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Tourism funding evolves

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*Promotion of area results
from a complex approach*

Over the years, the question most often uttered by Midtown business owners about the use of lodgers tax collected in Ruidoso is how much ends up in tangible advertising of the community.

Village councilors have tried different approaches to eliminate extraneous charges, including last year, telling Director of Tourism Steve Tally to take over as much of the placement duties as possible

from TKO Advertising, cutting out the percentage commission. The firm, whose contract ends this month, did not submit a proposal for renewal to handle the creative work, Tally said Thursday.

Speaking from his office at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, he said, "We are a tourism-driven economy and we are fortun-

nate that lodgers tax is spent for that purpose. We have some lodgers tax money going to Wingfield Park and to the Convention Center remodel, but over the years, our (Lodgers Tax) Committee and council have been pretty smart keeping dollars for the purpose of bringing in more visitors."

Defining "direct advertising dollars" isn't as simple as it sounds, he said. Several gray areas exist.

But sticking to a strict definition of dollars that end up as radio, magazine or other media advertising, it appears in the preliminary Lodgers Tax Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, about 34 percent of the annual budget is used for that purpose.

However, Cindi Clayton-Davis, who chairs the Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee, reminded resi-

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Ruidoso Water Department leak detection coordinator Jodie Rue prepares to place a leak listening device on a water system valve.

Water leak detection becomes scientific

■ 'Acoustic loggers' help village pinpoint source of leaks

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A new leak detection program for Ruidoso's water system has already tracked down where water was being lost.

Called acoustic loggers, the listening devices help the village's water department in determining if there is a leak and provide a location of the line break.

The system of 100 acoustic loggers that transmit data, a radio receiver, a PDA, and a ground microphone, were given to the village by the New Mexico Office of State Engineer (OSE) last year.

In a just-released report titled Quantifying Leaks with Acoustic Loggers, the OSE said Ruidoso was one of three New Mexico communities, with real water losses, that received the equipment.

"We were very fortunate to get selected," said Water and Wastewater Department Director Carlos Salas.

In 2005, Ruidoso had an estimated 28.5 percent real water loss which amounted to 177 million gallons per year.

"This has helped. We've found leaks thanks to Jodie and our crews get on those leaks," said Salas.

Jodie Rue is the department's leak detection coordinator.

The acoustic loggers become ears when attached to water distribution valves and fire hydrants. Overnight they listen for unusual vibrations that could represent a leak in a pipe. Then the data is transmitted to a receiver.

"They turn on at 2 a.m. and turn off two hours later," said Rue. "Then at 8 a.m. they turn on again to send the data."

Rue drives a water department truck that includes a receiver to gather the data into the PDF.

"I'm moving them (acoustic loggers) around though I leave some in place in the old (system) areas or where there's older type of pipe," said Rue. "I'm trying to pick the older parts of town, like the Upper Canyon, which is the oldest part of Ruidoso."

Where two loggers are placed on valves along a section of water line, correlators can be used to jointly listen and communicate.

"By the power of science and math and all that stuff they're able to pinpoint where the leak is up and down the line," said Rue.

When a possible leak is suggested, a ground microphone can also be used to walk the line of the underground water pipe.

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Council approves operating plan for well pumping

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Upper Eagle Creek watershed.

Village Council has approved an annual operating plan that spells out how much, how fast and when wells at the North Fork of Eagle Creek on U.S. Forest Service land can be pumped by the village of Ruidoso.

The Annual Operating Plan essentially is a renewal of a previous operating plan with a first amendment that allows the U.S. Geological Survey to perform a multiple-year hydrological study of the

The plan includes the annual renewal that allows the village to operate the wells and transmission line on forestry service property until May 31, 2011. Specific requirements are for collection of data at least twice a month on water levels while static and while pumping. Wells are rotated on and off, on an "as needed" basis. Usually, only one well will be in operation, depending on water demand.

Daily pumping quantities of water from each of

the North Fork wells will be reported in acre feet.

One acre-foot equates to about 325,800 gallons of water. Maintenance of the water lines and wells also is spelled out.

The special use permit that allowed Ruidoso to develop four supply water wells on 2.8 acres in the Lincoln National Forest along Eagle Creek expired in December 1995. The village continued to operate the wells on an annual contract with the USFS, but in 2005, as residents along the seasonal creek increased their objections

and argued the village's pumping impacted their wells and the surface flow, Forest Service officials responded with stiffer requirements, including the hydrological study.

In other issues, during a council meeting in late May, two applications from Rick Riddle, president of Noisy Waters Artwear, were approved. The first was for a New Wine Wholesalers Liquor License only to be used at Noisy Waters Winery, 2342 Sudderth Drive.

The second approval covered a New Off Site

Wine Growers Liquor License only to be used at The Cellar, located at 2408 B Sudderth Drive below Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant. Riddle explained the license allows two offsite tasting rooms. The Cellar will be accessed from Rio Street.

In other business, councilors:

* approved a resolution authorizing a change in scope and deadline date for a \$175,000 State Department of Transportation Municipal Arterial Pro-

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Building permit primer

Note: In order to help residents, business owners and seasonal homeowners navigate the sea of regulations in the Village of Ruidoso, officials with the Planning and Zoning Department will be offering some guidance over the next few months.

Building Permits: What, Why and How?

A building permit is a license that grants legal permission to start construction of a building project. The permits allow the enforcement of the building codes. In almost every case, no matter the cost or magnitude, a valid permit is required.

Building permits are typically required for the following:

- New Buildings
- Additions
- Alterations/remodels
- Demolitions
- Prefabricated structures
- Temporary buildings
- Manufactured homes
- Re-roof
- Carports
- Electrical systems
- Plumbing systems
- HVAC systems (heating, ventilating, air conditioning)
- Miscellaneous residential (fireplace, fences, dog run)
- Decks (replace, repair extend or close in)

Volunteers wanted

Volunteers are needed for a highway cleanup on Saturday, June 26, at 9 a.m. The Ski Run Road Chal-

enge 20K organizers have adopted the first three miles of N.M. 532 (Ski Run Road). Refreshments will be provided.

For more information call 575-937-7106.

have an investment in the home or business that you are about to build or alter. When the project does not comply with the codes, your investment could be reduced.

Applying for a building permit notifies the inspectors that you are about to construct or remodel something and code compliance will be followed.

A building permit provides a means to protect the public by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe construction and therefore ensuring the public health, safety and welfare.

The village is fortunate to employ a Building Official and Land Development Coordinator, Plumbing/Mechanical/Residential Building Inspector and an Electrical Inspector to help you from start to finish a project.

Call or stop by the Village of Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Department to pick up the type of permit you need, for you project. You may also download permits from the website listed at the bottom.

Also remember to call 1-800-321-2537 or 811 to check on the location of underground utility lines before you dig.

Village Hall is located at 313 Cree Meadows Dr., or call 575-258-4343 or 1-877-700-4343, or visit the village website at www.voruidoso.com.



Members of the Altrusa Club of Ruidoso began their new fiscal year with Installation of new officers. From left are Secretary Doris Wallace, Directors Jan Rogers and Sheila O'Brien, President Jill van Gilder and Vice President Judy Griffin.

Sweet Charity

Help End Abuse for Life (HEAL) has scheduled the grand opening of its newest adventure, Sweet Charity Resale Boutique, for Thursday, June 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Born out of a proactive response to a substantial budget cut pending for July of this year, Sweet Charity is intended to both fill a part of the anticipated \$80,000 shortfall as well as continue the many layers of community support the Nest survivors need to move past their abusive relationship.

Sweet Charity looks forward to continuing a solid working relationship with the thrift stores in Lincoln County, with whom they share existing partnerships.

Past HEAL board members Debbie Haines-Nix and Sarah Mayes served as

ward to help the women and children who live at the Nest. This is but one more way to do that and it doesn't matter if you want to volunteer two hours a week or two hours a month. We welcome and appreciate everyone."

The Grand Opening will feature several special and unique items for sale. Light refreshments will be served. The Ruidoso Greeters will conduct a ribbon cutting at 10am.

Sweet Charity Resale Boutique is located at 26156 U.S. Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs in the old C&L Lumber building west of Walmart. Office hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The purple Sweet Charity Volkswagen parked in the front of the building will be hard to miss.

For further information, call Sweet Charity at 575-378-0041.

"The Thrifty Chicks" in creating the concept and layout of Sweet Charity. Soon, their part of the project will be complete and the proverbial baton will be passed to the newly hired manager, Celina De La Garza, who has extensive experience in business and is already considered a tremendous asset to Sweet Charity.

According to Kathryn Walker, Operations Director for HEAL, "Celina has the kind of experience the Boutique needs as manager and she also clearly understands the work behind our mission. We never lose sight of why we do what we do. It is always about supporting our survivors and their kids."

There is still ample opportunity for those interested in supporting the Nest to participate as a volunteer. According to De La Garza, "We love how Lincoln County comes for-

Flag Day

The public is invited to join a number of civic groups in honoring the Red, White and Blue from 5:30 p.m. until dusk, June 14, at the Ellis Country Store Inn in Lincoln.

Historian Jack Shuster will be the main speaker at the event, talking about the history of the flag. His appearance will be followed by a flag retirement ceremony with the help of local Lincoln County scouts.

"Please bring your tattered and torn American flags to be respectfully retired," Shuster asked. New replacement flags will be available for purchase.

The historic Ellis Store Country Inn is on U.S. 380 at Mile Marker 88. Hot dogs will be served. Call Dolores Stevens at 653-4379, or e-mail at hondochoc@pvt.net to help with a food headcount.

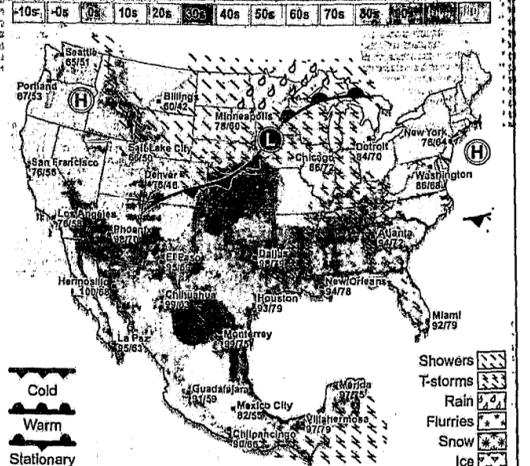
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AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
RealFeel 83°	RealFeel 80°	RealFeel 76°	RealFeel 79°	RealFeel 79°	RealFeel 82°	RealFeel 80°
Humidity 82° 57° 19%	Humidity 80° 55° 24%	Humidity 78° 51° 22%	Humidity 74° 52° 27%	Humidity 77° 55° 44%	Humidity 79° 58° 38%	Humidity 75° 56° 50%
Mostly sunny and windy Wind: SSW 12-25 mph	Windy with sunshine Wind: SSW 15-25 mph	Partly sunny with winds subsiding Wind: SW 15-25 mph	Some sun with a t-storm possible Wind: NNE 7-14 mph	Sunshine mixing with some clouds Wind: SSE 8-16 mph	Sunshine and patchy clouds Wind: S 8-16 mph	Intervals of clouds and sun Wind: ESE 7-14 mph

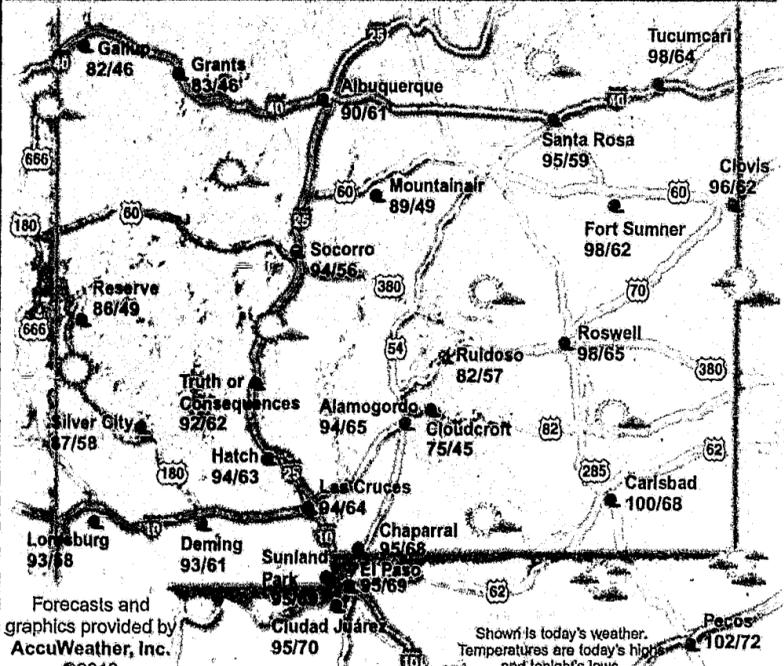
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National Forecast for June 11, 2010



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

Regional Cities



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Almanac

Ruidoso
 Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:
 High/low 82°/61°
 Normal high 81°
 Normal low 42°
 Record high 93° (1953)
 Record low 24° (1974)

Precipitation:
 Wednesday 0.00"
 Month to date 0.23"
 Normal month to date 0.51"
 Year to date 4.94"
 Normal year to date 5.77"

Pollen:
 Grass Moderate
 Trees Moderate
 Weeds Moderate
 Mold Low
 Predominant Pine Tree

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

Alamogordo
 Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:
 High/low 101°/84°
 Normal high 93°
 Normal low 62°
 Record high 104° (1985)
 Record low 50° (1963)

Precipitation:
 Wednesday 0.00"
 Month to date 0.45"
 Normal month to date 0.20"
 Year to date 2.60"
 Normal year to date 2.89"

Weather Trivia™:
 Q: What are mammatus?
 A: Turbulent clouds at the base of a

Sun and Moon

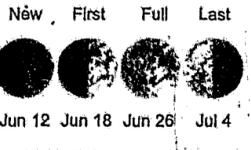
Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 5:54 a.m./8:11 p.m. Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 4:57 a.m./7:50 p.m.

Extremes

Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
 High: 111° in Death Valley, CA
 Low: 33° in Berlin, NH

Wednesday's World High/Low:
 High: 118° in Miribeh, Kuwait
 Low: 4° in Summit Station, Greenland

Moon Phases



CURB APPEAL

If the yellow curbs look brighter along Sudderth Drive, it's not a trick of lighting.

A Ruidoso Street Department crew was out Thursday morning painting the corners and no-parking areas along the main drag through Midtown.

"We're going from the circle at the entrance to Upper Canyon down to the circle near Walgreen's," said Department Director J. R. Baumann.

The brightness of the village's paint contrasts with the already fading striping last month of New Mexico 48, which includes Sudderth Drive and Mechém Drive, all the way from the U.S. 70 intersection to Capitan.

A spokesman for the District 2 Roswell office of the state Department of Transportation said the traffic engineer who approved the contract for the work to J & H Supply planned to drive the route Thursday and take a first-hand look.

"It's been done and paid for," she said.

Another job that local street crews are working on lies north of Second Bridge in Upper Canyon and out of sight of many visitors and year-round residents, Baumann said.

"Fred Payton is there fixing the area that washed out past Second Bridge, and they moved the road over," he said.

-Dianne Stallings



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The curbs on Sudderth Drive, top photo, stood out more on Thursday after village street crews finished painting corners and no-parking areas. Also on Thursday, village workers, above and inset, tended to an area near Second Bridge in Upper Canyon.



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OUR OPINION

Lots of numbers and comparisons

Numerous fiscal articles require patient reading

The stories have been coming fast and furious, and they arrive packed with lots of numbers and comparisons.

It's sometimes arduous reading, but we appreciate your patience in digesting the slew of budget-related stories and charts that have been published in the *Ruidoso News* the past few issues.

We also appreciate the village's willingness, even desire, to share with the public some of the less pleasant facts about our fiscal situation. We even

detect that some in the village share a newspaper's traditional adversarial role that says problems can't be fixed without a thorough public airing.

Whether it be about village debts, visitors centers, lodgers tax funds, tourism ad dollars, village and county budgets or cost-cutting, the news is significant to the future financial health of Ruidoso and Lincoln County.

We trust that a mixture of thorough reporting and a measure of transparency will lead to a better tomorrow.

Blues in the night, one more time

For a minute, there, Ruidoso turned into a blues town, and I was back in my element, hanging out in the clubs.

Last weekend's annual Mountain of Blues Festival drew several hundred fans to Wingfield Park under record-setting temperatures Saturday, but it was the sultry night-action down the street at the Quarters that made the scene viable.

On Friday, the Maynard Mills Blues Band set up shop at the Quarters with a loose set that tightened up once Mills strapped on the metal resonator guitar and pulled up some old-school Delta slide blues.

The ghost of Robert Johnson was lurking in there some-



MARTY RACINE

ON SECOND THOUGHT

where, headed to the crossroads with a hellhound on his trail. For Saturday, I had to have a plan. Invited to the annual Hubbard Foundation awards ceremony and dinner at the Turf Club, I put on some slacks that still fit, a shirt that happened to be ironed, boots without too much dust in the creases and headed to town. Into the trunk, I had tossed in a pair of shorts and sandals.

The ceremony, as usual, was a relaxed, heart-warming affair, as scores of deserving organizations from throughout southeastern New Mexico received certificates for the foundation's grant allocations. The appetizers were tasty, the company was sublime, and everyone had a time.

Then it was a purposeful stride to the car, a hop up the road to the offices of the *Ruidoso News*, and a quick-presto change into summer threads. I took a shortcut across the Shamrock station and pointed the headlights to Wingfield Park. Elapsed time: 11 minutes.

I got there just as Mountain of Blues headliner Andrew Jr. Boy Jones and his crack band were slicing and dicing some shuffles and low-down testimonials. The sound was crisp, the mix was clean and the dancers were cutting the grass as darkness gathered. It was a good scene, and the music soared, worthy of the balmy night.

I think this shindig was supposed to conclude by 8:30, but it went closer to 9. Then it was back to the Quarters, where, over the next four hours, a jam ensued with members of three or four festival bands sitting in and taking turns, including Junior Boy and his hot-wired Gibson.

Between sets, the DJ was spinning slinky house music for a younger crowd, mostly ladies.

And combined, it was as diverse a society as you will find in Ruidoso, hanging and rolling in the fun.

The night was so mellow the RPD squad car parked across Sudderth eventually gave up its watch and departed.

But here's the thing: This Mountain of Blues Festival, for all its good vibes

and cultural impact, is one poorly promoted event. It's as if Dean Fowler and the boys figure if they build it the public will come.

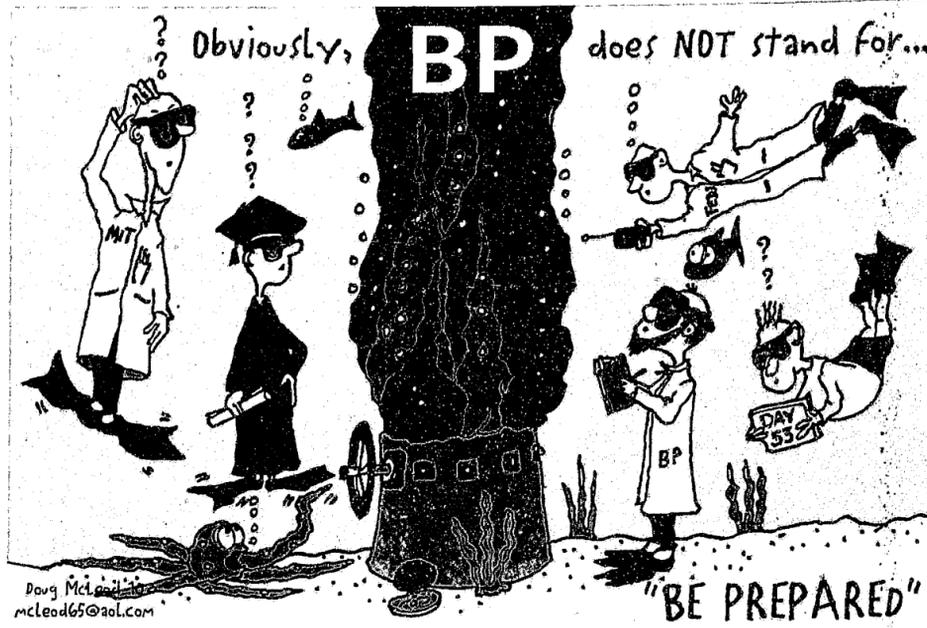
Which is true - to a point. Here's how the game is played: Promoters schedule a festival. Promoters contact the surrounding media, encouraging phone interviews with the acts, furnishing contact numbers and email addresses for the requisite publicists.

It's all free publicity. Everyone wins. Radio gets sample CDs for airplay, the press writes up exclusive advance pieces, the public gets a better insight into the performers, a buzz is created, media types make the scene (always a good thing) and the crowd swells on festival day.

Heck, I routinely get press releases for festivals in Silver City, even Telluride, Colo. But our own backyard? They couldn't be bothered.

So, our little blues bash in the cool pines every summer will doubtlessly go on its merry way, attracting local performers and a few mid-level names. A hundred or two folks will show up. The Quarters will cut the karaoke for a while and actually utilize its space, which is ample and atmospheric.

The festival won't grow. It won't get bigger and better. It will just be, which, I guess, when you're starved for flattened 7th notes, is good enough.



YOUR OPINION

A solution for the Nest

To the editor:

DEAR LINCOLN COUNTY, Victims of domestic violence and their children, as well as the employees of the Nest Domestic Violence shelter here in Lincoln County are being affected directly by not only the budget cuts in Santa Fe but by grant funding that is quickly evaporating in these tight economic times. Our programs are facing the very real possibility of being trimmed or cut if a solution isn't developed.

Enter Lincoln County, the county with the biggest heart in New Mexico! This county has again come through with amazing support and care by lovingly donating enough items to open Sweet Charity, a unique retail, resale shop for pre-loved home goods, furnishing, clothes and gifts for the home and garden. You will find an eclectic blend of new and vintage wares with a broad price and style range.

Sweet Charity was conceived by two "thrifty chicks", Debbie Haines Nix and Sarah Mayes, and will be managed by Celina De La Garza, a seasoned boutique and thrift store devotee. The opening of Sweet Charity has been supported wholeheartedly by the board of HEAL, Help End Abuse for Life, the non-prof-

it that operates the Nest, Lincoln County's only shelter for victims of domestic violence.

Our mission is to create a quality shopping experience that supports repurposing, recycling and reusing; thereby reducing our impact on the environment. In doing so, we will provide a constant source of funding for the operation of the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter and also provide fun shopping experience.

We can only carry out this mission with the help of wonderful volunteers and generous donations from our community. If you are downsizing, have kids moving out, selling your home, cleaning out that garage, or simply redecorating and looking for treasures; please keep us in mind. Our garages are already looking better and the car actually has a home again!

If you are interested in becoming part of Lincoln County's newest social group and you want to make a difference, join the Thrifty Chicks and a few thrifty roosters and change lives. Help us design, decorate and organize Lincoln County's newest shopping option, Sweet Charity!

The Ruidoso Valley Greeters cut the ribbon when we first

opened the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter several years ago and they of course will be on hand to officially kick off this important opening day.

Our grand opening will be at 10 a.m. on June 17. Refreshments will be served and a children's quilt hand crafted by a local "angel" will be given away. Call or come by and start changing lives.

Sweet Charity is located in the old C & L Lumber store at 26156 U.S. Hwy 70, just after the Bestway Motel in Ruidoso Downs. Speaking of angels, Shane Garner, son of Carolyn Beechie and grandson of Joetyne Wright and the late C.L. (Bones) Wright have spared no expense, time, nor energy in outfitting his family's building to accommodate this worthy cause. Thank you Shane and family!

Look for the purple door, purple trim on our building and coming soon, a cute purple Volkswagen parked out front! Again, thank you, Lincoln County, for always having heart. You make us proud!

Two Thrifty Chicks,
Debbie Haines Nix
Sarah Mayes
Sweet Charity Manager
Celina De La Garza

Track bill nothing but extortion

To the editor:

WHO IS THE puppeteer of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners? The general premise of "government by the people, for the people and of the people" is that transparency and openness would allow the citizens to know what is going on with the governing elected officials and paid administrators.

But recently we citizens and residents of Lincoln County have learned that plutocrats such as the owners of the Billy the Kid Casino and Ruidoso Downs Race Track and State Representative Zach Cook together obtained legislation in HB 203 whose title is a pure deception, intended to trick Lincoln County residents to vote for a tax to subsidize gamblers and make the owners of the track richer, with no strings attached. But first, let's back up.

The racino owners declared they were going to move to Las Cruces. This declaration was meant to strike fear into all the business owners and local residents who mistakenly believe the racino belongs to the "people," and so will suffer a great loss. So the racino owners are basically saying: "Give me tax dollars or I will leave." Sounds like extortion.

Let's be clear. The racino does not belong to the people; that is, the racino is not a public asset of the Lincoln County government, of the City of Ruidoso Downs or of

the Village of Ruidoso. The racino belongs to Ruidoso Downs Racing, Inc., a privately owned corporation.

The implication of the move to Doña Ana County was that the racino was going broke, bankrupt. This, of course, means that fewer gamblers and necessarily insufficient numbers of gamblers are visiting the racino to act out their fantasy of winning a lot of money and possibly getting rich.

The objective of the racino operation is to deceive its misguided gamblers into believing they can all possibly strike it big. Just keep betting. Just keep pouring those dwindling dollars into the machines or betting on the horses. Mistakenly too many gamblers believe if just by continuing to bet one more time, "I'll win". Mathematical probability says otherwise and the owners know this all too well. Too many gamblers become addicted to the notion that betting one more dollar they could "beat the odds."

Inevitably the addicted gamblers fail and lose a lot of money. The addiction has no reward, no service in return or guaranteed product, nothing like buying a new vehicle or something guaranteed in exchange for your money. For the gambling addict the family suffers and the children suffer. The addicted losers can call the gambling addiction hot line. Yes, one sees it every-

where, pawn shops surrounding the gambling operations, full of jewelry, tools, personal belongings of all kinds, exchanged for more money to try and beat the odds of those tinkling machines, programmed to assure the loss, in time, of its users.

And the horses - betting the big buck on "tips" mostly fails against the incalculable and unknowing odds based upon independent variables. The owners of the racino know this. What a neat way to make money: Provide no product, yet get tons of money.

Oh yes, a few people win, to keep the fantasy and justification for the operation alive - entertainment and the thrill, the high of the addicted experience of falsely believing just one more pull on this "hot machine," a bet on a particular "long shot" horse will hit the jack pot.

The owners of racinos hate taking risks, like investing in a free market venture offering a solid innovative product with guarantees. Rather, racino owners reap the benefits of the failed risks of their gamblers: fancy homes, ranches, expensive automobiles, paintings, museums, jewelry, high political connections. The racino owners will try and eliminate their risk of losing money, because of declining

A dying water model in the age of limits

DAN MCCOOL
Writers on the Range

Change comes hard to Western water policy. The Prior Appropriation Doctrine, interstate compacts, groundwater law, the "law of the river" — all of these seem set in stone in the minds of the region's policymakers.

Of course, the West's rivers aren't bound by such a static existence. Indeed, they are changing in fundamental ways, opening a wide chasm between our water policy and our water sources. This is particularly true for the Colorado River Basin.

Climate scientists are predicting a 10-to-30 percent reduction in flow for the Colorado — a stark contrast to the rosy assumptions that underlay the Colorado River Compact when it was signed 88 years ago.

Researchers from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography recently predicted that Lakes Mead and Powell have a 50 percent chance of going dry by 2021. These days, Lake Mead is at 45 percent capacity and Lake Powell is at 57 percent capacity.

Farther south, water shortages are predicted for northern Arizona communities, including Flagstaff, by 2050. The Central Arizona Project, which provides water to Phoenix and Tucson, may run short of water as early

as 2012.

And farther downstream, Mexico is looking at a disaster along its stretch of the river due to inadequate flows, prompting one Mexican official to declare, "We are clearly on a collision course with a catastrophe," according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

Then there are the numerous environmental problems in the basin. Six aquatic species are threatened or endangered, though the invasive quagga mussels are doing just fine. The river corridor in the Grand Canyon, deprived of sediment and choked with tamarisk, is dying; the river's delta is already on its deathbed.

The Colorado is plagued by water quality problems, especially salinity, perchlorate rocket fuel, runoff from agriculture and inadequate sewage treatment.

The shortage of surface water has pushed some communities to mine groundwater. Communities as diverse and geographically separated as Tucson, Ariz., Las Vegas, Nev., and Cedar City, Utah, are experiencing subsidence because of their excessive withdrawals of groundwater.

The sediment that once was the lifeblood of the river now forms a giant plug at the junction of Cataract Canyon and Glen Canyon. It is simply a matter of time before Lake Powell

becomes the world's largest mud catchment, rendering the 710-foot-tall dam useless.

Water shortages in the Lower Basin will be greatly exacerbated by proposals to build giant pipelines. Las Vegas, which gets 90 percent of its water from Lake Mead, wants to build a \$4 billion pipeline to central Nevada to pump groundwater from beneath several valleys in the Great Basin. This 300-mile pipeline is likely to lower groundwater levels, threatening a national park, national wildlife refuges, an Indian reservation, and local ranchers and farmers. The resulting loss of surface flora is not just a cosmetic problem; it could result in huge dust storms that blanket Salt Lake City.

St. George, Utah, sort of a Las Vegas wannabe in terms of growth rate (but without the sinful fun), wants to build a billion-dollar pipeline that sucks water out of Lake Powell — despite the imminent demise of the lake. In the Upper Basin, Aaron Million, with dreams to match his name, wants to build a 560-mile pipeline from the Green River to Colorado's Front Range and divert 250,000 acre-feet.

In addition to these proposed pipelines, the City of Denver wants to dramatically increase the water it pumps out of the Colorado River Basin, and the

Lakes are filling with mud, cities are pumping excessive amounts of groundwater, and environmental problems are compounded. Other than that, the West's longtime water management policy is working great.

state of Wyoming recently created a new state "Dam and Reservoir Section" to investigate the feasibility of new diversions on the Green River.

These grandiose schemes for new diversions are not "the way of the future," but rather the last gasp of a dying water ethos. The myriad problems of the Colorado River point to one inescapable conclusion: Western water policy is hopelessly, irrevocably unsustainable. Policies that once created stability are now an albatross, preventing the West from making fundamental changes in the way it allocates and uses its water.

It is time for a new era in water management. The first step requires dispensing with the absurd notion that infinite growth can take place in a region with severely constrained resources.

The second step is to realize that agriculture, which uses the lion's share of the river, is going to take a big hit. Many of the

crops grown in the basin are low value, such as hay, or are commodity crops that are already over-produced in the United States.

And the third step requires improving the quality of the water by forcing all polluters to clean up their mess. That includes agriculture, mining and municipalities with inadequate urban treatment.

These changes will not be easy — it's like prescribing a root canal for an entire region without offering nitrous oxide. But the longer we wait, the more difficult it will be to make the transition to a policy that meets the reasonable needs of cities, a service economy and the age of limits.

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'New Mexico's DWI Files' and the race for governor

Imagine someone wheeling by you in a silver Corvette at nearly 100 miles per hour, drunk, and on his way to his 10th DWI.

Would you:

- Wonder if you'll ever have a cool car like that?

- Wonder if 10 DWIs is some sort of state record?

- Wonder why on earth this guy's not working for a bank somewhere making fast, fast loans to spur the economy?

- Wonder if this guy does work for a bank, how has he kept his job through his first nine DWIs?

- Wonder if anyone in this state is ever going to figure out how to prevent someone with nine previous DWI violations

from getting his or her tenth?

- All of the above?

Of course, I'm really not looking for an answer here.

(Alright, if you have a good one, please drop a line to the editor.)

What I'm describing, however, is another story from New Mexico's DWI Files, if you will.

"DWI Files" is the title I'm giving our state's twisted reality series where we feature DWI enthusiasts

with a minimum of five DWIs on their record.

Today's show is particularly interesting. It seems one Michael David Chavez, a 45-year-old senior vice president with Wells Fargo Bank in Las Cruces, took a silver Corvette out for a spin in April.

Chavez was motoring down NM 478 when he was popped driving 92 miles per hour.

For reasons of clarification, I should mention that if Chavez had been allowed to continue at that speed he would have been 92 miles farther down the road in some sixty minutes.

Fortunately, for those anywhere in the vicinity of Chavez, he was spotted, stopped and tossed into jail.

In published reports, Chavez's breath-alcohol content was 0.28 percent. You're driving drunk at 0.08. Do the math. Chavez was hammered as he put the hammer down in the 2011 Vette. And this was a test drive. Imagine what Chavez could do if he got serious?

Now, it appears, newly-nominated Republican candidate for governor, and current Doña Ana County District Attorney Susana Martinez is going to get serious.

Chavez, she said, is in jail, citing him as a "threat to the community."

With DWIs one-through-nine Chavez was a what? An annoyance? A gnat on the people's butt, say?

I'm not picking on Martinez. I like her. I think she's the ticket, actually, for the state. To her credit, Martinez has a proven record in a job that requires more than political prowess. She's not going to bat 1,000 percent, but that is an absurd expectation for any DA. She'll make a good governor.

But Chavez's stunt, and the fact that Martinez had to come out and say, basically, that he's in jail and probably should have been in jail eight DWIs earlier is the type of stuff political ad men feed on.

And, true to form, the Democratic candidate, Lt. Governor Diane Denish, is on Martinez's

record like, well, any good career politician on the attack would.

When you have a record, it can be attacked. Generally, though, it also means you've tried to do something real. While Denish seems like a swell person, being lieutenant governor doesn't open the door to a lot of accomplishments. It is a stepping stone. A political stepping stone.

Trust me, the next few months are going to be fun. Funner than fun, really. And ugly. Uglier than ugly, too.

Sadly, at 10 DWIs, Chavez isn't even near the state record. As best I could find (Google-wise) someone in Belen was at 22, and that was 10 years ago.

Still, look for Michael David Chavez's name to pop up again and again and probably again in the weeks ahead.

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JEFFRY GARDNER
RIGHT FOR A REASON

LETTERS, FROM PAGE 4A

numbers of gamblers, by forcing citizens to pay a tax to them. The owners of the racino and Zach Cook got the job done, without anyone knowing what they were doing in Santa Fe, writing a bill that would allow a county to set an election so one gambling-loving group of citizens can force another non-gambling group of citizens to pay a tax, the proceeds of which will go into the pockets of the owners of the racinos.

On June 15, I am informed, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will consider adopting an ordinance setting an election so Lincoln County citizens can fight one another over subsidizing gamblers to the tune of up to \$750,000 per year for five years, no strings attached. The proposed ordinance should be tabled. And then an effort made to persuade the State Legislature to amend the law to delete racinos located in Lincoln County from state gaming laws affected by HB 203.

This proposed ordinance, conceived in secrecy, without any public discussion before its behind-the-scenes conception, serves no public purpose, is unethical, is contrary to free market economics, is harmful to local business by raising taxes, forcing children, teenagers, low-income citizens, the elderly, those who believe gambling is immoral to

give up their personal property because the racino owner hates to pay his gaming taxes.

There is no similarity between HB 203, subsidizing gamblers and a truly public purpose such as a school or hospital bond issue. These are assets owned by the public and serve a wholesome public purpose. The racino is a private entity. To treat the racino as if it were a public asset is a form of vicarious socialism.

It should be noted that the owners, instead of being addicted to the money of private citizens, should charge its own customers an entry fee, like a bar charges a cover charge to enter to hear a band. If one wants to gamble, let them pay a cover charge. If they do not want to pay, so be it. The racino should then close its doors, or drop the casino or racetrack, which ever is losing money.

The owners have never, to my knowledge, disclosed all of their books and accounting records for public review. What about the assets of the owners? Let them disclose the value all of their assets, (homes, autos, jewelry, trust accounts, ranches, etc) including revealing their income statements for the last 12 years, as political candidates do. Other business owners often sell most of their assets to provide operating cash to help their business succeed. So should the racino owners. If selling their assets fails to keep the gambling operation

afloat, then, according to free market rules, may the doors of the racino close.

No business owner in Lincoln County can in good conscious support this repugnant ordinance. The Villages of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs will survive, I assure you.

The Lincoln County attorney made a statement in a recent *Ruidoso News* to the effect that the proposed ordinance could include a clause that stipulates that, in the event the racino closes, the owners would have to pay the tax back. This idea is absurd and ludicrous. Commissioner Parks at a candidates forum expressed concern about losing the property tax revenue should the racino close. These were stupid statements by intelligent men. If the racino goes bankrupt, does anyone believe, in their most sober mind, that the owners are going to have almost \$4 million in tax dollars in the desk drawer to pay back?

Do the owners of the racino and the Board of County Commissioners think we citizens are mindless? Is the county going to be placed in 1st position in foreclosing on the property, now valued by the assessor at \$5,465,127? What kind of debt paper is outstanding against this property? We need to get better advice from a county attorney. Time for change I believe.

According to the county asses-

sor, the racino paid taxes of \$66,882 in 2007, \$69,191 in 2008 and \$66,726 in 2009. I am informed by the county assessor that the racino property values were not raised recently as other property values were raised for other citizens. So, the racino got a break without a protest hearing.

Commissioner Parks, like Hamlet, thinks to himself, what if the county lost this property tax income. *Hmmm*. Well, let's take a look at the numbers. We have five county commissioners. There were three between 1974 and 1979, while I was county manager. Two could be eliminated saving almost the equivalent of the taxes paid by the racino. Three Commissioners made perfectly sound decisions. Did two more add wisdom? Doubtful.

The assessed property value of Lincoln County is \$1.034 billion. Assuming no possible trimming of county expenses, a property tax mil rate increase would be in order to cover the loss of \$66,726, paid by the racino. Commissioner Parks apparently reasons that if the citizens of Lincoln County pay the owners of the racino \$750,000 in a year, the racino could continue paying the property taxes of \$66,726. Are we stupid? The citizens of Lincoln County are not going to buy this idiocy. Better we just pay \$66,726, not \$750,000 in gambling subsidy tax.

So, who are the puppeteers controlling the County Commis-

sion to drive this HB203 legislation, the proposed ordinance and gift tax to the racino owners and the vile deception that the tax is a business retention tax? The county manager says he is befuddled; which means confused or stupefied. Not him. Which county commissioners? County Attorney Morel? Zach Cook? The former county clerk informs me that there was never a discussion of this subject before the County Commission. So who behind closed doors is pulling all of these strings? The public is dying to know. The electorate will kill this gift tax to the racino owners as they ousted two current commissioners.

Christians will not support this tax, Republicans and conservatives will not support this tax, Democrats protecting the widows and orphans will not support this tax, children and teenagers will not support this tax for a non-public purpose. Better the owners of the racino mature up, become accountable for their own business downturn and announced they want no part of this shenanigan. Taking tax dollars from children and teenagers! Zach Cook! admit this was a big mistake and begin reversing this legislation! Don't waste tax dollars on a foolish election. I will be organizing opposition to this proposition.

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BUSINESS

New Mexico single-family home sales up, Lincoln County down

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While the April number of single-family home sales in New Mexico increased 14.4 from April 2009, and was up .7 percent from March 2010, the numbers fell in Lincoln County.

The Realtors Association of New Mexico reported April's 33 homes sold in the county was a 7.7 percent decline from a year earlier. It was also a 27.3 percent drop from March 2010.

The median sales price of a New Mexico home during April 2010 was \$175,000.

That was 2.9 percent higher than March's median, and 1.4 percent over the April 2009 median.

In Lincoln County, the April 2010 median price

was \$192,500. That is an 8.3 percent increase from the \$177,750 price in April 2009. But the most recent \$192,500 median price is a 1.3 percent decline from April 2008.

Officials noted that the smaller number of home sales in Lincoln County can cause the numbers to bounce around.

That was evident with the March 2010 median sales price at \$229,500.

Value up

The overall value of homes sold in Lincoln County in April was \$6,295,505, an 11.3 percent increase from monthly sales volume in April 2009.

The sales volume in April 2008, however, had been \$8,473,200.

Steven Anaya, executive director of the Realtors

Association of New Mexico said home sales activity seems to be on the upswing statewide.

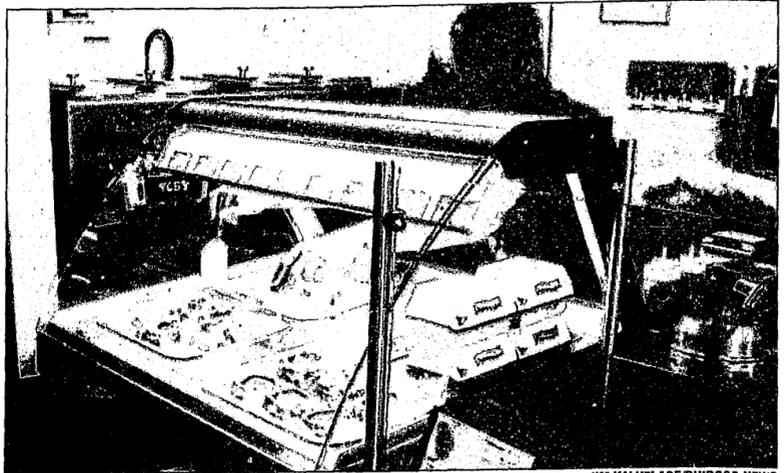
"The real test of a sustained recovery will come now that the tax credit incentives have expired," Anaya said.

"Preliminary pending home sales numbers, continued low mortgage rates, and other economic predictions indicate improvement will continue, but there are still bumps in the road."

The first-time home buyer's tax credit, and another home buyer's credit, both ended on April 30.

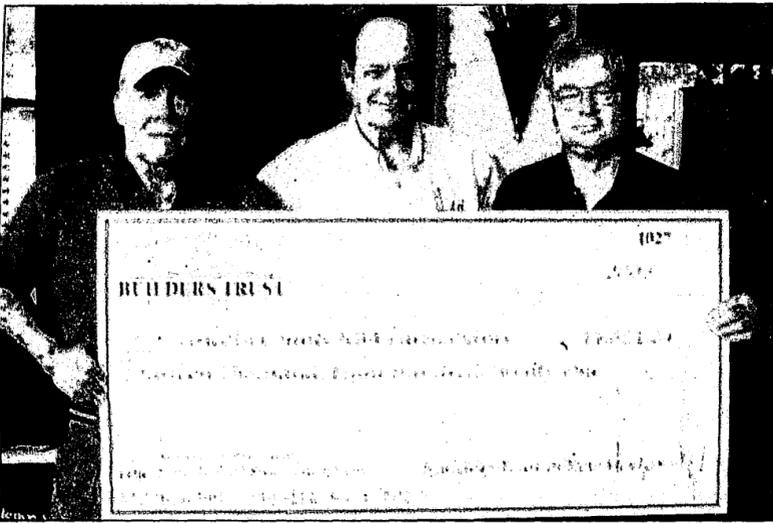
According to a recent National Association of Realtors survey, difficulty obtaining a mortgage has replaced expectations that prices may fall as the most important factor in limiting buyers, Anaya said.

CINNABON HAS ARRIVED



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Schlotsky's owner Jimmy Goodwin serves up a Cinnabon treat at his deli in the Pinetree Square shopping area of Ruidoso. The Schlotsky's restaurant in Ruidoso is now the 55th Schlotsky's outlet in the country to serve up the well-known Cinnabon brand. "People are aware of the brand from airports and shopping malls," said Jimmy Goodwin, owner of the local Schlotsky's in the Pinetree Square near the top end of Sudderth Drive. "It's been really well received," he said of both the rolls and Cinnabon Coffee. A Cinnabon Express counter offers the Cinnabon Classic Roll and PecanBons. The sweet treats became available on June 3. "I think it compliments our other desert items that we offer," said Goodwin. "And it fits with our catering program. When we cater, sometimes customers was a mid-afternoon snack too." The Cinnabon products are available daily starting at 8 a.m. Goodwin said eventually Cinnabons goods will become available at all Schlotsky's across the nation.



COURTESY

Builders Trust of New Mexico, a self-insured workers' compensation fund affiliated with the New Mexico Home Builders Association, delivered a \$14,821 check to the Lincoln County Home Builders Association. The return of premium, to the local association's members, represented a rebate for 2009. The presentation was held during the monthly dinner of the Lincoln County HBA at the Cree Meadows Country Club on June 1. Since inception, Builders Trust of New Mexico has returned over \$342,000 in premiums to the members of the local organization, and more than \$23 million statewide. The Lincoln County Home Builders Association meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Cree Meadows Club House. Contact Linda Carlson, secretary at lcarlson@foxgal.com for more information.

Vacation home market holding

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Vacation home sales around the Ruidoso area rose in 2009, according to a recently released survey from the National Association of Realtors (NAR).

Their 2010 Investment and Vacation Home Buyers Survey showed that sales rose by 7.9 percent in 2009. The vacation home median transaction price also increased from \$150,000 in 2008 to \$169,000 in 2009.

"While the NAR survey is a broad countrywide survey that may not reflect local trends, if you take a look at the market for Ruidoso homes for sale, you'll see that while the number of homes sold were down in 2009, our market

held well compared to other markets," said Ruidoso Realtor Rhonda Albers. "This indicates that homebuyers continue to express an interest in owning a second home in Ruidoso."

Albers also noted that the Ruidoso real estate market saw increased interest in the fourth quarter of 2009.

"Ruidoso truly lives up to its nickname of being a 'year-round playground,'" said Albers.

"If you come here in the winter, you can ski at Ski Apache, the premier ski resort in New Mexico. In the warmer months you can enjoy golfing, hiking, biking, horseback riding, hunting and fishing."

"And no matter what time of the year it is, the

views here are always spectacular."

Based on data from Zillow, an online real estate database, the median home price in Ruidoso has increased by 2.2 percent on a year-over-year basis from 2006 to March 2010.

"According to the NAR survey three out of four of the second home buyers in 2009 were married couples, while the typical vacation home buyer was 46 years old," said Albers.

"We have been seeing the same trends here in Ruidoso, with many of our homebuyers near or at retirement age."

"We are also starting to see second home owners upgrade to full-time residents as they begin to relax and enjoy life."

Mescalero casinos take is down slightly

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Like the Billy the Kid Casino at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track, Mescalero Apache gaming enterprises realized a reduced net win during both 2008 and 2009.

But unlike the racino at the track, the Mescalero drop was much softer, according to figures provided by the New Mexico Gaming Control Board.

Last year the net win (the amount wagered less the amount paid out in winnings) at the Inn of the Mountain Gods and the U.S. Highway 70 Casino

Apache Travel Center was \$66.6 million.

That was 5.9 percent less than 2008's \$70.8 million.

In 2007, net win was \$73 million, a year-over-year decline of 2.9 percent.

For the two-year period, the drop was 8.7 percent. During the same two years, all tribal casinos in New Mexico posted a dip of about one-third of one percent, though the Navajo Nation began gaming in 2008.

The statewide cutback in net win from tribal casinos was 1.7 percent from 2008 to 2009.

The Billy the Kid Casino

realized a 13.9 percent decline in net win the previous two years, according to number provided by Ruidoso Downs Racing.

In 2009, the drop was 4.4 percent. It was 9.9 percent in 2008.

Over the last four years, the racino's decline was 32.1 percent, as the *Ruidoso News* reported in May.

None of the racino figures involve the racetrack operations.

Neither the track casino nor tribal casinos numbers include any other aspects of the enterprises, such as food, beverage or hotel revenues.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Gas prices

The cost of filling up at some Ruidoso gas stations dropped slightly over the past couple of days. The pump price for regular unleaded was posted at \$2.769 per gallon, a cut of three cents.

But that is still close to the top in New Mexico. Reports suggest Truth or Consequences is among the communities with the highest gas prices, at \$2.84, but Carrizozo remains steady at \$2.93.

At least one station in

Las Cruces was listing a price for regular gasoline of \$2.42.

The AAA-New Mexico reported on Thurs-day that the average pump price in the state was \$2.689.

A month ago the average price had been \$2.845, according to the motoring organization.

La Mesa appeals

The effort to get New Mexico's sixth, and possibly final, racetrack and casino back on track has begun.

The La Mesa Racetrack

and Casino filed an appeal of the revocation of the racino's gaming license. The New Mexico Gaming Control Board took the action, stating conditions of the license had not been met.

La Mesa, at Raton, was to have begun casino operations in September 2009.

That was pushed back to January 2010, and again extended to May 1. In March, the board warned La Mesa that if the casino failed to open by May 1, the license would be revoked.

The appeal, La Mesa contended there was a lack of due process in pulling the license.

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Mescalero native on film panel

A Mescalero native son will be one of several conference panelist educating state and local filmmakers on how to obtain financing and distribution for small films.

N. Bird Runningwater, the Director of the Sundance Institute's Native American and Indigenous Program, was reared on the Mescalero Apache Reservation. He also oversees the Sundance Institute-Ford Foundation Film Fellowship, which was established for emerging Native American filmmakers.

Among his other roles, Runningwater is an advi-

sor to the newly established American Indian National Center for Television and Film in Los Angeles.

The conference, which begins today and goes through Saturday at the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque, will be presented by the New Mexico Film Office.

"Understanding how to navigate the complicated world of film financing and distribution will better equip New Mexico filmmakers to find opportunities and compete on a local, national and even global scale," said Lisa Strout, director of the New Mexico Film Office.

FUNDS

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dents that before committee members consider spending the first dollar, they lose more than half a million that is collected and designated for specific purposes.

The preliminary Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget shows \$540,000 of what is referred to as "bucket money," or dollars already committed to specific uses as they are collected annually, then are set aside and held in reserve. A portion of that money pays the annual debt obligation to purchase Wingfield Special Events Park and to renovate the Convention Center. Pulling the bucket money out of the final budget figure, the portion going to advertising jumps to 49.3 percent.

The Lodgers Tax Fund is fed by a 5 percent tax imposed on overnight rentals at motels, hotels, inns, cabins, private homes and recreational vehicle parks.

In the preliminary budget submitted to the state

Department of Finance and Administration by the village, the lodgers tax revenues and expenses are listed as a special fund and total \$1,170,000 in the current fiscal year that ends June 30, and are budgeted at \$1.5 million for 2010-2011. Other revenue sources include grants, earned interest and the \$540,000 reserve from prior years. Total revenues for 2010-2011 were \$1,695,000, compared to the \$1,200,176 actual figure this year.

Some of the routine expenses were an annual audit at \$4,500; subscriptions and dues cut to zero for the new 2010-2011 budget from \$1,000 this fiscal year; and the tourism director's salary and gross receipts tax budgeted at \$64,988.

The Ruidoso Visitors Center contract with the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce runs \$122,000, the postage and toll free number another \$17,000.

"The budget of \$122,000 was approved for 2010-2011, with the idea of streamlining happening down the road," Tally said.

"It's not just overhead and salaries. What they do also is fulfillment for advertising. When we do an ad, we put in the 800 number and website address. So when people are interested in staying here, they go to the website and inquire. If they need more information, the Visitors Center responds with mailings, electronic brochures and by phone."

The Billy the Kid Scenic Byways Visitors Center on U.S. 70 in Ruidoso Downs is more of a welcome center, a "meet and greet," he said, and is budgeted for \$55,375.

The contract to market the newly renovated village convention center off Mech-em Drive on Sierra Blanca Drive is with Leisure Hotels and Resorts, which also operates The Lodge at Sierra Blanca next to the center. The amount of the contract increased from \$80,000 to \$100,000, "to get the word out about the improvements to the center," Tally said.

"That's a gray area," as far as direct advertising dollars, he said. "There's some overhead, maybe 10

percent," he said. "But there is advertising and upkeep on the website. That's where people see a gray area, but I say if you see it and can touch it..."

'Creative relations'

Tally said creative public relations is a new component lumped in with media planning, placement and production at \$59,571 for contract services. "When you say hard dollars, it's not just media," he said. "There is a lot more to marketing than media. Public relations is part of it. Public relations can be very productive, but was never mentioned in TKO's previous contracts." The work will include writing press releases and contacting travel writers to bring them to Ruidoso, he said.

Some of the more direct advertising dollars include \$75,000 for cooperative marketing of events. That category covers applications for lodgers tax money to promote and advertise special events, Tally said, adding, "And that's matched by the people who put on the events, so the

effect doubles."

The budget sets aside \$47,000 for brochures, trade shows, travel and miscellaneous, \$20,000 for emergency advertising, a category used in 2008 after a major flood on the Rio Ruidoso.

The only line items tagged specifically for advertising and marketing is \$242,000, covering all types of media such as magazine and radio. Tally said a new line item listed at \$26,000 will pay for a website and electronic marketing of the village.

"We have ruidosoattractions.com. but that's a transitional site, more of a portal to allow people to click through and connect to other websites," Tally said. "What we need and are working to get in a couple

of years, is a state of the art destination website similar to Vail's (a ski resort in Colorado). To me, that's hard marketing, because customers can feel and touch it."

Another \$100,000 is designated for special advertising projects.

Figuring just those items specifically set aside for advertising, not including the visitor centers or the convention center marketing contract, the amount comes to \$569,571, translating to about 34 percent of the budget going directly for advertising. Cutting the \$540,000 reserve from the final budget figure, the percentage would increase to 49.3 percent.

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Alto Reservoir, seen here replenished by melting snowpack, is a major source of village water.

WELLS

FROM PAGE 1A

gram funded project from design and bridge replacement of Second Bridge on Main Road to include First and Second Bridges. The money will add a third lane to each bridge to eliminate two choke points on the road.

"If everyone is trying to evacuate (the one-entrance/exit canyon) when we are trying to get emergency vehicles into the canyon, this still will leave two lanes for traffic and the third for the emergency equipment," Street Director J. R. Baumann explained.

approved a resolution authorizing a change of scope for a MAP funded

project from rehabilitation of Paradise Canyon to Country Club Drive from Sudderth Drive to Cree Meadows Drive. The first suggestion change focused on chip sealing High Loop Road and off streets in Indian Hills and Highwood Addition, but state officials disagreed that those streets qualified as main municipal arteries. The new project will reopen the intersection of Country Club Drive and Cree Meadows Drive, closed years ago by the state DOT.

Councilor Jim Stoddard told Baumann to alert residents of the area ahead of time. Baumann said in 2006, they were queried about reopening the intersection and 11 were for it with six against, out of 25 letters mailed.

The intersection will be

at a 90 degree angle, with traffic allowed to turn left or right onto Cree Meadows. "It will be a true intersection designed by DOT, which shut it down in the first place," Baumann said.

agreed to a joint funding agreement with the USGS of the U.S. Department of the Interior, obligating \$31,000 as the village's portion of water resources investigations.

"This study (on the North Fork wells) was used to request the operation permit for the wells," Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris said. "The U.S. Forest Service required a full blown environmental

study and this monitoring is part of our part."

approved in one vote under the consent agenda a five year plan for the public library to comply with state requirements for full public library status in line with the village's Comprehensive Plan; an agreement with EAN Holdings LLC. for professional services for operation of car rental services at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport; and an agreement with Ruidoso Rent A Car for professional services for operation of a car rental service at the airport.

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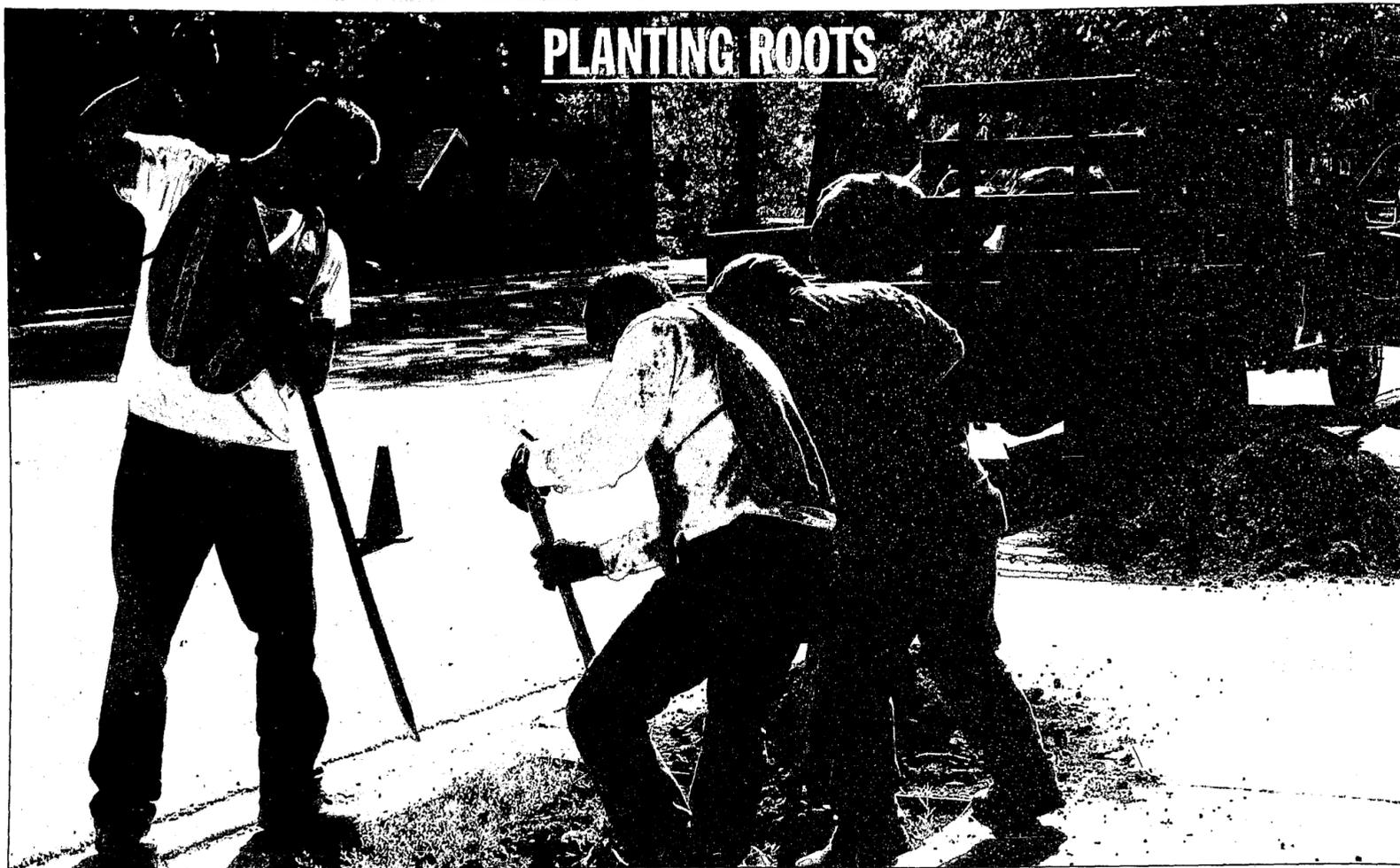
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PLANTING ROOTS

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Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Supervisor Rodney Griego and his crew dig a hole to plant one of seven replacement trees on Sudderth Drive. Two types of mature crabapple called Radiant and Spring Snow, and a purple locust, were picked to add green, shade and blooms to Midtown.

Planners consider 'adopting' sections of the village for better insight

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The idea was debated recently for each member of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission to "adopt" a section of the village.

Commission Chairman Beth Hood said each commissioner is familiar with different sections where they live or work and a similar size geographic area could be sliced out for the seven members.

"I think it would be a

service to the community," she said.

Commissioner John Cornelius, a builder, said he wouldn't mind doing it, as long as commissioners don't slip into becoming code enforcers. "I make enough people mad just doing this," he said.

Commissioner Gloria Sayers questioned, "What would it accomplish?" although she said she would appreciate a map showing all of the subdivisions in the village to become more familiar with

different areas.

"I think once you get into it, you will begin to see things that are useful to know," Hood replied. She already has an idea of where tree issues occur in her neighborhood and who might present a problem for not picking up debris and trash.

"I noticed as I walk around (with his dog), the houses without address numbers," said Commissioner Art Hinz. He also spots nightly rentals and can see whether the activi-

ty fits in the neighborhood. "Then what do you do with it without becoming enforcement?" Cornelius pressed.

Hinz said another time, he noticed a leaking hydrant and call the village for repairs before much water was lost.

Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris, who heads Planning and Zoning, said commissioners might see the rhythm of different neighborhoods. For instance, Ponderosa Heights and Brady Canyon give off

different vibes.

Commissioner Fred Cowan said he could see where it might be useful when house numbers or street signs are missing.

Hood urged each member to pick an area and begin driving it for the next three months to see what happens. If they find it doesn't enhance their ability to serve the community, the practice can be dropped, she said.

Sayers said she already noticed the differences in setbacks in various subdi-

visions in the village. "Some lot sizes just aren't sensible," she said. "They all would need variances to do anything."

"To me, it's very interesting," Hood said. "I started with my own neighborhood, but we each seem to live in different areas of town and (having insight) would be wonderful."

Sayers asked Hood to prepare criteria of what types of things she should be observing.

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Explosive devices, radiation in the air: It's only training for WMDs

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Explosive devices with radiation detected. And

hydrogen cyanide found in the air. Those were the weapons of mass destruction (WMD) training situations Tuesday and Thurs-

day that brought together local emergency responders and National Guard experts on WMD.

Tuesday's exercise was at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. It involved a scenario of two explosive devices and a reading of alpha particle radiation, said Lincoln County Office of Emergency Services Director Travis Atwell.

The Thursday training was at the restaurant at Ski Apache. There the drill

involved people who were getting sick as two devices were pumping a mist containing hydrogen sulfide and hydrogen cyanide into the air.

"This is very important, especially for the responders," said Atwell.

"If you pull up on the scene and there are a lot of people that are ill, it's time for a time-out, that this might be a hazmat situation."

Atwell said that's where the New Mexico based Civil

Support Team (CST-WMD) comes in.

"The team is the support to help identify what kind of hazmat substance is involved," said Atwell.

CST-WMD teams were established during the past decade to deploy quickly to assist a local incident commander in determining the nature and extent of an attack or incident.

In addition to identifying substances, their mission is to assess the consequences, advise on response measures, and assist with any requests for additional military support.

Help to Defense Dept.

The National Guard teams provide the Department of Defense expertise to help on the state and local levels.

The teams were begun after President Bill Clinton said in 1998 that the Department of Defense would step in to support

state and local authorities in the event of an incident involving weapons of mass destruction.

9-11 the impetus

Atwell said the number of teams around the country was really stepped up after 9-11.

Each unit is made up of 22 highly trained, full-time National Guard members who use federally approved chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear responses.

Local responders who partook in the exercises included the Lincoln County Office of Emergency Services, the Bonito Volunteer Fire Department, the New Mexico State Police Bomb Squad, and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

The last time there was a local hazardous materials training exercise with the CST-WMD was in 2003.

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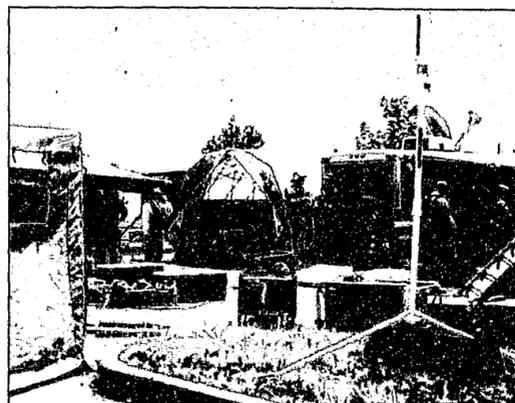
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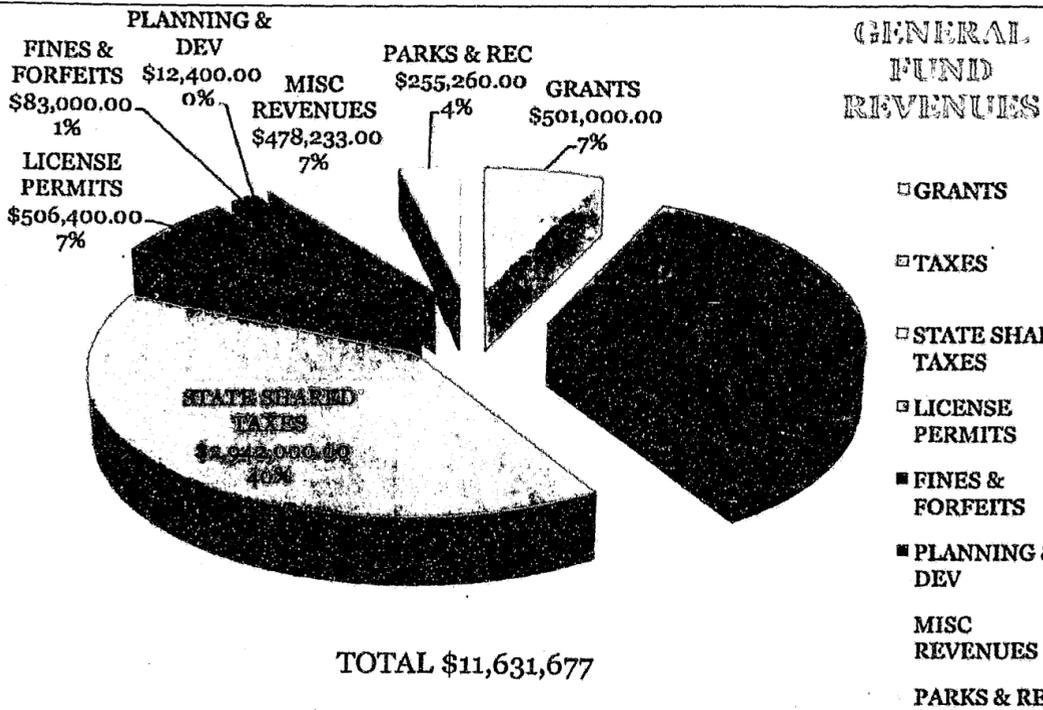
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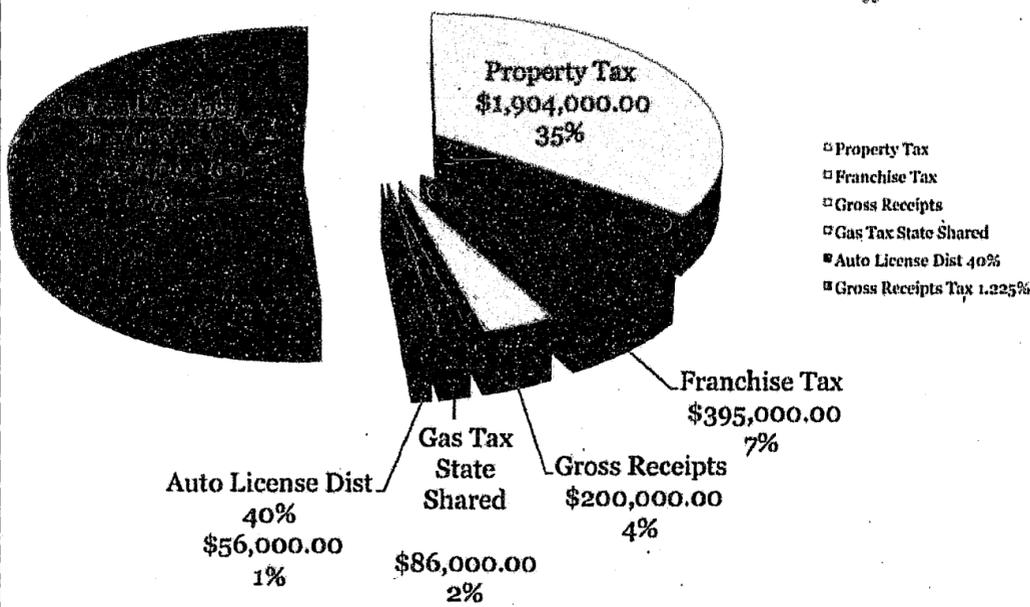
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Emergency responders, including a weapons of mass destruction team, move in on the Spencer Theater during a training exercise.



LOCAL AND STATE SHARED TAXES



BUDGET

BREAKDOWN

The upper chart, prepared for a recent Village of Ruidoso budget session, breaks down sources of revenue totaling \$11,631,677 for the village's general fund. The chart at left looks at the types and amounts of shared local and state taxes that comprise the 74 percent shown in the upper chart. Gross receipts taxes are collected on the sale of services and goods.

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Hospice care is a life-affirming and life-changing decision

If you are a caregiver for a terminally-ill loved one, one of the hardest decisions you may ever need to make is regarding hospice care.

It is an extremely difficult decision to make.

However, once you realize that medical treatment has gone as far as it can, it is time for the patient to be

in a place where there is warmth and caring, and they and you can spend quality private time together with each other.

Listen carefully to your loved one when they say "I'm tired. I don't want to go back to the hospital."

Have a candid discussion with the patient's physician. If you are interested in hospice, ask if this is a reasonable option.

Hospice is not a place; it's a concept about the quality of life as it nears its end for the patients and their families and friends.

Even when medicine cannot provide a cure, it can offer comfort, care and assistance that can help maintain a better quality of life for the patient.

Hospice care is based on

the belief that through sensitive, appropriate care and the support of a caring community, terminally ill patients and their families can begin to prepare to face the inevitable changes ahead.

Palliative care involves the aggressive treatment of physical and emotional pain and symptoms.

It focuses on improving the patient's comfort and quality of life for all those involved. Hospices philosophy is that the quality of life and a person's dignity are essential.

The family and/or friends are extensively involved in the caring and the emphasis is on life. Hospice staff provide teaching and support for the friends and family to be able to provide the best care possible.

Another main decision to make is who will be the primary caregiver for the patient.

Today, it is not unusual for parents to retire in one community, and for their children to be spread out across the country and beyond.

In cases like this, it

requires communication, flexibility and a commitment from all involved to devise a schedule to allow all to participate.

While caring for a loved one during the final stages of life will be one of the most difficult and emotional things you will ever do, it is also one of the most rewarding, and you will have no regrets about having done it.

Hospice care can offer respite for caregivers so that caregivers can take a much needed rest at intervals while not worrying about how the patient is doing.

Hospice will set up the equipment needed, and provide training to the caregivers regarding medications, and other comfort measures.

The hospice team includes nurses, therapists, social worker, volunteers, and a chaplain. There is also a one-year bereavement program for the family and friends.

If you need any additional information regarding hospice services, or want a free in-home evaluation, call Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice at 258-0028.

Article is courtesy of the Lincoln County Community Health Council, www.lincoln-healthcouncil.org.



JENNIFER CHADWICK, RN

Proper precautions needed for high outdoor temperatures

SANTA FE - With the state experiencing extremely hot temperatures, citizens need to take proper precautions to avoid potential health problems like heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Heat kills by pushing the human body beyond its limits. In extreme heat, the body must work extra hard to maintain a normal temperature.

Most heat disorders occur because the victim has been over-exposed to heat or has over-exercised for his or her age and physical condition.

Older adults, young children, and those who are sick or overweight are more likely to succumb to extreme heat.

Know the terms

Heat wave: A prolonged period of excessive heat, often combined with excess humidity.

Heat index: A number in degrees Fahrenheit that tells how hot it feels when relative humidity is added to the temperature.

Exposure to full sunshine can increase the heat index by 15 degrees.

Heat cramps: Muscular pains and spasms due to

heavy exertion. This is often the first signal the body is in distress.

Heat exhaustion: Typically occurs when people exercise heavily or work in a hot place where body fluids are lost through heavy sweating. Blood flow to the skin increases, causing it to decrease in vital organs which results in mild shock. If not treated the condition will worsen, body temperature will continue to rise and you may suffer heat stroke.

Heat stroke: Is a life threatening condition. The body's temperature control system, which produces perspiration to cool the body, stops working. Body temperature may rise so high that brain damage and death may result if the body is not cooled quickly.

If you suspect you or someone else has this condition, call 911 immediately.

Sun Stroke is another term for heat stroke.

Pets: Make sure pets and domestic animals have plenty of water. For pets, change it often and if they are outside make sure they have shade. It is best to bring pets inside in extreme heat.

Make sure you drink plenty of water. Limit intake of alcoholic beverages. Don't exercise outside between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Wear sunscreen and re-apply often if you are in the sun. Wear a hat when exposed to direct sun.

City asphalt and concrete can increase the heat index. People living in urban areas may be at greater risk from the effects of a prolonged heat wave than those living in rural areas.

During heat emergencies stay indoors as much as possible and limit exposure to the sun. When indoors stay on the lowest floor out of the sun if air conditioning is not available. Close curtains and blinds to block direct sunlight.

Never leave children or pets alone in closed vehicles.

Eat well balanced, light and regular meals. Avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so by a doctor.

Check on family, friends and neighbors who do not have air conditioning and who spend much of their time alone.

- SHELTER NEWS -

LINCOLN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

On Saturday, June 12, the Village of Ruidoso's Parks & Recreation Department will host a petting zoo at Two Rivers Park from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

The zoo will feature Nigerian dwarf goats, a Longhorn steer, exotic chickens, miniature horses, rabbits, sheep and, of course, dogs and cats from the Lincoln County Humane Society.

The LCHS shelter is now operating at warp speed. During the month of May, the shelter took in 91 animals. On the bright side, we returned 24 animals to their owners and adopted out 38 more.

Given the excessive

number of dogs in the shelter, we have reduced the adoption fee from \$75 to \$50.

We also have a senior special. Persons over 50 can adopt a dog for \$25 and a cat for \$20.

We wish to thank Jan Arrowsmith-Lowe, a LCHS volunteer, for her generous donation of \$1,000 to go toward the purchase of an anesthesia machine for our spay and neuter center.

Also, we wish to thank Linda Lucke for giving generously of her time to address and mail out 600 invitations to the Furr Ball.

We are still taking reservations for the Furr Ball, the highlight of the Lincoln

County social season.

The date is July 10 and the doors open at 6 p.m. To make a reservation, call Wanda Seitz at 575-378-1040.

We are still selling tickets for the quilt raffle for \$10 each. All proceeds benefit the animals at the Lincoln County Humane Society shelter.

A drawing will be held at the Furr Ball. Winner needs not be present to win. To buy raffle tickets, call Wanda Seitz, or call the shelter at 575-257-9841.

Board members participated in the Triathlon at Ruidoso Downs and won \$500 for the LCHS.

Cancer Retreat taking applications

Cancer Services of New Mexico's Fall 2010 Family Cancer Retreat will be held Sept. 24-26, at the Lifeway Glorieta Conference Center in Glorieta, N.M., (18 miles from Santa Fe).

This free, three-day educational program will provide New Mexico's adult cancer patients/survivors and their loved ones with the tools and information they need to manage the treatment and recovery process.

More than 250 people coping with cancer are expected to participate, making this the largest general cancer education program in New Mexico and the largest program of its type in the U.S.

The program will combine discussions and lectures by many of New Mexico's leading cancer specialists with fun activities that provide a break from the day-to-day challenges of living with cancer.

Planned educational sessions include: Choosing

the Best Treatment or Clinical Trial; New Developments in Cancer Treatment; "Ask the Oncologist" Panels; Coping with Treatment-Related Side Effects; Accessing Cancer-Related Info on the Internet; Patient and Family Communication; Talking with Kids About Cancer; Caring for the Caregiver; Integrating Complementary & Traditional Therapies; Pain Management and Hospice Services; Cancer-Related Legal and Insurance Issues; You've Completed Treatment - Now What?; Moving from Surviving to Thriving; and Meditation, Yoga, and Creativity Workshops.

Participants will have the opportunity to spend time with each other in informal sessions, learning from others coping with similar issues.

Supervised childcare and recreational activities will be provided for children and teens during the educational sessions.

There is no charge to participate in the retreat. The entire program, including meals, lodging, and all educational activities, is provided at no cost to participants.

This program is made possible by many generous supporters, including the New Mexico Department of Health, United Way of Central New Mexico, the Northern NM Health Grant Group, Amgen, Biogen Idec, Celgene Corporation, Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Millennium Pharmaceuticals, sanofi-aventis, ImClone Systems, Graphic Connection, The Printer's Press, Sprint and Walmart.

Space is limited, so interested families are encouraged to apply as early as possible. For more information or to request an application packet, please contact Mike Capeless at 505-239-4239 or go to www.Cancer-ServicesNM.org.



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Gallery may be partially converted to apartments

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A local art gallery owner plans to convert a wing of his building on Alto Hill to two apartments.

Wayne Usrey received approval last week from the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission for a conditional use permit allowing a residential use within a community commercially zoned district, C-2, in Forest Heights Subdivision on Mechem Drive.

Commission Chairman Beth Hood noticed the packet summary about the application states, "the permit may be issued for a specified period of time unless it is reviewed."

Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris, who also heads Planning and Zoning, suggested a condition be added requiring that the applicant or the current property owner cannot return the use of the building to commercial without first coming back before the Planning Commission for approval.

Usrey and his wife already live in the building based on a previously approved 2002 conditional use permit. Usrey told commissioners he intended to take out a reverse mortgage and to qualify, a commercial property must be three-quarters residential. Commissioner John Cornelius asked if the apartments were going to be nightly rental or monthly and Usrey said he preferred monthly.

But if units are vacant, he would consider renting them nightly using a local property management firm. One of the two units will be wheelchair accessible.

As the meeting began with the newest commission member Mark Flack in attendance, Hood temporarily adjourned to give Usrey a chance to read a staff report he said was handed to him minutes before the meeting.

Back in session, Commissioner Gloria Sayers questioned Usrey about construction work that was stopped after being red-tagged. He replied that he intended to begin cleaning up the spaces and got carried away. In the process of removal of the walls and cleaning, he decided to put in a few windows and that's when he was red-tagged.

Sayers asked about any other changes to the exterior of the building and Usrey said the windows and possible relocation of one door are all that is planned. The building will not be enlarged, he said.

Commissioner Art Hinz asked which residence Usrey intended to occupy and he replied he and his wife will remain in the residence at the north of the building, where they already live.

Cornelius asked if the change of use would affect Usrey's driveway permit, but Morris said because the driveway already exists, the state Department of Transportation wouldn't require any additional action. He added that allowing a residential use in a C-2 zoned property with a conditional use permit is common in Ruidoso, as C-2 allows for standard community commercial types of businesses.

The project is really an application for change of use on the inside of the building, Morris said. The question facing the commission is whether the



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Studio W on Alto Hill is a multi-building complex that may be partially converted to apartments.

location is appropriate for a residential use in a commercial zone. He stated that the project meets all the requirements, because nothing is changing.

Cornelius asked about the time limit on the permit and Morris explained the

time limit to finish work will be captured by the building permit process. The building official will be able to track the project through the process, he said.

Sayers asked the effect approval would have on

what uses future owners might employ at the site. Morris said as long as a proposed use is listed for the zone, then new property owners have those rights.

When Hood asked for public comment, several

people went to the podium in support of Usrey.

Morris also explained in response to a question from Hood that a Conditional Use Permit is for a particular project and that's why the 2002 permit wouldn't cover the two new residen-

tial conversions.

Sayers offered a successful motion to approve with some minor changes in conditions, including that a safe place be provided for children to play outdoors.

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LEAKS

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"It's a fancy microphone that is super-sensitive," said Rue. "It even finds leaks on the customer side."

A village water audit for fiscal year 2008-2009 calculated total water losses were 141,060,000 gallons. Apparent losses, which are determined by subtracting the amount of water billed and what is used for firefighting and municipal irrigation from production, were 39,143,000 gallons. Real losses, which are known leaks and overflows at storage tanks, were 101,917,000 gallons. The real losses included a main line break that was the result of the July 27-28, 2008 Hurricane Dolly flood.

The real loss number, however, is suspect, according to the OSE, because of errors in production meters. Ruidoso has purchased a second meter to help with production meter calibrations.

Total metered production by the system for the year that covered July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, was 585,881,000 gallons.

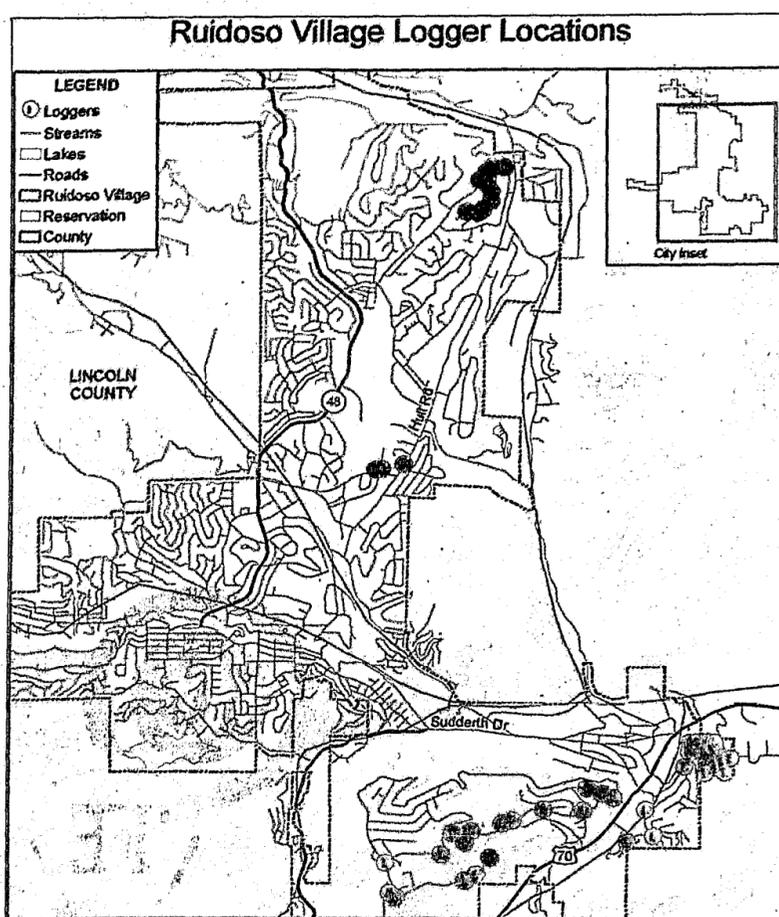
"This really works," said Jodie. "Jodie is finding the leaks and they're getting fixed. It will really help the village."

Since the new leak

detection program was implemented in September 2009, the water department has surveyed approximately 20 percent of the distribution system. But the utility has estimated that about 30 percent of the system is not appropriate for the program primarily because there are areas with long distances of PVC pipe without a valve or other location to attach a logger. And PVC pipe is not as good as a noise or vibration conductor as other types of pipe.

Following initial training and deployment of the loggers, the water department estimates an average of four hours a week are spent on the program. That includes patrolling, database management and any troubleshooting that is needed.

The first leak detected by a logger was on 3rd Street. Despite the use of a ground microphone, the department was unable to pinpoint the exact location of the leak. Within one week the leak had advanced to a main break and an estimated 50,000 gallons of water were lost. Two additional leaks detected by loggers were estimated to be losing about 10 gallons per minute. The leaks were called in as emergencies with a response time of less than two hours, were found and repaired. Ten additional leaks were discovered



Most logger sites are in the oldest part of Ruidoso, Upper Canyon, at lower right.

using the ground microphone during routine maintenance of fire hydrants. As of the OSE report date of May 21, more than 80 leak noises have been reported for investigation.

But the logger program has also brought some staff

concern over the effectiveness of the equipment. In one case personnel could see and hear a leak, but the logger, 100 feet away, did not signal an alert. In addition, winter weather had affected the use of the system. Snow and ice on the

streets can prevent access to loggers in valve boxes. And snowmelt caused flooding in the valve boxes, in some cases submerging the loggers' antennae, which prevented radio transmissions.

The staff's main concern

was that there are multiple, small leaks in many parts of the distribution system and not one or two large leaks that would solve water loss problems. The OSE report said that was borne out by the amount and type of leaks found during the pilot program.

The 72-page report noted leak detection programs could play a growing role in New Mexico beyond the projects at Ruidoso, Las Vegas and Rio Rancho.

"The cost and benefits of a leak detection program should be considered when determining the amount of equipment and the amount of staff time to dedicate to a program," the OSE wrote in a perspective. One of the considerations is future water sources.

"In New Mexico, this will include available water rights. The purchase cost of additional water rights will vary across the state depending on population growth, hydrology, and the willingness of the seller. Given that the majority of New Mexico is fully appropriated, both surface water and groundwater, acquiring new water supplies is becoming increasingly complicated and costly."

The OSE has pledged to continue to work with the three municipalities on the acoustic logger leak detection program.

A Ruidoso News exclusive

Ruidoso considers a farmers market for Wingfield Park

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The director of Ruidoso's Parks and Recreation Department is seeking

feedback on the idea of conducting a farmers market in the village, possibly at Wingfield Park.

Capitan's popular farmers market, begun about

five years ago, will kick into gear the first Saturday after July 4th. Department Director Debbie Jo Almager said she'd like to see how residents feel about

trying one in Ruidoso.

"I've talked to a few people, who said with farmers markets in Capitan and Tularosa, they probably couldn't make all three,"

she said. "So, will we get farmers? The grocery stores may not want it. Are people really interested?"

Almager said suggestions can be called into the recreation department office at 257-5030.

In other related recreation issues, members of the village Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the noise ordinance at their last meeting and are recommending a time limit be added to the current noise ordinance. Staff is recommending a workshop with village council members.

The Commission is scheduled to discuss the village's special event ordinance at its June 16 meeting to submit recommendations to ease the application process.

In other items included in the monthly report of Village Manager Debi Lee to village councilors, she wrote that the Ruidoso Police Department installed an armored, backup generator that is fueled by natural gas. It takes the place of a 1961 backup generator and brings the department into compliance with accreditation regulations. The new generator is self-contained, in a metal case, about 5 feet high. The cost with instal-

lation was \$68,000.

"Staff is investigating various alternate energy solutions for the municipal airport and the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant," she wrote.

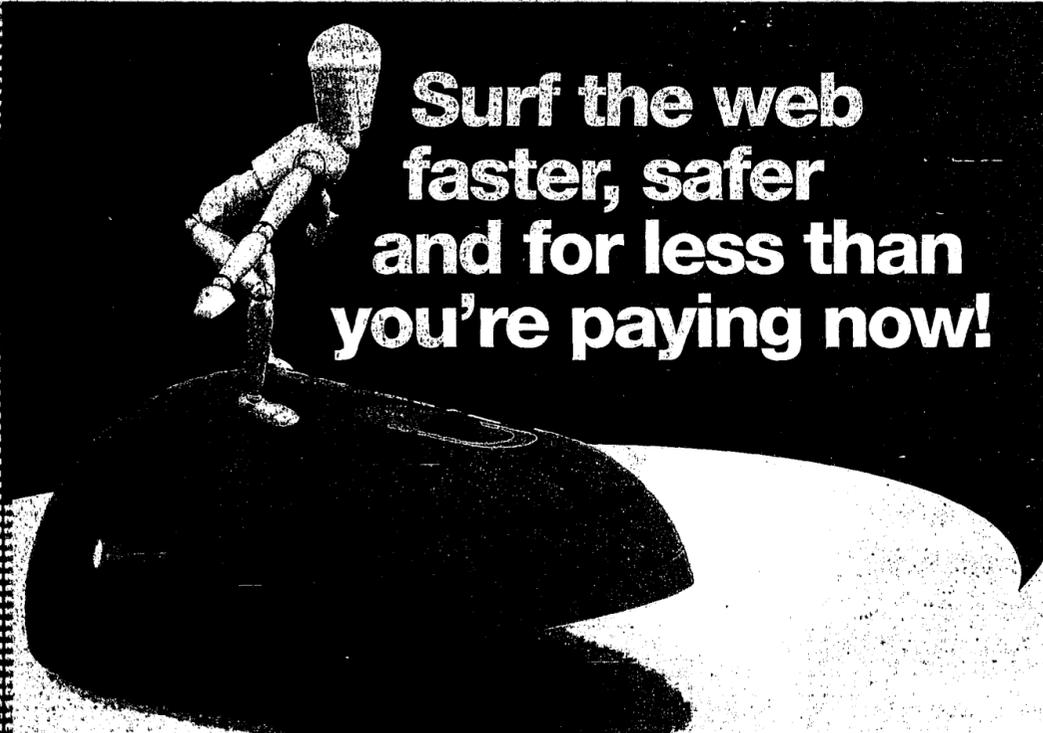
At the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, Lee said officials have seen a steady increase in operations over the last two months. Fuel sales continue to perform well, along with all other sales, she wrote.

"We have signed up several customers in the last month, filling slots in our covered parking, secured parking, T-hangars and Aircraft Sun Shade areas," she updated.

Quotes were being received to install a new self-service fuel farm and a new set of T-Hangars to serve customers and produce more revenue for the future, she said, noting that the preliminary 2010-2011 budget indicates the airport no longer will need a hefty subsidy.

"We are proud to report that according to the preliminary budget, SBRA will be spending less than it earns," she wrote. "We are getting closer to becoming a legitimate enterprise fund."

She congratulated Toby Juarez for becoming the newest member of the airport team.



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Small blaze burns 1/10th acre

Firefighting crews responded to a small lightning ignited fire that was detected Wednesday evening on the Lincoln National Forest.

The blaze, off Forest Road 127A, about a quarter mile northeast of Ski Run Road, put up a lot of smoke for a while, said Adam Mendonca, the acting district ranger for the Smokey Bear Ranger District.

About one-tenth of an acre burned.

"It was smoldering in heavy downed, dead material," said Mendonca. "Although there was a heavy fuel load, because of the

moisture we have gotten this year, it kept it smoldering and it didn't take off."

Initially a forest service engine and a second engine from the Bonito Volunteer Fire Department, responded to the location known as Kraut Canyon, said Travis Atwell, Lincoln County emergency services director.

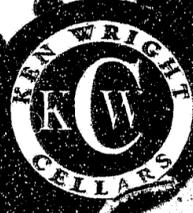
While the fire was in a mop-up mode Thursday afternoon, Mendonca said a forest service fire crew will remain at the location. He confirmed lightning struck a tree, starting the fire.

- Jim Kalvelage

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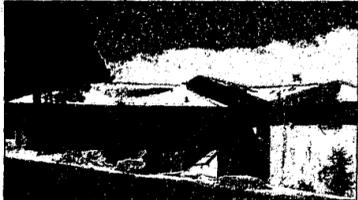
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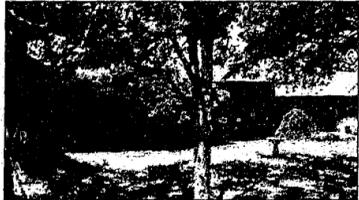
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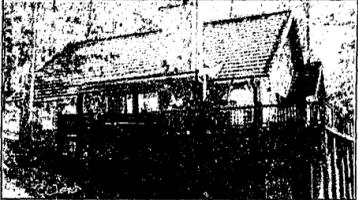
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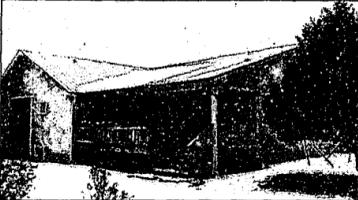
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SIERRA BLANCA VIEW Great 3/2, open floor plan, split bedrooms, vaulted living room - dining & kitchen area. Hickory cabinets, solid core doors. Bonus media-office-family room option! Oversized garage. Level access. Lots of storage. \$359,900. #106476



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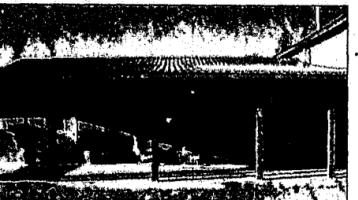


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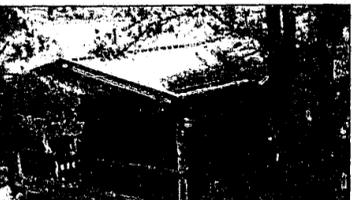
NEAT AS A PIN - PERMANENT HOME OR CABIN Lots of tall pines (thinned to code), can accommodate a big crew w/3 bedrooms, office & utility room. Neat shop-work area-great covered deck for warm mornings & cool evenings. Owner financing possible. \$217,850. #106667



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SPECTACULAR SIERRA BLANCA VIEWS Remodeled cabin on 1 acre; with big views. New carpet, ready to move into, fireplace w/3 Br, 2 baths, nice decks for entertaining & watching wildlife. Lots of privacy, close to ski area. \$189,000. #107035



IDEAL MOUNTAIN CABIN Wood vaulted ceilings, river rock FP, super south views & large private deck. Includes 4 additional lots - all utilities available - they could be sold off, space for additional cabins or retained for privacy. \$189,500. #105028



OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! Brownie Brown has 3 Br & 4th is an office. Zoned C1 for business. Live & work in 1 place. 2 Lots. Could add another home, RV space, extra parking. This is a work in progress. Centrally located. \$179,500. #106197



LOVELY VIEW OF SIERRA BLANCA 2/2 Updated end unit condo in a quiet secluded small complex. Has garage & extra parking. \$164,500. #107310



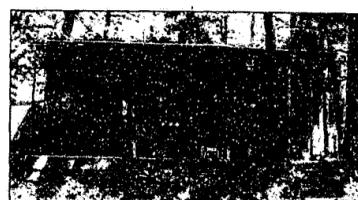
RUSTIC CABIN IN THE WOODS Hardwood floors, huge lot, plenty of light & 2 car garage too! 2 Br with office. Home is being sold on a short sale. \$149,700. #107317



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Sports On Tap

Race Track

Thursday-Sunday, June 10-13
Ruidoso Downs Race Track has resumed its normal Thursday through Sunday operation with a 1 p.m. start time. As always, there is free parking at the racetrack. For race results go to www.equinbase.com.

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 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.

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.

Wilderness Camp

Wilderness Camp Registration started June 7. You can still register your child for Village of Ruidoso's Wilderness Camp. Kids 5-years-old to 12-years-old are eligible on a first come first serve basis. Up to 36 spots are open per week for 7 weeks of outdoor adventure and fun. \$95 per week and discounts for early registration and second child in the family. Register on-line or pick up application at our offices and Chamber of Commerce. Camp starts on June 28 and runs Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, for 7 weeks. Call 575-257-5030 for more info.

Petting Zoo

A Petting Zoo is coming to Two-Rivers Park in Ruidoso on Saturday, June 12. Many contributors are bringing their farm animals for the kids to see and pet, plus some unusual animals and animal acts. A Longhorn steer will be available to sit on and miniature horses are just some of the attractions of the day. Ruidoso's Humane Society will be on hand for you to see and possibly adopt a pet. Come on out and enjoy the action. More info at 257-5030

Camp Mescalero

IMG will present a two-day junior golf camp on June 15-16. It will be open to all junior golfers ages 7-17 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. both days. The IMG Championship Golf Course will teach area youths the correct fundamentals, rules and etiquette of golf. The cost is \$40 per golfer. Lunch will be provided both days. Call the golf shop at 464-7941 to register.

Record-setting Derby Saturday

TY WYANT
Ruidoso Downs Track Publicist

World-record holder and fastest-qualifier Double Down Special heads the record-smashing Grade 1, \$568,965 Ruidoso Derby on Saturday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

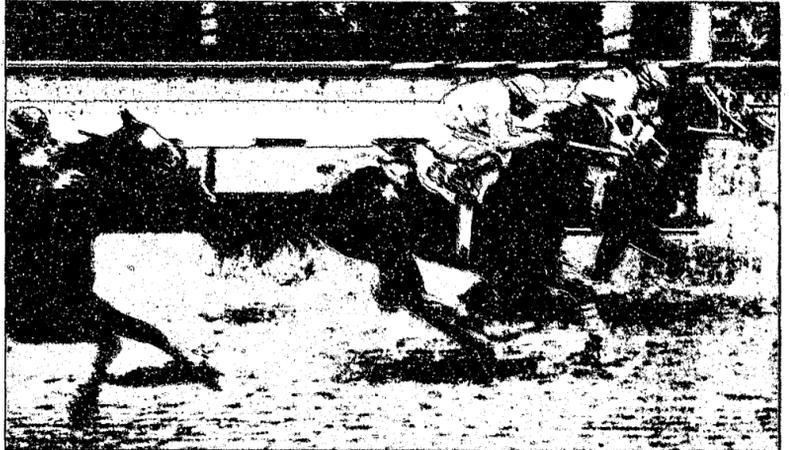
The 400-yard Ruidoso Derby runs as the ninth race on the 10-race program. First post time is 1 p.m. There is free parking and free general admission.

The previous record purse for the Ruidoso Derby was \$388,276 set in 2008. Saturday's winner earns \$284,482, more money than all but two previous total purses of the Ruidoso Derby.

The Ruidoso Derby projects to be the fourth-richest 2010 derby behind the All

American Derby, the Los Alamitos Super Derby and the Rainbow Derby. The \$1,500,000 (est.) All American Derby will be held on September 5 at Ruidoso Downs and the \$800,000 (est.) Rainbow Derby will be contested on July 24 at Ruidoso Downs. The Los Alamitos Super Derby is in November at Los Alamitos Race Course in Southern California.

Vanessa Bartoo's Double Down Special was a big part of a superb winter campaign trainer John Stinebaugh at Sunland Park. Stinebaugh won the West Texas Derby with Double Down Special and swept the top-two spots in the West Texas Futurity. His West Texas Futurity winner No Dice Special runs in Sunday's Grade 1, \$500,000 Ruidoso Futurity.



COURTESY RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK

The Blane Wood-trained Sir Seth posted the fourth-fastest time in the Derby trials.

Double Down Special, a gelding by The Down Side, is riding a 3-race winning streak that started after a close second-place finish in the Grade 2 Sunland Winter

Futurity.

Two starts back, Double Down Special raced to the 400-yard world record of :18.613 while scoring a day-light win in the West Texas

Derby. He supported that display of raw speed by winning his 400-yard Ruidoso Derby trial by nearly two

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Sunday's Ruidoso Futurity worth \$500,000

TY WYANT
Ruidoso Downs Track Publicist

Eight-time defending national champion trainer Paul Jones is in a familiar position when he sends out the nation's top-ranked juvenile American Runaway and the very promising Royally Sandra, the top-two qualifiers, in the Grade 1, \$500,000 Ruidoso Futurity on Sunday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

The 350-yard Ruidoso Futurity is the first race of

the three races comprising the All American Triple Crown at Ruidoso Downs. The Grade 1, \$625,000 Rainbow Futurity follows on July 25 and the Grade 1, \$2,050,000 (est.) All American Futurity, quarter horse racing's richest event, is on Labor Day.

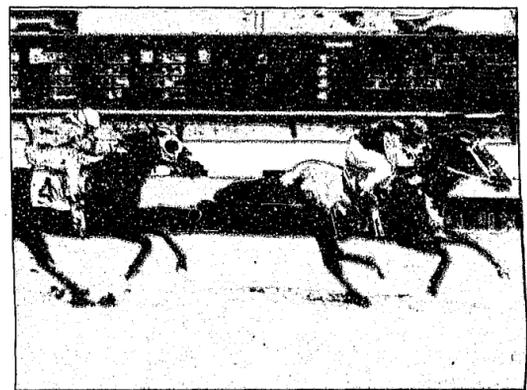
If any horse sweeps the three futurities, then that horse's connections earn the \$4,000,000 All American Triple Crown Bonus, the richest bonus in quarter horse racing.

The Southern Californ-

ia-based Jones and his New Mexico-based assistant trainer Lisa Saumell have attained considerable success at Ruidoso Downs, but have yet to win the Ruidoso Futurity. Jones-trained horses have won the All American Futurity three times - including last year with Running Brook Gal - and they swept the top-three spots in last year's All American Derby.

Jones trainees American

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COURTESY RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK

Carl Draper-trained Unanchored was fourth in the Futurity trials.

Pickleball returns to Ruidoso for second year

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Pickleball was created in the summer of 1965 on Bainbridge Island, Wash., near Seattle. According to its co-inventors, U.S. Congressman Joel Pritchard, William (Bill) Bell, Jordan Steranka and Barney McCallum, their intent was to develop a fun new sport for the entire family.

Reportedly (from the

USA Pickleball Association [USAPA]), the name came from a family dog named Pickles who would chase after the balls and then hide them in the bushes.

Pickle's Ball was subsequently shortened to pickleball.

Early on, families played the sport in their backyard on a hard surface, on driveways and on dead-end streets.

As the sport grew in the 1970s, it evolved into a pad-

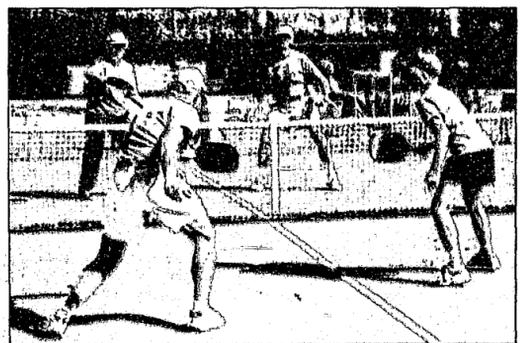
dle-court sport with organized rules.

Pickleball is now played in school physical education programs and at parks and recreation centers, correctional facilities, camps, YMCAs and retirement communities. And now New Mexico.

The sport is similar to badminton and tennis.

The court it is played on has the same dimensions

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COURTESY

Pickleball is enjoyed by all ages.

Has golf embraced women?

MARY ARMSTRONG
For the Sun-News

The weekly Golf Journal column by John Paul Newport in the Wall Street Journal titled "Golf's Search for its Feminine Side" draws on studies and research from the last few years. The most recent study "The Right Invitation: A Comprehensive Research Study to Guide the Golf Industry to Meaningfully Increase Women's Golf Participation and Satisfaction" is by the

National Golf Course Owners Association.

I could stretch this article out - talk about how women experience golf differently than men, how there are different things that women value in a golfing experience - but let's just lay it on the line. Golf doesn't care. Ladies, we have to face it. We are not in the power position in this society - not even close. For the guys, I think it's just become the way things are and why make an effort to change it?

Here is what some of

my women golfer friends thought about Mr. Newport's article:

"In Las Cruces and El Paso there are no stores that sell women's equipment. Our pro shop has just begun to carry some attractive women's clothing, but has more men's attire, as do Sonoma and NMSU. I do not believe that either place or the golf store in town has demos for the ladies to try."

"I would love to play on

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DERBY

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lengths in :19.246, the fastest time from six trials.

Salvador Martinez rides Double Down Special with the eighth post position.

Jess So Sixy and CD Frontier Justice share the second-fastest qualifying time of :19.355 after finish-

ing in a dead heat for the win in the first Ruidoso Derby trial.

Robert Williams' Jess So Sixy does her best work at Ruidoso Downs; Last summer the Wes Giles-trained filly qualified for the All American and Ruidoso futurities. After two setbacks at Sunland Park, she finished in the dead heat with CD Frontier Justice.

Bonifacio Perez is aboard

Jess So Sixy with the second post position.

Fredda Draper's homebred CD Frontier Justice is another record setter and he makes his first stakes appearance in the Ruidoso Derby.

Like Double Down Special, he had a record-setting race at Sunland Park. CD Frontier Justice set the world record for 330 yards when he won an allowance

race in :15.999. He has won three of four starts with one second-place run.

Larry Payne is the rider of CD Frontier Justice with the ninth post position, next to Double Down Special.

Rodney Christiansen's Sir Seth has shown potential with five wins in six starts with five of those starts coming at Ruidoso Downs. His only career defeat was a third-place finish

in last summer's Ruidoso Futurity and he then won his Rainbow Futurity and All American Futurity trials.

After a winter's rest, trainer Blane Wood brought the strapping colt back to action in the Ruidoso Derby trials and he won by a neck in :19.404, the fourth-fastest qualifying time.

Regular rider Ricky Ramirez handles Sir Seth

with the fourth post position.

Rounding out the deep Ruidoso Derby field is All American Futurity finalist Swingin Daddy, futurity finalist Smokey Stone, West Texas Derby finalist Runaway Stoli, Rainbow Futurity finalist Stepenos, daylight Ruidoso Derby trial winner Hott Feet and Rainbow Juvenile winner Kuhl Little Man.

SUNDAY

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Runaway and Royally Sandra will be the pre-race choices to take the \$250,000 first-place check.

American Runaway is the "now" 2-year-old in quarter horse racing. He is the top-ranked horse in the weekly national quarter horse racing poll by virtue of his stunning Ruidoso Futurity trial victory. He won by nearly five lengths and raced the 350 yards in :17.138 to establish the all-

time fastest qualifying time to the Ruidoso Futurity. The only time a 2-year old has recorded a faster time at Ruidoso Downs is when champion Heartswidopen won the 2007 Ruidoso Futurity.

After that trial win, owners Sammy and Johnny Martinez sold half interest in American Runaway to nationally prominent owner Bobby Cox for an undisclosed sum.

American Runaway joined the Jones stable at Ruidoso Downs after a promising start to his racing career this spring at

Remington Park in Oklahoma City with co-owner Sammy Martinez as the trainer. While winless in those three races, in his final Remington Park start he was second by a scant nose in the Grade 1 Remington Park Futurity.

While American Runaway was racing at Remington Park, Royally Sandra was preparing for her racing debut in the Ruidoso Futurity trials while training at Jones' training facility in Tularosa. She was then owned by her breeder, Dr. Barry Thompson, and her Tularosa

works impressed R.D. Hubbard so he bought an interest in the filly before her racing debut.

Royally Sandra lived up to expectations in the Ruidoso Futurity trials with a 3-length win as the 1-2 favorite. Her time of :17.455 was the equivalent of about three lengths slower than American Runaway's clocking, but good for the second-fastest time.

Jockey Cody Jensen rode American Runaway in the Ruidoso Futurity trials and had his choice between the two horses in the Ruidoso Futurity. He will be aboard

American Runaway with the seventh post position and Ramon Sanchez travels from Southern California to handle Royally Sandra from the outside post position.

Like Royally Sandra, Fredona also impressed while making her first start in the Ruidoso Futurity trials.

The \$40,000 Ruidoso Select Yearling Sale purchase rallied to win by more than a length with the third-fastest qualifying time of :17.460 for owner Valle Guadiana Corporation.

Tony Guymon rides Fredona with the fourth post position.

Freda Draper and Wayne Casson's fourth-fastest qualifier Unanchored upped his record to three wins from three starts with his Ruidoso Futurity trial win.

The Carl Draper trainee drifted out, but was able to win by one length with a :17.468 time. He previously won a maiden race and his West Texas Futurity trial at Sunland Park.

Larry Payne will be aboard Unanchored with the fifth post position.

PICKLE

FROM PAGE 1B

as badminton court but instead of a racket the player uses a hard paddle.

The ball is larger than a tennis ball and is made of perforated plastic.

Efforts were made for several years to bring the sport here and last summer

Ruidoso summer resident, Gary Beatty, saw his dream come true.

Pickleball is back in Ruidoso for its second season.

Last summer about 80 people played and of those 65 tried it for the very first time.

The goal this season is to double last year's figures, which could help obtain per-

manent courts in the area.

It is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players.

"Pickleball is a very social, unisex sports activity that revolves around a mixing of doubles play and includes lots of socializing, exercise, fun and laughter," Beatty explained.

Beatty will be conducting free pickleball clinics and has secured the necessary courts needed.

And it's not as if he doesn't have the required experience.

He has played tennis for more than 50 years and pickleball for more than 30 years.

Beatty started playing the latter sport in 1978, and

thought it was so much fun he started teaching it to his tennis students.

"It's just so much darn fun, you become addicted," Beatty said.

Pickleball is now included in the New Mexico Senior Games and its popularity continues to surge across the U.S.

Come on out and give pickleball a try, Tuesdays,

Thursdays and Saturdays beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Margaret DuPont tennis court on Hull Rd. above the library.

For additional information contact Gary Beatty at 520-991-7396 or e-mail ioisnei@hotmail.com.

Hat Tip: To Gary Beatty who contributed to this article.

GOLF

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a little shorter course that would make my score much better and therefore more fun."

"The young women play in college, then stop to build their careers and family. When their kids get older and their careers are established, many come back. Some don't. Men often use golf to build their careers. There is definitely a gap in there."

"I do believe that most older, and the higher-handicap, women golfers have a hard time going to a course as a single and playing with other people/strangers for fear that they will get paired up with a male. Sometimes if he is fairly good, women are afraid that the man will think the woman will hold them up. There are some men today that will refuse to play with a woman."

"Men don't understand it when women 'collect' around they're playing

partner for her to hit her shot. Boys, it's because when women feel threatened or uncomfortable, and especially when it has to do with men, they tend to gather 'round to support each other."

And this final comment from my friend in New Hampshire:

"The last issue, and probably the most important, has to do with respect. It is not just golf courses that don't know how to deal with women. It is, unfortunately, a cultural problem. I know a couple of men who should move up a set of tees. They would enjoy themselves so much more. They don't because of the comments from the other men. And don't get me started on the looks I get when I get paired up with men I don't know while traveling."

Granted, all women aren't overwhelmed by the game and having to deal with a male dominated facility. Since coming to Las Cruces, I've had very positive experiences at all the courses. On the other

hand, here as well as other places around the country, I've seen women completely turned off by their golfing experience.

Province Lake Golf Club in Parsonsfield, Maine (I've played it several times) tripled rounds played by women. How'd they do it? Oh sure, they altered their facility - adding tees to produce appropriate-length holes, included restrooms on the course and provided access to all the features that men take for granted. I mean REALLY, why can't there be a wastebasket or ball washer near the women's tees?

But it's about a lot more than physical adjustments. According to Nancy Berkley, a noted consultant on women and golf, it's about attitude. When a woman walks into a pro shop is she getting the customer service that is going to result in her playing your course?

The male dominated gatekeepers of golf intimidate many women. From the person taking green

fees behind the counter to the bag-boys, marshals and starters, it's 99 percent male. Is it purposeful? Is this just a remnant of our fading patriarchal society? Maybe, but I prefer to think that men are just panic-stricken by women golfers.

Think about it - men are from Mars, right? If it's not important enough for them to figure out how to get along with us in relationships, why in the world will they want to help you decide if you need a Precept Lady IQ plus or a Titleist Pro V1x?

I'm not writing this to bash you guys. We understand that you like to have your all-men's moments. We like to have our all-women's moments too. Thing is, there's not many women-owned courses.

Then there's always the sexual tension issue. It's difficult in our society for men and women to interact and communicate clearly in an "unchaperoned" setting. Think about the last time you were in line at the grocery store. If

you were by yourself and there was a man or woman behind or in front of you, did you feel comfortable striking up a casual "this line is sure slow" type conversation? I'll bet not. Women are afraid we'll be perceived as offering ourselves up as a willing partner, and men are afraid she will think he is hitting on her.

But in American society, isn't capitalism the last word? If it can make money then societal nuances be damned? Apparently not for golf. Women have been looked upon as a "vast untapped market" for well over 10 years. The sad and telling truth is that we still are.

Mary Armstrong, a golf architect in New Hampshire for over 20 years, brought her craft to Las Cruces last January. She is the founder of Armstrong Golf Architects, which provides planning, designing, permitting and construction monitoring services for golf course projects.



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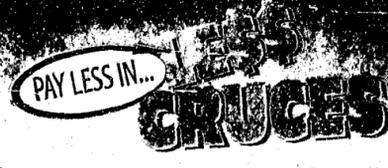
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Canaan Trail Baptist
Located just past milepost 14 on Hwy. 48, between Angus & Capitan. Roland Burnett, Pastor.

First Baptist Church
270 Country Club Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345.
(575) 257-2081.

First Baptist Church
Ruidoso Downs. Randy Widener, Pastor.

First Baptist Church
Tinnie. Bill Jones, Pastor.

Mescalero Baptist Mission
Mescalero.

Ruidoso Baptist Church
Church 126 Church Drive, Palmer Gateway. Wayne Joyce, Pastor.

BAHA'I FAITH
Baha'i Faith Meeting in members' homes. 257-2987 or 258-5595

BUDDHIST
Buddhism of the Lotus
Sutra George Brown
257-1569

CATHOLIC
St. Eleanor Catholic Church Ruidoso, 257-2330. Reverend Al Galvan.

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

St. Joseph's Apache Mission Mescalero. Father Paul Botenhagen, OFM.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Bent. Father Larry Gosselin.

CHRISTIAN
Christian Community Church 127 Rio Corner W/Eagle, Mid-town. For more information call: 378-7076

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Max Jones Interim Minister. Hull and Gavilan Canyon Road.



CHURCH OF CHRIST Gateway Church of Christ 415 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-4381.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LDS
Church of Jesus Christ LDS Ruidoso Ward, 1091

Mechem Bishop Jon Ogden, (505) 258-1253 or (575) 258-1253.

Church of Jesus Christ LDS Mescalero Branch, 671-4630. Wayne King, President, 505-434-0622.

EPISCOPAL
Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Rev. Judith Burgess Recor 257-2356. Website: eccl@us.org

St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel in Glencoe.

EVANGELICAL
THE LIGHTHOUSE
Christian Fellowship church, 1035 Mechem Dr. 258-2539

FULL GOSPEL
Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship Int'l. K-Bob's Hwy. 70 in Ruidoso. Ron Rice, 354-0255, e-mail fgbmf@ruidoso-online.com

Mission Fountain of Living Water San Patricio.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall 1102 Gavilan Canyon Rd., 336-4147, 257-7714.

Congregacion Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova 1102 Gavilan Canyon Rd., 336-4147, 378-7095.

JEWISH / HEBREW
Kehilla Bat-Tzion &

Hebrew Learning Center, Inc. -2204 Sudderth Dr. Ruidoso, NM 88345
505-257-0122.

LUTHERAN
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
1120 Hull Road, 258-4191, 257-5296. Kevin L Krohn, Pastor. Call for location. www.shlc@ruidoso.org

METHODIST
Community United Methodist Church Junction Road, behind Wells Fargo Bank. Todd Salzwedel, Pastor.

PENTECOSTAL
Apostolic Pentecostal Assembly, Retired Pastor and author Harry A. Peyton

Abundant Life United Pentecostal Church of Ruidoso 613 Sudderth Dr. Unit D. Pastor, Art Dunn, Youth Pastor, Nathaniel Dunn. Free home Bible studies.

PREBYTERIAN
First Presbyterian Church 101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220. Tony Chambless - Pastor.

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church, Pastor Terry Aiello, CLP.

Corona United Presbyterian Church, Pastor Terry Aiello, CLP.

Nogal Presbyterian Church Reverend Bill Sebring.

REFORMED CHURCH
Mescalero Reformed
Mescalero. Bob Schut, Pastor.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Ruidoso Seventh Day Adventist 207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161. Pastor Bill Kasper 575-437-0237; 1st Elder Manuel Moya 575-937-4487.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
Sacramento Mountians Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Call 336-2170 or 354-0602 for location.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
American Missionary Fellowship Rick Smith, 682-2999. E-mail: RickS@americanmissionary.org

Calvary Chapel 127 Vision, next to Cable Co., 257-5915. Pastor John Marshall.

Casa de Oracion Comunidad Cristiana, Ruidoso 304 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345 (505) 257-6075. Pastor: Carlos & Gabby Carreon. *All Services are Bilingual* ~ Translators Available ~

Centro Familiar Destino 304 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345, (575) 257-0447. Services are bilingual.

Christ Church in the Downs Ruidoso Downs, 378-8464. Al and Marty Lane, Pastors.

Church Out of Church
Meeting at the Flying J Ranch, 1028 Hwy. 48, Alto. Pastors: Tim & Julie Gilliland. Mailing Address: 1009 Mechem#11 Ruidoso 88345. Phone 575-258-1388. Please check the website for additional information: www.churchoutofchurch.com. Keepin' it simple... Keepin' it real!

Cornerstone Church
Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth Drive, 257-9265. John & Joy Wyatt, Pastors.

Cowboy Church
Preacher Buster Reed of Amarillo. Call 378-4840 for more info.

Foot of the Cross Christian Ministries 2812 Sudderth (Pine Tree Shopping Center) Pastor, Phil Appel. For more info please call 937-8677 or visit our website at www.thefootofthecross.org

Grace Harvest Church
1108 Gavilan Canyon Rd, 336-4213. **Iglesia Bautista "Vida Eterna"** Pastor

Rev. Ramon Robledo. 207 East Circle, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346, 361 E. Hwy. 70, (505) 378-8108. Email: revrobledo@lycos.com

J Bar J Church 40 Hwy 70W, 575-257-6899 Pastor Charles W. Clary. E-mail: jbarjcountrychurch@ruidoso.net

Miracle Life Ministry Center Ron Rice & Catherine Callahan, Ministers Available 24 hours for healing prayer. 354-0255 e-mail miraclelife@ruidoso-online.com

Peace Chapel Interdenominational (ULC)
Alto North, 336-7075. Jeamsie Price, Pastor.

Racetrack Chapel
Horseman's Entrance, Hwy 70, 505-378-7264. Chaplain Darrell Winter.

NON-SECTARIAN Spiritual Awareness Study Group Minister: George N. Brown, Ph.D. U.L.C. 257-1569

Men's Bible Study, Band Of Brothers Call 937-0071 For Times And Location

The 1st Iglesia Apostolica de la Fe en Cristo Jesus in Ruidoso NM, Located at: 613 Sudderth Dr. Suite D Phone: (575) 937-7957 • (575) 973-5413

CAPITAN & LINCOLN CHURCHES

BAPTIST
Trinity Southern Baptist Church (south on Highway 48) Mt. Capitan Rd. 354-2044. Mel Gnatkowski, pastor 808-0607

Mountain Baptist Church
Independent-Fundamental KJV. 145 E. Grandview - Capitan - (505) 937-4019

CATHOLIC
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Capitan, 354-9102.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Capitan - Highway 48. Les Earwood, Minister.

EPISCOPAL
Episcopal Chapel of San Juan in Lincoln

FOURSQUARE
Capitan Foursquare Church Highway 48, Capitan. Harold W. Perry, Pastor.

METHODIST
Capitan United Methodist Church
Pastor Johanna Anderson and the congregation of Capitan United Methodist. White Oaks and Third in Capitan. 505-648-2846.

NAZARENE
Angus Church of the Nazarene Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48. 336-8032. Rick Hutchison Pastor.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Christ Community Fellowship Capitan, Highway 380 West, 354-2458. Ed Vinson, Pastor.

QUAKER WORSHIP GROUP - Quaker Unprogrammed meeting at the Anderson-Freeman Visitor's Center in Lincoln. For details of this and other Quaker activities contact Sandra Smith at 505-653-4951

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)
Barbara Bradley, pastor. Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth.

BAPTIST
First Baptist Church Hayden Smith, Pastor.

CATHOLIC
Santa Rita Catholic Church
648-2853. Father Franklin Eichhorst.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Perry Zumwalt, minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM.

EPISCOPAL
St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel
Carrizozo, 6th & E Street.

METHODIST
United Methodist Church-Parish
Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846, Carrizozo. Johanna Anderson, pastor.

CARRIZOZO CHURCHES

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

MESCALERO
Carrizo Christian Fellowship Leonard Kaneshewah III, Pastor. 56 White Mt. Dr., 3 mi. W. of Inn of the Mountain Gods Mescalero. 464-4656

RELIGION

A grave issue: Fairness for clergy officiating funerals

Q. I work for a non-sectarian cemetery and we have families requesting clergy to preside over funeral services all the time. As a courtesy, we used to keep a directory of clergy on hand for out-of-town families to call. The roster covered multiple faiths and denominations.

Some time ago, we had to stop recommending clergy due to a clergy scandal. When families called asking for a minister or priest, we began recommending that they call a local church.

Then we found out the churches didn't appreciate this and turned families away, saying, "We don't do that," or "Tell the ceme-

tery to stop recommending this church." If a Catholic priest's vocation is to serve the community and attend to the sick and dying, why aren't they obligated to attend to the already deceased? Shouldn't they be willing to bless the grave and give a proper send off to their Catholic brethren?

Does it have to do with a person's final resting place (a Catholic or non-sectarian cemetery)? If so, in my opinion, that's very un-Christian.

- Anonymous

A. Your painful question raises two important but related issues.

The first issue involves

what a clergyperson owes to the general community. This matter is often raised in reader letters. Issue No. 2, often overlooked by readers but not by clergy, involves what people owe to the local clergy.

Let's begin with the obligations of Catholic priests. A priest is obligated by sacred vows to serve the Catholic families in his parish.

A parish is a geographically defined area, and the families in the parish are those who register with the parish church (although even those who don't register are technically members of the parish).

If a Catholic family from outside the parish wants a priest to officiate at a funeral, most priests will try to help if they can.

However, they're not obligated to do so, and what often happens is that priests whose parishes are close to large Catholic cemeteries are called upon quite often to minister to the needs of out-of-town

families.

This is an unfair but unavoidable burden for them. With the severe shortage of Catholic priests, it's completely understandable that sometimes there's simply no priest available for this above-and-beyond-the-call-of-duty service.

Your anger toward them because of this is, in my view, inappropriate and misplaced.

As far as ministers and rabbis are concerned, the parish system does not apply.

These are congregation-ist houses of worship, and their clergy are responsible only for the families who choose to affiliate with the particular church or synagogue.

However, even there, most clergy will try to help out if they have time. A fee is generally charged for such officiating.

Sometimes a helpful sharing of religious responsibilities occurs when a funeral service is conducted out of town and a local

clergy person is be asked to officiate only during the burial service at the cemetery.

The second issue is one that's important to clergy and ought to be important to all religious people: the shocking arrogance of people who do nothing to support their local houses of worship, yet expect the clergy to be available to them for rites of passage like funerals whenever needed.

There's no shame in not supporting your local church or synagogue if you're not religious and don't plan to ever avail yourself of its services, comfort and prayers.

However, if you do expect to need such services in the future, the time to extend your support is now.

I don't like houses of worship being thought of as fee-for-service institutions.

However, churches do need to pay their bills, and for people to be "free riders" is morally indefensible

and spiritually limited.

We are all trying to create communities of the faithful, not supermarkets for the occasionally needy.

There's an enormous difference between having a priest, minister, or rabbi who knew your deceased relative sit with you and help you and your family heal your broken hearts vs. having some "pick up" clergy person on hand who never met the deceased try to figure out what to say and what to do at the funeral.

The many clergy I know and admire of every faith do so much for people who often do so little for them and for their religious institutions.

They should be praised for their compassion, not derided for their inability to be everywhere at every time for people they will never see again.

Send questions only to The God Squad, c/o Tribune Media Services, 2225 Kenmore Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, NY 14207.



The God Squad
MARC GELLMAN

Break forth with a song of praise to God

One of the great joys in the Christian faith is singing the good old Gospel songs.

The Good News Band of the J Bar J Country Church is dedicated to leading in praise and worship, singing the country gospel songs.

And that kind of music seems to set the hearts of believers to dancing.

As a result of the part that singing plays in wor-

ship, the J Bar J gives time to involve every one in singing the praises of God.

The old Gospel hymns are sung upbeat and up-tempo with vim, vigor and vitality. We sure don't drag them to death.

So, what has this got to do with this column?

Well, we schedule concerts throughout the summer for the benefit of the church members and sum-

mer guests.

The schedule runs like this:

Southern Charm, a trio of ladies from Burleson, Texas, is always scheduled for the Memorial Day weekend.

Then Shiloh, a men's quartet from Arlington, Texas, is scheduled for the July Fourth holiday.

And then on Labor Day weekend, Mike Culpepper from Burleson, Texas, sings a concert.

Southern Charm could not make it this year, so our own Tom Hiser sang a concert over Memorial

Day.

This Sunday morning, the Singing Women of Texas from Lubbock, will be singing in our 10 a.m. worship.

Their mission is to glorify God and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ through music.

These ladies sing in churches, prisons and for banquets, civic clubs and conferences.

They have been to Europe to sing in churches there as well as the United States and Canada.

We are working to get George and Barbara

Staerkel to bring their group on a Sunday evening to the J Bar J for a Gospel concert this summer.

Most of the folks in Ruidoso are familiar with them from their performances at Mountain Annies.

I am so glad that God gave us voices to sing and express our worship and thanksgiving.

Some times, things touch our hearts and we just have to give vent to the feelings and emotions.

Singing with great gusto and joy does that for

us. Sometimes, I think I would explode if I could not break forth with song.

King David wrote songs of praise to God and played them on his stringed instrument.

His Psalms and some of the poetic scriptures comprise the words of many of our Gospel songs we sing today.

We sing them in faith and with great joy because they tell us of the promises that God makes to his children.

They give us help for today and hope for tomorrow.



Clary-fications
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

Take a closer look at your atheistic views, face your pride honestly

Q. In my view, religion is only for weak people who can't stand on their own two feet. Life isn't easy, but it's useless to lean on some imaginary "god" for help. We have to fight our own battles and can only depend on ourselves. I don't have any use for religion. - N.R.

A. Have you ever honestly asked yourself why you feel this way? You may think you know why - but I suspect you may not. I challenge you to have the courage and honesty to face it.

Like most atheists, you probably have a list of reasons why you reject religion and don't believe in God.

Many atheists actually had very religious parents - but they rebelled against them, and also rejected their religion.

You may feel that religion has no place in a scientific age, or you think it's been harmful to human progress.

But the basic reason people reject God is because they want to run their own lives - although they seldom admit it.

Their lives are ruled by pride, which makes them determined to go their own way in life and not rely on God.

The Bible puts it clearly: "Against whom have you raised your voice and lifted your eyes in pride? Against the Holy One" (2 Kings 19:22).

Face your pride honestly - and then honestly ask yourself where it will lead you. I invite you to look at Jesus Christ as He is found in the pages of the New Testament.

When you do, you'll discover not only that God exists, but also that He loves you so much that He

wants you to be with Him in heaven forever.

Q. Our son is planning to enlist in the military in a few months. I know we're supposed to believe God will take care of him, but right now we've got a bad case of nerves and our fears are a lot stronger than our faith. How can we get over this? - Mrs. J.E.

A. Almost every parent who's seen a son or daughter enter the military has had similar feelings - and they are understandable. You love your son very much, and you know he is choosing an important but potentially dangerous career.

But God also loves your

son even more than you do.

You can trust him into God's hands, even in the face of uncertainty and danger. The Bible's promise is clear: "The Lord watches over you." The Lord is like a shade tree at your right hand" (Psalm 121:5).

Does this mean your son will never face danger, or even injury or death, in the years ahead? I can't promise this - evil is real, and no one is exempt from life's dangers.

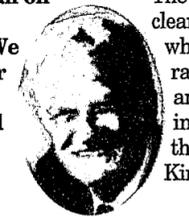
But you can pray for him and know that God will hear your prayers. Even if hard times come, God is still with you and him.

Turn to Christ in a fresh way, and commit your lives and futures into

His hands.

Then encourage your son to walk with Christ

every day as he faces the dangers (and temptations) of military service.



Billy Graham
MY ANSWER



50th Wedding Anniversary

Family and Friends would like to congratulate Eddy and Fay Womack as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married June 11, 1960 at the Lincoln Community Church in Lincoln, NM. Eddy and Fay were raised in Lincoln County and that is where they met, married and raised a family. For the first couple of years of their marriage they lived and worked at Fort Stanton. Then they moved onto the G Bar F ranch where Eddy ranched and Fay was the Post Master at the Lincoln, NM post office. They now live in Captain where Eddy enjoys team roping and hunting and Fay is active in the Lincoln County Cowbells and the Captain Church of Christ. The couple have three children; Ann Milles of Hagerman, Debra Cox of Dora, and Teri Pickett of Deming. They also have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Perry Tom (Pat) Valliant

passed in peace June 2010 at his home in Alto. He was born Nov. 17, 1920 in Rising Star, Texas. He was preceded in death by his sister, Estellene Frallenberg; a child Delys, wife & mother Jacqueline Frances & wife of 3yrs Helen Snyder.

Survivors include his sister Cliffogene, Rising Star, Texas; his son's Thomas Newton & Jack Fances Valliant. Grandchildren; Darrin Chenault, Canyon, Texas, La Jeña Bonita Valliant Altvater, Doneena, Australia, Haley Ralston Valliant, Taos, New Mexico; Patrick Thomas Ralston Valliant, Durango, Co; Meghan Sleas Hutchison Las Cruces, N.M. Jackson Valliant Ft Worth, Texas, Great Grandchildren Brock, Brett & Stock Chenault, Canyon, Texas.

Pat Valliant attended Tarlton University in Stephenville, Texas, where he played tennis & was a cheer leader. He also attended Howard Payne Univ. in Brownwood, Texas. He was a WWII veteran & also served in Korea. He got his Bachelor's degree in education & masters in Education Administration both from Texas Christian Univ. Ft. Worth, Texas. The family relocated to Ruidoso in 1955. Pat was a principal of Junior High for 7 years, a High School Principal for 7 years & a School Superintendent for 14 years from 1955 to 1985. He was instrumental in acquiring land & funds for the building & expansions of current elementary, middle & high schools & adjacent recreational areas. Pat was a member of the Lions Club and worked closely with the Mescalero Apache Tribe to help establish the current Skyway and Mescalero Apache Tribe allow school bus to be practically free.

An open house memorial will be at his Alto home: 354 Lake Shore Dr. from 1 to 4pm. Sun., June 13th. In memory of P.T. Valliant; donations may be made to: First National Bank of Ruidoso, 451 Suddeth Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 86301. P.T. Valliant Memorial Mescalero Scholarship Fund.

LINCOLN COUNTY

No true West in New York City

Who live on the sunset side of this country tend to forget there is a great big world out there that has absolutely no idea what the West really is.

True West magazine hit the "big time news" (their own words) when they became the topic of review by MediaPost's "Magazine Rack."

Headquartered in New York City, you have to surmise this was an adventure for the writer that began as soon as she flipped open the glossy cover of the magazine and proceeded thumbing through the pages.

Her journey commenced with the True West's reputable variety of Western features, illustrations, photos and travel opportunities.

"We get the occasional cowboy," New York writer Fern Siegel said in her review, "but he tends to be more Village People than Buffalo Bill. That's not counting the Naked Cowboy, who corrals Times Square in his underwear."

Siegel lives in downtown Manhattan and claims the Empire State Building as her "true north"—a world foreign to the real cowboy as illustrated by Siegel's use of Buffalo Bill as a measure of authenticity. The reference to the Naked Cowboy is pure entertainment without any serious evidence of anything more.

A NYC icon, the Naked Cowboy is some dude who performs on Times Square wearing only his BVDs, boots and hat, with a guitar strategically placed to give the illusion of nudity.

Now he is licensed to perform marriages. For a mere \$499, you can get hitched by Reverend Naked Cowboy in Times Square.

With acerbic wit, Siegel winds through True West magazine's history, then down a trail to that particular issue's overviews of "extreme historic getaways."

She skeptically doubts the validity of the term "eco-tour" listed on the description of the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge train ride. For her, the giveaway was in the photo that showed, as she put it, "black steam belching coal dust in the

pristine sky."

However, she was enlightened with the offering of an Arizona Cowboy College in Scottsdale where "hopefuls learned roping, shoeing and horsemanship."

Siegel's fascination was captured with a feature about the fight for Geronimo's remains and his great-grandson's argument to have them returned from Fort Sill, Okla. to Silver City, N.M., per Geronimo's wishes.

In her written tour through other parts of the magazine, Siegel recognizes True West Executive Editor Bob Boze Bell's desire for historical accuracy, the same that he touts on his "True West Moments" show on Encore's Westerns Channel.

Siegel points out instances in Western movies that might cause Bell's factual meter to quiver.

"I'm guessing the washboard abs and over-pumped biceps Brad Pitt sports whenever he swaggers onto a horse in Ralph Lauren chaps or Clint Eastwood's precision beard, which has clearly made friends with Hammacher Schlemmer's \$400 electric razor, are two quibbles," she wrote. "There could be more."

Siegel said the magazine was the "real McCoy" for aficionados. I took that to mean, in the realm of her New York knowledge, it was the real deal ... if you like that kind of stuff.

Remember those popular Pace Picante ads where the Southwestern cowboys made fun of the greenhorn who bought salsa that came from New York City?

While my intent is not to belittle Siegel's review of the magazine, I do find a hint of disdain buried in the flow of her verbiage. So, it was with great delight that I noted the listing of her title at MediaPost, "Deputy Editor."

In the merriment of the moment, I paused to wonder if that position came with a tin star badge; the signature of lawmen of the West.

Nah, not from New York City. Get a rope!

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



Cougirl Sass & Savvy
BY JULIE CARTER

CORONA STORY HOUR



COURTESY

The Corona Public Library hosts a Pre-School Story Hour every third Thursday of the month at 4 p.m. at the Corona Public Library. Themed stories, activities, crafts, snacks are all part of the hour. Pre-School attendees (top photo), l-r, are Sophiya Gollightly, Zane Cline, Teagen Washburn, Kalleigh Erramouspe and Kassidy Lightfoot. Above, library volunteer Elizabeth McConnell reads to Sophiya Gollightly and other preschoolers during story hour. For more information, call Betty Ann Bell at 849-3277.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Fun Run

The 30th Annual Smokey Bear Fun Run in Capitan, will be at 7:30 a.m., July 3.

The registration fee is \$20 for early signup until June 30. Late registration is \$40 on July 1-3. The run starts at the intersection of East Creek road and Pine Lodge Road in Capitan.

Plaques will be given to the top three overall finishers, male and female, 2-mile and 10k.

In addition, the top three finishers in each of the race divisions and age groups will receive medals.

Race Divisions: Male and Female, 10k and 2-mile fun run; Age groups: 10 and under, 11-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51 and up.

Smokey Bear will present the awards to the runners. Each registered runner will also receive a T-shirt and many other soon-to-be-collectible Smokey Bear items. Late registrations will not receive a T-shirt.

For more information, visit the website at: <http://sbhacapitan.org/FunRun.aspx> or contact David Cunningham at 575-354-2748 or via e-mail at david.cunningham@state-nm.us.

Food for kids

A USDA summer food program is responsible for free lunches for kids. Meals are served to children Monday-Friday at Fred Chavez Park, 11:45-12:45 a.m., Spencer Park Noon-1 p.m., and at the Assembly of God Church 12:15-1 p.m.

Pastor Barbara Bradley said on the first day of serv-

ing, they fed lunch to 36 kids. Leftover meals will be available to adults for a small fee.

Volunteers are welcome. Contact Barbara Bradley at the Assembly of God Church or call 648-3025.

Sunday hot dogs

The Carrizozo Woman's Club will sell grilled hot dogs, chips and soda as well as homemade baked goods at the June 13, Music in the Parks event in Carrizozo. That event is 5-7 p.m.

The fundraiser is one of several planned to make the money needed for a new roof on the historic clubhouse building.

Built by the WPA in 1939, the building is listed on the the State and National Historic Register.

Come enjoy the music and have a hot dog for a good cause.

Music in the Parks

Music in the Parks is hosting Top Brass, a sextet of brass players from Ruidoso and Alto, on Sunday, June 13, from 5-7 p.m., in McDonald Park.

This will be an old-fashioned family picnic and concert in the park. Bring your lawn chair, an appetite and join in for an evening of fun.

Top Brass is directed by Brenda Berryhill and include James Horne and Bernie Hulme on trumpets, Sharon Stewart on French horn, Jim Miller on baritone, and Evan Stubbs and Berryhill playing trombone.

Carrizozo Music in the Parks is a project of

Carrizozo Works, Inc. For more information, contact Elaine Brannen 648-2757.

Tea for four

The Village of Corona Public Library is hosting an author program at 3 p.m., Friday, June 18 at the Corona Public Library.

Four friends shared their writings which eventually became a book entitled *Sharing Moments over Tea: The Journeys of Four Women*.

It includes stories and poems about life, people. Cookies and tea will be served. The authors will be available to sign copies of the book. Come and bring a guest. For more information, call 849-3277.

Smokey parade

The Capitan Independence Day Parade will be held on Saturday, July 3, this year and will begin promptly at 10 a.m.

The Capitan Chamber of Commerce is now accepting entries for the parade. Deadline for entries is 4 p.m., June 25. Late entries will be placed at the end of the parade and will not be judged.

Don't miss your opportunity to place your business or organization in the spotlight.

Applications may be made on line at www.villageofcapitan.com or you may pick up an application at the Chamber Office at 104 A Lincoln Ave. Entries can be faxed to 575-354-0072.

This year's theme is "We the People." For more information, call the Capitan Chamber at 575-354-2273.

Shepherders remain critical to industry

New Mexico sheep producers were relieved to hear of the defeat of state legislation in Colorado aimed at adding state oversight to the federal H2A program in May.

"The backers of this bill made many claims about herders' working conditions, pay and treatment that were at best, inaccurate," said Jim Cooper, of Arabela, president of the New Mexico Wool Growers. "They based their campaign on emotion and misleading statements, and we are glad that Colorado lawmakers saw it for what it was."

The H2A Program is a federally regulated guest-worker program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor, which

allows foreign agricultural workers to come into the United States on a temporary basis.

Sheep producers across the country depend on the employees that they hire through this program to protect their sheep from predators and guide herds to grazing land, Cooper said.

The proposed Colorado legislation was designed to address "abuses" in the system, initially giving the state the ability to regulate wages and working conditions, then later focusing on setting up a task force to study the issue.

"Adding another level of bureaucracy only creates paperwork and headaches for producers who are trying to abide by the rules of

the program, it never improves anything," Cooper said.

"Sheep producers who depend on herders to keep their herds whole are not going to abuse those herders. No one wants to see people mistreated, but if it is such a big problem, why did Colorado Legal Services base their legislation on such bad information?"

According to Colorado Wool Growers Association Executive Director Bonnie Brown, the CWGA remains willing to meet with groups representing workers, like the Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC), and has formally requested that the Colorado Department of Agriculture convene a meeting.

Miracle's Paws raffle is open now

The Miracle's Paws for Pets Raffle has begun for the fourth consecutive year. Tickets are available now and the first drawing

will be held Aug. 7. A drawing will be held every Saturday until Dec. 18.

During that time a ticket for either \$40, \$60 or \$80

will be drawn except the last two drawings will be worth \$100 each.

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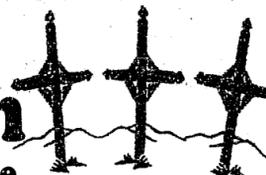
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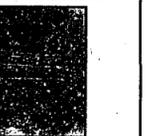
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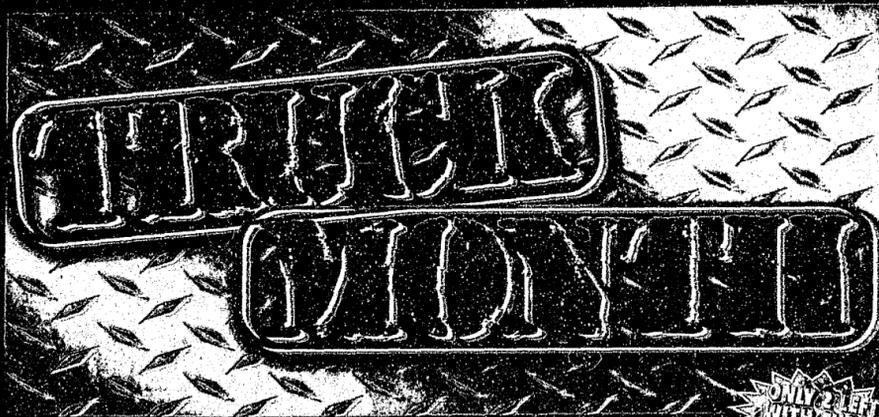
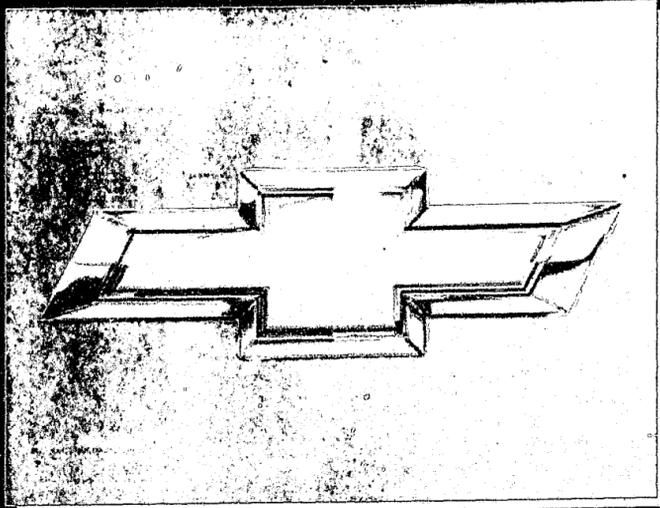
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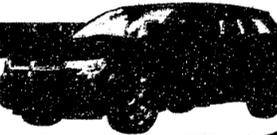
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Music in the parks

Come to Carrizozo for old-fashioned summertime fun in the park



The band "Top Brass" will perform at Carrizozo's Music in the Parks on Sunday from 5 - 7 p.m.

BY ELAINE BRANNEN FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

Bring your lawn chair and an appetite, and come to Carrizozo's "Music in the Parks" for an evening of fun.

Sponsored by the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce, this free concert will be held in McDonald Park on Sunday, June 13, from 5 - 7 p.m.

This old-fashioned family picnic and concert in the park is held in collaboration with the Carrizozo Woman's Club, which will host a hot-dog roast and bake sale.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the local group "Top Brass" - a sextet of brass players from Ruidoso and Alto that plays everything from big

band to classical to jazz. The group is directed by Brenda Berryhill and includes James Horne and Bernie Hulme on cornets, Sharon Stewart on French horn, Dr. Jim Miller on euphonium, and Evan Stubbs and Berryhill on trombone. This group has been playing together for several years and loves sharing their music with others.

Prior to the concert, galleries along historic 12th Street will be open all afternoon, so visitors can come early and browse.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this family friendly evening in the park. For more information, call Elaine Brannen at 575-648-2757.

Carrizozo's "Music in the Parks" is a project of Carrizozo Works, Inc.

The Carrizozo Woman's Club owns a historic adobe building built by the Works Progress Administration in 1939, which is listed on the State and National Historic Registers. They have planned a series of fund raisers to pay for a new roof for the building. As a non-profit organization the club sponsors such activities as providing college scholarships for graduating Carrizozo seniors, helping with the White Oaks Miners Museum, and owning and maintaining Casa Mañana, a complex for low-income seniors in Carrizozo. They assisted in Valley of Fires being listed as a State Monument.

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Cover Story



Legendary country music performer George Jones comes to Inn of the Mountain Gods for two shows on June 24 and 25. Cover story on page 12.

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Hubbard Museum

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Theatre

June 11- 12: (Cloudcroft) *Happy Hollandaise* melo-drama presented by Cloudcroft Light Opera Company, Free. 7:30 p.m. For information, go online to www.cloudcrofttheatrecompany.com.

Summer videos

June 11- 18: (Ruidoso Downs) *Mysteries of Chaco Canyon*, Johnny & Marty Learning Cope Center, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. For information, go online to www.hubbardmuseum.org, or call 378-4142.

Michael Francis Trio

June 12: (Alamogordo) Tailgate 2010 summer music series at Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, 8 p.m. For information, call 575-437-2202.

Music in the Parks

June 13: (Carrizozo) Family picnic and concert by Top Brass. Free. 5 - 7 p.m. For information, call 575-648-2757.

Art classes

June 14: (Capitan) Summer workshops on a variety of arts begin at The

Stevenson Art Center. For more information, call 575-354-8010.

Summer Reading Program

June 14 - 18: (Ruidoso) Ruidoso Public Library offers fun classes for all ages. For information, call 575-258-3704, or email sharonstewart@ruidosonm.gov.

Summer Celebration

June 19: (Ruidoso) Outdoor festival at Ruidoso Downs Race Track with horse racing, live music, food, vendors, theater, dance, arts and crafts. Free to the public; 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. For more information, call 575-257-7395.

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.

Outdoor music concert

June 19 - 20: (Ruidoso) "Taking it to the Streets" free outdoor concert. Featuring Roadmap and Friends. Free hot dogs and hamburgers. Saturday 4 - 8 p.m.; Sunday worship 12 - 2 p.m. For info, call Jamie or Julie at 575-258-1386.

Summer videos

June 19- 30: (Ruidoso Downs) *Tomb Detectives*, Johnny & Marty Learning. Cope Center, 11 a.m. and

2 p.m. For information, go online to hubbardmuseum.org, or call 378-4142.

George Jones

June 24: (Mescalero) Legendary country music singer performs at Inn of the Mountain Gods; 8 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$25. For more information, call 888-262-0478, or go online to www.ticketmaster.com.

Art Expo

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

Pueblo Pottery

June 26: (Ruidoso Downs) Scholar Pam Lujan-Hauer presentation and demonstration; Saturday, 2 p.m. For information, go online to hubbardmuseum.org, or call 378-4142.

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.

The Temptations

July 8: (Mescalero) Motown hit recording group with four Billboard Hot 100 #1 hits, 14 Billboard R&B #1 hits and three Grammys performs at Inn

of the Mountain Gods at 8 p.m. For information, call 888-262-0478, or go online to ticketmaster.com.

Humane Society Furr Ball

July 10: (Alto) Benefit to assist abandoned animals of Lincoln County. Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, 6 p.m. Dinner, dancing, auctions, \$110 per person. For reservations, call 575-378-1040.

Merle Haggard

July 13: (Mescalero) "The poet of the common man;" Inn of the Mountain Gods; 8 p.m. For more information and tickets, call 888-262-0478.

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July 30: (Ruidoso Downs) Famed musician, record producer and pioneer of early rock & roll presents "Tommy Allsup: Stories & Music," Friday and Saturday, July 30 and 31, at 7 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 1, 2 p.m. For information, go online to hubbardmuseum.org, or call 378-4142.

Fort Stanton Live

August 6 - 8: (Fort Stanton) Adults \$5, children under 16 free. For more information, call 575-258-5702.

Old Lincoln Days

August 6 - 8: (Lincoln) Living history and special performances at Lincoln State Monument. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For more information, go online to www.nmmonuments.org.

Spencer Theatre for the Performing Arts

The Elephant Man

June 18 - 8 p.m. The Tony award-winning play by the Wayland University Theatre Troupe and students from the Southwest. \$25

Taste of the Spencer Fund Raiser

June 19 - 6 p.m. Doug Montgomery performs following gourmet culinary tastings. \$50

3 Redneck Tenors

June 26 - 8 p.m. Down-home laughs combined with big city music, plus a fried catfish buffet.

Herman's Hermits with Peter Noone

July 2 - 8 p.m. British stage and screen star headlines this concert singing the 1960s pop band roster of hits. \$79 & \$76

Charo

July 16 - 8 p.m. Popular flamboyant Flamenco guitarist and entertainer. \$79 & \$76

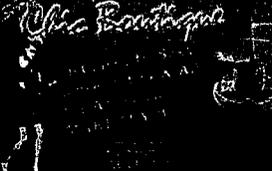
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ON STAGE*Live music in the clubs this weekend***FRIDAY**

Billy's Sports Bar (Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino; 378-4431): Terry Bullard Band, 7 - 11 p.m.

Casa Blanca (501 Mechem Dr.; 257-2495): 2 Days Walk, 6 p.m.; Los Mustangs Band, 7:30 p.m.; ARL Band, 9 p.m.

Club 49 (Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino): 5 Miles West; 8 p.m.

Cree Meadows Country Club (301 Country Club Dr.; 257-CREE): Lone Star Dance Band

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.

Mountain Annie's (2710 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-7982): Riversong Ramblers; 8 p.m.

Wendell's Lounge (Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino): Doug Fuqua; 5-11 p.m.

Wendell's Restaurant (IMG) Mike Sunjka; 5-10 p.m.

Win, Place & Show (2516 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9982): Steve Anderson; 8:30 p.m.

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ART MATTERS

Walt Nowak

*As the saying goes,
'It's not rocket
science.'*

BY WALT NOWAK
FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

Walt Nowak was born and raised in Cudahy, Wisc., a suburb of Milwaukee, on the shores of Lake Michigan.

He was always interested in art, but his prime interest was in rockets and missiles. Nowak followed that career path and received his BSEE and MSEE degrees from the University of Southern California. He spent the next 32 years doing guidance, control and system engineering on various missile and satellite programs.

During that period, Nowak also did stained glass, although he always felt constrained and "trapped" by stained glass and its palette. Upon retiring to Ruidoso in 1997, his stained glass activity was intermittent.

Then, about 10 years ago, he turned to oil paint-

ing, taking classes from local artists. Since then, he has been focusing on oil and mixed-media painting.

Nowak considers himself essentially self-taught, studying the techniques of current and past artists. He is continually amazed and excited by their skills, knowledge and ingenuity.

Art allows him to express his feelings and to "see" things rather than just look at them. He appreciates the wide subject matter and the inspiration of mountain living in Ruidoso, and the artists of Lincoln County.

Nowak enjoys painting landscapes, wildlife, genre and, most recently, portrait and human body subjects. He feels that he has finally settled upon his own style, but continues to experiment with media, try different styles, and read and talk with other artists.

Nowak's philosophy is to never quit learning and never wait for inspiration.

He believes that learning is fundamental to one's growth and development, making life dynamic and exciting.

Nowak is a member of Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts and is participating in this year's annual Art Loop Studio Tour, which is scheduled to be held July 9 - 11.

Nowak can be reached at 575-258-3517, or by email to wknowak@windstream.net, or through the RRCA office.

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 1712 Sudderth Drive or call 575-257-7272.



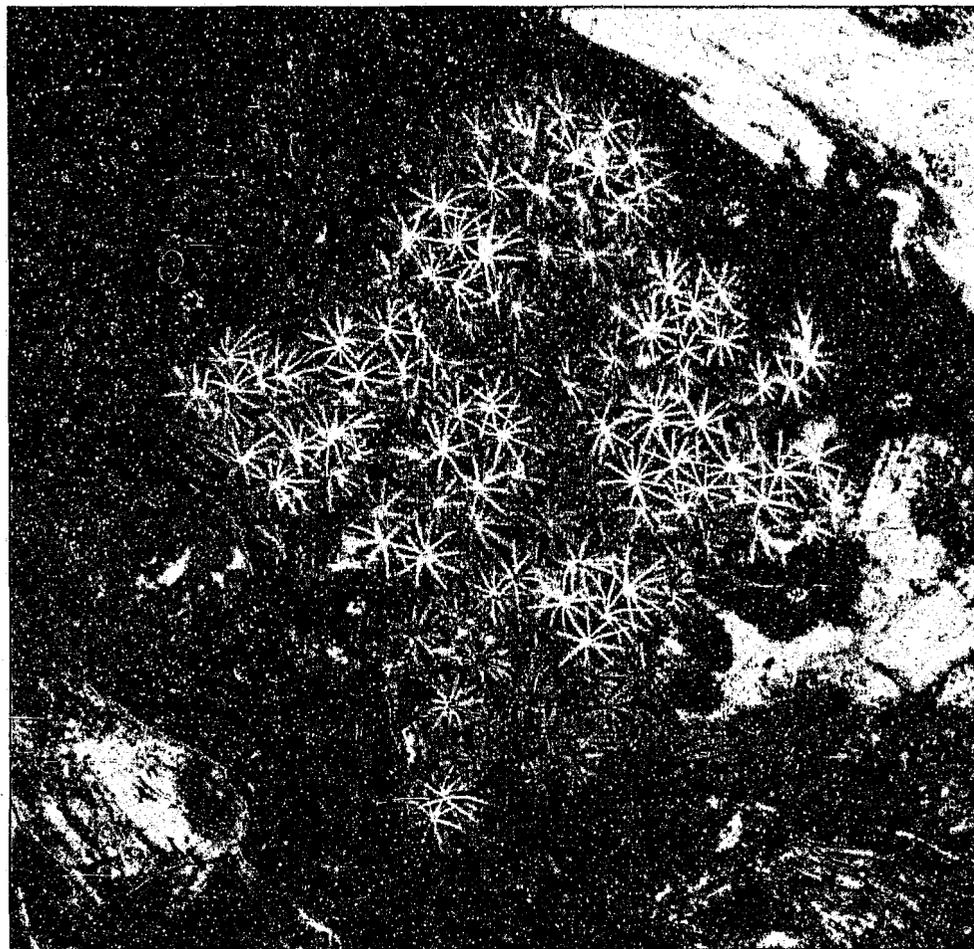
"Eye of the Tiger" (above) is rendered in oils and measures 12" x 16." "Discovery II" (below) is 24" x 36" created in mixed media.



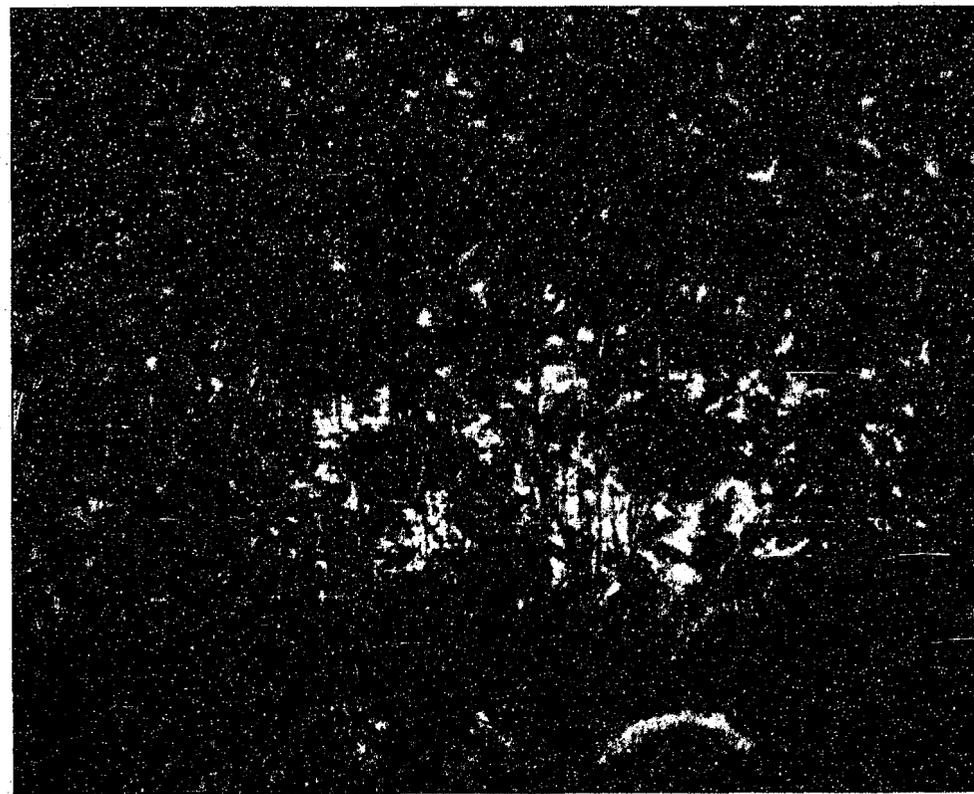
ART MATTERS



"Fall Ride" (above) is an 18" x 22" oil painting, as is the 24" x 36" "King's Canyon/Early Snow" (below).



Number two in a series of six, "Desert Flowers" (above) is a 12" x 16" mixed media. The oil painting "Poppy Splendor" (below) measures 30" x 20."



ART GALLERIES & STUDIOS

Lincoln County

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Fortelny Fine Art • 404 12th St., Carrizozo • Fine art paintings • 575-648-1180 • By appointment only.

Fruit of the Trees Gallery • Highway 380 in Lincoln • 575-653-4699.

Gaer Barlow Gallery • 560 Hwy. 48, Capitan • Cheryl Barlow's impressionistic Old West portraits, bronze & clay figurative sculptures • www.GaerBarlowGallery.com.

Gallery 408 • 408 12th St., Carrizozo • Fine art, home of Painted Burros; 2nd floor studios; artist in residence program • Mon., Tues., Fri., Sat., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun., 12 - 5 p.m. • 575-648-2598 • gallery408.com.

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

Grizzly's Bears • 2804 Sudderth • 257-3542 • Bears carved from tree trunks by chainsaw and other power tools.

Hondo Iris Farm and Gallery • Hwy 70, MM 284 • Tues-Sun, 10-5 • 653-4723 • Jewelry factory tours at Annex • Hwy 70, MM 286 • 653-4062.

Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery • Off Hwy. 70 at MM 281 • San

Patricio • Five artists spanning three generations. Featuring works by N.C. Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth, Henriette Wyeth Hurd, Peter Hurd and Michael Hurd. • 800-658-6912, or 653-4331.

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

J. Kiker Gallery • Highway 70 MM 284 in Old Hondo • Featuring John Kiker's oil landscapes of New Mexico, the Hondo Valley and beyond. • Open by appointment only. Phone 653-4510, or contact jkikergallery@yahoo.com.

Moondance Gallery • Central White Oaks • 648-2319 • Hand-crafted furniture, jewelry, traditional tinwork, Southwest artifacts.

Malkerson Modern Gallery • 415 12th St., Carrizozo • Contemporary, modern art • Fri., Sat., Mon., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun., 12 - 5 p.m. • 575-648-3201

Oso Art • 100 Lincoln Ave., Capitan • Eclectic blend of wall art, sculpture, jewelry, wood furniture from more than 100 Lincoln County artists. • Tues.-Sat., 10-6; Sun., 10-5. • 354-2327.

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

Stevenson Art Center • 123 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Artist exhibits & workshops • Wed., Fri., Sat., Sun., 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. • 575-354-8010

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White Oaks Pottery • 4 mi. NE of White Oak Township • Ivy Heymann • 648-2985 • Open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed on Thursday.

ZW's Gallery • Highway 37 W, MM 4.7 (the road to Nogal) • 354-4263.

Ruidoso Area

The Adobe • 2905 Sudderth • 257-5795 • www.theadobe-fineart.com • Fine art, jewelry, decoratives.

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California Colors Art Gallery • 201 Country Club Dr. • 257-1964.

The Camel House • 1690 Highway 70 East • Ruidoso Downs • 378-7065 • Prints, framing..

DJ's Jewelry • 618 Carrizo Canyon • 630-1514 • Hand-crafted silver and semi-precious stones, Southwest style.

Earth & Stone • 2117 Sudderth • 257-2768 • Pottery by Alan Miner. Thrown vessels, tableware, vessel sinks, platters, sculpted pieces. Watch the artist at work.

Galleria West • 2538 Sudderth • 257-4560 • Fine art, gifts, artisan jewelry, knives, fetishes.

GD Garrett Fine Art • 2306 Sudderth • 257-7695 • Studio and gallery of wildlife painter Gary Garrett.

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Many Moons Jewelry • 2501 Sudderth • 630-9201 • Hand-crafted silver.

McGary's Studio / Expressions in Bronze Gallery • 2002 Sudderth • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon - Sat • 257-1000 • Gallery and finishing studio for world-renowned bronze artist famous for Native-American figures.

Morning Star Gallery • 112 Laughing Horse Trail, MM 18 • 937-9331 • Fine finished functional wood art furniture. Wood from local area harvested responsibly. Studio open by appointment. Art hand crafted by Michael.

Mountain Arts Gallery • 2530 Sudderth • 257-9748 •

Southwest art, prints & originals, pottery, custom framing. Resident artist: Teri Sodd.

Picture This Gallery • 2621 Sudderth • 630-0003 • Prints and framing.

Piñon Pottery • 3 miles east of Wal-Mart on Highway 70 • Ruidoso Downs • 378-4270 • (800) 378-4275 • Studio and gallery of Vicki Conley, plus work by other locals. Thrown pottery and sculpted ceramic.

Rainwaters • 2313 Sudderth • 257-8727 • Gifts, jewelry, candles & collectibles.

Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts • Hwy. 220, 12 miles north of Ruidoso off U.S. 48 • 336-4800 • Dale Chihuly glass art installation • Tours 10 a.m. Tues. & Thurs. with behind-the-scenes look at theater.

Square Moon Gallery • 2825 Sudderth Dr., Ste. E, Boulder Plaza • Beautiful hand-blown and fused art glass, original chalk pastels, and more. • 257-8549.

Studio-W • 1311 Mechem • 258-1117 • www.Studio-W.com • 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Wed. - Sat.; 12 - 6 p.m., Sun; Closed Mon. & Tues. • Representing more than 100 artists showing more than 500 pieces.

Tanner Tradition • 624 Sudderth Dr. • 257-8675 • Since 1872, the Tanner family has traded in quality Native American art and jewelry • one-of-a-kind pieces, contemporary and vintage.

White Dove Gallery • 2825 Sudderth, Ste. A • 257-6609 or 866-257-6609 • Specializing in Native-American jewelry, art, pottery and kachinas. Open daily since 1988.

White Mountain Pottery • 2328 Sudderth • 257-3644 • Tableware, lamps & accessories. Representing Tim Wierwille and other local potters.

The Zuni • 2621 Sudderth • (800) 275-4908 • 257-2440.

Alamogordo Area

About Frames • 1602 10th St. • 434-4494 • Fine art prints and custom framing. Dave Beach and Susie Hopkins, proprietors. Open Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday by appointment.

Accents in Glass • 434-4182 • Jo Austin's original art glass designs using fused glass, stained glass, mosaics, 3-D, leaded panels, and jewelry. Jo Austin, proprietor. Web: www.accentsinglassbyjo.com.

Pat Beatty Gallery and Framing, 908 New York Ave., Alamogordo • 439-0188 • Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Fine art, work by local artists, gifts, hand-painted cards. Pat Beatty, proprietor.

Copeland's Frame Shop and Gallery, dba Sketchbook Tours • 622 9th St. (corner of 9th and Texas Ave.) • 575-551-4632 • www.michaelcopeland.com • sketchbooktours.com.

Creative Designs • 917 New York Ave., Alamogordo • Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. • 434-4420 • Ongoing selection of carefully chosen works in all media by local artists.

David H. Townsend Library Gallery • New Mexico State University-Alamogordo campus, 2400 Scenic Dr. • 439-3650 • Sun. - Fri. • Monthly exhibit.

Eagle Ranch Art Gallery • 7288 U.S. Highway 54/70, between Alamogordo and Tularosa • 434-0035 • 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily • Monthly exhibits by local and regional artists.

W. Kohler Lamp and Shade Company Gallery • 173 US Hwy 82, Alamogordo • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon. - Sat. • 437-8441 • Distinctive mesquite lamps and copper lamp-shades made on location. Studio-tours.

ART GALLERIES & STUDIOS

Mescalero

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

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

Stronghold Gallery • 464-7777 • Gift shop & art gallery at Inn of the Mountain Gods • Paintings, sculpture and works by Mescalero artists.

Cloudfcroft

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

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

Cloudfcroft Gallery • 502A Burro Ave. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. • 682-3659 • Original paintings, pottery and glass. Unusual handmade gifts. David and Donna Gordon, proprietors.

Copper Butterfly • 206 Burro Ave. • 682-2765 • Fine arts, quality crafts. Gloria and Gary Wood, proprietors.

Hummingbird Nest • 306 Burro Ave. • 682-2728 • Ceramics, paintings. Kathy Powell, proprietor.

Off the Beaten Path • 100 Glorietta Ave. • 682-7284 • Eclectic gifts, original artwork, wacky wire art, jewelry, yard art,

artistic lamps, and more. Berle Van Zanat and Donna Rand, proprietors. Open daily.

Thy, Smiling Dog Art Gallery • 311 James Canyon Hwy. • 682-2122 • Original oils, prints, jewelry, photography, metalwork and home décor.

**Tularosa**

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

Coffee & More at Tularosa Dry Goods • 308 Granado St. • 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thurs.-Sat.; 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sunday • 585-4575 • Rotating art exhibit.

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

Horse Feathers • 316 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.

Art classes abound

BY JESSIE HANSON
¡VAMONOS! EDITOR

No matter the season one does not need to look far to find art instruction offered within Lincoln County.

Workshops conducted by professional artists, ENMU, galleries and art centers provide an unending wealth of instruction in almost every medium.

Here are a few that might spark your interest — **ENMU-Ruidoso**

• **Mosaics Class**

Learn to create beautiful mosaics using a simple procedure and inexpensive materials. Broken tile, glass beads, shells, and other materials will be assembled into a unique work of art. The class is scheduled for June 15 - 17, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. The class fee is \$55, or \$40 seniors, plus \$30 for required supplies.

• **DigiCam Class**

Robert Walshe will teach a class on how to take better pictures using your digital camera. Topics include automatic settings, flash control settings, zooming tips, battery usage, basic photo-editing, picture resolution, moving pictures from camera to

the computer and picture storage options. Students should bring their cameras, USB cables and camera manuals. The class will be held on Saturday, June 19, 1 - 4 p.m. The fee is \$45, or \$35 for seniors.

• **Crystal Workshop**

Quartz crystals are used to heal and to provoke positive change in the mind and body. On June 12, 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Diana Person will share the natural properties of crystals and how they are used in practical applications and research. Different types of crystals and what constitutes the best crystal will be covered. The class fee is \$85, or \$75 for seniors.

For information, call Coda Omness at 575-257-3012, or email to coda.omness@enmu.edu.

• **The Stevenson Art Center in Capitan**

Beginning Drawing: Everything you need to know to learn how to draw anything you see. Mondays, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Painting with Acrylics: Beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



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• **Plein air painting of the landscape with Santa Fe artist Josh Lance;**

• **Learning to Draw Dragons and other Fantasy art with renowned artist Carla Morrow;**

• **Art in the Landscape with Rosalyn Stevenson**

For information, call 354-8010, or email rosalyne@rosalynstevenson.com.

Gallery 408

Artist in Residence, Mara Odette, instructs paper mache sculptures. June 23 - 24. Call 575-648-2598 for information.

Art Connectionz

Shelly Brack teaches basic techniques on how to hand-build pottery using ceramic clay. Drop-in, open to all ages. \$15 fee includes all materials, tools and firing. Wednesdays, 5 - 7 p.m.; Saturdays, June 19, 26, July 3, 1 - 3 p.m., 4 - 6 p.m. For information, call 575-937-0681.

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SPECIAL EVENT - RODEO

Carrizozo Cowboy Days

Typical ranch work turns competitive at popular ranch rodeo event

BY JESSIE HANSON
¡VAMONOS! EDITOR

Over recent years, ranch rodeo events have become an entertaining, fun activity for both spectator and participant. There's just something about being around horses and cattle and dust that place one smack-dab in the middle of the authentic West.

Offering events akin to the daily tasks of a true working ranch, participant teams are given the oppor-

tunity to try their hand at various ranch skills, such as team penning; team trailer-loading; team wild cow milking, team doctoring, and team branding.

Many of the entrants hold day-jobs other than that of being a rancher, and simply enjoy the sport of ranch rodeo, while some teams are comprised of actual everyday working cowboys who just can't seem to take a day off.

If ranch rodeo sounds like your kind of fun, load

up your horse (or not) and head for Carrizozo Cowboy Days tomorrow, June 12, at 1 p.m.

Located at Hemphill Arena just one mile south of town on Hwy. 54, this non-sanctioned event is open to anyone and everyone brave enough to toss their hat into the pen.

Things will be done a bit differently at this particular ranch rodeo. Rather than having a team of riders who have been practicing (or actually *working*) together show up to ride away into the sunset with all the prizes, a drawing



will take place in the center of the arena to determine teams of five persons, including co-ed teams.

Another important difference of this event is that there are *no entry fees* – but there are prizes. Functional cowboy gear prizes, such as ropes, spur straps, etc. have been donated by Lincoln County businesses.

For those who prefer to leave their horse at home – thereby to have a good reason to sit in the stands and just enjoy the show – admission is only \$5 per carload (same price applies for big car or small car.)

Authentic Mexican food and beverages will be available for purchase.

So if you are looking

for something to do with a little action and a bunch of excitement, don't miss the Carrizozo Cowboy Days Ranch Rodeo. Whether you participate, or not, it promises to be an afternoon of fun.

For more information, call 575-648-2265.

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SPECIAL EVENTS ▶ MUSIC

Tailgate 2010

BY JESSIE HANSON
¡VAMONOS! EDITOR

An evening of beautiful sunsets, easy-listening jazz and relaxation await those who attend Tailgate 2010, a presentation of the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts.

Bring a picnic dinner and comfy lawn chair to the upper parking lot of the New Mexico Museum of Space History and enjoy the remarkable sounds of this special summer music series.

Tickets for a parking spot can be purchased for all six summer events at a price of \$150. Individual weekly show parking spots

are \$30 (as available), or \$7 for individuals to walk up.

Gates open at 6:45 p.m. and close at 7:45 p.m. with the music beginning promptly at 8 p.m.

Here is this year's schedule of events:

June 12 – Michael Francis Trio

June 26 – Steve Smith Trio

July 20 – Round Mountain

July 24 – Chris Beaty and special guest

August 14 – Ron Helman Jazz Ensemble

August 28 – Bert Dolton Trio with special guest

For more information regarding Tailgate 2010, or other Flickinger Center events, call 575-437-2202.

Flickinger Center for Performing Arts is located at 1110 New York Ave., Alamogordo.

Alamogordo Music Theater

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The King & I

Friday, July 30

Saturday, July 31

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Sunday, Aug. 1, 2 p.m.

General seating.

All tickets are \$10.

BY JESSIE HANSON
¡VAMONOS! EDITOR

This is going to be fun. The first-ever annual B.A.M.M. – aka Bad Ass Mountain Music – Festival, is a full weekend of music and fun in the mountains. Located at Ski Cloudcroft, two miles east of town on Hwy. 82 the festival will throw open its gates at 4 p.m. on Friday, June 18 for two days of great music and a chance to enjoy the mountains up-close and personal.

Friday evening will

feature an acoustic jam with open mike around a roaring campfire.

Saturday kicks off at 10 a.m. and keeps on keeping on until 1:30 a.m. with live music all day and all night.

Rock, indie, reggae, bluegrass, punk, country, folk, hip-hop and more will be performed by 11 different bands, including Pioneers of Primetime TV, Nuevo Sol, School Bus Gypsies, Dave Rucci, Railroad Gin and Drunk Armstrong.

For those who are

looking for some physical activity, the ski lift will be running for an easy ride to the top for hiking and biking. You can bring your own mountain bike, or just rent one there.

Admission is \$20 per person and includes all live music performances, camping for both days and access to the ski lift.

For more information, go online to www.facebook.com/BAMMFestival, or call 575-682-1229.

Sponsored by the Cloudcroft nonprofit organization B.A.M.M.



The Bert Dalton Trio performs for the Aug. 28 Tailgate 2010 summer music series sponsored by Flickinger Center for Performing Arts.

Music in the Parks

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George Jones

Legendary country music artist to perform two shows at IMG

BY KERRI GARCIA
FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

Get up close with one of country music's most iconic singers as the legendary George Jones takes the stage for two shows at Inn of the Mountain Gods Thursday, June 24, and again on Friday, 25, beginning at 8 p.m., with tickets starting at only \$25.

Don't miss a sampling of classic country hits as Jones makes his way to Mescalero during his 2010 nationwide tour.

Born in 1931 and singing for tips on the streets as a kid, Jones moved on to record for Starday Records in 1955 resulting in a Top Five hit, "Why Baby Why." During his time with Starday, the iconic singer produced rockabilly hits, played guitar and sang the "hits of the day" on radio shows, landing the opportunity to play for his idol, Hank Williams.

Scoring his first country hit "White Lightning" with Mercury Records in 1959, Jones continued with hits including "Tender Years," "She Thinks I Still Care" and "The Race Is On."

Marrying country music sensation Tammy Wynette in 1969, Jones soon joined Wynette's label, Epic Records, partnering with producer Billy Sherrill for a successful 20 years with hits including "The Grand Tour," "A Picture of Me Without You" and hit duets with Wynette, including "We're Gonna Hold On," "Golden Ring" and "Near You."

Surpassing darker days and the pressures of touring and recording, Jones came through with yet another hit, "He Stopped Loving Her Today," earning himself a Grammy Award, Country Music Award Single of the Year in 1980 and 1981 and, 10 years later, the title of Favorite Country Song.

Heading into the 1990s, Jones saw hit songs come to an end, but was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1992. He told his story in the autobiography, *I Lived To Tell It All* in 1996.

Sobering up for good after a 1998 car accident, he earned a second Grammy Award in 1999 for his highly acclaimed project, "Cold Hard Truth" and received an honor for artistic excellence – a Medal of Arts – from President George W. Bush in 2002.

In addition to performing more than 100 shows a year, Jones is also the national spokesperson for Ronnie Gilley Properties, a real estate development company in Alabama, and has also branded a line of breakfast foods.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, go online to www.innofthemountaingods.com, or www.ticketmaster.com, or call 888-262-0478.



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Bring beans

BY JESSIE HANSON
¡VÁMONOS! EDITOR

A quick and easy twist on a popular BBQ standby

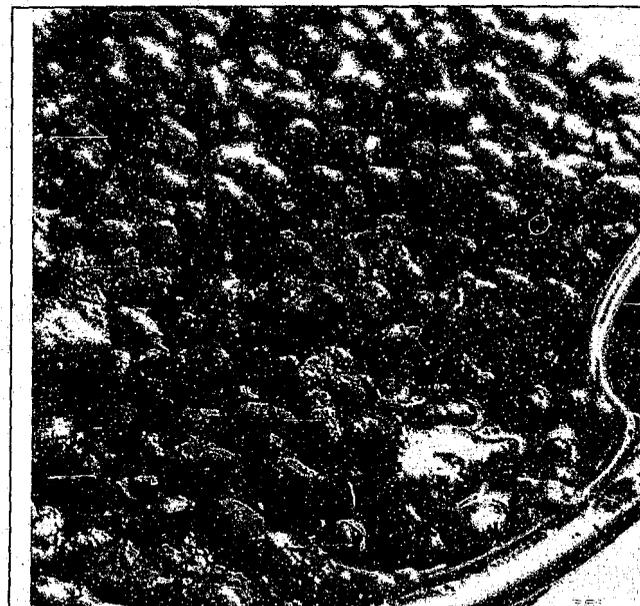
Invited to a cook-out and pondering on what to bring? Well, if you're short on time and want a guaranteed hit, bring a pot of beans. Boring, you say? Oh, contraire. These beans will have guests asking you for the recipe, so here you go.

Beans with a kick

Use a crock pot, stove-top pot, or oven casserole dish, whichever you prefer.

Here is what you'll need to prepare eight half-cup servings (better figure on doubling the recipe because they are so tasty).

- 6 strips of thick-cut bacon
- 1-2 yellow or white medium-sized onions, coarsely chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, coarsely chopped
- 1-2 jalapeno peppers coarsely chopped
- 1-15-oz. can red kidney beans
- 1-15-oz. can white kidney or navy beans
- 1-15 oz. can black beans
- 1 16 oz. can Bush's (or other brand) baked beans
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1 Granny Smith Apple (peeled and cubed)
- 1 cup of your favorite BBQ sauce
- 1/4 cup molasses (don't skip this)
- 1/4 - 1/2 cup of (bourbon, whiskey, brandy, Scotch) (*absolutely don't skip this*)
- 2 teaspoons dry mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon light salt



1 - 2 bay leaves (if you have them on-hand)

Cut the bacon into 1/4-inch cubes and fry with the onions until not-quite-done.

Meanwhile, clean and chop the peppers and set aside.

Rinse and mix together in a large, separate mixing bowl the red kidney beans, white or navy kidney beans and black beans. Add and mix in the can of baked beans, being careful not to crush them.

Add the peppers and cooked bacon and onion gently mixing together.

Then, add the raisins, apple, molasses, liquor, dry mustard and salt (sprinkled in over the top) and mix all together again.

Transfer from mixing bowl to cooking pot of choice. Toss in the bay leaves, if desired.

Cook slowly on low heat until done (typically, an hour or more).

A few thoughts to consider –

- Molasses keeps beans from becoming mushy and unrecognizable, so it's important that it not be eliminated from the recipe;

- If you don't have raisins, or the apple, or dry mustard on-hand, it's okay. They'll still turn out great;

- If you have just purchased a case of one kind of bean and don't want to buy the others it's not a problem. They'll be great but taste a little different from this recipe;

- If you like a bit more flavor, feel free to add chile pepper, or chili powder;

- These are beans, after all, so if you have an idea for another ingredient, go for it.

- Baked beans freeze well and make a good side dish for sandwiches, hot dogs, or hamburgers. Thaw in the refrigerator and re-heat in the oven or microwave.

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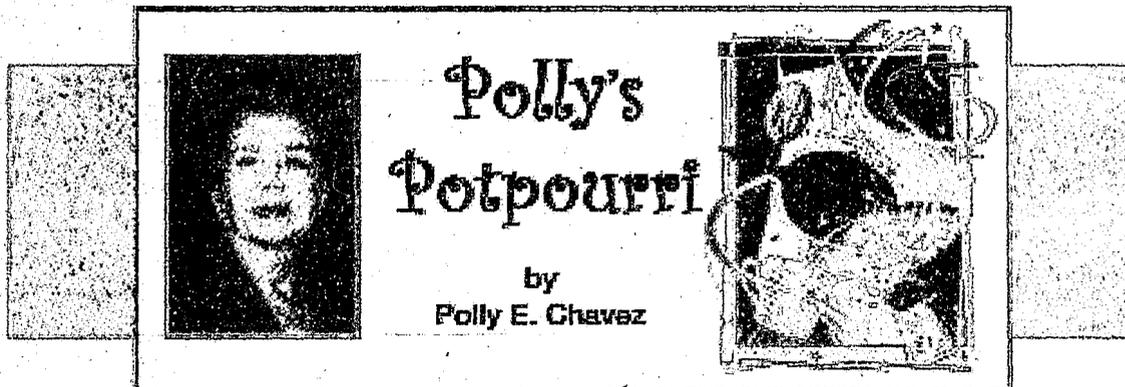
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Onion roasted potatoes



My husband and I were in Ruidoso and stopped to eat breakfast at The Cornerstone Bakery and Café, now under new ownership. It was a wonderful experience. The pies and other pastries were a delight to view as we ate our hearty early-morning meal of ham, bacon, eggs, salsa, choice of breads and pan-fried North Dakota red potatoes.

It was difficult making up our mind from the menu, as there was so much variety – Cloudcroft, Las Cruces, or Alamogordo omelettes; New Mexico Scrambler; Lincoln County Eggs; Albuquerque Eggs Benedict; Carrizozo Crepe; Sierra Blanca French Toast; Ruidoso Pancakes; Placitas Platter; and Santa Fe Quiche.

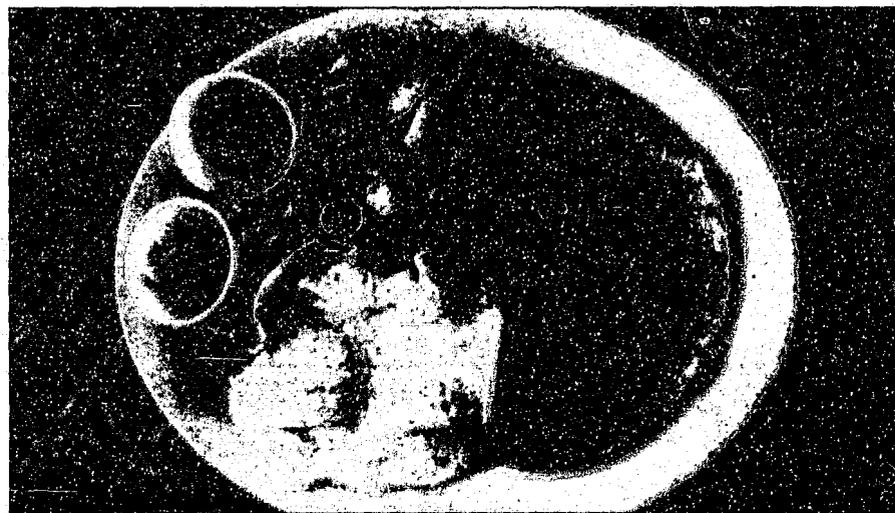
Debbie, manager and mother of the owner, Steven Gomez, was very helpful, explaining how the cook and baker make the food. The salsa included fresh jalapeños, roasted green chile, tomatoes and red onion. The fried potatoes were great.

Steve is a real estate

broker with Coldwell Banker SDC, Realtors. He and wife Marie, a Ruidoso High School teacher, bought Cornerstone in February. Prior to the end of this school year Cornerstone catered for a Region 9 event attended by area educators, including myself. The muffins, cookies and empanadas were an incredible, edible art to behold. Lunch arrived and the wonderful croissant sandwiches were consumed eagerly.

Breakfast or lunch is always available. We will go back again, and have to decide what to order – the Roswell Reuben, Hatch Green Chile Cheddar Club, Taos Almond Chicken Salad Croissant, Tularosa Tuna, Hobbs Ham and Swiss, Santa Rosa Shrimp Crepe – the menu goes on and on.

When I am at eating places I usually talk with the cooks and wait persons about their food. Sometimes I attempt to make the dishes at home. My daughter Annette showed me how to make these tasty oven fried potatoes.



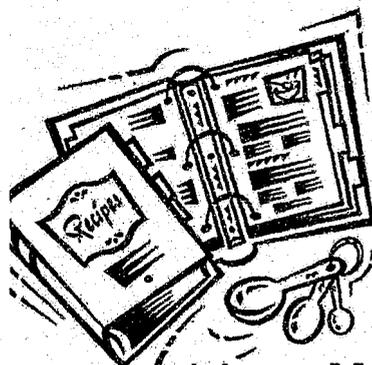
Onion Roasted Potatoes

6 medium, red potatoes
1/3 cup olive oil
1 envelope Lipton Onion Soup Mix

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.
In 13 x 9-inch baking pan or roasting pan combine all ingredients.

Leave the skins on the potatoes and cut into cubes. Bake uncovered, 35 minutes until potatoes are tender and golden brown.

Stir every 10 minutes during baking.



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Alamogordo / Otero County

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Spring Mountain Chuck Wagon BBQ • 1187 Hwy. 82, High Rolls • Open Fri-Sun; Lunch and dinner • 682-4550

Sunset Run Restaurant • 54 McDonald Rd. • Ribs, brisket, pork, sausage, chicken, fish • Tue-Sat, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. • 434-9000.

Texas Pit Barbeque • 211 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1101.

Cafés



Airport Grille • 3500 Airport Rd., Alamogordo • 439-1093 • Open Mon-Fri, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. • Specialty sandwiches.

Amigos Bakery • 1107 10th St., Alamogordo • 437-0592. • 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Deli, daily special.

Brown Bag Deli • 900 Washington, Alamogordo • 437-9751 • Mon-Sat, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Deli, daily special.

Café 675 • 675 Tenth St. at Lowes, Alamogordo • 437-5150.

Cloudcroft Deli • 505 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-5588 • Daily, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Carry-out only.

Coffee & More • 308 Granado • Delj • Tularosa • 585-4575.

Dave's Café • 300 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thu, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10a.m.-8 p.m. • Hamburgers

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High Country Lounge & Grill • 90 Pleasant Valley Dr., Timberon • 987-2580.

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Java The Hut • 506 Francis St • Tularosa • 585-2003.

Josey's Sweets • 603 St. Francis Dr • Tularosa • 585-3120 • Mon-Sat, 12:30-9 p.m.; Sun, 2-8p.m.

Mayhill Café • Mayhill • 687-3066.

Mayhill Mercantile • Mayhill • 687-3425.

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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. •

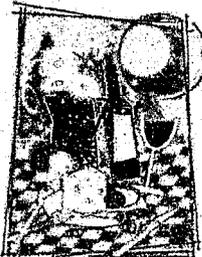
Plateau Espresso • 2724 N. Scenic, Alamogordo • 434-4466 • Open Sun-Thu, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-11 p.m. •

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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



Al-O-Mar • 7400 U.S. 54/70, Tularosa • 585-2129

Applebee's Bar & Grill • 1355 White Sands Blvd. • casual dining, friendly staff, full bar, carside to go • Open Sun-Thu 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fri-Sat until midnight. • 434-2616.

Aspen Restaurant • 1315 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1031 • Open Mon-Sat, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Big Daddy's Diner • 1705 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1224 • Open Tue-Thu, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Chili's Grill & Bar • 202 Panorama, Alamogordo • 437-5903.

Denny's • 930 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-6106.

Gallo's Red Rooster Café • 306 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2448 • Sun-Thu, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat-Sun, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

La Rosa Steakhouse • 21 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa (inside Travel Center) • 585-3339 • Open daily: 7 a.m.-9 p.m. •

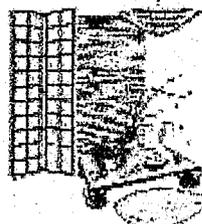
Lazy D Restaurant • 1202 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-2532.

Mom's Home Cooking • 604 First St., Alamogordo • 439-0288.

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Palm Side • 905 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-8644.

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Bamboo Garden Restaurant • 2617F N. White Sands • 437-5552

Chinese Express • 3199 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-8880.

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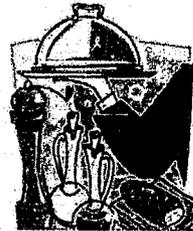
Rocket National Buffet • 607 White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • Authentic Chinese and American cuisine. • 437-5905.

Taiwan Kitchen • 110 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-4337.

The Spicy Thai • 915 Texas, Alamogordo • 434-0650.

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Fine Dining



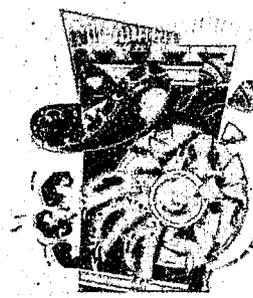
Memories Restaurant • 1223 N. New York Ave., Alamogordo • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • 437-0077.

Pepper's Grill • 3200 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9717.

Rebecca's at The Lodge • Cloudcroft • Breakfast, 7-10:30 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., dinner 5:30-10 p.m. • 800-395-6343, 575-682-2566

Stella Vita Restaurant • 902 New York Ave., Alamogordo • Mon-Fri, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Fri-Sat, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. • 575-434-4444.

Mexican



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Margo's Mexican Food • 504 E. First Street, Alamogordo • 434-0689.

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Pizza Hut • 120 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9785.

Pizza Mill & Sub Factory • 1315 E. Tenth St., Alamogordo • 434-1313.

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Ruidoso/Lincoln

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Cafe Rendezvous • 522 Sudderth Dr • French casual • Mon - Sat; 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 575-937-9419.

Cafe Z • 103 Lincoln, Capitan • Southwestern • Thu - Sat 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • 354-0977

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Horsemen's Grill • 321 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Tues - Sat 5 p.m. - 9 pm; Sun.brunch 10 am - 3 p.m. • 354-1447.

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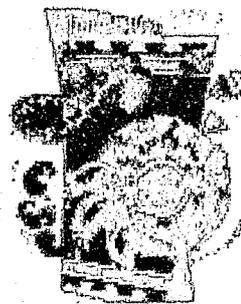
Texas Club Bar & Grill • 212 Metz Dr. • Steak & seafood • 258-3325.

Tinnie Silver Dollar • 28 mi east of Ruidoso on Hwy. 70 in Tinnie • Steakhouse and saloon; Sat 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Daily dinner 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.; Sun champagne brunch 10 a.m.-3 p.m. • 653-4425.

Wendell's • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IMG • Steaks, seafood, desserts • Daily, 5 p.m. - 11 p.m. • 464-7842

Willmor's Prime Grille • 2523 Sudderth Dr. • Prime steaks, seafood, wines • Reservations accepted; Mon-Sat, 5:30-9 p.m. • 257-2954

Mexican



Casa Blanca • 501 Mechem • Sun-Thu 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri & Sat 11 a.m.-10 p.m. • New Mexican cuisine; lounge. • 257-2495

Chef Lupe's • 1101 Sudderth • Sun-Thu, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-12 a.m • 257-4687

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El Camino Nuevo • 1025 Mechem • 258-4312

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El Paraiso Mexican Restaurant • 721 Mechem • Mon-Sat, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. • 257-0279

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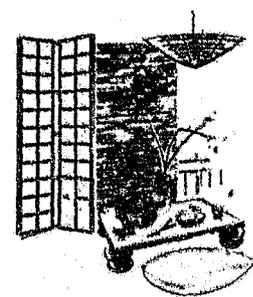
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Let's all go to the movies, part 1

Well, it seems to be that time again. Every now and then I get oh, so weary, of people arguing that what they see in the movies is accurate history. Hell, even the History Channel doesn't get it right half the time. Nevertheless, at least in their case, I still think we should view the channel as there is more, well, *history* on there than can be found anywhere else. Whoever the honchos are at that organization, they should be congratulated for feeding us a hefty serving of history whenever we want to tune in.

Of course, no one, this writer included, gets everything right. I've lost track of the number of times that I've found that I was wrong about something and had to backtrack to correct myself. But that's the name of the game. Anyone who thinks they are right all the time should be avoided – and there are a few historians who really believe that about themselves. For obvious reasons, no names will be mentioned.

Problems, problems, problems

Frequently, the response from Hollywood is that, "Why, it's only entertainment." Well yes, to be sure, but the problem is that people want to believe what is portrayed as history to them in the movies, and



then it becomes my (admittedly self-assigned) bailiwick to deal with argumentative amateur historians –

especially those who hate to have their heroes die. These folks are in a class by themselves. They are inevitably conspiracy theorists, because that is the only direction they can really go. The list of Old West outlaws *alone* who managed to escape what the rest of us see as their true historical fate is nothing short of staggering. Jesse James and Billy the Kid are probably the two most famous and, while the list goes on and on, my personal favorite is Black Jack Ketchum.

Back in 1901, the citizens of New Mexico decided that Black Jack had been a tad too naughty. Despite the fact that there had been so many train robberies in the Territory that the officials in Santa Fe had made it a crime punishable by death, Black Jack – who was, in this writer's estimation, a genuinely bad guy – decided to rob just *one more* train. In the course of the robbery, he was shot in the arm by a shotgun-wielding guard and captured.

Black Jack was about as unrepentant as one could be, advising young-

sters to be sure to kill anyone who got in their way, in pretty much any circumstance. As one can imagine, this did not particularly endear him to New Mexico's populace in general. Black Jack was sentenced to hang in Clayton, N.M., in April 1901. Most people were looking forward to it.

Oops

Sometimes it takes a lot of practice to get something right. While the officials at Clayton practiced hanging a lot of bags filled with sand that matched Black Jack's weight when he had been captured, they did, unfortunately, leave room for error.

After his capture, Black Jack's arm was amputated, which not only made him lopsided, it also deleted some pounds from his overall weight. Additionally, the outlaw seems to have taken a serious liking to jailhouse food, and put on a lot of weight awaiting his execution.

They had never had a legal hanging at Clayton before, and while everyone was looking forward to the party, no one really had any experience doing this particular job. Therefore, when they soaped the rope to make it slide easily, they soaped it and soaped it and soaped it until it was thoroughly *over-soaped*.

That did it. When Ketchum plunged through the trap door, his head popped off like a champagne cork. Photographers immediately moved in so

that they could get the "after" pictures to go with the "before" pictures they had been taking while Ketchum stood on the gallows. There are plenty of copies still around, and the next time you are in Clayton, there are any number of places you can find them in postcard form.

Well, here is the *real* punchline to the story: About a hundred years after the event, I was up in Clayton with several other historians going on a tour of the area. Despite the fact that one of us was quite well known – Bob Boze Bell is the publisher of *True West* magazine and the host of "True West Moments," which is featured on the Westerns Channel – the lady who was running one of the little museums there did not recognize him. And that led to some interesting stories. She told us that "Black Jack is a kind of Robin Hood in these parts. He was very popular and you know," her voice dropped to a dramatic whisper, "he faked his own death."

Great googly mooglies. "Robin Hood"? Black Jack was about as much of a Robin Hood as Ted Bundy. And he lied right up to the end, too. As the carpenters building the gallows finished the job, Ketchum shouted out the jailhouse window, "You did a fine job, boys, but why not tear down the stockade so the fellows can see a man hang who never killed anyone?" Tell that to the two men he killed in

Camp Verde, Ariz., about two years previous. To this day, no one is quite sure why he killed them.

"Faked his own death"? That would have been quite a trick. Despite the stockade around the gallows, where only invited guests were permitted, there were about 1,000 people milling around outside, climbing trees and the stockade itself to see Ketchum take the plunge. And that is not to even mention the photographers who got all of the famous pictures. If Black Jack faked his own death, it is beyond me how he did it.

Ultimately, I must admit to all the conspiracy theorists that they are correct and I'm wrong. Sure Black Jack faked his own death. So did Billy the Kid, Jesse James and countless others. In fact, they are today all living in Paris with Elvis and Jim Morrison.

And it isn't just conspiracies that movies throw in our faces. There are so many other "details" of events in the Old West that it is difficult to keep track of them all. The film *Young Guns 1* is a good example of how history can be distorted by movie makers. Believe it or not though, of all the movies made about the Kid and his exploits in Lincoln County (and elsewhere), *Young Guns 1* is probably the most accurate. Which is not to say it *is* accurate, it is just more accurate than the wildly inaccurate films that preceded it.

Next: Festivities in Lincoln County

SOURCES: *The Shooters* by Leon Metz and *The Encyclopedia of Western Outlaws and Lawmen* by Jay Nash.

Attention Western History Buffs

The Wild West History Association will have its annual Roundup at Inn of the Mountain Gods on Tuesday, July 20, at 1:30 p.m.

There will be several lectures about some of the characters who made Lincoln County wild. Of special interest is an evening with Frederick W. Nolan, world's leading authority on Billy the Kid and the Lincoln County War, plus a panel discussion on "Who killed Pat Garrett?" featuring historians Leon Metz, Mark Gardner, Ellis Lindsay and Drew Gomber.

For information, go online to www.wildwest-history.org.

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.

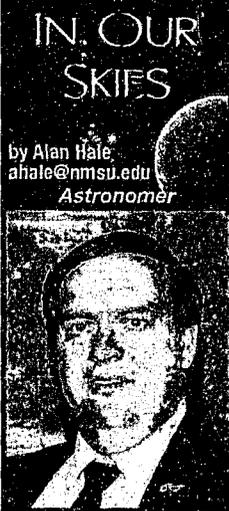
IN OUR SKIES

Morning sky comet

Few sights in the nighttime sky are as impressive as a bright, long-tailed comet. But while they are impressive, such sights are also quite rare: Only about once a decade, on the average, do such comets make appearances in our skies, and even then they are

pretty short-lived phenomena, usually not being visible for more than a few weeks at most. Only one such comet has come by since the beginning of the 21st century: This was Comet McNaught, which appeared in early 2007, and which when at its best was visible only from the Southern Hemisphere (although prior to that it was bright enough to be visible in broad daylight for a few days).

While so-called "great comets" like that one are indeed rare, comets as a whole are much more common than that. About two or three, on the average, are visible in moderate-sized backyard telescopes on any given night, and large telescopes equipped with modern electronic detectors can record as many as two to three dozen on any given night. The vast majority of these are dim and unimpressive objects, and when viewed through a telescope they usually appear as little more than a dim *fuzzball*.



Around once a year, on the average, there will appear a comet that is bright enough to see with the unaided eye. In this context, "bright enough to see with the unaided eye" generally means that a sky-watcher located in a dark rural site

and who knows where to look will be able to spot the comet as a dim, somewhat fuzzy "star." Binoculars or a small telescope may reveal a tail, and in fact when viewed with such instruments a comet like this can be a fairly impressive object.

We have such a comet in our skies right now. It was discovered last Sept. 9, by Rob McNaught, an astronomer based with the Siding Spring Survey in New South Wales, Australia – the only comprehensive sky survey program in the Southern Hemisphere. During his career McNaught has discovered, so far, 56 comets – the most named comet discoveries for any human being in history – one of which was the brilliant object which graced the southern hemisphere's skies 3 1/2 years ago.

Like most comets these days, this newer Comet McNaught was a dim and distant object detectable only with large telescopes at the time of its discovery. It has brightened during the intervening months as

it has approached the Earth and sun, and after being hidden behind the sun earlier this year it began to emerge into the morning sky back in April, at which time it was bright enough to be visible with regular backyard telescopes. Since then it has continued to brighten, and at the time of this writing is easily visible in binoculars and is starting to become detectable with the unaided eye; it is already starting to exhibit a tail that is quite prominent on wide-field photographs.

These next two weeks present the best opportunities for seeing Comet McNaught. It can be viewed above the northeastern horizon before the beginning of dawn, and will be traveling rapidly eastward through the constellations of Perseus and Auriga. It is nearest Earth – 106 million miles – on June 15, and on the morning of the 21st will be located slightly to the north of the bright star Capella. If the comet continues to brighten as it has thus far it could be a relatively nice sight when viewed from dark rural locations, and we are helped by the fact that the moon will not be in the morning sky during this time.

By the latter part of June Comet McNaught will only be visible low above the northeastern horizon during morning twilight. At the very tail end of June and beginning of July it might be detectable very low above the northwestern horizon during dusk, but in the bright sky it will



probably be pretty difficult to see. It is closest to the sun – 38 million miles – on July 2, and very quickly thereafter passes on the far side of the sun as seen from Earth and will be lost to view.

For sky-watchers who might be wondering when the next bright comet will come along once Comet McNaught leaves, it turns out that a regular, periodic comet known as Hartley 2 will be passing fairly close to Earth (11 million miles) in October and should become bright enough to view with the unaided eye around that time; it will be visible during the evening hours and, curiously, will also pass fairly close to the star Capella. Meanwhile, a fairly large comet discovered at Siding Spring almost a year ago may become bright enough for naked-eye visibility near the end of next year, but unfortunately it does not come especially close to either the sun or Earth and thus will probably not become very bright.

And as for when the next "great comet" might come, right now we don't know of any headed our

way. But with their unpredictable nature, it is entirely possible that the next "great comet" could appear at any time – and per-

haps that one, whenever it might come, might put on a show for those of us in the Northern Hemisphere.

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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COMMUNITY LISTINGS

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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.

Fort Stanton Museum: Thurs. - Mon., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. For group tours call 575-336-1436, or 575-336-4015.

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: 258-5108.

Mountaintop Turners: Woodturning club, 10 a.m. every third Saturday at the woodshop of Steve and Madeline Sabo. Info: 354-0201.

Party Bridge Group: 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Center; 336-4808.

Photographic Society of Lincoln County: 7 p.m. every second Thursday in the conference room at the Region IX office at 1400 Sudderth Dr.; 258-4003.

Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

Ruidoso Area Singles: Meet new friends for social activities - dining out, parties, potlucks, outings, etc.? New group is forming. Info: Judy, 430-7870; or Martha, 430-9808.

Ruidoso Book Review/Discussion

Group: First Wednesday monthly at 10 a.m.; Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. Public is welcome.

Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club: Meets every Monday; program varies. Potluck and bridge/card games. Second Monday (Sept.-May) includes program, business meeting, potluck, bridge/card games at 116 S. Evergreen.

Ruidoso Masonic Lodge No. 73: Meets first Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., except national holidays, then moves to second Monday. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Info: 258-3598.

Ruidoso Mommies Group: Want to meet other moms in the area through playdates or Mom's night out? Call Natasha, 640-7076, or Alice, 258-3331, or Ruidoso Moms on Facebook

Ruidoso Ridge Runners 4-Wheel Drive Club: Meets 1st Wed. monthly at K-BOB's. Dinner 6 p.m. and meeting at 7. Info: 336-2714 or 378-4853.

Education

ESL classes: English as a Second Language classes sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Thu, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.; Mon, Tue, Thu, 6-8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church; Spanish language GED Mon, 6-8 p.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.

First Friday Adult Lecture Series: Monthly, Capitan Public Library, free. Info: 354-3035.

GED classes: Sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Fri, 9-11 and Mon-Tues, 5:30-7:30, at NM Workforce Connection in Compass Bank Bldg., 707 Mechem..

La Junta F.C.E.: 10:45 a.m. every 3rd Wednesday at San Patricio Senior Citizens building. Info: 653-4718.

Help & Healing

A Course in Miracles Study Group: Each Tuesday; 5:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

AI-Anon: Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor, Ruidoso; Info: 258-8885.

AI-Anon: Meets at noon every Friday at the Methodist Church in Carrizozo. Come to the back door and bring your own lunch.

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m. daily; 8 p.m. Fri, Sat, Sun, at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor, Ruidoso; Info: 258-8885.

Bereavement or Grief Support: For the community. Call Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation. Info: 258-0028.

Co-Dependents Anonymous: 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Holy Mount Episcopal Church, Ruidoso. Info: 808-2959.

Gamblers Anonymous: Meets at 7:15 p.m., Thursdays at the Mescalero Reformed Church, 336 Wardlaw Dr. For more information, contact Mike at 575-682-6200.

H.E.A.L. (Help End Abuse for Life): Domestic violence shelter and hotline: 1-866-378-6378.

Meditation Practice: First Wednesday of each month; 6:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Mountain High Recovery Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 7 p.m. at Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church, 361 Highway 70 East.

Open Circle: Each Sunday; 9:30 a.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Parenting Classes: Counseling Center Prevention Program facilitates all parents seeking to enhance parenting skills, resolve issues and prevent substance use. Families with children ages 5-17 years of age that complete all requirements of the class qualify for a \$150 stipend. Qualifications and info: Brenda Motley-Lopez or Salli Mason at 257-0520.

Parents of Addicted Children: New Name Ministry offers help for parents of addicted children. For appointment, phone 802-0263 in Ruidoso and leave a message. Payment of free-will offering appreciated.

Prepared Childbirth Classes: Meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Lincoln County Medical Center's conference room. Six classes per session with qualified, certified instructors; Info: 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.).

Science of Mind Study Group: Each second and fourth Saturday; 10:30 a.m.-noon; High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Sex Addicts Anonymous: 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall meeting room, 121 Mescalero 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 Mescalero Trail; Info: Jill, 336-1339.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 52: 6:20 p.m. every other Wednesday; Angus Church of the Nazarene. Info: 808-1172.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59: 6 p.m. every Monday, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Info: Mark, 378-5623.

B.P.O. Elks No. 2086: 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70; Info: 257-2607.

B.P.O. Does: Noon, second and fourth Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70.

Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program: 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso. For children age 4 to 6th grade; Info: 257-2081, www.fbcruidoso.com.

Friends of Capitan Library: Call for volunteers for Not 2 Shabby Thrift Shop. Info: Raynene, 354-3046 or library, 354-3035.

Humane Society of Lincoln County: Shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat 11-2; ReSale Shop at the 'Y' open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon-Sat; Info: 378-1040.

Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at K-BOB's; Rutalee, 258-1431.

Laughing Eyes Kennels: 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 1284, Capitan, NM 88316. Info: 575-354-8007.

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 whitemountainsar@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainsar.org or phone 866-596-8382.

Veterans

American Legion Jerome D. Klein Post 79: 11 a.m. every third Saturday,

101 Spring St. at Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs; Info: 257-6757.

American Legion James A Hipp, Post 57: First Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. Sr.Citizens Center, Capitan. 575-336-2194

VFW Post 12071 meets the third Monday of each month at La Junta Lodge in Alto at 7 p.m. All eligible veterans are invited to attend.

VFW Post 12071 Ladies Auxiliary meets third Monday of each month at La Junta Lodge in Alto at 7 p.m. All eligible spouses, mothers, daughters and widows of veterans of foreign wars are invited to attend and join.

Otero County

Clubs & Associations

Alamo Squares: Square dancing on 2nd and 4th Saturdays. 8 p.m. Info: 437-3043, 434-2618 or 437-5474.

Alamogordo Astronomy Club: Meets every third Friday. Mike Mosier, 437-8260.

Alamogordo Mustang Club: Meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at Vision Ford. Daurian Orchard, 491-7952.

Barbershop Harmony Society: The "Sounds of Enchantment" barber-shop chorus meets at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo, every Tue., 7-9 p.m. Gentlemen of all ages welcome. Info: 437-8832.

Boy Scouts: Programs open to boys first grade-age 20, girls tenth grade-age 20. Info: Suzy, 437-7640.

Chaparral Kennel Club: 6:30 p.m. every first Wednesday at various locations. Promotes purebred dogs and sponsors therapy visits, dog shows, matches and the rescue of purebred dogs. Michele, 434-5220.

The Christian Self-Employed Business Club: Breakfast meetings at 8 a.m. on Fridays. Any self-employed person and a guest are welcome to attend. Paul Collins, 437-8257.

Crochet Guild of America: The Alamogordo Touch of Class Chapter welcomes all levels. 437-3832.

Desert Basin Toastmasters: Meets 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Alamogordo Physical Therapy Center, 10th and Washington; and every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Comm. Center at Holloman AFB. Guests welcome. Visit desertbasin.freetoasthost.com or phone 921-4767.

Desert Castaways Duplicate Bridge Club: Meets 12:30 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday & Friday at the Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico. 437-2822.

COMMUNITY LISTINGS

Desert Mountain 4-Wheel Drive Club: Meets third Tue. of each month at Wok Inn. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7. Info: 491-4257 or 430-3608.

Enchanted Quilters Guild: Meets 7-9 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 1300 Hawaii Ave. All are welcome. Info: 434-5162 after 4 p.m..

Experimental Aircraft Association: Meets at 7 p.m. every second Tuesday in the pilots lounge at Alamogordo-White Sands Regional Airport. Open to all, including non-pilots.

Girl Scouts: Open to girls ages 5-17. Nancy, 437-2921.

Golden Gears Car Club: Meets at 7 p.m. every first Thursday at the VFW annex building. Cruise-ins are on the last Saturday of each month at Sonic on the north end of town on White Sands Blvd. 434-0200.

Historic Vehicle Association of Alamogordo: Anyone with an interest in old cars is welcome to join. John Douglas, 437-5318 or Gale Ortiz, 434-5242.

The New Horizon Band: Rehearsals 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Alamogordo Senior Center. 434-4281.

Noel Southard Chapter of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation: Meets at 7 p.m. first Monday at the Aristocrat Assisted Living Center on Robert Bailey Drive. 434-8356 or 434-1467.

Otero County Association of Educational Retirees: Meets 11:30 a.m. every third Tuesday at Margo's Restaurant, Alamogordo. Lincoln and Otero County educational retirees welcome. For info: Barbara, 585-5564 or Dave, 437-6948.

Singles of Otero County: Weekly activities to provide a social network for singles in the area. 18 & over welcome. 437-4035.

Solar Energy Association: Meets 6 p.m., every third Thursday (except summer) at Alamogordo Public Library. Public welcome. 682-6027.

Tularosa Basin Rockhounds: Meets every second Tuesday at First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St. Field trips every fourth Saturday, annual campouts and picnic. 437-3377.

White Sands Dart Association: Double team open tournaments 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Fraternal Order of Eagles Club, 471 24th St. Join to play or learn. Contact Dellah at 442-8750.

Education

ESL: English as a second language class, 9 a.m. each Monday, 1328 Scenic Dr. \$15 for workbook. Class sponsored by Mountain Valley Baptist Association; 437-9987.

H.E.L.P. Head Start: Accepting applications for pre-school children with

or without disabilities. Free meals. Alamogordo Center: Maria Gallegos, 434-6313; La Luz Center: Martina Travis, 437-4485; Tularosa Center: Annette Chavez, 585-4818.

Integrated Instructional Services Department: Monthly Parent/Staff Advisory Committee meeting, 4 - 6 p.m. every second Tuesday at the IIS Building, Dr. Doug Householder, 439-3200.

Lacy Simms: Governing council meets at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at First National Bank Building Atrium. Regular meetings are at 7:15 p.m.; 437-4011.

Help & Healing

AI-Anon: New Day AI-Anon group meets noon Thursdays at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo.

Alamogordo City Disability Council: Meets at 2 p.m. every third Wednesday at the Sgt. Willie Estrada Memorial Civic Center. Disability Resource Center, 439-1112, or Ann French at 439-4227 or 439-4889.

American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center: 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 paintedladies64@yahoo.com.

Child Health Care: No or low cost for children under 19. Apply at the Otero County Public Health Office. 437-9340, 437-9899, or 437-9093.

Divorced & Widowed Adjustment Group: Meets at 6:30 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Alamogordo Church, 2826 Indian Wells Rd. Non-sectarian self-help group dedicated to assisting men and women of all ages through the loss of a partner through divorce, separation or death. Info: Ben, 682-3621.

HIBAC: Counselors are available in the Nutrition Office at the Alamo Senior Center, 9 a.m.-noon, Monday & Wednesday to assist with supplemental insurance for Medicare.

Humane Society of Otero County: Meets 6:30 p.m. every first Thursday at Margo's Mexican Restaurant. 437-0157.

Low Income Housing: Applications are accepted 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Alamogordo Housing Authority, located at 104 Amigo Ave. Laura, 437-5621 ext. 11.

New Life Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Sun. 6 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 8 p.m. First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St.

Salvation Army Social Services: Open 10 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 10 a.m.-noon Friday; 443-0845.

Salvation Army Thrift Store: Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. 443-0845.

Search and Rescue: Meets every second and fourth Thursday at the National Guard Armory, 1600 S. Florida Ave. Leroy Lewis, 430-2987 or Dan Josetosky, 437-4813.

St. John's Community Kitchen: Free meals 5-6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 437-3891.

ZTrans: Public transportation for \$1. Serves Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, La Luz, Alamogosa, Tularosa and Mescalero. 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, Cloudcroft, at noon. Info: Ellen Wedum, 682-2464 or email dotellen@gmail.com.

Republican Party of Otero County: Fourth Thursday meeting - each month. Info: Sassy Tinning, 443-1195.

Tularosa Democrats: Meet at Coffee & More, 308 Granada, 5 p.m. sharp second Thursday of each month. Info: Charles Murrell at 585-8153.

Service Organizations

Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club: Meets at 7 a.m. every Saturday at Maximino's, 2300 White Sands Blvd. The public is welcome. Jeanette or Chuck, 434-6296.

Alamogordo Noon Kiwanis: Meets at Margo's Mexican Restaurant every Wednesday, except the fifth. 434-6417.

Alamogordo Public Library Foundation: Raises money and awareness for Alamogordo Public Library. Flori, 437-6616 or Allen, 434-2349.

Altusa International: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. at 19th Hole golf course restaurant. Jan Wauff, 491-0713 or Marty Poltra, 921-1144.

Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority: Focusing on cultural, social and service activities. Lynn 585-5516.

Big Brothers Big Sisters: Accepting applications for children ages 6 - 17 and volunteers 18 years or older. 434-3388.

Daughters of the American Revolution: Meets monthly on third Saturday at time and place TBA. 437-7200.

Downtown Lions Club: Meets on second and fourth Mondays at Mariscos Costa Azul, 415 S. White Sands Blvd. Public welcome. Terry Reed at 434-3968 or Martha 437-7515.

Flickinger Guild: Supporting the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts, Guild members sell tickets in the box office, work the door for performances, usher, hand out programs and work concessions. Contact chairman Flori McElderry at 437-6616.

Kiwanis Club of Alamogordo: Meets on first and third Thursdays at 8 a.m. at Maximino's Restaurant, 2300 N. White Sands Blvd; 434-0923.

Order of the Eastern Star: Tularosa Basin Chapter No. 72 meets at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday at 409 Higuera St., Tularosa. 434-1456.

Special Olympics NM - Otero: Sports training and competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities; track and field practice at 9 a.m. at NMSBVI in Alamogordo. Info: Anthony Bradway, 575-430-8902 or Sally Bradway at 479-2958.

Veterans / Military

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1257: Open meeting/lunch at 11:30 a.m. second Friday at Base Enlisted Club. Visits to area veterans in local care centers every third Saturday, starting at the Betty Dare Center on North Florida Ave. promptly at 10 a.m. Gil Isley, 434-5552.

American Legion Post 108: Meets second Tuesday at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, Ed_wishbone@hotmail.com.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 108: Meets 2nd Tuesday of month at 6:15 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; Open to spouses, daughters, sisters, mothers or granddaughters of active/former military personnel. Info: Elaine Chestnut, 446-8331, mechestnut@msn.com, 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.

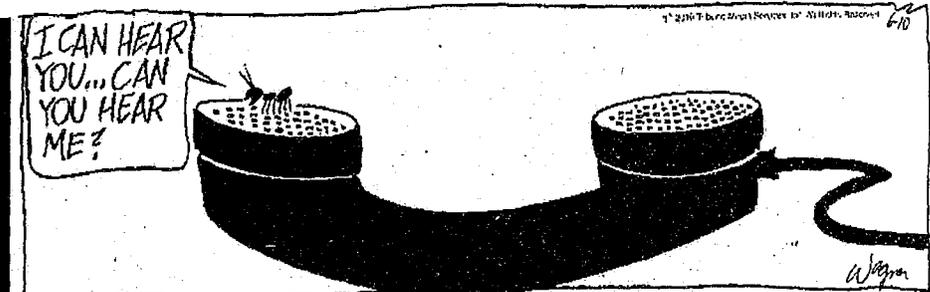
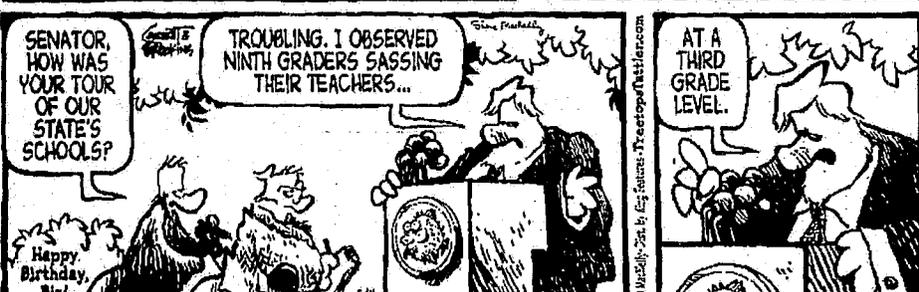
Sons of the American Legion Squadron 108: Meets 3rd Monday of month at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; Open to sons, grandsons of active/former military personnel. Info: Brian Koutrous, 717-202-9810, or Milton Chestnut, 446-9045.

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 Auxiliary: Meetings are at 7 p.m. every third Tuesday at 700 U.S. 70 West in Bingo Hall; 437-0770.

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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

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"TAKETH AWAY"
By JIM PAGE

ACROSS

- 1 GM line until 2004
- 5 "You're making ___ mistake!"
- 9 Coming-out parties
- 13 Value
- 19 Mariner or Mountaineer, briefly
- 20 Moon over Milano
- 21 Jazz giant, familiarly
- 22 Annoyingly small
- 23 Lago filler
- 24 Animated bug film
- 25 Cyberseller's site
- 26 Like some champagne glasses
- 27 Reason for a burglar to take aspirin?
- 31 Joe Louis, e.g.
- 32 "Gigi" author
- 33 Cassis cocktail
- 34 "Bummer"
- 35 Display a casual shirt?
- 39 Checkup responses
- 41 What Forum addresses were in
- 42 Mr. ___: old detective game
- 43 Log opening
- 46 Prepare pupils for an exam?
- 51 Israeli arms
- 52 Mama bear: Span.
- 53 One who sings during meals?
- 56 "Me, ___ & Irene": 2000 film
- 58 Noshed
- 59 "Take ___ face value"
- 60 Where to buy "Splitting Up For Dummies"?
- 63 Legal precedent
- 66 Texter's "Lordy!"
- 69 Cagney's "Yankee Doodle Dandy" role
- 70 '60s activist Bobby
- 71 Hi-___ graphics
- 72 Trip acquisition
- 74 Reaction to a New Year's Day birth?
- 78 "Assuming that ..."
- 79 Net income earner?
- 81 With hands on hips
- 85 Salamander coverage?
- 88 OED entries
- 90 Arrow groove

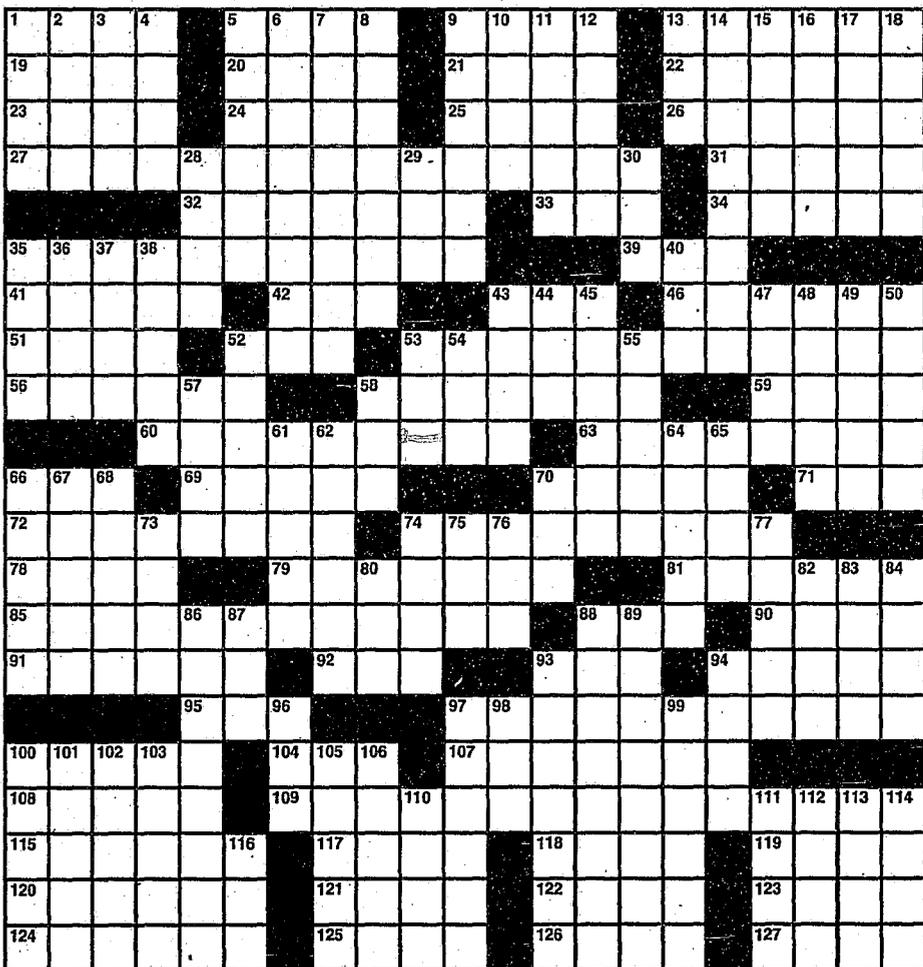
- 91 Got a little hoarse at the race, maybe
- 92 Seaside bird
- 93 Moo goo ___ pan
- 94 Take place
- 95 Buckeyes' sch.
- 97 Defy a parent?
- 100 Seat belt, e.g.
- 104 Shakespeare contemporary
- 107 Funny DVD feature
- 108 "Love Story" author Segal
- 109 Corn that may or may not be eaten?
- 115 Sailor with "muscles"
- 117 Jay's home
- 118 ___ to one's neck
- 119 Textile machine
- 120 Fends off
- 121 Disney lioness
- 122 "___ fan tutte"
- 123 Coventry carriage
- 124 Microscope parts
- 125 Computer since 1998

- DOWN
- 1 Actor Epps
 - 2 Versatile block
 - 3 Clobber
 - 4 Healing sign
 - 5 Family support group
 - 6 They botch jobs
 - 7 Where there are too many fish, as per a 1964 hit
 - 8 Newspaper name
 - 9 One of The Ramones
 - 10 Island off Tuscany
 - 11 ___ belt
 - 12 Acknowledge a passerby
 - 13 "Unbelievable" band
 - 14 Ethiopian messiah
 - 15 Bullish start?
 - 16 ___ Park, Colorado
 - 17 "The Mask of Zorro" heroine

- 18 1962 Paul Petersen hit
- 28 Screen picture
- 29 Scarfed down
- 30 Horse and buggy ___
- 35 Run-down area
- 36 Lacking clarity
- 37 Bluesman
- 38 More erudite
- 40 "Good" cholesterol, briefly
- 43 Opal finish?
- 44 Water ___: dental gadget
- 45 Picnic pitcherful
- 47 Nonclerical
- 48 Floral perfume
- 49 Pull one's leg
- 50 Some Deco works
- 52 Go ___ a tangent
- 53 6 on a handset
- 54 Former Mideast org.
- 55 "Be ___"
- 57 Tiny parasites
- 58 D.C.'s Union, e.g.
- 61 Exiled South Vietnamese president

- 62 "Nausea" novelist
- 64 ___ a fox
- 65 Weather-resistant wood
- 66 Basketmaking branch
- 67 Diva Anna Keen
- 68 Keen enjoyment
- 70 California's Big ___
- 73 Soccer ball brand
- 74 Islamic spirit
- 75 Still product: Abbr.
- 76 Bridal page word
- 77 React to a shot, say
- 80 Swiss river
- 82 Soft shoes
- 83 Victoria's Secret spec
- 84 Cajun staple
- 86 One starting out
- 87 Radical campus gp.
- 88 Start of an adage about economy
- 89 Rid, as of false ideas

- 93 Some Hawthorne works
- 94 Like the lama, but not the llama, in a Nash poem
- 96 Lei wearer's strings
- 97 Cold relief caplet
- 98 Bad place to be stuck
- 99 Giraffe cousins
- 100 Usually green flower part
- 101 Treasure hoard
- 102 Go from green to red, often
- 103 Their service is impeccable
- 105 One-named Greek singer
- 106 Hope
- 110 Mallorca, for one
- 111 Kal Kan rival
- 112 Director Ephron
- 113 You might wear it out
- 114 Award for Tina Fey
- 116 Basic center?



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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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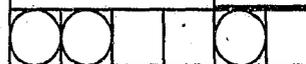
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YARREL



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THE GOLDDIGGER LOVED THE TYCOON FOR ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.



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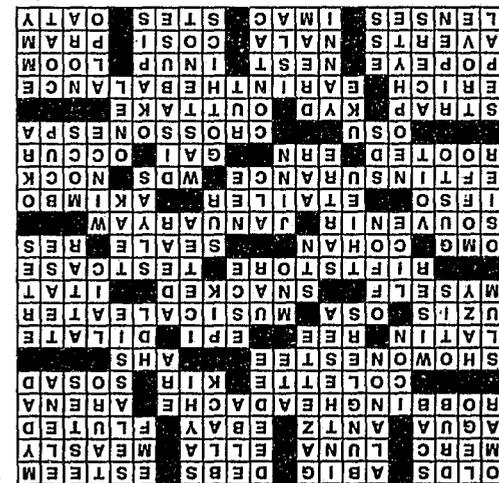
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ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

Jumbles: CHAOS SWISH FARELY LAXITY
Answer: The gold digger loved the tycoon for --- ALL HER'S WORTH

Creativity lurks within

It is said that everyone is creative, it's just a matter of discovery

BY JESSIE HANSON
VAMONOS! EDITOR

You gaze at a beautiful painting, and secretly wish that you yourself were also able to produce such an exquisite work of art. A metal sculpture stops you in your tracks as you walk by and you wonder if, you too, might be able to create such an intriguing piece. The radio plays a song that encourages you to sing along, and you envision yourself on-stage entertaining the masses.

While some of us appear to be blessed with God-given creative talent of a sort, whether it be in the visual or performing arts, dance, or whatever, the rest of us only *wish* we could "create" something — anything — just something.

Well, do not despair just yet. It has been said that we all have creative potential — the secret is to allow ourselves the opportunity for it to surface. So,

exactly how does one go about doing that?

It is recommended that one first must "quiet" the body and mind, so that their creativity is encouraged to come forth. This can be more difficult than it would seem, in light of our hectic daily schedules. Even in a relaxed lifestyle there is much that keeps us distracted from potential creative efforts. Seek a pleasing environment which you enjoy, take a stroll away from noise and activities, turn off the radio and television — in other words, be still. Try not to let tasks at hand enter your thoughts, they will still be there for you to attend to later. Just *relax*.

It is also imperative that one seeks a creative outlet in an area in which they have some degree of talent, i.e., if you enjoy working in the shop you might attempt a project with wood or metal. Whereby, if you prefer working with fabric, you may elect to try

your hand at quilting, crocheting, needlepoint, tatting, etc. Whatever your preference, it needs to feel good doing it, fulfill your creative desires and be something into which you enjoy investing your time.

Start out with whatever art form it is that has some appeal to you. This could include the use of a specific material — metal, wood, found objects, clay, fabric, paint, etc. come to mind. Possibly, you are attracted to the "tools of the trade," such as those employed in the arts of culinary, sewing, music, or photography. Then again, there is the atmosphere — the people and "stuff" involved in the item of interest.

OK, you say, that's all fine and dandy, but what if painting or writing or sculpting or acting or taking up a musical instrument just aren't appealing to you? What if you have attempted these artistic endeavors and failed miserably? Are there any other



options out there? The obvious answer is "Yes, of course."

In addition to the typically recognized "arts," there are other activities which provide an outlet for one's creativity. While some may argue that these should actually be defined as crafts, they are no less "creative" than other artistic endeavors. Such expressions might include making gift baskets, yard ornaments, lotions and potions, card-making, florals, home decorations, candle-making, gardening, recycled items, nature items, and much, much more.

So, if you are one of

those persons who looks at a lump of clay and thinks, "I could make that into a door stopper that would closely resemble what it looks like now," you might want to explore an artistic expression other than sculpture. On the other hand, if you grab your camera and go for a walk, snapping images that convey more than the apparent, your creative need may be fulfilled as a photographer.

The main thing to remember is this: If your desire is to do something creative, allow yourself to do so, whatever that is. It does not need to be definable or

marketable, it just needs to make you happy when you do it.

If you're open to possibilities, why not take a class in something that piques your interest? Colleges, galleries and professional artists offer courses and workshops in a variety of art forms. If you can't persuade a friend to go along, sign up anyway and make new friends.

Give your creativity the opportunity to emerge. Until you give it the old college try, you'll never know what you might be capable of accomplishing. There may be another Picasso hiding somewhere inside.