Rees, from Las Cruces, also have eyes on the District 5 PRC seat.

Incumbent PRC commissioner Sandy Jones will depart in a quest to become New Mexico's State Land Commissioner.

The District 2 PRC member, David King of Alamogordo, is term-limited out. Two Republicans, current Land Commissioner Patrick Lyons, and Robert Corn, a former judge in Roswell, are in the contest.

One Democrat, Steph-

anie Dubois of Tularosa, will be on the June primary ballot.

PRC District 2 covers southeastern New Mexico, its boundary line with District 5 straddling the Ruidoso area.

Incumbent New Mexico Secretary of State Mary Herrera, a Democrat, will face a Republican opponent on Nov. 2. State Senator Dianna Duran of Tularosa said she is running to bring election reform to the state. Duran is also a former Otero County Clerk.

A former municipal

attorney at Ruidoso and Alamogordo is trying again for a 12th Judicial District judgeship.

William Brogan will challenge appointed Division 4 Judge David Ira Rupp. Both men had been among a field of hopefuls for the bench seat that was vacated at the first of the year when Judge Sandra Grisham retired. Gov. Bill Richardson selected Rupp on Jan. 11 to fill the Grisham's remaining term.

Judicial District 12 is comprised of Lincoln and Otero counties.

## PETTY

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as a lifelong member of the New Mexico Mounted Patrol. Petty says those subtle but constant influences of law enforcement through his formative years eventually led him choose his career as cop.

Petty worked in many facets of law enforcement for the City of Farmington, retiring from that department in 1997 after almost 23 years. He worked narcotics, vice, intelligence and investigation, on up to supervisory and administration. After retiring, he became a partner in the restaurant business and maintained community ties in the Farmington area.

For more than 15 years, Petty spent considerable time going back and forth between Farmington and Carrizozo managing his parents' affairs as their health deteriorated. By 1997, he knew he would ultimately move back to Carrizozo at some point and so began a gradual transition.

Losing his parents and a sister in a 6-year span, Petty made the final decision to return in 2008. He moved into his childhood home, which had also belonged to his grandparents. Built in 1912, the historical structure was, at the time, the only building in Carrizozo that was designed by an architect.

Petty reminisces about his youth in Carrizozo, memories that give him a deep love for the neighborhoods, the school and the people from all areas of town.

"There were 48-49 kids in my graduating class. I was in track, football and basketball. We had a ski program and we would take a bus to on Saturday's to go ski, unless of course you were in sports and the coach told us absolutely no skiing," he recalls.

"We were raised to have respect, understanding and love for people in life. We were disciplined by the school and by our parents. We took pride in our school and there was a toughness about us that made us work harder to get what we wanted."

Petty recalls that times were economically tough. "It didn't make a difference," he said. "You still did your very best at whatever you did."

Petty believes those life lessons were a foundation for everything he accomplished afterward.

"People here are the same. They are good people. They are still here, and they still have good hearts. And they want to see this town as I do. They want it to come back to life and be like it was then," he said. "And that is why I ran for mayor. I want to help that

happen."

Barely a week into his job, Petty is tackling the business at hand. But he already had a head start.

"Mayor [Bob] Hemphill afforded me some time before the election to look at things like the budget and some of the projects and the needs in the town. He let me see what he could let me see and I appreciated it. I needed to know where I was if I won the election."

Petty admits to a strong line in his administrative requirements, perhaps stemming from his career in law enforcement. "We represent the town here at Town Hall," he said. "We set the standard here and are actually held to a higher standard. So I set the

bar high and expect it to be met. The people of Carrizozo, all of them, are my boss and I'm responsible to them. I require honesty, loyalty and integrity in appearance and deed."

Jumping in wherever he is needed, Petty has answered phones and waited on customers while a couple members of his staff have been out sick. He has ridden streets with the maintenance supervisor to learn what is happening outside of Town Hall.

"And I'm getting ready to call on the citizens of Carrizozo to become part of their town," he said. "Volunteers can make the difference when there is no budget to pay for services."

Petty pointed to the library in Corona that was

built through the efforts of volunteers and to the solid waste transfer station, also manned by volunteers. He noted that Capitan did the same with their library. "Volunteers can be a powerful force."

Excited about exploring economic development possibilities, Petty is encouraged by the town's potential. He wants to see the "incredible talents of the people of the town" help bring commerce. "I'm not sure yet how that will come about, but I know that those artists, quilters, potters, knitters, crocheters, carpenters, metal workers that are here can be part of Carrizozo's future gross receipts," he said.

"I don't know if that is through regular bazaars or

what venue, but I want to talk to enough people to figure it out."

Petty is also actively working to return the community and schools to a unified relationship.

"I would like to work on something where the kids could spend some time seeing how things work in town and the town government, give them a feel for what it's all about," he said.

An outdoorsman to the core, Petty likes to hunt, but admits freely that shooting anything isn't necessary. "I just love to be out there," he said. He also loves fishing. He is an avid reader of Southwestern literature.

Amicably divorced,

Petty has a daughter in Albuquerque and says he

has a "very special lady" in his life.

He enjoys country and Western music, old-time rock & roll and some classical. He owns musical talent lasted only as long as his childhood piano lessons with Miss J.E. Kelly.

After all these years, he's ready to give more determination to his career as a public servant.

"My thought process may be a little different because of my experience, but I thought, if I could make a difference, if I could unite us the way we used to be, then I wanted to try," Petty said.

"I want people to know there is no hidden agenda, no secrets. I'm in this job to give back to the town that gave to me."

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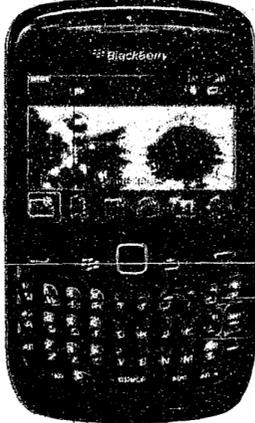
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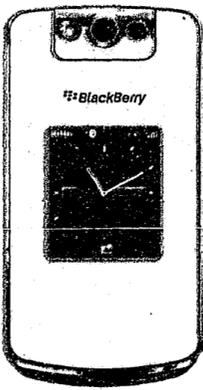
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# HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

## Ethics for end-of-life care

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For the Ruidoso News

I have been an instructor for the ELNEC curriculum (End of Life Nursing Education) for several years now, and have served as a volunteer on several ethics committees.

I have worked with end-of-life care and hospice for more than 15 years.

And I still don't have all the answers.

That is because each case is unique and each person is unique.

The four guiding principles in healthcare ethics are:

- Respect for the individual encompasses the principle of autonomy.

A person with decisional capacity has the moral and legal right to determine what will be done with their own person.

Respect also includes the right to privacy and to know that their personal information will be kept confidential

- Beneficence is the ethical principle understood as doing or promoting good.
- Non-maleficance means to avoid intention-

ally causing patients unnecessary harm or pain.

- Justice is broadly understood as fairness.

When talking to families about end-of-life decisions, I am frequently asked to "not tell mother she's dying."

If the patient has dementia, this may be an appropriate request.

If the individual has decisional capacity, this is not a re-quest I can ethically honor.

I have found in my experience with hospice that the patient nearly always knows if they are close to dying.

The patient may request "don't tell my daughter."

Both family members are trying to protect the other from emotional pain and in the process are denying each other the emotional honesty and closeness that can be so special when time is limited.

For a dying person not to be able to speak honestly with loved ones only serves to isolate them from the people they love the most.



Many healthcare providers are uncomfortable talking about end-of-life issues, and may feel that they are "giving up" on the patient.

However, there are many diseases that can be managed with medications and other therapies that are considered treatable, but have no cure.

These include some heart and lung diseases, as well as progressive degenerative diseases such as dementia and multiple sclerosis.

Because of the lack of discussion with health care providers, the ethical question that arises is:

Who gets to decide what treatment is promoting good, and what treatments cause unnecessary harm or pain?

If I refer back to the ethical principle of respect, which includes the principle of autonomy and truth telling, then I am the one who gets to make those decisions for myself.

What I need from my healthcare provider is an honest discussion of the pros and cons of any treatment offered.

My responsibility in this is to be able to ask the hard questions of my physician, and then be willing to hear the truth.

I can't tell you how many times I have had

patients tell me, "If I had known what the side effects were, I would never have done that last chemotherapy or surgery."

What I also know is that when a physician offers a treatment, even though they may call the treatment palliative (for symptom management, not cure), the patient generally feels hope for a cure.

And because our culture is terrified of the dying process, people grasp for this unfounded hope.

Then when they are faced with dying anyway, wish they had spent their last weeks or months differently.

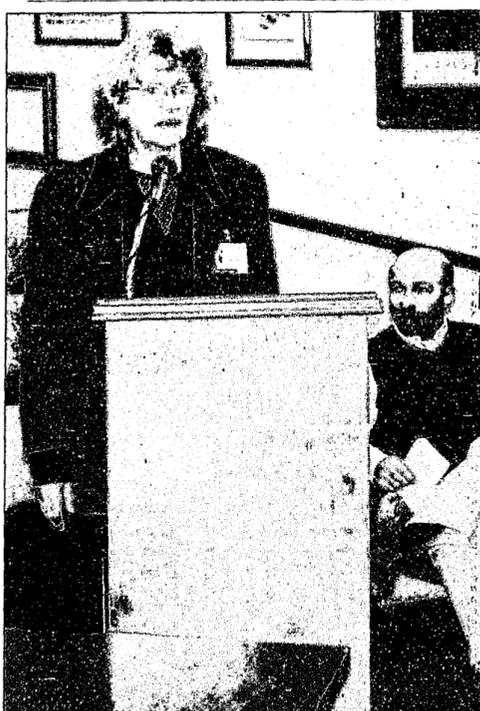
If you feel strongly about having your personal healthcare choices honored, it is your responsibility to complete an Advanced Directive, also known as a Living Will.

In New Mexico, this does not require an attorney.

You can pick up the forms at the admitting office at Lincoln County Medical Center or at Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice on Gavilan Canyon Road.

Article is courtesy of the Lincoln County Community Health Council: [www.lincolnhealthcouncil.org](http://www.lincolnhealthcouncil.org).

## PA JOINS CARRIZOZO CLINIC



COURTESY BRAD TREPTOW

Physician's Assistant Ellen Orr Wittman was introduced to Lincoln County commissioners after joining the Carrizozo Health Center in February, to provide medical care for patients there and at the Corona Health Clinic. Lincoln County Medical Center Administrator Alfred G. Santos, seated right, briefed commissioners on Wittman's role in the clinics operated by Presbyterian Healthcare Services. Dr. Gary Jackson, who provided interim coverage while the position was vacant, said, "Ellen has a strong background in family medicine training and clinical experience which will be of great benefit to patients of this clinic." Wittman completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She received her Physician Assistant Masters' Degree from Samuel Merritt University in Oakland, Calif. She provided clinical care services in New Orleans, La., family practice for the Dona Ana County Detention Center in Las Cruces and Health Centers of Northern New Mexico and was a Hospitalist Physician Assistant at Alta Vista Regional Hospital in Las Vegas, N.M. "My goal has always been to provide compassionate medical care in a not-for-profit setting while working in a comfortable, dedicated environment to an under-served patient population," Wittman told commissioners.

## Nishitani leaving Capitan Rose Clinic

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The health care provider at the Rose Clinic in Capitan is leaving.

Marilyn Nishitani, DNP BC, has been with the clinic since Dec. 2009. She will

relocate to Louisiana for family reasons.

"I will miss Lincoln County and all the people I've met and cared for during my time here," said Nishitani. "LCMC and Presbyterian deserve my deepest thanks for the

opportunity to work in Capitan."

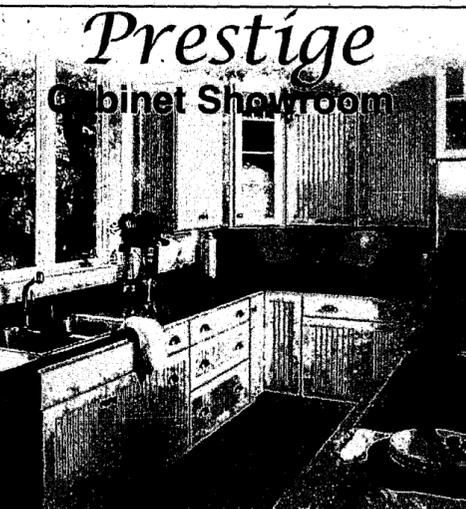
The Rose Clinic is one of six medical facilities in Lincoln County that are operated by the Lincoln County Medical Center and Presbyterian Healthcare Services.

"We recognize the tremendously positive impact Marilyn has had on the Capitan community and are thankful for everything she's been able to accomplish during her tenure with Rose Clinic and the LCMC delivery system," said Al Santos,

the administrator for the LCMC.

Santos said LCMC and Presbyterian are committed to the area served by the Capitan clinic.

"We're determined to locate another provider as soon as possible who will be just as good a fit for Capitan and the surrounding communities," said Santos. "Until then, clinical nurse specialist Suzanne Carden and LCMC medical director Dr. Gary Jackson will provide coverage. We wish Marilyn well in all of her future endeavors."



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## PRODUCE PICK OF THE WEEK

Artichoke is the produce pick of the week. Artichoke is the common name for a plant of the composite flower family. The artichoke grows wild in the south of Europe and is cultivated in the United States, primarily California.

taste and color.

### Grilled Artichokes

(recipe for 4 artichokes, 8 servings)  
This is recipe is perfect for the lazy cook, since all preparation can be done the previous day. The slightly smoky taste compliments the nuttiness of the artichoke.



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### How to select

Chose globes that are dark green, heavy and have tight leaves. Don't select globes that are dry looking or appear to be turning brown. If the leaves appear too "open," then the artichoke is past its prime. Don't throw these away, you can always make artichoke soup.

### Ingredients

- 4 large artichokes
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 cup water, 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1 T. minced ginger
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- Slice artichoke tops off, crosswise.
- Trim stems. Boil or steam artichokes until bottoms pierce easily, or petal pulls off easily.



### How to store

Fresh artichokes should be put in a plastic bag unwashed and refrigerated. It is best to use them within four days of purchase. Don't try to freeze artichokes because they will turn brown and be unappealing in the

Drain artichokes. Cool. Cute each artichoke in half lengthwise and scrape out fuzzy center and any purple-tipped petals.

Mix remaining ingredients in a large plastic bag and coat all sides. For best flavor, marinate the mixture overnight in the refrigerator, but at least one hour.

Drain and place cut side down on a grill over a solid bed of medium heat (coals or gas grill). Grill until slightly browned, 5-7 minutes. Turn, drizzle some marinade over the artichokes.

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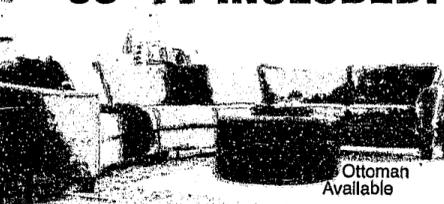
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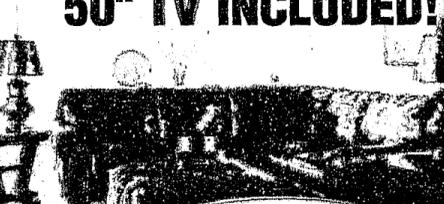
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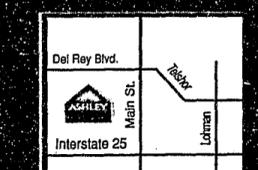
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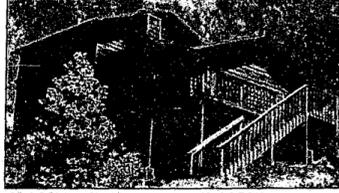
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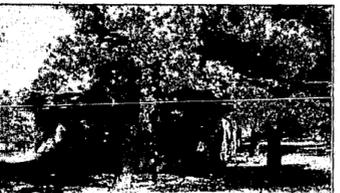
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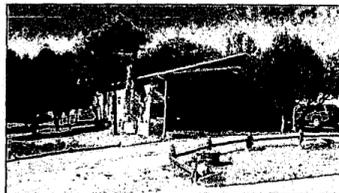
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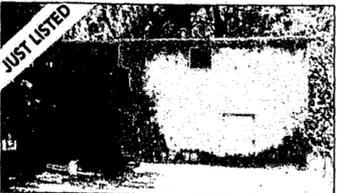
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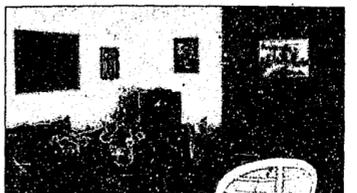
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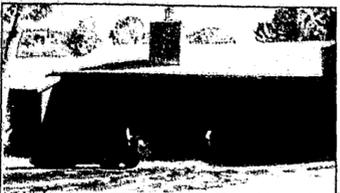
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FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010

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### Ski Report

#### Ski Apache

The snow resort is open daily 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until April 11. You may call 464-1234 for the latest ski report and information. The ski report is culled from [www.ski-apachesnowreport.com](http://www.ski-apachesnowreport.com)

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

New snow past 48 hrs.: 0 inches  
Season total: 222 inches

Weather for Friday: Isolated showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 54. Breezy, with a west wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent. Friday evening, a 40 percent chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21. Windy, with a northwest wind between 25 and 30 mph becoming calm. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph. New snow accumulation of 1 to 2 inches possible.

Weather for Saturday: A 10 percent chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 37. Calm wind becoming north between 5 and 10 mph. Saturday evening, partly cloudy, with a low around 24. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Current conditions: Good  
Mid-mountain snow depth: 78 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, Chino, Meadows, Geronimo, The Face, The Ridge, part of Apache Bowl, Elk Ridge, Bull Run, Game Trail, Screaming Eagle, Calliente, Ringtail, Elk Lift Line, Buckhorn, Oscar's, Bear and Little Bear.

Groomers Pick: Screaming Eagle  
Lifts open: No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, No. 7 and No. 8.  
Gondola is open 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Snowmaking: No

### On Deck

#### RHS Golf

The Ruidoso Junior Golf Association, in partners with the Ruidoso Golf Teams will be hosting the second of six scrambles at Kokopelli Country Club on March 21. The event will begin at 1 p.m. For more info or to sign up call 257-5815 (Cree Meadows) or 336-1818 (Kokopelli).

#### 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.



Ruidoso ski racers show off their medals and awards from the NM Fun Race Finale at Pajarito in Los Alamos. From l-r, Coach Mark Doth, Aric Jensen, Lexie Doth, Arianne Mumma, Jetonne Mumma.

## Ruidoso racers tally six golds

LAURA DOTH  
For the Ruidoso News

The Ruidoso Ski Team got to try out a new racing venue this past weekend when they competed in the 2010 New Mexico Fun Race Finale at Pajarito Ski Area in Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Sponsored by the Los Alamos Ski Racing Club, the race consisted of two Giant Slalom runs on Sunday, March 14.

The New Mexico Fun Races are not United States Ski & Snowboard

Association (USSA) sanctioned races, but all USSA and Rocky Mountain Division rules are followed.

The purpose of the fun races is to allow racers who are not registered with the USSA to compete along with more experienced USSA racers.

In this way, they have the opportunity to try ski racing and see if they would like to compete at a higher level.

Over fifty junior racers participated in Sunday's races. They ranged in age from eight to seventeen.

Los Alamos felt the brunt of a winter storm system, and the snow started to fly as the racers booted up in the lodge.

It was a typical New Mexico storm, and the snow alternately fell hard, lifted, and then fell hard again. Depending on when the athletes started, visibility on the course ranged from good to zero.

Race organizers hosted the race on Aspen run. Snow conditions were excellent, but racers had to fight the accumulating snow.

The Ruidoso Ski Team welcomed three new members at the New Mexico Fun Race Finale. Aric Jensen, Jetonne Mumma and Arianne Mumma, all of Lubbock, Texas, joined Lexie Doth and Mitchell Perry at the competition. The Los Alamos race was their first opportunity to race competitively.

The girls led the pack down the hill. Arianne Mumma, wearing bib number one, was the first Ruidoso racer to negotiate the gates.

She didn't have any

trouble with the course, but misjudged the finish line at the end. She still posted a good time of 56.99 for the race.

As the only J6 girl entered, she earned her first gold medal in ski racing. Her time was very competitive with the older, more experienced racers.

Next out of the start was Jetonne Mumma. As a 13 year old, Jetonne competed as a J3 racer. She read the course well and got some good angulation on her run

See **SKI**, page 2B

## 'Live Fast, Love Hard, Die Young'

Some months ago I saw a young man whiz past me in a white Corvette. Although he went by me in a second or so I saw his head and shoulders clearly.

He awakened memories within me of someone from my distant past and so I froze a picture of the driver in my mind for future reference.

A few days later, late one night, it came to me who he reminded me of - it was Billy Brandt - no doubt about it.

I hadn't thought of that legendary personality in years.

For some time now I've wanted to tell you the Billy Brandt story but I've always hesitated for fear of boring you.

Now, it seems, I have no choice but to briefly disclose his saga to you.

I do not know the reason, nor can I conjure up any rational explanation as to why I have been thinking of Brandt all this time since sighting his look-alike, lo those many months ago.

I feel it's beginning to consume my waking moments and I believe, if I can unburden his adventures upon you, I might get back to some sense of normalcy - what-

ever that is.

I want to thank you beforehand for putting up with my verbal eccentricities.

First, lets get the sports part of Brandt's story out of the way. Billy was a gifted golfer in the Western Pennsylvania area all of his short-lived time on this planet.

He could have easily turned pro anytime, but chose not to.

That would have interfered with his social life (women). Besides, he could hardly beat quite a few professionals in one-on-one money games on the side when they came through the area.

One thing about Brandt that I admired - he never took himself

too seriously at any of his past-times, whether it was golf, tennis (which he was also quite proficient at) or the fairer sex.

His father owned one of the largest Oldsmobile dealerships in the city and this allowed him to "play" at his chosen sports.

His dad loved him dearly and when his son was with him you could see enormous pride in the elder Brandt's eyes.

When the old man spoke, with Billy in attendance, his unconventional offspring would sometimes put his arm around his father's shoulders and lower his head out of respect and appreciation.

See **BILLY**, page 2B

#### CURRAN EVENTS



BY MIKE CURRAN  
SPORTS EDITOR

## Dream come true for local Aggie

JASON GROVES  
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES - Every basketball player dreams of playing in the NCAA Tournament one day.

But when a local player plays from his hometown college in the tournament, that accomplishment becomes all the more special.

"I think it's a big deal for all of us, but it might be a little bit bigger for me because I'm from here," said Aggies junior guard Gordo Castillo, a Las Cruces High School alum.

"We made the tournament and I'm playing for them so I want to go even further than those other Aggies."

Castillo and the Aggies were seeded 12th in the Midwest region and will play fifth-seeded Michigan State in a first-round matchup on Friday at 5:20 p.m. in Spokane, Wash.

"All that hard work, all that sweat in the summer, it all paid off," Castillo said. "It felt good."

Castillo continues to play a key role for the 22-11 Aggies, coming off the bench to provide depth on

the wing. Castillo and the Aggies advanced to his first NCAA Tournament with a Western Athletic Conference Tournament championship in Reno, Nev., last weekend.

A conference championship meant a lot to the Castillo family.

"A lot of my family made it up there," Castillo said. "I have a big family so not all of them made it. The ones that were there, they were loving it."

"It was something that I'm sure none of us will forget."

Castillo's popularity in Las Cruces extends past his family.

"It's exciting for a player to get there, but how many kids get to play in the tournament for the team they always dreamed about playing for?" said Louis Saucedo. "Not many."

But Saucedo has that in common with Castillo.

Saucedo was an Aggie from 1974-77 after graduating from Las Cruces High in 1973.

The Aggies lost to North

See **AGGIE**, page 2B

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# SKI

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and posted a solid time of 47.77. She too earned a gold medal for her efforts.

Jetonne was followed by veteran racer, Lexie Doth. Lexie used the opportunity to show the younger racers how it's done.

She left the gate aggressively and took a tight line down the course. Doth posted the fastest time of the morning run when she crossed the finish line in 41.38 seconds.

While she felt she had some problems on the course, her speedy run put her in first place and netted her a gold medal.

With the girls' run completed, the boys took to the course. In his first official start, Aric Jenson took a leisurely pace down the hill and posted a time of 102.68. Younger racers often have difficulty understanding technical aspects of the course like how to negotiate delays.

Jenson made sure that

he didn't miss a gate and that he skied the technical gates properly. He posted the 10th fastest time for the J6 boys and notched his first top ten finish.

Mitchell Perry started next for the Ruidoso team. High on the hill, he caught some powder and fell. He picked himself up and continued down the course. Determined to make up some time, he charged the gates. Unfortunately, he turned late, and ended up falling again when he clipped a gate and took it out.

In his battle with the gate, he sprained a muscle and was unable to finish the race.

The snow continued to fall heavily, and race organizers opted to keep the same course for the afternoon run. Despite racing over the same course, most of the times posted in the afternoon were slower due to the accumulating powder.

Arienne Mumma had a nice run in the afternoon, but because of a timing failure had to run the course

again. Making this her third time down the race course, she completed the run with a time of 101.57, earning her second gold medal of the day. "It's really tough to have to do a re-run," said Coach Mark Doth. "You use a lot of energy when you race, and Ari showed a lot of guts and stamina in running the course three times."

Jetonne Mumma had an equally successful afternoon run. Her time of 49.35 added another gold medal to her collection. She gained a lot of experience at Los Alamos and anticipates competing at more races this year.

Hoping to get a good run in, Lexie Doth hit the race-course hard in her second run of the day. While the racers had slipped the course earlier and tried to pack down the powder, she still had to take a much lower line to negotiate the course safely.

She crossed the finish line with a time of 42.82 which ranked as the fastest time for the girls and the second fastest time overall.

She earned another gold medal for her efforts.

After fixing the course firmly in his mind, Aric Jenson hit the slopes more aggressively in the afternoon. He finished with a time of 103, a mere 32/100th of a second behind his morning run. He moved up in his ranking, finishing with the 8th fastest time in his division.

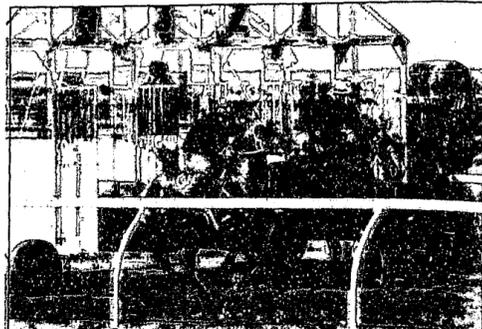
Due to the injuries sustained in his morning run, Mitchell Perry did not start in the afternoon.

"The kids did really well this weekend," said Coach Doth. "The fun races are an excellent way to gauge the competition and get a feel for what ski racing is all about."

"I am really pleased with how the new team members did, and our older racers were able to really help all of the competitors. It's not often you get to come home with six gold medals!"

The Ruidoso Ski Team will compete next at the Southern Series Championship in Taos, New Mexico on March 27-28.

# YOUNG HORSES PREPARE



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Selected 2-year-olds conducted their first official works out of the gate at Paul Jones training facility in Tularosa Wednesday.



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White Sands, with Cody Jensen up, gives the camera a nod.

# BILLY

FROM PAGE 1B

Thus far, there is one consequential part about Brandt I have purposely neglected to tell you until now - that of his physical appearance.

I will not do him justice in describing his looks, but I will try. He was an Adonis, to say the least ... the very least.

He always appeared to have just stepped from the cover of *GQ Magazine*. Seriously.

He was tall in stature, 6-foot-2 or 3, and had thick, darkish blonde hair which was always fastidiously well-groomed.

His face looked as though it had been chiseled by some ancient Greek sculptor, excluding the dark Florida tan which perennially appeared upon his countenance.

He had a "tight" physique, neither lean nor

heavily muscled.

His summer attire might include a black, lime-green or some similar colored Polo pullover, white Brooks Brothers Cruise Wear slacks and always, his signature footwear, a pair of Bass Weejun burgundy loafers ... with no socks.

If you were out on the streets and saw a large, white Super 8 Oldsmobile convertible cruising down the avenue you knew it was Billy.

Women loved him ... and he, them ... all of them.

I never saw him as a womanizer. As I remember, the closest he ever got to that adverse trait was once when he told me, "Michael (he always referred to me by the longer form of my Christian name rather than Mike or Mikey which was preferred by my other friends), I could never choose just one woman. I like all of them. The way they smell, the way they

feel and the way they think."

He and I, for a while, traveled in the same social night-time circles. Wednesdays it was the Thunderbird Boatel, a nightclub on the Allegheny River. Friday evenings it was usually the Gaslight Club in Shadyside, a bohemian enclave in the city and Saturday nights, Jake's-On-The-Square in the heart of town.

Whenever I saw him he would always acknowledge me (and others) with a tell-tale flick of an extended forefinger.

He was always with his "pick of the week," as we used to call them, deep in conversation. And the one thing I clearly remember was, while his date spoke, he stared intently into her eyes as if he were truly interested in what she was saying.

I never saw him in an argument with another male. Guys liked him.

I did occasionally see females fighting over him or one of his "girlfriends" upset with him because he

would never set an engagement date ... or a pre-engagement commitment either.

One night I was leaving the Thunderbird Boatel. The drive from the parking lot on the river to the I-28 highway was about 1/3 of a mile through the woods.

About halfway I slowed down to round a curve and an excited figure leapt from the bushes. It was Billy, stark naked except for his trademark Bass Weejuns. He motioned for me to unlock my passenger door and quickly jumped in.

"Geez, Michael, I thought that was your car. Thanks."

I believe I said something like, "I hesitate to ask, but what happened?"

"Well, Maria and I were dancing at the nightclub and having a ball," I think he replied. "She asked me, once again, when we were going to tie the knot. I told her it was too early and maybe we'd talk about it in a couple of years."

"That Italian temper got the better of her. We left

and on the way out pulled over at the turn-off. One thing led to another ... and well ... you know. The next thing I knew my clothes were off. In the heat of the moment I told her I had to dash out and go to the bathroom.

"The next thing I heard was her car leaving at a high rate of speed ... along with my clothes."

"Hey, take me home, will ya sport? I've got a big golf match at Oakmont in the morning."

A few years later, I returned from out-of-state and got a phone call from a friend.

"Hey, Mikey, did you hear the news about Brandt?" he asked.

"No, I've been away. What happened?"

"Billy bought the farm on East Street coming out of 'da Burgh."

"I thought he would always be around," I'm sure I said. "Where did it happen?"

"You know that 45-degree bend by the Catholic church?"

"Yeah."

"He hit that steel 'telie-pole' there with the white Olds. Dead on impact. He was alone, which was a rarity."

"That's not the end of the story. Ya should have seen his funeral. It was a Rudolph Valentino moment. The place was loaded with a throng of pretty girls, dressed in black and all of them crying and blubbering. All the 'boys' gave him the forefinger goodbye when they lowered his coffin into the ground."

Billy Brandt was like a comet that illuminates the night sky as it races across the horizon ... and suddenly disappears. He wasn't quite 30.

This young legend's story is mindful of Feron Young's 1955 hit song, "Live Fast, Love Hard, Die Young."

As for me, I always thought I would cash in my chips like Brandt. Now that I'm almost on the ring-the-bell-for-the- oatmeal "final glide path," I'm kinda glad I didn't. It's been "interesting."

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# AGGIE

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Carolina in the first round 1974-75 tournament.

"As a local kid myself, I admire what Gordo has done," Saucedo said.

"I have followed his progress through the course of time. In my opinion, anytime a local kid like

myself or Gordo does good and gets a scholarship to play for the Aggies, that was my dream and that's his dream.

"It's something that not too many kids have been able to do from this community."

Saucedo has kept a close eye on Castillo's career, as a family friend and a local official for 29 years.

"It's something that

keeps me close to the game I really love," Saucedo said. Saucedo's Aggies finished 20-7 and 11-3 in the Missouri Valley Conference under coach Lou Henson in 1974-75.

"We were pretty close to the same record the Aggies have this year," he said.

"We were also sort of an overachieving team with not a lot of height. We had a lot of guys who played

their roles and did what they were supposed to do."

While Saucedo's tournament experience lasted just one game, Castillo hopes the Aggies can extend their stay in the Big Dance.

"It's been neat to see (Castillo) be very successful, but I hope they can win," Saucedo said.

"But just getting there is a dream come true reality."

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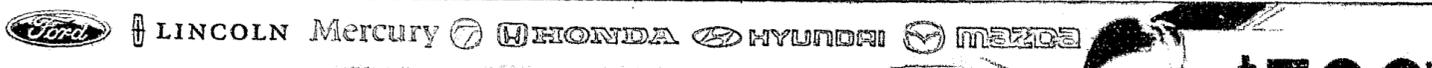
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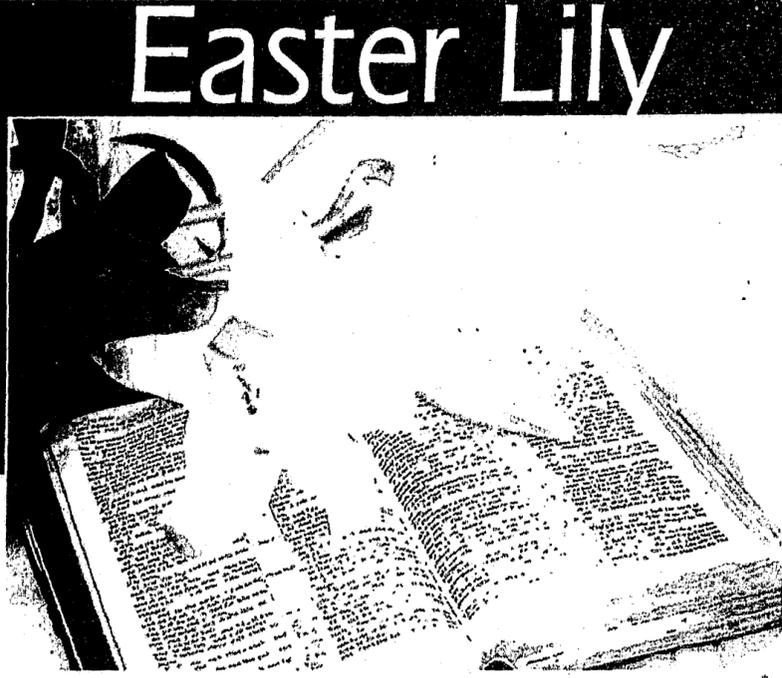
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# RELIGION

## Don't let homosexuality spark family holy war

**Q.** I'm happily married, with two great kids. Our daughter is 21 and both mentally and physically disabled. Our son is 16 and the light of our life. About a month ago, he told us he is gay. We'd had a feeling all along about this, and my husband and I are supportive. I think we've handled this revelation very well, as have family and friends. The problem is my in-laws. They're very religious and attend Catholic mass seven days a week, which is fine. Because of their religious beliefs, however, they have a problem with my son being gay.

They always have something to say about

this issue - not to me - but to my husband, their son. I don't have a problem with this, but in their last conversation, they told my husband that our son is not going to heaven. At first, I was hurt by their comments and then angered. Now, I just want some answers.

**Our son is talented, smart, handsome and a good kid. I don't define him as just being "gay." Any advice? My in-laws, of course, will listen only to someone in the Church.**

-D., Long Island, NY, via email



The God Squad  
MARC GELLMAN

**A.** I receive lots of letters in which some members of a family proclaim that other members of the family are "going to

hell" or, in a slightly more gentle version of your in-laws opinion, are "not going to heaven."

My personal view is that I'm in sales, not management, and God's ways are above my pay grade. This is the source of my humility (such as it is).

I know what the Bible says. I just don't always know with the same certainty what the Bible means. The Bible condemns homosexuality categorically in Leviticus 18:22: "Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman. It is an abomination." (Score 1 for your in-laws).

However, it's not clear that the Bible is referring here to homosexuality as a sexual orientation. It may be that this verse is not about homosexuality but rather about homosexual prostitution.

Also, the same condemnation made of homosexuality is also made for heterosexual sex that is not procreative. (Score 1 for

your son). Also, there's not a single reference to lesbians in the Bible.

The theological debate over such matters will continue forever. There are good arguments on both sides, and I have no intention of judging them here because your challenge is not theological.

Your challenge is in helping your family learn how to disagree while still loving each other. There are several ways I might suggest to improve your family's chances of keeping love alive and sparking a familial holy war.

The first move is one your husband must make.

He must tell his parents that while he respects their right to believe homosexuality is a sin, they cannot bring that belief into family gatherings because it's cruel to their gay grandson. If he keeps telling you about his folks' opinions on this issue, tell him also to button it. You already know his parents don't approve. Leave it

there.

The next move is one you and your son (if he knows about Grandpa and Grandma's beliefs) must make. There's a kind of self-centered arrogance we're all guilty of at times when we try to describe those who disagree with us in a fair-minded way - but end up painting them in overly extreme, harmful stereotypes.

Our task in the never-ending journey to compassion and truth is to try to understand the stories of others that don't mesh with our story but still have something important to teach us.

The story of your in-laws is based on biblically-rooted ancient wisdom filled with clear ideas about many things, among them how we ought to express our sexuality.

The fact that these beliefs were formed millennia ago makes them old but not necessarily irrelevant. Sexual urges are not necessarily a justification

for sexual activity.

In the story of your in-laws, male/female bonding, both physical and spiritual, is not just good for them, it's also good for families and for civilization and for God.

That's their story and it's wrong to expect them to simply discard it because they're suddenly presented with a gay grandson.

I would hope for a healing process in which their love of your son is strong enough for them to overcome their religious beliefs just enough to hug him sincerely. I also pray that your son's love for them will be strong enough for him to overcome his disappointment in them and hug them in return.

You have two stories in your family now. May you have patience and love sufficient to get you to that day, that place and that time when God will finally explain to us how all our stories can be equally loved.

## America is losing the family structure

**S**lowly, but surely, America is losing the basic building block of our culture ... the family. The erosion is taking place as marriages fail or fail to take place.

Children grow up with sperm donors, fathers, step-fathers, grandparents, foster parents, adoptive parents or no parents at all.

Children are farmed out to baby sitters, child-care providers, schools, etc., to provide the basic education in moral values, spiritual values, and character.

Movies and television provide the models for life conduct. As a nation, we are in deep trouble.

According to God's plan,

fathers and mothers, married couples, are given the responsibility for providing nurture, basic education, and a wholesome environment for the raising of children.

Our nation is drifting farther and farther away from that Biblical pattern.

More and more, the government is expected to mother and father our children, to provide them with all they need to become totally dependent on society.

Social and peer group pressures direct our children's thinking.

Big brother is watching. Thought police are working. All must conform to the guidelines that the all-wise government decrees.

Somewhere down the road, someone declared government to be God. Someone declared God to be dead. Someone declared that there is no God.

Someone declared that Biblical guidelines were archaic, insufficient, and

inadequate for modern man. Some how, we drifted into post modernism, where the conduct and understanding of man determines what is right and what is wrong.

This pattern has been repetitive in the history of mankind. Time and time again, through the millennia, mankind has thrown away God and his guide-

lines.

Mankind has established his own divinity, and he has discovered his absolute failure as god. So, here we go again, failing to learn from the past, we are doomed to repeat it.

Only through the true and living God and His Word, is there help for today and hope for tomorrow.



Clary-fications  
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## Repent for the forgiveness of sins

**Q.** How do I know if God has forgiven all my sins, when I can't even remember a lot of the sins I know I must have committed? In other words, does God only forgive the sins we remember, or will He forgive all our sins if we ask Him to? -D.C.

**A.** The Bible certainly urges us to examine ourselves and confess to God every sin we know we have committed. The Psalmist's prayer should be ours: "Search me, O God, and know my heart ...

See if there is any offensive way in me" (Psalm 139:23-24).

But the Bible also tells us that all our sins - all of them, without exception - were placed on Jesus Christ when He died on the cross for us. He was without sin, because He was God in human flesh. But on the cross all our sins were placed on Him, and He took upon Himself the judgment and Hell that we deserve. Think of it: He paid the price for every sin you ever committed, or ever will commit! The Bible says, "He forgave us all our sins" (Colossians

2:13). Have you put your faith and trust in Him alone for your eternal salvation? Why, then, should we confess our sins if Christ has already taken them away? The reason is because sin separates us from God and breaks our fellowship with Him. The only way to restore our fellowship is to confess our sins and claim Christ's forgiveness every day.

Never forget: God's will is that we would become more like Christ. Make sure of your commitment to Him, and then ask Him to help you not only turn your back on sin, but become more like Christ in your peace and love and compassion for others.



Billy Graham  
MY ANSWER

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**Pat Baldinell**  
Services for Pat Baldinell, 95, of Ruidoso will be held at a later date. He passed away Monday, March 15, at the Mescalero Care Center. He was born August 10, 1914 at Watertown, New York. He moved to Ruidoso in 1968 from Roswell. He married Doris Gilkeson on April 1, 1947 in Roswell and she preceded him in death on April 1, 1999. He owned and operated the Gift Shop in Ruidoso Downs with his wife Doris.  
He is survived by his children, Robert Baldinell of Placitas, NM, Beth Nosker of San Patricio, Carol Tiley of Mayhill, Richard Baldinell of Loveland, CO, and Jane Heiby of Hampton, VA; 5 brothers and sisters; 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.  
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# LINCOLN COUNTY

## Capitan schedules budget workshops, approves personnel

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The Capitan Board of Trustees set dates for budget workshops in order to meet the June 1 deadline for a preliminary budget to be in Santa Fe.

Ready to roll up their sleeves and make whatever adjustments possible, Mayor Sam Hammons said at the March 9 board meeting that it would be even more difficult not knowing what monies they would have to work with until the governor signs or doesn't sign legislation before him.

The budget workshops will be scheduled for 4 p.m., March 23 and April 6, 20, and 27. The schedule allows for the preliminary budget to be approved at the May 11 council meeting.

Appointments of department heads were made by Mayor Hammons.

No changes in status were made in the appointment of Randy Spear as chief of police, Kay Strickland as village clerk and Shirley Pavlovic as financial officer. Each appointment was approved unanimously by the board with the exception of a "no" vote from Trustee Jim Davis on the appointment of Spear.

Diane Riska was appointed and approved as mayor pro-tem.

The trustees accepted Ruth McAninch's resignation from the Smokey Bear Museum. Mayor Hammons said McAninch is moving to Houston and will be missed. "She was a valuable employee and a good person," he said.

Approval was given to advertise for a part-time employee for the Smokey Bear Museum, which is open seven days a week.

The part-time position will involve shifts on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday with no more than 24 hours and no benefits.

Advertising for requests for proposals for an attorney for the village was approved.

The John Underwood Law Firm has been under contract including an extension of the contract until the new term of the mayor and trustees was underway.

In other business the trustees:

- Discussed the Local Government Investment Pool accounts and final recovery check;
- Passed a resolution for



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

A new term begins for Capitan Mayor Sam Hammons, center, and two new trustees, Ricky LaMay and Diane Riska. The council listens to a presentation on the importance of the 2010 Census at last week's meeting. L-r Jim Davis, LaMay, Hammons, Lilly Wood and Riska.

the New Mexico Department of Transportation Municipal Arterial Program (MAP) Project for 2010-11;

- Discussed and approved the attendance of Ricky LaMay and possibly Mayor Hammons at the 2010 New Elected Officials

Institute. The next regular Village of Capitan board of trustees meeting will be at 6:30 p.m., April 13.

## Meanwhile back at the arena

Roping and rodeo season is gearing up to the usual spring frenzy and those ropers that find themselves afoot are horse shopping.

The used-horse business flourishes but unless you get a far piece beyond your territory, everybody knows you, your business and the horse you might be looking at.

Heard at the arena, "He don't know it, but that horse will make your eyes pop," said one cowboy.

"No way. I know that horse and he's one of the uglier ones to be found," said the other cowboy.

"I'm not talking about his looks," retorted the first cowboy. "I'm talking about he stops so hard on his front feet that when your crotch hits the saddle horn, your eyes will pop."

This is important criteria to know.

Then there is Joe and Pete, whose names have been changed since it was established one of them can read, and didn't so much enjoy his newfound notoriety when their antics previously hit print.

As a precaution, their undercover names will be kept to a simple, one syllable.

Joe and Pete, when we last spoke of them, were going to win the world without bothering with any roping practice. Not needed, they were sure of that. That spree lasted about six weeks and came

to an unremarkable close.

Spring fever has again beset the pair and the difference this year is that they both decided they needed new horses.

Joe's horse, Hack Rein, is 20-plus years old and Pete's trusty steed, Stix, has seen 21 years and counting.

Besides being naturally tightfisted, neither of them are flush with funds. Rick is the friend designated to alleviate the current cash flow issue with a little horse trading in the mix.

Joe is going to sell Hack Rein to Rick. That gets Rick mounted. Joe has neglected to tell him that Hack Rein has a slight bob to his head and at times, a serious limp.

Hack Rein is a heading horse, so Rick will be a header.

Joe is then going to buy Pete's horse, Stix, who also has a slight bob to his head and on bad days, will limp slightly.

That gets Joe mounted. Stix is also a heading horse, so Joe will be a header.

Pete is the only one left afoot. He is looking at a black horse said to be priced extremely reasonable.

That's a serious consideration with this bunch.

The black horse has been known to occasionally limp and to stop on his front feet pretty hard. Recall the earlier "eye popper" conversation.

He, too, is a heading

horse, but an extremely good bargain.

All three ropers are now mounted and will shortly begin practice to win the world when the weather warms up and arenas dry up.

It has not yet occurred to them that that all three of them will have to be headers. The excitement over their "new" horses has, at least temporarily, clouded that detail of reality.

The upside of this is, counting on heelers to show up is just as iffy. The most recent best excuse by a heeler to not to show up to a roping was he'd decided to enter a coyote calling contest instead. Hey, it happens.

For those watching this scenario unfold, there is a suggestion of confidence that the trio may not figure out that all of them are headers until they go to enter a roping.

Like last year's unnecessary practice, planning ahead is rarely the selected option.

The mental image of them riding their head-bobbing, gimping horses around the arena while they try to figure out how to make a team out of three headers, lends itself to a "three stooges in cowboy hats" moment.

One can almost already hear the "N'yuk, n'yuk, n'yuk."

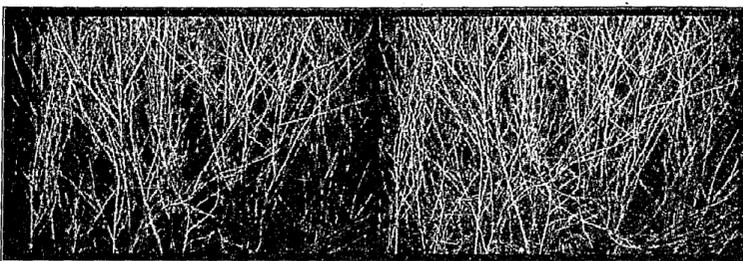
The first roping they go to may take more than the usual supply of aiming fluid.

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Cowgirl Sass & Savvy  
BY JULIE CARTER

## ART IN PUBLIC PLACES — CORONA



Untitled (Johannes Scharfner 2004) Im Klukkert

Corona Mayor William Hignight, left, thanks artist Jim Klukkert at an artist's reception in Corona Jan. 30. Hignight and the Corona Board of Trustees announced the Village of Corona has acquired its first piece of fine art for permanent display in the council chambers at Village Hall. The artwork, created by Klukkert and chosen by a committee of community members, was acquired through the New Mexico Art in Public Places Program in conjunction with legislative grant funding for the renovation of the Village Hall and the Corona Public Library. Hignight and the council wish to acknowledge the New Mexico Art in Public Places Program for their support in the acquisition of this piece of fine art.



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## CAPITAN POST OFFICE RECYCLING



COURTESY

Trinity Stephens, 4, of Capitan, tested out the new recycling bin placed at the Capitan Post Office. The new blue bins are much larger than the former 32-gallon barrel used to collect flyers, newspapers, and other throw-away paper material. The Capitan and Alto Post Office received new recycle bins in February. The District Office in Albuquerque sent the bin in response to the photos, new articles and information sent to them by Capitan Postmistress Kristi Sepkowitz. According to recycle volunteer Of George Tippin, Capitan has set the bar for post office recycling. Other post offices can request recycle bins from the District Office. Tippin said he collected just short of a tons of material in January, and February was gaining ground on that number.

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## Alamo cop sentenced for cocaine

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**CARRIZOZO** — A former Alamogordo narcotics agent was sentenced last Friday to three years of supervised probation for attempted trafficking of cocaine after he was found to have 1.3 pounds of the substance in his Alamogordo Department of Public Safety unit on March 21, 2009.

Richard Ramsdale was sentenced in Lincoln County's 12th Judicial District Court in Carrizozo before Judge Karen L. Parsons. Ramsdale's case was transferred to Lincoln County because he had worked with Otero County while he was a law enforcement officer with the Otero County Sheriff's Department.

Ramsdale is also subject to random drug testing and warrantless searches as part of his conditions of probation.

District Attorney Diana Martwick said she believes law enforcement officers should be held to a higher standard.

"I had hoped he would have to serve some amount of time. That's why we had asked for the maximum incarceration," Martwick said. "I still believe that if you're acting under the color of law, you should be held to that standard because he was supposed to be keeping us safe. He made his own choices."

Martwick said she understands the ruling by Parsons.

"She felt Ramsdale made great strides with his family in Texas," Martwick

said. "Parsons felt Ramsdale was on the right track and had lost his entire career and family savings. I was disappointed in the sentence and hoped he would have gotten some time in jail."

Martwick said she believes Ramsdale obtained the cocaine as evidence from a bust and had been entrusted by the department to destroy it.

"If a law enforcement agent takes something out of evidence, you're supposed to do what you were entrusted to do with it," Martwick said. "ADPS caught him before he went undercover. He already knew he was addicted to drugs. It was just the luck of the draw that he didn't get caught earlier. We just don't know."

At the time of his arrest, Ramsdale was working as a narcotics agent with ADPS on March 21, 2009. Agents were conducting a surveillance investigation on an unrelated case at the time. One agent noticed Ramsdale's erratic behavior. Agents felt something was wrong with his behavior and transported him to a local hospital out of concern for his health.

At time of Ramsdale's arrest, ADPS director Sam Trujillo said a drug test at the hospital indicated the presence of cocaine.

"He was arrested by state police after being released from the hospital," Trujillo said at the time. "There was no indication (of drug use) prior to Ramsdale's behavior."

Ramsdale said he had a 15-gram-per-day cocaine habit at the time of his

arrest.

"I think it was fair," he said. "I screwed up. I know I wasn't going to walk away scott free."

Ramsdale said he has lost everything.

"I have lost my house, my savings and respect from the community and my family," he said. "I destroyed my reputation and career. I had a 15-year law enforcement career."

Ramsdale said he was going through many personal issues at the time.

"I was going through a lot of personal stress," he said. "I have a sick wife. Today, I can't even answer the question of why. I can't look in the mirror and ask, 'When did you make that decision to use it?'"

Ramsdale said he has been in counter-narcotics all of his career, including during his Air Force service.

"I've been in Panama, Columbia and Peru," Ramsdale said. "Some cops go to alcohol. I know drugs. That's what I did."

Ramsdale had been employed by ADPS as an officer for about a year, then transferred to its narcotics unit. He had been with the narcotics unit for about a month when he tested positive for cocaine.

Parsons said she believes law enforcement officers need to be held to a higher standard.

"I could take the easy way out by making an example of Ramsdale," Parsons said from the bench.

"I believe everyone who comes before me has the right for me to look at their individual case and not

## Huckins gets probation

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In line with a negotiated plea agreement on three cases involving multiple counts of fraud and embezzlement, builder Robert Huckins was sentenced Tuesday to a total of 15 years of probation.

But if he violates that probation, Huckins could have to serve 27 years in prison, according to a 12th Judicial District spokesman. Part of the agreement specifies restitution of about \$82,200 for victim Denise Bundy.

Another hearing still must be scheduled for restitution involving the other victims, Sally Canning and Dr. James Brown.

The court official said the three cases were consolidated under the plea agreement.

For the case involving Bundy, he was sentenced by District Judge Jerry H. Ritter, Jr., to a total of nine years for two counts of embezzlement and two counts of fraud.

The prison years were suspended, but he must

serve five years of probation.

For the case involving Canning, fraud over \$20,000, he was sentenced to nine years in prison, and counts two through seven were dismissed. The nine years were suspended and he must serve five years of probation.

For the case involving Bundy, embezzlement over \$20,000, Huckins was sentenced to nine years suspended and he must serve five years probation with speedy restitution to Bundy. All the nine-year sentences run consecutively.

Conditions of probation include that Huckins not engage or act as a contractor, that he disclose to the state all financial information requested, that he comply with the terms of any plan of restitution ordered by the court.

After 12 years, the court would not oppose probation transfer to another jurisdiction with appropriate safeguards for the return of the defendant if a violation of probation terms occurs.

Bundy, who remains homeless and still trying to build a house to share with her mother in Loma Grande, said while she was disappointed that Huckins will not spend a day in jail, she understood the judge's intention was to create a situation where the victims will receive some restitution for the original crimes and satisfaction for their years fighting to get their money back.

She lauded the effort and argument of Assistant District Attorney Wayne A. Jordon of the 12th Judicial District Attorney's white collar crime division.

"He was incredibly impressive," Bundy said. "When (Huckins) defense attorney Todd Holmes argued that his client was not a criminal, Mr. Jordon said he's a convicted felon, of course he is a criminal. He has so many victims in Lincoln County, they couldn't find all of them."

Bundy said while speaking to Huckins at the hearing, she told him, "God gave you a high IQ and the devil stole it."

speculate what I do might have an effect on somebody else."

Parsons said she believes Ramsdale is like anybody else who is addicted to drugs.

"Drugs know no professional boundaries," Parsons said. "It's no different from a person who has been a public defender or someone who has served in the Air Force for 22 years,

like Ramsdale."

She said Ramsdale has put himself in a horrible situation.

"I get that Ramsdale is taking the blame for it," Parsons said. "I appreciate that Ramsdale gave Martwick some kind of claim that no one else was involved with this situation. I am taking into consideration that Ramsdale told the truth and acted

alone in this incident."

She said she believes Ramsdale is getting the proper treatment for his addiction.

"It appears Ramsdale is on the road to recovery," Parsons said. "He is continuing his treatment for his addiction in Texas."

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### RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE BRIEFS

#### March 6

9:05 a.m. — An officer was called to a residence in the 300 block of Harris Lane for an alleged dispute. Police were told there were loud voices between residents that were arguing.

#### March 8

3:34 p.m. — A police corporal arrested a Ruidoso Downs man at the Adult Probation Office for an alleged probation violation. Robert Egans, 31, of Ruidoso Downs was transported to the Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo and ordered held without bond.

#### March 9

11:34 a.m. — Police were notified by the New Mexico Adult Probation Office that a man with an outstanding warrant from Magistrate Court was at their office. An officer responded and arrested Sam W. Lane, 51, no hometown provided.

#### March 10

3:24 p.m. — A clerk from the Diamond Shamrock reported a driver brought in a credit card and then put \$33.66 worth of gas in a vehicle with Texas plates.

The driver then took off. The credit card was actually a non-activated card from Walmart.

The responding officer wrote a report involving the larceny.

9:16 p.m. — Following a

traffic stop on U.S. Highway 70 and Service Lane police requested the U.S. Border Patrol respond for possible illegal aliens.

9:17 p.m. — An officer responded to a residence in the 300 block of East Circle Lane to compile a report on a burglary.

#### March 11

8:59 a.m. — An officer was sent to the parking lot of the Ladera Apartments to take a report of a vehicle that had backed into a school bus.

There were no injuries, though a private property crash report was written.

#### March 12

12:56 p.m. — Police were called to Walmart in reference to a report of a shoplifter who was said to be in the liquor section drinking from a bottle of Jose Cuervo Tequila.

An officer arrested Godfrey Herrera, 61, no hometown provided.

Herrera was charged with shoplifting and drinking in a public establishment.

8:37 p.m. — A case of possible child abuse was looked at by an officer. A report will be assembled and charges are pending.

#### March 13

6:21 p.m. — Several traffic citations were issued to a local juvenile, along with a non-traffic citation for

concealing identity.

#### March 16

9:51 a.m. — A report of a vehicle burglary sent an officer to the White Moun-

tain Trailer Park. The burglary involved a missing GPS unit and knives.

10:07 — Police and fire responders were called to a

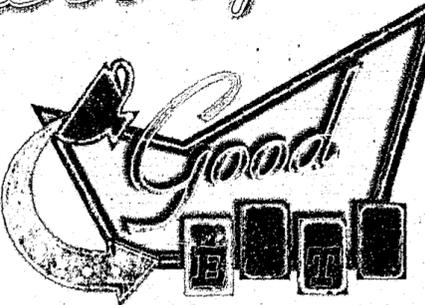
dirt lot across from Dale's Furniture to take a private property crash report.

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**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

**AURORA LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB,**  
a New Mexico corporation  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
SERGIO MARTINEZ and LAURA MARTINEZ, husband and wife,  
Defendants.  
CV 2009-00253 Div. III

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER FORECLOSURE JUDGMENT**

**Legal Notices 152**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that under and by virtue of the Foreclosure and Order of Sale entered by the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on March 12, 2010, civil cause 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 10:00 a.m. in the presence of the defendants Sergio Martinez and Laura Martinez, to the following property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico:

Lot 42, Block 4, SIERRA BLANCA SUBDIVISION, Unit 101, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereon filed in the office of the County Clerk and Executive Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, 1967; (hereinafter referred to as "the Property").

Notice is further given that the court directed foreclosure of the claim of the Plaintiff and that the amounts to be realized at sale of the Property, with interest, are as follows:

Amount of Plaintiff's Claim of Lien ..... \$7,253.99  
Interest to date of sale ..... \$124.45  
Costs ..... \$435.75  
Attorney's Fees ..... \$2,000.00

In addition thereto there will be accruing interest and costs of publication of this Notice, and the Special Master's Fee fixed by the court of \$250.00.

The terms of this sale are that the purchaser must pay cash at the time the Property is struck off to him, except that the Plaintiff Assessor may, in his or her discretion, accept a note with interest on the cash, without paying cash.

Witness my hand this 3rd day of March, 2010.

Jennifer Flores  
Special Master

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**THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**AURORA LOAN SERVICES LLC,**  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
VALARI M. CHAVEZ, a single woman, and WHOLESALE CORPORATION; ABC PARTNERSHIPS I, X, Y, Z Partnerships I, X, Y, Z, and UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF AND ABOVE IF DECEASED,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known as 201 Highway 246, Capitlan, Lincoln County, 88316, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point 295.58 feet of Section 9, Township 9 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, described by and bounds as follows:

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Proposals received after that date and time will be returned unopened.

The Alto Lakes Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors will review the submitted proposals and make their final determination during the Board Meeting on April 22, 2010 at the District Office, board room.

Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District reserves the right to accept or reject all or any proposals, waive minor technicalities and enter into a contract negotiation with the firm whose proposal best serves the interests of the Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District.

David Edington  
District Manager

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Juergen Rebstock,  
County of Lincoln  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
JANINE L. JARMAN, the above named defendant.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
RFP #09-015

The Village of Ruidoso is requesting qualification based sealed proposals for Precast Concrete Bridge Manufacturers. All proposals submitted shall be valid for sixty (60) days subject to publication by the Village.

All proposals shall be received by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at the Village of Ruidoso Purchasing Warehouse located at 311 Center Street, Ruidoso, NM 88345 or mailed to Village of Ruidoso, Attn: Vicki Eichelberger, RFP #09-015, 311 Center Street, Ruidoso, NM 88345 or will be mailed upon written request to Vicki Eichelberger, Purchasing Agent, at 575-257-2721.

Any proposals received by the Purchasing Department after the time and date specified shall not be considered. This RFP may be cancelled and any and all proposals may be rejected in whole or in part when it is in the best interest of the Village of Ruidoso.

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**CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE**  
No. 2010-03

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the City of Ruidoso, Downs shall conduct a Public Hearing in conjunction with the regular meeting scheduled for Monday, April 12, 2010 at 5:30 pm, City Hall, Hubbard Room, Ruidoso Downs for the following Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2010-03**

**AN ORDINANCE**  
RUIDOSING CREEK SECTION 2, ARTICLE 4, SECTION 2, TITLED "LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT OF THE CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS" OF ORDINANCES.

**ARTICLE 4 LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT**

2-4-2 APPOINTMENT

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Copies of Ordinance No. 2010-030n file in the office of the City Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am. and 5:00 pm.

Carol Vierden, MMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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**IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION NORTH CAROLINA DUPLIN COUNTY**

**GEORGE EDWARD JARMAN, Plaintiff**  
vs.  
**JANINE L. JARMAN, Defendant**

**FILE NO: 09 CVD 1090**

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**

**TO: JANINE L. JARMAN, the above named defendant.**

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed with the above entitled action. The first publication of the pleading sought is as follows: The Plaintiff is seeking an absolute divorce from you.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than the 20th day of April 2010, the date being 40 days from the date of this notice, or from the date of the first publication of this notice, whichever is later, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This is the 12th day of March 2010.

S. Reginald Kennon  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
100 West Hill Street  
Wardlaw, NC 28398  
910-295-7801

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,**  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
CIPRIANO RAMIREZ, MELA RAMIREZ, JUSTINE PERALTO, BEVAN UNITED COMPANIES FUNDANCIAL INC. (aka Blazer Services and Washington Mutual Finance), PROPERLY OWNERS COMMON LEY TAXATION REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, JOHN DOE and JANE 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 entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Corrigo, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 106 West Earp Court which may also be known as 218 West Earp Court, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 6 BLOCK 25 OF RUIDOSO RANCHO ESTATES, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOWN BY THE FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON NOVEMBER 30, 1989 IN CABINET 89, SLIDE NOS. 89 TO 103 INCLUSIVE.

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as of 1959 Redman DW, VIN

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**NINDOT PROPERTY FOR SALE WITH ON-SITE ADVERTISING SIGN**  
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CV 2009-00253 Div. III

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No. 2010-03

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**ARTICLE 4 LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT**

2-4-2 APPOINTMENT

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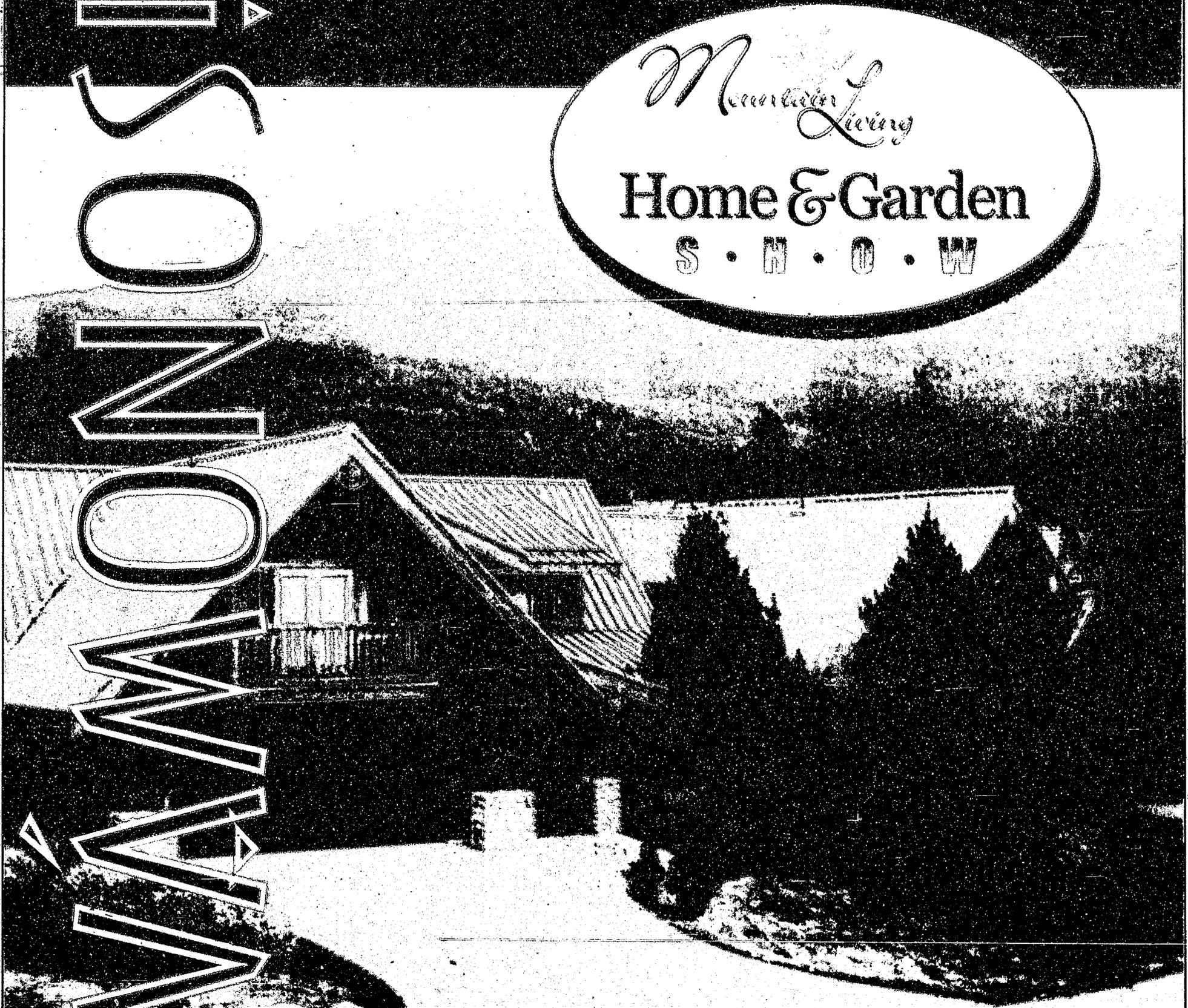
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## THIS WEEKEND

**Hubble opens at IMAX**

For nearly 20 years, the Hubble Space Telescope has dazzled us with unprecedented views of the cosmos – from the splendor of our celestial neighborhood to galaxies billions of light years away.

Now on March 19, at the Clyde W. Tombaugh IMAX Dome Theater, audiences will blast off alongside the *Atlantis STS-125* crew, witness up-close some of the most challenging spacewalks ever performed and experience firsthand Hubble's awe-inspiring imagery – from the heart of the Orion Nebula and our Milky Way to the edge of the observable universe.

Recounting the amazing journey of the most important scientific instrument since Galileo's original telescope, *Hubble* will immerse moviegoers in the astounding beauty and great wonders of our universe. "It's been said that The IMAX Experience® is the next best thing to being in space, and with IMAX

the audience really is there," said producer/director Toni Myers. "Fifteen years ago we made a film about space exploration that included Hubble, when it started sending back the first images. Today, we have Hubble's entire phenomenal legacy of data to explore. With IMAX, we can transport people to galaxies that are 13 billion light years away, back to the edge of time. Real star travel is here at last."

Through the power of IMAX, *Hubble* will enable moviegoers to journey through distant galaxies to explore the grandeur and mysteries of our celestial surroundings, and accompany space-walking astronauts as they attempt some of the most difficult and important tasks in NASA's history. The film offers an inspiring and unique look into the Hubble Space Telescope's legacy and highlight its profound impact on the way we view the universe and ourselves.



Narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio, *Hubble* reunites the Space Station filmmaking team, led by Myers. James Neihouse is the Director of Photography, and also doubles as the astronaut crew trainer. Judy Carroll is the Associate Producer, and Graeme Ferguson, co-founder of IMAX and pioneer producer of many IMAX space films, is the Executive Producer.

*Hubble* is an IMAX and Warner Bros. Pictures production, in cooperation with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The film is rated G with a running

time of 43 minutes.

The Clyde W. Tombaugh IMAX Dome Theater is located on the campus of the New Mexico Museum of Space History, at the top of Hwy. 2001 in Alamogordo, and is a division of the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs. Admission to the museum is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and military personnel, \$4 for children 4 - 12 years of age, and those under the age of four are admitted free.

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# EVENTS CALENDAR

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**Hubbard Museum of the American West**  
**March 19 :** (Ruidoso Downs) Educational video *America's Hangar: Where Dreams Take Flight*; 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Johnny & Marty Learning Cope Center; [www.hubbardmuseum.org](http://www.hubbardmuseum.org).

**Open Jam**  
**March 19 :** (Tularosa) Bring your instruments, equipment and friends, and play whatever you love. A drum set, keyboard and vocal mic will be provided. Hot dogs \$1.99, coffee bar, ice cream. 6 - 9 p.m.; Coffee and More.

**Hubbard Museum of the American West**  
**March 20:** (Ruidoso Downs) *The Archeology of Ancient New Mexico* presented by Dr. Phillip Shelley; 2 p.m. For more information, call 575-378-4142, or [www.hubbardmuseum.org](http://www.hubbardmuseum.org).

**Hubbard Museum of the American West**  
**March 20 - 26:** (Ruidoso Downs) Educational video *The Mysteries of Chaco Canyon*; 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekends, 2 p.m. weekdays; Johnny & Marty Learning Cope Center; [www.hubbardmuseum.org](http://www.hubbardmuseum.org).



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**Children's Art Exhibit**  
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**Hubbard Museum**  
**March 20:** (Ruidoso Downs) Dr. Phillip Shelley presents "The Archeology of Ancient New Mexico"; 2 p.m.; for information, go online to [www.hubbardmuseum.org](http://www.hubbardmuseum.org); 378-4142.

**UFO Presentation**  
**March 22 - 24:** (Alamogordo) World's leading UFO expert Stanton Friedman speaks on this controversial topic. For more information, call Michael Shinabery at the New Mexico Museum of Space History; 575-437-2840, ext. 41137.

**The Doobie Brothers**  
**March 25 :** (Mescalero) Popular American rock band inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 2004 with more than 30 million albums sold in the United States. IMG; 8 p.m. \$25; [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or IMG at 1-888-324-0348.

**'Until the Violence Stops'**  
**March 26 - 27, April 16:** (Ruidoso) A VDay video documentary. At ENMU-R, Room 103. 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Free. Donations accepted. This is part of the awareness

campaign to Stop the Violence against Women and Girls, supporting: Center of Protective Environment Inc., Lincoln County Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Response Team, N.M. Organization against Human Trafficking, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners and the Luna Project for Girls. For information call 336-1812, or email at [VDay2010Ruidoso@gmail.com](mailto:VDay2010Ruidoso@gmail.com); or go online to [www.VDay.org](http://www.VDay.org).

**Hubbard Museum of the American West**  
**March 27 - April 2:**  
 (Ruidoso Downs) Educational video *The Lost Gods: An Enlightening Journey*; 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekends, 2 p.m. weekdays; Johnny & Marty Learning Cope Center; [www.hubbardmuseum.org](http://www.hubbardmuseum.org).

**Trinity Site Tour**  
**April 3:** Free admission. Caravan will depart from Tularosa High School on the west side of the athletic field at 8 a.m. Lineup will begin at 7:15 a.m., return arrival at 2 p.m. For more information, call 575-437-6120, or e-mail: [pmd@alamogordo.com](mailto:pmd@alamogordo.com).

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
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**Easter Sunday Brunch**  
**April 4:** (Ruidoso) Celebrate with the music of Susan Landers Kolb at Cree Meadows Country Club; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Call 575-257-2733 for reservations.

**The Big Band Broadcast**  
**April 8:** (Ruidoso) Return to the era of big band music with Holly Larocque and the Mark Ferguson Orchestra. Spencer Theatre for the Performing Arts; 8 p.m., - \$59 & \$56. 575-336-4800 [www.spencertheatre.com](http://www.spencertheatre.com).

**Book Signing and Presentation**  
**April 10:** (Ruidoso Downs) Dr. Cynthia Orozco will be signing her new book *No Mexicans, Women, or Dogs Allowed: The Rise of the Mexican American Civil Rights Movement* at The Hubbard Museum. For more information, go online to [www.hubbardmuseum.org](http://www.hubbardmuseum.org), or call 378-4142.

**Creedence Clearwater Revisited**  
**April 16 :** (Mescalero) Popular group performs Creedence Clearwater Revival hits. IMG; 8 p.m. \$25; [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or IMG at 1-888-324-0348.

**The Vagina Monologues**  
**April 17 :** (Ruidoso) V-Day 2010 benefit production at Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, Sat., April 17, 8 p.m. Call 575-336-1812; online at [www.VDay.org](http://www.VDay.org).

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**The Legendary Drifters**  
**April 24:** (Ruidoso) The 1950s doo-wop/rhythm and blues vocal group that set musical trends with 13 chart hits. Spencer Theatre for the Performing Arts; 8 p.m., \$59 & \$56. 575-336-4800; [spencertheater.com](http://spencertheater.com).

**Hubbard Museum**  
**May 1 - June 12:**  
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**Gabriel Iglesias**  
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# ON STAGE

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- Cafe Rio (2547 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-7746): Mark Kashmar/country blues; 6 - 8 p.m.
- Casa Blanca (501 Mechem Dr.; 257-2495): Hillbilly Potentates; 7 - 9 p.m.; Aaron LaCombe Band; 9 p.m.
- Cree Meadows Country Club (301 Country Club Dr.; 257-CREE): Terry Bullard/country; 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- Landlocked Grill (441 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9559): The BusTapes; 6 p.m.
- Mountain Annie's (2710 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-7982) 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): The Mixx; 8:30 p.m.

## SATURDAY

- Casa Blanca (501 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso; 257-2495): Tilted Floor Band; 7 p.m.
- Dreamcatcher (2629 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 802-2222): Hillbilly Potentates; 7 p.m.
- Landlocked Grill: (441 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9559): Tomás Vigil; 6 p.m.
- Mountain Annie's (2710 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-7982) Riversong Ramblers; 8 p.m.
- Texas Club (212 Metz Dr., Ruidoso; 258-3325): Skooter Jones; 7 p.m.
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- Win, Place & Show: (2516 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9982): Cowboy Mafia; 8:30 p.m.

## SUNDAY

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



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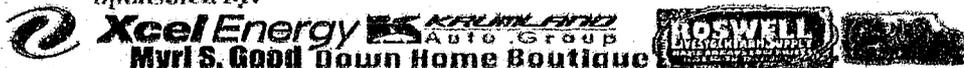
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## ART

# Sherry Witt

## An American Impressionist whose art says it all

Ruidoso artist Sherry Witt is hesitant to "blow her own horn," but for her admirers her art says it all.

Schooled in all the arts with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Western New Mexico University and a Master in Fine Arts degree from Instituto Allende in Mexico, Maestro Witt has always loved painting.

Continuing her education, she has studied with many well-known artists including master landscape artist Kevin Mcpherson, official sculptress of Cuba Rosa Estebanz, Ovanes Berberian of Russia and forensic sculptress Betty Pat Gatliff.

Well-known for her watercolors, Witt now prefers oils. With a free style she calls Modern American Impressionist she achieves realism with thick strokes of broken color, dashes of dots and blends of brilliant colors. Witt says, "I get my inspiration from the environment, including nature, the human form and everyday objects

we often overlook." She credits her teachers for many of her skills. "I believe I received an excellent education, as many of my European instructors stressed drawing and painting from life. It was all freehand. I am influenced by the impressionist artworks of the early Californian and Russian painters, and strive to achieve the level those masters rose to. I have been painting since I was in grade school and still have not learned enough. I need another lifetime to reach all the goals I have set for myself. Maybe next time around."

Now a retired teacher, Witt resides in Ruidoso with a studio in Carrizozo. She taught fine arts in New Mexico public schools, Oregon College of Art, and Western New Mexico University. Her art work has been exhibited in the Instituto Nacional de Bellas Artes, Juarez, Mexico, The museum of El Paso in Texas, The Museum of Albuquerque, Eastern New Mexico

University, New Mexico State University, College of Santa Fe and the Governor's Gallery in Santa Fe.

Witt has four "One Woman Exhibits" to date and her work is in many private collections. She holds elected associate memberships in Oil Painters of America, American Impressionist Society and Laguna Plein Air Painters Association.

Currently, Sherry Witt's paintings may be seen in the Avalon Gallery in Ruidoso Downs and Gallery Fifteen located in Clovis, New Mexico.

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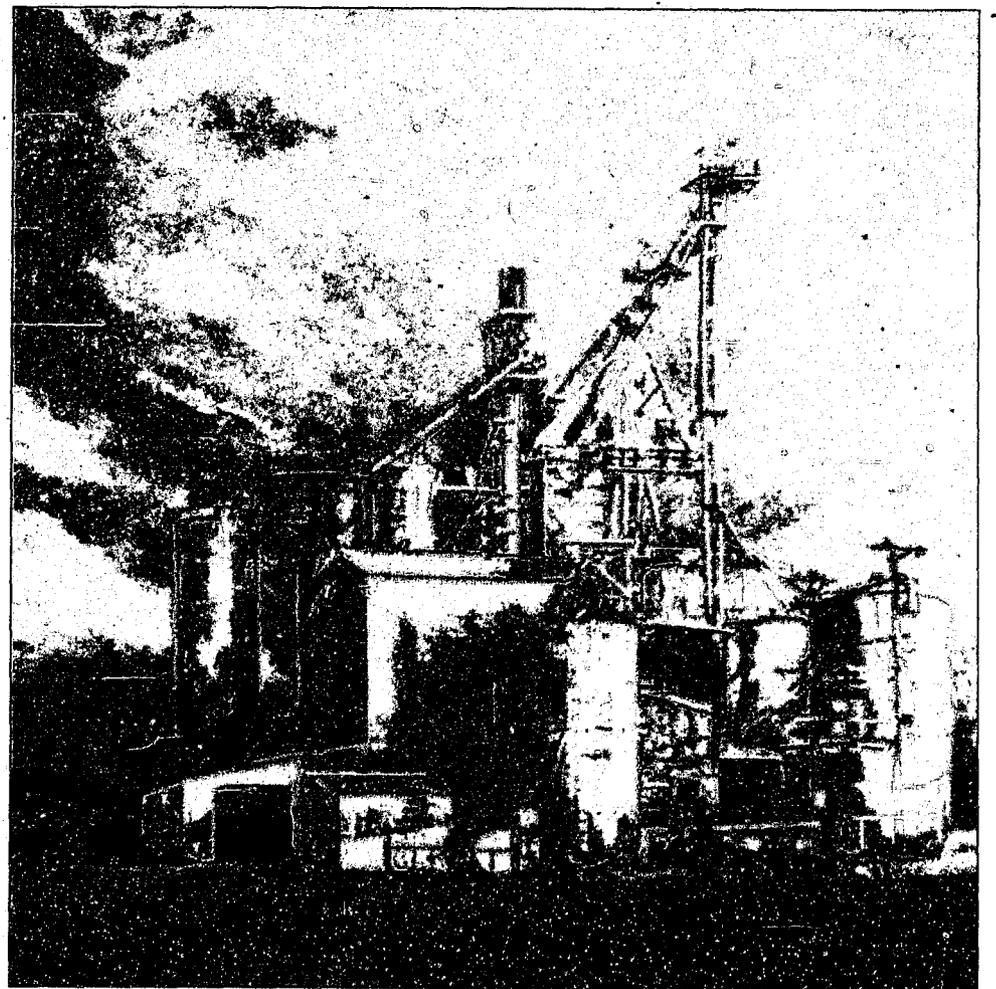
"Art Matters" is submitted by the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts or their members.

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.



Artist Sherry Witt (above) says that she would need another lifetime to reach all of the goals that she has set for herself. Her painting titled "Feed Plant, Dexter, NM" is a 28" x 30" rendered in oil.



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*"Railroad Madonna," (above) 24" x 48," "Farm Boy," (below left) 24" x 36" and "Ebony Allure," 28" x 30" (below right) are all rendered in Witt's preferred medium of oils.*



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## ART GALLERIES &amp; STUDIOS

**Lincoln County**

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

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

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

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**Pat Beatty Gallery and Framing**, 908 New York Ave.,

Alamogordo • 439-0188 • Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Fine art, work by local artists, gifts, hand-painted cards. Pat Beatty, proprietor.

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

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

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

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

**Cloudcroft**

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

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

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

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



The Alamogordo Music Theatre is pleased to announce the cast of its upcoming spring production of *Smokey Joe's Café: The Music of Leiber and Stoller*.

*Smokey Joe's Café* is a musical revue. There is no plot, just 11 extremely talented performers enjoying the glory of American music of the '50s and '60s. If there is one thing that can describe that era, it is cer-

tainly the music and the neighborhoods in which it was played.

Two men – Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller – were behind it all and *Smokey Joe's Café* is presented in their honor. Songs written by the duo are strung cleverly together with one following another. The production features wonderful choreography and delightful comedy. The songs include "Hound Dog,"

"Jailhouse Rock," "Poison Ivy," "Love Potion Number #9," "On Broadway" and "Stand By Me."

Cast members include the talented Ronnie Arn; Pary Bennett, Jason Brockett, Craig Brown, Donnie Burt, Megan Carney, Joni Castello, Yolanda Fields, Loren Jackson, Jeremy Patton and Sabria Vasquez. Dancers feature Diego Andres Cosme-Sanchez, Krista Freeman, Graciella

Godby-Ware, Janelle Hernandez, Daniel Lindsay, Valerie Morris and Josh Silva.

*Smokey Joe's Café: The Music of Leiber and Stoller* will be presented March 26 - 27, and April 2 - 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts. There will also be a 2 p.m. matinee on March 28.

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## ART ▶ AT THE LIBRARY

# Victoria Mauldin

The Village of Ruidoso Public Library continues its month-long celebration of "Wonderful World of Women in the Arts" with this week's featured artist Victoria Mauldin.

Capturing both ordinary and extraordinary illustrative moments in time is what constantly inspires Victoria Mauldin's representational depictions of wildlife, figurative subjects and landscapes.

Working in both oils and acrylics, Mauldin's paintings provide a "close encounter" with the natural beauty of New Mexico and the Southwest.

Mauldin holds an associate membership in the organizations of Oil Painters of America and also American Plains Artists. She exhibits locally and nationally.

Mauldin participates in the Art Loop Studio Tour and the annual Ruidoso Art Festival. She can be contacted by emailing to [vmaldin@valornet.com](mailto:vmaldin@valornet.com).



Artist Victoria Mauldin (above) paints in both acrylics and oils. "Eye to Eye" (left) and "Day's End!" (below) exemplify Mauldin's great appreciation for the Southwest.



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displayed as part of the Marriott Corporate Collection at the new Renaissance Waverly Hotel in Atlanta, Ga.

An art educator for 28 years, Copeland earned his degree from California State University studying with noted artists Joseph Moran and O.K. Harry.

A former art teacher and department chair at Alamogordo High School, Copeland is currently pursuing his dream as a professional artist. "I have always painted professionally, but retirement from teaching gives me the opportunity to renew my focus and concentrate on my career taking it in a new more serious direction," he said. The work for the Renaissance Waverly Hotel has opened new opportunities with

Marriott and other corporate entities for Copeland. "I look forward to creating more original artwork for future corporate installations, as well as continuing to build a body of work that reflects and refines my voice as an artist," he said.

See his work at Copeland's Frame Shop, Gallery & Studio, 622 9th St. in Alamogordo, Metallo Gallery, Off the Beaten Path, and online at [www.michaelcopelandart.com](http://www.michaelcopelandart.com).

# Local artist lands corporate contract with major hotel chain

Local mixed media artist Michael Copeland was recently awarded a corporate art

installation contract with Marriott Hotels. Making his first shipment of seven paintings this week, his work will be permanently

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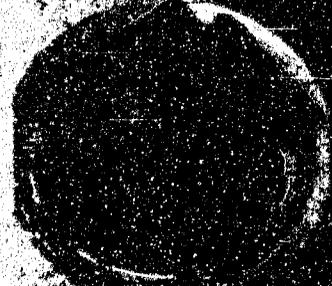
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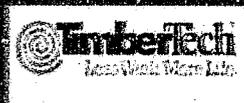
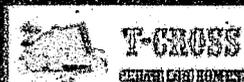
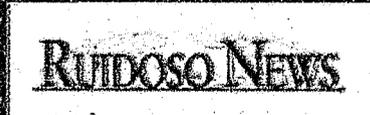
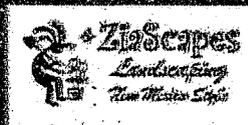
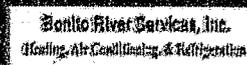
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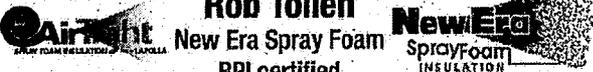


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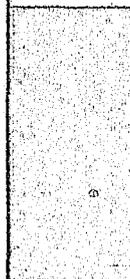
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# Soft molasses cookies



## Polly's Potpourri

by  
Polly E. Chavez



was headed to the Carrizozo Women's Club building when I heard that history was the subject of their meeting. The guest speaker was Gwendolyn Rogers Baréla.

Originally from Oklahoma, Baréla has lived in Lincoln County for 19 years, currently residing in Carrizozo. She is employed at Lincoln State Monument, where she has served as instructional coordinator for the past five years. She is also a board member of the Lincoln County Historical Society.

*Well Behaved Women Rarely Make History* was the title of Gwen's presentation. Her audience of club members and guests were fascinated with the account of Susan McSween and her involvement in Lincoln and Otero County history.

After marrying Alexander McSween, the couple lived in Kansas before traveling to Lincoln in New Mexico Territory. McSween partnered in a store with an Englishman named John

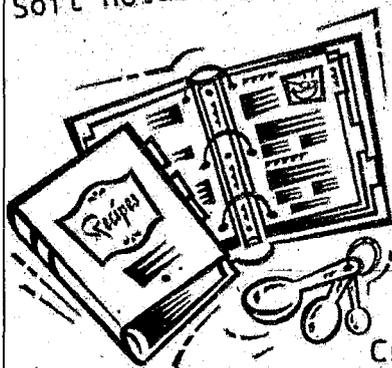
Tunstall. This store was in competition with the Murphy Dolan store, known as "the strong arm of Lincoln County economics and politics." Tunstall, McSween and others would become casualties of the Lincoln County War.

Writer Amelia Bolton described Susan McSween on her arrival in Lincoln as "nice looking, intelligent, not beautiful, but pushy and ambitious." Baréla said that these last two qualities were considered less than acceptable for a lady in the 19th century.

McSween re-married attorney George Barber and established Three Rivers ranch near Tularosa. She divorced Barber in 1891, sold the ranch to Albert Fall and retired to White Oaks.

After the talk, I was inspired to research old-time treats of the past and what Susan McSween may have served in her parlor with coffee or tea. I came up with this week's recipe, "Soft Molasses Cookies."

### Soft Molasses Cookies



- ½ cup shortening
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 egg
- ½ cup molasses
- 1 teaspoon soda
- ½ buttermilk or (½ cup milk plus 2 teaspoons vinegar)
- 3 cups flour
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
- teaspoon ginger

Cream shortening and sugar and beat in egg and molasses. In a bowl dissolve the soda in the buttermilk (or milk plus vinegar) and set aside.

Combine flour, baking powder and spices. Gradually add the buttermilk and dry ingredients to the molasses mixture. Scoop and drop by heaping teaspoonful (2 inches apart) onto a lightly greased baking sheet. Dip the bottom of a drinking glass in sugar and gently press each cookie.

Bake in a 425 degree oven for about 8 minutes. To keep the cookies soft after baking store a slice of bread along with the cookies.

## CUISINE • DINING GUIDE

### Alamogordo / Otero County

#### Bar-B-Que

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

**Sunset Run Restaurant** • 54 McDonald Rd. • Ribs, brisket, pork, sausage, smoked chicken and fish • Tue-Sat, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. • 434-9000.

**Texas Pit Barbeque** • 211 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1101.

#### Cafés

**Airport Grille** • 3500 Airport Rd., Alamogordo • 439-1093 • Open Mon-Fri, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. • Specialty sandwiches.

**Amigos Bakery** • 1107 10th St., Alamogordo • 437-0592 • 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Deli, daily special.

**Brown Bag Deli** • 900 Washington, Alamogordo • 437-9751 • Mon-Sat, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Deli, daily special.

**Café 675** • 675 Tenth St. at Lowes, Alamogordo • 437-5150.

**Cloudcroft Deli** • 505 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-5588 • Open 7 days, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Carry-out only.

**Coffee & More** • 308 Granado • Deli • Tularosa • 585-4575.

**Dave's Café** • 300 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thu, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. • Hamburgers

**Front Porch Eatery Café** • 94 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-7492 • Open Mon-Thu, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sun, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

**High Country Lounge & Grill** • 90 Pleasant Valley Dr., Timberon • 987-2580.

**High Rolls General Store Deli** • 845 Hwy. 82 • 682-2055.

**Jamocho Bean Coffee House Café** • 505 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2332 • Mon-Fri, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun 8 a.m.-5 p.m. • Coffees, salads & sandwiches.

**Java The Hut** • 506 Francis St • Tularosa • 585-2003.

**Josey's Sweets** • 603 St. Francis Dr • Tularosa • 585-3120 • Mon-Sat, 12:30-9 p.m.; Sun, 2-8 p.m.

**Mayhill Café** • Mayhill • 687-3066

**Mayhill Mercantile** • Mayhill • 687-3425.

**Mountain Top Mercantile Deli** • 105 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-2777 • Open 7 days, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. • Carry-out only.

**Mountain View Café & The Bistro (GCRMC)**, 2669 Scenic Dr., Alamogordo • 443-7456 (Mountainview) / 443-7457 (Bistro).

**Nature's Pantry** • 2909 White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-3037 • Deli/bar open Mon-Fri, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. • Organic.

**Nut House** • 32 Ivy Ln • La Luz • 437-6889.

**Olive Branch Coffee & Deli** • 123 N. White Sands • Alamogordo • 443-8151 • Open Mon-Sat, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Plateau Espresso** • 2724 N. Scenic, Alamogordo • 434-4466 • Open Sun-Thu, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-11 p.m.

**Sweet Shop** • 300 Burro Street • Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thu, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-8 a.m. • Smoothies, ice cream, fudge & truffles.

**Weed Café** • Weed • 687-3611.

**Western Bar & Café** • 304 Burro St. • 682-2445 • Cloudcroft • Open 7 days 6 a.m.-9 p.m. (café), 7 days 9 a.m.-12 a.m.

#### Casual Dining

**Al-O-Mar** • 7400 U.S. 54/70, Tularosa • 585-2129

**Applebee's Bar & Grill** • 1355 White Sands Blvd. • casual dining, friendly staff, full bar, carside to go • Open Sun-Thu 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fri-Sat until midnight. • 434-2616.

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

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

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

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

**Gallo's Red Rooster Café** • 306 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2448 • Sun-Thu, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat-Sun, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

**La Rosa Steakhouse** • 21 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa (inside Travel Center) • 585-3339 • Open daily: 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

**Lazy D Restaurant** • 1202 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-2532.

**Mom's Home Cooking** • 604 First St., Alamogordo • 439-0288.

**Mustard's Last Stand** • 1920 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-2333 • Open Fri-Sat, 5 p.m.-9 p.m. • Dining, dancing.

**Palm Side** • 905 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-8644.

#### Chinese / Asian

**Bamboo Garden Restaurant** • 2617F N. White Sands • 437-5552

**Chinese Express** • 3199 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-8880.

**Golden Palace** • 700 E. 1st St., Alamogordo • 434-2136.

**Jimmy's Quality Food** • 1115 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-7423.

**Rocket National Buffet** • 607 White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • Authentic Chinese and American cuisine. • 437-5905.

**Taiwan Kitchen** • 110 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-4337.

**The Spicy Thai** • 915 Texas, Alamogordo • 434-0650.

**The Wok Inn** • 1010 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-4388 • Buffet, carry-out/ dine in • 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

#### Fine Dining

**Memories Restaurant** • 1223 N. New York Ave., Alamogordo • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • 437-0077.

**Pepper's Grill** • 3200 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9717.

**Rebecca's at The Lodge** • 1 Corona Place, Cloudcroft • Breakfast, 7-10:30 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., dinner 5:30-10 p.m. • 800-395-6343, 575-682-2566

**Stella Vita Restaurant** • 902 New York Ave., Alamogordo • Mon-Fri, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Fri-Sat, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. • 575-434-4444.

#### Mexican

**Alfredo's** • 801 Delaware, Alamogordo • 437-1745.

**Casa de Sueños New Mexican Restaurant** • 35 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-3494 • Fax 585-3496.

**Eddie's Burrito Express** • 750 E. First St., Alamogordo • 437-0266.

**El Camino Restaurant** • 1022 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-8809.

**Juan's Cactus Café** • 3199 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-2368.

**La Hacienda** • 800 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo.

**Margo's Mexican Food** • 504 E. First Street, Alamogordo • 434-0689.

**Maria's Mexican Food** • 604 E. Tenth St., Alamogordo • 434-4549.

**Maximino's** • 2300 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 443-6102.

**Si Señor Restaurant** • 1480 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-7879.

**Tia Lupe's Authentic Mexican Restaurant** • 1200 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-0820 • Daily; 10 am-8 pm.

#### Pizza/Italian

**Gigi's Pizza** • 600 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-5811.

**Pizza Hut** • 120 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9785.

**Pizza Mill & Sub Factory** • 1315 E. Tenth St., Alamogordo • 434-1313.

**Pizza Patio** • 2203 1st St., Alamogordo • 434-9633.

#### Ruidoso/Lincoln

#### Bar-B-Que

**Apache Tee** • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IMG Pro Shop • 464-7695

**Can't Stop Smokin'** • 418 Mechem • Bar-B-Que to go. Beef, poultry & pork. • Sun, Mon, Wed, Thu, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri & Sat 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. • 630-0000

**Circle J Barbecue** • 1825 Sudderth • Sun-Thu, 11 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-9:00 p.m. • 257-4105

**Tom's Barbeque** • 435 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Spare ribs, brisket, pork, sausage, green chile burgers. • Dine in/carry out • Tues - Sat 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. • 937-1515

#### Cafés

**Alto Café** • Hwy. 48 & Gavilan Canyon Rd. • Home-style meals. • Mon - Fri; 7 a.m.-8 p.m. • 336-1980

**Atticus Books & Teahouse** • 413 Mechem • Teas, coffees. • Mon - Sat, 10:30 - 6 p.m., Sun 1 - 5 p.m., closed Tue • 257-2665

**Cafe Rendezvous** • 522 Sudderth Dr • French casual • Mon - Sat, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 575-937-9419.

**Cafe Z** • 103 Lincoln, Capitan • Southwestern • Thu - Sat 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. • 354-0977

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

**Cornerstone Bakery Café** • 359 Sudderth • 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. daily • 257-1842

**Creme de la Cream** • 113 Rio • Closed Tues; Sun - Thurs, 12 - 7 p.m.; Fri & Sat, 12 - 9 p.m. • Unique desserts, coffees and teas.

**Dreamcatcher Café** • 2629 Sudderth • Tue - Thu 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Fri - Sun 11 a.m.-11 p.m. • Live music Fri & Sat • 802-2222

**Hummingbird Tearoom** • 2306 Sudderth in The Plaza • Soup & sandwiches. • Mon - Sat, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 257-5100

**Kiss The Skyy Cafe** • 2111 Sudderth • Carry-out only; all menu items \$6.50 • Sandwiches, soups, salads and homemade bread •

**River's Edge** • 2404 Sudderth Mon-Sat, 10:30-5; Sun, 11:00-5; Custom-made sandwich wraps, freshly made desserts. • 630-5394

**Roy's Ice Cream Parlour** • 1200 Avenue E, Carrizozo • Ice cream sodas, milkshakes, malts, banana splits • Tue-Fri, 9 a.m.-6 p.m (closed 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.) • 648-2921

**Sacred Grounds Coffee and Tea House** • 2825 Sudderth • Sandwiches, quiches, organic coffee, espresso bar. • Mon-Sat, 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. • 257-2273

**The Village Buttery** • 2107 Sudderth • Soups, sandwiches, salads; pies and cookies; patio. • Mon-Sat, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. • 257-9251

**The Wild Herb Market** • 1715 Sudderth • Deli, organic and natural foods • Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • 257-0138

**Zocca Coffee & Tea** • 1129 Mechem Dr. • Authentic Italian espresso, coffee, teas, ice cream, fresh-baked pastries, paninis; complimentary Wi-Fi. • Sun, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Mon-Thu, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.- 8 p.m.; 258-1445.

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6 a.m.-9 p.m. • 257-8625.

**Big Game Bar & Grill** • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd., Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero • 464-7880.

**Billy's Sports Bar & Grill** • at Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino • 378-4431.

**Cattle Baron** • 657 Sudderth • Steak, seafood, lounge • Mon-Thu, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. • 257-9355

**Cree Meadows Restaurant & Bar** 301 Country Club • Breakfast all day, Friday night catfish buffet • Daily; 7 a.m.-3 p.m. • 257-2733

**Denny's** • 2219 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • Open 24/7 • 378-1389

**Elsie's Charbroiled Burgers** • Hwy. 54 at Hwy. 380 • Carrizozo • Tue-Sat 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. • Patio seating. • 648-4200

**Farley's Food Fun & Pub** • 1200 Mechem • Burgers, pizza, pub fare, lounge, pool tables, patio. • 7 days, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. • 258-5676

**Four Winds Restaurant** • 111 Central Ave., Carrizozo • American variety, Mexican, freshly baked goods. • Daily, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. • 648-2964

**Gathering of Nations Buffet** • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IMG • 464-7872

**Global Grill** • 2919 Sudderth Dr. • entrees under \$10 • Mon-Sat, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun 7 a.m.-9 p.m. • 630-1037.

**Good to Go** • 1206 Mechem • Gourmet bakery, deli, catering, take-out • Mon-Fri, 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Sat, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. • 258-1294

**Hall of Flame** • 2500 Sudderth • Burgers, salads • Sun & Mon 11 am - 2pm; Tues-Thu 11am-8pm; Fri & Sat 11am-3pm • 257-9987

**Horsemen's Grill** • 321 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Tues - Sat 5 p.m. - 9 pm; Sun brunch 10 am - 3 p.m. • 354-1447.

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

**Landlocked** • 441 Mechem 257-9559 • Mon-Sat, 11a-9p

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

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

p.m. • 258-5029.

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

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

**Schlotsky's Deli** • 2812 Sudderth • Sun - Thu 10:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Fri, Sat 10:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. • 257-7811

**7 Mares Seafood** • 340 Sudderth Dr. • 257-8534

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**Smokey B's Grill** • 2584 Hwy. 70, Mescalero • Sun-Thu, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. • 464-7928.

**Smokey Bear Restaurant** • 310 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Daily; 6a.m.-8p.m. • 354-2557

**The Dolan House** • 826 Calle la Placita, Lincoln • Fri - Tues; 9:30 a.m. - 3:30; Fri. 5 - 8 p.m. • Reservations Required 575-653-4670

**The Quarters** • 2535 Sudderth • Steaks, burgers, barbecue. • Mon - Sat 11 a.m. - 2 a.m.; Sun noon - 12a.m. • 257-9535.

**Windy City** • 115 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Specialty sandwiches, burgers, BBQ, bratwurst, homemade fries, homebaked cheesecake. • Tue - Fri 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Sat 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 354-1395

## Fine Dining

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

**La Fondue** • 2800 Sudderth Dr (below Elena's) • Steak, seafood, fondue, tempura. • Tues - Sun, 4 - 11 p.m.

**Laughing Sheep Farm** • 1 mi west of Lincoln at MM96 • Locally grown produce & meats. • Closed for the winter; re-opens April 1 • 653-4041

**Texas Club Bar & Grill** • 212 Metz Dr. • Steak & seafood • 258-3325.

**Tinnie Silver Dollar** • 28 mi east of Ruidoso on Hwy. 70 in Tinnie • Steakhouse and

saloon; Sat 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Daily dinner 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.; Sun champagne brunch 10 a.m.-3 p.m. • 653-4425.

**Wendell's** • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IMG • Steaks, seafood, desserts • Daily, 5 p.m. - 11 p.m. • 464-7842

**Willmon's Prime Grille** • 2523 Sudderth Dr. • Prime steaks, seafood, wines • Reservations accepted; Mon-Sat, 5:30-9 p.m. • 257-2954

## Mexican

**Casa Blanca** • 501 Mechem • Sun-Thu 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri & Sat 11 a.m.-10 p.m. • New Mexican cuisine; lounge. • 257-2495

**Chef Lupe's** • 1101 Sudderth • Mexican, American, seafood, menudo. • Sun-Thu, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-12 a.m. • 257-4687

**Comal** • 2117 Sudderth • Daily, 11a - 8 p • 258-1397

**Chileo's** • 135 W. Hwy. 70 • Sun-Thu, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri & Sat, 7a.m-9 p.m. • 378-4033

**Disco Taco** • 141 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • Mexican food. • Daily, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. 378-4224

**El Camino Nuevo** • 1025 Mechem • 258-4312

**Elena's Place** • 2800 Sudderth Dr. • Tues-Sat 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 5 - 9 p.m., Sun 11a.m. - 2p.m. • 630-8022.

**El Paisano** • 442 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Tue - Sat, 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. • 354-2206

**El Paraiso Mexican Restaurant** • 721 Mechem • Mon-Sat, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. • 257-0279

**Jorge's Café** • 2064 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • Daily, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. • 378-9804.

**La Sierra** • 100 Lake Shore • Authentic Mexican and seafood specialties • Daily, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. • 336-4673.

**Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant** • 2408 Sudderth • Mexican & American cuisine • Thurs - Sun music; Sat. Ladies Nite • Sun-Sat, 11 a.m.- 9 p.m.; 257-8754.

**Peña's Place** • 2963 Sudderth • Thu-Mon, 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sun 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. • 257-4135

**Old Road Restaurant** • 692 Old Road, Mescalero • Tue-Sun, 9 a.m.- 9 p.m. • 464-4674

**Olé Tacos** • 319 Sudderth • Sun - Th 11 a.m. - 11:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 11 a.m.-1:30 a.m. • 257-5040

## Pizza / Italian

**Café Rio** • 2547 Sudderth Dr. • Mon - Sat, 11:20 a.m. - 7:50 p.m.; Sun 12n - 7:50 p.m. • 257-7746

**Domino's Pizza** • 1717 Sudderth • Sun - Thu 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Fri & Sat 11 - 12 midnight • 257-8888

**Michelena's** • 2703 Sudderth • Tue-Sun 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • 257-5753

**Pizza Hut** • 725 Sudderth Dr. • 1201 Mechem Dr, Ruidoso • 258-3033

**Santino's Italian Restaurant** • 2823 Sudderth • Lounge 4:30-9 p.m., restaurant 5-9 p.m. • 257-7540.

## Chinese/Asian

**The Great Wall of China** • 2913 Sudderth Dr. • Sushi Bar • Tue-Sun 11:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. • 257-2522.

**Yee's** • 633 Sudderth • eat in or take out • Daily, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. • 257-5888

## Dinner Theatre

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FAST PENSE

# They called him "renegade," part 2

The route from El Paso up the Tularosa Basin has always been dry and desolate. Today, of course, our motorized vehicles speed from Santa Fe to El Paso and back again with absolutely no problem. But in the days of the "Wild West" it was a different story.

Master historian C.L. "Doc" Sonnichsen used to say that the only things that slept with both eyes closed in the Tularosa Basin were dead. He had a point.

On Jan. 25, 1852, the stagecoach from El Paso lurched north, bound for Santa Fe. It was carrying military dispatches and U.S. mail, and was therefore accompanied by 11 troopers, who were posted at Fort Conrad with the 2nd Dragoons. The trail, particularly north of Las Cruces, was considered to be extremely dangerous — and with good reason — many a traveller had died in Apache ambushes. The Apaches, as might be expected, were not pleased with the white man's incursions into their land.

## Attack

On the 50-mile portion of the route after the last waterhole, the coach and its escort were suddenly attacked. In a masterful ambush, which was what the Apaches specialized in, they attacked amidst a sudden flurry of musket balls and arrows. In the first volley of the dragoons



died and the rest rallied around the coach preparing to make a desperate stand. For 20 fast and furious minutes the battle raged and the end result was the abandonment of the coach by the whites. Even as they did, another soldier fell dead and still another was seriously wounded as the Dragoons unholstered their Colt Dragoon revolvers for close combat.

While they were still in retreat, the troopers began to speak of the fact that not all of their attackers were Apaches. The racially-charged tensions of the time were part of the problem on both sides, and the soldiers were outraged that there had been white men in the Apache raiding party.

The corporal in charge of the detachment was so sure of the fact that some of the raiders had been white men that he informed his commanding officer that he had even cursed them in English. Needless to say, in today's courts, this was hardly evidence, but the corporal's report,

which included descriptions of some of the raiders as having "large whiskers and curly hair" was enough for his C.O.

What they didn't know was that they had just made the acquaintance of a man named Jack Gordon, and even more remarkably, they were still alive.

## Of outlaws and renegades

As historian Wayne Austerman has pointed out, Billy the Kid was a "minor miscreant" next to Jack Gordon.

Gordon was actually born with the name Peter Worthington in Virginia in the early 1820s. Whatever his name, or whatever name he was using at any given time, Worthington was a wild one, even at an early age.

At the age of 17, he was forced to flee his native Virginia after killing a man in a "personal dispute." Worthington/Gordon claimed to have been a British seaman who had jumped ship in an American port, but that was just cover, possibly to spare his family any shame. Using the name Jack Gordon, he drifted west to the Rocky Mountains to become a mountain man, but by the time he arrived, the beaver trade was all but played out and Gordon was forced to find another way to make a living. He returned east to Missouri, and it was there that fate took a hand.

Worthington, hereafter known as Gordon, enlisted

with Colonel Alexander Doniphan's volunteers who marched west to engage the Mexicans in America's war with that country. Gordon was still a soldier in January 1847 when he became engaged in a quarrel with a local El Paso man, ending in the death of his opponent.

The Army tends to frown on such behavior, and Gordon was to face a court-martial for the crime of murder. However, he was nothing if not slippery, and managed to escape his guards, riding north from El Paso. Probably near what is now the New Mexico border, he managed to ride "smack-dab" into an Apache ambush.

For unknown reasons, the Apaches didn't kill him, but took him prisoner instead. Somehow, Gordon managed to win their trust, to the point where he later claimed that he was adopted into the tribe. It wasn't long before he was raiding right alongside the very men who had taken him prisoner, and against his former countrymen, as well as any Mexicans, for whom he seems to have entertained a particular hatred.

## Respect

Throughout 1847-48, Gordon not only lived with the Apaches, but took an Apache wife and won the respect of his fellow tribesmen, allegedly becoming a war leader. His practically demented hatred for Mexicans, who had been abusing the Apaches (at least in

their eyes) for decades, if not centuries, was appealing to his new comrades.

By 1849, Gordon was known (and despised) by both whites and Mexicans as a "renegade." After one of his raids, the 2nd Dragoons, under the command of Major Enoch Steen, pursued Gordon and his warriors to Dog Canyon (near modern Alamogordo). A vicious skirmish ensued and by the evening of July 5, 1849, five of the warriors with Gordon lay dead.

A little less than six weeks later, Steen trailed Gordon and other warriors to near the copper-mining settlement of Pinos Altos. It was there that Gordon and Steen met in "single combat," with Gordon emerging the victor. With a bullet in his side, the badly injured Steen gave up the pursuit and the Apaches, along with Gordon, disappeared into the mountains.

## A guide?

For reasons that have never been clear, noted Texas Ranger John C. Hays was searching for a guide to the Gila River country to establish an Indian Agency and settled on, of all people, Jack Gordon.

The two men met in a store in El Paso one dark night, where Hays listened to Gordon's claims that he had never harmed an American (wisely, Hays kept his mouth shut) and then listened to Gordon brag about the number of Mexicans he had killed. Hays told the outlaw that

he wanted to meet with Apache chieftains to talk of peace. Gordon said he would relay the message, and the two men agreed to rendezvous at Picacho Peak.

In early October, Hays met Major Steen, who filled in some of the gaps in Gordon's personal history. Needless to say, Hays began to feel more uneasy than he already was about the upcoming rendezvous. Nevertheless, Hays was at Picacho Peak on the appointed day. He raised a white flag and built signal fire. To say that Hays and his men were nervous would be gross understatement.

Next: How to make an enemy

SOURCES: *The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters* by Bill O'Neal and *Unholy Terror Cornered* by Wayne R. Austerman

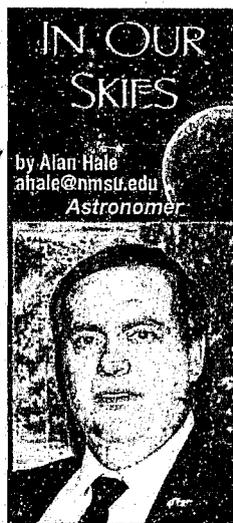
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IN OUR SKIES

# Return of the *Stardust* comet

Over the past few decades, as we have begun to understand how our solar system and the planets within it formed, the so-called "minor bodies" of the solar system, i.e., comets and asteroids, have begun taking on a much greater importance in the mind of astronomers than they had previously. Far from being the "vermin of the skies" as one early 20th Century astronomer had considered asteroids, these objects are now known to be "left-overs" from the planetary formation process that took place over four billion years ago, and studies of them can thus provide valuable clues as to the conditions that existed back in that era.

With this realization has come the desire on the part of scientists to examine these objects with spacecraft, just like we've been doing with the major planets since the early 1960s. The first comet to be visited by a spacecraft was Giacobini-Zinner, which was encountered by the International Cometary Explorer (ICE) spacecraft in 1985 (preparatory to several spacecraft visits to Halley's Comet the following year), and the first asteroid to be so visited was Gasptra, which was encountered by the Galileo spacecraft in 1991 while en



route to its final destination of Jupiter. Numerous other asteroids and comets have been visited since then, and additional ambitious missions are currently underway.

One of the more interesting missions along these lines is *Stardust*, which was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla. in February 1999. After following a circuitous route through the inner solar system (which included a flyby of the asteroid Annefrank in November 2002), *Stardust* passed within 150 miles of the nucleus of Comet Wild 2 in early January 2004.

*Stardust* was equipped with an extremely lightweight and porous (but nevertheless "sticky") substance known as "aerogel" and thereby was able to collect material samples from the comet's coma (the large gas and dust cloud surrounding the nucleus, and what gives a comet its "fuzzy" appearance). When it returned to Earth two years later *Stardust* deployed a "sample return capsule" containing these samples into Earth's atmosphere, which then landed upon the surface in southwestern Utah from where it was subsequently retrieved.

For the first time, scientists had genuine samples from a comet that they

could examine in a laboratory, and that process has been going on ever since. Perhaps not unexpectedly, there have been several surprises, including the fact that analysis of the samples indicates that Comet Wild 2 – and presumably other comets as well – formed in a distinctly warmer environment than what had been previously believed. Just last year came the announcement that the chemical glycine, an amino acid utilized by Earthly life in various biological processes, had been detected within the returned samples. We can probably look forward to more interesting discoveries as the samples will continue to be analyzed during the years to come.

Comet Wild 2 itself was discovered in 1978 by the Swiss astronomer Paul Wild, then located at the University of Berne. Calculations soon showed that, about 3 1/2 years earlier, it had passed extremely close to Jupiter, and prior to that had been in a much larger and more distant orbit that kept it far from the sun. Wild 2 thus appears to be a relatively "fresh," or pristine, comet, and this, combined with the fact that its orbit lies very nearly in the same plane as Earth's orbit and thus, from a spacecraft engineer's perspective, makes it relatively easy and inexpensive to travel to, has made it a prime destination for potential spacecraft missions.

Indeed, prior to *Stardust* Wild 2 had been

either the primary or secondary destination for several planned missions that ended up not being built due to budgetary and/or other reasons.

With an orbital period of 6.2 years Wild 2 is now making its first return to the inner solar system following its encounter with *Stardust*. The viewing circumstances of the current return are quite good, with the comet being closest to the sun (149 million miles) late last month and closest to Earth (63 million miles) early next month. It can currently be found in the constellation Virgo (visible in the east during the later evening hours) somewhat to the northeast of the bright star Spica, and for the time being is bright enough to be visible in binoculars (if one is viewing from a dark, rural site). It should remain visible in small to moderate-sized backyard telescopes for another month or more before it begins fading as it recedes from the inner solar system.

*Stardust*, meanwhile, has been given a new mission. Next February it will be passing by Comet Tempel 1 – the same comet that was encountered by the Deep Impact spacecraft in 2005, and that fired a projectile at its nucleus as it went by. *Stardust* is being specifically targeted so that it can examine the same region of the nucleus that was hit by the Deep Impact projectile, and in so doing will be able to give us "before" and "after"

views of the comet's surface. Unfortunately for Earthbound sky-watchers, Tempel 1 (and *Stardust*) will be on the opposite side of the sun from Earth at the time of the encounter, and won't be visible.

Deep Impact has also been given a new mission. This coming November it will be passing by Comet Hartley 2 which, incidentally, will be passing fairly close to Earth the previous month and which should become bright enough to view with the unaided eye. Our investigation of the solar system's various "minor bodies" thus continues, with each such encounter telling us a little bit more

about how we all got here in the first place.

Alan Hale is a professional astronomer who resides in Cloudcroft, and is raising funds for the Earthrise Project, described at [www.earthriseinstitute.org](http://www.earthriseinstitute.org).

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# COMMUNITY LISTINGS

## Lincoln County

### Clubs/Associations

**Alto Women's Association:** 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards. Business meeting every first Tuesday.

**Angus Wood Carvers:** 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, junction Hwys. 48 and 37; 336-9161.

**Art Connection:** Last Wednesday of each month. Innsbruck Club House. Info: Pat, 258-3602.

**Carrizozo Women's Club:** Second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse at 11th and D Avenue; Info: Tona Macken, 354-0769.

**Christian Motorcyclists Assoc:** Third Thursday monthly at 6:30 p.m.; 1204 Mechem, Suite 8.; online at [www.GMAUSA.org](http://www.GMAUSA.org); 575-336-1530. Local info. All are invited to attend.

**Duplicate Bridge Club:** 1 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, plus a 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays; Ruidoso Senior Center; Info: 257-7411 or 257-6188.

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

**Lincoln County Bird Club:** Monthly field trips are scheduled at various times. Info: 257-5352 or 258-3862.

**Lincoln County Garden Club:** Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m.; New members and visitors welcome; Info: Joyce, 258-4663, or Elena, 258-3724.

**Lincoln County Right to Life Chapter:** 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday at 309 L.L. Davis Dr. All are welcome; Info: 258-5108.

**Mountaintop Turners:** Woodturning club, 10 a.m. every third Saturday at the woodshop of Steve and Madeleine Sabo. Info: 354-0201.

**Party Bridge Group:** 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Center; 336-4808.

**Photographic Society of Lincoln County:** 7 p.m. every second Thursday in the conference room at the Region IX office at 1400 Sudderth Dr.; 258-4003.

**Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club:** Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

**Ruidoso Area Singles:** Meet new friends for social activities - dining out, parties, potlucks, outings, etc.? New group is forming. Info: Judy, 430-7870, or Martha, 430-9808.

**Ruidoso Book Review/Discussion Group:** Wednesday monthly at 10 a.m. at the Capitan 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 in-structors; 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

**Aitrusa Club:** 5:30 p.m. every first Tuesday for program; noon every third Tuesday for lunch. Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail; Info: Jill, 336-1339.

**Boy Scouts of America, Troop 52:** 6:20 p.m. every other Wednesday; Angus Church of the Nazarene. Info: 808-1172.

**Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59:** 6 p.m. every Monday, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Info: Mark, 378-5623.

**B.P.O. Elks No. 2086:** 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70; Info: 257-2607.

**B.P.O. Does:** Noon, second and fourth Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70.

**Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program:** 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso. For children age 4 to 6th grade; Info: 257-2081, [www.fbcruidoso.com](http://www.fbcruidoso.com).

**Friends of Capitan Library:** Call for volunteers for Not 2 Shabby Thrift Shop. Info: Raylene, 354-3046 or library, 354-3035.

**Humane Society of Lincoln County:** Shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat 11-2; ReSale Shop at the 'Y' open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon-Sat; Info: 378-1040.

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

**Laughing Eyes Kennels:** 501(c)(3) nonprofit breeder and trainer of Service Dogs in Nogal seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling & puppy socialization, bookkeeping, fundraising and kennel upkeep/management. Info: [www.lekennels.org](http://www.lekennels.org) or 575-354-4342.

**Lincoln County Community Health Council:** 8 a.m. first Tuesday of each month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. New members welcome. Info: 973-1829.

**Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary:** 9:30 a.m. second Tuesday of each month in the hospital conference room. New volunteers welcome. Info: 630-4250.

**Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse:** Meets first Sunday each month at 2 p.m. at the Posse building, Hwy. 54, in Carrizozo. Groups needing their volunteer security services, notify by mail one month (but not less than two weeks) prior to the monthly meeting. Send to P.O. Box 1784, Capitan, NM 88316. Info: 888-663-7029.

**OES Ruidoso Chapter 65:** Meeting every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 144 Nob Hill Dr. Info: 257-5313.

**Optimist Club (Friends of Youth):** Noon every Wednesday at K-BOB's. Info: 257-5938 or 258-9218.

**PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Chapter AR:** Meeting every second and fourth Tuesdays. Info: Jennie Powell, 258-3896.

**Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club:** 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: Georgia Underwood, Secretary, 575-937-0564.

**Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary:** 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center off East Hwy. 70; Info: 575-378-8099 or 378-8316.

**Ruidoso Evening Lions:** Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Evening Lions Club House, 106 S. Overlook (behind Chef Lupe's). New members always welcome. Info: Mike Zaragosa, 937-0768 or Harold Oakes, 937-7618.

**Ruidoso Shrine Club:** 6:30 p.m. every fourth Wednesday at Cree Meadows Restaurant; Info: 258-5860.

**Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club:** Meets at 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: 257-0363.

**Sierra Blanca Daughters of the American Revolution:** Third Thursday of each month. Info: 258-3045.

**Zia Girl Scout Council:** 6 p.m. every third Thursday at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Info: 437-2921.

**White Mountain Search & Rescue:** 7 p.m. every third Monday at First Christian Church near the intersection of Hull and Gavilan Canyon Roads. Info: email [whitemountainsar@gmail.com](mailto:whitemountainsar@gmail.com), visit [www.whitemountainsar.org](http://www.whitemountainsar.org) or phone 866-596-8382.

### Veterans

**American Legion Jerome D. Klein Post 79:** 11 a.m. every third Saturday, 101 Spring St. at Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs; Info: 257-6757.

**American Legion James A Hipp, Post 57:** First Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. Sr.Citizens Center, Capitan.

575-336-2194

VFW Post 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](http://desertbasin.freetoasthost.com) or phone 921-4767.

**Desert Castaways Duplicate Bridge Club:** Meets 12:30 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday & Friday at the Alamogordo Senior Center; 2201 Puerto Rico. 437-2822.

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COMMUNITY LISTINGS

**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 Mesalero. 439-4971.

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

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

**Ongoing Activities**

**Bingo:** 7 p.m. Sat., 12:30 and 3 p.m. Sun., 1 and 7 p.m. Mon. at the Eagles Lodge, 471 24th St. Ages 8 and up welcome with adult. \$750 jackpot. 437-1302.

**Bingo:** 7 p.m. Wed.-Fri. and Sun., 2 p.m. Sat at the VFW, 700 U.S. 70 West. Ages 16 and over welcome with an adult. 437-0770.

**Coffee Club:** 7:30 - 9 a.m. third Wednesday at Edward Jones Investments, 1106 E. 10th St. Topics include current events, identity theft and Social Security. Breakfast provided. 443-1900.

**Joyful Noyse Recorder Consort:** Every other Sunday at various locations. Seeking soprano, alto, tenor & bass recorder players. 937-2006.

**Meditation Group:** Every Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon at 1010 16th St., Alamogordo. Music-guided medita-

tion. 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 Tinling, 443-1195.

**Tularosa Democrats:** Meet at Coffee & More, 308 Granado, 5 p.m. sharp second Thursday of each month. Info: Charles Murrell at 585-8153.

**Service Organizations**

**Alamogordo Breakfast Liens 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 chair-

man Flori McElderry at 437-6616.

**Kiwanis Club of Alamogordo:** Meets on first and third Thursdays at 8 a.m. at Maximino's Restaurant, 2300 N. White Sands Blvd; 434-0923.

**Order of the Eastern Star:** Tularosa Basin Chapter No. 72 meets at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday at 409 Higuera St., Tularosa. 434-1456.

**Special Olympics NM - Otero:** Sports training and competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities; track and field practice at 9 a.m. at NMSBVI in Alamogordo. Info: Anthony Bradway, 575-430-8902 or Sally Bradway at 479-2958.

**Veterans / Military**

**Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1257:** Open meeting/lunch-eon at 11:30 a.m. second Friday at Base Enlisted Club. Visits to area veterans in local care centers every third Saturday, starting at the Betty Dare Center on North Florida Ave. promptly at 10 a.m. Gil Isley, 434-5552.

**American Legion Post 108:** Meets second Tuesday at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, Ed\_wishbone@hotmail.com.

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

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

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

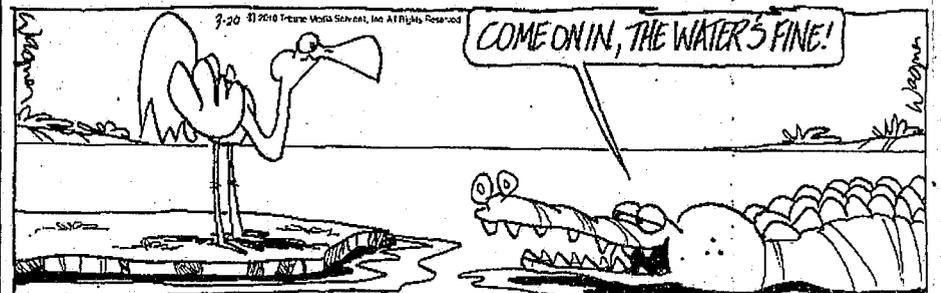
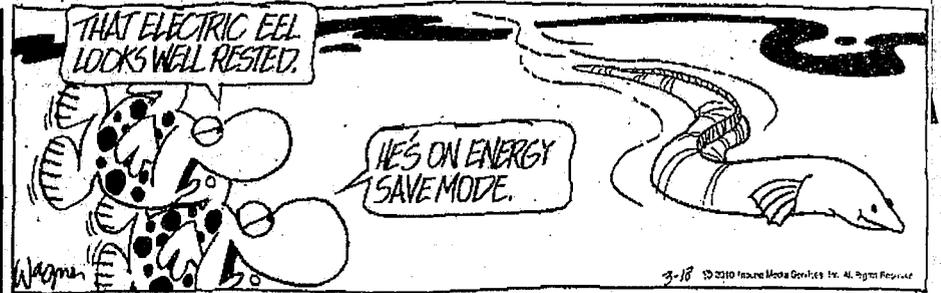
**Sons of the American Legion Squadron 108:** Meets third Monday of month at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All sons, grandsons of active and former military personnel are encouraged to attend. Information: Brian Koutrous, 717-202-9810 or Milton Chestnut, 446-9045.

**United States Submarine Veterans:** Feb. 6, 12 p.m., at White Sands Mis-sile Range. All former submariners welcome. www.ussvl.org/BaseShow. Call Shane Foraker 575 437-0665.

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

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E <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>5</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>		3rd Letter Triple RACK 1
A <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	Q <sub>10</sub>		RACK 2
E <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>		RACK 3
A <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>3</sub>	M <sub>3</sub>	H <sub>4</sub>		Double Word Score RACK 4

PAR SCORE 160-170  
BEST SCORE 225

FOUR RACK TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_  
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN.

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

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## Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"WHY NOT" By DON GAGLIARDO

**ACROSS**

- 1 Heathrow lands until 2003, briefly
- 5 Cookbook meas.
- 9 Hunt down
- 14 "All Day Strong" medication
- 19 Without \_\_\_ riskily
- 20 Discipline
- 21 Tranquil disciplines
- 22 Pesto herb
- 23 Attire at the UN?
- 25 Loaner policeman?
- 27 Ontario-born hockey legend
- 28 Suffix with Capri
- 29 Film doctor with 7 faces
- 31 River of Germany
- 32 Scale sequence
- 33 Tolkien ringbearer
- 35 National park near Springdale, Utah
- 37 Blastoff follower
- 39 Abode: Abbr.
- 40 Final step in a marksman's manual?
- 43 Liqueur in a godfather cocktail
- 45 Rope loops
- 46 Hoot
- 48 '60s-'70s hot spot
- 49 B'way sellout sign
- 52 Barre move
- 53 Fairway shot that goes in the hole?
- 58 Peerage member
- 60 Rajiv's mother
- 62 "Boola Boola" singer
- 63 Pull up stakes, slangily
- 64 Dolts
- 66 Uncertain word
- 67 \_\_\_ about: meddles
- 70 Enero, e.g.
- 71 Autograph candy for the Halloween visitor?
- 74 Lawyer's sure thing?
- 76 Longtime Tom Petty label
- 77 Putting to work
- 78 Sch. that had a Roger Williams Dining Center.
- 79 "Swan Lake" swan
- 80 Pet food brand
- 82 401, in old Rome

- 83 Five-time speed skating gold medalist Eric
- 86 Neutral hue
- 87 "Grey's Anatomy" leading man?
- 91 Rainbow goddess
- 93 Sam-I-Am's meat
- 94 Digital comm. method
- 95 FEMA part: Abbr.
- 96 Quixote's squire
- 98 Some cigarette boxes
- 102 Unexpected piece in a chicken order?
- 107 Terhune dog
- 108 Quick court contest
- 110 Multi-talented Danny
- 111 First name in fragrances
- 112 Bird that probes mud for food
- 114 Scatter supreme
- 115 Scribble (down)

- 116 Followers of mis
- 118 Little amphibian
- 119 Russian rodent's approval?
- 122 Dentistry expo?
- 125 Corner
- 126 Hi-fi pioneer
- 127 Mark's successor
- 128 Pres. Carter's alma mater
- 129 Flavor
- 130 Frawley role
- 131 Tease
- 132 English hom, e.g.

**DOWN**

- 1 Said "Bon voyage!" to
- 2 "Edda" author
- 3 Sturluson
- 3 Holy one?
- 4 N.L. cap letters
- 5 Verb for Tweety
- 6 Arrives casually
- 7 Vast expanse
- 8 Settee settings
- 9 Big name in little trains
- 10 Milne baby
- 11 Fits of fever

- 12 Bygone library feature
- 13 Admiration
- 14 Toning targets
- 15 Chip brand
- 16 Arm offerer
- 17 Bath salts scent
- 18 City near Ciudad Juárez
- 24 Street corner genre
- 26 Eivira's lover, in a Verdi opera
- 30 Hydrocarbon suffix
- 34 Place for a La-Z-Boy
- 36 "\_\_\_ a vacation!"
- 37 1998 Sarah McLachlan song
- 38 \_\_\_ il razor
- 41 New Age gurus
- 42 It may be imposing
- 44 Kaffiyeh-clad ruler
- 47 "\_\_\_: The Final Conflict": 1981 horror sequel
- 49 Groundbreaking?
- 50 Groundbreaking?
- 51 Paper tiger, perhaps
- 53 "Fiddlesticks!"

- 54 Gomez's wife, affectionately
- 55 Chance to get even
- 56 Fat substitute
- 57 Tiny gnat
- 59 Chaney of horror
- 61 Poetry movement promoted by Amy Lowell
- 65 Sigma follower
- 68 Some athletic shoes
- 69 Chaplin's half brother
- 72 Costa \_\_\_
- 73 1981
- 74 Wilbur's horse
- 75 2.0
- 78 Freedom, in Swahili
- 81 Cinch
- 84 Book with a key
- 85 "Sixteen Tons" singer
- 88 "This \_\_\_ certify \_\_\_"
- 89 Duplicated
- 90 Driving need?
- 92 "Jeepers!"

- 96 Frying pan mishap
- 97 Word after photo
- 98 Standby's desire
- 99 Tar pits locale
- 100 Language learner's challenges
- 101 The "P" in P.G. Wodehouse
- 103 Studio that made nine of the ten Astaire/Rogers films
- 104 Feeling no stress
- 105 Make genteel
- 106 Monopoly's railroads, e.g.
- 109 Psyched up
- 113 Exec
- 115 Rapper who co-founded Roc-A-Fella Records
- 117 Stub \_\_\_
- 120 22.5 deg.
- 121 "\_\_\_ & the Women": 2000 Gere film
- 123 Non's opposite
- 124 It may fly in a fight

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## JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argiron and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

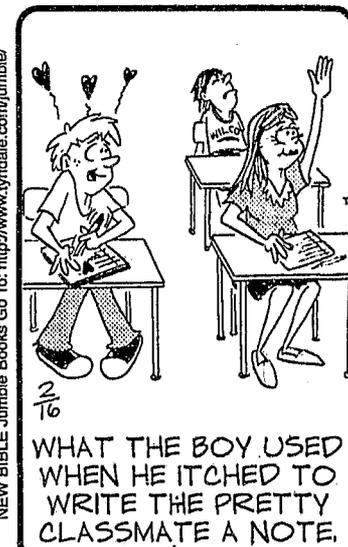
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans: A

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RACK 1 = 73

RACK 2 = 66

RACK 3 = 8

RACK 4 = 78

TOTAL 225

PAR SCORE 160-170

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ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

Answer: PATCH DRAFT ARCADE CHORUS

Jumbles: What the boy used when he itched to write the pretty classmate a note — A SCRATCH PAD