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Racino revenues drop

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Billy the Kid Casino at Ruidoso Downs has seen a steep decline since 2002

Annual racino revenues at the Billy the Kid Casino in Ruidoso Downs have fallen by more than half since 2002.

The decline, from \$15.46 million in 2002, to \$7.36 million last year, also similarly impacted gaming taxes paid to the state and monies used to sweeten purses at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

"As you can imagine, when you give up half of your income, it doesn't leave a lot to try to cover your fixed and variable overhead," said

Curtis Hilling, vice president of finance at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino.

The revenues are called "net win," or the amount of money taken in by slot machines minus winnings. Food, beverages and other items are not included, nor are any aspects of the racetrack.

According to figures released by Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino, between 2005 and 2009, Billy the Kid Casino revenues

dropped 32 percent, while all five of New Mexico's non-tribal casinos posted a 16.7 percent gain.

The Mescalero Apache Tribe had seen a decline in recent years, but it has been much smaller. The tribe began reporting their net win to the New Mexico Gaming Control Board in 2005.

Hilling noted the tribe's U.S. Highway 70 Travel Center Casino opened six years ago.

"Every year since 2004 we've

had a net loss in market share. There are three casinos in this tiny, little area, and that's a lot. But it doesn't seem to me that the Inn of the Mountain Gods and the Billy the Kid Casino really compete. I think it's more of a complimentary relationship. The people who go there are interested in a particular thing, and the people who come here are interested in a particular thing."

But Hilling feels the Travel Center Casino and Billy the Kid Casino compete for the same customer to a large extent.

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LOTS OF HOT AIR



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Devon Arteche checks out his Pittsburgh Steeler balloon Thursday as Carrizozo 8th graders, as part of their final grade for the quarter in Science, made hot air balloons out of tissue paper. The students had to make a template, measure panels, cut the tissue paper and then glue the panels together to form the balloons. Thursday morning, 16 students took turns having their project filled with hot air to launch it. The lesson of importance for detail came when some of the panel seams didn't hold, letting the hot air escape and disabling the balloon. The students also had to write a paper addressing the physics of why a hot air balloon could fly. Ashley Ivins (in background) is the Carrizozo Science instructor.

JUB does a doubletake on agreement

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Three members of the Joint Use Board that governs a regional wastewater treatment plant were stunned Wednesday when a fourth member threw out an agreement reached moments earlier during a

workshop on a preliminary 2010-2011 budget.

The JUB ended a workshop review of the proposed \$1.68 million budget with what some members thought was an understanding that a line item for 9 percent of the salaries of the Ruidoso Public Works Director and his

administrative secretary would be allocated to the wastewater treatment plant's first preliminary budget as an enterprise fund. Staff from the village of Ruidoso, which operates the plant and acts as fiscal agent, then would meet

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Dutton resigns from Planning & Zoning

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The Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission is operating with one chair empty as another member with experience resigned.

When a new administration took over in March, several long-time members decided it was the appropriate time to step down and allow the fledgling mayor to appoint a fresh commission. Those leaving were Glen Barrow, Phillis Barnett, Bill Hirschfeld and Vicki Williams. Ray Alborn left to assume the

position of mayor and selected new members to sit with Chairman Beth Hood and Commissioner Don Dutton.

But this week, Alborn received Dutton's resignation. He cited time constraints, Hood said. During a commission meeting Tuesday, she said she was sorry to see him go and that he offered good perspectives as well as the expertise of an attorney.

Also during the meeting, Hood asked about progress on encouraging more visi-

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Detention center to be fortified

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As a result of "the most recent walk-away" a month ago from the Lincoln County Detention Center, additional fencing will be erected around a portion of the complex.

County Manager Tom Stewart told county commissioners Tuesday the recommendation for more fencing around the receiving area of the center in Carrizozo was the result of consultation with Sheriff Rick Virden and the detention center administrator. Large trucks will be able to turn around in the confines of the fenced area.

Stewart said he obtained a quote from a state contract fencing provider for about 368 linear feet of 8-foot high concertina topped fence for about \$25,000, and a rolling type gate that could be automated in the future.

The manager also is exploring the possibility of buying a siren for the top of the jail to be activated if an escape occurs. The siren could immediately alert nearby residents of any danger from an escaped inmate, in addition to the Reverse 911 automated telephone system that can notify the entire town, if

people are home or at work to hear the call.

The siren could be purchased in the next fiscal year that begins July 1, Stewart said. The county's emergency services coordinator Travis Atwell, said he thinks a Homeland Security grant may be available for the siren, Stewart said.

County Commissioner Jackie Powell suggested Stewart look at the possibility of a solar-powered automated gate for the future. "I've seen them up and down the valley," she said. But Stewart said the gate will be "pretty heavy" and may be beyond the capability of a regular solar unit used at a residence.

All of the measures are being added to prevent a repeat of the escape that occurred in April, he said. The inmate later was captured in Alamogordo.

Because of the circumstances surrounding that escape, inmates lost the privilege of helping load and unload trucks, Stewart said. Trucks also are checked for stowaways before they leave.

"It's too bad," Stewart said. "But they have nothing but 24/7 to think of ways to mess with us."

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BROWNIE POINTS

Members of Girl Scout Brownie Troop 60001 deliver shopping carts full of commodities to the Lincoln County Food Bank. Troop co-leaders Charlotte Musgrave and Olivia Paiz said the food was purchased using the profits from the troop's sale of 5,000 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies.

JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

WALK winners

The 2010 WALK in the Woods Fitness Challenge concluded with the winners collecting their prizes at the WALK in the Woods Health Fair.

The fitness challenge's first place team was F.R.I.E.N.D.S., made up of Jeanette Ortega, Victor Montes, Patty Montes, Maria Armendariz and Angie Romero.

Second place went to Fresh Start Head Start, consisting of Sherrie Padilla, Sylvia Wilson, Shara Gurule, Julian Flores and Chloe Jenkins.

The individual winner was Cynthia Kerbs, followed by a Kathy Arrington, who was a close second.

Track donation

The Humane Society of Lincoln County received a donation of \$500 from Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino, on behalf of Prudential Lynch Realty, for their efforts in the 2010 Charity Triathlon Event.

Local businesses and charities participated in a trio of events at Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino in April and May, including a slot tournament, bowling tournament, and Kentucky Derby "Pick the Winner" contest.

Prudential Lynch Realty's team received the top score for the tournament, playing on behalf of the Humane Society.

The Humane Society received second place prize for their efforts. "It was a great event, and we are so proud to present the Humane Society with the \$500 donation," said Rachel Weber, director of marketing for Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino. "We look forward to hosting the event again in the Fall, and encourage other local

businesses and charities to participate. Everyone had a great time, and it all benefited a great charity."

Alpine meeting

Members of the Alpine Village Water and Sanitation District will meet June 7 at 112A Alpine Meadows Trail.

The meeting will cover regular business such as paying bills and reporting on the operations of the water system. The agenda may contain discussion regarding committees to address the Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan, Capacity Assessment, and revising the Bylaws and Regulations.

Residents of the District are welcome to attend.

GOP women

The Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County will meet at 11:30 a.m., Monday, at Cree Meadows Country Club.

A buffet will precede the business meeting at noon. Speakers will include Republican primary candidates for two open seats on the county commission, incumbent Don Williams and challenger Mark Doth in District 2, and incumbent Dave Parks and opponent Kathryn Minter in District 4. John Sanchez, candidate for Lieutenant Governor, also will speak.

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vations for the buffet to help with the head count. The menu will be chicken tenders with potato salad, gravy for dipping, salad, corn and cookie, plus tea and coffee.

Early voting for the primary election is underway. Vote at the courthouse in Carrizozo during business hours weekdays, or from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth Dr.



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The newly married John and Audrey Bryan pose with Sierra Blanca in the background. The bride is a decorated Iraq veteran, currently stationed at Holloman AFB. She was escorted down the aisle by her father, a Vietnam veteran. The groom works in aircraft maintenance at Holloman. The nuptials took place on the final day of Military Appreciation Week, Saturday, May 15, at the Alto home of Doug and Lou McLeod, wedding planner and floral designer.

VOTE MARK DOTH

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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- Former Board of Director of Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Former Chairman of the Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee
- Ruidoso SK Team coach and former youth soccer coach.

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on

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Meeting Date: Saturday, May 22, 2010
Meeting Time: 9:00 am
Location: Lincoln Community Church

Meeting Purpose: To present and obtain comments on proposed design and maintenance guidelines for US 380 between milepost (MP) 91.5 and MP 102.5 in the Lincoln Historic District. These guidelines are intended to allow for needed travel and safety improvements to US 380 while preserving the overall historic character of Lincoln.

- NMDOT representatives will discuss design and maintenance guidelines.
- Stakeholders are encouraged to provide comments and recommendations.
- Comments will also be received on bicycle, pedestrian, and equestrian issues as well as cultural resources and natural resources.

Document Availability: The design and maintenance guidelines documents will be available for review at the following locations:

Lincoln State Monument Museum
US 380 in Lincoln

NMDOT District 2 Office
4505 West Second in Roswell

ADA: To request Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-related accommodations for this meeting, contact Eric Johnson at (505) 898-8848 at least two days before the meeting.

Comments: Written comments will be accepted at the meeting, or they may be mailed or faxed to Eric Johnson, Marron and Associates, 7511 Fourth Street NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107, phone (505) 898-8848 and fax (505) 897-7847.

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Commissioners huddle with County Attorney Alan Morel, second from left, over plans to vacate streets on newly purchased land

County vacates streets around fairgrounds property

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To eliminate unauthorized entry on land that will become part of Lincoln County's fairground expansion in Capitan, county commissioners Tuesday vacated all streets and alleyways around 113 Fairgrounds Road.

County Manager Tom Stewart explained that the land recently was purchased by the county for the fairgrounds and relocation of a rural health clinic. The request by county staff to vacate alleys and streets that appear on maps of the old townsite was referred to members of the county Road Review Committee. They met with property owners who might be impacted by the action, which turned out to be Don Brewer, owner of the Brewer Ranch.

"He had no objection to the closure," said Duane Williams, committee chairman. "Ranch personnel use it, but he has other access to the ranch. This is part of the 25 acres bought by the

county where the Capitan Kennels were located."

The review committee recommended approval, he said.

County Attorney Alan Morel said title companies require the vacation before a title insurance policy can be issued.

"The townsite of Capitan goes way outside the village limits and the Brewer Ranch surrounds it on three sides," the attorney said.

A gate on the south side of the arroyo there will be locked, Williams added.

"It's just a trail," Morel said. "Brewer doesn't like it being used, as well."

Commissioner Jackie Powell pointed out the notice of the committee meeting and request for vacation was to be posted in three public places and asked where those were.

Stewart said one was at the actual location and one at the courthouse. Notices also were mailed to surrounding property owners, "who attended to be sure we weren't doing anything to them," Morel said. When

the townsite was platted in 1900, town officials included more land than ever could be used, he said.

After the publication, it was suggested a wise course may have been to vacate all of the undeveloped streets and alleys at the fairgrounds, but since that was not the action advertised, it might be con-

sidered later, he said, adding, "It's not an impediment to going through with the clinic, but we may want to clear it up in the future."

Two deeds cover the 25 acres. The clinic will be on the left of the fairgrounds, about 300 feet to 400 feet from the ditch, Morel said.

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RealFeel 82° Humidity 14% 81° 56° Breezy with plenty of sun Wind: S 10-20 mph	RealFeel 80° Humidity 14% 79° 54° Mostly sunny and windy Wind: SSW 15-25 mph	RealFeel 75° Humidity 17% 77° 51° Mostly sunny and windy Wind: SSW 20-30 mph	RealFeel 84° Humidity 20% 75° 49° Mostly sunny Wind: SW 7-14 mph	RealFeel 74° Humidity 29% 73° 48° Partly sunny, a t-storm possible Wind: S 10-20 mph	RealFeel 76° Humidity 35% 75° 55° Sun and some clouds Wind: SSE 10-20 mph	RealFeel 78° Humidity 35% 75° 55° Partial sunshine Wind: SSE 8-16 mph

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Regional Cities

Gallup 80/44	Grants 84/40	Albuquerque 88/55	Tucumcari 88/62
Reserve 86/45	Mountainair 87/46	Santa Rosa 88/54	Clovis 88/59
Silver City 89/53	Socorro 91/50	Fort Sumner 88/59	Roswell 96/60
Hatch 94/58	Las Cruces 94/60	Ruidoso 81/56	Carlsbad 96/62
Lordsburg 93/53	Chaparral 95/63	Cloudcroft 76/43	Pecos 97/65
Deming 94/55	El Paso 96/64		
Sunland Park 96/64	Ciudad Juárez 97/64		

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Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:
High/low 70°/50°
Normal high 74°
Normal low 37°
Record high 85° (1996)
Record low 14° (1971)

Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.08"
Normal month to date 0.55"
Year to date 4.00"
Normal year to date 4.74"

Pollen:
Grass Low
Trees High
Weeds Moderate
Mold Low
Predominant Pecan

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

Alamogordo
Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:
High/low 85°/51°
Normal high 85°
Normal low 56°
Record high 97° (1969)
Record low 38° (1953)

Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date Trace
Normal month to date 0.38"
Year to date 2.14"
Normal year to date 2.45"

Weather Trivia:
Q: How close is lightning if 5 seconds elapse before the thunder is heard?
A: One mile.

Sun and Moon

Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:00 a.m./7:59 p.m.
Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 1:44 p.m./1:43 a.m.

Moon Phases

First Full Last New
May 20 May 27 Jun 4 Jun 12

Extremes

Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 99° in Death Valley, CA
Low: 22° in Brighton, UT

Wednesday's World High/Low:
High: 120° in Meqkah, Saudi Arabia
Low: -7° in Summit Station, Greenland

OPINION

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OUR OPINION

Time is right for energy conference

It's Monday at the convention center

We've got the wind, we've got the sun, we've got the terrain. In short, New Mexico has an abundance of green energy resources just as it possesses traditional fossil fuels such as oil and natural gas. In particular, Lincoln County is seen as a prime zone within the state for wind and solar generation. Many of the county's resourceful residents already have installed active or passive solar systems, not to mention windmills, on their property.

The key, on a mass scale, is to parlay these resources with visionary leadership, a favorable business climate and nearby research facilities into an industry that will create jobs and attract a workforce that will benefit the region.

Towards that end, the first Lincoln County Renewable Energy Conference will be held Monday at the convention center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Check it out. It's free. For more information, go to LCN-MRE.org, or call 257-3013.



YOUR OPINION

Goodbye to lives well-lived

To the editor:

THIS PAST WEEK I went to three funerals. Under ordinary circumstances, these 14 "good-byes" would have been difficult, but these three were not ordinary in any sense.

Their funerals were truly a celebration of their lives here on Earth, here in Ruidoso. Their passing will probably not be felt worldwide, but their love and devotion to this community will be felt forever.

These two lovely ladies and one heroic gentleman had much in common. They loved their God, their family, friends and community in that order. They were leaders in their families, churches and community.

They truly loved life and shared on a daily basis all their talents that God had blessed

them with and lifted people up sometimes by the hand and sometimes by the heart. Whenever I remember them, it will be their incredibly warm and genuine smiles that will make me smile.

There was a recent popular movie made of the life of Chris Gardner called *The Pursuit of Happyness*. It was about a man whose faith and belief in what this life is supposed to be takes him from the depths of loss and fear to the heights of personal success.

In his recent book, Mr. Gardner states that "in this life success is not about your net worth, but rather it is about your personal worth."

I suspect that many of us, when attending a funeral, find ourselves reflecting on what will

be said about us. How many friends and family will come, will we be missed, will any one care?

This week I had the opportunity to hear and see what is truly important in this life and the legacy you can leave for others to carry forward. What these three special individuals taught us is that it's not about doing or creating anything big, but rather it's about the small, good things done every day for loved ones and strangers alike.

To Kay, Josephine and Mike, "Life well lived good and faithful servants!" We will do our best to carry on your spirit; and your love of life no matter how long it might be written for each of us. The secret is just to do it a day at a time.

Joan Zagone
Ruidoso

Hand over the razor blades, we're doomed

On Monday I saw a movie at Sierra Cinema titled *Generation Zero*. Since there are no tall buildings in Ruidoso from which to jump into the Beyond, theater staff handed out free razor blades at the door.

Halfway through the 90-minute documentary, as the soundtrack boomed ominously and experts cast dire predictions, the lady next to me whispered, "Are you ready to slit your wrists, yet?"

Not now, honey, I'm waiting for the ending.

But I'm here to tell you that we're doomed.

The premise of *Generation Zero* is that the United States is entering the fourth "Fourth Turning" of its brief existence. As I read into it, a Fourth

Turning is an uncertain, even cataclysmic era resulting from a progression of events shaped by — take your pick — a series of policy blunders, human greed/stupidity, reckless behavior or moral decay. The result is the defining of a nation for the next 70 or 80 years, for better or worse.

The first Fourth Turning was the birth of the nation during the Revolutionary War. The second was the War Between the States. The third, the Great Depression/World War II. Now the fourth, fomenting on decades of greed and corruption in government and on Wall Street.

Generation Zero, sponsored for free by the local Tea Party, argues that, after a traditional separation of agendas, Big Finance, Big Business and Big Government are finally all in bed together, and that the Democrats and Republicans tucked them in. For President Obama to rail against "greedy Wall Street Bankers" or the evil insurance companies is a sham; they work each other in cozy complicity. And for Republicans to claim a lock on fiscal responsibility is ludicrous; President Bush (and candidate McCain) advocated the first 2008 bailout.

Here goes: As the mortgage bubble grew, starting with the oh-so-feel-good Community Reinvestment Act of 1977, the big investment houses, plus AIG, Fannie Mae and Freddie

Mac, expanded risky lending practices, accumulating toxic assets without backing. When the bubble burst, no problem. All the gamblers received a golden parachute from their cronies in Washington.

It's called privatized gains/public losses. In this casino, the powerful, the connected, are playing with house money eventually supplied by the taxpayer.

Debt, deficit spending and the printing of currency to cover this federal Ponzi Scheme will, according to the filmmakers, lead to hyperinflation the likes of which, in Europe, preceded Hitler's rise to power in Germany, as the populace turns to a dictator for stability and comfort.

On the financial blogs I guess I'm what they call a "doomer," but I've been mistrustful of the markets for some time. This is what happens when you get older and your appetite for speculation shrinks.

A couple weeks ago, after a particularly strong run-up in the Dow, I actually cashed in my Roth IRA. Then I spent the next week or so hoping the Dow would tank in order to validate my timing.

I still have a little left in the market, so why would I want it to tank? This is not rational thinking.

Economists and financial gurus predict the future with theories and graphs and equations and historical references and signals from above. They're all so smart, they contradict each other so convincingly: Buy gold, don't buy gold. The dollar will become worthless, the dollar is getting stronger. The Euro will stabilize, the Euro's a goner. Buy Japan, sell Japan. We're hell-bound toward inflation, we're beginning a cycle of deflation. Ron Paul is a moron. Ron Paul is spot on. The Fed rescued us from a depression; no, the depression will hit even harder in 2011. Or 2012.

We're doomed. Or not. Either way, I'm putting away the razor blades. It's a mystery, and I'm sticking around for the ending.

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



MARTY RACINE

ON SECOND THOUGHT

We should know spring by now

DENNIS HINKAMP
Writers on the Range

Spring is the cruelest month in the mountain West. Yes, I know that spring technically occupies three months as one-quarter of the four annual seasons. But here in northeastern Utah, it really only lasts a month. And it doesn't even last a distinct month; what I'm saying is that you get about 31 days of spring out of the calendar-correct 92-day season.

Everything about this season seems to be in conflict. You can't put away the snow shovel, yet you'd better awake the grumpy lawn mower from its winter hibernation. You can't plant tomatoes with confidence, yet the weeds are growing like weeds in hungry anticipation of late summer wildfires.

You could go skiing but you might have to miss a softball game to do it. You can't park your car on the street overnight even though the city has decommissioned its snowplows for the season. You wear a sweater on the way to work but just sweat on the way home. The swimming pools are thinking about opening, but elsewhere, people still might be ice fishing in alpine lakes.

Meanwhile, the deer that have been munching on your trees and everything else around your house all winter seem reluctant to head for the hills.

Things that lurked below winter's white blanket are now slowly returning to life, but they

sure don't smell like spring flowers.

Depositing two poops a day for five months of winter, your tiny dog's creations are emerging like stinky little zombies from their snow-covered graves. Your friends are also emerging, magnetically drawn to the farmers' market that opens three months before anything actually on a farm is ready for harvest, so the farmers' market is really just a bake sale and a hippie crafts mart.

Road-repair crews also pop up through the snow like volunteer tulips, and just when you were looking forward to ice-free, cruise-controlled driving, four lanes narrow into one construction-free lane until late October when the cycle repeats itself. Orange cones are the true perennial flower of the West.

Springtime is the time when I look at my house and think: "Spring cleaning or arson, which will it be this year?" Since I just publicly said the word "arson," I probably am not going to get away with it. So, that leaves me with the inevitable; I have to face the winter's aftermath.

The longer days and disappearance of snow always make me wonder where all this stuff around the house and on the deck came from. Could the local thrift stores be sneaking into my house and yard and unloading stuff? These clothes seemingly belong to someone with bad taste who was either much fatter or thinner than I am now. I discover I have four bikes in the garage.

How did I get four bikes when there are only 53 ideal days to ride a bike around here? Tangled hoses seem to have mingled with tangled Christmas lights and extension cords.

What about all that compost that didn't compost? It looks as fresh as the day I threw it in to molder. Didn't I get rid of the old lawn mower after I bought the new one? Guess not. On a positive note, I found the two missing left hand gloves and the Iowa State sock hat that went missing. All the snowmelt also means my lawn won't dry up and turn brown for at least another month.

Spring has snuck up on me again. The emerging days of warmth and gusty winds make me want to run and bike and soak up sun, but I have to rake and prune and stack dead branches on the curb to hit that one-week window where the town picks up the stuff.

All the Oscar-winning movies are coming out on DVD, but I feel the need to spend more time outside and less time on the couch hibernating with technology.

So I join my fellow winter-weary citizens at the not-so-farmers' market, where we warm ourselves with steaming cups of organic French roast, compare home repair stories and whine about the weather.

After nearly 30 years here, I really should have learned about spring by now.

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Overrun: Why I voted for SB 1070

I'm Arizona State Senator Sylvia Allen. I want to explain SB 1070 which I voted for and was just signed by Governor Jan Brewer.

Rancher Rob Krantz was murdered by the drug cartel on his ranch a month ago. I participated in a Senate hearing two weeks ago on the border violence, and here is just some of the highlights from those who testified.

The people who live within 60 to 80 miles of the Arizona/Mexico Border have for years been terrorized and have pleaded for help to stop the daily invasion of humans who cross their property. One rancher testified that 300 to 1,200 people a day come across his ranch vandalizing his property, stealing his vehicles and property, cutting down his fences, and leaving trash. In the last two years he has found 17 dead bodies and two Koran bibles.

Another rancher testified that daily drugs are brought across his ranch in a military operation. A point man with a machine gun goes in front, 1/2 mile behind are the guards fully armed, 1/2 mile behind them are the drugs, behind the drugs 1/2 mile are more guards. These people are violent and they will kill anyone who gets in the way. This was not the only rancher we heard that day that talked about the drug trains.

One man told of two illegals who came upon his property, one shot in the back and the other in the arm by the drug runners who had forced them to carry the drugs and then shot them. Daily they listen to gunfire during the night. It is not safe to leave his family alone on the ranch and they can't leave the ranch for fear of nothing being left when they come back.

The Border Patrol is not on the border. They have set up 60 miles away with check points that do nothing to stop the invasion. They are not allowed to use force in stopping anyone who is entering. They run around chasing them; if they get their hands on them then they can take them back across the border.

Federal prisons have over 35 percent illegals and 20 percent of Arizona prisons are filled with illegals. In the last few years 80 percent of our law enforcement that have been killed or wounded have

been by an illegal.

The majority of people coming now are people we need to be worried about. The ranchers told us that they have seen a change in the people coming; they are not just those who are looking for work and a better life.

The federal government has refused for years to do anything to help the border states. We have been overrun and once they are here we have the burden of funding state services that they use. Education costs have been over a billion dollars. The healthcare costs billions of dollars. Our state is broke, [with a] \$3.5 billion deficit and we have many serious decisions to make. One is that we do not have the money to care for any who are not here legally. It has to stop.

The border can be secured. We have the technology, we have the ability to stop this invasion. We must know who is coming and they must come in an organized manner legally so that we can assimilate them into our population and protect the sovereignty of our country. We are a nation of laws. We have a responsibility to protect our citizens and to protect the integrity of our country and the government which we live under.

I would give amnesty today to many, but here is the problem: We dare not do this until the border is secure. It will do no good to forgive them because thousands will come behind them and we will be overrun to the point that there will no longer be the United States of America but a North American Union of open borders. I ask you what form of government will we live under?

How long will it be before we will be just like Mexico, Canada or any of the other Central American or South American country? We have already lost our language, everything must be printed in Spanish also. We have already lost our history; it is no longer taught in our schools. And we have lost our borders.

The leftist media has distorted what SB 1070 will do. It is not going to set up a Nazi Germany. Are you kidding? The ACLU and the leftist courts will do everything to protect those who are here illegally, but it was an effort to try and stop illegals from setting up businesses and



Sent from a conservative website: Hey everyone out there! We in Arizona know you're boycotting us, but you really should come out here and see our beautiful Sonoran Desert. It's just gorgeous right now! We know you'd love it and maybe you can share what you saw with the rest of the country so they can love it too! This is on an "illegal superhighway" from Mexico to the USA used by human smugglers. This area is located in a wash, approximately 1.5 miles long, just south of Tucson, Arizona.

It is estimated over 5,000 discarded backpacks are in this wash (plus) countless water containers, food wrappers, clothing, feces, including thousands of soiled diapers. As we kept walking down the wash, we thought for sure it was going to end, but around every corner was more and more trash! And of course the trail leading out of the wash in our city heads directly north to Tucson, then leads to your town tomorrow. Isn't Arizona just beautiful, America? Why would you boycott us?

Our desert has basically been turned into a landfill. The trash left behind by people illegally crossing our border is another environmental disaster to hit the USA. If these actions had been done in one of our Northwest Forests or seashore national parks, there would be an uprising of the American people, but this is the Arizona-Mexico border. You won't see these pictures on CNN, ABC, NBC or the *Arizona Republic* Repugnant newspaper. Nor will they mention the disease that comes from the uncovered human waste left in our desert. However, with respect to CNN, ABC & NBC, they do offer us "Special Reports" on cheating celebrity spouses.

employment, and receiving state services and to give the ability to local law enforcement when there is probable cause like a traffic stop to determine if they are here legally. Federal law is very clear: If you are here on a visa you must have your papers on you at all times. That is the law.

In Arizona all you need to show you are a legal citizen is a driver license, MVD identification card, Native American Card, or a Military ID. This is what you need to vote, get a hunting license, etc. So nothing new has been added to this law. No one is going to be stopped walking down the street etc ...

The socialists in power in D.C. are angry because we dare try and do something. They want the "transformation" to continue.

Maybe it is too late to save America. Maybe we are not worthy of freedom anymore. But as an elected official, I must try to do what I can to protect our Constitutional Republic. Living in America is not a right just because you can walk across the border. Being an American is a responsibility and it comes by respecting and upholding the Constitution, the law of our land, which says what you must do to be a citizen of this country. Freedom is not free.

YOUR OPINION

Agency turf war breaks out at the border

To the editor:

I ATTENDED a forum sponsored by the National Association of Former Border Patrol Officers in Las Cruces on May 11. Presenters reported that wilderness areas within 25 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border are being environmentally degraded by the "crime corridors" established by illegal traffic of drugs and humans. These areas of natural beauty are becoming littered with trash, dead and mutilated bodies, and "rape trees."

Congress has not acted and there seems to be a turf war going on between the U.S. Department of the Interior and the Department of Homeland Security. The DOI is charging the DHS to conduct border patrol operations in designated wilderness areas, \$10 million since 2007 and another \$50 million pledged in 2009 for

"mitigation funds" (the DOI claims the patrols cause environmental damage.)

In the meantime, nearly 115 tons of refuse due to illegal traffic was removed from Arizona wilderness areas in 2008 alone (statistics from the BLM).

I'm all for wilderness areas, but the definition of "Federally Protected Lands" needs to be expanded to include protection of American citizens from these illegal traffickers. And the DOI and DHS need to get their collective act together and start cooperating to accomplish that.

The protection Arizona hikers have now consists of warning signs like this one posted in the Coronado National Memorial in southeastern Arizona:

WARNING—Smuggling and/or illegal entry is common in this area due to the proximity of

the international border. Please be aware of your surroundings at all times and do not travel alone in remote areas. Report suspicious persons and/or activities to the National Park Service. Dial 1-800-637-9152"

Do you feel safer now?

Ellen Wedum
Cloudcroft

A border state's plea

To the editor:

MEXICAN PRESIDENT Felipe Calderon was guest of President Barack Obama this week at a gala state dinner. Earlier, in a joint appearance with Obama, he voiced his displeasure with the new Arizona immigration law, claiming it discriminates against Mexicans.

The law is basically a milder version of existing federal law,

which, among other things, makes illegal immigration or the presence of foreigners in the United States without proper documents a crime. This is nothing more or less than what countries the world over demand and enforce. The law was passed out of desperation over the unwillingness of the federal government to enforce existing law.

When a border state like Arizona in desperation and for lack of federal help passes a law that is aimed at alleviating only a small part of the problem, it gets vilified.

What is wrong with America? What is wrong with Americans who disagree with the plea of an American state bearing the brunt of an attack on American sovereignty?

Eric Erich
Nogal

Lecture hypocritical

To the editor:

I WOULD LIKE FOR someone to explain how Mexican president Felipe Calderon can lecture us about Arizona's immigration law when his own country's laws are much more Draconian.

In Arizona and the rest of the U. S., entering the country illegally constitutes a misdemeanor resulting in no harsher punishment than being deported. In Mexico, the same act is considered a felony that carries a 2-year jail term for the first offense and 10 years for a second offense.

Of course, Calderon, no doubt, was emboldened to make such outrageous criticisms by our president, who is saying much the same thing.

William L. Haralson
Alto

Lack of cell coverage a matter of national security

There ought to be a law, we sometimes say to ourselves when frustrated about something.

Once in a while, we even pass a law. Maybe not quite the appropriate law, but hey.

That's what the Arizona Legislature did recently. The law, Senate Bill 1070, gives Arizona's cops new tools for dealing with illegal immigration. Even before Gov. Jan Brewer signed SB 1070, all sorts of things hit the fan.

To its credit, Arizona quickly passed House Bill 2162, which removes "some of the most racist elements" of SB 1070, says Jose Garcia of Las Cruces, a close observer of the issue. (See <http://apoliticanewmexico.blogspot.com>.)



HAROLD MORGAN
NEW MEXICO PROGRESS

Hand-wringing about "diversity" and "profiling" came from liberals, including Lt. Gov. Diane Denish, the Democrats' presumed candidate for governor.

The hand-wringing overlooks one detail: There's a war on. This war is in Mexico, across the street from New Mexico. Arizona's new bill, ultimately, is about Mexican President Felipe Calderón's war against the drug cartels and about our government's failure (Barack Obama now, George W. Bush previously) to deal with the immigration situation across our border with Mexico.

Fear and death stalk the border. New Mexicans have been kidnapped and killed. A woman

running a store in Mesilla reports insisting that her father not go to Ciudad Juárez to buy inexpensive medicines. He went anyway, and returned, she said, with relief.

At the state level, our options are limited. One significant problem along the border-lack of cell phone coverage-can be addressed. You may wonder, this is a big deal? Both along the border and statewide, connectivity matters.

Law enforcement officials in Hidalgo County tell me they lose cell coverage about 30 miles from the border with Mexico. That means the Boot Heel area, the southwest corner of the state, has no cell coverage. The Boot Heel is roughly 60 miles wide and 30 miles north to south, about 1,500 square miles total.

Local law enforcement does have other means of communica-

tion, all limited, uncertain and expensive.

The lack of cell coverage is both a national security issue and a danger to area residents, law enforcement and emergency services personnel. The problem needs fixing. It requires some energy and some money, money that will be well spent even in this of limited time state revenue.

The Boot Heel is somewhat flat, though three mountain ranges run north to south and reach 8,000 feet. In flat country, cell towers might reach a 12-mile diameter. Let's assume towers cover 10 miles. That means 15 towers for the area. Towers in rural areas, I'm told, cost about \$500,000. The required towers would cost around \$7.5 million.

All in all and allowing for unknowns, including getting power to the cell towers, we should be able to get cell phone

access to the Boot Heel for less than the \$22.3 million price of Gov. Bill Richardson's ultimate frivolity, the long proposed (but now semi-dead) equestrian center.

With better communication, better information, Boot Heel residents will have better lives and the good guys, the cops, will have a better chance of catching the bad guys.

Information wins. Across New Mexico, the same idea applies. With more information, we will do better. But we're behind.

My columnist colleague Sherry Robinson wrote recently about New Mexico's rotten connectivity performance. She talked about high-speed Internet and cable modem access and download speeds. Getting cell phone access along the Mexican border will be part of our needed connectivity infrastructure.

Let's do it, next governor.



Brigitte Fuller of Wilson & Co. confers with County Manager Tom Stewart and Attorney Alan Morel.

Contract awarded to Deer Park project

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With the passage of a fourth in a series of resolutions, Lincoln County commissioners Tuesday awarded a contract for the Deer Park Road Improvement Assessment project and scheduled an assessment hearing for June 22.

Brigitte Fuller, operations manager for Wilson & Company, the project engineering company, recommended the award to FNF New Mexico LLC.

Four bids were received and FNF submitted the lowest base bid at \$2,534,193, "well within our budget," she said. Once all costs and fees are added, the amount will be \$3,489,804.

But the figure that will be used to establish the per lot assessment will be \$3,516,038 to cover \$26,234 owed to the county for supplies, postage and a portion of a county employee's

salary.

Commissioner Jackie Powell was assured the FNF will pay gross receipts taxes on the project in Lincoln County. She noted that many companies in error pay the taxes in their home counties.

"Wasn't there an amount (Deer Park property owners) paid up front?" Powell asked. County Manager Tom Stewart said the \$25,000 deposit will be refunded to the property owners, because all project costs will be recaptured in the assessments. The county has paid \$106,737 to Wilson and that already is included in Fuller's total, he said.

"We owe them a refund, but how they distribute the refund will be up to them," Stewart said.

The property owners previously decided to divide the cost by the 243 lots to determine the per owner cost, instead of by square footage or by road front

footage.

The 1:30 p.m., June 22 hearing will allow property owners who object to the assessment, estimated at about \$14,469 per lot, to express their opinions. The assessment could be paid over a period of years with an owner's annual property tax bill.

The improvements cover paving and drainage on multiple streets, including Deer Park Drive, Kit Fox Court and Mule Deer Court. Some design criteria was modified to reduce the price per lot.

When the project first was requested by property owners in 2008, the subdivision's total taxable value sat at \$16,287,942. The signers of petitions at that time represented \$11.8 million in taxable value, or 72 percent, which exceeded the required 66 2/3rds of the assessed property value, or \$10.859 million.

A Ruidoso News exclusive

Profiling case attracts ACLU

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The allegations of racial profiling by Ruidoso Downs police sparked a response from the American Civil Liberties Union.

In a six-page letter to City Attorney H. John Underwood, Police Chief Alfred Ortiz, and two city councilors, the managing attorney for the ACLU of New Mexico, Laura Schauer Ives, said the organization takes the matter very seriously.

"A priority for our organization is to ensure that immigrants and citizens alike can seek out the assistance of local police without fear that they will be scrutinized for immigration status," Ives wrote.

City Councilors Dean Holman and Rene Olivo told Ortiz last month that they had heard racial profiling was occurring.

While Ortiz had raised concerns about racial profiling, Ives said he failed to acknowledge the constitutional constraints on his officers to detain motorists for checking their immigration status.

"Unauthorized presence in the United States is a civil matter and illegal entry into the United States is a misdemeanor, a misdemeanor deemed completed upon entry, that obviously occurred outside of a given officer's presence.

Under New Mexico

common law, arrests can only be made for misdemeanors committed in the presence of a law enforcement officer," Ives wrote, citing case law.

Stating that the courts have limited state police to only providing information to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials that was obtained in the course of lawful investigations, she said a lawful investigation would consist of a reasonable suspicion that a felony occurred or a misdemeanor was committed in the officer's presence.

Beyond the scope

Ives added that checking for a person's legal status was beyond the scope of a minor traffic stop.

"In an effort to curb pretextual stops, our courts have carefully circumscribed *de minimis* traffic investigations to prevent law enforcement officers from using them to fish for evidence of other crimes where there is insufficient reason to detain a defendant beyond the purpose of the original detention," Ives quoted from a 2004 case.

"A stop of a motorist based on a traffic violation may lawfully involve a *de minimis* investigatory detention to permit the officer to inquire into matters reasonably related to the circumstances that initially justified the stop and also to check out

license, registration, and insurance, an no more."

Ives said it appears to be common practice in Ruidoso Downs to expand the scope of a minor traffic stop.

"And when an officer detains a suspect beyond the time necessary to conduct his or her investigation into the circumstances justifying the stop and they do not have reasonable suspicion of further criminal activity, any detention beyond the necessary time for investigation is an unlawful detention."

Complaints made

Ives said the ACLU office in Las Cruces has received complaints from families in the Ruidoso area, including from both legal and undocumented residents, that Ruidoso Downs police are asking Hispanic motorists for proof of immigration status during routine traffic stops.

Attorney Zach Cook, with the H. John Underwood LTD law firm, said his boss telephoned Ives, but didn't think the letter called for a formal response.

"He said we're taking it seriously and not blowing it off," said Cook. "We're willing to continue the conversation."

A copy of the letter was also sent to Ruidoso attorney Gary Mitchell, who is the president of the ACLU of New Mexico.

General Electric ruling expected to save 'lots of money' for treatment plant

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With a little help from General Electric, a big dollar hit was avoided at the \$36 million Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant being built east of Ruidoso Downs.

Members of the Joint Use Board that supervises the plant previously ap-

proved a \$54,657 change order they were told was necessary, because if money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was used on the project, all parts must be American-made. Waivers were obtained in some cases because the project was bid before the act, but it appeared variable frequency drives for motors at

the plant were not ARRACOMpliant. The drives are used to operate pumps as they respond to varying flow conditions.

Ruidoso Public Works Director Randall Camp delivered the good news Wednesday that GE is bringing the components to be assembled in the United States.

"To switch now would be

costly and the Environmental Protection Agency waded in and the GE drives are OK, except for one that didn't meet requirements and we're seeking an American manufacturer," he said.

"We saved lots of money on the GE ruling," he told JUB members.

Camp said the EPA is a "learn as you go" organization.

"We were chastised for not knowing the rules before EPA knew the rules," he added.

Village Attorney Dan Bryant explained that waivers were obtained for substantial components, but these devices were sub-components that were not covered. As construction proceeds, other items may be looked at, he said. "I don't expect much, but it is possible," Bryant said. "But

in terms of (a) substantial completion (deadline). We're still in good shape."

However, a small tornado that hit last week "sucked up every bit of packing material and filled the (treatment) building with dirt," Camp said. High winds that prevailed much of the past month also interfered with the use of a crane by RMCI Inc., the company handling Phase IB of plant construction.

"We'll probably get hit with weather days," he said, adding that overall the plant project is "looking good."

Camp received approval from the JUB of a request by RMCI to be paid in monthly installments of \$6,000, the amount of \$83,635 due the company for delays caused by the contractor handling Phase 1A. Usually, the total

would be paid at the end of the contract, he said.

"Their position is they've sustained the loss and the company is being punished for (the previous firm's) delay," Camp said.

JUB Member Dave Parks said the change order for the delay award already was approved by the board. He questioned why it should be a problem and noted the City of Ruidoso Downs, a partner in the treatment plant with the village, already approved an immediate payment. The village specified payment at the end of the project.

Camp said the village was allocated \$48,000 from the Phase 1A firm as an offset.

"If it doesn't hurt us and we're not losing interest money, why not?" Parks said. "It seems reasonable."

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with staff from the city of Ruidoso Downs to discuss the contested 9 percent issue before a final budget was presented for approval.

But when the regular JUB meeting began later, Member Carol Virden, Ruidoso Downs city clerk, offered a motion to approve the preliminary budget, removing the 9 percent.

"I really feel (their work) falls underneath the 7 percent for direct cost of administration," Virden said.

"Who is going to do that work then?" Ruidoso Mayor and JUB Member Ray Alborn asked to a silent room.

During the workshop, Ruidoso Village Manager Debi Lee walked members through the extensive plant-related work performed by Public Works Director Randall Camp and his assistant Lisa Sanchez. She contrasted those duties to the other routine administrative duties performed by various village employ-



Ruidoso Downs City Clerk Carol Virden, Downs Finance Director Terri Mosley and Ruidoso Deputy Manager Bill Morris at Thursday's JUB meeting.

ees for the plant and covered by a flat 7 percent administrative charge.

"If they are eliminated, what's going to happen?" Alborn pushed when he received no answer.

"Didn't we at the end of the workshop say we would

get all the finance people together later, and we would approve the preliminary budget as is?" asked Commissioner Dave Parks, a Lincoln County commissioner and the tie-breaking vote when the two towns split on motions. "The whole purpose of getting you together was to work it out."

Lee said her goal was to put together a budget reflecting actual cost of operation. The village isn't charging the JUB for the time and work of Village Clerk Irma Devine and Deputy Clerk Bertha Randolph, who attend meetings

and prepare the minutes and agendas.

"I'd argue we should put in the direct costs that are reflected in Randy's, Lisa's and Bertha's time," Lee said, adding that she thought the approach was fair and that 9 percent of the salaries for the two positions was correct. "I don't think it's fair to pick and choose which costs you want to pay for," she added.

Virden countered that her city does not charge for time put into the project by its public works director, but Plant Operator Bobby Snowden said Camp spends a significant

amount of time daily at the plant or by telephone.

JUB Chairman and Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong seconded Virden's motion as it was about to die.

Parks offered an amendment to remove the reference to the 9 percent for now to be addressed in the final budget. His amendment was seconded by Village Councilor and JUB Member Angel Shaw and passed with Virden voting against it.

Devine said because the amendment was not a "friendly amendment" and changed the intent of the

original motion, a vote also was required on the first motion. Village Attorney Dan Bryant agreed. If both motions passed, they would be at odds, he said.

The original motion failed 3-2 with Virden and Armstrong voting for it and Shaw, Parks and Alborn voting against it.

During the workshop discussion, a line item was added for the village to kick in for a repair and replacement capital fund at a rate of 15 percent of its 85 percent responsibility for operation and maintenance based on use of the plant. Virden and Mosley pointed out their city sets aside for R&R, 15 percent of its 15 percent responsibility based on use.

"It seems to me both should have a reserve," Parks agreed.

Mosley said the original agreement specified that both towns should maintain a reserve and she found a 2007 revenue report that showed the village of Ruidoso set aside 15 percent.

Virden quoted from a 1974 joint powers agreement between Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs that each town set aside money to operate and maintain the plant "with appropriate reserves."

Also on Mosley's suggestion, Lee said a bond payment for a loan on plant construction will be pulled out of operation and maintenance, "so we are not paying 15 percent of that."

To avoid future criticism by auditors, the treatment plant is being set up as a separate enterprise fund, Lee said. Auditors wanted the JUB to become autonomous with taxing authority, but officials with the towns disagreed on that course, reluctant to turn over the power.

"How does this change the criticism by the state auditor?" Virden asked. "We wanted to eliminate the village getting dinged again."

The treatment plant's operation and construction of a new \$36 million facility to meet stricter environmental requirements for discharge into the Ruidoso River fall under the village and are part of its audit.

Lee said the "criticism" is an audit finding, but according to the village's auditor the new arrangement will respond to most of the points raised.

"To become a separate Authority, everyone has to contribute up front and the village would receive an administrative fee for handling it, but we believe there is better efficiency this way," being able to tap into existing village employees.

Village Finance Director Nancy Klingman elaborated that an Authority would need a separate office and staff, and would have taxing power. Now Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs are the funding sources.

Parks said everyone decided adding another level of bureaucracy was not the way to go.

Lee said accountability is the key and as a separate enterprise fund, the treatment plant can be tracked without commingling.

Snowden reviewed each cost associated with the operation of the plant. He noted that while Lee is in an effort to cut costs wanted to eliminate a laundry service for employee uniforms, "When you work with what we do, you need to keep those clothes there for someone to pick up and launder."

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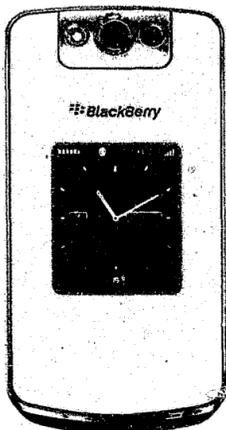
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RACINO

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"So as we've lost market share to the Travel Center, trying to get that back is hard to do. It has been that addition of a third casino into this area that has really changed the dynamics."

Hilling noted the sour economy the past couple of years has also had an impact.

An annual report from the American Gaming Association pointed to the worst recession in a generation for a consumer cut back in discretionary spending. Shrinking travel and leisure budgets led to a decline in gross gaming revenues during 2008 and

2009. "The recession impacted employment levels at racetrack casinos, as many states exhibiting decreases in gaming revenues also saw declines in employment levels," an executive summary in the annual report stated.

Last year was the first year that the racinos in the state, as a whole, posted a decline in revenue. Nationwide, racetrack casinos have registered a collective decline in each of the past two years.

Hilling said the Billy the Kid Casino is looking at marketing strategies.

"It's an attempt to try to regain market share, which is an expensive proposition," said Hilling. "It takes promotions and those types

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of deals. It's direct mailing. It's big giveaways. I think the players clubs aspect of gaming is increasing in terms of the free play that a patron can expect to get just for showing up."

Billy the Kid Casino had delivered \$3.87 million to the state in gaming taxes for calendar year 2002. Last year that fell by more than 50 percent, to \$1.91 million. And the amount paid to purses for horse racing at Ruidoso Downs went from \$3.09 million to \$1.47 million.

Racetrack casinos in New Mexico are assessed a

26 percent state gaming tax. The racinos must provide 20 percent of the net win from their slot machines for racing purses. One-quarter of one percent is for a New Mexico problem gambling program.

"The grand total statutory required payments is 46.25 percent at present," said Hilling. "That leaves 53.73 percent. That is the amount by which you try to meet your overhead, salaries, and all that kind of stuff."

Hilling said as casino revenues have dropped, the bottom line has really been

hurt because of many fixed overhead costs.

Employment at the Ruidoso Downs casino has fallen each year since the 2004 opening of the Travel Center Casino. But unlike the steep decline in revenues, Billy the Kid Casino has had a 16 percent workforce reduction over the past five years. In 2004, 166 people worked at the casino. Last year there were 140 employees.

The state's fifth racetrack casino, at Hobbs, also opened in 2004. There were 518 racino employees across New Mexico that year. In 2009, all five racinos had a combined workforce of 1,446, according to numbers from the American Gaming Association.

A poll of county resi-

dents conducted for the association earlier this year indicated that 64 percent believed casinos have a positive impact on the community. An even higher amount (69 percent) said that casinos have a positive affect on their area's tourism industry.

The nationwide poll asked the 304 people surveyed if a referendum were to be conducted in the next year, would they vote "yes" or "no" to keeping casino gaming. A sizable majority (68 percent) responded they would vote to retain casino gambling in their community. Five percent were undecided and 27 percent said they would vote "no."

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ble posting of house and business addresses, primarily for emergency services trying to locate a fire, a police or medical call.

Planning Commissioner Art Hinz said addresses will be the next big project for code enforcement.

Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris said Fire Chief Tom Gavin is pushing the need for better posting of addresses.

"So you're not just driving around looking for smoke," Hinz added.

"What's being done?" Hood pressed.

Morris said the wording in village code now is unclear as to location, size and reflectivity. "Some are posted, but you can't see them," he said. "The chief is working on language about where to put them."

He noted that Lincoln County has equipment that can stamp out addresses to be posted on stakes driven into the ground.

Contacted Thursday, County Manager Tom Stewart explained the county's program under its Geographic Information Systems Department.

"We buy at cost stakes that are about 4.5 feet high with mounting brackets and are able to stamp out highly reflective numbers," he said. "We provide them to citizens at the county's cost. In the county ordinance, they must post their addresses."

Going around a geographically large county trying to cite people is futile, he said.

"We hope pressure from neighbors work in lieu of citations," Stewart said. "I met with (Ruidoso Emergency Manager) Tom Schaffer and (Fire Chief) Tom Gavin. They came out see

"It sure helps when neighbors are all posted, because of the sequence. It's critically important."

me and asked what could be done. I said until the village makes an ordinance, nothing, and they need to make it convenient for people to do it.

"We've been at this a number of years and I think it's starting to show. It sure helps when neighbors are all posted, because of the sequence. It's critically important."

He said Mike Howard in the GIS Department primarily handles the address posting program. People can post their own addresses as long as they meet the county standards for visibility.

Hood pointed out Tuesday that many businesses also lack addresses.

"You'd think a business would want people to find them," Morris said.

Police and firefighters like an address near the front door to ensure if they put a spotlight on it, the numbers will show, he said.

"But some houses are so far back off the road, you can't see the front door," said Commissioner John Cornelius.

"That's why the county uses the stakes," Morris replied.

Commissioner Larry Wimbrow said that in some areas of the village, all you find are crude signs with arrows saying Mary and Tom live in that direction.

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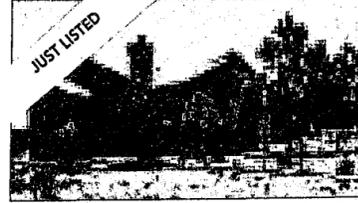
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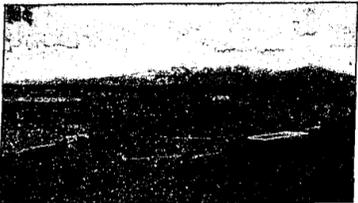
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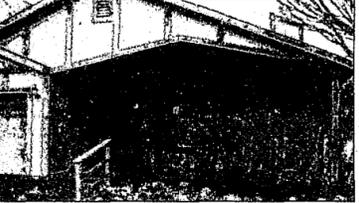
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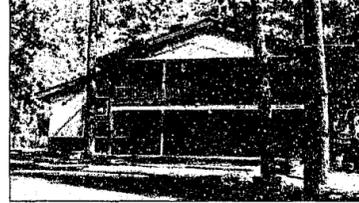
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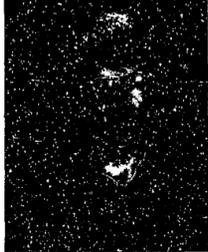
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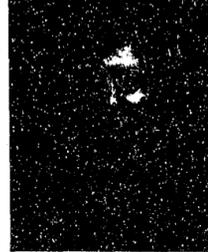
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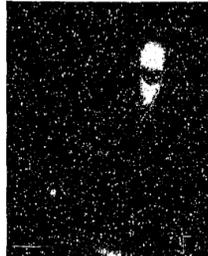
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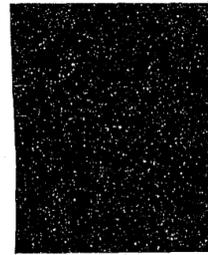
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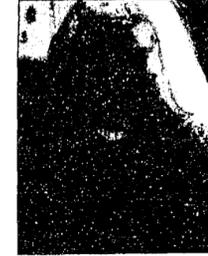
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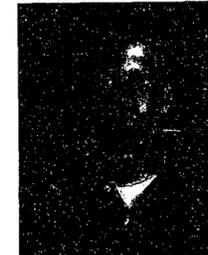
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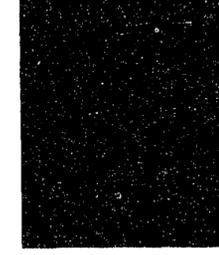
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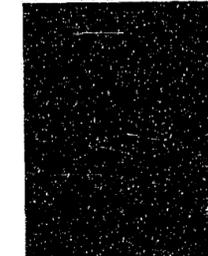
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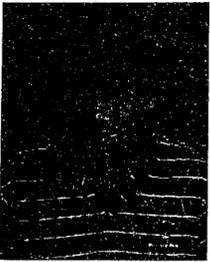
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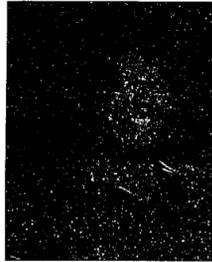
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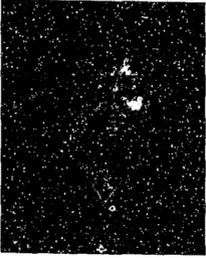
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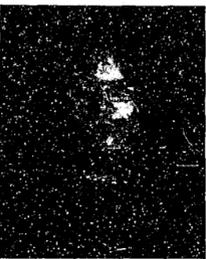
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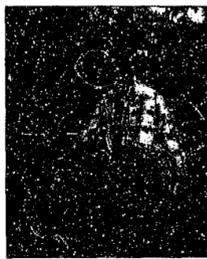
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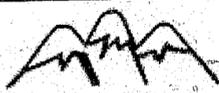
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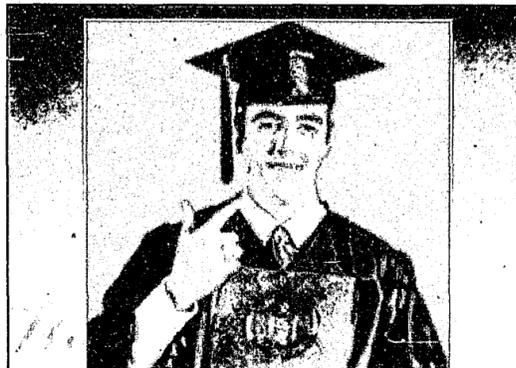
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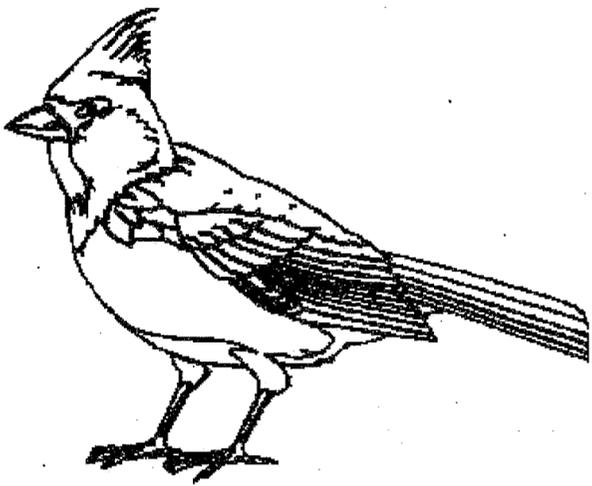
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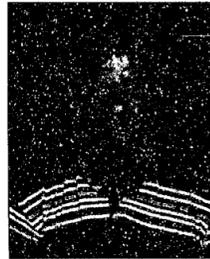
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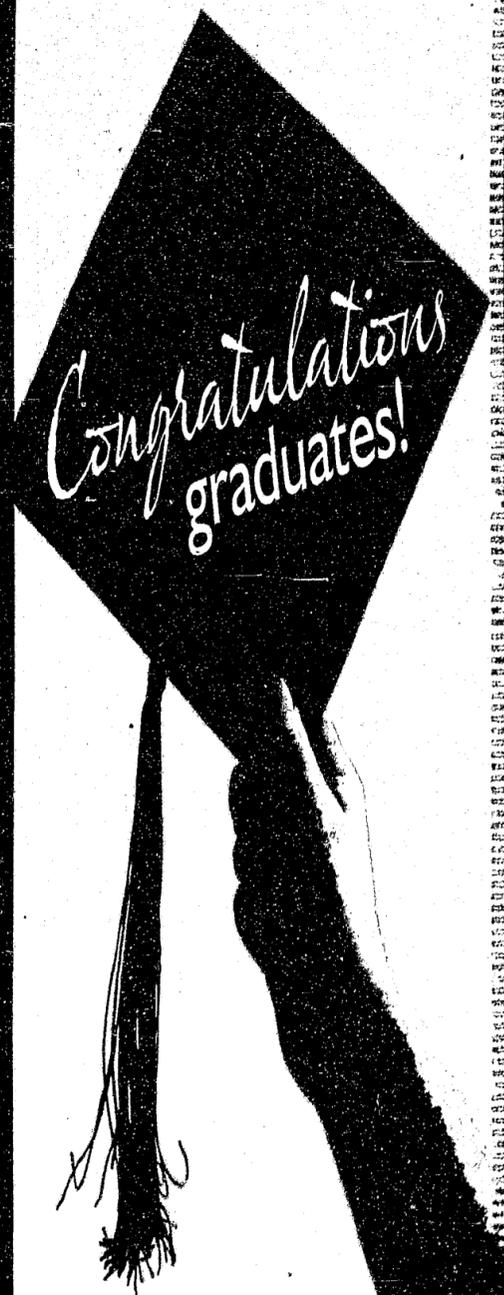
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Congratulations To The 5 Rotary Club SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!



From Left to Right: Ellen Koehler, Jacob Rigsby, Scott Thompson, Lance Garrison and Kerbi Miller

On Wednesday, the club recognized 5 deserving young men and women with a \$1,000 scholarship towards their freshman year in college. The 5 recipients are Scott Thompson, Jacob Rigsby, Kerbi Miller, Ellen Koehler and Lance Garrison. They will be attending colleges from Alamogordo to New York. The Rotary Club of Ruidoso wishes them the best of luck and the scholarship committee did a super job reviewing the 25 applications.

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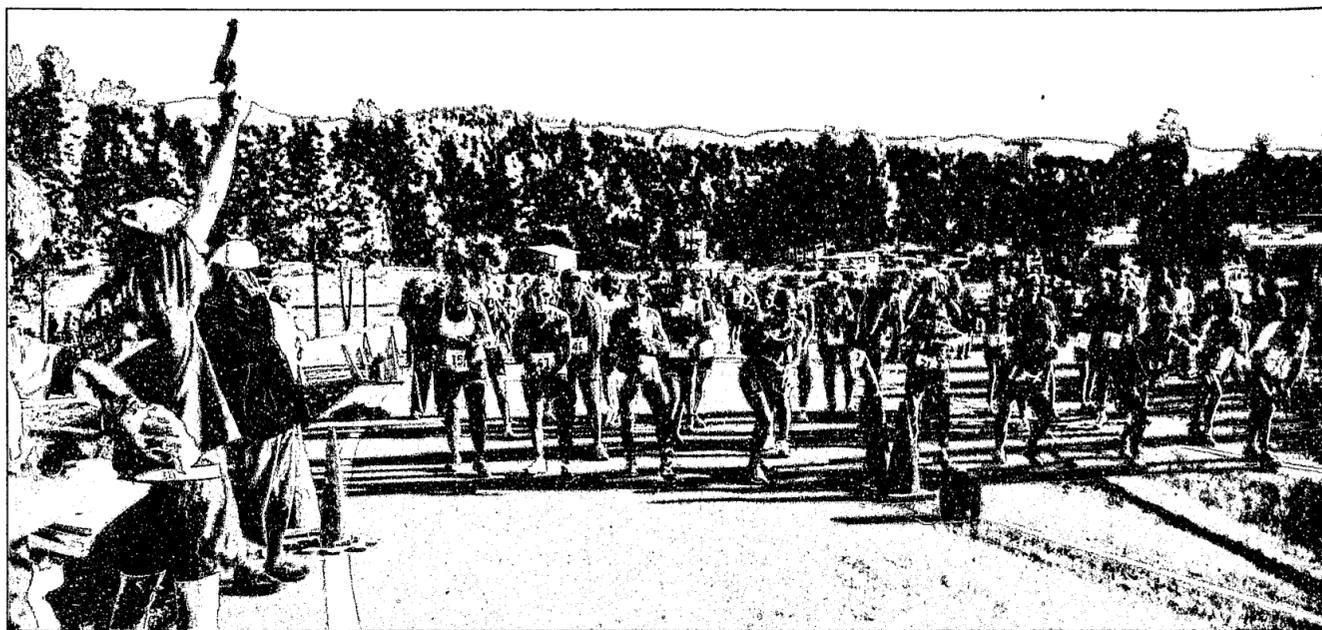
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On Deck

Monday Run/Walk/Jog
 Ruidoso Wilderness Pacers are continuing to run/walk/jog every Monday evening at 5:45 p.m. The locations change from week to week so be sure and check your schedules or call your friendly recreation coordinator, at 257-5030. It's not a race but whoever gets closest to their predicted time for either the 1-mile or the 3-mile distances gets a T-shirt with the Ruidoso Wilderness Pacers on the front. (Quite unique, don't you think?)

Ruidoso Sprint Triathlon
 The 4th Annual Ruidoso Sprint Triathlon will held Saturday, May 29, at 8 a.m. The competition will consist of a 3.5-mile run, a 10-mile bike ride and a 400-yard swim at the RAC. The start/finish is at Wingfield Park in Midtown Ruidoso. A team may be solo or relay. Volunteers are needed. There will be 12 age groups including 70-and-over. Registration must be completed by May 27, 1 p.m., at the RAC or online at active.com/RuidosoSprintTriathlon. For additional info call Frederic Moras at 937-7106 or Joe Coakley at 257-4900.

Hershey's Track Meet
 The Ruidoso Parks & Recreation Department is hosting another Hershey Track Meet to be held at the RHS track facility at 3 p.m. on June 12 to qualify more kids who weren't able to attend the May 15 track meet. Girls and boys ages 9-14 can participate in nine different running and field events if they missed the first one. Ribbons will be awarded to all participants and first and second place finishers in each event by age group will qualify for the state meet to be held in Roswell, June 26. Those attending the meet will have the opportunity to be chosen to participate in an all-expense paid trip to Hershey, PA, Aug. 7. Competitive events include 50-, 100-, 200- and 400-meter dash, 4x100-meter relay, 800-meter run, 1600-meter run, standing long jump and softball throw. Call 257-5030 for more information or down load forms from the Parks and Recreation Website, www.ruidoso-nm.gov.



HERB BRUNELL/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

State Sen. Rod Adair (R-Roswell) starts last year's Ruidoso Sprint Triathlon which included 140 participants.

Ruidoso Sprint Triathlon is set

Large participation is expected at this year's annual race

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Memorial Day weekend will offer residents and visitors alike an event-studded four days of sports, entertainment and choices for those of varying inclinations.

The Ruidoso Sprint Triathlon has become one of the premier occurrences in the village and is

anticipated by many in, and outside, the area. Saturday, May 29, will mark the fourth straight year for this well-organized race and, to that end, it grows in popularity each season.

Ruidoso's triathlon is now part of the Southwest Challenge Series, a group of over 30 duathlons and triathlons held in New Mexico and West Texas.

Athletes who participate in

Series events are awarded points according to placement in their age group and overall winners are recognized at the end of the racing season.

"Last year's race included 140 participants," Race Director Frederic Moras said. "By joining the Southwest Challenge Series we expect the Ruidoso triathlon to attract 200 to 250 competitors in this year's race."

The May 29 race will begin at 8 a.m. at Wingfield Park with a 3 1/2-mile run to a pathway around Grindstone Lake and back to the starting point where participants

will transition to bikes.

They will then cycle 10 miles past the Inn of the Mountain Gods and return to the park.

To cool off, each competitor will take a refreshing 400-yard timed swim in the Ruidoso Athletic Club's (RAC) swimming pool.

Once again, New Mexico State Sen. Rod Adair (R-Roswell) will be on hand with the starters gun to begin the proceedings.

"The three legs of the event should take the average athlete about 1 1/2-hours to complete," RAC

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Mine That Bird heads back to Kentucky

PETE HERRERA
 For SureBet Racing News

ROSWELL - Mine That Bird is going back to Churchill Downs to join the stable of Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas.

Dr. Leonard Blach, the New Mexico vet who along with Double Eagle Ranch owner Mark Allen co-owns Mine That Bird, announced Lukas would be taking over the conditioning of the gelding.

Lukas is one of the marquee names in horse racing. He has saddled four

Kentucky Derby winners, has won The Preakness five times and the Belmont four times. He's a four-time Eclipse Award winner and is the only trainer to be inducted into both the quarter horse and thoroughbred halls of fame.

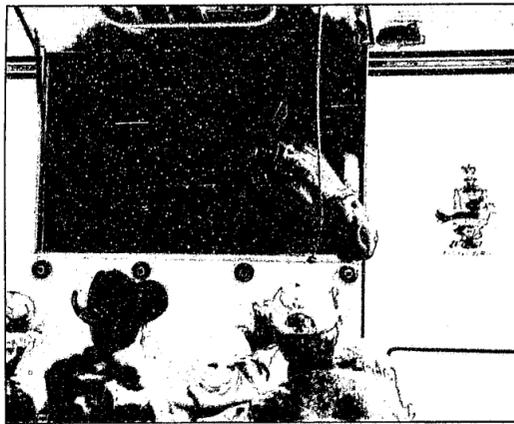
He will replace New Mexico-based trainer Bennie "Chip" Woolley, who became an overnight celebrity after Mine That Bird's 50-to-1 win in the 2009 Kentucky Derby.

"We just felt it was in the best interest of the horse to move on," Blach

said. "We haven't won a race since the Derby and we think it's time to make a change. We have no hard feelings with Chip Woolley. We appreciate what he did. He's been a great ambassador for us and we had a great year, something we may never experience again."

Blach noted that in horse racing, change is often part of the game.

"It's not unusual for owners to change trainers or trainers to change jock-



KELLY DENNINGTON/DOUBLE EAGLE RANCH MANAGER

Mine That Bird leaves Roswell for his new training facilities.

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The prolonged case of Stolis Winner ends, for now

PETE HERRERA
 For SureBet Racing News

ALBUQUERQUE - Heath Taylor had envisioned winning the All American Futurity since he was in grade school and on the eve of the race two years ago he was certain his time had come.

"I was sure he was the horse," Taylor said this week of Stolis Winner.

Taylor was right. Stolis Winner scored an impressive gate to wire victory on Sept. 1, 2008 and seemed destined to become the all-time leading money winner among quarter horses.

But within weeks of what Taylor considered the defining moment in his career, things went south for the soft-spoken trainer from Ledbetter, Texas and Stolis Winner.

Urine and blood samples

taken from Stolis Winner after the All American showed traces of caffeine in his system - a no-no under New Mexico's zero tolerance policy for banned substances.

A board of stewards in early January 2009 disqualified Stolis Winner and ordered that the purse for the \$1.9 million futurity be redistributed.

Taylor was suspended for six months and fined \$1,500.

The penalties and purse distribution order have been on hold for more than a year as Taylor appealed the board of stewards' decision.

This week a three-member panel of hearing officers heard testimony from Taylor, Stolis Winner's owner, Jerry Windham, and others.

The three hearing offi-

cers-attorneys Bob McNeill and Robert Collins and former Appeals Court Judge Joe Alarid will now submit a recommendation to the State Racing Commission.

That recommendation is expected within weeks.

Taylor's attorney, Billy

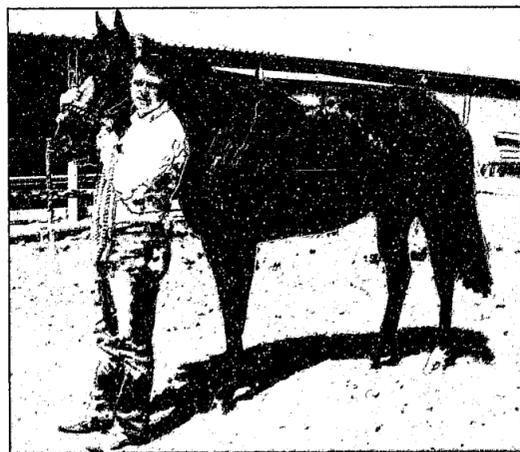
Blackburn, argued that the caffeine found in Stolis Winner was the result of environmental contamination, quite possibly from food or drink items that were present in the test barn area on the day of the big race.

Another possibility, said Blackburn and his co-counsel, Cody Kelley, was that the contamination resulted from Stolis Winner's contact with numerous hu-

mans that day.

But that wasn't Blackburn's only argument. He contends the amount of caf-

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Heath Taylor and Stolis Winner wait for a decision.

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Freshman Shin catches fire for Aggies golf team

TEDDY FEINBERG
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES — Scott Lieberwirth has big plans for Justin Shin.

Big plans. The New Mexico State Aggie golf coach looks at Shin, who won WAC Freshman of the Year in his first season with the Aggies, and believes the best is yet to come.

"I really think that he can win Player of the Year in the conference one of these years," Lieberwirth said. "Hey, I wouldn't be surprised if he's an All-American by the time he's done."

The head coach's faith

was justified two weeks ago, when Shin fired a three-day total of 213 at the Western Athletic Conference Tournament, good enough for three-under par and second on the team behind Tim Madigan's 14-under 202 performance.

As a freshman, it was the biggest stage Shin had competed on during his short college tenure. He didn't shrink from the spotlight, and was a big reason the Aggies won the WAC and will be competing today in the NCAA Regional in San Diego, Calif.

"Even as a freshman, I expect performances like that out of him," Lieberwirth said. "He is

arguably the best freshman I ever recruited. Am I surprised that he played that well? Not at all."

Last year, Lieberwirth went to a U.S. Junior Amateur in Birmingham, Ala., when he stumbled upon Shin, who was in a group with another player the NMSU head coach was recruiting.

"That's where I saw Justin play," Lieberwirth said. "Holy cow. All you had to do was watch the kid to know he was good."

Days later, Lieberwirth got an email from Shin, who was interested in playing at New Mexico State. From there, the Aggies stayed in touch with the Maple Ridge,

British Columbia native, who eventually committed to the school. Other programs interested in Shin's services were Oregon State, Oregon and Washington.

"I knew if we landed him, we'd be better instantly," Lieberwirth said. "You get wins and you get losses in recruiting. That right there was a win."

It was a slow start to the year from Shin, who has gradually gotten better as the spring season has moved along.

"In junior golf, the courses are shorter," the freshman said. "And in college, the pin placements are much harder. The setup is just different and it takes

some time getting used to."

The Aggies hope for a repeat performance from Shin, Madigan and the rest of the five-player travel team when they tee off in the Regional competition. The three-day tournament will be played at the Carlton Oaks Country Club.

The other three Aggies taking the course will be sophomore Gaston De La Torre, senior Ryan Word and freshman Justin Knauber.

"This is a good team, it's not a great team," Lieberwirth said. "For us to compete at the next level, we need all of our guys firing. We need a minimum of three guys playing good and

the other two guys playing at a reasonable level. If we get that, we'll be OK."

This marks the third-straight year NMSU has won the WAC and made it to regional play. Every season, the team has fallen short of the NCAA Championships.

"We've had a good run here," Lieberwirth said. "It's definitely made us a major player in our conference. But we want to earn respect by getting through these Regionals and into the NCAA Championships." There are six regions this year, with 13-to-14 teams competing in each. The top five teams in each region advance to the NAAs.

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owner Joe Coakley said.

Afterwards there will be music and food (provided by Can't Stop Smokin' to the athletes and volunteers) at Wingfield Park.

Competitors may enter individually or in teams. Solo entrants are classified in age groups at 19-and-under, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69 and 70-

and-over.

Woman over 150-pounds may enter in the "Athena" division while men over 200-pounds could choose to register in the "Clydesdale" category.

The entrance fee for these three classifications is \$55 through May 27 except the 19-and-under group which is \$25.

The fee for a relay team of two or three participants (male, female, coed, family) is \$85 through the same closing date.

In order to provide a

safer and better organized triathlon, Moras attended a 16-hour course last March in Tucson to become a certified USA Triathlon race director, making him one of only four certified directors in New Mexico.

The training was recommended to Moras by local triathlete and USA Triathlon (USAT) coach Sarah Crewe.

"She told me I would learn a lot and she was right," Moras said. "Eventually, we may want the Ruidoso event to be

sanctioned by USAT, which will increase our credibility with elite athletes.

Even though we're not a sanctioned event, we are applying many of their safety and management requirements to our race."

To help ensure a safe event, several streets — Spring, Grindstone Canyon and Carrizo Canyon — will be partially closed the morning of the race, pending approval by the village.

So far, registrations have come as far away as Alpine, Texas and Santa

Fe.

"We are proud to have a local team registered with an average age of 70 years young," Moras said.

To keep a local flavor to the event awards for first, second and third male and female overall winners will receive pottery mementos made by Tim Wierville from White Mountain Pottery.

Funds collected by the fourth Annual Ruidoso Sprint Triathlon will be donated to the Ruidoso Trails Coalition Fund, a local effort sponsoring an

eventual network of mountain bike trails in the area.

Registration forms for the triathlon are available at the Ruidoso Athletic Club (257-4900, 937-7106), 415 Wingfield St., online at active.com or ruidosoathleticclub.com.

Athletes may pick up their packets on Friday, May 28, 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. There will be no race day registrations.

Hat Tip: To Frederic Moras who contributed greatly to this article.

BIRD

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eyes," Blach said. "Seattle Slew changed trainers and Gato Del Sol (1982 Kentucky Derby winner) changed trainers after the Derby."

A case in point: Bob Baffert changed jockeys after this year's Kentucky Derby favorite, Lookin At Lucky, finished out of the money. Baffert replaced Garrett Gomez, one of the nation's top riders, with little-known Martin Garcia in the Preakness.

"It's pretty tough to have one like that taken away," Woolley told The Daily Racing Form of the change in trainers. "I guess I should be grateful for the opportunity to train him and win the Derby."

Lukas and Blach have a long history as friends. It started when Lukas was

training quarter horses at Ruidoso Downs in the '70s and has endured through the years.

"He's a Hall of Fame trainer and we don't think we could do any better," said Blach. "He's one of our kind. He sports a cowboy hat pretty well. We told him we wanted someone we could communicate with every day and he told us, 'you will get more information from me than you want.' We felt it was going to be a perfect fit."

Mine That Bird finished second in The Preakness behind the undefeated filly Rachel Alexandra and third in The Belmont behind Summer Bird. Mine That Bird went on to finish third at the West Virginia Derby, out of the money in the Goodwood at Santa Anita and ninth in the Breeders Cup Classic.

Mine That Bird was turned out over the winter. Blach and Double Eagle Ranch manager Kelly

Dennington say the extended rest was just what the gelding needed.

"He's in as good a shape now as he was last year when he went to the Derby," said Blach. "He's back to his old self. It took some time to get there."

Dennington said if horses can smile, Mine That Bird looks like he's wearing one these days.

"The best thing we've noticed is how his mind is. He's training so well, He's relaxed and happy. You can tell his demeanor and his attitude are so much better than toward the end of last year. You can tell he's a happy horse. He's loving his job again."

In retrospect, say Blach and Dennington, Mine That Bird probably should have been rested after the Belmont or West Virginia.

"He came back awfully tired from the Breeders Cup," said Blach. "It was a long year. He traveled over

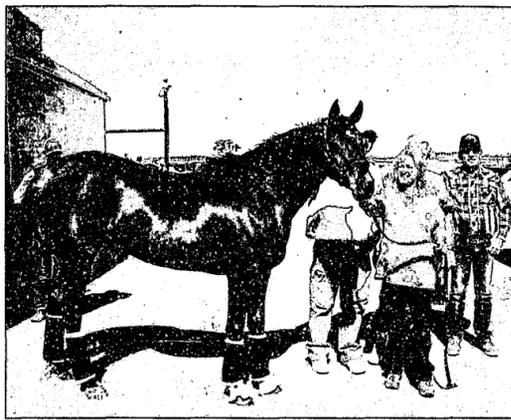
8,000 miles last year by plane and trailer."

How soon Mine That Bird will return to competition will be up to Lukas. The gelding was expected to arrive in Kentucky late Thursday and Blach said he needs 45 to 60 days of training. Blach said they're hoping to get Mine That Bird a race at Churchill before the meet closes early in July, but if not, he'll likely run at Belmont or Saratoga.

"Our main objective is to get him ready for the Breeders Cup at Churchill in November," Blach said.

Blach, who owns the Buena Suerta Equine Center in Roswell, N.M., said Mine That Bird is fully recovered from a throat problem for which he underwent surgery last summer and from a "flake" in his right ankle.

"I think he can run until he's seven, eight or nine years old," said Blach. "If we manage him right and don't



KELLY DENNINGTON/DOUBLE EAGLE RANCH MANAGER

The 2009 Kentucky Derby winner prepares to leave Roswell.

drive him too hard, he's good for several years yet."

If not, there's always Hollywood.

Blach says there's a good chance Mine That Bird's story will be told in a movie. All of the details haven't been worked out yet, but filming could begin as early as this summer.

So who would play

Blach? Kris Kristofferson has been mentioned.

"I don't think we look alike, but we do have about the same attitude," said Blach.

If the movie is a go, jockey Calvin Borel would play himself. And what about the leading role? It's a no brainer. Mine That Bird of course.

STOLIS

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feine found-just over 84 nanograms per milliliter of urine-was insignificant.

He called on the state chemist from Louisiana and a Michigan State professor and specialist in equine physiology to corroborate.

Dr. Brian Nielsen of Michigan State and Dr. Steven Barker, head of the LSU lab, said the amount of caffeine detected could not have enhanced Stolis Winner's performance.

They said the amount of caffeine in Stolis Winner was the equivalent of a tablespoon of coffee.

Both also were critical of the zero tolerance policy in place in New Mexico.

They said testing techniques and the equipment used have become so sophisticated and sensitive that it's virtually impossible not to come up with a positive.

They said that's why many states have adopted threshold levels for substances such as caffeine and cocaine.

Anything over the threshold number is a positive,

anything below is not.

Assistant Attorney General Scott Fuqua is representing the Racing Commission and defending the decision by the Board of Stewards.

Fuqua didn't call any witnesses and his target point is that New Mexico has a zero tolerance policy when it comes to banned substances and that it doesn't matter how the caffeine ended up Stolis Winner.

"Mitigating circumstances are not a backdoor way of getting around the

zero tolerance regulation," Fuqua said.

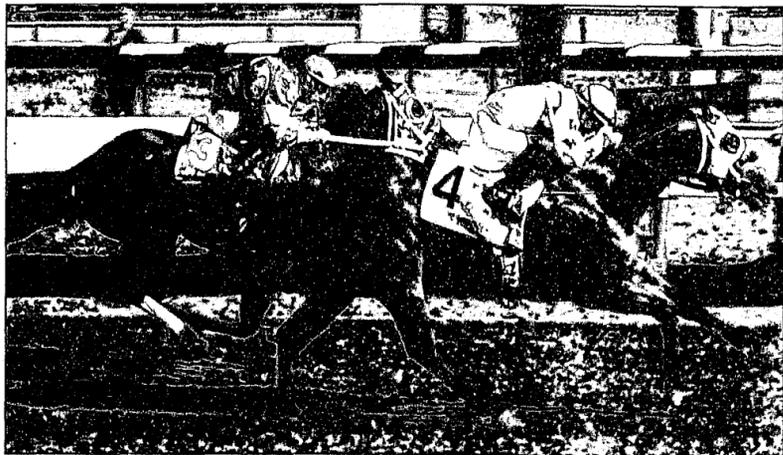
Caught in the crossfire is Taylor, who says he started some 5,600 horses from 1994 until All American Day 2008 and never had a positive test for a banned substance.

He estimates he has started another 400 horses since then without a problem.

But that has done little to erase the cloud that continues to hang over what was supposed to be his best day ever at the track.

"I told my dad when I was nine years old that someday I was going to win the All American," said Taylor. "It's what drives you. It's the race our industry is built around."

Editor's Note: Pete Herrera is a former AP sportswriter and now freelance journalist who covered sports and news for 39 years. His credits include four Summer Olympics and coverage of 40 All American Futurities from 1968 to 2008.



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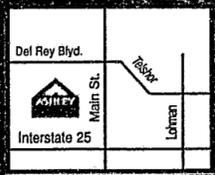
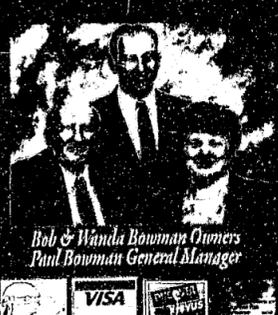
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God speaks to us through the wind

I have never heard of the "ides of May," but we have them. "The wind blows where ever it pleases." John 3:8

Jesus is referring to the Holy Spirit and uses the wind as a teaching tool. That is one of the ways that Jesus teaches ... by parables.

A parable is an earthly story that illustrates a heavenly truth.

The men of Jesus' day had no meteorologist to tell them which way the wind would blow, what the prospects were for rain, or the range of temperature. People in those days had no idea of what made the wind blow. So, He used the earthly example of the wind to compare to the spiritual circumstance of the Holy Spirit.

No more than we have the ability to tell the weather what to do, can we tell the Holy Spirit what to do. But, we do know that the Holy Spirit is the author of the Word of God.

Being true to Himself, the Holy Spirit operates in complete

congruence with the God's Word. That means that we can be predictors of God, because we know what He says in His Word. He does not lie.

We can depend on what He says. We can trust Him.

Many folks do not read His Word, so they cannot anticipate what He would like to do for them.

Trust, faith, belief in Him is the key. After all, He trusts us with the earth, mates, children, friends, talents, and His love.

I had a couple in my church, who, years ago, took me to task because I said that God trusted us, first. And He did.

He loved us first. And our proper response to His love is to love Him back. Jesus said that we are to love God with all that we are. He loves us in spite of ourselves. It is our choice to receive His love or to reject it.

He has trusted us with so much. And our proper response to Him, is to trust Him. But that is our choice trust to Him or not.

He does not force His love on us, and neither does force us to trust Him.

In reality, God is so predictable. He does just what He says. Some folks deny the existence of God. Or, they think that they are smarter than God. Or, they are just rebellious and do not want to live in love, faith, and obedience to Him.

They miss out on the greatest opportunity in the world ... loving God, trusting God, and having a relationship with Him. Without those, we have no help for today and hope for tomorrow.

Leaving it behind

What is your heritage? What are you going to leave behind when you are gone?

Is your heritage going to be houses and lands or bank balances and annuities or a good reputation and good will.

I remember when a rich, old oilman who was a member of FBC Dallas passed away, a deacon sidled up to the pastor, W.A. Criswell, and asked, "How much did he leave?" Criswell said, "Everything!"

There is a Gospel song has

words saying, "It's not what you take with you, it's what you leave behind."

But, the Bible plainly states that one can lay up for himself treasures in heaven. In this day and age, good thoughts, good words, and good deeds are really treasures. They may not be worth much on today's market. But, they have great value in God's sight.

What kind of words will be spoken at your funeral? Will there be thoughts and words of thankfulness and appreciation in the minds and on the voices of those who attend? Or will any one attend?

The things we do and say have consequences for the here and now and for the hereafter as well.

No, I am not being morbid. I want everyone to realize that there are eternal consequences to our words and deeds as we live on the earth.

When we are gone to our spiritual reward, it will be too late to make any changes or amends.

We make our choices here in this life and then we have to live with the results.

My grandson Chuck, and his wife, Ginger, have a two-year-old daughter, Ruby. They make it plain to her that if she chooses to do certain things, she will be choosing time out or even a spanking.

They are so wise to help Ruby understand that choices have results and sometimes the results are not comfortable.

God speaks to our hearts and tells us that if we choose to do certain things, there will be results that are not comfortable. Chuck and Ginger are good parents and use the Bible and its teachings to raise their children.

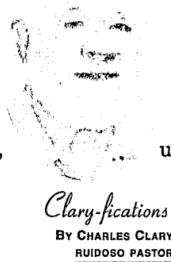
Their children will grow up knowing that good choices result in good results and bad choices result in difficulties and defeat.

I wish that I had used that wisdom when we were raising our girls.

The proverbial definition of insanity is this ... doing things the same way over and over again and expecting different results.

Good choices lead to good results.

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



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RUIDOSO PASTOR

The 'why' of serious illness

Q. My grown son has just been operated on for a serious medical condition. He's depressed and in pain and he keeps asking me, "Why?" Do you have any answers?

-Anonymous

A. The French existential philosopher Gabriel Marcel in his book *The Mystery of Being* makes an important distinction that has helped me and I hope will help your son.

Marcel correctly believed that all human questions are of two types: problems and mysteries.

A problem is a question about something external to us. Something we can lay siege to and solve. Once solved, a problem disappears and is never a problem again.

The second type of question is a mystery. Marcel wrote, "A mystery is not something we constitute, but something within which we ourselves are constituted." A mystery implicates us, involves us, while a problem does not. Problems have solutions, but mysteries have only responses.

Mysteries cannot be solved because they depend upon our own prior beliefs. They are the eternal questions about the human condition and so transcend time.

To put this plainly, your son's question is a mystery, not a problem.

The cause of his disease is, of course, a problem. It's a complex problem but it is just a problem. I pray with you that his doctors will have the wisdom to solve that problem and heal your son.

However, his question about why this is happening to him is a full-blown mystery. There is no, exter-

nal answer that can make his question go away. He must dig deep into his soul and discover what he believes about God and God's providence (the mystery of how God treats us).

I've seen the agony of your son's mysterious question before. It occurs because of a powerful misconception about why bad things happen to people.

For some reason, I don't fully understand, many of us latch onto the mistaken and theologically unfounded belief

that somehow our births came with a guarantee from God that if we followed God's commandments and loved God, we'd be rewarded with a long and healthy life free of all danger and bumps in the road.

Your son's question stems from this belief. I would urge him to prayerfully reflect on why and how he came to believe this.

I do not believe that God guarantees us a happy, healthy life. I do not believe God afflicts only the wicked. I do not believe that the good things we do are like deposits in a heavenly bank account and that we get to withdraw healing, wealth, or other blessings

when we want them or need them.

I do believe that the good we do is its own reward and leads to a happiness that can't be achieved in any other way. Also, no religion I know of teaches this.

Biblical Judaism came close to teaching it, but it was radically revised and transformed by the rabbis who came after the Bible. Their teachings, and the teachings of the early Christians who learned from the rabbis, created a belief in heaven (The World to Come) that expanded the theological parameters of God's providence. They also taught us to accept the divinely-revealed fact that "the world runs according to its own laws."

Those laws include disease and the many and varied reasons for disease, some self-inflicted, some the result of environmental or genetic causes, some just the result of bad luck. The point is, your son's illness is not a punishment from God. What it is and what it means depend on your son's beliefs, and that is why it's a mystery.

I would urge your son to respond to his illness as a challenge to keep his hope alive even in the face of his fears. The ancient stoics taught that our lives are like a dog running before an ox cart on a narrow, enclosed street. If the dog chooses to stop running, he will be crushed by the ox

cart, but if he pretends he's leading the cart and not fleeing from it, he can keep his spirits up without actually changing his condition.

Your son is leading his life. He's not a victim of the disease that has threatened his life. With God's help, he's still in charge. He's leading the cart.

I once prayed with a very ill cancer patient who was able to stay positive to the end of her life. At one point, sitting at her bedside, after our prayers, I asked her how she'd maintained such a positive outlook in the face of her illness. I told her I considered it a great and remote human possibility.

"All my life, I tried to be the best of the best," she replied. "Now, I'm just trying to be the best of the worst." This was one of the greatest responses to the mystery of illness I'd ever been privileged to hear. I pray that your son will also reach deep down into his loving and hopeful soul and discover that his illness is not a betrayal by God.

This is a time when all the little problems of his life can be finally revealed to be unimportant and the great blessings of his life revealed as the source of his strength and, I pray, his eventual healing.

May the mystery of your love nurture the mystery of his hope. God bless you both.



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Donald (Don) Robertson

Donald (Don) Robertson passed away Saturday, May 15, 2010. He was born June 25, 1935 in Lakeview, Texas to LB and Irene Robertson.

Don was raised in Ruidoso, New Mexico, and in Lakeview, Texas. After graduating high school, Don began his career as a plumber which he continued throughout his life.

He met and married Teresa Cruz and they were united in marriage on April 16, 1956 in Alamogordo, New Mexico. Don loved his friends but truly expressed great love for his children.

He was preceded death by his father, LB Robertson.

Don survived by his beloved wife, Teresa; two daughters, Rita and husband Mike Duncan; Regina and Husband Eddy Neal; and one son, Max Cruz; six grandchildren: Cody Robertson, Misty Mitchell, Memory Duncan, Michael Duncan, Charlotte Elliot, and Chaney Vines; and twelve great grandchildren. He is also survived by his mother Irene Smith of Clinton, OK; brother, Carl Green of Kansas; and numerous cousins.

The family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home, Monday, May 17, 2010 between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 1:00 P.M., Tuesday May 18, 2010 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Wayman Swopes officiating. Internment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702.



Virginia Brooks Messick died May 12th 2010 in Ruidoso, New Mexico. She was preceded in death by her parents William and Lucile Brooks of Lake Jackson, Texas. She is survived by her husband Bob G. Messick of Ruidoso and her sisters Cille Emery, of Los Altos, California and Sarah Osgood Brooks of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Virginia is a graduate with degrees from both Rice University and University of Houston. She was a chemist for the Dow Chemical company of Freeport, Texas with patents to her credit while employed there. She worked at Dow from 1960 to 1986 when she moved with her husband to Ruidoso. In Ruidoso she was employed by the United States Forest Service from 1986 to her death.

At Smoky Bear Ranger Station in Ruidoso she was much respected for her computer skills, and her cartography work. A memorial service at Smoky Bear Ranger Station may be announced later. No other local services are planned. Internment will be May 22nd in Azleland Cemetary, the Messick family plot near Azle, Tx.

Richard Lee (Red) Spencer

Richard Lee (Red) Spencer passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, May 17th. He was born in Concordia, Kansas on July 17th, 1947. He is survived by his mother, Blanche Love, of Ruidoso, his father W.O. Spencer and wife Yvonne of Del Rio, TX, a brother, Weldon and his wife Jane of Alto and a brother Don of Carrizozo, Also, several step-sisters and brothers and nieces and nephews.

Richard graduated from high school in Plains, TX and from North Texas State University in Denton, Texas, where he was a linebacker on the football team.

He served his country honorably in Vietnam and was very active in the POW/MIA Association and was also a member of The Last Patrol. He was always actively involved in helping disabled veterans wherever he went.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, May 25th at LaGrone Funeral Chapel at 1:30 p.m. Internment will follow at Ft. Stanton with military honors.

Richard was a quiet, gentle soul who will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

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LINCOLN COUNTY

Valle del Sol Golf Course ready to roll

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The greens are ready and 30 new carts are ready to roll at Valle del Sol Golf Course in Carrizozo.

To introduce a season of great golfing at the nine-hole facility, the first 20 golfers to call the course and mention this article in the *Ruidoso News* will get 18-holes of golf with a cart on Saturday, May 22, for half-price. (Regular weekend price for 18 holes with cart is \$29.95) Call 575-648-2770 for a tee time.

Quality Golf Management took over the facility in April after the town trustees approved the contract transfer from New Mexico Land and Ranches, the developer of Valle del Sol.

The change brought a proactive and innovative management team to kick off the 2010 golfing season at Valle del Sol.

Dan Garner, president of QGM is "in residence" at the course indefinitely to oversee the day-to-day operations of both the course and the club house.

Offering a season pass special of \$995 for a single

that is good until Dec. 31, 2011 (18 months for the price of 12) is just one of the "out-of-the-box" moves Garner is making.

A family season pass (up to four people) is \$1,495 and a junior (under 18)-senior (over 50) pass is \$895. Each offer is limited to 10 passes.

A Memorial Day Scramble is slated for May 31, for \$75 per person that includes four free passes for future use and a grilled steak lunch after the round along with other prizes. It is limited to 10 paid teams.

The 10th Hole Snack Bar is open seven days a week with hours 8 a.m. until dark on Monday through Friday, and 7 a.m. until dark on Saturday and Sunday.

With a menu similar to what was served last season (burgers, hot dogs, sandwiches, salads and soups), the restaurant is also offering two breakfast options for the early birds.

Check inside the clubhouse for an offer for a "free round of golf with a cart" simply by providing a valid email address.

A new driving range will be open soon, giving golfers

some wide-open spaces to practice their skills with a bucket of balls and the distant horizon for an audience.

A website for VdS Golf is scheduled for completion by the end of the month.

The launching of www.valledelsolgolf.com will give golfers access to reserving tee times online as well as keeping up with special offers, discounts and new events.

Garner has more than 20 years of experience in the golf and hospitality industry. He joined the PGA of America as an apprentice in the '80s and working his way through the program, he became a member in 1995.

He has seen the golf and hospitality business from all sides - from his professional playing to managing golf facilities to owning restaurants and hotels.

Helping to get VdS Golf off to a running start is Alina Acebo, CEO of Quality Golf Management, also with more than 20 years of experience in the corporate and golf apparel industry.

She is president of her own apparel marketing company, Chi Marketing



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Valle del Sol Golf is now in the able hands of PGA professional Dan Garner, left, president of Quality Golf Management, the company that signed for the responsibility of the course in April. Alina Acebo is the CEO of the company and brings the money, marketing and apparel promotion to the business. Garner is onsite daily and excited at the prospects Valle del Sol has to offer both in golfing and atmosphere.

Group. Her strong background in manufacturing, marketing and merchandising provides positive incentive to the profit needs of retail operations.

The Garner/Acebo duo have plans in the works for a junior golf program to get

the youth of the community involved as well as a number of ideas for special events and community involvement events.

There are currently 12 employees on staff at VdS Golf with more to come as the season gets into full

swing. Valle del Sol Golf plans to host a grand opening soon, but in the meantime, grab your clubs and enjoy the vistas from the desert floor.

A *Ruidoso News* Exclusive

Sharp knives and whittle wisdom

Long ago, the silver screen warped the image of the cowboy in the minds of the general public. Western wear catalogs and country music singers haven't helped much with the real picture of the cowboy.

No, Virginia, cowboys don't dress like Buffalo Bill.

In lives dictated by work, wind and weather, not necessarily in that order, function trumps fashion every time.

Cowboys and their female counterparts dress to get the work done and wear as many of the necessary tools of the trade as possible.

One of those necessary tools is a knife. These are used daily to cut hay strings, change the minds and attitudes of bulls, cut the rattles off a dead snake, perform tack repairs and traditionally, give the fingernails a trim.

For decades, the pocket knife, sleek in form, was transported by simply slipping it into a front jean pocket for safekeeping.

As it became more of a tool than just a blade for cutting, knives were worn in a scabbard or sheath in a surprising variety of places: attached to the belt, vertical above their back pocket, horizontally on the belt, in a cross draw position in the front or simply in the pocket of their leggings.

Scabbards can be a personal fashion statement. Often adept at leather work, rawhide stitching, knot tying and tooling, cowboys' workday knives are usually cased in sturdy proof of their skill.

Their Sunday-go-to-meeting knife scabbards may even have tooling to match their saddles and gear.

Knives come in a variety of personal choice brands. We're not talking Swiss Army here - these knives are as practical as the cowboys who wear them.

You see everything from working knives to seasonal hunting knives to the finest Damascus steel, fancy inlaid-hand-

dled knife for church.

Special folding knives made popular by the ropers come with a clip to hold them in a back pocket for quick access in the case of a tangled endgame.

Sometimes it is necessary to cut a perfectly good rope to save the life of a roper or the leg of a horse.

Panhandle punchers who receive load after load of 400-weight steers and bulls swear that in Louisiana knives are used exclusively for peeling pecans because 99 percent of the male cattle that come from that area are still bulls.

"Steer" is apparently not a Cajun word.

Ranch cowboys are forever using their knives at cattle working time and a measure of pride is taken in just how sharp their knife is, frequently drawing blood just to prove the point as they lightly graze it across their forearm shaving a few hairs as it goes.

However, clean and sanitary is optional. It's not unusual for cowboys to castrate calves all morning and use the same knife to cut their meat at the meal afterward.

Careful ranch wives make sure there is a clean knife strategically placed by the cake plate.

Not often thought of but definitely one historical use of a knife is in horse trading.

Many traders whittle during the often lengthy discussions involved in the bartering.

I'm told that if the trade is going the trader's way, his knife will pull the whittle toward him.

If the trade is going the other way, slivers are driven off the piece of wood toward the buyer.

That's a good point to know. Probably Buffalo Bill was the first to establish that principle.

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Cowgirl Sass & Savvy
BY JULIE CARTER

Montes wins Ford scholarship and the time-honored DeKalb Award

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Haley Montes has long been an exemplary student at Capitan High School and she is making her exit with her graduating class of 2010 in the same fashion.

Montes was recently bestowed with a \$1,000 Built Ford tough FFA Scholarship as announced by Ruidoso Ford-Lincoln-Mercury.

The scholarship was awarded to her at the April 28, Capitan FFA Award Banquet with notification hot off the presses that same day.

Haley, the daughter of Thomas and Renee Montes, of Hondo, plans to study Agriculture Education at New Mexico State University. She follows in the footsteps of her older siblings, Codi and Chase, also Capitan graduates and currently agriculture educators in Hagerman and Tularosa, respectively.

The scholarship is one of 457 scholarships awarded by Ford to FFA members who are high school seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 2010, as well as current collegiate students.

Ford Motor Company has supported the National FFA Foundation since the first F-series truck was introduced in 1948 and has sponsored the Built Ford



Tough collegiate scholarship program since 1997, awarding more than \$6 million to more than 6,056 FFA members throughout the country.

DEKALB Award

The DEKALB Agricultural Accomplishment Award is a symbol for excellence and the school's highest agricultural honor.

Celebrating its 63rd anniversary, DEKALB has recognized high school students in 49 of the 50 states and nearly 2,000 students in 2009.

As the winner of the 2010 award, Haley Montes' name will be recorded on a permanent plaque displayed at Capitan High School.

Monsanto, a long-time

sponsor of agriculture education, FFA, 4-H and other farm youth organizations and initiatives, sponsors the DEKALB Agricultural Accomplishment Award.

Montes received the award for excellence in academics, leadership and agricultural work experience.

Her significant experiences and accomplishments have included beef, swine and equine production; serving as a local, district and state FFA officer and securing titles as the Lincoln County Fair Queen and the Eastern New Mexico State Fair Queen.

Todd Proctor is Montes' agricultural education instructor at Capitan High School.

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'Zozo daycare expansion proceeds without state funding

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Rocking Horse Daycare, owned by Daniel and J.Lane Zamora received Carrizozo P&Z and council approval to proceed with placing a manufactured building for expansion of the facility.

More than \$250,000 in funding promised to Rocking Horse by the state for construction of a classroom was recalled when the governor began cutting funding in an attempt to lower the deficit in the state budget. The Zamoras decided to pursue private funding to place a portable classroom on the property that had already been "site prepared" for the construction.

The expansion will allow for Rocking Horse a capacity increase to 35 children, which includes the PreK school program. Rocking Horse currently has four employees and will expand to six when the classroom is in place and numbers increase. Ultimately, they hope to expand their day-



WALTER HILL, JR., CARRIZOSO VOLUNTEER FIRE CHIEF

care services to include nights and weekends to accommodate the workforce that needs that option.

Carrizozo trustees started off their May council meeting with two topics of discussion that will land on the June agenda for further clarification.

Barbara Culler asked the status of the town having an animal control offi-

cer. "The state statute says the town 'shall' have an animal control officer. Shall, not 'may' and so I wondered if you (Mayor Mike Petty) have had a chance to look at that." Petty said he had not but would before the next meeting.

The water quality report required by the state and delivered by mail to all residents of Carrizozo was

questioned by Rose Kratochvil on behalf of herself and other people she said that also had questions.

Kratochvil was told the water was tested by the state agency that also provides the water quality data. Carrizozo's water superintendent Eric Lopez will be at the next meeting to address the questions about the water and the report.

Before approving the minutes of the April 12 meeting, it was noted by Mayor Petty that the Park Policy had not been completed for lack of time to work on it so it was not on the agenda for the May meeting. Although a vote was taken in the April meeting to implement a park policy, it is not yet in its final form.

The April activity report from the Carrizozo Police Department showed 57 calls were made by officers and 60 citations were issued, of which 55 were for traffic violations. Fourteen cases were logged, five arrests made (one felony

and four misdemeanors).

The Carrizozo Municipal Court report indicated 10 trials were held in April, 65 citations docketed and one bench warrant issued. Disbursements to the town totaled \$3,262.83.

A \$1,900 Hubbard Grant to the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce has been put to use on specific repairs at the Caboose Visitor Center. A new door and windows is first in line and if any funding is left over, the purchase of a timer for the lights at the caboose will be purchased.

The P&Z recommendation for approval was accepted by the council for William and Lori Wetzel to place a manufactured home on property in the Harkey Brothers and McDonald addition.

Walter Hill, Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department chief reported that in recent weeks the department had responded to 12 emergencies. They included three grass fires, five vehicle accidents, three RV/home fires and one

recent fire that consumed old cars and a structure at Monte Vista Auto.

Hill outline the departments participation in an upcoming Civil Air Patrol training to take place in the area including a mock training for a downed aircraft and use of cell phone GPS to locate a "lost hunter."

The purchase of four new air packs was approved with the low bid coming from Artesia Fire Equipment for \$4,998 each. Hill said the department has the money in their budget and the purchase came as a recommendation from the State Fire Marshall as part of their ISO inspection.

In other business:

- introduced Yvonne Lucero, who, as part of her Masters program, will research and locate grants for the Town of Carrizozo;

- May 22, 8 a.m. until noon is the town cleanup for trash, white goods, and e-waste; Carrizozo Swimming Pool is scheduled to open June 2.

NRCS New Mexico offers second chance to sign up for CSP assistance

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that landowners nationwide are invited to apply for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). The CSP is a voluntary conservation program that encourages producers

to address resource concerns in a comprehensive manner by:

- installing and adopting additional activities, such as wildlife-friendly watering troughs; and
- improving and maintaining existing activities such as irrigation systems

and grazing management

CSP in New Mexico is available on Tribal, private agricultural lands, and non-industrial private forest land.

The program provides equitable access to all producers, regardless of operation size, crops produced, or

geographic location.

The first signup - 96 farmers and ranchers in New Mexico - enrolled 904,462 acres.

"The 2008 Farm Bill provided the first opportunity for producers to participate in July 2009. "CSP is a continuous sign up, with the second CSP cutoff scheduled for June 11, 2010," said Branch.

Through CSP, NRCS will provide annual payments to eligible producers

to conserve and enhance soil, water, air, and related natural resources on their land.

Eligible lands include cropland, pastureland, rangeland and nonindustrial private forest lands.

The entire private land operation must be enrolled and must be under the applicant's control for the term of the proposed contract.

Eligible producers may submit an application to

enroll eligible land in CSP on a continuous basis.

Producers are encouraged to apply now for CSP to ensure their applications will be considered during the next funding and ranking period.

For more information on the CSP sign-up and criteria, visit the NRCS office in Carrizozo, at 307 12th St., phone Bob Moorhead at 575-648-2941 ext. 3 or contact Danny Branch at 505-761-4407.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Scholarship offer

Corriente CowBelles is offering two \$400 dollar scholarships for the 2010-11 academic year to seniors, upperclassmen and graduates students majoring in ag, or education with an ag background the benefit the cattle industry. Candidates must be a Lincoln County resident and have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better.

To apply, write a paragraph defining needs, goals and qualifications and send with grade-point verification to Willa Stone, Box 484, Capitan, New Mexico 88316. It must be postmarked by June 4. The scholarships will be awarded at the Lincoln County Fair.

Fair queen deadline

Deadline for entries for the Lincoln County Fair Queen is June 16.

This year's queen will, receive a new saddle, breast collar and a \$500 scholarship along with a crown and a buckle.

The queen candidate must be a single girl, ages 16-22 years, and a resident of Lincoln County for 12 consecutive months prior to the contest.

The queen contest is directed by Mary Jane Cooper, DVM. For entry information, call 653-4180 or email cooper@pvtn.net.

Pancake Breakfast

Carrizozo Cowboy Days is hosting a Pancake Breakfast, 8-11 a.m., Saturday, May 22, at the Carrizozo Woman's Club building, 908 11th St.

Pancakes, bacon (maybe sausage) and coffee for \$5. Pay at the door.

For more information, call 648-2265.

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Yard sale

A small group of animal lovers is hosting a yard sale in Capitan, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Saturday, June 5, at the covered area behind Silk and Pearls Shop (formerly the Managerie).

All proceeds will go to Dr. Becky Washburn-Brown, DVM, for her spay and neuter efforts. Donations of usable goods (excluding books and clothing) will be accepted until May 29. For more information, call 354-2316.

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BUSINESS

Long's Drug closes, Sheri's smile goes to Walgreens

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A long-time Ruidoso pharmacy is closing. But a familiar face will continue to serve the prescription needs of the community.

Sheri Schramm had purchased Long's Pharmacy and Gifts in the Sierra Mall from Bill Long in October 2006.

Bill Long had run the drug store for 14 years before that. The drug store will stop filling prescriptions at the close of business on June 9, and the pharmacy will merge with the Walgreens Pharmacy in Ruidoso on June 10.

"I really enjoyed it, getting to know the people and the community," Schramm said. "I really appreciated the support of the community. It was one of the most enjoyable work experiences I've ever had."

Schramm, who has been a pharmacist for 21 years, will continue her profession at Walgreens.

"I picked Walgreens because I felt they are a very professional organization," said Schramm. "And they will take me and my employees who want to work there."

Prescriptions at Long's will automatically transfer to Walgreens after June 9. Schramm said the goal is to make the transition seamless.

"I hope to continue to see my customers at Walgreens. Our records will be transferred to Walgreens for safe keeping."

Insurance information will also be sent to Walgreens.

Schramm said she had been working as a pharmacist in Alamogordo when the opportunity to purchase Long's in Ruidoso arose. She said her father encouraged her to venture into her first business ownership.

But issues with insurance and Medicare reimbursements, along with growing government regulations, have impacted

pharmaceutical profit margins.

Insurers and Medicare have put pressure on people to use mail order pharmacies, reducing pharmacy volumes. And, Schramm said, with new federal health care laws taking effect, it was time for a change. But the business decision also came with some bittersweet afterthoughts.

"It's been almost like a reunion," Schramm said of her loyal customers who have been stopping in lately to voice their reaction to the pending closure.

"People have been coming in and we talk and talk."

Schramm said being both the owner and a pharmacist at Long's created some long workdays. She said it will be nice to have some extra time for herself.

A Schramm specialty will continue.

Compounded prescription service, currently only available at Long's, will also shift over to



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Long's Pharmacy owner Sheri Schramm, some staff and pharmacy customers will transfer to Walgreens in several weeks.

Walgreens. Compounding produces customized medications to meet a person's

specific needs.

"I will continue to do that," said Schramm. "I feel

I will be able to focus on my patients a little more," she said of the move.



A seasonal Midtown business reopened this month at a new location. Nancy Stokes, who co-owns Ladybug's Boutique and Gifts, received a congratulations Thursday from the Ruidoso Valley Greeters. Formerly a May through mid-October shop, Stokes said the business may go full-time at its now 2204 Sudderth Dr. location.

JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Renewable Energy Conference is May 25

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The future of renewable energy will take center stage next week during the 2010 Lincoln County Renewable Energy Conference in Ruidoso.

Organizers said the goal of the conference is to educate residents and business professionals about the importance of renewable energy in homes, at businesses, and for the future of the local economy.

The May 25 conference will offer a number of speakers, beginning with a teleconference from U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman, the

chair of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Brendan Miller, the green economy manager in the New Mexico Office of Science and Technology, will explain the economic development benefits of renewable energy in New Mexico.

A dozen workshops are planned for the daylong conference. Topics include solar, wind, and biomass energy, energy efficiency in construction, financing rural renewable energy projects, energy tax credits, and others.

Speakers from the New Mexico Department of Ag-

riculture, PNM, the New Mexico Homebuilders Association, the state Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources, as well as State Forester Butch Blazer, State Representative Jose Campos, New Mexico Public Lands Commission Patrick Lyons, and Mary Ewers, with the Energy Infrastructure Analysis at Los Alamos National Laboratory, will be among those on hand.

Panel discussions will also take place. The free conference, open to all, will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

El Capitan to process concentrate

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El Capitan Precious Metals will have the concentrated ore from their mineral exploration site in Lincoln County processed.

The company said a joint venture agreement with Planet Resource Recovery, Inc. has been approved to process about 200 tons of the concentrate using what El Capitan said is Planet's environmentally friendly extraction technology.

Planet Resource Recov-

ery is a five-year-old Houston-based firm that produces methodologies to optimize the production of metals, minerals and hydrocarbons.

"This is a very important step in the confirmation of the ability to recover the precious metals values of the El Capitan property," said Chuck Mottley, president and CEO of El Capitan.

"We look forward to a productive and profitable relationship with Planet and their environmentally 'green' recovery process."

The concentrate was produced several years ago from raw ore at the exploration location north of Capitan.

In May, Planet determined that there was an average of .335 ounces of gold per ton.

Testing of ore samples found gold, platinum, silver, rhodium, palladium, osmium, iridium and ruthenium, according to the firm. Base metals also present include iron (65-68 percent), copper and zinc.

Planet will provide a production plant in Houston where the concentrate will be shipped.

The recovered precious metals will be sold, with the profits split between Planet and El Capitan.



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Outdoor equipment and bike rentals, sales and services are now available inside the Ruidoso Athletic Club. Ruidoso Outdoor Adventures business owners Cody and Michelle Thurston received a royal blue welcome Thursday from the Ruidoso Valley Greeters. Cody Thurston said the goal is to "get people outside to get healthier."



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HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

Initiative helps diagnose Valley Fever

LAS CRUCES - The New Mexico Department of Health is launching a new initiative this month to look for more cases of a disease known as Valley Fever that is prevalent in neighboring states but probably underreported in New Mexico.

The new initiative will teach medical providers to test for and treat the disease. Dr. Chad Smelser, medical epidemiologist for the Department of Health, said recent assessments have shown that the fungus called *Coccidioides* is prevalent in Chihuahuan desert soils and is spread by wind storms.

The fungus can cause Valley Fever, which can cause pneumonia, encephalitis, skin rashes and tumors.

"Medical providers in

New Mexico right now are not looking for the disease, and we think the disease is more prevalent than is reported," Dr. Smelser said. "It's important for the Department of Health to keep our medical community up-to-date on the latest information about the disease so they can test for it and report new cases to the Department."

In 2009, Arizona reported more than 10,000 cases of the disease, while New Mexico reports only 40-60 cases each year.

Dr. Smelser said there are likely more cases in New Mexico and the number of cases reported each year will increase once healthcare providers start testing for the disease.

To help medical providers better diagnose the disease, the Department of

Health's Office of Border Health is holding training in Las Cruces on May 24 for more than 100 healthcare professionals. The training will be conducted by experts on the disease from Arizona.

"Most people who get the disease will recover without complications, but it can cause serious illness and even death in people with compromised immune systems," Dr. Smelser said. "Gathering more data on the prevalence of this disease will help us better understand how environmental factors cause respiratory illnesses in the state."

In addition to the training for medical providers, the Department of Health is also conducting an air quality study along the U.S. - Mexico Border to

study the health effects of the spring wind storms.

The goal of the research is to develop a better understanding of the sources of air quality contaminants, both natural and human-induced and how the weather affects the air quality.

The air quality study is a joint project between the Department of Health and experts from the New Mexico Environment Department, New Mexico State University, the University of Texas-El Paso, the Autonomous University of Juarez and the Desert Research Institute.

For more information about the training and the air quality study, visit the Department of Health's Office of Border Health website at www.nmborder-health.org.

CHUCK'S PRODUCE PICK OF THE WEEK

Fresh Papaya

Fresh papaya fruit is available year-round. Although the papaya fruit can weigh up to 20 pounds, the average papaya is about 6 inches long and weighs from 1-2

sue, feel heavy for its size and have smooth skin with no blemishes. As long as it is not a result of bruises or cuts, a few black or moldy spots, are perfectly OK and will not affect the flavor.



CHUCK GURUTZ
LAWRENCE BROS.
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How to pick

Select fruits that are mostly yellow with a bit of green and let them fully ripen at home.

When fully ripe, the skin is bright yellow. Ripe fruit should be firm yet yield to gentle pres-

Papaya storage
Ripe papayas should be refrigerated to slow down the ripening process. Papayas will ripen within a few days at room temperature. Place ripe, whole fruit in a plastic bag in the refrigerator and it should last about a week.



Federal program could bring coverage by July 1

More New Mexicans could obtain insurance coverage as early as July 1, through the first program to emerge from the recent federal health care legislation.

Officials with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued guidance Tuesday to states on how to apply to participate in creating a temporary high-risk pool as allowed by the new law. The pool would cover New Mexicans with pre-existing conditions, who have been uninsured for at least six months.

On behalf of Gov. Bill Richardson, a letter was

submitted to HHS indicating New Mexico's intent to submit an application to contract with the federal government to operate a temporary high risk pool program.

The letter states that, "New Mexico's initial concept is to operate the federal temporary high risk pool program in coordination with the State's current high risk pool."

The state's next step will be to submit an implementation plan for federal approval.

"We are a 'shovel ready' program that is well equipped to manage this new federal funding and to

assist the Governor in his intent to encourage health care coverage and access for as many of our citizens as possible," said Farmington City Councilman Jason Sandel, the Vice Chairman of the New Mexico Medical Insurance Pool.

"Thanks to Governor Richardson New Mexico will be out in front to capitalize on an estimated \$37 million in federal funds until the end of 2013," said Deborah Armstrong, NMMIP's Executive Director.

The temporary pools, which start in 2010, will expire in 2014, when the new federal law bars the denial of insurance cover-

age for medical reasons.

"We'll launch it as quickly as we can," said Armstrong. "Having it under the existing NMMIP board would make it more likely that we'll have it up and running by July 1."

New Mexico created a high-risk pool program in 1987, known as the New Mexico Medical Insurance Pool. It currently serves more than 8,000 state residents, who are denied adequate health insurance and are considered uninsurable.

For additional information on the NMMIP, see the website at www.nmmip.com.

State recalls foods from Amish Wedding Foods

SANTA FE - The New Mexico Environment Department's Food Program is recalling food products from "Amish Wedding Foods" due to a potential risk of *Clostridium botulinum*.

Some jars of the recalled products, including pumpkin butter and sweet potato butter, have been found in New Mexico and the department is continuing to search for the items in order that they may be pulled from store shelves.

"So far, no serious injuries have been reported," said NMED Recall Coordinator Anita Roy. "However, we want to ensure the product has been pulled from shelves. Customers should not use the product but return it to the store where purchased or destroy the product."

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The products are listed below: Products: "Amish Wedding Foods Sweet Potato Butter" and "Pump-

kin Butter."

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2. Pumpkin Butter 16 & 18 oz. UPC code # 0 49646 65549 6;
3. Sweet Potato Butter 16 & 18 oz UPC code # 0

49646 65550 2;

Manufacturer: Amish Wedding Foods.

For more information, contact Marissa Stone Bardino at 505-827-0314 or Anita Roy at 505-454-2805 or anita.roy@state.nm.us.

Dental care to counties

SANTA FE - The New Mexico Department of Health is holding its third adult dental clinic for uninsured adults in Santa Fe County.

The Department's Office of Oral Health spends about \$1.5 million of state general fund money to provide basic preventive and restorative care to uninsured children and adults in 24 counties.

The Office also conducts a school-based program for children that consists of an application of dental sealants or fluoride varnish to prevent decay and encourage good oral health practices. They offer the school-based program to many elementary schools that have at least half of its student population eligible for the federal free and reduced lunch. A recent survey, the program found that about one-third of third-graders in New Mexico have tooth

decay.

The Office of Oral Health provides services in Bernalillo, Catron, Cibola, Colfax, Doña Ana, Grant, Guadalupe, Harding, Hidalgo, Lincoln, Luna, McKinley, Mora, Otero, Quay, Rio Arriba, San Juan, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Socorro, Torrance, Union and Valencia counties.

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Former Ski Apache worker denied additional workers' compensation

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A former Ski Apache employee, injured at work in January 2006, is turned down in his pursuit of additional workers' compensation.

Michael L. Antonio had used the workers' compensation benefits available through the Mescalero Apache Tribe, which operates Ski Apache. But in March 2007, he filed a complaint with the New Mexico Workers' Compensation Administration (WCA) contending he was entitled to additional compensation through the state program for neck problems and depression he said was the result of his injury.

The additional compensation pursuit was over and above the permanent disability benefits awarded through the tribe's insurer, Tribal First.

The WCA dismissed the complaint, and Antonio

took the case to the New Mexico Court of Appeals where he argued the WCA erred in determining his injury happened on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

He also contended that the WCA had jurisdiction by default because the tribe did not have a workers' compensation program in effect at the time of the injury, and the compensation that was provided was not as good as the compensation required by the New Mexico Workers' Compensation Act. But the appellate court was unpersuaded.

The three-judge panel said the tribe enjoys sovereign immunity, and state courts lack the jurisdiction to hear a suit unless the immunity is expressly and unequivocally waived.

While Antonio contended sovereign immunity was waived, because Ski Apache is largely on federal land, the court noted a

1995 ruling involving an injury at Ski Apache included the language, "Without an explicit waiver, the Nation is immune from suits in state court, even if the suit results from commercial activity occurring off the Nation's reservation."

A brief filed by the tribe also noted a federal court in a different case had determined that the Mescalero Apache Tribe did not waive its immunity from personal injury suits where the accident arose on federal, rather than tribal land.

The New Mexico Court of Appeals told Antonio that the tribe's current workers' compensation program provides for a remedy in tribal court.

"Because the worker has not appeared in tribal court, his argument that the tribe's workers' compensation is insufficient is speculative and incapable of review," wrote Judge Robert E. Robles.

Fire Department employees train with U.S. Army Hazmat team

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Two employees of the Ruidoso Fire Department, Assistant Chief Harlan Vincent and Captain Cody Thetford, were selected to train with the U.S. Army on Hazardous Material Mitigation and Response.

The mission of the 64th Civil Support Team - Weapons of Mass Destruction is to support local and state authorities at a domestic chemical, biological radiological or nuclear incident.

They do so by identifying agents and substances, assessing current and projected consequences, advising on response measures and assisting with requests for additional military support, explained Fire Chief Tom Gavin.

The 64th CST-WMD consists of 22 skilled HAZMAT technicians. These techs are full-time Army and Air Force National Guard members, who are

federally re-sourced, trained and exercised, and it employs federally approved CBRN response doctrine.

In March, Vincent and Thetford concluded a four-week, intensive training program that is nationally certified.

This is a first for the Ruidoso Fire Department, according to Gavin.

The Department never before has supported this high level of qualification within its ranks, he said.

It also provides the village of Ruidoso with first responder expertise to deal with those types of incidents.

"The plan is to have Thetford and Vincent highly trained and equipped in this field, to the extent that they will be able to quickly assess a pending HAZMAT emergency and, if necessary, dispatch and then interact with the 64th CST when they arrive on scene in Ruidoso," Gavin said.

"I commend these two fine employees for their dedication to this complex field, and their willingness to take on this huge additional training load. It will make Ruidoso a safer place to live."

The two fire fighters are training this week with the 64th CST-WMD in Farmington as part of a field exercise, receiving hands-on experience in HAZMAT detection, identification, modeling and mitigation.

"Their training is a vigorous physical and mental test under as real as possible conditions," Gavin said.

"The 64th is dedicated to working with New Mexico first responders to meld their capabilities and harmonize with each other's response efforts."

The coordinated efforts will support future training exercises planned with the community of Ruidoso, the Mescalero Apache Tribe and surrounding communities.

Canadian 'grandparents scam' finds Ruidoso resident

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A Ruidoso resident recently came close to falling for the "grandparents scam."

Wes Owen said he got a telephone call from a man who said he was Owen's grandson.

"I said 'you don't sound like my grandson.' But he

said his voice was off because he had been crying all night because he had been arrested in Canada. He said he had run over a man and his dog. The dog died, but the man survived."

Then the request came. He needed \$4,000 to pay for a fine and get out of jail. Can you send a MoneyGram?

Owen said he went to the bank and withdrew money and headed to Walmart to wire the \$4,000.

"When I told the clerks I wanted to send the moneygram to Canada, they said 'To Canada? We hate to send money to Canada.'"

Another person in line overheard the dialogue and said a friend had been

scammed because a supposed grandson had called from Canada needing money to get out of jail.

Owen said he left without wiring any money and went home and called his grandson. "He was alive and well at work."

Owen said he later received another call asking where the money was.

The Better Business Bureau said con artists for years have been victimizing seniors with the "grandparents scam."

One similar case in Utah involved a phone call in the middle of the night.

"Oh, I'm sorry, grandma.

I'm really sorry to do this to you," the caller told Alice Harper. She said it sounded a little bit like he was crying.

Then the caller said, "I'm in trouble, grandma. I'm up here in Toronto. I need money. I'm in jail. I had a rented car and I wrecked it."

Believing the caller was her grandson, she wired \$4,400.

The BBB recommends reporting such incidents immediately to local police and state Attorney General's Offices. If there is a request to wire money to Canada, the Canadian

Royal Mounted Police has established their PhoneBusters hotline and website to report such fraud.

Reports can be filed easily online through the PhoneBusters site at www.phonebusters.com or by calling 888-495-8501.

Canadian police note that a typical scam call begins something like this to obtain a grandchild's name:

Con artist: Hi, grandma or grandpa.

Victim: Hi.

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Con artist: Yeah.

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RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

May 13
3:42 p.m. - A woman reported a possible fraud situation.

The Avon representative said she had gotten an email from someone who wanted to purchase products.

A payment check for \$1,850 arrived in a UPS package, though the order totaled only around \$200. Another email asked that the balance be wired back using Western Union.

The emails were provided to police.

4:32 p.m. - Police were dispatched to a residence in the 100 block of McCarty Drive on a report of a burglary.

The part-time resident arrived at his seasonal home to find a broken window and items missing, including a 1991 Jeep Wrangler.

Other stolen belongings included a .38 special Colt revolver, a 32-inch LCD television, cable box, wireless router, food and laundry detergent. The Jeep, with two flat tires, was found on Hummingbird Lane.

The case file, involving aggravated burglary, larceny, unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, and criminal damage to property, was turned over to the department's Criminal Investigation Division.

May 14
11:02 a.m. - An assault report was written by an officer involving harassment of a Ruidoso High

School student.

A couple of cases of reckless driving around pedestrians, and a bumping situation in the high school's wood shop that nearly caused a student to cut a finger, were reported to police.

The alleged offender was referred to the New Mexico Juvenile Probation and Parole Office. He was also expelled from school.

10:51 p.m. - Police arrested a man on charges of battery to a police officer and assault on a police officer.

Police were dispatched to the Alpine Village Motel, 2805 Sudderth Dr., because of unwanted people at the location.

An officer asked Jorge Prada, 52, of Ruidoso to sit down and he instead tried to move away. He then attempted to punch an officer, according to a police report. While two officers tried to handcuff Prada, he kicked one of the cops in the chest, thigh and leg. Prada was taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center on the charges.

May 15

12:37 p.m. - A man attempting to repossess a vacuum cleaner from a resident in the 100 block of Spruce Drive called police when he was met by the resident holding a gun and was told to stay off the property.

Police were able to have the vacuum cleaner returned. But the repo man, Joel Aguilar, 24, of Roswell,

was taken into custody on two outstanding arrest warrants.

4:26 - A routine traffic stop on U.S. Highway 70 resulted in the arrest of an El Paso man. The driver provided a name and social security number that didn't jibe.

The officer learned from Ruidoso Downs police that the driver was Heber Ramos, 25. He was taken into custody on a charge of concealing his identity.

11:16 p.m. - A possible arson case is being investigated.

Police and fire responders were dispatched to the 2800 block of Sudderth Drive for a 2005 Chevy utility van with its cab fully engulfed in flames.

After the fire was extinguished the vehicle was towed for further investigation. It was unknown at the time if the fire was indeed arson or possibly an electrical problem. The village's fire chief, who is a fire investigator, is working on the case.

May 16

9:18 p.m. - A woman told police her father had hit her and refused to return her 21-month-old son to her.

Omar Gonzalez, 45, admitted pushing and hitting the 19-year old woman because her baby wouldn't stop crying. Gonzalez was arrested and taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center on a charge of battery against a household member.

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The first event will be held May 22 and 23, at Wingfield Park Event Plaza, 501 Wingfield St., (1 block S. of Midtown).

Popular Ruidoso band Roadmap & Friends will perform, along with guest artists Brad and Ruth Barnum, and Blake and Deanna Martin. Free hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be served. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring their own blanket or chair.

Saturday's concert is from 4 - 8 p.m.; Sunday's concert will be a worship service from 12 - 2 p.m.

The second free concert is scheduled for June 19 and 20. It will feature well-known flutist and singer Lanny Maddox, along with Roadmap & Friends. The remaining concert dates are July 17 and 18, and Aug. 14 and 15. Guest musicians for those dates will be announced.

Roadmap & Friends is comprised of John Brock on drums, Frank Zona on saxophone, Tradd Tidwell on lead guitar, Pete Davis on rhythm guitar and vocals, Julie Gilliland on keyboard and vocals, Harvey Twite on keyboard and Jamie Estes on bass guitar and vocals.

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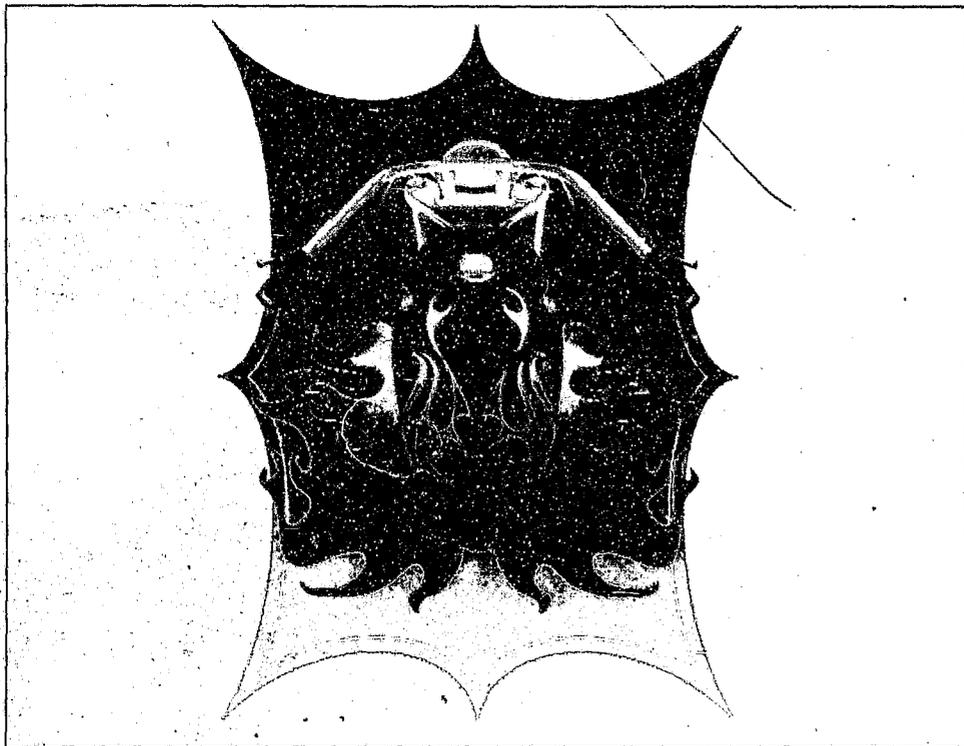
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The AspenCash Motorcycle Rally comes to town this weekend with more than 10,000 participants expected to attend. Cover story on page 12.

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EVENT CALENDAR

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Sunset Strolls

May 21 - August 1: (Alamogordo) Leisurely one-hour ranger-guided walk through dunes. 7 p.m. Weather dependent. \$3 entrance fee to White Sands National Monument. For information, go online to nps.gov/whsa, or call 575-679-2599.

group The Mitguards; 7 - 9 p.m.; \$12; seating is limited. For reservations, call 585-4575.

Artist Reception

May 22: (Carrizozo) Meet pottery artist Wanda Dent; 1 - 5 p.m.; Carrizozo Clay, 413 12th St. Exhibit to June 14. 575-973-3616.

Average Joe in concert

May 22: (Alamogordo) Brian Kotrous aka Average Joe performs at Boot Hill RV Resort at 7 p.m. Adults \$10, children 6 - 12 \$5. Call 575-439-6224 for information.

Christian music concert

May 22 - 23: (Ruidoso) "Taking it to the Streets" free outdoor concert. Bring a blanket or chair to Wingfield Park. Featuring popular Ruidoso band Roadmap & Friends, and more. Free hot dogs and hamburgers. Saturday 4 - 8 p.m.; Sunday worship 12 - 2 p.m. For info contact Jamie Estes or Julie Gilliland at 575-258-1386.

Woodwind Trio Concert

May 25: (Ruidoso Downs) Woodwind Trio of Albuquerque Symphony; 7:30 p.m., The Hubbard Museum of the American West. Free concert sponsored by the Ruidoso Chamber Music Festival. Call 575-937-0880.

Auditions announced

May 25, 27, 29: (Alamogordo): Alamogordo Music Theatre auditions for *The King and I* at Flickinger Center for the Perform-

ing Arts. For information, contact Ken Weir at 575-491-3216, or email to ken.kath84@beyondbb.com.

Capitan Youth Summer Arts Program

May 27 - July 1: (Capitan) Free classes for ages 8 - 12; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For information, call Mary Ann at 354-0967.

National Association of Rocketry's National Sport Launch

May 27 - June 1: (Alamogordo) Rocket launching, tours, activities. For more information and registration, go online to ns12010.org, or call New Mexico Museum of Space History, 575-437-2840.

Opening Day at Ruidoso Downs racetrack

May 28: (Ruidoso Downs) For information, call 575-378-4140, or go online to raceruidoso.com.

Billy the Kid Trail Ride

May 29: (Ft. Sumner to Lincoln) A true Western experience on horseback. For more information, call Beth MacQuigg, 550-9508

Ruidoso Sprint Triathlon

May 29: (Ruidoso) 8 a.m.; Wingfield Park; 3.5 mile run, 10 mile bike, 400 yd swim. Register at ruidoso-athleticclub.com, or call 575-937-7106.

Hubbard Museum

May 29 - Aug. 29: (Ruidoso Downs) "The Clovis Sound" New Mexico's Connection to

the-Birth of Rock 'n' Roll". For information, go online to www.hubbardmuseum.org., or call 378-4142.

Mary Wilson of the original Supremes

May 30: (Alto) The stylish diva and her band perform a night of Motown magic, including "Stop In the Name of Love," "Baby Love," "Come See About Me." Spencer Theatre for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m. \$79/\$76. For tickets, call 575-336-4800, or online at spencertheater.com.

13th annual Ruidoso Mountain of Blues

June 3 - 6: (Ruidoso) Featuring The Unknowns, Maynard Mills Blues Band, Gramms, Gilmore and Kreiger, Gary Farmer and the Troublemakers, and Andrew Jr. Boy Jones. For more information, go online to ruidosoblues.com, or call 575.257.9535.

Gourd art workshop

June 4 - 6: (Ruidoso) Recognized gourd artist Robert Rivera offers a 3-day gourd art workshop at Ruidoso Middle School. For information & registration, contact Dar Stone at darstone@msn.com, or call (505) 990-6799.

Summer in the City

June 5: (Alamogordo) Bring your chair and enjoy the zoo; 2 - 9 p.m.; \$5 (ages 12 and under free); Claxton Rocks, Dirty Mojo Junkies, Selmo, Desert DJ's, Silver Dunes, Middle Eastern Dance Troupe, Dog Canyon Line Dancers;

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Taste of the Spencer

June 19: (Alto) Gourmet food samplings from seven of Ruidoso's restaurants, complimentary wine, silent auction and performance of classical and contemporary favorites by New Mexico's "Piano Man" Doug Montgomery. \$50. For tickets, call 575-336-4800.

Christian music concert

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Art Expo

June 25 - 27: (Lincoln County) A tour of 17 art galleries located throughout the county. For more information, call 575-257-8549.

Chile Cook-Off

July 3: (Alamogordo) First-ever New Mexico Museum of Space History and International Space Hall of Fame Foundation event. Open to non-profit and charity organizations. Cash prizes. June 18 registration deadline; \$15. www.nmspacemuseum.org or call 575-437-2840, ext. 41153.

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Cree Meadows Country Club (301 Country Club Dr.; 257-CREE): Terry Bullard/country; 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Biker Bash with Tazz; 8 p.m.
Dreamcatcher Coffee Shop (2629 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 802-2222): Jim Blakey
Kokopelli Country Club (201 High Mesa Rd., Alto; 336-1818): Michael Beyer/jazz, country, rock; 7 - 10 p.m.
Landlocked Grill (441 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9559): Hillbilly Potentates; 6:30 p.m.
Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant (2408 Sudderth Dr.; 257-8754): Out of the Blue; 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Mountain Annie's (2710 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-7982) Riversong Ramblers; 7 p.m.
No Scum Allowed Saloon (933 White Oaks Ave., White Oaks; 658-5583): Live music noon - closing.
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SATURDAY

- Cafe Rio** (2547 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-7746): Mark Kashmar; country/blues; 6 - 8 p.m.
Casa Blanca (501 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso; 257-2495): Los Mustangs; 7 - 10 p.m.
Clubhouse Lounge (1137 Mechem Dr., 258-3912): Tyler Jones & Randy Razor (Dirty Jones); 7 - 11 p.m.
Dreamcatcher Coffee Shop (2629 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 802-2222): tba
Kokopelli Country Club (201 High Mesa Rd., Alto; 336-1818): Michael Beyer/jazz, country, rock; 7 - 10 p.m.
Landlocked Grill: (441 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9559): Tomas Vigil; 6:30 p.m.
Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant (2408 Sudderth Dr.; 257-8754): Out of the Blue; 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Mountain Annie's (2710 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-7982) Riversong Ramblers; 7 p.m.
No Scum Allowed Saloon (933 White Oaks Ave., White Oaks; 658-5583): Live music noon - closing.
Texas Club (212 Metz Dr., Ruidoso; 258-3325): Skooter Jones; 7 p.m.
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Rube Tikka

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I have been a resident of New Mexico since 2007 having left Alaska after 54 years of residency there. After graduating from the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, I taught high school chemistry in Anchorage for 25 years. My career has also included a stint as a commercial salmon fisherman in Cook Inlet since 1957, plus being a partner in a log home construction business on the Kenai Peninsula.

After retiring from teaching in 1977, I became involved with water-

color painting and have studied in watercolor workshops taught by well-known American artists including Vern Stake, Carol Barnes, Linda Doll, Barbara Nechis, Dee Frank, Elizabeth Hood Anderson, Cork Tilley, Jean Grasdorf, Nita Engle, Skip Lawrence, and Judy Betts. I have also studied under South American artist Alvero Castagnet.

My work has been accepted in a number of juried shows in Alaska and at the 25th Annual National Juried Art Show in Roswell.

I work mostly with watercolors, but have also

done some acrylics. I have not defined any particular style unique to me, although I thoroughly enjoy the challenge of new methods, and strive to grow and improve with each new work. I like experimenting with different styles and colors, and a lot of my work is reflective of all the traveling I have done.

I am a member of the Alaska Watercolor Society, Kachemak Bay Watercolor Society, the Kenai Peninsula Art Guild, Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts, and the New Mexico Watercolor Society Southern Chapter.

Presently, an exhibit of my work is on display at Steed's Art Fair, 1017 Mechem Dr.

If you would like to contact me, call 866-433-6612, or email to elliet6@hotmail.com.



Art Matters

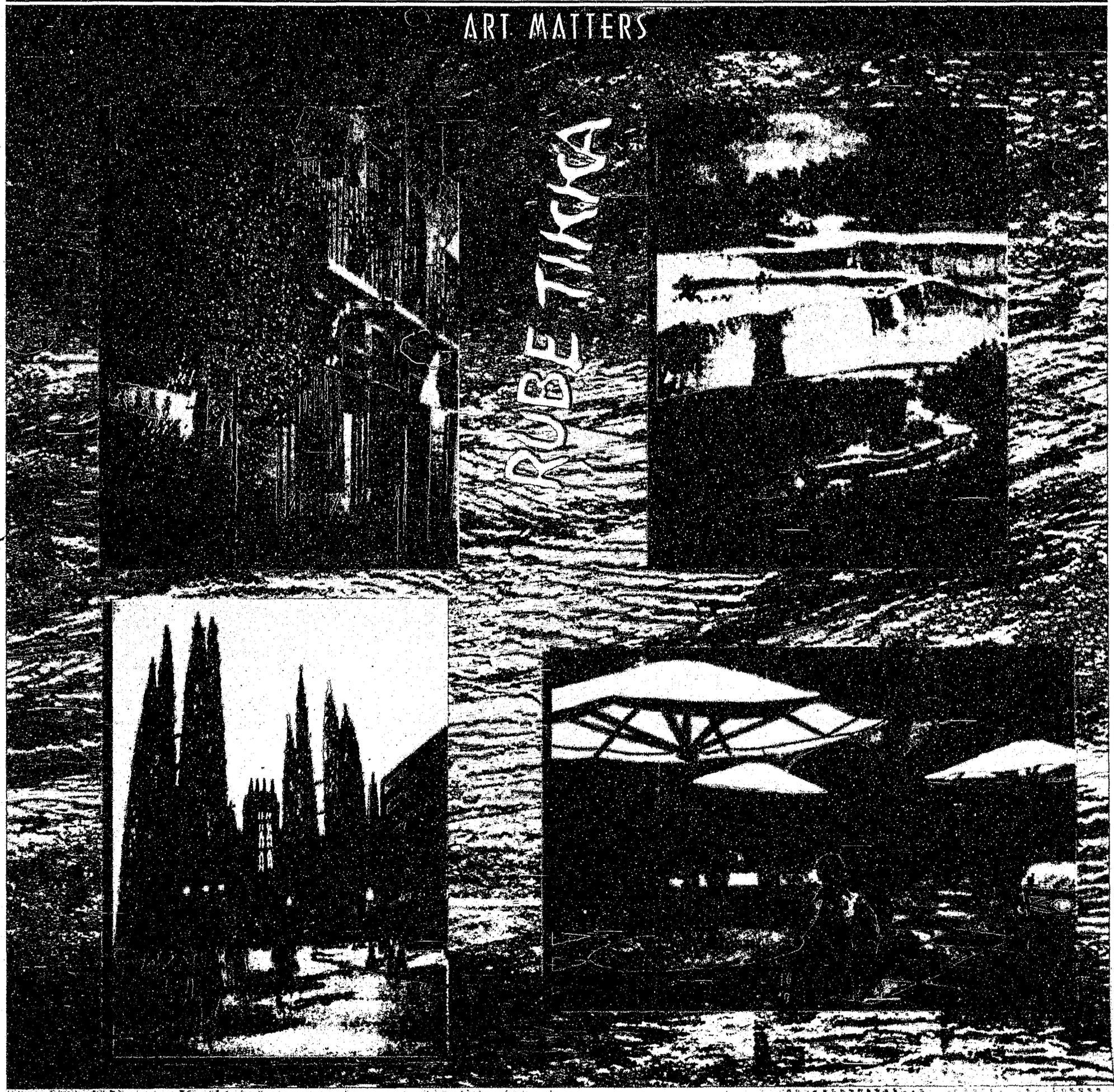
"Art Matters" is submitted by the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts or their members.

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

For information on the RRCA visit their gallery at 1742 Sudderth Drive or call 575-257-7272.



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Silk 'n Pearls • 107 W. Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 575-354-1310

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ART GALLERIES & STUDIOS

Mescalero

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

Stronghold Gallery • 464-7777 • Gift shop & art gallery at Inn of the Mountain Gods • Paintings, sculpture and works 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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**Tularosa**

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

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Del Sol • 200 St. Francis Dr. • 585-4581.

Horse Feathers • 316 Granado • 585-4407 • Pottery, jewelry, Native American arts & crafts, gifts.

Studio 54@70 • Art Studio & Gallery • 1201 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 575-585-5470 • www.studio54at70.com • Hours: Tu-Th: 10-5; Fri & Sat: 10-7; Sun 10-4; closed Mondays.

Susan Weir-Ancker

"The vessels I make are lyrical - sometimes whimsical, sometimes more serious. Some are more sculptural holding an idea rather than a substance. They all sing a celebration of life," states artist Susan Weir-Ancker.

"Much of my work has to do with being both a woman and a mother. Woman is the caregiver and bearer of liquid substance. Fire is central to both the world's and humanity's existence. I think a lot about fire and water. I deal in universal feelings, and the symbols I use have been used since the most ancient times."

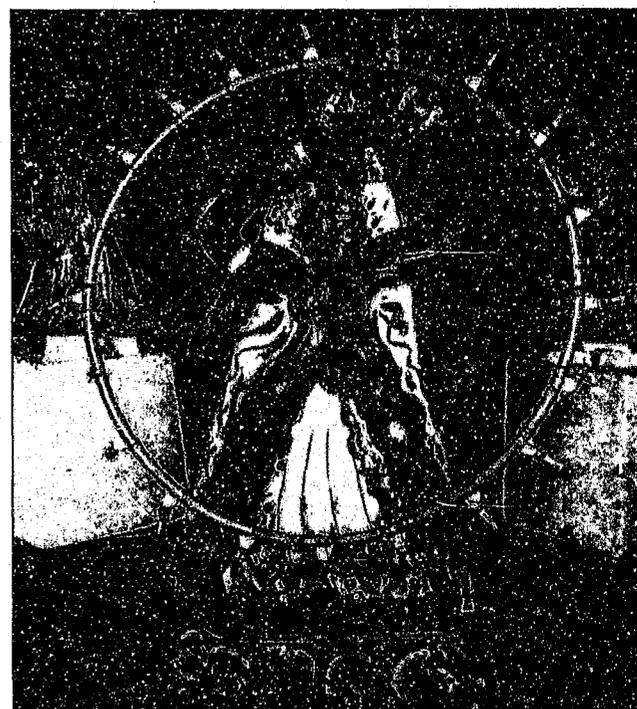
Weir-Ancker's work is being shown at the newly

opened Stevenson Art Center in Capitan now through May 31.

In addition to featured artist exhibits the Stevenson Art Center offers classes in drawing, painting, portraiture, and life drawing. Workshops in fantasy art, plein air painting, and others are scheduled.

A very unique element of the center is a community art wall. The wall is available to anyone who would be interested in displaying their work. Those interested should contact the center. The Stevenson Art Center and Gallery is located at 123 Smokey Bear Blvd. in Capitan.

Hours are Wed., Fri., Sat., and Sun., 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more information, call 575-354-8010.



"The Goddess" created by artist Susan Weir-Ancker is an example of her focus on women in life.

Sacramento Mountain Weavers open Cloudcroft studio

Kelly Stewart and Kenny Nix are fiber artists whose work is known as the Sacramento Mountain Weavers. Although they have been creating their masterful pieces in Cloudcroft for over the past two years, it is just now that they are opening their own weaving and art studio there.

Located at 207 James Canyon Hwy. (Hwy. 82),

between Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Texas Pit BBQ, they will host a soft opening on Memorial Day, Mon., May 31, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. A grand opening is scheduled for Sat., June 19, 4 - 7 p.m.

Studio hours are Thurs. - Sat., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. and Mon., 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sacramento Mountain Weavers are known for their hand-made rugs and

garments which have been shown at the Ruidoso Art Festival, Oktoberfest in Cloudcroft and Albuquerque Art Festival, and have been featured artists at Studio 54@70 in Tularosa.

Their work has been sold at the Cloudcroft Art

Gallery and Cricklewood, as well as on their Web site at www.sacramento-mountainweavers.com.

For more information, call either Kelly Stewart at 575-682-6302, or Robin Lee Makowski at 575-585-5470.

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SPECIAL EVENT > THEATRE

Dale Evans Chautauqua

Dale Evans, known as "Queen of the West" in the 1940s, '50s and '60s, will be portrayed by Kay Sebring-Roberts Kuhlmann on Thursday, May 27, at 2 p.m. in the Village of Ruidoso Council Chambers, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., next door to the Ruidoso Public Library.

Sponsored by the Village of Ruidoso Public Library and Friends of the Library, this Chautauqua promises to be entertaining and for some, a delightful trip down memory lane.

The Way You Ride the Trail: A Visit with Dale Evans takes its title from Dale Evans most famous

song "Happy Trails to You," which Evans composed as a theme song for her husband, Roy Rogers, known as "King of the Cowboys."

Evans appeared with Rogers in 28 Western movies, as well as in an immensely popular weekly television show during the 1950s and early '60s. "The Roy Rogers Show" took place in a fictional town called Pleasant Valley. Evans portrayed a cafe owner in nearby Mineral City, while Roy played a rancher. Roy's horse Trigger and Dale's horse Buttermilk were characters on the show, along with Bullet the dog and Nelly-

belle, the Jeep. Pat Brady was Roy's human sidekick.

Both Dale and Roy got their start in show business as radio performers. They recorded music albums, made live guest appearances around the country, and raised seven children together. The couple later hosted a musical variety television show.

Dale Evans also wrote inspirational books, beginning with *Angel Unaware* written in the voice of Roy and Dale's daughter Robin who was born with Down's Syndrome. Evans authored, or co-authored 26 more books before her death in 2001.

The audience at *The*

Way You Ride the Trail will also learn about Dale's early life on her way to fame, according to playwright/actress Kuhlmann.

"She was a trailblazer for women in a number of ways," Kuhlmann says. "Even audience members who are too young to be familiar with her work may recognize her name from the Dixie Chicks' recording. And for audience members who are Baby Boomers and upward the performance will offer reminiscences of a special era in movies and early television, and perhaps some surprising insights into Dale's life."

Seating is limited to 75, so early attendance is recommended. The program length is approximately one hour.

The Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Rd. Hours are Mon. - Thurs., 9am to 6 pm, Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sat., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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The red sun on New Mexico's state flag is an ancient symbol of a Native American people called the Zia. ~~The~~ a belief that the giver of all good gave them gifts in groups of four, hence the four rays on the four sides of the sun.

SPECIAL EVENT ▶ MUSIC

Woodwind Trio

BY LYN KIDDER
FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

The New Mexico Winds – three woodwind players from the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra – perform at the Hubbard Museum of the American West on May 25, at 7:30 p.m. This free concert is the final in a series of community outreach concerts sponsored by the Chamber Music Festival in Ruidoso.

New Mexico Winds: Lori & Friends are composed of Lori Lovato, clarinetist; Toni Lipton, bassoonist; and Carol Redman, flutist. Their program at the Hubbard Museum includes Mozart, music from the Renaissance, ragtime, music from the French jazz era and a Sousa march.

"We wanted a light program with a lot of diversity," Lipton said. "This is music that everyone will enjoy."

Bassoonist Toni Lipton, born in New York City, played with the orchestra of the Metropolitan Opera from 1979 to 2008 when



Lori Lovato is one of the talented musicians performing at the Chamber Music Festival's final free concert.

she retired and moved to Santa Fe. She plays with many groups in the state, including the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra. Lipton toured extensively during her long career with the Metropolitan Opera, and taught at the Bel Canto Institute in Florence, Italy.

Lori Lovato is clarinetist for the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra, Santa Fe Symphony, Música de Cámara Orchestra, Santa Fe New Music, Chamisa Chamber Players and founding member of the New Mexico Woodwind

Quintet. She has also appeared with Music at Angel Fire, Chamber Music Albuquerque, Chamber New Music, Santa Fe Opera Orchestra, Sphinx Symphony in Detroit, and the Orquesta Sinfónica de Monterrey, Mexico.

Las Cruces native Carol Redman is flutist in the New Mexico Woodwind Quintet and the Santa Fe Pro Musica. She was nominated for a Grammy in 2008 for classic music performed by a small ensemble. Redman has both performed and recorded with

the Smithsonian Chamber Music Society and the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival.

With the close of the community outreach concert series, the Chamber Music Festival in Ruidoso looks ahead to the summer Festival, July 30 and 31, at the Spencer Theater.

"We've expanded to four concerts this year, and we're pleased with ticket sales so far," said Dan Hood, CMF board president. "Classical music fans are very loyal, and we've seen many of them come back for all six years." This year's artists are the Jasper String Quartet, Australian

violinist Ray Chen and Italian pianist Mariangela Vacatello, finalist at the 2009 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. The Jasper String Quartet will also perform a no-charge Young People's Concert.

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COVER STORY ▶ SPECIAL EVENT

AspenCash Rally

The mountains and plains of Lincoln County welcome more than 10,000 motorcyclists

BY JESSIE HANSON
¡VÁMONOS! EDITOR

Ruidoso and surrounding communities extend a warm welcome to bikers from near and far with the 13th annual AspenCash Motorcycle Rally and Trade Show this weekend.

Based at the Ruidoso Convention Center, more than 10,000 cyclists are expected to visit our community over this four-day event.

Those who attend will have the opportunity to participate in a motorcycle Poker Ride – an organized

tour of the surrounding counties – which boasts a purse of \$10,000 in cash and prizes.

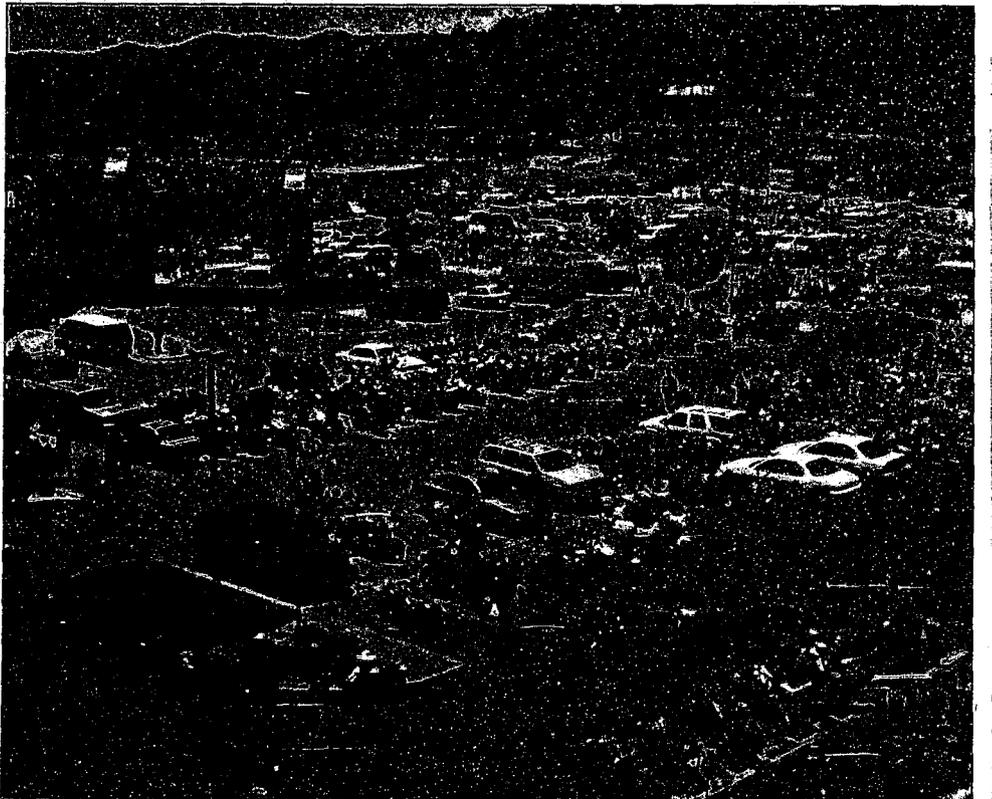
More than 33,000 square feet of vendor space at the Ruidoso Convention Center will be filled with motorcycle-related art, crafts, services and products.

The rally is recognized as one of the largest in the nation, and is sponsored by Ruidoso Downs Race-track and Casino, Barnett Harley-Davidson, Coca-Cola Bottling of Alamo-gordo and Inn of the Mountain Gods. A schedule of events is available

online at www.motorcyclerrally.com.

The Golden Aspen Rally Association hosts both the AspenCash and the September Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally in the autumn. The autumn event typically brings over 30,000 participants to the area. Dates for this year's event are Sept. 15 - 19, and will be located at the Ruidoso Downs Sports Theatre Complex.

For more information and to register, call the Golden Aspen Rally Association at 575-257-8696, or go to the Web site at motorcyclerrally.com.



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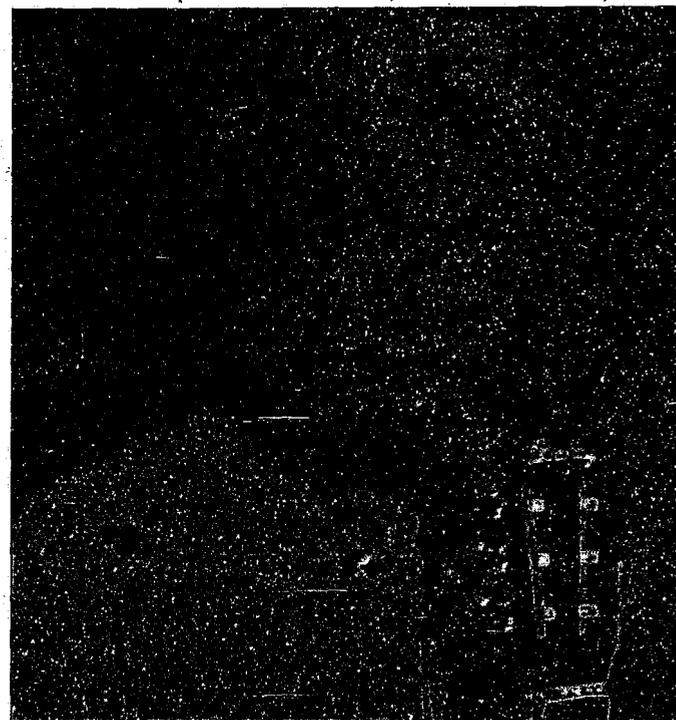


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Millions of older citizens suffer from stress, loneliness, anxiety or depression which can be painful, destructive and even fatal. Do any of these anxiety symptoms apply to you?



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate responses | <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased ability to concentrate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irrational beliefs | <input type="checkbox"/> Recent loss |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suspicion | <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue and loss of energy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not wanting to eat | <input type="checkbox"/> Repetitiveness when talking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty sleeping | <input type="checkbox"/> Neglect, unkempt personal appearance or residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anger, irritability or hostility | |

If you have experienced five or more of these symptoms for longer than 2 weeks, take this checklist to your doctor or call the Heritage Program for Senior Adults at 257-6283.

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Brian Kotrous, aka Average Joe, has been playing and singing for people for most of his life. From an early age he surrounded himself with music. Listening carefully to the radio and to records, he is a completely self-taught musician.

Kotrous' taste in music is very eclectic, as is his

professional experience. "I play country, I play rock 'n' roll and I play golf," he says. Kotrous has played with Hoyt Axton and has sung for national Pizza Hut commercials.

A retired police officer, Kotrous works as an Emergency Manager. He is just an "average joe" who enjoys performing, hence his stage name of Average Joe.

He will be performing at Boot Hill RV Resort on Saturday, May 22, at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12, and free for children ages 5 and under. Boot Hill RV Resort is located on the east side of Highway 54/70 between Alamogordo and Tularosa.

For more information, call 575-439-6224.

Ruidoso Noon Lions Club

Crafts, Guns, & Collectibles Show

Saturday May 29th 9AM - 6PM

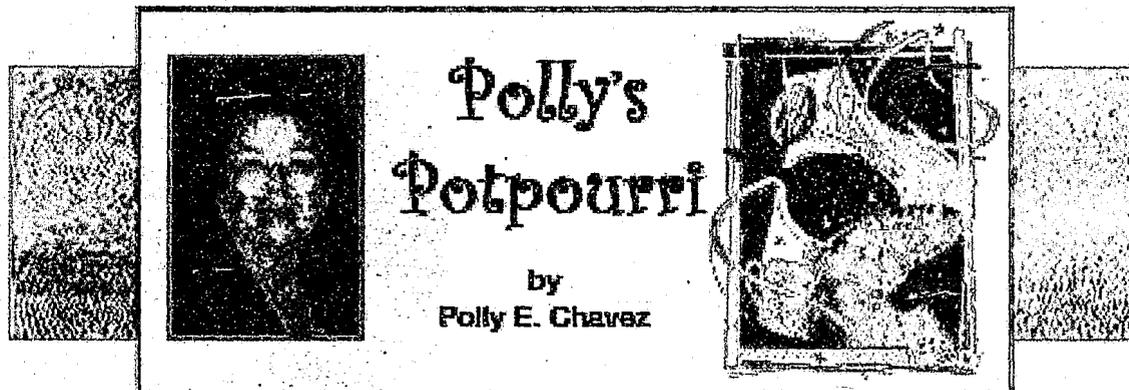
Sunday May 30th 9AM - 4PM

Ruidoso Convention Center

\$5 Admission Ticket Good Both Days

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Blonde brownies



It was hard to decide what unusual recipe to use this week – my daughter-in-law's Coca-Cola Cake, where the famous beverage is used as part of the liquid, or my sister-in-law's Southern Praline Pecan Cake, where the frosting is baked into the cake. I narrowed my choice to cookies, muffins, mookies (a cross between a cookie and a muffin), and settled on brownies.

"I like these better than regular brownies," one son said when he tried my Blonde Brownies. The last time he had them was when he was a teen. These light-colored bars are also known as "blondies." Brown sugar replaces the chocolate used in brownies to give the treats a butterscotch flavor. I add a chocolate taste by adding mini chocolate chips.

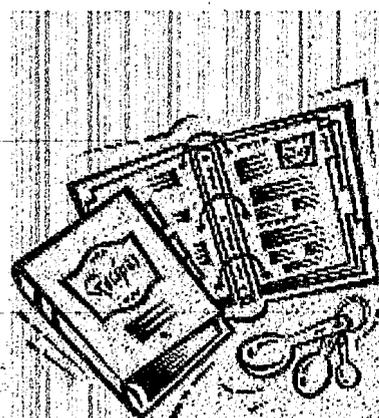
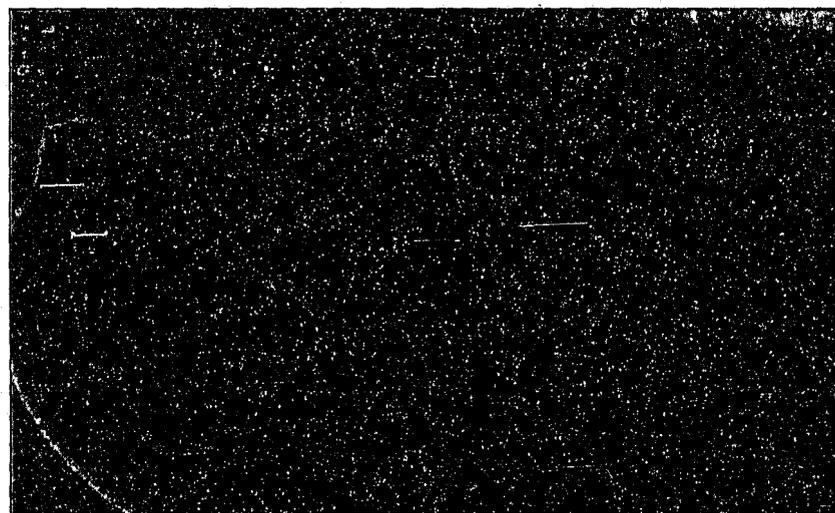
The first shipment of chocolate from the New World to the Old World occurred in 1585 from Vera Cruz, Mexico to Seville, Spain. At this time, chocolate was still consumed as a bitter Aztec beverage. The Europeans

added milk and sugar – the start of chocoholics.

The name "brownie" comes from the deep brown color of chocolate. One brownie legend has it that a housewife was baking a chocolate cake and it fell in the pan. Instead of throwing it away, the thrifty baker cut the collapsed cake into bars and served it.

According to old cookbooks, blonde brownies predated chocolate brownies, though under different names. The primary ingredients of blondies (brown sugar and butter) compose butter scotch, a candy popular in the mid-19th century. Butterscotch is closely connected to toffee and taffy. Food historians have several theories regarding the name of this candy and its connection to Scotland.

My Blonde Brownies are easy to make for taking to potlucks or any social gathering. Warning to chocoholics: Blonde Brownies are delicious with a scoop of vanilla ice cream and a drizzle of chocolate syrup.



Blonde Brownies

2 cups flour
 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 Pinch of salt
 2/3 cups margarine
 2 cups brown sugar
 2 eggs, slightly beaten
 2 teaspoon vanilla
 1 cup mini chocolate chips
 1/3 chopped pecans

Mix and set aside the flour, baking soda,

baking powder and salt.

In a large bowl beat together the margarine, brown sugar, beaten eggs and vanilla.

Stir the flour mixture into the egg mixture.

Fold in chocolate chips and chopped pecans.

Spoon the thick dough into a 13" x 9"

lightly greased pan. Bake for 35 minutes

in a preheated 350 degree oven (check at 30 minutes).

Cool slightly in pan. Cut while warm.

Alamogordo

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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

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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.

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Weed Café • Weed • 687-3611.

Western Bar & Café • 304 Burro St. • 682-2445 • Cloudcroft • Open 7 days 6 a.m.-9 p.m. (café), 7 days 9 a.m.-12 a.m.

Casual Dining

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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.

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

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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.

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Alfredo's • 801 Delaware, Alamogordo • 437-1745.

Casa de Sueños New Mexican Restaurant • 35 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-3494 • Fax 585-3496.

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El Camino Restaurant • 1022 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-8809.

Juan's Cactus Café • 3199 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-2368.

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Margo's Mexican Food • 504 E. First Street, Alamogordo • 434-0689.

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Maximino's • 2300 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 443-6102.

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Tia Lupe's Authentic Mexican Restaurant • 1200 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-0820 • Daily; 10 am-8 pm.

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Pizza Hut • 120 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9785.

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Café Z • 1031 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

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The Village Buttery • 2107 Sudderth • Soups, sandwiches, salads; pies and cookies; patio. • Mon-Sat, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. • 257-9251

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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

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Denny's • 2219 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • Open 24/7 • 378-1389

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Farley's Food Fun & Pub • 1200 Mechem • Burgers, pizza, pub fare, lounge, pool tables, patio. • 7 days, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. • 258-5676

Four Winds Restaurant • 111 Central Ave., Carrizozo • American variety, Mexican, freshly baked goods. • Daily, 6 a.m.- 9 p.m. • 648-2964

Gathering of Nations Buffet • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IIMG • 464-7872

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Mexican

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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

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Charles Bent was the only American Governor of New Mexico to pay for that position with his life. Over the years, he had become a politician, but he was more than that — far more.



Beginnings

Bent was born in 1799, but his family had been in the United States since 1638. Young Bent, like many of his contemporaries, longed to see the great frontier that lay to the West. As a 7-year-old boy, Bent witnessed history in the making. On Sept. 23, 1806, he stood with his father on the banks of the Missouri River and watched as "an odd assortment of characters" disembarked from rough-hewn boats. These men were part of an expedition that had been given up for dead over two years before. You may have heard of them — Meriwether Lewis and William Clark.

Bent grew to maturity at St. Louis, and in those days, St. Louis was the edge of the frontier. Unfortunately, we know that (thanks to the research of Phil Carson) any record of Bent's boyhood is literally non-existent. We do know that he was sent East while still in his teens to attend Jefferson College at Canonsburg, Pa., and was,

consequently, much better educated than most of his contemporaries. After finishing his schooling, Bent re-

turned to St. Louis, where he was employed as a clerk for the Missouri Fur Company. At the time, the Missouri Fur Company was one of a number of companies dealing with the hardy mountain men who had gone West — where no white men had gone before — to trap animals that were then converted into garments for wealthy Europeans and Americans on the East Coast. He may well have been employed by that company as early as 1817, when he was but 18 years old. Bent was ambitious and certainly brave. He worked first as a clerk and then convinced his employers to allow him to go West as a trapper. Ultimately, he became a full-fledged partner in the company.

Things were different then, though, and while Bent was valued by his employers as a loyal and courageous partner, he wasn't simply promoted for his efforts. He also had to come up with \$7,700 to literally buy his way into the position.

Things were never easy for the Missouri Fur Company. From the beginning,

they were beset by "the relentless, innovative competition" that their rivals displayed, and this is to say nothing of the murders of many of its employees by Arikara and Blackfoot Indians, who were frequently employed by the company's competition.

New Mexico

Trade between Missouri and New Mexico had opened in 1822, just a year after Mexico (who still owned New Mexico and much of the other lands in our modern Southwest) had declared its independence from Spain. After the collapse of the Missouri Fur Company, Bent made his living by travelling the risky and dangerous Santa Fe Trail to deal with the Mexicans and Indians at Santa Fe. The military usually accompanied the trade caravans as far as the Arkansas River, which was then the border between the U.S. and Mexico. When Bent led his caravan in 1829, all was peaceful for the first 600 miles, but as soon as they crossed the Arkansas, *without* the military, the Kiowa Indians attacked.

Bent impressed the Kiowa when he charged them, alone, firing and reloading his single-shot weapon from the saddle. It gave the caravan time to "circle" the wagons into a defensive square. In fact, for the next 15 years, Bent was one of the most successful traders to ride the trail, in no small part due to his courage.

Bent's fort

But it was in 1832 that Bent and his brother William began building the legendary Bent's Fort (originally called Fort William) on the north bank of the Arkansas. It was near a place where William had saved two Cheyenne braves from rival Comanches. Needless to say, this act acquired the friendship and loyalty of the Cheyenne. William did business at the fort, and Charles took on the more dangerous job of travelling back and forth over the Santa Fe Trail with fresh goods.

In 1834, Charles married (common-law) Maria Ignacio Jaramillo and the couple settled at Taos. But Charles managed to irritate (to say the least) New Mexico Governor Manuel Armijo with his forceful personality. This situation got no better after Texas won its independence from Mexico in 1836 and New Mexico was sent a new governor named Albino Perez.

Perez was something less than successful as governor. A year after his appointment, a group of Pueblo Indians and Taosños stormed the capitol and decapitated him. His predecessor, Armijo, retook power and it was rumored that he was an American puppet.

As time passed, hatred and suspicion cast upon Americans by locals only grew deeper. When Americans were robbed, or even killed, the wheels of justice seemed to grind to a halt.

By the end of 1840, locals, in the form of Mexicans and Indians, had begun to focus on Charles Bent. As the possibility of war between Mexico and the U.S. began to loom, Bent was thrown into a Taos jail, but paid \$800 to free himself and escaped to his fort, where he waited for tensions to simmer down.

War

On May 13, 1846, Congress declared that a state of war already existed with Mexico. That August, General Stephen Watts Kearney and his "Army of the West," invaded New Mexico in an almost bloodless conquest when Governor Armijo fled the Territory.

In September, Charles Bent was appointed Governor of this new American Territory. On Jan. 14, 1847, he left Santa Fe for Taos to get his family and bring them to the capitol.

Early on the morning of Jan. 19, a Pueblo Indian, named Tomas led a mob to the home of Charles Bent. While attempting to reason with Tomas through the closed door of his home, Bent had two women, Mrs. Carson and Mrs. Boggs, dig a hole through the adobe from the Bent home to the house next door. The children were the first to crawl through, and then the women.

But for Bent, it was too late. The mob crashed in and as he struggled, the governor was scalped and severely wounded in numerous places. Never-

theless, he managed to break free and crawl through the hole, holding his scalp on with one hand. Some of the mob followed him and others leaped across the rooftops. Bent was shot innumerable times and despite the pleas of his family, he died at their feet.

The Taos Uprising was not over until many other Americans, Englishmen and French-Canadians were murdered. Eventually, order was restored, but Charles Bent, the man who had done much to settle the New Mexico Territory, was dead and buried in its rocky ground.

Sources: *Uneasy Peace Violated* by Phil Carson and *Blood and Thunder* by Hampton Sides.

Drew Gomber is available for history tours of Old Lincoln Town and Lincoln County, as well as speaking engagements. For more information about booking a tour or presentation, or to order Drew's books or CDs, call 575-653-4056 or email Drew at drew@pvtnetworks.net.

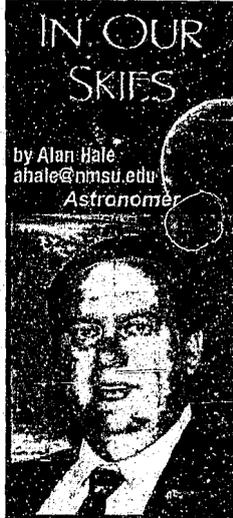
Drew has recently completed "Wolf Story" the incredible tale of his 10-year adventure with a 160-lb., 33-inches-at-the-shoulder gray wolf. For information on how to obtain a copy, please call Drew at 575-653-4056 or email him at drew@pvtnetworks.net

Big star in the Scorpion's tail

The Hubble Space Telescope has been in the news a bit during the recent past. We have just recently marked the 20th anniversary of its launch and deployment, and it continues to take dramatic images of our surrounding universe, some of which will likely become iconic like some it has taken in the past. The successful servicing mission which took place a year ago and that installed new instruments should ensure that we will continue to receive those stunning images for a few more years.

Although it is certainly one of the most premier astronomical satellites ever launched, Hubble is not the largest telescope in space. That particular distinction goes to the Herschel Space Observatory, a European Space Agency mission that was launched just over a year ago. While Hubble's main mirror is 2.4 meters (94 inches) in diameter, Herschel's is 3.5 meters (138 inches) across – the same size, incidentally, as that of the large telescope at Apache Point Observatory in southern New Mexico.

The primary difference between the two telescopes is that, while Hubble mainly observes the sky in what we call "visible" light, Herschel is



examining the sky deep in the infrared. The long wavelengths that are characteristic of infrared light means that resolution, i.e., the ability to create sharp images and see fine detail, becomes more difficult, and it becomes necessary to have a large collecting surface in

order to be able to achieve this. Herchel's large mirror, therefore, is not so much for light-gathering purposes as it is for achieving reasonably decent resolution and sharpness on the images it takes.

Much of the dust that pervades our galaxy – and that can be seen, for example, along various sections of the summertime Milky Way – is opaque to visible light but is transparent in the infrared. The very dense dust clouds where new stars are being formed are areas of intense interest for astronomers. One of Herschel's primary missions is to examine these regions, and in so doing help fill in many of the gaps in our understanding of how stars – including our own sun – came to be.

Several astronomers recently gathered at a conference in Noordwijk, The Netherlands, to review results from Herschel's first year of observations. Perhaps one of the most dramatic studies was conducted by a team led by Annie Zavagno of the Laboratoire

d'Astrophysique in Marseilles, who analyzed Herschel images of a star-forming dust and gas cloud known as RCW 120. This particular cloud is located some 4,300 light-years away from us, and can be found close to the "tail" of the constellation Scorpius, the scorpion, a prominent summertime constellation that presently can be seen rising in the southeast during the evening hours and that glistens in our southern sky after midnight.

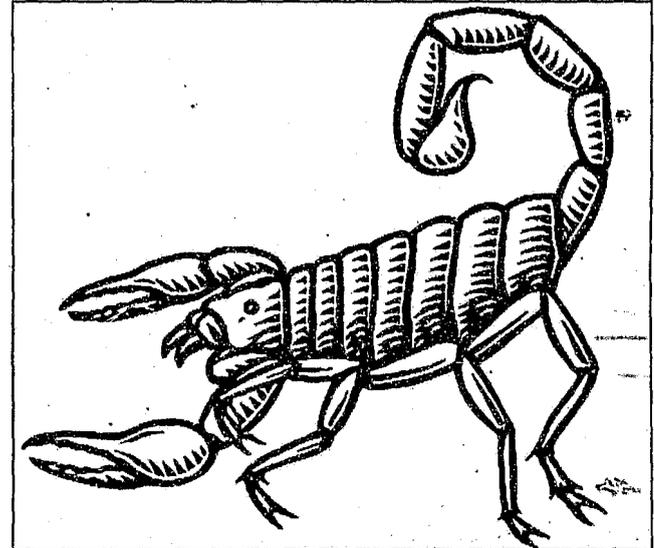
One of the dramatic features in the Herschel images of RCW 120 is a distinct "bubble," or cavity, in the cloud. Within the rim of this "bubble" is a bright object that Zavagno and her colleagues have identified as a large and massive "protostar," i.e., a newly forming star that has not yet ignited nuclear fusion in its interior and thus is not quite yet a "true" star as is our sun. The RCW 120 protostar is already about eight to 10 times as massive as our sun, and due to its location within the "bubble" rim is continuing to add more material to itself and thus become even more massive. The formation of very massive stars like this one is poorly understood, and the data from Herschel is proving very valuable in helping with that understanding.

Within a fairly short timeframe, astronomically speaking, i.e., a few hundred thousand years, the RCW 120 protostar will initiate nuclear fusion and become an actual star. When it does so, it will

become one of the brightest stars in our galaxy and – as long as there are no significant dust clouds in the way – will shine brightly across hundreds to thousands of light years. A few present-day examples include Rigel in the wintertime constellation Orion and Deneb in the summertime constellation Cygnus, the swan, and now rising in our northeast during the evening hours. Despite being located at large distances from us – more than 3,000 light-years in the case of Deneb – these are among the brightest stars in our entire nighttime sky.

Although such large and massive stars contain enormous amounts of "fuel," they burn through that fuel extremely rapidly. The result is that the typical "lifetime" of such a star is at most a couple of tens of millions of years, unlike the several billion years that our sun has already lasted and will continue to last. At the end of their respective "lifetimes" such stars will explode spectacularly as a supernova, and among other things will help stimulate the births of new generations of stars in the process.

That bright object in the Herschel images of RCW 120 will thus progress through this cycle of protostar, to brilliant star, and to supernova, all within a few million years. Our sun, meanwhile, will continue on its stately way, and will change very little over that entire interval. Our descendants, whoever and whatever they may be,



should thus have a bit of a ringside view of this star as it is born, lives through its brief life, and dies.

Alan Hale is a professional astronomer who resides in Cloudcroft, and is raising funds for the Earthrise Project, described at www.earthriseinstitute.org.

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Clubs/Associations

Alto Women's Association: 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards. Business meeting every first Tuesday.

Angus Wood Carvers: 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, Junction Hwys. 48 and 37; 336-9161.

Art Connection: Last Wednesday of each month, Innsbruck Club House. Info: Pat, 258-3602.

Carrizozo Women's Club: Second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse at 11th and D Avenue; Info: Tona Macken, 354-0769.

Christian Motorcyclists Assoc: Third Thursday monthly at 6:30 p.m.; 1204 Mechem, Suite 8; online at www.CMAUSA.org; 575-336-1530 for local info. All are invited to attend.

Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, plus a 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays; Ruidoso Senior Center; Info: 257-7411 or 257-6188.

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

Lincoln County Bird Club: Monthly field trips are scheduled at various times. Info: 257-5352 or 258-3862.

Lincoln County Garden Club: Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m.; New members and visitors welcome; Info: Jordan, 378-5250.

Lincoln County Right to Life Chapter: 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday at 309 L.L. Davis Dr. All are welcome; Info: 358-5108.

Mountain Top Turners: Woodturning club, 10 a.m. every third Saturday at the woodshop of Steve and Madeleine Sabo. Info: 354-0201.

Party Bridge Group: 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Center; 336-4808.

Photographic Society of Lincoln County: 7 p.m. every second Thursday in the conference room at the Region IX office at 1400 Sudderth Dr.; 258-4003.

Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

Ruidoso Area Singles: Meet new friends for social activities - dining out, parties, potlucks, outings, etc.? New group is forming. Info: Judy, 430-7870, or Martha, 430-9808.

Ruidoso Book Review/Discussion Group: First Wednesday monthly at 10 a.m.; Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kaibab 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.

Al-Anon: Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor, Ruidoso; Info: 258-8885.

Al-Anon: Meets at noon every Friday at the Methodist Church in Carrizozo. Come to the back door and bring your own lunch.

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m. daily; 8 p.m. Fri, Sat, Sun, at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor, Ruidoso; Info: 258-8885.

Bereavement or Grief Support: For the community. Call Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation. Info: 258-0028.

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 Mesalero Reformed Church, 336 Wardlaw Dr. For more information, contact Mike at 575-682-6200.

H.E.A.L. (Help End Abuse for Life): Domestic violence shelter and hotline: 1-866-378-6378.

Meditation Practice: First Wednesday of each month; 6:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Mountain High Recovery Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 7 p.m. at Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church, 361 Highway 70 East.

Open Circle: Each Sunday; 9:30 a.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Parenting Classes: Counseling Center Prevention Program facilitates all parents seeking to enhance parenting skills, resolve issues and prevent substance use. Families with children ages 5-17 years of age that complete all requirements of the class qualify for a \$150 stipend. Qualifications and info; Brenda Motley-Lopez or Salli Mason at 257-0520.

Parents of Addicted Children: New Name Ministry offers help for parents of addicted children. For appointment, phone 802-0263 in Ruidoso and leave a message. Payment of free-will offering appreciated.

Prepared Childbirth Classes: Meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Lincoln County Medical Center's conference room. Six classes per session with qualified, certified instructors; Info: 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.).

Science of Mind Study Group: Each second and fourth Saturday; 10:30 a.m.-noon; High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Sex Addicts Anonymous: 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall meeting room, 121 Mesalero Trail. Info: 575-201-4203.

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.

Working Disabled Health Insurance: State of N.M. Working Disabled Individuals Medicaid Program; call Jeanie White at 575-622-4169

Political

Democratic Party of Lincoln County: Monthly meetings 6 p.m. first Thursday of each month except Jan., July and Sept. Info: 973-7505, or Maria, 937-8394.

Democratic Women Sacramento Mountain Area: third Saturday at K-Bob's at 12:00 noon. For more information call 808-1133 or 257-6078

Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County: Regular meetings. For information, call 653-4379.

Republican Party of Lincoln County: Meetings at Cree Meadows Country Club; info, 336-7038.

Service Organizations

Altrusa Club: 5:30 p.m. every first Tuesday for program; noon every third Tuesday for lunch. Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mesalero Trail; Info: Jill, 336-1339.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 52: 6:20 p.m. every other Wednesday; Angus Church of the Nazarene. Info: 808-1172.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59: 6 p.m. every Monday, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Info: Mark, 378-5623.

B.P.O. Elks No. 2086: 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70; Info: 257-2607.

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Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program: 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso. For children age 4 to 6th grade; Info: 257-2081, www.fbcruaidoso.com.

Friends of Capitan Library: Call for volunteers for Not 2 Shabby Thrift Shop. Info: Raynene, 354-3046 or library, 354-3035.

Human 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: Nonprofit breeder and trainer of Service Dogs in Nogal seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling & puppy socialization, bookkeeping, fundraising and kennel upkeep/management. Call 575-354-4342, or www.lekennels.org.

Lincoln County Community Health Council: 8 a.m. first Tuesday of each month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. New members welcome. Info: 973-1829.

Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary: 9:30 a.m. second Tuesday of each month in the hospital conference room. New volunteers welcome. Info: 630-4250.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse: Meets first Sunday each month at 2 p.m. at the Posse building, Hwy. 54, in Carrizozo. Groups needing their volunteer security services, notify by mail one month (but not less than two weeks) prior to the monthly meeting. Send to P.O. Box 1784, Capitan, NM 88316. Info: 888-663-7029.

OES Ruidoso Chapter 65: Meeting every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 144 Nob Hill Dr. Info: 257-5313.

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): Noon every Wednesday at K-BOB's. Info: 257-5938 or 258-9218.

PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Chapter AR: Meeting every second and fourth Tuesdays. Info: Jennie Powell, 258-3896.

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club: 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: Barbara, 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555, or Greg, 257-1255.

Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary: 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center off East Highway 70; Info: 378-8099 or 378-8316.

Ruidoso Evening Lions: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Evening Lions Club House, 106 S. Overlook (behind Chef Lupe's). New members always welcome. Info: Mike Zaragosa, 937-0768 or Harold Oakes, 937-7618.

Ruidoso Shrine Club: 6:30 p.m. every fourth Wednesday at Cree Meadows Restaurant; Info: 258-5860.

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club: Meets at 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: 257-0363.

Sierra Blanca Daughters of the American Revolution: Third Thursday of each month. Info: 258-3045.

Zia Girl Scout Council: 6 p.m. every third Thursday at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Info: 437-2921.

White Mountain Search & Rescue: 7 p.m. every third Monday at First Christian Church near the intersection of Hull and Gavilan Canyon Roads. Info: email whitemountainsearch@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainsearch.org or phone 866-596-8382.

Veterans

American Legion Jerome D. Klein Post 79: 11 a.m. every third Saturday,

101 Spring St. at Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs; Info: 257-6757.

American Legion James A Hipp, Post 57: First Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. Sr.Citizens Center, Capitan. 575-336-2194

VFW Post 12071 meets the third Monday of each month at La Junta Lodge in Alto at 7 p.m. All eligible veterans are invited to attend.

VFW Post 12071 Ladies Auxiliary meets third Monday of each month at La Junta Lodge in Alto at 7 p.m. All eligible spouses, mothers, daughters and widows of veterans of foreign wars are invited to attend and join.

Otero County

Clubs & Associations

Alamo Squares: Square dancing on 2nd and 4th Saturdays. 8 p.m. Info: 437-3043, 434-2618 or 437-5474.

Alamogordo Astronomy Club: Meets every third Friday. Mike Mosier, 437-8260.

Alamogordo 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" barbershop 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.treestoasthost.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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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 or singles in the area. 18 & over welcome. 437-4035.

Solar Energy Association: Meets 6 a.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 ampouts 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. Open to play or learn. Contact Dellilah t 442-8750.

Education

SL: English as a second language class, 9 a.m. each Monday, 1328 Centric Dr. \$15 for workbook. Class sponsored by Mountain Valley Baptist association; 437-9987.

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: Mon. & Tues., 1 - 4 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Hats, wigs, scarves, bras, prostheses; "Look Good - Feel Better" make-up sessions by appt.; 2689 N. Scenic Dr.; trained, certified "Reach to Recovery" volunteers. All services are free. 575-437-6176, 443-0303, 437-0690.

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. Wed., 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. 575-437-1302.

Bingo: 7 p.m. Wed.-Fri. and Sun., 2 p.m. Sat at the VFW, 700 U.S. 70 West. Ages 16 and over welcome with an adult. 437-0770.

Coffee Club: 7:30 - 9 a.m. third Wednesday at Edward Jones Investments, 1106 E. 10th St. Topics include current events, identity theft and Social Security. Breakfast provided. 443-1900.

Joyful Noyse Recorder Consort: Every other Sunday at various locations. Seeking soprano, alto, tenor & bass recorder players. 937-2006.

Meditation Group: Every Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon at 1010 16th St., Alamogordo. Music-guided meditation. 443-1075.

Seniors Ping Pong: 8 - 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico Ave. Monty, 437-1601.

Yoga for Seniors: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday at First Presbyterian Church, 14th Street and Oregon Avenue. 437-0559

Political

Democratic Party of Otero County: Meets first Tuesday at a local restaurant at 5:30 p.m., with 6 p.m. meeting start. Call 437-8590 for location.

Mountain Democrats: Meet second Wednesday at Big Daddy's Restaurant on U.S. 82, Cloudfcroft, at noon. Info: Ellen Wedum, 682-2464 or email dotellen@gmail.com.

Republican Party of Otero County: Fourth Thursday meeting each month. Info: Sassy Tinning, 443-1195.

Tularosa Democrats: Meet at Coffee & More, 308 Granada, 5 p.m. sharp second Thursday of each month. Info: Charles Murrell at 585-8153.

Service Organizations

Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club: Meets at 7 a.m. every Saturday at Maximino's, 2300 White Sands Blvd. The public is welcome. Jeanette or Chuck, 434-6296.

Alamogordo Noon Kiwanis: Meets at Margo's Mexican Restaurant every Wednesday, except the fifth. 434-6417.

Alamogordo Public Library Foundation: Raises money and awareness for Alamogordo Public Library. Flori, 437-6616 or Allen, 434-2349.

Altrusa International: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. at 19th Hole golf course restaurant. Jan Wafful, 491-0713 or Marty Poitra, 921-1144.

Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority: Focusing on cultural, social and service activities. Lynn 585-5516.

Big Brothers Big Sisters: Accepting applications for children ages 6 - 17 and volunteers 18 years or older. 434-3388.

Daughters of the American Revolution: Meets monthly on third Saturday at time and place TBA. 437-7200.

Downtown Lions Club: Meets on second and fourth Mondays at Mariscos Costa Azul, 415 S. White Sands Blvd. Public welcome. Terry Reed at 434-3968 or Martha 437-7515.

Flickinger Guild: Supporting the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts, Guild members sell tickets in the box office, work the door for performances, usher, hand out programs and work concessions. Contact chairman Flori McEldery at 437-6616.

Kiwanis Club of Alamogordo: Meets on first and third Thursdays at 8 a.m. at Maximino's Restaurant, 2300 N. White Sands Blvd; 434-0923.

Order of the Eastern Star: Tularosa Basin Chapter-No. 72 meets at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday at 409 Higuera St., Tularosa. 434-1456.

Special Olympics NM - Otero: Sports training and competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities; track and field practice at 9 a.m. at NMSBVI in Alamogordo. Info: Anthony Bradway, 575-430-8902 or Sally Bradway at 479-2958.

Veterans / Military

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1257: Open meeting/luncheon at 11:30 a.m. second Friday at Base Enlisted Club. Visits to area veterans in local care centers every third Saturday, starting at the Betty Dare Center on North Florida Ave. promptly at 10 a.m. Gil Isley, 434-5552.

American Legion Post 108: Meets second Tuesday at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, Ed_wishbone@hotmail.com.

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

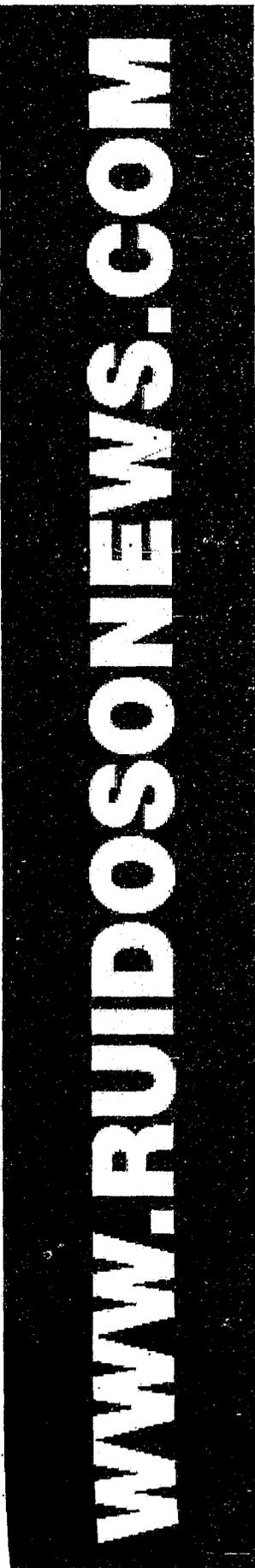
Disabled American Veterans, Chap. 14: Meet first Monday of month at 821 Alaska, 6 p.m. Info: 434-8976.

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

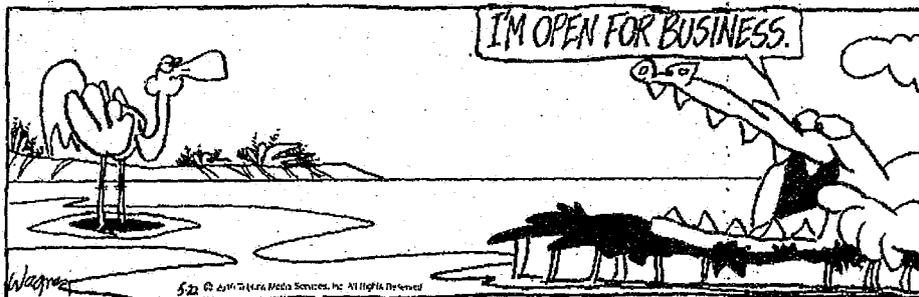
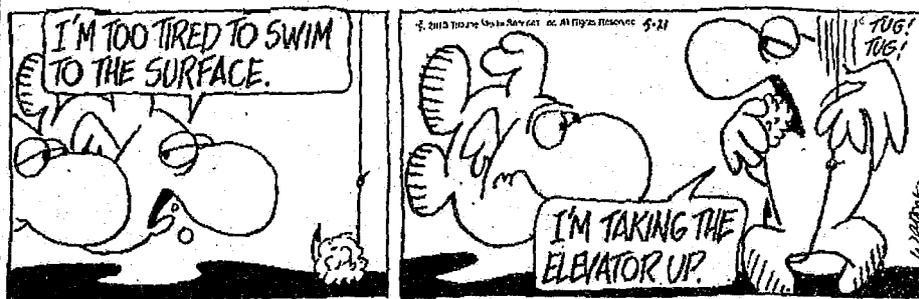
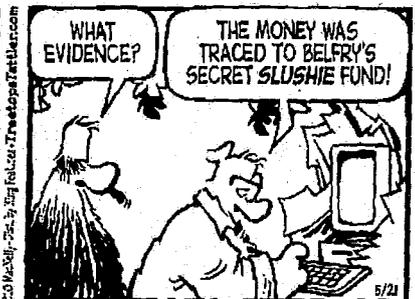
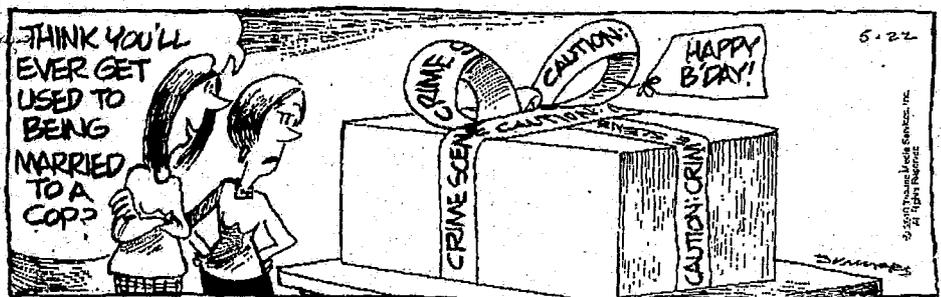
Sons of the American Legion Squadron 108: Meets third Monday of month at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All sons, grandsons of active and former military personnel are encouraged to attend. Information: Brian Koutrous, 717-202-9810 or Milton Chestnut, 446-9045.

United States Submarine Veterans: Feb. 6, 12 p.m., at White Sands Missile Range. All former submariners welcome. www.ussvi.org/BaseShow. Call Shane Foraker 575 437-0665.

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



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FOUR RACK TOTAL
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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

"MARK TIME"
BY BONNIE L.
GENTRY

- ACROSS**
- 1 Group of notes
 - 6 Is, in Ixtapa
 - 10 Prefix with grain
 - 15 National League East team
 - 19 Renée's "Chicago" role
 - 20 Milky Way ingredient?
 - 21 Guessimate word
 - 22 Speed-skating rink, e.g.
 - 23 Invites the public
 - 24 You can't go when you're in it
 - 25 Districts
 - 26 Pantheon site
 - 27 It's a racket
 - 30 New Englander
 - 32 Begin to use, as resources
 - 33 Just so
 - 34 Most violent
 - 35 de corps
 - 38 Caravan stopovers
 - 40 Bobby Orr, for most of his career
 - 41 S.O.S. for one
 - 43 Trevi Fountain coin count?
 - 44 Gelling agents
 - 48 Having just seen a ghost, maybe
 - 49 Mechanical connectors, half the time
 - 50 Jumping contest entrants
 - 52 du jour: bistro special
 - 53 Hundreds of wks.
 - 54 Cavalry blade
 - 55 "I've ___ thinking ..."
 - 56 Venezia's land
 - 58 Feed store?
 - 59 Alpine mont
 - 60 Managing
 - 61 Acts of faith?
 - 64 "Come again?"
 - 68 Like urban populations
 - 69 In ___ and out ...
 - 71 Pottery ovens
 - 72 Frankenstein aide
 - 74 Throw a feast for
 - 75 Data transfer unit
 - 76 Odessa's home
 - 78 "Like that's gonna happen!"
 - 81 "Gymnopédies" composer Satie
 - 82 1936 Olympics champ
 - 84 Simple fellow

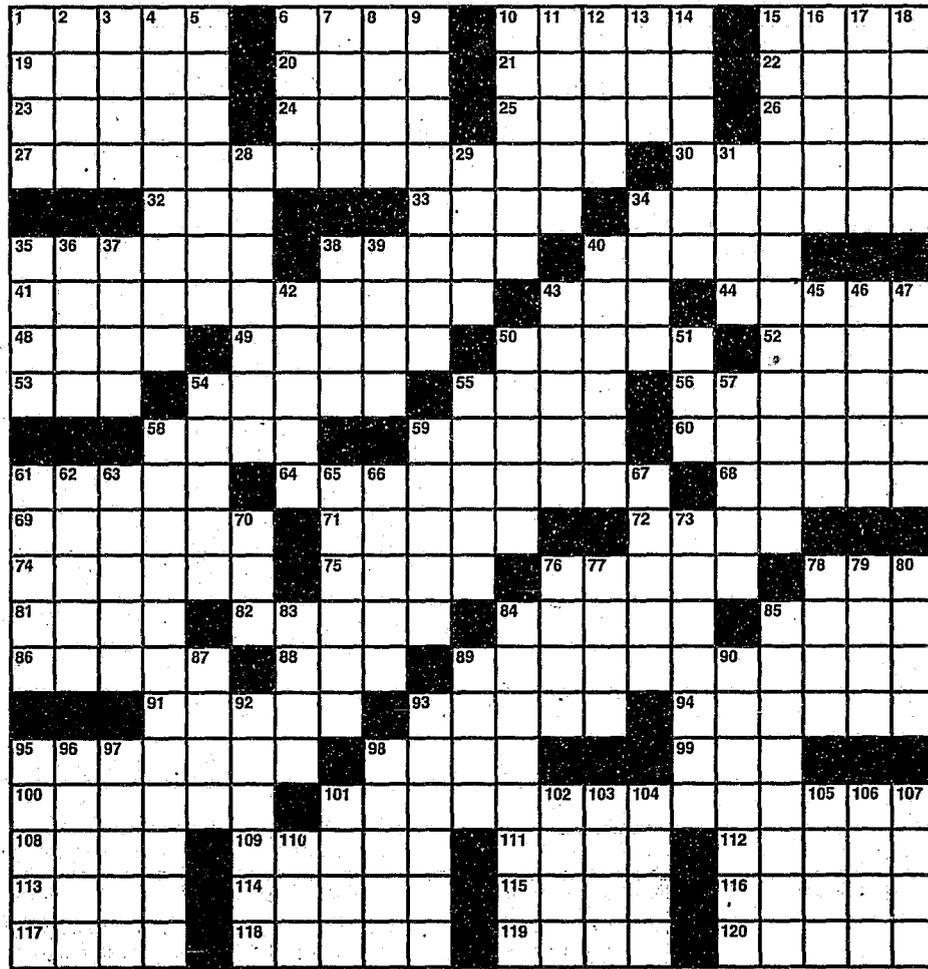
- 85 Seat of Hawaii County
- 86 Plebe's denial
- 88 Some hangings
- 89 Group in power
- 91 Asian menu assurance
- 93 Musical "don't play"
- 94 "Very well"
- 95 Disconnects
- 98 Knot, as of hair
- 99 Bi- plus one
- 100 Justice of the peace customer
- 101 State of inaction
- 108 Big butte
- 109 "Enough already!"
- 111 Dig find, perhaps
- 112 Part of a TV signal
- 113 Constantly
- 114 Duel-purpose equipment
- 115 Command after "Oops!"
- 116 Touches the tarmac
- 117 Brooding place
- 118 Soup scoop

- DOWN**
- 1 Harvester's haul
 - 2 Northern Arizona native
 - 3 Farmer's helpers
 - 4 Sound right
 - 5 Lose heart
 - 6 Armchair QB's channel
 - 7 Men-only affair
 - 8 Field shield
 - 9 Hot Springs National Park state
 - 10 Tribute and Miata
 - 11 It might have a nut at each end
 - 12 Sans companions
 - 13 Digital watch abbr.
 - 14 Dress shop compliment
 - 15 You might get it in your pajamas
 - 16 Draw forth

- 17 Emulates a horse whisperer
- 18 Frozen drops
- 28 Most favorable
- 29 Scout's good work
- 31 Mezzo's moment
- 34 Sportscaster Gumbel
- 35 See from afar
- 36 Wound remnant
- 37 Campaign vets
- 38 Eye impolitely
- 39 One making a good impression?
- 40 Mile High athlete
- 42 Mover and shaker
- 43 Exit poll indication
- 45 Exhausted
- 46 Gully fillers
- 47 Frontier transport
- 50 What the dauntless lack
- 51 [Quoted verbatim]
- 54 Rope fiber
- 55 Needing spicing

- 57 Ruckuses
- 58 More than a walk-on
- 59 High 80s, roughly
- 61 "Space Cowboys" actor
- 62 Start of a new año
- 63 Tutelage
- 65 "La Dolce Vita" actress
- 66 Beanstalk menace
- 67 President who appeared on "Laugh-In"
- 70 '20s-'30s Flying Cloud, e.g.
- 73 Rap genre
- 76 Scrabble piece
- 77 Throw off
- 78 Expand the staff
- 79 Cathedral voices
- 80 Baseball Hall of Famer Wilhelm
- 83 Slender-bodied stinger
- 84 Silently endure difficulty, in slang

- 85 Chronic
- 87 Greeted the judge
- 89 "Atlas Shrugged" author
- 90 Internet gateways
- 92 Spark in a bookshop
- 93 "Thy Neighbor's Wife" author
- 95 Studyly sorts
- 96 Naproxen brand
- 97 Small victory margins
- 98 Crude abode
- 101 Zipped
- 102 Zip
- 103 Pantheon figures
- 104 Conspiracy theorist's subject
- 105 "Show Boat" author Ferber
- 106 Clears (of)
- 107 Small snack
- 110 Scholastic mean, briefly, hidden in this puzzle's seven longest answers



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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knugek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

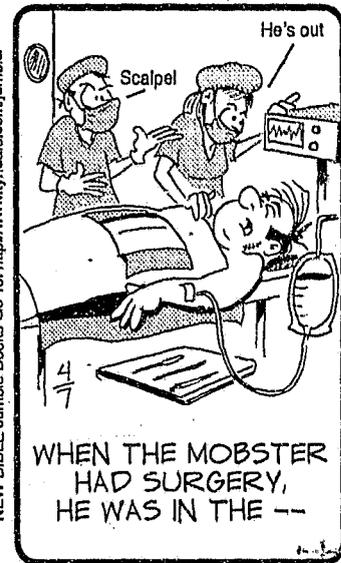
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Ans: " " " "



WHEN THE MOBSTER HAD SURGERY, HE WAS IN THE --

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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CHORD ESTA MULTIMETS
ROXIES STAR ABOUT OVAL
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TAP NEAT GORILLA
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YRS SABER BEEN ITALIA
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EVER EPES UNDO LANDS
NEST LADLE PEST SLASH

Jumbles: NEWLY CRANK BUOYED DEMURE
Answer: When the mobster had surgery, he was in the "UNDER" WORLD

Land of the midnight sun, Part One

Dream of summer vacation lasting forever? In the Land of the Midnight Sun, it will – or at least all day and night. Outdoor adventurers love Norway's fjords, castles, polar bears and Vikings. In this five-part series, you'll enjoy one of Europe's most expensive destinations, and spend a lot less than you think.



Follow me to Oslo

Cram a lot of fun in Norway's capital city by taking advantage of 24-hour daylight (note that I did not say "sunshine"). All three days I was there the sun shone for only one hour. The rest of the time was overcast, gray, raining or drizzling.

Twelve museums in three days?

Sure, many are within walking distance of each other and all are easily accessed by tram, bus or ferry. My favorite is the outdoor Folk Museum of Cultural Heritage, where you'll walk through a full-scale outdoor re-creation of towns and villages of Norway's different regions and eras, all populated by costumed docents.

In an 1800s farmhouse a farm wife chops kindling and bakes bread; in a 1920s pharmacy and the

1890 wine shops, clerks sell actual goods using old cash registers. You can also pet the horses, sheep, cows and goats in pastures; tap your foot in time to the folk fiddler and dancers; or dress up as an 18th century noble lady.

My next favorite museum is a three-way tie among the Viking

Ship Museum, Fram Museum and Kon-Tiki Museum, all are within 10 minutes of each other by city bus, and illustrate Norway's symbiotic connection to the sea.

Your jaw will drop when you behold three actual Viking longships over 700 years old, preserved in the Viking Ship Museum. Each ship, personal property of a Viking chieftain or queen, became his or her burial ship to transport the deceased, belongings and favorite animals to Asgard, Viking heaven. Because deceased persons' goods were buried with them, you'll see farm implements, boots, carts, saddles and bridles, even cloaks, whose material was preserved in clay when its wearer was buried. The only items missing are weapons and jewelry – robbed, just as Egyptian pharaohs' tombs were

robbed, by ancient non-believers.

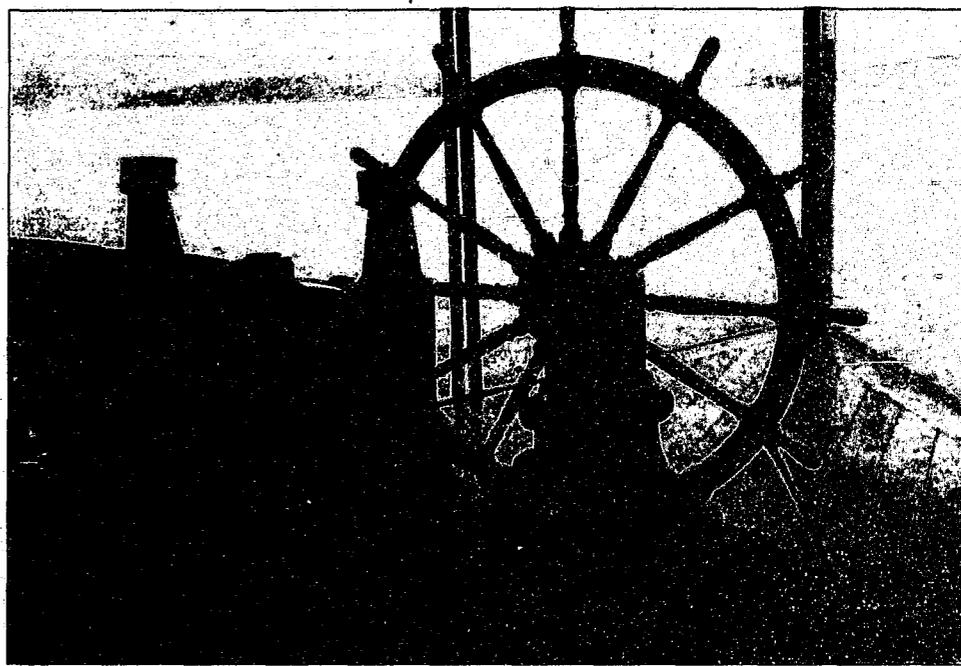
Arctic exploration 101

The wooden sailing ship Fram, probably the strongest wooden ship ever built, dominates the sky-lit Fram Museum showcasing her and the history of polar exploration from 1893 to 1928. Built by Fridtjof Nansen in 1893 specifically for polar exploration, Fram's egg-shaped hull was designed to ride up on, instead of being crushed by, polar ice. She proved her designers right, and successfully carried out five expeditions to both North and South Poles before being nobly retired.

Kon-Tiki lives

Remember Thor Heyerdahl? He sailed from South America to Polynesia in 1947 in Kon-Tiki, a reed raft, to prove it could be done. He also built and sailed Ra II (Ra I broke up) in 1970 across the Atlantic Ocean from Morocco to Barbados. In 1978 he built Tigris which he intended to sail the Persian Gulf to Pakistan but was prevented by civil wars in countries around the Red Sea and eastern Africa. At the Kon-Tiki Museum, you'll gaze at the actual Kon-Tiki and Ra II and marvel that those little rafts could surmount vast oceans; but they did.

Tying for third favorites are the Resistance Fighters Museum, Armed Forces Museum, the Castle and the Norwegian Maritime



Life on or near the sea comes alive at Oslo's Maritime Museum. Photo courtesy Yvonne Lanelli.

Museum. The Resistance Fighters played havoc with the Nazi occupation of Norway in WWII under the Nazi collaborator Quisling. Unbelievably brave men and women blew up the Germans' heavy water factory in Norway, an act that delayed Nazi Germany developing the atomic bomb before we could.

Castle Hill dominates Oslo's shoreline and its many museums will occupy you all day. The Castle Fortress itself is a dream for knights-in-shining-armor buffs. With complimentary audio guide in English (or other language), you can walk the entire 700-year-old Castle, treading the very steps trod by Norway's kings and queens from 1300 to the present.

The Armed Forces Museum is a military histo-

rian's dream come true with life-size displays from the Middle Ages to the present.

Finally, we mountain and desert folk will appreciate what life is like when you live at or near the sea, as do Norwegians, when you stroll the Maritime Museum.

Have fun and not spend a fortune

Save over 75 percent by staying in warm, comfortable clean pensions or hostels instead of expensive high-rise chain hotels. Buy an Oslo Pass for unlimited public transportation around town. There's free entry to nearly every museum, plus discounts on other destinations.

Pizza is an inexpensive meal, as are sandwiches and wonderful freshly

baked bread from the grocery. McDonald's appears in Oslo, but a salad costs \$13. Tipping is non-existent; merely rounding up the bill suffices. Discounts abound, sometimes even free entry for those older than 60 or 70.

Stash maps, guidebooks and snacks in your pockets. Nosh on snacks while waiting for busses or trams, and save both \$\$ and time.

Foreigner-friendly Norwegians speak some English since it's a school requirement.

Caveat: This is Europe and everyone smokes.

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