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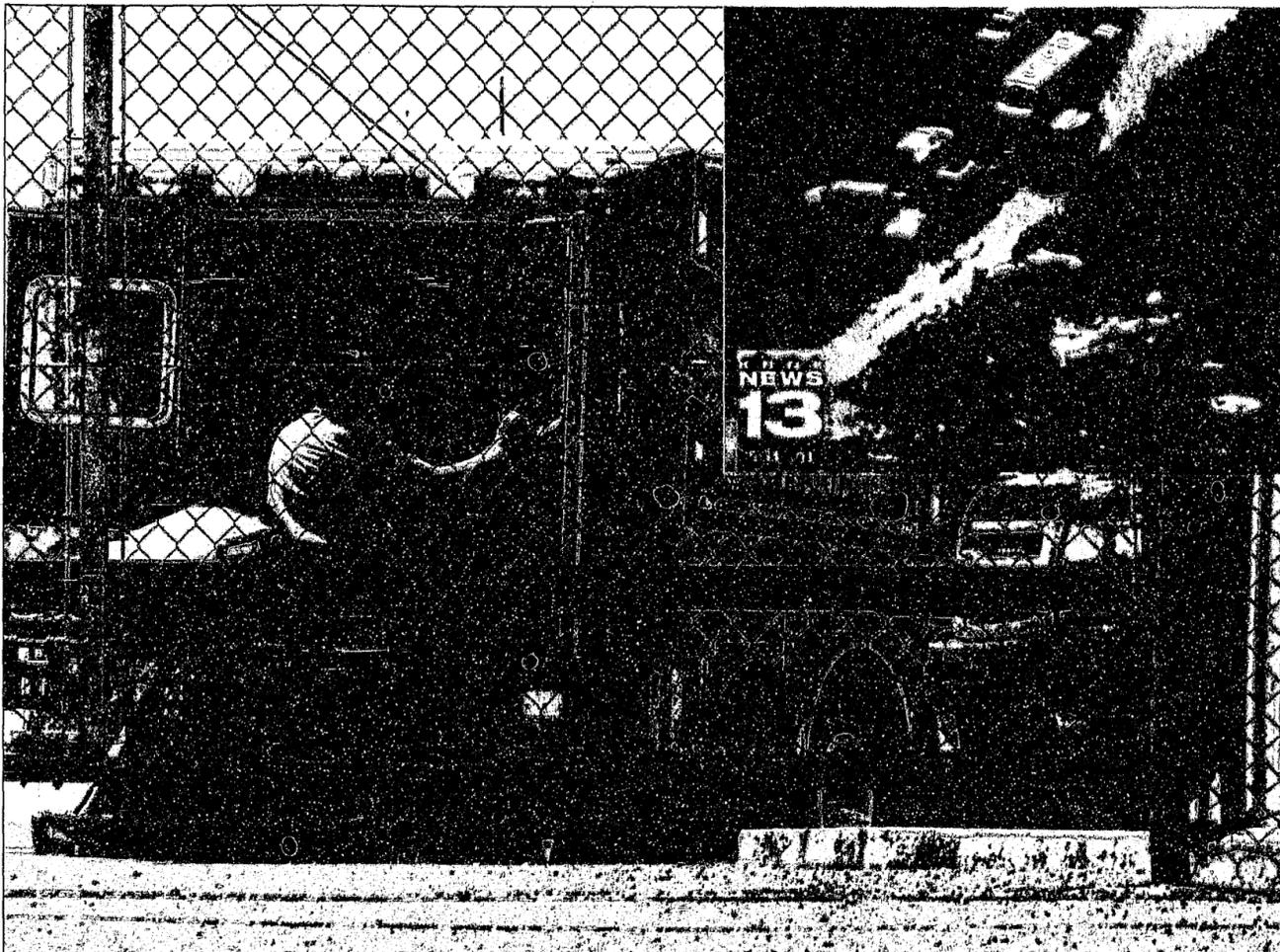
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Plane crash



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Two seriously injured aircraft passengers were transported from a nearby crash back to Sierra Blanca Regional Airport by Lincoln County EMS for a helicopter ambulance flight to University Medical Center in El Paso. Ariel photo provided by KRQE News 13.

Five dead, two injured in accident

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Five people were killed and two others critically injured Thursday after a twin-engine aircraft crashed short of Ruidoso's Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

The victims were all believed to be from Texas.

"We're still in the process of finding out exactly who they are, where they came from, what their final destination was," said New Mexico State Police Sergeant Robert Eshon.

The crash happened about 10 a.m., about two miles southeast of the airport.

The two survivors, both with life-threatening injuries, were transported by ambulance from the scene to the nearby airport where a medical helicopter took them to University Medical Center of El Paso. An official said the two were teens.

The names of the seven were not released by police, pending notification of next of kin.

Lynn Lunsford, a public affairs spokesperson with Southwest Regional Office of the Federal Aviation Administration, said the plane was registered to Rod Aviation LLC of Granbury, Texas.

The company came back to a Rodney Duree of Granbury, according to a State of Texas business registration office. Granbury is about 50 miles southwest of Fort Worth.

A neighbor in Granbury, who said he was helping friends and

other members of the family, said Duree and his wife DeLaine Duree, perished in the crash. Also killed was the couple's son, Lake Duree. Rod Duree was a former member of the Granbury Airport Board.

Also on the plane were Lowell Richey, a former teacher, and his wife Keri Richey, an elementary school teacher. They were also from Granbury. Ages for those killed were unavailable.

Hospitalized were Alexander Richey, 15, and Christopher Richey, 11, who was reported to be in critical condition Thursday afternoon.

The Durees were reportedly headed to Ruidoso to spread the ashes of a recently deceased loved one.

Lunsford said the nearest large airport to Granbury is the Cleburne Municipal Airport. Cleburne city spokesperson Charles Hodges said the Cessna 310 arrived at the municipal airport from Granbury at 8:08 a.m. Thursday and departed almost immediately.

"It pulled up to the terminal. He left the engine on and a man came out and escorted two women and three children, closed the door and left."

That was two hours before the crash.

Sky conditions at Sierra Blanca Regional were clear and winds light at 9:55 a.m., according to the automated weather observation station at the airport. The Cessna had been manufactured in 1980. A Cessna website stated the Cessna

T310R, the model number listed in an FAA registry, was built for six passengers. Seven people were on the plane.

"We're standing by for the NTSB (National Transportation Safety Board) to show up on the scene and they'll take over the investigation," Eshon said from a staging location about two miles from the crash site. Police cordoned off two dirt roads that led to the wreckage, allowing only emergency and investigation personnel to the about mile away location. Eshon said until the deceased are

recovered and the NTSB gives the authority, the location will remain sealed off.

The New Mexico Office of Medical Investigator arrived about 12 p.m.

"From what I've been told and from what it appears, they were on final approach to land," said Eshon. "At this time there is no indication of him having trouble. We don't know. He was calling in as all pilots do and letting them know that he was on approach. The controller didn't indicate he was hav-

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Ambulance heads out to the crash site down in the canyon.



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Alpine Village

The Alpine Village Water and Sanitation District will meet at 8:30 a.m., July 1, in the District's building at 114 Alpine Meadows Trail.

The regular schedule for monthly meetings is 5:30 p.m., the first Monday of the month. The change for this meeting is one-time only.

The session will cover regular business for the district, such as paying the bills and reporting on the operations of the water system.

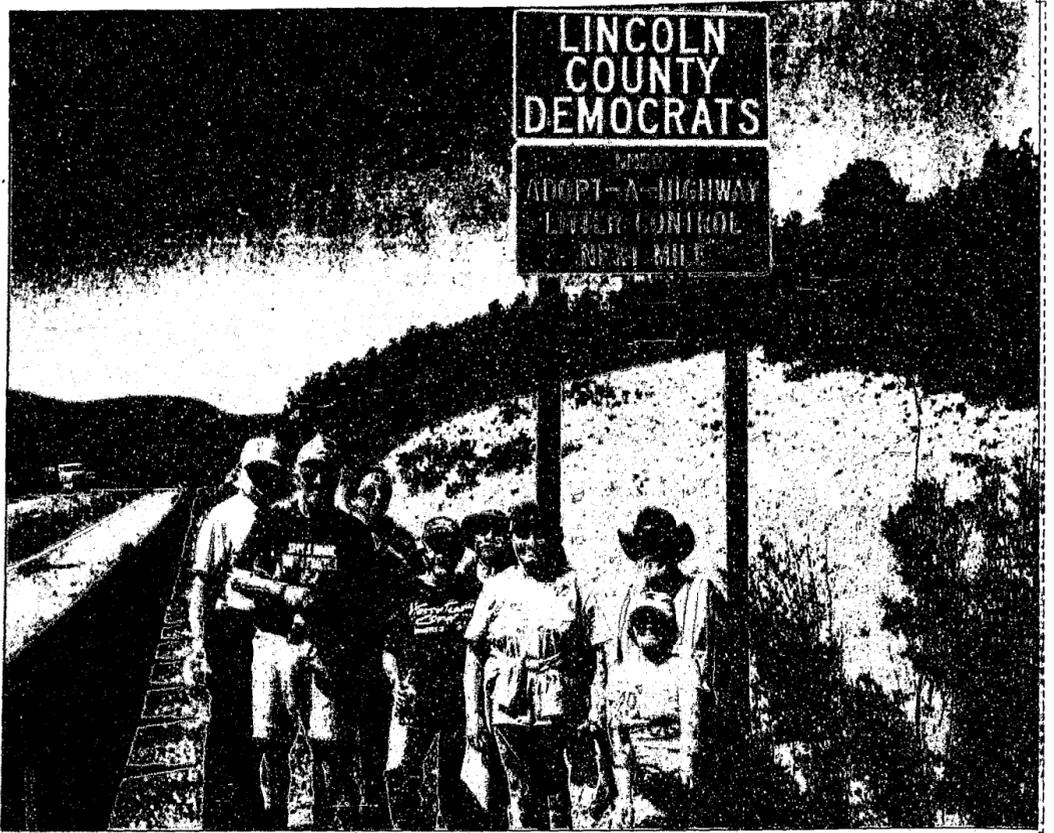
The agenda also may contain discussion regarding the 2010-2011 budget, Open Meetings Act and committees on the Conser-

vation and Drought Contingency Plan and Capacity Assessment.

Residents of the district are welcome to attend. Agendas are available at least 24 hours prior to meeting time.

Special meeting

Notice is hereby given that Cindi Davis, Chair of the Lodgers Tax Committee for the Village of Ruidoso, has called a Special Meeting of the Lodgers Tax Committee for the Village of Ruidoso for Thursday, June 17, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Village of Ruidoso Administrative Center Council Chambers, 313 Cree



Several volunteers from the Democratic Party of Lincoln County picked up 18 bags for Highway 70 east of Ruidoso Downs on Saturday, May 12. Two bags of aluminum cans were taken to the SADD deposit site. Pictured, l-r, Richard Ebener, Daryl Snyder, Maria Quintana, Ellen Wedum, Pete Sarmiento, Jean Coultan, Tony Davis, and Kelly Junge. Not pictured: Betsy Burnett

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Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, New Mexico. The agenda for the Special Meeting is as follows:

1. Discussion and possible action on selection committee's recommendation for media planning /

media purchasing for FY11

2. Discussion and possible action to approve professional services agreement with Target Media for media planning / media purchasing for FY11

3. Discussion and possible action to negotiate annual pricing for scope of work for media planning / media purchasing

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Food program

The Community Youth Center Warehouse announces its sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program.

Beginning June 1, and ending Aug. 6, meals will be served Monday through Friday at the following meal site locations and times: Community Youth Center Warehouse, 200 Church Dr., from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

ALW&SD meet

The Alto Lakes Water and Sanitation District Board will meet at 9 a.m., June 24, in the Conference Room of the ALW&SD Office, 214 Lake Shore Dr., Alto.

Court closing

Ruidoso Municipal Court will be closed a part of next week for a judicial conference. The conference will run from June 20 through June 23. The municipal court will reopen on June 24, at 8 a.m., said presiding judge Beverly Rankin.

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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
RealFeel 87° Humidity 27% Sunshine mixing with some clouds Wind: S 8-16 mph	RealFeel 90° Humidity 33% Partly sunny Wind: S 7-14 mph	RealFeel 83° Humidity 40% Partly sunny Wind: S 8-16 mph	RealFeel 83° Humidity 35% Sunny Wind: SW 8-16 mph	RealFeel 86° Humidity 28% Sunny and seasonably warm Wind: SW 10-20 mph	RealFeel 85° Humidity 29% Partial sunshine Wind: SW 8-16 mph	RealFeel 88° Humidity 25% Mostly sunny Wind: W 6-12 mph

Regional Cities

Gallup 88/41	Grants 90/40	Albuquerque 95/64	Tucumcari 98/65
Reserve 92/51	Socorro 97/57	Mountainair 94/52	Clovis 98/65
Silver City 96/61	Alamogordo 99/66	Fort Sumner 98/65	Roswell 98/69
Hatch 99/67	Cloudcroft 80/49	Ruidoso 85/63	Carlsbad 99/71
Loneburg 99/61	Las Cruces 99/70	Chaparral 100/73	Pecos 101/74
Deming 101/61	Sunland Park 101/74	El Paso 101/74	Ciudad Juárez 100/73

Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/low 86°/57°
Normal high 82°
Normal low 44°
Record high 92° (1980)
Record low 30° (1976)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.23"
Normal month to date 0.99"
Year to date 4.94"
Normal year to date 6.25"

Alamogordo
Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/low 100°/71°
Normal high 94°
Normal low 63°
Record high 106° (1948)
Record low 54° (1951)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.45"
Normal month to date 0.41"
Year to date 3.10"

National Forecast for June 18, 2010

National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Ablene	95/75/s	97/73/s
Anchorage	60/50/c	63/51/pc
Atlanta	94/73/t	92/72/t
Austin	95/73/s	96/73/s
Baltimore	87/63/s	90/68/s
Boston	86/66/s	86/64/s
Chicago	91/74/t	88/61/t
Dallas	98/79/s	98/77/s
Denver	88/52/s	87/57/pc
Des Moines	90/64/t	82/65/pc
Detroit	89/71/pc	90/63/t
El Paso	101/74/s	98/76/pc
Las Vegas	98/74/s	97/72/s
Los Angeles	75/58/pc	75/58/pc
Minneapolis	84/60/t	81/60/pc
New Orleans	94/77/t	93/77/t
New York City	85/71/s	87/70/s
Philadelphia	88/68/s	92/70/s
Phoenix	105/75/s	104/73/s
Reno	81/50/s	77/49/s
San Francisco	65/52/pc	64/52/s
San Diego	70/61/pc	67/60/pc
Seattle	71/52/pc	65/53/sh
Tucson	104/69/s	105/70/s
Tulsa, OK	96/77/s	98/76/s
Wash., DC	88/67/s	91/73/s
Wichita	98/73/s	97/74/s
Yuma	104/72/s	104/73/s

Regional Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Albuquerque	95/64/s	95/65/pc
Artesia	97/71/s	93/70/t
Chama	81/40/s	83/39/s
Clayton	96/61/s	96/63/pc
Cloudcroft	80/49/s	80/40/pc
Farrington	91/50/s	93/51/s
Hobbs	98/69/t	98/66/t
Los Alamos	85/52/s	86/48/s
Portales	98/65/t	98/64/t
Raton	94/49/s	93/53/pc
Red River	76/38/s	77/38/s
Ruidoso	85/63/s	85/61/pc
Santa Fe	92/48/s	93/54/s
Silver City	96/61/s	99/64/s
Taos	86/38/s	90/42/s

Mexican Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Acapulco	81/73/r	88/75/t
Cancun	91/77/pc	91/75/pc
Chihuahua	89/72/pc	99/70/pc
Ciudad Juárez	100/73/s	99/75/pc
León	81/63/t	88/55/t
México, DF	73/55/t	79/55/t
Monterrey	99/72/pc	99/72/s
Morelia	79/60/t	88/59/t
Oaxaca	79/61/t	81/59/t
Pto. Penasco	95/72/s	95/70/s
Tijuana	73/57/pc	72/57/pc

Sun and Moon
Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 5:54 a.m./8:14 p.m.
Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 12:43 p.m./12:18 a.m.

Moon Phases
First Full Last New
Jun 18 Jun 26 Jul 4 Jul 11

Extremes
Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 109° in Death Valley, CA
Low: 26° in Bodie State Park, CA
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OUR OPINION

We're not dying, just growing with our audience

You hear increasing talk about the newspaper industry becoming a dying medium. They say circulation is flat and advertising dollars are on the decline. The pundits wring their hands and think we're becoming irrelevant. Indeed, a letter to the editor on June 16 - "FTC proposes sales tax" - states the FTC has imposed a 5 percent increase on electronics to prop up print media.

Huh? Taken directly from the FTC web site, "The FTC has not endorsed the idea of making any policy recommendation or recommended any of the proposals in the discussion draft."

The FTC is hosting a series

of journalism workshops titled "How will journalism survive the Internet age?" These workshops are designed for all media platforms. Representatives from broadcast, cable, print, online, academia, consumer advocates and other media will take part in these discussions. These workshops will help determine how the Internet has affected journalism.

As said in the English comedy, Monty Python's *The Holy Grail*, "We're not dead yet." In fact, far from it. While there's little growth in print, we're gaining online through mobile technology and social networking. And we're growing fast.

Rural areas lead in income growth

Mostly we see the day-to-day. The long term isn't noticed. Once in a while, though, changes grab our attention. Our children, toddlers just yesterday, get married. The lovely olive colored dishwasher from the '70s now is ridiculed.

Our economy is the same way. Unbeknownst to those of us buried in the day-to-day, from 2000 to 2008 some interesting and unreported things happened around New Mexico. The observation comes from annual per capita income figures for counties released in April



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cent, employment has dropped 2,924 (10.1 percent) and unemployment has more than doubled to 2,233. The unemployment rate is now 7.9 percent.

Side note: Lea County is the oft-cited birthplace of Lt. Gov. Diane Denish, the Democratic candidate for governor.

All that said, let's look around the numbers.

A traditional myth for New Mexico is that the money is in the metro areas. I have pushed that notion, but no more.

From 2000 to 2008, metro area per capita income grew 40 percent. Rural area income

grew 60 percent. To be sure, metro incomes remain \$4,600 ahead of rural incomes. But the gap was \$6,000 in 2000.

Lea County led the state in both dollar and percentage eight-year income growth. Oil and nuclear explain the happiness. Adjacent Eddy County was the only one close in percentage income growth, with a 79 percent increase.

However, all was not sunny for the 26 rural counties. Only a dozen beat the 60 percent rural growth rate. Others, "led" by Harding County, with 17.8 percent eight-year income growth, did far worse. Union County was next worst with 20.8 percent growth.

Harding and Union Counties are both losing population. People are getting out of Dodge, er, Clayton and Mosquero, seeking other opportunities.

Sandoval County, one of the seven metro counties, offers another surprise with 29.6 percent income growth, outperformed, as it were, by only Harding and Union. Bernalillo was another metro laggard with 34 percent growth. These two, aided by 37 percent income growth in Valencia County, took metro Albuquerque to 34 percent income growth.

Other surprises lurk in the income numbers. Taos and Socorro Counties were the other counties with more than 70 percent growth over the eight years.

It says here that 60 is the NEW 40.



And here, 100 is the NEW 50.

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YOUR OPINION

Lodgers Tax committee

To the editor:

I WAS VERY PLEASED to see some light shed on the good work that the Lodgers Tax committee and Steve Tally have been doing on maximizing the dollars that go to hard advertising. This new focus which is reducing our dependence on outside contractors is refreshing. Advertising agencies make their fortunes off of simple things like placing ads in magazines and on radio and usually get kick backs that we never hear about. Double dipping is the term for that practice and it costs us directly.

Additionally, I am particularly pleased that we are moving forward with a state of the art, Village controlled web site. I do a great deal of travel and I depend on destination web sites

exclusively. Those sites that are well funded and operated by strong and capable tourism departments (like ours has become) serve the traveler. Other sites are clearly driven by the large hotels and ignore the needs of the vacationer who is often looking for options and information. I look forward to seeing the site up and running and the sooner the better.

The issue of Wingfield Park is one that I feel needs more attention. The park is a massive drain on the Lodgers Tax budget and is the result of a well intended yet ill considered plan by a previous council, a plan that came complete with the requisite task force recommendations that were submitted and promptly ignored.

The result being massive

amounts of hard advertising dollars being redirected to pay for a piece of land that never had a chance. I would like to see this council step up and get the park off of Lodgers Tax welfare, we need that money for marketing, especially in this weak economy. I believe we can attract private investment to develop the park and get it generating income and once the park is suitable for events we will see more of them come to the Village, attracting more tourism dollars. Of course, council must have the will to use those revenues to service the debt and relieve the Lodgers Tax fund of that obligation or we really gain little.

Chuck Duncan
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Misinformation, errors, omissions

To the editor:

I CAN'T BEGIN to comment on all the misinformation, errors, omissions, and innuendo in Mr. Olson's article about the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino. I will try to enlighten on a couple of the dispersions cast by Mr. Olson

According to the article our race track is inhabited by habitual gamblers who are there spending money rightfully belonging to children, mothers, and perhaps the County Commission. I have been a member of the Ruidoso Downs Turf Club for over 15 years. I even visit the casino occasionally. I have never seen the kind of people there that Mr. Olson

describes. I wonder, has he ever been there? Almost all of the people I have met are there because they love horses and sometimes entertain themselves for awhile at the casino. It is absolute demagoguery to paint every patron of our racetrack and casino as a gambling addict with no sense of individual responsibility for his own life or the well being of his family.

As to the blanket assertion that racino owners don't like to pay their taxes I offer this analogy. I own a small manufacturing business in Lincoln County. I have one local competitor and occasionally some out of town companies show up. We have been in business here for 7-1/2

years. I would ask Mr. Olson how long he thinks we would have sustained our business if we had to pay taxes at a rate 4 to 5 times that of our competitors, or if a devastating flood had wiped out most of our manufacturing capability. We would have vanished long ago.

Mr. Olson's article is a series of misrepresentations of the value of Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino to our community. I hope everyone that reads this will say to themselves, I have \$10 or \$20 a year to help keep this important asset in Lincoln County

Wayne Metcalfe
Ruidoso, NM

Bingaman ideology

To the editor:

SENATOR JEFF BINGAMAN needs to keep his nose out of Arizona's politics. Bingaman going against Arizona's new immigration law tells us the word "sovereignty" has no meaning to Mr. Bingaman. The senator counted heads in New Mexico and made the decision to cater illegal immigration and people who think New Mexico is stolen property and belongs to old Mexico. Bingaman helped pass the law that gives illegals the right to get a New Mexico driver's license. This law opened the door wide for illegal immigration.

Bill Richardson and Jeff Bingaman defines the word illegal as meaning, "Come on In".

The fruit of Richardson and Bingaman is picked from the same tree and that tree my friend is starving from the lack of water.

I say to the state of Arizona, "Thank you for trying to protect the sovereignty of American citizens". Thousands of people in New Mexico and other states back you one-hundred-and-ten percent.

Some of us are ready to fight against having the United State of America remade to please the few that has no right to be here in the first place. If you want to be part of this country do it the legal way and be welcomed with open arms.

Jack Hemby
Ruidoso Downs, N.M.

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Off-Highway Vehicle Alliance rules for the summer

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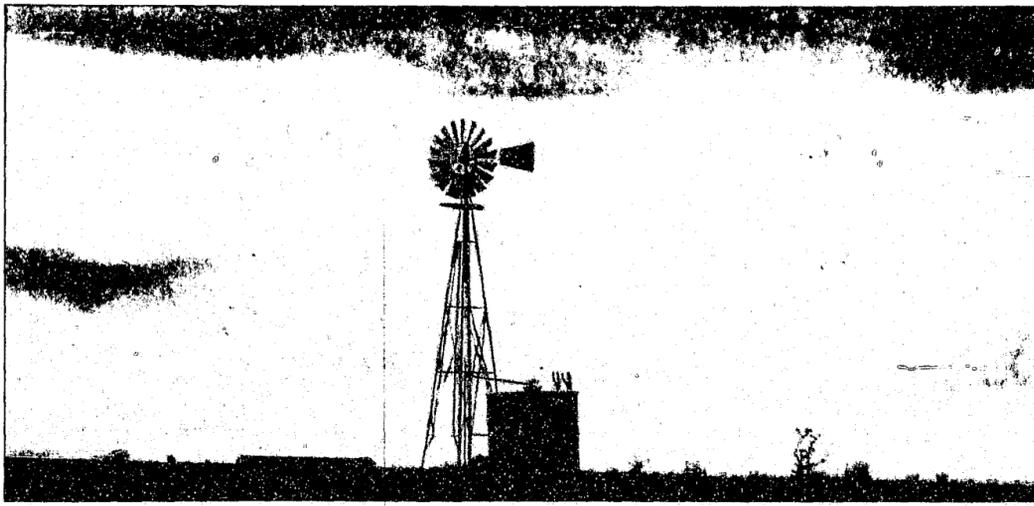
With summer season comes prime time for off-highway vehicle recreation in New Mexico's mountains and forests.

Officials with the New Mexico Off-Highway Vehicle Alliance (www.nmohva.org) urges people visiting New Mexico's back country, no matter what recreation they pursue, to treat the land with respect, be considerate of other users and of property owners.

The U.S. Forest Service manages many of the recreational areas in the state. Some Ranger Districts already designated roads, trails and areas where motorized travel is permitted. Call the Smokey Bear Ranger District Forest Service office at 257-4095 or stop at the corner of Mechem Drive and Cedar Creek Drive in Ruidoso to see if motor vehicle use maps are available.

Stay on designated routes and be aware of local conditions such as fire hazard alerts, alliance officials advise.

Motorized recreationists should understand and comply with New Mexico's regulations for OHV use. Visit the Department of Game and Fish website at www.b4uride.com, for the latest revision of OHV rules. Wear protective gear and ride responsibly, within the limits of the rider, the machine, and the environment, they said. Pack out everything brought in and, if other trash is spotted, haul that out too.



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Some of New Mexico's 'scenic wonder' that off-highway users can enjoy in the area.

The New Mexico Off-Highway Vehicle Alliance is an organization of motorized recreation users and groups that believe New Mexico's back country is a unique heritage to be preserved and enjoyed. The group is a statewide incorporated alliance of motorized off-highway vehicle enthusiasts that promotes responsible OHV recreation through education, safety training, land conservation and access, in cooperation with public and private interests, to ensure a positive future for OHV recreation in New Mexico.

Some facts about OHV use in New Mexico include that:

- Registration is required for OHVs prior to use on any public lands in New Mexico. That includes all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes, off-road vehicles (ORVs, UTVs or Mule type vehicles) and snowmobiles.

New Mexico residents are required to register their OHV at a Motor Vehicle Division Field Office every two years, if used on public lands. The charge is \$53 for initial registration and \$50 thereafter.

Non-resident permitting is available by contacting New Mexico Department of Game and Fish at 505-476-8000, through the website at www.B4uride.com or e-mail www.wildlife.state.nm.us, or at any New Mexico Department of Game and Fish office. A 2-year permit is \$48 and a 90-day permit is \$18.

The new law recognizes a non-resident operating an OHV is in compliance with New Mexico if that person is currently in compliance with another state's off-highway vehicle registration, user fee or similar law or rule demonstrated by certificate of registration, permit or similar evi-

dence. However, if a non-resident is from a state that has not established OHV registration or a user fee, then the non-resident must purchase New Mexico's Off-Highway User permit.

States that have no registration program and no use fee are Alabama, Hawaii, Mississippi, South Carolina, West Virginia, Alaska, Illinois, Nebraska, South Dakota, Florida, Kansas, Nevada, Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina and Virginia. A non-resident with an OHV from one of these states must purchase either the 2 year non-registered permit sticker for \$48.00 or the 90 day permit sticker for \$18.00 prior to operate on New Mexico's public lands.

A non-resident from the remaining states need not purchase New Mexico's permit as long as they can provide valid proof that

they have a current registration, user fee or something similar for their off-highway vehicle. Persons in violation of this provision can receive a fine of \$60 or more and may not ride on public lands.

- Youth Safety requirements specify that riders under 6 may not operate an ATV on public land. Riders under 18 must wear an approved, securely fastened helmet and protective eye wear; must never carry a passenger, even on OHVs designed for two persons; be visually supervised when operating an OHV, unless they are age 13 and above with a valid motorcycle license or age 15 and above with a valid driver's license. They also should complete a certified OHV course and obtain a safety permit.

- It is illegal to destroy signs, windmills or other property; damage the envi-

ronment, plants, animals or create excessive noise; harass, pursue or hunt wildlife or domestic animals; operate any OHV where prohibited or on private land without permission; operate an OHV on paved roads or highways; negatively affect livestock and or agricultural practices; or drive at any age under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

- It is the user's responsibility to obtain permission to travel across private lands.

- Vehicles not required to be registered for off-highway motor vehicle use are motorcycles registered for use on public streets, vehicles used strictly for agricultural use and vehicles used strictly on private land.

- Check New Mexico Statutes 66-3-1001 to 66-3-1020 or Title 18 of the New Mexico Administrative Code regarding the requirements for OHVs and users. It is the user's responsibility to know the law.

- All OHV riders must display their permit or registration to an officer.

- Operators at least 16 years of age may operate an ATV with an engine size greater than 250cc. Check the other standards that cover physical requirements such as clearance between ATV seat and inseam, positioning of knees, foot length, grip reach, throttle reach and brake reach, the New Mexico G&F website.

- Fines for violations of regulations range from \$60 to \$455, depending on the class of violation.

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BUSINESS

Sewer rates going up

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Customers of the CDS Rainmakers sewer system will find higher monthly bills.

The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) approved new rates for the sewer utility that serves Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, the Rainmakers Subdivision and the Rancho Ruidoso Condominiums.

A new Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CCN), essentially a permit, was also approved by the commission.

The new sewer rates will be \$30 per month for the first 12 months. The charge would increase to \$33 for the second 12 months. The following year the rate would go to \$25.

CDS Rainmakers Utilities (CDSRU), which also operates a water system, had requested staggered sewer rates of \$32, then \$35, and \$37 after 24 months. The company said they wanted to limit "rate shock" with the phased-in rate increases.

In lowering the company's rate request, PRC Hearing Examiner Elizabeth Hurst said PRC staff did not dispute the methodology used by CDSRU to design its rates, including the step adjustment to avoid rate shock. But staff made adjustments to the company's projected revenue requirements, result-

ing in the softened rates. CDSRU had said \$125,584 in annual revenue would be required. The adjustments trimmed that to \$119,956.

The flat rates are based on an engineering report that said a home in the subdivisions averaged 120 gallons of wastewater flow per day.

The Rancho Ruidoso Condominiums averaged 5,432 gallons per day. The new rates apply to each equivalent residential unit.

In the case of the condominium facility, which is a commercial customer, the rate would be based on their wastewater contribution compared to that of residential customers.

Additionally, the charge for new customers to connect to the sewage system will increase to \$1,400.

The general manager of SDSRU, Brett Christensen, said the utility, which also supplies water to the area, has in recent years lost from \$60,000 to \$80,000 annually with its operation of the treatment plant.

The wastewater treatment plant had historically served as a private utility for the Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates Subdivision. A 2005 agreement turned operation of the plant to CDSRU in exchange for allowing the Rainmakers development to connect to the system.

In late 2008 the plant was transferred to the Rainmakers Subdivision by the Property Owners' Com-

mittee of Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates.

In issuing the CPCN, the commission noted there had been a challenge of the transfer.

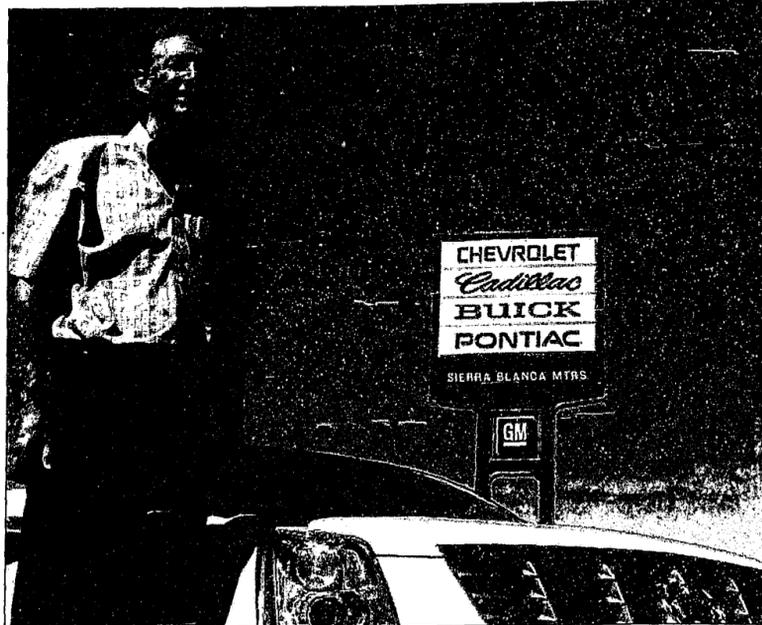
Rancho Ruidoso Rabbi Yhoshua Cohen argued the Property Owners' Committee lacked the authority to transfer the property without the approval of at least 51 percent of the association's membership.

He also testified that the committee never had title to the treatment plant and therefore could not have transferred the interest to CDSRU.

In issuing its final order to grant the CCN, the commission took special note of Cohen's claims concerning the validity of the past transactions involving the plant property. But the PRC stated that such claims are outside the commission's jurisdiction.

Included in the CCN is language that would revoke the permit should a court determine the title to the plant was improperly transferred.

Development of the Rainmakers Subdivision began nearly 10 years ago. CDS Rainmakers purchased the water utility at that time. In 2007, the New Mexico Environment Department notified the Rancho Ruidoso Condominiums that their septic system permit would not be renewed, and instead they would have to connect to the sewage collection system in the valley.



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Ted Durham, with Sierra Blanca Motors, is all smiles about being reinstated as a Cadillac dealer.

Keeping Cadillac in town

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New Cadillacs are available again in Ruidoso.

When General Motors dropped the Cadillac line from Sierra Blanca Motors it "took the wind out of our sales, so to speak," said Ted Durham, a partner in the dealership. "We sold a lot of Cadillacs for the size of our population."

But the Cadillac name will remain on the sign and the vehicles available in the sales lot of Sierra Blanca Motors on U.S. Highway 70.

Durham was told on May 28 he was reinstated as a Cadillac dealer.

"It is a relief. We were fighting very hard to get our Cadillac franchise back. We were setting up to

go through this arbitration process. There was a lot of work involved in that. We had attorneys and documentation and history. Like any arbitration you have to prove your point. There's a lot of Cadillacs in the Ruidoso area and it's important to our customers that we be able to service and maintain their cars."

In addition to losing the line, Sierra Blanca Motors had faced a halt to warranty work on Cadillacs at the end of this year.

"So the timing was good."

Durham credited the National Automobile Dealers Association, and a rebounding GM, for a more complete line of GM products at his dealership and others around the country.

"After the bankruptcy, they reorganized and put new people in charge of General Motors," recalled Durham. "They said they were 'over-dealered' and needed to cut their dealers, so General Motors went through the process of eliminating, going from approximately 1,400 down to 500 Cadillac dealers nationwide."

Durham felt that with GM "rolling again," the automaker realized they were unable to achieve volume numbers with trimmed down sales outlets.

"To get their sales back up to a profitable level they had to put more dealers out there. We're happy to have it back. We're happy to be able to have our sales and service."

Greentree outstanding recycler

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The Greentree Solid Waste Authority will be one of 26 entities or individuals honored next week as an outstanding recycler.

The New Mexico Recycling Coalition said the Lincoln County based enterprise will be named the county recycling program of the year during the coalition's New Mexico Recycling Conference.

And George Tippin, Sr., of Capitan, will be noted for his efforts to increase and improve recycling efforts in the state.

Tippin will be named community recycling activist of the year.

Tippin had undertaken volunteer work to collect, bundle and trans-

port 20 tons of recycled paper recycling from the Capitan post office between March 2008 to March 2010.

The Greentree Solid Waste Authority and the Alto post office have put in place "pre-cycling" for its 1,500 postal patrons. A three-cubic yard blue recycling dumpster is outside the Alto post office.

The initial weeks of the project confirmed that 95 percent of the post office waste stream can be recycled, and postal patrons who would never recycle now find it easy and convenient in a post office lobby.

The recycling at the point-of-origin initiative has laid the groundwork for other similar projects at the Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Hollywood post offices.

"With a national average of 33 percent to compare to New Mexico's much lower 12.4 percent recycling rate, we desperately need these pioneers leading the way to encourage everyone to change their habits and make a difference for the environment," said English Bird, executive director of the New Mexico Recycling Coalition. "Recycling is something everyone can do on a daily bases."

The awards ceremony will be held June 22 at the coalition's conference at the Albuquerque Convention Center.

Jim Miller, from the Lincoln County Recycling Committee, will further talk about the post office recycling success during a June 23 session at the two-day conference.

THE WEASEL IS OPEN



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Noted photographer and videographer John T. Soden and his wife Sue are flanked by members of the Ruidoso Valley Greeters at the opening of Soden's new photo studio and gallery. Weasel Productions is located at 1086 N.M. Highway 48, just north of Airport Road.

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Old refrigerators still a problem

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Walking her neighborhood with a friend, Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commissioner Gloria Sayers noticed a problem that occurs in many areas of the village.

Vacation homeowners come up for a weekend, buy a new old refrigerator and leave the old one, many with dangerous latch-type doors, sitting next to dumpsters.

The situation is a catastrophe waiting to happen, she told Deputy Village

Manager Bill Morris Tuesday during a commission meeting.

Usually when a replacement refrigerator is delivered, the appliance store will haul away the old model, but possibly the owners bought it at a garage sale or brought it up with them. Whatever the reason, appliances should not be left next to a dumpster.

Anyone hooked up to water in the village also is being charged for solid waste and yard debris collection. Part of that service, at least for now, is free pick-

up of appliances street-side at a home.

The caveat is that village officials in their attempt to pare down to "essential services," may decide in the future that appliance hauling is not one of them. But for now, residents are covered.

Commissioner Bob Cornelius said part of the problem is that the exchange often occurs on a weekend, when solid waste is not on duty and even the yard at Green-tree Solid Waste Authority, which operates in unincorporated areas of the county and two rural

municipalities, is closed after noon.

"People put them into construction (debris) dumpsters," Cornelius said. "But they aren't giving people an option. They have no place to put them."

Commissioner Art Hinz said weekends may be a problem, but during the week, the village solid waste crews respond quickly. "My neighbor put his house on the market and had a spa that wasn't working," he said. "He called during the week and they were out to pick it up in an hour."

A spokesman for the department said Tuesday that if residents call before 3 p.m., appliances usually are picked up the same day and the cost is covered in the monthly solid waste charge.

If the refrigerator is pulled out on a weekend, she recommended removing the door for safety reasons and then to call the department first thing Monday morning.

Older models have latches that can trap children. Newer models use magnetic doors that are safer, but removal still is a good

option.

A spokesman for Greentree Solid Waste Authority said the yard on Second Street in Ruidoso Downs is open to accept white goods from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to noon the second and fourth Saturdays of the month through August, then will cut back to just the second Saturday.

Refrigerators cost \$6.30, which includes tax, to drop off and other appliances, such as washers and dryers or water heaters, are \$5.25, including tax.

More money for NM filmmakers

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An additional \$200,000 was awarded to the New Mexico Filmmakers Program by Gov. Bill Richardson Monday as a show of his support.

The money will be used for filmmaker training and outreach programs including the New Mexico Filmmakers Showcase, the annual New Mexico Filmmakers Conference, the New Mexico Filmmakers Resource Center and various outreach events including the upcoming Native/Hispanic Film Tour.

"The variety of programs we offer local filmmakers is unparalleled in the rest of the country," Richardson said. "The accolades our filmmakers are garnering speak to our tal-

ent level and the success of our programs. This is a clear indication that this industry has taken hold here, which means more jobs and more opportunities for our people and businesses."

Under Richardson's leadership, the New Visions/New Mexico program awarded a total of \$640,000 in production funding to forty local filmmakers from around the state. Several filmmakers have used the awards to leverage thousands of additional dollars in outside funding, and had their films honored in top caliber film festivals around the world including the Sundance Film Festival, the Tribeca Film Festival, and the Rome International Film Festival.

In addition to the New

Visions program, more than 65 percent of the award recipients from all

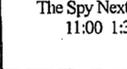
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COURTESY

Ruidoso firefighters (left to right) John Herring, Steve Gonzales, Nick Baker and Captain Michael Morrow will compete this fall for the world title in the Combat World Challenge XIX in South Carolina.

Firefighters challenge

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A team of four Ruidoso Fire Department members will compete later this year in the Firefighter Combat World Challenge XIX in South Carolina.

Firefighters Nick Baker, Steve Gonzales, John Herring, and Captain Michael Morrow participated in the Scott Firefighter Combat Challenge in Carlsbad earlier this month and qualified for the international competition.

The Scott Firefighter Combat Challenge required teams to complete five events within six minutes. Climbing six flights of stairs with 42 pounds of hose, a hose hoist, a forced

entry, a 140-foot sprint and then 75-foot pressurized hose drag, and a victim rescue using a 175-pound mannequin were part of the challenge that was conducted with a Carlsbad temperature of 114 degrees.

The Ruidoso team finished the events in less than two minutes.

The week-long world competition is scheduled to begin on Nov. 8 at Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The Ruidoso Fire Department is seeking area sponsors to help get the firefighters to the world challenge. Businesses or individuals who would like to help with the effort can contact Elaine Reynolds at 575-937-4798.



An unidentified man is carried out by rescuers Monday morning after he injured a leg while hiking. The event happened on the Lincoln National Forest's South Fork Trail No. 19, in the Bonito Lake area. The Bonito Volunteer Fire Department, Lincoln County EMS, and the Lincoln County Office of Emergency Services responded to the incident. OES Director Travis Atwell said the injured man was about a half-mile in from the waiting ambulance.

PHOTO COURTESY ARTHUR HOOPES, SIERRA BLANCA DISASTER RELIEF TEAM

Battery, deadly weapon

A Ruidoso man was charged with aggravated battery after allegedly striking another person with what was described as a wrench.

The incident happened around 6 a.m. on June 5, at a residence on Waco Drive in the village. Ruidoso police were initially sent to the emergency room at the Lincoln County Medical Center where a man had a head injury. Later officers arrested Baldemar Martinez, 31.

A criminal complaint

accused Martinez with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. He is also charged with aggravated battery against a household member. He made a first video appearance from LCDC before the Magistrate Court at Ruidoso on June 8. A preliminary hearing, before Magistrate Judge Lorena LaMay, is scheduled for June 22.

According to the victim and a companion, Martinez had been hitting a woman's legs with the wrench. The victim intervened and was hit over the head with the wrench. A police report said the two couples had been drinking and partying.

The victim required nine stitches to his forehead. Martinez was being held in the county jail on a \$5,000 cash only bond.

- Jim Kalvelage

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

June 6

12:41 a.m. - An officer was dispatched to a location in the 2600 block of Sudderth Drive for what was described as a hit and run. A man said his driver-side mirror had been broken. But the officer called the incident a larceny because the mirror appeared to have been removed without any other damage to the vehicle.

2:21 a.m. - A resident in the 200 block of Crown Drive called police after finding damage to her van. A window had been broken and dents were found on the left side of the vehicle. Rocks were found near the van. The case was categorized as criminal damage to property.

June 7

8:10 p.m. - woman went to the police station to report a theft of prescription drugs from her vehicle. The vehicle had been parked in the 2100 block of Sudderth Drive. The medications, with a value of about \$1,000, were the only things missing.

June 8

7:35 a.m. - Police, EMS and the medical investigator were called to an RV in the 600 block of U.S. Highway 70 for a man not breathing. The 43-year old was pronounced dead. The man's wife said he had

recently talked about suicide, which sent the case to the Criminal Investigation Division to determine if further investigation was warranted.

June 9

1:43 p.m. - A woman went to the police station to report threats made to her sons. According to a police report, a phone message stated "everyone on 2nd Street was going to be killed." A detective was to decide if any further investigation should be done.

3:36 p.m. - Officers were sent to the intersection of S. Evergreen Road and Apache Trail on a report of a fight in progress. A woman at the location said she accidentally cut-off another driver, who then followed her. After both had stopped, the other driver hit her with a car door and was swinging a fist at her. Police were unable to locate the other car.

10:36 p.m. - A 19-year old Ruidoso woman was arrested on a charge of being a minor with alcohol. Officers were called to an area in the 1500 block of Sudderth Drive for a woman who was "flipping out."

Shelly G. Marler had a blood alcohol content of .18. She was taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center.

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE BRIEFS

June 8

No time provided - An officer was sent to a location in the 100 block of Allison Lane for a non-injury vehicle. One vehicle had backed into another.

June 9

No time provided - Mescalero Bureau of Indian Affairs police, who dealt with a man involved in a fight on the reservation, learned he was wanted on a warrant from the local magistrate court. BIA police brought Patricio Almager, 29, no hometown provided, to the Ruidoso Downs police station where he was arrested on the warrant. He was also wanted

on a Lincoln County Sheriff's Department warrant.

No time provided - Officers responded to the Circle K for a man who was throwing things at the clerk and trashing the store. A woman, with the man, was swearing at the clerk. The two had been refused an alcohol purchase. Matthew Strevel, 32, and Angelina Strevel, 27, no hometowns provided, were arrested for battery, assault and disorderly conduct under municipal ordinances. The woman was issued a no trespass order and the man was released after paying a fine.

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Lincoln County property owners split on SunZia

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Lincoln County property owners, who submitted comments on a potential 500-kilovolt transmission line that could pass through part of the county, are divided on the issue.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) solicited hundreds of public comments over the past year on the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project to help assemble an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The possible 460-mile long transmission corridor could start in northwestern Lincoln County. It would deliver renewable energy to markets in Arizona, California and Nevada.

Many of the Lincoln County interests who support the transmission line would profit as a result of the venture.

Those opposed worry about the aesthetics of the 160-foot tall towers and super-charged electric lines.

"I have a ranch here in Corona," stated one of those supplying input.

"We've leased wind farms, and we feel that we'd rather see wind farms than subdivisions, and ranches are no longer sustainable anymore under agriculture. So we have to go to make, you know, something - do something else in order to stay in business. And so we think that wind and renewable energies are very positive."

Another Corona rancher said their land is under lease to Shell for wind-produced electricity.

"And so we're very much in favor of this project. It's

good for our community. It's good for our country. It's good for our schools."

Another Corona landowner, who has leased property to a wind energy company, said transmission lines have been the limiting factor in the development of wind farms in that area.

"The SunZia project could be the breath of life for these wind farms to move forward. The sooner it is built the better."

Another said the transmission line, and a possible substation near Corona, would help keep some of the area's young people at home and boost the economy.

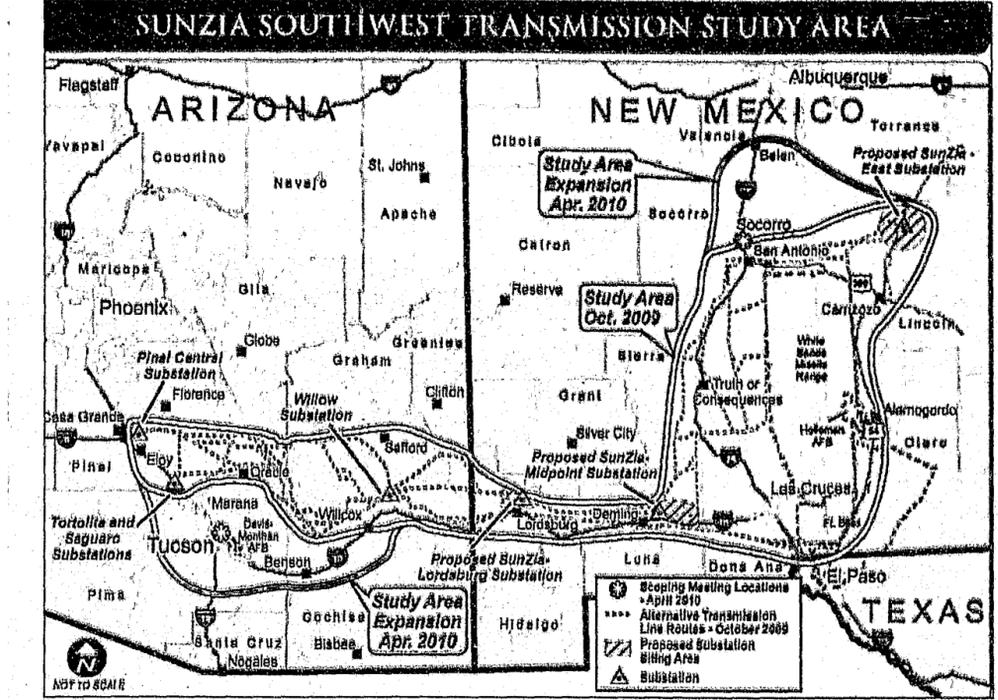
One rancher north of Capitan felt renewable energy will help the country, New Mexico and Lincoln County.

"We feel that wind energy is a clean, renewable source of energy that can help reduce our dependency on foreign oil. This will also help create green jobs and give a boost to the local economy. It will also create tax revenue for state and local government. As far as we are concerned it is a win, win situation."

One person who had attended a scoping meeting on the project last year in Carrizozo was "very impressed" with the presentation.

"If we are going to increase our capacity in renewable energy this line needs to be built as soon as possible."

But there has been local criticism of the planned line, almost exclusively from property owners in the Windmill Ranches Subdivision between Carrizozo and Corona.



"Our (Windmill Ranches) property borders BLM which was the main reason we purchased it - wide open spaces! We all purchased the land to enjoy the beautiful views and if the massive transmission lines are constructed we will have lost literally everything we've dreamed of."

Paul Henry told the BLM he was a director of Windmill Ranches.

"There are people that live all over the United States, when they retire or whatever, they'll come and build out there. But the biggest concern is, if you got that before about the views, the other concern is the noise, if there's any

noise."

Another property owner at Windmill Ranches opposed running large power lines through a subdivision.

"If the lines were to go through the ranch it would lower property values as well as ruin views."

One landowner felt the project would destroy animals and wild plants.

Some in the region urged a transmission corridor that would use the White Sands Missile Range, or a path parallel to U.S. Highway 54, to avoid U.S. Highway 380 and the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge area.

The refuge is part of a flyway for cranes, geese, ducks and other migratory

birds. But the Department of Defense said some of the western part of the missile range is a "safety buffer" for weapons testing and there would be a potential for damage to the power lines.

A corridor from Corona to north of El Paso, before turning west, would restrict training at Fort Bliss.

Another alternative, added earlier this year, could route the lines through Torrance and Valencia counties. The corridor would largely be on public lands.

Of the 839 comments included in an Environmental Impact Statement scoping report, more were negative or questioned the

project, than supported it. A lot of the input offered suggestions. The comments came largely from people in Arizona and New Mexico, where the Southwest Area Transmission Group said there is a need for a 500kV transmission line.

Organizations and government agencies also weighed in on the project.

A draft EIS is expected to be available for public review late this year. That will open another 90-day comment period and likely public hearings. A final EIS could be ready during the fall of 2011, with a decision the following spring. The earliest the transmission line might go into service would be during 2014.

Sacramento Mountains thistle remains on threatened list

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A wildflower that is found on parts of the Lincoln National Forest and Mescalero Apache Reservation will remain classified as a threatened plant.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service stated on June 2, that the Sacramento Mountains thistle (*Cirsium vinacuum*) is facing imminent threats, and is likely to become an endangered species in all of its range.

The flower was listed as threatened by the federal government in 1987, and a recovery plan was approved in 1993.

In April 2004, Otero County Commissioner Doug Moore petitioned the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to delist the plant, which began a five-year review of the species. An August 2007 petition from the county commission also provided additional information and a petition that pressed to remove the Sacramento Mountains thistle from the threatened list.

A 1990 inventory on the Lincoln National Forest located 196,000 of the plants, including both mature and juvenile rosettes. Six additional counts, beginning in 1995, were also conducted. The numbers of counted flowering plants were 34,288 in 1995; 39,849 in 1998; 34,710 in 2000; 30,460 in 2003; 28,063 in 2005; and 24,124 in 2007. The number of habitat sites has varied in a range from 76 to 85

locations. In 1998 the survey protocol was changed from estimating population size to actually count every flowering stem.

A decline in the number of flowers coincided with a

severe long-term drought in the region, according to a report submitted to the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The 1993 recovery plan had recommended three projects to protect the

Sacramento Mountains thistle. Acquiring water rights to help maintain spring water for the plants, the developing habitat management plans, and a 10-year monitoring and

research program, were the main criteria.

But a recently concluded yearlong assessment of the data concluded no water rights were acquired because water, even on fed-

eral lands, is considered the state's water.

Habitat protection plans have not been achieved.

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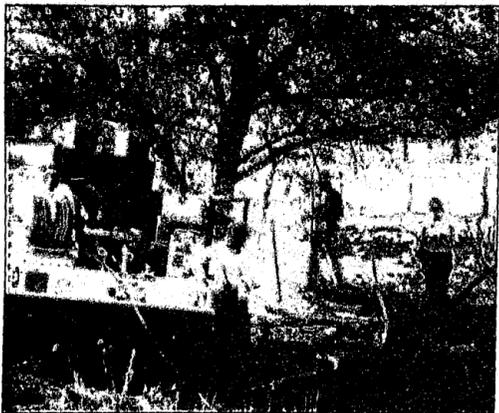
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VIGIL FIRE



Utility crews restring cables after a FedEx truck clipped a low hanging line Wednesday afternoon at Hull Road and Jack Little Drive in Ruidoso. The incident took down a utility pole, which was replaced by PNM. Traffic was rerouted for a while.

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County to discuss public transit contract

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A representative of Lincoln County Transit will discuss the entity's contract with the county Tuesday.

Questions about the effectiveness of the service, lack of public awareness of van routes and availability, and about the county's annual monetary commitment were raised during a county commission budget session last month.

The commission meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. in the county courthouse in Carrizozo.

Regular items on the agenda include a road name change request, a board of finance report, indigent health claim summary for the month, the manager's report and water and forest issues.

Commissioners will consider renewed passage of the fire restriction resolu-

tion, which allows them to impose restrictions on days with high winds or when vegetation dries and fire danger is enhanced.

Members of the County Fair Board will update commissioners on their projects.

They will also ask for renewal of the organization's agreement with the county to manage the fairgrounds in Capitan.

The Transit discussion is listed as the fourteenth item on the agenda, followed by a report from Gordon Rattray of the U.S. Geological Survey on his work for the county to define the water supply.

A discussion also is scheduled on the proposed election to allow voters to decide if a Business Retention Gross Receipts Tax should be imposed county-wide to help Ruidoso Downs Race Track in seeking tax parity at the Billy the Kid Casino compared to

two casinos operated by the Mescalero Apache Tribe on its reservation in neighboring Otero County that borders Ruidoso.

Later in the meeting, commissioners may authorize scheduling a public hearing to consider an ordinance as a required step to conducting an election.

Greg Holman of ASA Architects will update commissioners on the construction of a rural health clinic in Capitan.

County Manager Tom Stewart will present a proposal for an employee compensation study, rounding out the morning session.

Items listed for the afternoon include a public hearing at 1:30 p.m., to hear objections to the assessment roll for the Deer Park Special Assessment District by any owner of a tract or parcel of land proposed to be assessed for the cost of improvements.

A public hearing will follow on a beer and wine restaurant license from The Ellis Store Country Inn in Lincoln.

Stewart is asking for authorization to schedule public hearings next month on the fifth resolution for the Deer Park Special Assessment District and for the final county budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Commissioners also will consider appointment of two positions on the county Lodgers Tax Committee, two on the Road Review Committee and three on the Planning Commission.

They may take action to approve three applications for lodgers tax money from Gallery 408 to advertising the Carrizozo Art Show for \$1,748; from Lee Arnone of the Capitan Chamber of Commerce to advertise for \$1,500; and from True West advertisement placement, \$2,400 from Sue Lambert.

Firefighters mop up the Vigil Fire Wednesday evening. The grass fire, along side U.S. Highway 380 about 3.5 miles west of Lincoln, burned about half an acre, said Lincoln County Emergency Services Coordinator Joe Kenmore. "It was great to hold it to a half acre," said Kenmore. Firefighters from the Lincoln and Hondo volunteer fire departments, as well as the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department and the Lincoln County Office of Emergency Services, responded to the blaze that was reported about 5:30 p.m. Other departments and agencies were on stand-by. A tossed cigarette butt was believed to have started the fire. "Just be wise," said Kenmore. "We had plenty warm temps and very low relative humidity, the kind of things that can get a grass fire going." The Sierra Blanca Disaster Relief Team provided cold drinks to the responders.

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THISTLE

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plans have been developed by the Lincoln National Forest to address threats to *C. vinaceum* from forestry practices, livestock grazing, and trampling by recre-

ationists, the plans have not resulted in permanently protecting 75 percent of the species' occupied habitats," the wildlife service said.

"Exclosures designed to protect some habitats occupied by *C. vinaceum* have not been consistently maintained and have not been

used correctly, and livestock grazing utilization standards and rotation dates have not been consistently enforced."

Herbicide use was also seen as a threat to the threatened thistle. While herbicides were not considered a threat on Forest Service lands, if applied to the wildflower on private land, there could be an impact, the report stated.

"For example, in June 2007, on Federal Highway 82 in Otero County, many *C. vinaceum* rosettes on private land were injured or killed by misapplication of herbicide during a road maintenance project conducted by the State of New Mexico Department of



Transportation."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said their evaluation failed to support the assertion that threats have been removed or reduced sufficiently to remove the flower from the Endangered Species Act's threatened classification.

"We find that the primary threats to the continued existence of *C. vinaceum* occur throughout all of its range."

The Sacramento Mountains thistle, which mostly grows on the eastern slopes of the mountain range, is a stout plant that reaches a height of 3.3 to 5.9 feet when mature.

Its stems are brown-purple and highly branched. The basal leaves are green with ragged edges. It is a short-lived perennial.

It begins as a rosette for one or more years, and eventually a stem bolts upward, producing flower and seed. Flowering occurs only once, from late June through August, when pink-purple flower heads form at the tips of the stems.

More than 95 percent of the known Sacramento Mountain thistle sites are on the Lincoln National Forest. Of three other known locations, two are on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

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Ruidoso Police Department ICE van guards the road to the crash site. Bonita Fire Trucks stand by for assistance with the grass fire.

CRASH

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ing any issues.”
Eshon said the controller became concerned

when the aircraft failed to show up on the runway. From a Bureau of Land Management back road that runs west from Devil’s Canyon Road, emergency vehicles could be seen about three-quar-

ters of a mile away. The terrain surrounding the location is rugged. “That’s not the best looking scene down there. It’s not very pretty. You got rubble,” said Eshon. “There was a small grass

fire. It was mitigated by the airport firemen and also by the Bonito (Volunteer) Fire Department. They both arrived on scene. They gathered up the two victims that were

still alive and got them out of here and put the fire out.”
Eshon said he was told the two were “somewhat coherent,” though they had serious injuries. “I know one of them

was up, moving around. The other was on the ground.”
Lunsford said he was told that investigators from the NTSB were on their way early Thursday afternoon.

Three years since last accident

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The last fatal air crash near Sierra Blanca Regional Airport also killed five people. That crash, four miles southeast of the airfield, happened almost three years ago.

A twin-engine medical aircraft, called to the airport on Aug. 5, 2007 to take a child with seizures to an Albuquerque hospital, went down shortly after takeoff. The crash site was within miles of Thursday’s tragedy.

“The King Air E-90 was owned by Southwest Med-Evac, a major medical flights company in New Mexico and Texas.

Ruidoso mother Tracy Smith, and her 15-month old daughter Lily, perished. Also killed were the Texas pilot, a nurse from Roswell, and a paramedic from Arizona.

The plane had left the Ruidoso airport shortly before 10 p.m., en route to University of New Mexico Hospital. Debris at the crash location, east of Devil’s Canyon Road, indicated the aircraft had clipped the tops of tree initially, according to an NTSB Aviation Report. Wreckage was strewn for 1,100 along a hillside. There was evidence of a flash fire.

“The wreckage was found about 5 a.m. the next morning by search and rescue personnel.

Tracy Smith was well known in the Ruidoso area. She had worked at the Links of Sierra Blanca Golf Course during the summer and was a ski instructor in the winter, working with the disabled skier program at Ski Apache.

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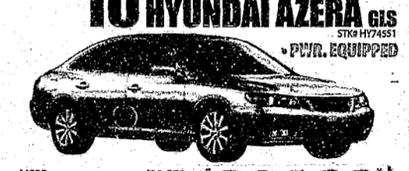


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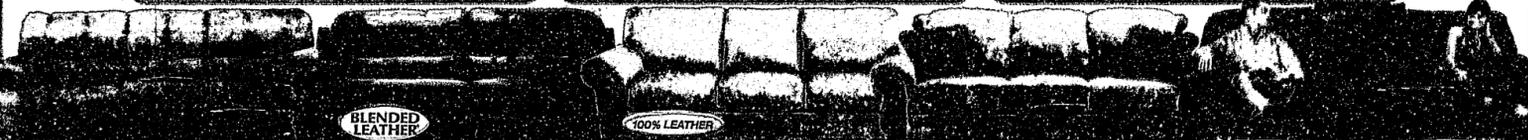
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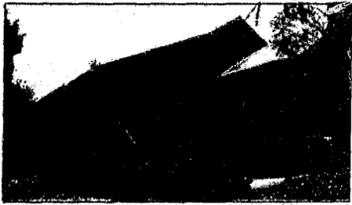


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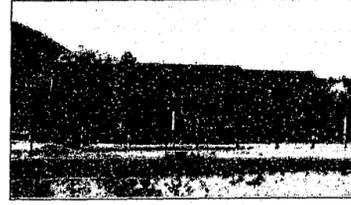
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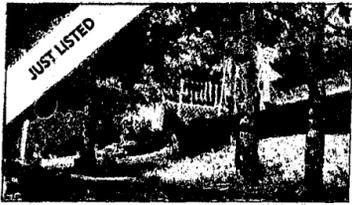
ON THE 13TH T-BOX Beautiful home, .12 acres, big views of the golf course, Sierra Blanca & Capitan Mts. 3000 Sq ft, great for entertaining w/3 Br, 2 living areas, FP, high ceilings, stainless appli, tile counter tops, lots of storage. \$449,000. #106860



SWEET RETREAT Darling cedar sided cabin tucked away in the pines. Fully furnished. Many recent upgrades. Tranquil porch for relaxing and wildlife viewing. \$219,500. #107391



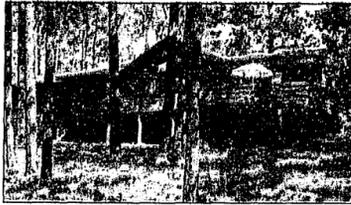
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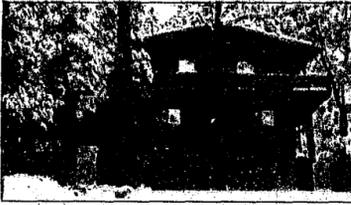
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GREAT VIEWS - PRISTINE CONDO Top of Ruidoso w/views of Mescalero Lake & Sierra Blanca from decks. Turkey & deer abound in these quiet mountain woods. Only min from town. Pristine condition - 2 FP's, new paint, living area floors, countertops. \$249,500. #107347



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NICE 3BR, 3BA One level condo, fully furnished, natural gas, pool, tennis courts in Alto Mountain Village. \$175,000. #101992



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GET-AWAY IN THE TALL PINES Rustic cabin in the tall pines!!! Cedar accents, 2/1 w/extensive brick FP & accents. Private covered rear deck w/soft views of Sacramento Mts & valley. Living rm slate flooring, tiled kitchen w/indoor grill. \$169,900. #107387



LOOK NO FURTHER FOR YOUR CLASSIC RUIDOSO CABIN Wrap around porch/deck on lovely treed corner lot w/circular drive. Big brick fireplace; tile floors; skylights; wooden built-ins. 2 Br, 2 ba, carport. Close to town & Links walking trail. \$150,000. #104431



1 LEVEL PERFECT FULL TIME OR RETIREMENT HOME Good sized home-4 Bd, 3 Ba-piñon-pine+6 fruit trees-nice gardens off country kitchen-2 lots-Energy Star heat-AC-all utilities-well insulated-lots of storage-metal roof. Storage shed-good parking, great dining room & FP. \$150,000. #105685



GREAT 4+ ACRE W/JUNIPER TREES Country living, small home 1/1. Completely fenced. Llamas next door. Well installed & 2 septic installed & permitted. Possible seller financing. \$125,000. #101221



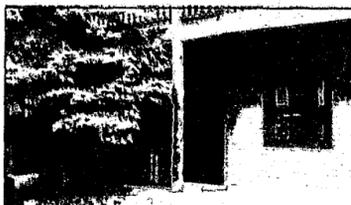
NO NONSENSE PRICE End condo unit @ Whispering Bluff. 2 Br, 1 full bath, 1 (1/2) baths. Nicely furnished, fireplace, plush carpet. Centrally location. \$113,850. #107046



ZONED C-1 COMMERCIAL NBHD This home is great for small home business. Think nail salon or message therapy. 2 Br, 1 Ba w/neat sun rm. Fenced yard & carport. Great rental property, had long term renters for 10 yrs. Excellent condition. \$99,000. #105339



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CARRIZO CANYON CONDO Comfortable upgraded 1 bed, 1 bath unit with wood floor accents, new refrigerator, microwave & cook service. Condo fully furnished & ready for move in. \$74,500. #106110



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Results

Little League Baseball
Tuesday, June 15
Playoffs-Minors
Rays 13, Dodgers 7
Playoffs-Majors
Indians 12, Red Sox 2, Indians
win 2010 title
Wednesday, June 16
Playoffs-Minors
Dodgers 6, Rays 5, Dodgers
win 2010 title

Sports On Tap

Race Track
Thursday-Sunday, June 17-20
Ruidoso Downs Race Track
has resumed its normal
Thursday through Sunday
operation with a 1 p.m. start
time. For race results go to
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Smokey Bear Stampede

July 1-4
The Smokey Bear Stampede
Rodeo will begin July 1, at the
Lincoln County Fairgrounds in
Capitan and continue for four
days. The regular rodeo will
begin at 7 p.m. every evening
followed by a dance from 9
p.m. to 1 a.m. Ranch rodeos
will take place July 3-4 at 12:30
p.m. A youth ranch rodeo
(ages, 9-18) will be presented
on July 2, at 1 p.m. There will
be a fireworks display on July
4. Admission is \$10 for adults.

Pony people: Another vital element of the racetrack

Not all glamour, this profession involves long hours and hard work

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On race days the yellow-shirted pony persons are prominently seen as they escort valuable racehorses past the Ruidoso Downs Race Track grandstand before each race.

At first glance it looks easy. That's because their expertise, experience and training make it appear so. In reality, they are charged with important accountabilities - the safety and well-being of expensive racehorses and jockeys - as well as the security of themselves and their own horses.

It takes many hours to develop a racer, not to mention the expense of the initial purchase or breeding outlay, trainers fees, vet bills, feed and other sundry expenditures a horse-owner incurs.

Like other horse-handling jobs at a racetrack, one small mistake may invite disaster.

Men and women pony persons work six days a week (the track is closed on Tuesday) during a particular race meet.

On workout days most of them get to the track at 5:30 a.m. and are ready to go at 6 a.m. It can prove highly stressful at times.

They have to be orga-



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Four of the pony girls prepare to lead their assigned racehorses on a pre-race parade lap.

nized beforehand and know which horses they'll be responsible for that day. Some pony persons work for only one trainer, while

others are employed by two or more. Many work mornings, some afternoons and some both.

On race day, if a pony

person has more than one horse to care for in the same race then they must

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INDIANS DEFEAT RED SOX FOR MAJORS CHAMPIONSHIP



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Centerfielder Ryan Dement collected two hits and drove in three of the 12 Indians' runs.



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The victorious Ruidoso Little League Majors Indians celebrate their 12-2 championship win over the Red Sox Tuesday evening. They were undefeated in the playoffs and posted a 12-3 overall record. Catcher Hayden Frierson picked off two Red Sox runners at third base. The Indians had four good pitchers who carried the team through the season.



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Indians hurler OJ Herrera kept his team in the game.



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Red Sox slugger Cody Griewahn hangs tough.

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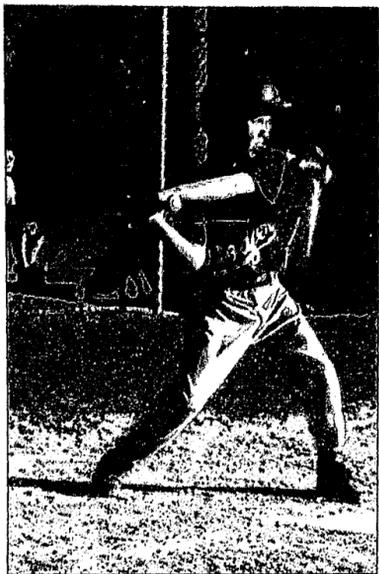
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Dodgers batter Conner Jameson tracks the ball.



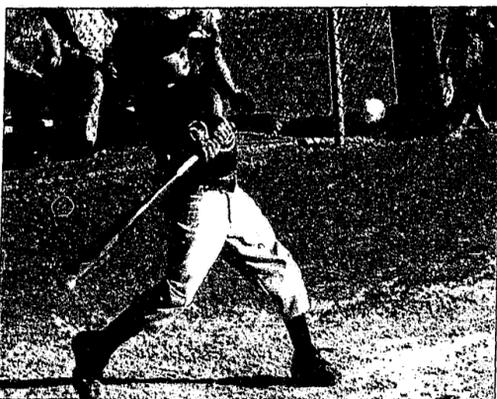
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Cullen Orosco, of the Dodgers, focuses hard.



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The Ruidoso Little League Minors Dodgers defeated the Rays Wednesday evening, 6-5, in a dramatic come-from-behind finish on a clutch run-producing hit by Lia Mosher in the sixth inning. The Dodgers also had three All Stars picked from their team — Isaiah Otero, Anthony Montesw and Mosher. "They worked hard throughout the season," head coach Dr. Stephan Otero said. "I'm proud of them."



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Rays hitter, Jared Guevara, takes a cut.



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Mikhail Barela pitched tough for the Rays.



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Lia Mosher knocked in the winning run.

PONY

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hire and pay for an additional rider out of their own pocket.

Most of the pony person's work multiple meets

such as Ruidoso, Zia, Sunland, Albuquerque and Farmington.

A typical non-race, workout day could mean seven hours of labor, ponying racers, seeing to their own horses and cleaning the stalls (they have no grooms) where their ani-

mals are kept. The job requires multiple horses which they own. Morning horses could go five or six miles and then it becomes necessary to switch mounts. On normal race days one horse is used but during trial days two may be utilized.

"Not every horse makes a good pony animal," pony girl Susie Taylor said. "They must have an easy disposition — no biting, kicking or spooking allowed. Some of them were racehorses at one time and we train them to pony ourselves. It takes awhile."

And the pony people don't loan their horses out either.

"They're like our children but more than that, they are a means to an income," Taylor said. "They require a break and need to be well cared for."

Taylor has been on the job now for seven years. Before that she showed horses and barrel raced. She had an office job once but that was not her calling.

Taylor is now employed by Carl Draper, Mike Joiner and some others.

"I would rather be on a horse," she said. "The pay is decent, we're self-employed and therefore on our own a lot. Our business is what we make of it and I would do it all over again."

Lana Grubb, on the other hand, grew up in the business. Her dad was a trainer. She's had "regular" jobs but always kept com-

ing back to the track to work.

"I like the pony job because I'm my own boss and I don't mind hard work," she said.

Grubb is employed by Paul Jones, Blane Wood and others.

They may make their jobs look easy but make no mistake about it ... it can be dangerous. They must have a good horse under them and be alert at all times — it could make or break them. Even then there are no guarantees.

Two years ago Grubb came off her horse and suffered a concussion, a broken nose and shoulder and multiple ruptured discs. She was out 2 1/2 months.

"No one knows the reason, but my horse spooked as I was getting on it," she recounted. "It was an accident. When you're dealing with horses you have to be attentive 100 percent of the time. They're animals and you have to use common sense."

Women have been a part of the pony scene for many years now. Ability is what counts and they've proven themselves.

"We all — men and women — appreciate the

people we work for and try our best to accommodate them," Taylor said. "After all, we're part of a team effort."

Before each race, when the racehorses leave the paddock grounds they are handed over to the pony people who then parade past the fans in the grandstand. Then it's on to the thoroughbred or quarter horse starting gate. When they arrive at one of the two gates, with their charges (horses and jockeys) safely in tow, they then release their responsibilities over to the assistant starters. But their job isn't over yet. If a horse becomes unruly, wrecks or flips in the gate it must be removed and handed back over to the pony person. Once the front start gates fly open their task is over for that round ... until the next race, if their employer has another horse running.

These men and women work in all of nature's elements — rain, snow (Zia), heavy winds and dust, thunderstorms and lightning.

Give them a wave on the parade lap when next you see them. They'll appreciate the gesture.

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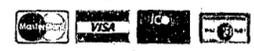
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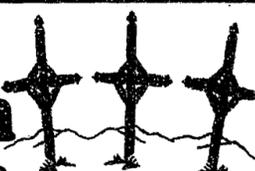
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Turning away 'freeloaders' not worth the price

Q. In a recent column, you stated, "There's no shame in not supporting your local church or synagogue." You go on to limit that statement to those who don't expect to need any services from these institutions or their clergy in the future. There is a related issue that's not addressed in your column.

As a synagogue president in a resort/retirement community, it's distressing to me that almost 90 percent of our Jewish population does not affiliate with a congregation.

Many of the seasonal residents see nothing wrong with regularly attending religious services or educational offerings and partaking of the hospitality that follows for six months

of the year without joining our congregation. These same people seem to think that because our community is a second home to

them, we should be expected to "host" them year after year with little or no contribution from them.

I believe that if you can afford a second home in a resort community, you should contribute in a congregation in that community if you take advantage of its

services or expect to do so at any time in the future.

The alternative is that some or many congregations may not exist in the future and the leadership of those that remain may be unwilling to provide any services to people who had the means but were unwilling to rec-

ognize an obligation to offer support prior to their time of need.

- R., Palm Beach, Fla., via email

A. Here's an idea. Tell the freeloaders that they can come and pray but they can't eat the cookies! Seriously, as you correctly surmised from my earlier column, I agree to some extent with your laments concerning "free riders" at synagogues, churches, mosques and temples.

In my opinion, every person who seeks comfort or prayers in a house of worship is, I believe, spiritually and morally bound to support that house of worship and its clergy with a sacrificial gift or a commitment to pay the annual dues (depending on how the religion structures its financial support).

However, I also wish there was some way to say this without sounding penurious.

Nobody would go into a market and steal food just because enough other people are paying for the food

to keep the market in business. However, when it comes to houses of worship, some people feel that since God doesn't need money, neither do the priest, the minister, the rabbi, the secretaries, the janitors, or the teachers. This is, of course, a foolish delusion.

You're also correct that free riders do weaken the financial underpinnings of our religious institutions.

My overall conclusion on this matter is that I'm happy to be cheated out of a few cookies. I welcome free riders because I want them to go home and suddenly realize that I am not running a business but a house of God.

I want them to suddenly realize that they didn't steal the cookies because we put them out for everyone to eat (as a needed reward for sitting through my long sermons).

What I want is not to force them to contribute but rather to want to contribute because it's simply ungrateful to take from people doing God's work and not give back some-

thing to help sustain the people doing that work.

Another point I would ask you to consider more deeply is that some people feel so set upon, angry, broken and abused from their life's work that they can't believe there are religious institutions waiting to warmly welcome them.

I don't want to shame them into generosity but rather to grow into generosity.

Another thing to understand about free riders is that some are really suffering and poor.

Some come to eat the cookies because they don't have the money to buy food.

You may find this hard to believe in your resort/retirement community, but your synagogue may actually be the only place they can afford to go where they're treated with kindness, respect and cookies.

So open your heart just a crack more. Some of those freeloaders have had a hard week or a hard life,

and your Sabbath service may be the only thing helping them feel God's love and helping them keep their grip on some measure of hope.

I wish everyone would place a generous contribution in church or become a full dues-paying member of a church or synagogue, but life is not like that, and broken people are not like that.

The places we've built to pray to God and study and gather together must welcome everyone with an open hand, an open heart and an open cookie plate.

And if the free riders are so numerous that the house of worship goes broke, well, that's the price we pay for making our houses of worship houses of welcome for all people.

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



The God Squad
MARC GELLMAN

Pollution is not just in the ocean

We are caught up in the news of BP's runaway deepwater oil well that is polluting the Gulf of Mexico and its environs. The pollution is killing living creatures, befouling beaches, and wreaking havoc in seawater.

I checked with Miriam Webster to capture the meaning of pollute in the English language ... 1. to make ceremonially or morally impure, 2. to make physically impure or unclean, to contaminate an environment.

This oil well running wild is certainly an example of environmental pollution on a monumental scale. The fishing and tourism industries are taking it on the chin.

And don't think for a minute that the political industry will escape without blemish.

By the way, we have a financial pollution going on

as well, with the government printing money at an historic rate.

Our currency is becoming more financially impure at the passing of every moment.

But this is not a financial or political column. I want us to think about the first part of the dictionary definition, to make morally impure. We live in a free country where

the laws of the land are established by the people or their representatives in government

We have a pollution of our moral values. Politicians, celebrities, actors, athletes, and highly successful business people have promoted and exemplified immoral values, polluting the moral principles of our nation. Basically, any kind of behavior is OK, if you have the lawyers and money to pull it off.

I have a grand daughter

who has bought into the polluted morals of modern day America.

She believes that it is OK to live with someone and create a baby without the benefit of marriage or commitment.

After all, that is what she sees in Hollywood and Washington, on TV and in the movies.

The shock magazines and slick tabloids communicate the message that this is what people do who are really living high.

We don't like BP's pollution or the government's cash pollution. We don't like noise pollution or light pollution. We don't like the pollution of our streams

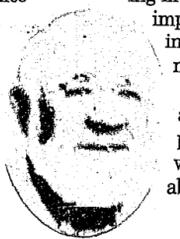
and lakes.

Then why do we tolerate the immoral pollution of our minds? Well, we are to tolerate the opinions, behaviors, and speech of others. That is the American way.

My grand daughter's choice is privilege without responsibility.

And more and more, our citizens are choosing that direction. Moral fiber and commitment to God's principles are less and less the guidelines that America is choosing.

We will not have help for today and hope for tomorrow, until, before God, we are responsible with our privileges.



Clarifications
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR



Jen and Stephanie Jensen of Ruidoso, NM

are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming July 4th wedding of their daughter, Brittany Erin Jensen to Randall Leon Lackey, son of Will and Sue Lackey of Lordsburg, NM. Brittany is currently a nursing student at NMSU in Las Cruces, NM, where she will receive her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in December. Randall resides in Silver City, NM, where he is employed with Cobre Municipal Schools as an Elementary Physical Education Teacher. After an outdoor wedding in the beautiful mountains of Ruidoso, the couple will honeymoon on a 7-day Caribbean Cruise.

Thank You
Vance was only on loan to us for a short time and he will be dearly missed. He represented kindness and soft-spoken morals which were felt by all. Words cannot express our gratitude for the outpouring of love and support at this difficult time. Flowers, food, and financial assistance were greatly appreciated. Hugs and shoulders to cry on helped us to move forward. Again, thank you.
The family of Vance Sidwell.

Funeral services for Isabel R. Rue, 73, of Ruidoso will be Saturday, June 19, at 10:00 AM in St. Joseph's Mission at Mesalero. She passed away Sunday, June 13, 2010 at her home in Ruidoso. She was born April 14, 1937 at San Patricio, NM and had lived in Lincoln County all of her life. She married Henry Rue on June 18, 1954 at Ruidoso.

She loved to quilt and was a beautiful and compassionate wife, mother, grandmother, and friend and was known to many as "Momo". She is survived by her husband, Henry Rue; her children, Dean Rue, Jodie Rue, Catrina Judd, and Brenda McCracken; her mother, Lucia Romero; two brothers, Leo Romero and Ruben Romero; 3 sisters, Faye Randolph, Edo Pena, and Rebecca Romero; 7 grandchildren, CaSandra Rue, Joshua Rue, Kasie Rue, Tobiegh Rue, Peñny Stout, Autumn Judd-Painter, Warren McCracken; 3 great grandchildren, Jessie Alan Vinyl Downs, Kason McCloskey, and Jayden Stout.

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Psalm 68:4-5

Carrizozo animal shelter on special meeting agenda

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Carrizozo will hold a special meeting at 9 a.m., June 24, to address a number of items including the agreement with Lincoln County to provide kennel facilities.

The annual agreement is due for a signature and renewal. Mayor Mike Petty was out of town and not present at Monday's board of trustees meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Vega said the agreement would be discussed and decided up at the special meeting.

During audience participation, Rose Kratochvil asked for an update on the animal shelter and inquired about what was being done with the facility. Vega told her those questions would be answered at the special meeting on June 24.

Kratochvil also asked about the water report questions she had posed the month before and was told that Eric Lopez, the town's water tech, was present and would answer those questions for her.

Lopez explained how the water samples were taken in four locations around the town of Carrizozo and that the water sampled was the result of the blending of well water and Bonita water in the storage tanks.

He said the samples are taken and tested by the state and the data put into a form also provided by the state.

"The numbers there are accurate and correct," he told the council. "And all the contaminate levels are under the maximum allowed by the state."

Carrizozo Chief of Police Rachel Weiser advised the board that the department had received a \$750 grant from the New Mexico



Carrizozo trustees. Lee Gross, Wes Lindsay, Mayor pro-tem Dennis Vega and Dusty Voss held Monday's council meeting with-out Mayor Mike Petty who was out of town.

Coalition Sexual Assault Program.

Weiser said the technology award was used to purchase equipment for use in domestic violence and sexual assault cases. A high-quality digital camera, digital video recorder and digital voice recorder were purchased with the grant money.

Department reports

The Carrizozo Police Department for the month of May logged 56 calls. Eighty-five citations were issued of which 80 were traffic.

Seven cases were logged including four misdemeanors. There was one arrest made.

The Municipal Court disbursed a total of \$3,727.32 to the Town of Carrizozo.

In May, 12 trials were held, 82 citations docketed, two marriages performed and six subpoenas and three bench warrants were issued.

The Carrizozo Airport report given by Bill Hayes indicated a slow month with 69.5 gallons of fuel sold.

The maintenance department continues flushing sewer lines, placed 200 yards of base course on 18th Street, watering and mowing parks.

Superintendent Joey Thornton reported a water leak was repaired but had lost 3,000 gallons of water.

In other business approved:

- the request from the Chamber of Commerce for \$786.12 Lodgers Tax funding to the purchase another 10,000 brochures;

- business registrations renewals for Jack Ward and High Country Insurance;

- closure of 12th Street between Court and Dulce for a Music in the Parks event, 5:30- 9 p.m., July 24, to include a gallery walk and street dance;

- LeeRoy Zamora, David LaFave and Korene Walker for a temporary personnel, as per the personnel policy, for a grievance hearing that was to be held June 15;

- the joint powers agreement with Lincoln County for a flood plain manager as required by law;

- heard the progress report from Dirk Norris on the status of repairs at the Visitor Center Caboose.

The town agreed to pay for the new sensors needed for the lights that would turn them off and on at daylight and dark.

The next regular meeting of the town of Carrizozo board will be held at 6 p.m., July 12.

Senior Center out for bids

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At the June 8 Village of Capitan board of trustees meeting, Mayor Sam Hammons said the plans for the new Senior Center would be released to prospective bidders sometime in the following week.

The \$540,000 project is target for a fast track turnaround and could be completed as soon as early 2011.

Hammons said a copy of the preliminary drawings were in Village Hall and could be seen by anyone wishing to look at them. Funding for the project comes primarily from a CDBG grant.

Romy Lowance was approved for hiring for a sales clerk at the Smokey Bear Museum.

The museum opened in 1961, having been dedicated in 1958, the rustic one room building is filled with Smokey memorabilia, photos and posters chronicling the life history of Smokey.

The museum is located at 102 Smokey Bear Blvd., on the north side of State Highway 380, just west of

the intersection with State Highway 48, and just east of the Smokey Bear Historical Park. Summer hours between Memorial Day and Labor Day are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily.

An annual contract with the Humane Society of Lincoln County was approved for 2010-11. The contract remains at \$6,000 a year.

Blue Collar Construction, Socorro, submitted the low bid for chip sealing Mountain View. "We try to keep the money in the county," said Mayor Hammons, "but this contractor was considerably cheaper, saving us about \$10,000 so we had to go with that."

The ordinance providing for the collection of a \$5 administrative fee for services within in the Department of Motor Vehicle was approved by a unanimous vote. The council had voted their approval for the fee in the May meeting.

An ordinance annexing the property owned by B.L. Berman at 109 Cholla Rd. was approved.

The Lincoln County

Sheriff's Posse was approved for \$1,000 in Lodgers Tax funding to promotion of the Pony Express Trail Ride.

Representatives of the Posse said last year there were 70 paid riders participating in the three-day event. The ride is limited to 100 riders.

The Posse was asking for \$1,500 but Capitan officials said currently the Lodgers Tax Fund couldn't release that much.

Collections from one lodger is in arrears and until that is collected, the fund is not as liquid as it has been.

Smokey Bear's Home-town Association was approved for \$500 of Lodgers Tax money for promotion of the annual Smokey Bear Fun Run to be held on July 3.

After an executive session for limited personnel matters, Rusty Leslie's evaluation accepted and the council voted a 50 cent/hour raise for him. David Cox and Troy Lynwood evaluations were also approved.

The council will meet next on July 13.

Critter crawling time

PawPaw's daycare

It's the season. Reports of big snakes, miller moths and coyotes are filtering through the social networks, coffee shops, email lists and spit-and-whistle club members.

A recent headline on the Yahoo web page indicated that snake populations worldwide seem to be declining.

I personally view that as a cause for celebration; however, a British biologist is calling for a worldwide study to determine what is causing this and how to correct it.

I wonder if that Brit ever had to work in country where one eye was devoted to what you were doing and the other was on guard duty watching for a hostile snake.

I'm certain he never carried a gun so he could first shoot a snake before he could turn on the well water for the cattle.

The article seemed to have missed the numbers of snakes gone missing in Taiwan and China where they drink snake blood as an aphrodisiac.

Topping the recent snake stories locally was the 7-foot diamond back bagged on a ranch southeast of Corona, although the 5-footer taken by a little lady near the Capitan Mountains was no less of a threat, the snake or the lady.

Both rattlers were threatening the safety of pets, livestock and children. Time to pay attention!

Multitasking shooter

I read in an old book about a pioneer woman stirring pancake batter, holding the baby and shooting Indians out the window.

Someone asked her about it, and her response was matter-of-fact.

"Everybody was hungry, the baby would cry if I put him down and the Indians needed shooting."



Cowgirl Sass & Savvy
BY JULIE CARTER

When old cowboys go to the house, so to speak, they sometimes take up caring for the grandbabies. In this particular case, the cowboy calls his part in this project PawPaw's Daycare.

All was well in the neighborhood until folks around there had their chickens disappearing in broad daylight.

A shout from Grandmaw was about to change that. "Get your gun!" she yelled from the yard.

As PawPaw stepped out the door to see what the commotion was about, he saw a fat, well-fed coyote high tailing it across the pasture.

He raised the 30/30 and took aim, squeezed the trigger and missed, but shot close enough to spin the coyote's trajectory another direction.

He levered in another live one. The coyote came out of the sage, still running full tilt at 200 yards out and this time, ran right into a speeding bullet.

Admitting to the possibility of "luck" in the shot, the cowboy explained that the coyote was a Progressive, one who had been eating his chickens without working for them.

"The capitalist in me just couldn't stand it," he said with a grin.

The neighbors, mostly retirees, were impressed over the excitement in the 'hood' and from porches and rocking chairs everywhere you could hear conversations such as: "Bertie, you want to drive over to the Dusty Canyon outfit, hang around and watch that guy cap another chicken-stealin' coyote?"

Sometimes entertainment of any kind comes at a premium.

A documenting photograph showed PawPaw standing under his 10-gallon hat, baby girl in one arm, holding the bagged coyote by the his hind feet in the

other. Baby girl might get a nice coyote cape, something Red Riding Hood-style.

"Once you make a nice shot, you just go home and live on the legend," he said. "All is safe again at PawPaw's Daycare."

Women are born with a multi-tasking gene not common to men. There was no pancake batter involved in PawPaw's process of carrying it out a needed shootin'.

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

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.

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.

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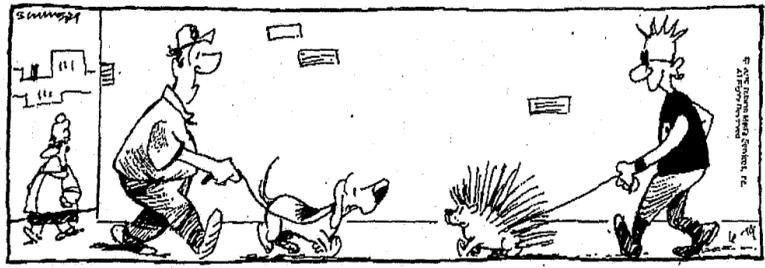
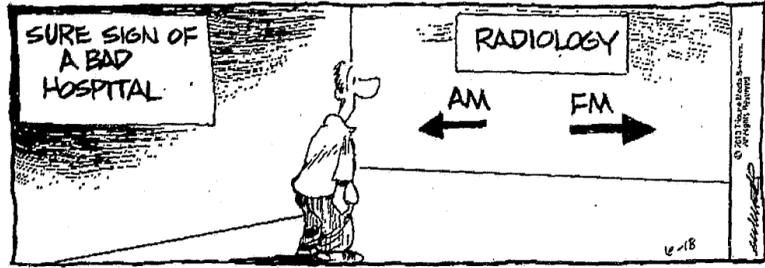
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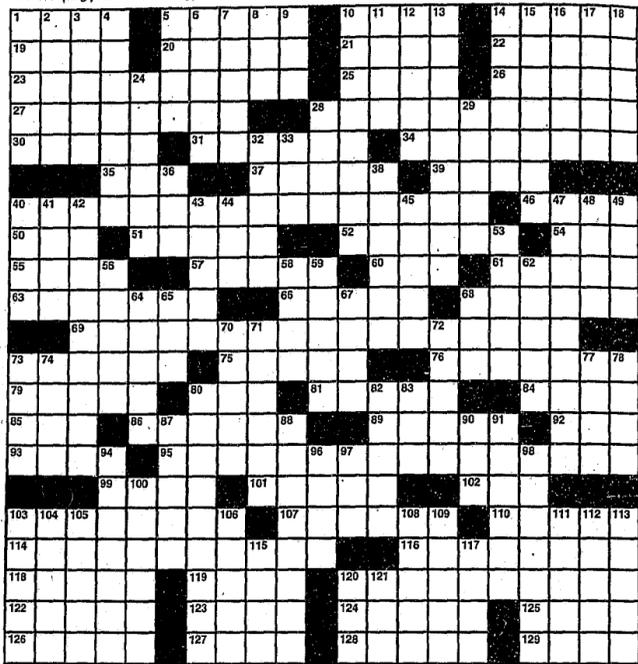
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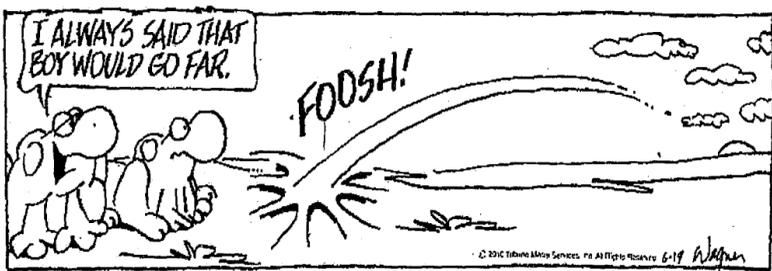
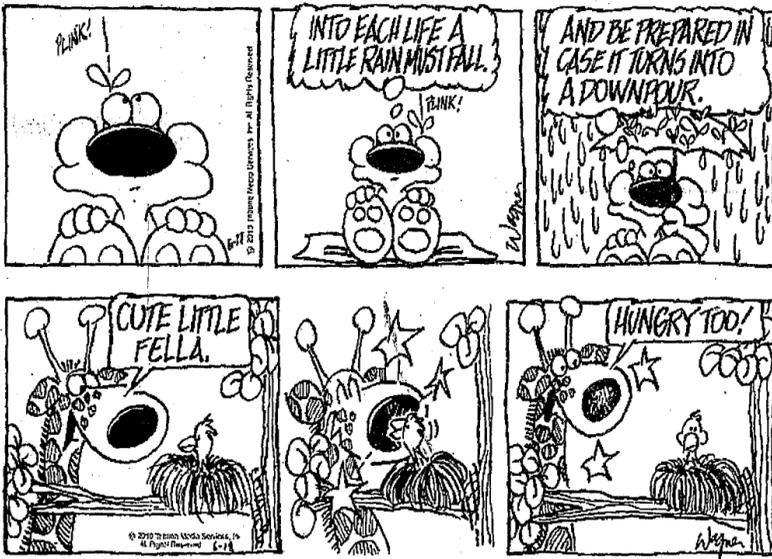
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ACROSS
1 1996 Dream-Team nickname
5 Hit hard
10 Bit of dough
14 Puritans
19 Machu Picchu's country
20 It goes from one joint to another
21 Role in the 1992 film 'Chaplin'
22 'Filthy' dough
23 To ace Music Theory, don't wander off
25 Word with clerk or hall
26 'Save me...'
27 Closest hangers
28 To ace
29 Ocanography, don't let the prof know you've...
30 Piquant
31 Sycophant
34 Rear-end
35 Held by us
37 Done for
39 Arab League member
40 To ace
46 Clarified butter
50 Clerical VIP
51 Mink kin
52 Certain about
54 Waterfront org.
55 Sudanese president - al-Bashir
57 Vacuum, e.g.
60 Film studio VIP
61 Olympic racers
63 Brooding nag
66 Shape using heat
68 Beach protection
69 To ace
73 Scrapped, as a car
75 Car dealer's deal
76 Poetic 'soon'
79 Ref. set
80 Harmless cyst
81 Cher of 'SNL'
84 Smack back?
85 Fed. medical org.
86 'We build, we fight' military member
89 Tennessee father-son politicians
125 French state
126 Piano players?
127 Rear end
128 Shabby
129 Sonoran assent
DOWN
1 Thick-furred dog
2 1932 Lake
3 Inspiration for Van Gogh
4 Publishing
5 Played crisply and detached, in mus.
6 Like liquid in 10-Down
7 Denigrate
8 Sloth, for one
9 Possessed
10 Palm produce
11 Cut of meat
12 Chips in a chip
13 Puritans' transport
14 TV type
15 Super Bowl stat category
16 Trap up north, maybe
17 Research money
18 Ready followers?
24 Dream Team shots
28 Voids
29 Retort to a skeptic
32 Emulate 2-Down
33 Pin cushion?
36 Slowing, in mus.
38 Plod
40 Blackbeard's quaff
41 San ____, Riviera resort
42 Big snow fall?
43 Night, in Nogales
44 Lq. measure
45 Taurus
47 Haughty attitude
48 Zeno's town
49 Right way to go?
53 Toaster's glass
56 Dicey
58 Mennen lotion
59 Skeptical retort
62 Org. in a '60s spy series
64 See 122-Across
65 Knight on TV
67 Part of the anc. art of discourse
68 Common honorific
70 Common folk
71 Virgil epic
72 More than strange
73 German university city
74 Windows alternative
77 Certain halfway point
78 Oodles
80 Transition point
82 'Tarnation!'
83 '70s-'80s pitcher
87 Corroded
88 Dispossessor?
90 Part of ETA: Abbr.
91 'Fire Down Below' star
94 It's named for a trapeze artist
96 'Night' writer
97 H. Clinton, once
98 Good points
100 Tours of duty
103
104
105 Turkish empire founder
106 Doughnut for the road
108 Big name in compact
109 Fussed over, with 'on'
111 '... a stinker?'; Bugs Bunny line
112 Machu Picchu natives
113 Emmy winner
115 Schoenberg's 'Moses und...'
117 Curious to a fault
120 Green lights
121 A, in France



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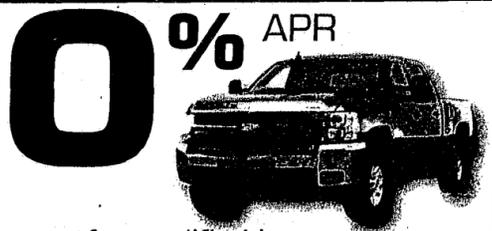
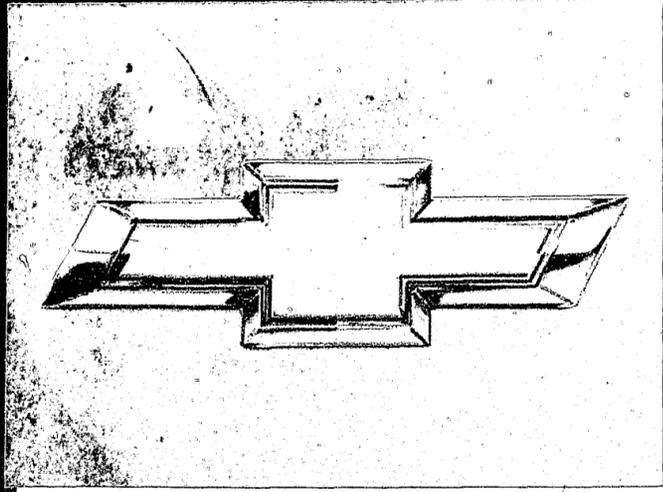
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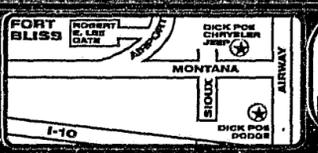
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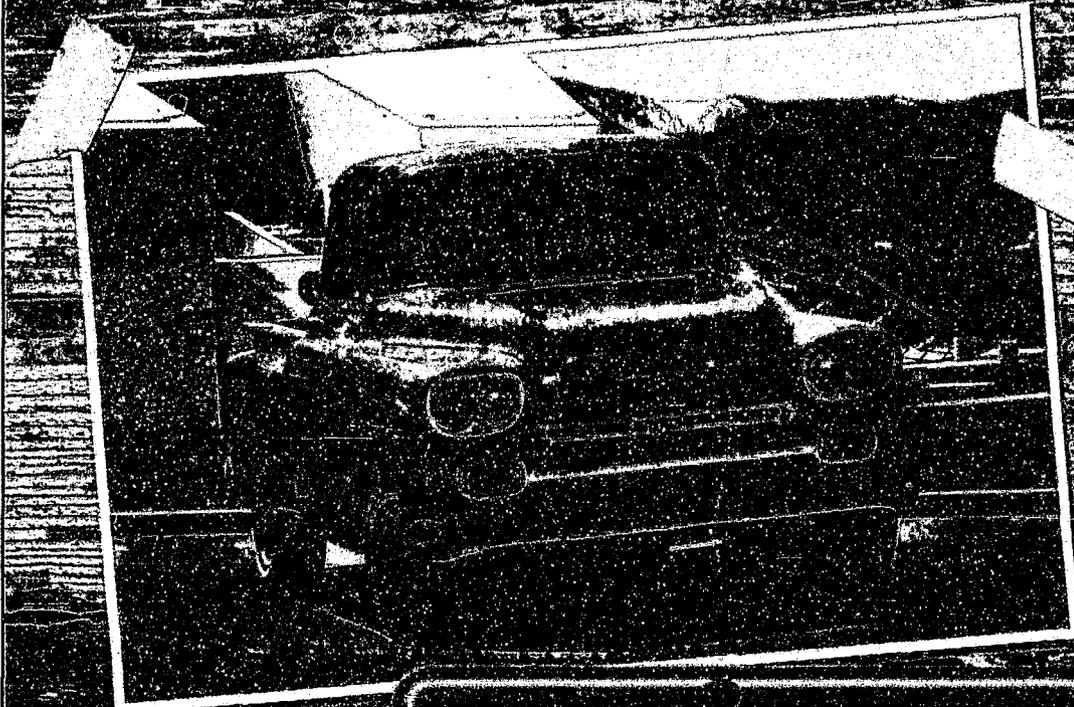
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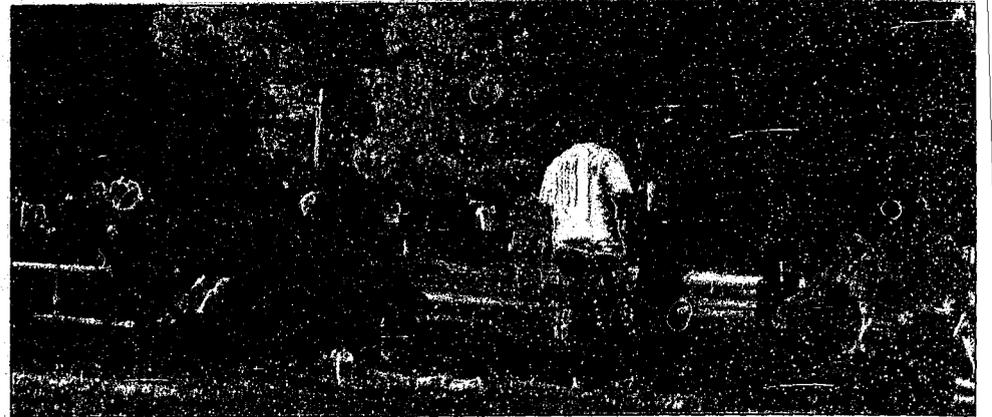
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Concertgoers are encouraged to bring their own blanket or chair, frisbee, football, or other activity. In addition to the free music and food, Bruce DeFoor of the Ruidoso Kite Festival will also be there flying his popular kites.

Saturday's concert is from 4 - 8 p.m.; Sunday's concert is from 12 - 2 p.m.

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Summer Reading Program

June 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 and Casino 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.

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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 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, or Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at 575-257-7395.



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.

2010 Art Loop

July 9 - 11: (Lincoln County) Participating artists open their studios to the public. For information, go online to www.artloop.org.

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Mark Lee Gardner

July 17: (Fort Stanton State Monument) Dinner, tour, book signing and musical performance by Mark Lee Gardner, author of *To Hell on a Fast Horse: Billy the Kid, Pat Garrett, and the Epic Chase to Justice in the Old West*. \$50 per person, proceeds benefit the Lincoln and Fort Stanton State Monuments. 575-653-4082

Hubbard Museum

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.

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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): The Mixx; 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): Staerkel; 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): Cowboy Mafia; 8:30 p.m.

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

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ART MATTERS

Pat Speight

Monet had his garden, she has her mountain

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Monet painted his garden many times, using different times of day, view-points, colors, and styles. Pat Speight has painted Sierra Blanca and the surrounding mountains in the same way. She has painted "her" mountain over a hundred different ways. Beyond mountains, her subject matter varies widely, but all of it is influenced by the Southwest.

Pat Speight grew up in Springfield, Mass., and at a very early age loved to paint and draw. She remembers the feel, the colors and the smell of finger paints as a six year old.

Creative painting and drawing has been her passion from an early age, but marriage, raising children and working for 25 years as a registered nurse, interrupted her work. Although, if there was paper and

pencil handy, she would create little drawings, or doodles, as she called them.

One day in 1985, Speight thought, "I love nursing but I want to do something different with my life. What should it be?"

The Sunday newspaper had an article about a group session called Options, which worked with people to help them make changes in their lives. It was during this program that she changed her life's focus to art. At the last session they were to arrive dressed for success. Many showed up in suits and ties, business dress. Not Speight, she showed up in her paint-covered art clothes. For her this was dressing for success, and so began her professional career as an artist.

She attended several creative art workshops, conducted by Doug Walton at Louisiana Tech

University. She came away fascinated by the creative process and inspired. Her work was shown in galleries in Houston, and Kemah, Texas. Competitive art shows won Speight many awards and entries into juried shows.

In 1996, she moved to Ruidoso and was immediately inspired by her environment. Her kitchen, which also serves as her studio, has a perfect view of Sierra Blanca. And thus began her series of paintings of Sierra Blanca.

Speight's motto is, "We are not here to do what has been done before. We are here to create something that has never existed before."

Her process is to work from the inside out. She starts with an abstract concept in mind – a design using universal symbols (the circle, triangle, square, spiral, and cross), geometric shapes, warm colors and bold lines.



Pat Speight enjoys the creative process right at home in her own kitchen studio.

Her works-of-art reflect her personality. Speight goes from whimsical and playful, to serious strong designs. Her belief is that, "If you have good design, technique and content, no matter what medium you work in, you will succeed in producing works of art."

Speight started an art group 10 years ago called, Ruidoso Art by Ruidoso Artists, better known as the "RA-RAs". It consisted of accomplished artists and women that were interested in art. All have become successful in their own chosen mediums.

A few years ago another group, The Art Connection, was formed. It

brought together artists in all mediums for critiques, challenges and support.

Speight strongly believes that everyone is creative and that there is a process to enable people to create. She has practiced this for many years and has seen it work with other artists.

She loves to draw with pen and ink and believes that as Hans Hoffman said, "Line is the direct flow of the personality into the work."

This is where the right side of the brain – the creative side – kicks in, and many of her pieces that began with "doodles" end up as masterpieces.

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.

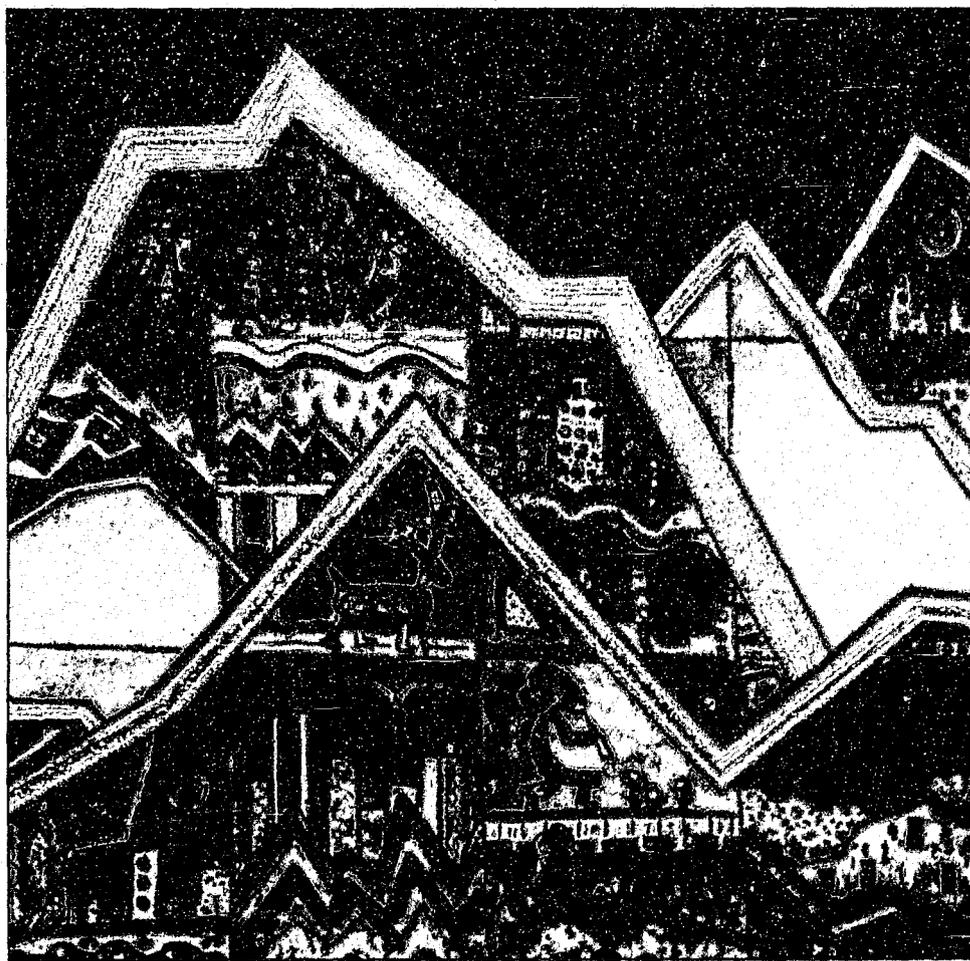
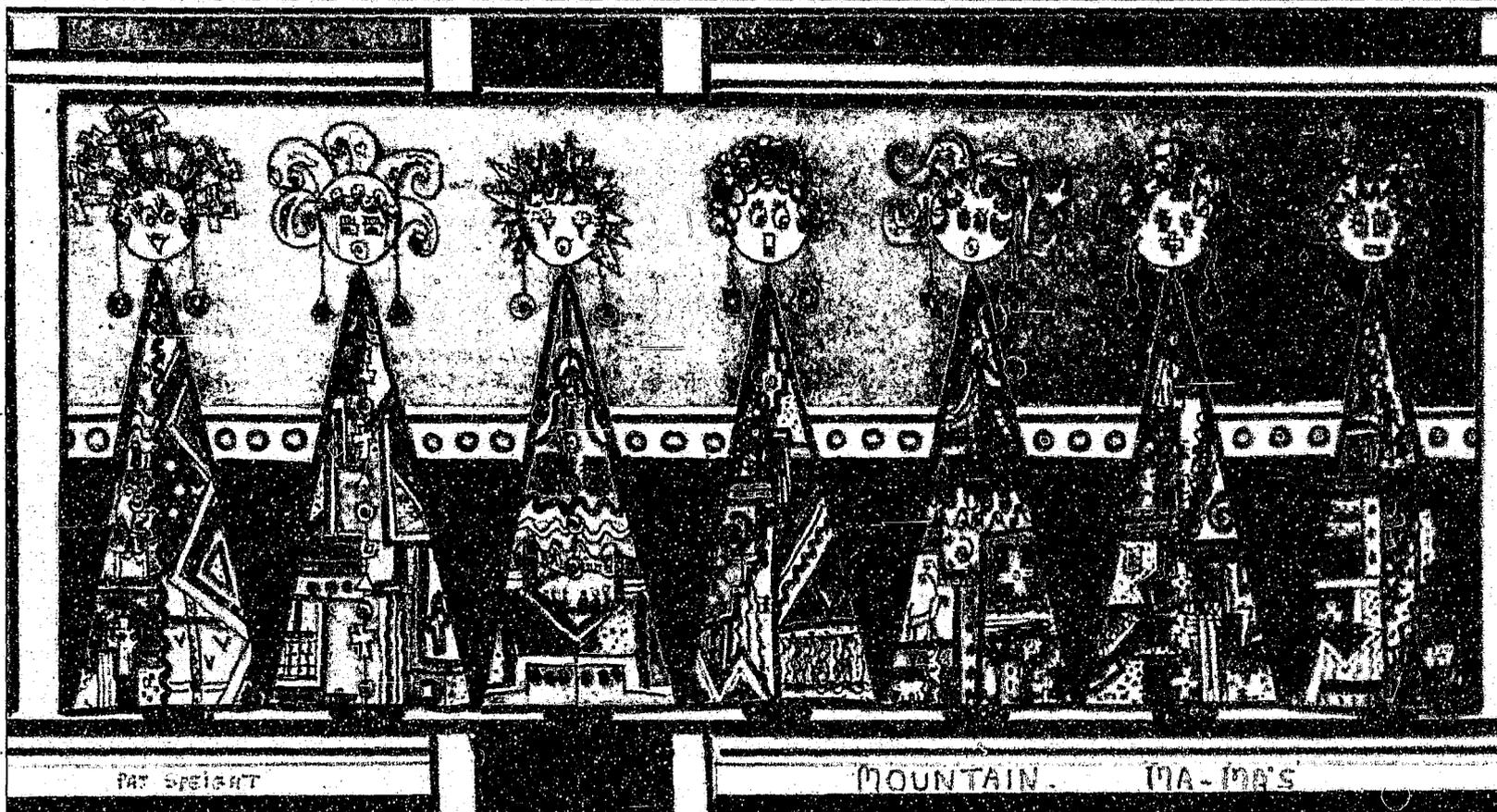
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Speight's art "goes from whimsical and playful, to serious strong designs."

"Mountain Ma-Más" (top right) is an example of Speight's unique talent and creativity. Mixed media, watercolor, measuring 18" x 24."

"Sierra Blanca 02" (below left) is a mixed media measuring 14" x 20."

"Sierra Blanca 04" (below right) is a mixed media, colored pencil, pen and watercolor, 20" x 30."



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Paper mache art

BY SHERRY SAVAS
FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

The growth of the Artist in Residence Program sponsored by Gallery 408 has brought in a number of very talented artists to Carrizozo.

One of these artists is Mara Odette. Odette grew up in Chiapas, Mexico, surrounded by a large family, beautiful art and culture. Her art education has been at the University of Mexico and art schools in the U. S., where she has lived as established artist for 30 years.

Odette's current sculpture works of three veteran soldiers will be included in an exhibition at the Congress Building in Washington, D.C., during November in honor of Veterans Day. One of these pieces, a sculpture of Kathleen A. Hansen, USN Command Master Chief, is on display at the Veterans Administration Federal Building in Buffalo, NY. Her works have been in the Delaware Museum of Art, Briggs Museum of American Art, Veteran's Museum in Buffalo, N.Y., and four museums in Chiapas, Mexico.

Odette was also part of the "Celebration of The Day of The Dead" at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, Washington, D.C., with her installation sculpture of paper



"La Novia" is an Odette sculpture rendered in clay and measures 8" x 8" x 10". To see her additional works, go online to www.maraodette.com.

mache and mixed media. This was Odette's fourth consecutive year to participate in this show.

Paper mache is a very large part of the Mexican culture, of which Odette was immersed in as a child and young adult. With many awards in the medium to her credit, Gallery 408 is honored to have

Odette as a teaching resident artist for June.

Odette is offering a two-day paper mache class on Wednesday, June 23, and Thursday, June 24, at

"The Studios" in Carrizozo. Classes are from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Fee is \$120.

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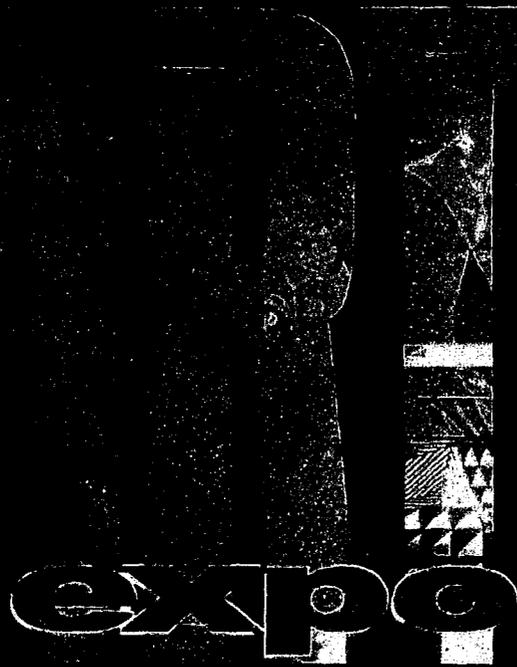
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Visitors will be treated to a variety of arts and crafts vendors, local cherries and cherry drinks, foods and children's activities.

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Club of High Rolls Mountain Park, this non-profit organization helps their community by raising monies and returning it to those in need. Over 95 percent of the festival profits assist with local, state, national and international charitable causes, including the National Leader Dog program, a program in which a dog is purchased and trained to help guide the blind, and the collection and provision of eyeglasses for the needy.

Aside from these projects the organization also has a project in the works for construction of a new High Rolls/Mountain Park Community Center. To date, the club has acquired five acres of land and generated a conceptual floor plan and isometric sketch of the planned structure.

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- Jessie Hanson
¡Vamonos! editor



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SPECIAL EVENTS

The Elephant Man

BY MARLENE REED
FOR ¡VAMOS!

For the fifth year in a row, Wayland Baptist University will bring a production from the theatre department to the stage of the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts.

The play *The Elephant Man* will be performed on June 18, as part of the Sacramento Mountain Theatre Collaborative, which involves current high school students and Wayland students, along with faculty and alumni in a three-week, intensive theatre immersion experience.

Dr. Marti Runnels, theatre professor and director at Wayland, directs the program and is especially excited at the prospect of bringing yet another project to the stellar Spencer facility. This production in particular is dear to Runnels, who directed the piece in 2002 at the university.

The play by Bernard Pomerance is based on the true story of 19th century Englishman Joseph "John" Merrick, a horribly disfigured man who makes his living in the freak shows because his condition prevents any other employment.

"Merrick has basically been forced into this life of a nightmare where people come to look at him and

gawk or make fun of him," Runnels said. "That's his livelihood, and another man has used Merrick to make money for himself."

"When a noble doctor comes along with offers to house Merrick in a hospital where he'll be in a safe environment and might even be able to receive help for his condition, *The Elephant Man*, as he is known, takes him up on it."

That, said Runnels, is when Dr. Treves begins to wrestle with his motivation for helping Merrick.

"Does he care about him and is doing this for altruistic reasons, or is he being selfish and thinking about his own notoriety, especially if he can heal him?" he said. "He starts to realize that Ross (the abusive boss) is reflected in his own choices as well."

"What makes the play most interesting to me is the ethical dilemma going on. Merrick wants nothing more than to be a normal man and do what normal men do."

Runnels said the dilemma inside Treves is one with which he and others in the arts often struggle, and that is a timeless issue. For that reason, he decided to dust off the play and present it again, this time for a different audience.

"One of the reasons I like the show is because I connect with it so much in



my own life," Runnels said. "Everyone connected to performance or the arts wrestles with the thought of 'Am I doing this for the art, or to get attention?'"

He likens it to those who sing specials in church and struggle with the desire to lead in worship, yet enjoy the accolades of churchgoers when they do something well. That fine line often gets crossed, he said.

Though it's more sub-

tle, Runnels said *The Elephant Man* is also about a spiritual journey by Merrick, who while in the hospital begins constructing a miniature version of St. Philip's Church, which he calls "a house where God would dwell." Through this he also asks what Runnels says are "the hard questions about God, like what role does God play in ending human suffering."

The dramatic play was the 1979 Tony Award win-

ner for Best Play, though Runnels said that does not mean the message is dated for today's audiences.

For the Ruidoso production, Runnels is bringing back two members of his original cast, including WBU alum Cory Norman in the lead role of Merrick. Norman, who earned his Wayland degree in 2002, then earned a Master of Fine Arts degree from Texas Tech, is the assistant producer at Theatre Three in Dallas. Also reprising their role in the play is Dr. David Howle, associate professor of religion at Wayland, as Carr Gomm, the hospital administrator, and the conductor.

The lead female role of Mrs. Kendall will be played by Jayli Johnson, a theatre student at Ruidoso High School. Playing multiple roles will be Wayland students and theatre majors Amanda Allen of Merkel, Corinna Browning of Channing and Lesley Gattin of Graham. Other roles will be filled by additional

SMTC participants.

Tickets for the play are \$25 through the Spencer Theater and can be purchased by calling toll free 1-888-818-7872, or online at www.spencertheater.com.

The Spencer Theater will repeat its annual fundraiser event the evening after the WBU production by hosting Taste of the Spencer on June 19, at 6 p.m.

The event will feature tastings of gourmet cuisine, with piano music by Doug Montgomery and an auction of luxury items, including vacations to Italy, Bali, Hawaii and Mexico, a 1959 Chevy Pickup, golf packages, art pieces, a mink coat and an autographed guitar from Toby Keith.

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Taste of the Spencer

Annual fundraiser promises to be an outstanding event

BY KATHLEEN McDONALD
FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

Outstanding summertime memories always include a great party, at least in the joyful getaway town of Ruidoso.

June 19th at the Spencer Theater promises to make that mark with an all-inclusive party-concert-auction event that is sure to satiate the more festive-minded among us.

At just \$50 per person, patrons are invited to celebrate at the Spencer with plentiful pours of wine from the exclusive cellars of Ken Wright (all varietals: pinot noir, chardonnay, claret, caberet sauvignon and cab franc, merlot and petite verdot), scrumptious hors d'oeuvres and live music by pops pianist Doug Montgomery, as well as the fast action of the highly entertaining auctioneer Steve Talbot.

With loads of stage

charisma and endless energy, Talbot is an amazement to watch as he stirs competition among bidders in a fun, non-pressured and light-hearted manner, and helps make auction items shine. He is a celebrated auction talent in the western United States, having raised more than \$250 million for more than 200 non-profit arts and educational organizations since 1979.

Indeed, Talbot's specialized skills match those of Doug Montgomery, New Mexico's "Piano Man" and the absolute favorite artist of the late Jackie Spencer. (And for those who don't know, Jackie's 85th birthday would have been on this very day of June 19. The party-loving benefactor will be there in spirit, for sure).

Montgomery, who regularly performs during summer months at Vanessa's in Santa Fe, is an

immensely gifted, classically trained pianist with a magnetic personality. He is a true entertainer, a man who's musical charms pack the house and draw patrons around his piano singing along to Broadway scores like "Memories" or barroom ditties like "Oh, It's Hard to be Humble." Doug has recorded nine CDs, the most recent of which is *Mediterranean Nights* featuring the romantic works of Puccini's "O Sole Mio," "Beseme Mucho" and "Andalucia," among other rapturous melodies. When trilled on the percussive Steinway, these are the tunes that beckon hearts to swoon with that kind of delight that only comes on sweet summer nights.

Together with the pops concert, the \$50 ticket price for "Taste of the Spencer," which kicks-off at 6 p.m., includes savories from various local restaurants like Bradley D's,



Rockin' Tom Battin, Spencer Theater's Development Director, jams on a guitar personally autographed by country star Tobey Keith.

Hummingbird Tearoom, Landlocked Restaurant & Bar, Lucy & Ethels Internet Café, La Sierra Mexican Restaurant, Can't Stop Smokin' Barbecue and Creme de la Cream.

Also included in the ticket price are the sumptuous pours of Ken Wright wines. These top-shelf wines are a donation from Ken Wright Cellars in Carlton, Ore. Ken Wright Cellars is the only Oregon winery rated as "Outstanding" in the last three books of Robert M. Parker's Wine Buyer's Guide.

Friends and patrons of the Spencer are also providing awesome gifts for the evening by way of a silent auction, with items like tickets to Broadway in New York City, a Pendleton

blanket, fine silver, turquoise and original oil paintings, and other hot offerings, such as a day at the Ruidoso Downs Jockey Club, a pair of sky box tickets to a Dallas Cowboys game, fly fishing in Wyoming, helicoptering over the Grand Canyon from Las Vegas, an autographed Toby Keith guitar, spa treatments, private condo and cottages in Hawaii, Tuscany, Bali and Mexico, a 1959 Chevy Apache pickup, dinner and stay at the historic Ellis Store Bed & Breakfast, a day at Ruidoso Downs Race Track (lunch, programs and table for four in Turf Club), golf for four at the exclusive Bighorn Golf Club in Palm Desert, Calif., golf lessons at Rainmakers,

golf lessons at Alto Country Club, Eagle Services carpet cleaning, estate planning, a mink coat, three one-month memberships at the Ruidoso Athletic Club, snowmobiling in Cloudcroft, an evening at the Flying J Ranch, a two bedroom, two bath and hot tub Ruidoso vacation home for seven days, a carousel horse on stand, fresh water pearls and much, much more.

This magical night of friendship and fun is a vital fund raiser for the Spencer, the non-profit which endeavors to serve everyone, again and again.

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Reflections sculpture by Rebecca Tobey

Seven nights at Apakabar Villas in Bali

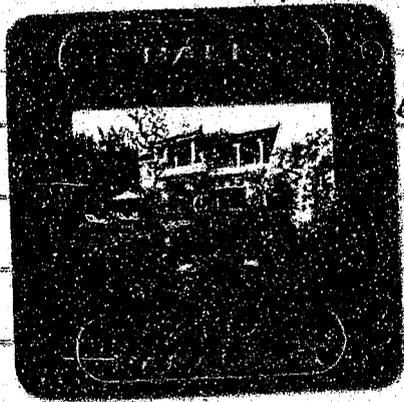


A Tobey Keith autographed guitar



Eight strands turquoise necklace with brass and Mexican silver charm attachments

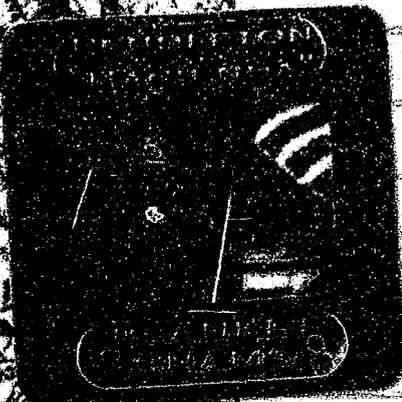
Seven nights in Bali at Villa Paradiso (sleeps six)



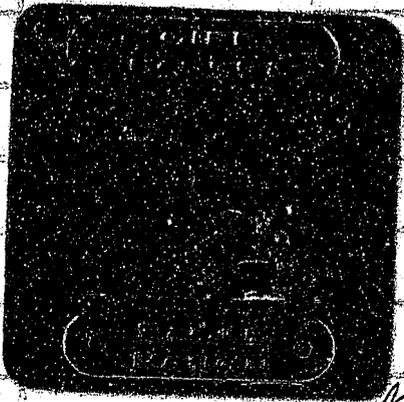
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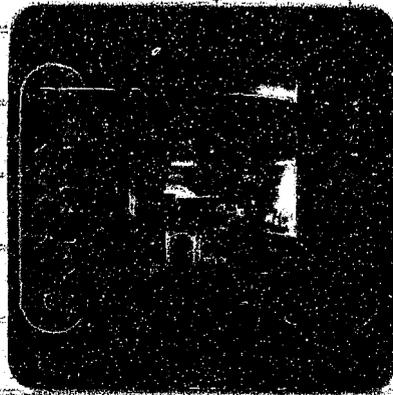
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Hatching

This simple idea assures that you'll be prepared for those unexpected visitors



BY JESSIE HANSON
¡VAMOS! EDITOR

At times, mostly when you least expect it, friends will

drop by with little or no advance notice. Depending upon how long they stay, you may feel inclined to offer them a beverage and a bite to eat. You head

for the refrigerator, hoping against hope that there is something worthy to serve your impromptu guests.

"Hatching" provides an easy solution for this situation. By keeping a variety of prepared appetizer type foods in your pantry, it's simply a matter of opening a few jars, pouring the contents into pretty bowls and serving. Add a plate with an assortment of crackers, pretzels or chips pulled out of the freezer and "Voila" – your guests will be most impressed.

Some suggestions for your pantry provisions might include olives (green, ripe, kalamata), tapenades (check-out the small gourmet and deli shops for an extensive variety) and nuts.

Items which require refrigeration, but have a long shelf-life, such as hummus, sausage, cheeses, prosciutto, baby carrots and some other vegetables and fruits also are quickly served.

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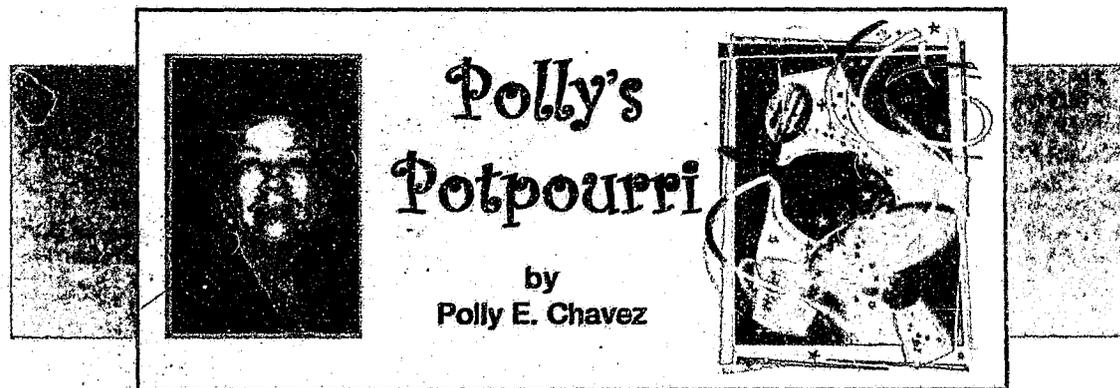
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Cookies galore



Carrie Scott and Fran Mack are two Carrizozo culinary artists. Many who have attended opening events and other celebrations know their talents. Comparing notes with them on baking, I told them I did not realize that margarine is made with various percentages of vegetable oil.

Imperial brand margarine is 60 percent oil "spread," and brags that it is best for baking. Shurfine brand margarine boasts 80 percent vegetable oil and claims it is better for baking. Blue Bonnet lists 53 percent vegetable oil and offers a "no fail" chocolate chip recipe.

Carrie recommends the higher percent oil margarine, but told me that she likes to use shortening for chocolate chip cookies.

Fran discussed salted and unsalted butter. She has baked with a combination of butter and margarine. Oil is used in Fran's favorite cakes, including rum, carrot and tres leches (three milks). The buttercream decorating icing recipe I had in a previous column is actually made

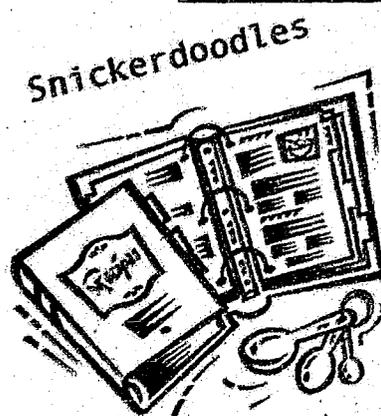
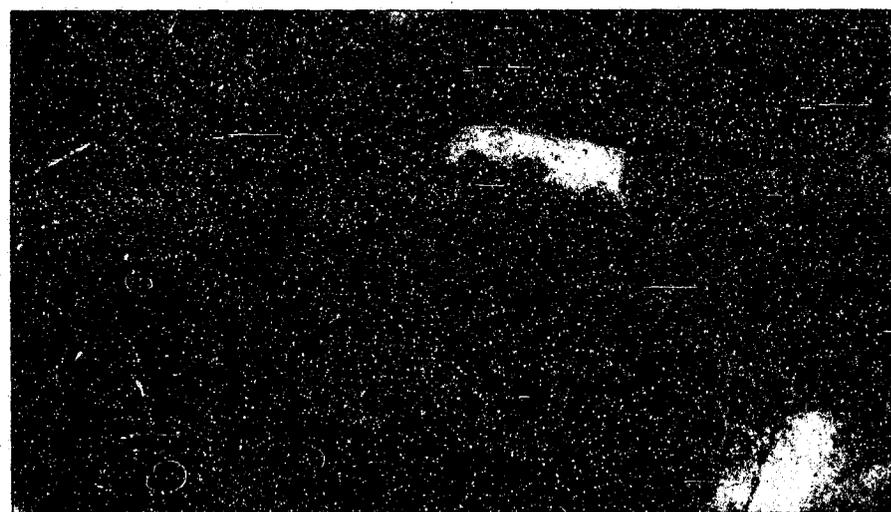
with shortening.

Both women bake professionally for restaurants and major events. Fran told me of her stress when a recipe failed for unknown reasons. She said the weather sometimes causes a reaction to some recipes.

Fran was in charge of the baked goodies at the Carrizozo Clay opening for artist Wanda Dent of Roswell. Dent's clay works and Fran's edible creations went well together.

The photograph accompanying this column is a sample of the dozens of cookies that Carrie catered for a wedding at the Carrizozo Country Club. The bride, Fran Alteri, requested a variety of cookies instead of the traditional decorated wedding cake. The hundreds of cookies were a sight to behold – dropped, refrigerator, molded, bar, rolled, piped, wafer – Carrie had them there.

My recipe this week is a Snickerdoodle cookie recipe that I clipped from a magazine. The history of this cookie makes for a story all by itself for another column.



- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 stick margarine, softened
- 1 ½ cup sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Stir together 2 tablespoons sugar and cinnamon, and set aside. Beat margarine (80 percent vegetable oil) and 1 ½ sugar at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy; beat in eggs.

Combine flour and next three ingredients. Add to egg mixture, mixing well.

Shape dough into 1-inch balls; roll in cinnamon-sugar mixture. Place 2 inches apart on lightly greased baking sheet. Bake 12 minutes or until lightly browned.

Alamogordo

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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 • Deli • Tularosa • 585-4575.

Dave's Café • 300 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thu, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. • Hamburgers

Front Porch Eatery Café • 94 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-7492 • Open Mon-Thu, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sun, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

High Country Lounge & Grill • 90 Pleasant Valley Dr., Timberon • 987-2580.

High Rolls General Store Deli • 845 Hwy. 82 • 682-2855.

Jamocha Bean Coffee House Café • 505 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2332 • Mon-Fri, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun 8 a.m.-5 p.m. • Coffees, salads & sandwiches.

Java The Hut • 506 Francis St • Tularosa • 585-2003.

Josey's Sweets • 603 St. Francis Dr • Tularosa • 585-3120 • Mon-Sat, 12:30-9 p.m.; Sun, 2-8 p.m.

Mayhill Café • Mayhill • 687-3066

Mayhill Mercantile • Mayhill • 687-3425.

Mountain Top Mercantile Deli • 105 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-2777 • Open 7 days, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. • Carry-out only.

Mountain View Café & The Bistro (GCRMC), 2669 Scenic Dr., Alamogordo • 443-7456 (Mountainview) / 443-7457 (Bistro).

Nature's Pantry • 2909 White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-3037 • Deli/bar open Mon-Fri, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. • Organic.

Nut House • 32 Ivy Ln • La Luz • 437-6889.

Olive Branch Coffee & Deli • 123 N. White Sands • Alamogordo • 443-8151 • Open Mon-Sat, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

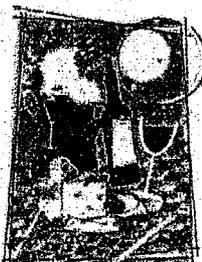
Plateau Espresso • 2724 N. Scenic, Alamogordo • 434-4466 • Open Sun-Thu, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-11 p.m.

Sweet Shop • 300 Burro Street • Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thu, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-8 a.m. • Smoothies, ice cream, fudge & truffles.

Weed Café • Weed • 687-3611.

Western Bar & Café • 304 Burro St. • 682-2445 • Cloudcroft • Open 7 days 6 a.m.-9 p.m. (café), 7 days 9 a.m.-12 a.m.

Casual Dining



Al-O-Mar • 7400 U.S. 54/70, Tularosa • 585-2129

Applebee's Bar & Grill • 1355 White Sands Blvd. • casual dining, friendly staff, full bar, carside to go • Open Sun-Thu 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fri-Sat until midnight. • 434-2616.

Aspen Restaurant • 1315 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1031 • Open Mon-Sat, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Big Daddy's Diner • 1705 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1224 • Open Tue-Thu, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Chili's Grill & Bar • 202 Panorama, Alamogordo • 437-5903.

Denny's • 930 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-6106.

Gallo's Red Rooster Café • 306 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2448 • Sun-Thu, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat-Sun, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

La Rosa Steakhouse • 21 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa (inside Travel Center) • 585-3339 • Open daily: 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

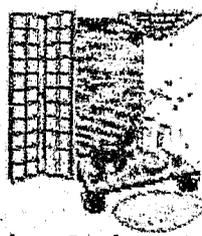
Lazy D Restaurant • 1202 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-2532.

Mom's Home Cooking • 604 First St., Alamogordo • 439-0288.

Mustard's Last Stand • 1920 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-2333 • Fri-Sat, 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

Palm Side • 905 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-8644.

Chinese / Asian



Bamboo Garden Restaurant • 2617F N. White Sands • 437-5552

Chinese Express • 3199 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-8880.

Golden Palace • 700 E. 1st St., Alamogordo • 434-2136.

Jimmy's Quality Food • 1115 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-7423.

Rocket National Buffet • 607 White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • Authentic Chinese and American cuisine. • 437-5905.

Taiwan Kitchen • 110 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-4337.

The Spicy Thai • 915 Texas, Alamogordo • 434-0650.

The Wok Inn • 1010 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-4388 • Buffet, carry-out/ dine in • 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

Fine Dining



Memories Restaurant • 1223 N. New York Ave., Alamogordo • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • 437-0077.

Pepper's Grill • 3200 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9717.

Rebecca's at The Lodge • Cloudcroft • Breakfast, 7-10:30 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., dinner 5:30-10 p.m. • 800-395-6343, 575-682-2566

Stella Vita Restaurant • 902 New York Ave., Alamogordo • Mon-Fri, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Fri-Sat, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. • 575-434-4444.

Mexican



Alfredo's • 801 Delaware, Alamogordo • 437-1745.

Casa de Sueños New Mexican Restaurant • 35 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-3494 • Fax 585-3496.

Eddie's Burrito Express • 750 E. First St., Alamogordo • 437-0266.

El Camino Restaurant • 1022 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-8809.

Juan's Cactus Café • 3199 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-2368.

La Hacienda • 800 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo.

Margo's Mexican Food • 504 E. First Street, Alamogordo • 434-0689.

Maria's Mexican Food • 604 E. Tenth St., Alamogordo • 434-4549.

Maximino's • 2300 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 443-6102.

Si Señor Restaurant • 1480 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-7879.

Tia Lupe's Authentic Mexican Restaurant • 1200 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-0820 • Daily; 10 am-8 pm.

Pizza/Italian



Gigi's Pizza • 600 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-5811.

Pizza Hut • 120 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9785.

Pizza Mill & Sub Factory • 1315 E. Tenth St., Alamogordo • 434-1313.

Pizza Patio • 2203 1st St., Alamogordo • 434-9633.

Ruidoso/Lincoln

Bar-B-Que



Apache Tee • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IMG Pro Shop • 464-7695

Can't Stop Smokin' • 418 Mechem • Bar-B-Que to go. Beef, poultry & pork. • Sun, Mon, Wed, Thu, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri & Sat 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. • 630-0000

Circle J Barbecue • 1825 Sudderth • Sun-Thu, 11 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-9:00 p.m. • 257-4105

Tom's Barbeque • 435 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Spare ribs, brisket, pork, sausage, green chile burgers. • Dine in/carry out • Tues - Sat 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. • 937-1515

Cafés



Alto Café • Hwy. 48 & Gavilan Canyon Rd. • Home-style meals. • Mon - Fri; 7 a.m.-8 p.m. • 336-1980

Café Rendezvous • 522 Sudderth Dr • French casual • Mon - Sat, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 575-937-9419.

Café Z • 103 Lincoln, Capitan • Southwestern • Thu-Sat 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • 354-0977

Calamity Jane's • 500 W Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Mon - Thu 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.,

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Fri 7 a.m.-p.m., Sat 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 354-8309

Cornerstone Bakery Café • 359 Sudderth • 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. daily • 257-1842

Dreamcatcher Café • 2629 Sudderth • Tue - Thu 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Fri - Sun 11 a.m.-11 p.m. • Live music Fri & Sat • 802-2222

Hummingbird Tearoom • 2306 Sudderth in The Plaza • Soup & sandwiches. • Mon - Sat, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 257-5100

Kiss The Skyy Cafe • 2111 Sudderth • Carry-out only; all menu items \$6.50 • Sandwiches, soups, salads and homemade bread •

River's Edge • 2404 Sudderth Mon-Sat, 10:30-5; Sun, 11:00-5; Custom-made sandwich wraps, freshly made desserts. • 630-5394

Roy's Ice Cream Parlour • 1200 Avenue E, Carrizozo • Ice cream sodas, milkshakes, malts, banana splits • Tue-Fri, 9 a.m.-6 p.m (closed 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.) • 648-2921

Sacred Grounds Coffee and Tea House • 2825 Sudderth • Sandwiches, quiches, organic coffee, espresso bar. • Mon-Sat, 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. • 257-2273

The Village Buttery • 2107 Sudderth • Soups, sandwiches, salads; pies and cookies; patio. • Mon-Sat, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. • 257-9251

The Wild Herb Market • 1715 Sudderth • Deli, organic and natural foods • Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • 257-0138

Zocca Coffee & Tea • 1129 Mechem Dr. • Sun, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; Mon-Thu, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.; 258-1445.

Casual Dining



All American Diner • 390 Sudderth Dr. • Mexican and American specialties • Daily, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. • 257-8625.

Big Game Bar & Grill • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd., Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero • 464-7880.

Billy's Sports Bar & Grill • at Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino • 378-4431.

Cattle Baron • 657 Sudderth • Steak, seafood, lounge • Mon-Thu, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. • 257-9355

Cree Meadows Restaurant & Bar 301 Country Club • Breakfast all day. Friday night catfish buffet • Daily; 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 257-2733

Denny's • 2219 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • Open 24/7 • 378-1389

Elsie's Charbroiled Burgers • Hwy. 54 at Hwy. 380 • Carrizozo • Tue-Sat 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. • Patio seating. • 648-4200

Farley's Food Fun & Pub • 1200 Mechem • Burgers, pizza, pub fare, lounge, pool tables, patio. • 7 days, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. • 258-5676

Four Winds Restaurant • 111 Central Ave., Carrizozo • American variety, Mexican, freshly baked goods. • Daily, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. • 648-2964

Gathering of Nations Buffet • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IIMG • 464-7872

Global Grill • 2919 Sudderth Dr. • entrees under \$10 • Mon-Sat, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. • 630-1037.

Good to Go • 1206 Mechem • Gourmet bakery, deli, catering, take-out • Mon-Fri, 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Sat, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. • 258-1294

Hall of Flame • 2500 Sudderth • Burgers, salads • Sun & Mon 11am - 2pm; Tues-Thu 11am-8pm; Fri & Sat 11am-3pm • 257-9987

Horsemen's Grill • 321 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Tues - Sat 5 p.m. - 9 pm; Sun. brunch 10 am - 3 p.m. • 354-1447.

K-BOB's • 157 W. Hwy. 70 • Mon-Thu 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sat 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • 378-0025.

Landlocked • 441 Mechem 257-9559 • Mon-Sat, 11 a.-9p

Lincoln County Grill • 2717 Sudderth • Daily; 7 a.m.-9 p.m. • 257-7669

Log Cabin • 1074 Mechem • Wed-Mon; 7 a.m.-1:45 p.m. • 258-5029.

Lucy & Ethel's • 1009 Mechem • Gourmet deli & daily soup • 8 a.m.-5 p.m. • 630-1221.

Outpost Bar & Grill • 415 Central, Carrizozo • Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Sun 12n - 8 p.m. • 648-9994.

Picnics Deli • 127 Rio St. • Deli, dine-in, take-out, in-town delivery. • Mon - Sat, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. • 257-2200

Schlotzsky's Deli • 2812 Sudderth • Sun - Thu 10:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Fri, Sat 10:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. • 257-7811

7 Mares Seafood • 340 Sudderth Dr. • 257-8534

Shrimpy's Shrimp & Wing Shack • 2501 Sudderth • Shrimp, fish & chips. • Thu-Mon, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. • Dine in or carry out • 257-8881.

Smokey B's Grill • 2584 Hwy. 70, Mescalero • Sun-Thu, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., Fri-Sat, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. • 464-7928.

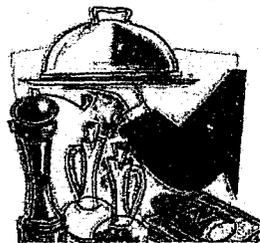
Smokey Bear Restaurant • 310 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Daily; 6a.m.-8p.m. • 354-2557

The Dolan House • 826 Calle la Placita, Lincoln • Fri - Tues; 9:30 a.m. - 3:30; Fri.5 - 8 p.m. • Reservations Required 575-653-4670

The Quarters • 2535 Sudderth • Steaks, burgers, barbecue. • Mon - Sat 11 a.m. - 2 a.m.; Sun noon - 12a.m. • 257-9535.

Windy City • 115 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Specialty sandwiches, burgers, BBQ, bratwurst, homemade fries, homebaked cheesecake. • Tue - Fri 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Sat 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 354-1395

Fine Dining



Ellis Store Country Inn • Hwy. 380 MM 98, Lincoln • Gourmet dinners • Mon-Sat • By reservation only. • 800-653-6460

La Fondue • 2800 Sudderth Dr (below Elena's) • Steak,

seafood, fondue, tempura. • Tues - Sun, 4 - 11 p.m.

Laughing Sheep Farm • 1 mi west of Lincoln at MM96 • Locally grown produce & meats. • Lunch, Sat & Sun, 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Dinner, Sat 5 - 8:30 p.m. • 653-4041

Texas Club Bar & Grill • 212 Metz Dr. • Steak & seafood • 258-3325.

Tinnie Silver Dollar • 28 mi east of Ruidoso on Hwy. 70 in Tinnie • Steakhouse and saloon; Sat 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Daily dinner 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.; Sun champagne brunch 10 a.m.-3 p.m. • 653-4425.

Wendell's • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IMG • Steaks, seafood, desserts • Daily, 5 p.m. - 11 p.m. • 464-7842

Willmon's Prime Grille • 2523 Sudderth Dr. • Prime steaks, seafood, wines • Reservations accepted; Mon-Sat, 5:30-9 p.m. • 257-2954

Mexican



Casa Blanca • 501 Mechem • Sun-Thu 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri & Sat 11 a.m.-10 p.m. • New Mexican cuisine; lounge. • 257-2495

Chef Lupe's • 1101 Sudderth • Sun-Thu, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-12 a.m. • 257-4687

Comal • 2117 Sudderth • Daily, 11a - 8 p • 258-1397

Chileo's • 135 W. Hwy. 70 • Sun-Thu, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri & Sat, 7a.m-9 p.m. • 378-4033

Disco Taco • 141 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • Mexican food. • Daily, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. 378-4224

El Camino Nuevo • 1025 Mechem • 258-4312

Elena's Place • 2800 Sudderth Dr. • Tues-Sat 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 5 - 9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. • 630-8022

El Paisano • 442 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Tue - Sat, 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. • 354-2206

El Paraiso Mexican Restaurant • 721 Mechem • Mon-Sat, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. • 257-0279

Jorge's Café • 2064 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • Daily, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. • 378-9804.

La Sierra • 100 Lake Shore • Authentic Mexican and seafood specialties • Daily, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. • 336-4673.

Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant • 2408 Sudderth • Mexican & American cuisine • Thurs - Sun. music; Sat. Ladies Nite • Sun-Sat, 11 a.m.- 9 p.m.; 257-8754.

Peña's Place • 2963 Sudderth • Thu-Mon, 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sun 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. • 257-4135

Old Road Restaurant • 692 Old Road, Mescalero • Tue-Sun, 9 a.m.- 9 p.m. • 464-4674

Olé Tacos • 319 Sudderth • Sun - Th 11 a.m. - 11:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 11 a.m.-1:30 a.m. • 257-5040

Pizza / Italian



Café Rio • 2547 Sudderth Dr. • Mon - Sat, 11:20 a.m. - 7:50 p.m.; Sun 12n - 7:50 p.m. • 257-7746

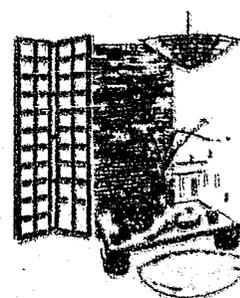
Domino's Pizza • 1717 Sudderth • Sun - Thu 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Fri & Sat 11 - 12 midnight • 257-8888

Michelenas • 2703 Sudderth • Tue-Sun 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • 257-5753

Pizza Hut • 725 Sudderth Dr. • 1201 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso • 258-3033

Santino's Italian Restaurant • 2823 Sudderth • Lounge 4:30-9 p.m., restaurant 5-9 p.m. • 257-7540.

Chinese/Asian



The Great Wall of China • 2913 Sudderth Dr. • Sushi Bar • Tue-Sun 11:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. • 257-2522.

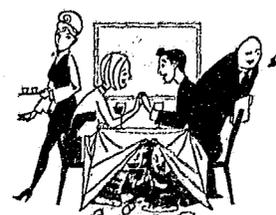
Yee's • 633 Sudderth • eat in or take out • Daily, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. • 257-5888

Dinner Theatre



Flying J Ranch • Chuckwagon Supper and Western Show • Hwy 48, Alto • Gates open 5:30 p.m.; dinner 7 p.m. \$24 13+; \$14 ages 4-12, incl. tax & gratuity. 888-458-3595, 575-336-4330.

Mountain Annie's • 2710 Sudderth, Midtown • Live show & music. No cover • Dinner & Bar • Fri & Sat. 7 p.m., open 2 p.m. • 257-7982.



Let's all go to the movies, part 2

Last week, we discussed some of the historical distortions that Hollywood has handed us over the years. To be honest, I could probably write an entire book about all of the hog-wash presented to us as history, but I'll do my best to limit it to a few columns here in the paper.

The story of Billy the Kid alone is noteworthy, as Billy has been portrayed so inaccurately so many times that it is a leviathan task just to view all of them.

Young Guns I

I probably won't even get into the sequel to *Young Guns I* as there are so many historical inaccuracies that it makes it an almost impossible job to list all of them. But in *Young Guns I* we can start at the beginning and take it from there.

In the opening scene of the film, we find a 60-ish John Tunstall discussing whether, or not, the youthful Doc Scurlock (played by Keifer Sutherland) should be allowed to have a drink. For starters, John Tunstall, who makes a good father figure for Billy if he is an older man, was a few weeks shy of his 25th birthday at the time of his death. The very idea of him telling the real Doc Scurlock that he was too young to drink is laughable, as Scurlock was actually a few years Tunstall's

senior. The two find Billy the Kid (Emilio Estevez) running from some Murphy henchmen, having

committed some crime that is never mentioned. The kindly Tunstall, wanting only to help young frontier vagabonds, takes Billy in, sort of like a puppy. Billy meets Jose Chavez y Chavez (Lou Diamond Phillips), who is described as a "Navajo." This news would have surprised the real Chavez y Chavez considerably, as he was 100 percent Hispanic. However, it would have ruined Lou's big dramatic scene where he emotes a great deal over what Murphy has done to his "people."

Then there is Charlie Bowdre (Casey Siemaszko) who is nervous in the extreme where gunplay is involved and, in fact, seems to wish that he is elsewhere throughout the film. Prior to the Lincoln County War, the real Charlie was involved in several incidents involving the poor usage of firearms in combination with alcohol.

The fact is, the real Charlie Bowdre hadn't the slightest compunction concerning the promiscuous use of firearms. Could this have been a garbled reference to the real Bowdre's attempts to go straight

before Pat Garrett's posse permanently ended the negotiations at a place called Stinking Springs in late 1880? You got me.

"China doll"

And then there is Scurlock's involvement with a young lady, presented as Murphy's sex-slave, who is of Chinese origin. In actual point of fact, there is no record of anyone of Chinese ancestry ever living in Lincoln County during that period. At the end of the film, Scurlock and the young lady escape "to New York City," where they raise a veritable litter of children. This would have surprised the real Doc Scurlock considerably, as he and his family — his wife was of Hispanic origin — moved to Eastland, Texas, where he lived to a ripe old age.

Dick Brewer, as played by Charlie Sheen, really was Tunstall's foreman, as the film claims. However, he was in Lincoln County for years prior to the Englishman's arrival and operated his own spread. In short, he was far more than just an employee.

Dermot Mulroney's character, "Dirty Steve" Stephens was an interesting choice. He was a real Regulator, but he is also a Regulator about whom almost nothing is known. Except for a reference here and there, he barely seems to have existed, historically speaking. The choice indicates that, at some point, someone involved with the film must have actually

done some homework, although they still get a failing grade in history as far as I'm concerned.

While Emilio Estevez's engaging giggle was certainly in character for the real Billy, the film failed to point out a few other details. For instance, his fluency in Spanish and his affection for local Hispanic people, both of which were important aspects of his personality. Estevez played him as a borderline screwball, which the Kid most definitely was *not*.

In real life, one of the reasons the Kid's trial for the murder of Sheriff Brady was moved down to Mesilla was because he was popular with local Hispanics and the authorities feared that he would be acquitted. In Mesilla, however, he was just another gringo gunman to the Hispanics there and the power-brokers of New Mexico knew that he would have little chance for acquittal.

Oh yes, I almost forgot. There were a few more Regulators than the six portrayed in the film — about 35 more, depending on which day you caught them, many of whom were Hispanic. And did I mention that it is highly unlikely that the Regulators spent any of their time up in the hills "tripping" on peyote? Details, details.

Real events

Then, there are all those scenes purporting to be actual events: In the film, Morton and Baker are

captured and killed in a matter of minutes. This is what one might call "condensed." In reality, they were captured, but not killed until a couple of days later, on their way into Lincoln. No one *really* knows what happened, other than the fact that Regulator McCloskey (a former Murphy employee never really trusted by the others) attempted to defend the two prisoners and paid for this error in judgment with his life. Whether or not he was a "traitor" is anyone's guess, but there is no evidence to suggest that he was anything but sympathetic to two men who were about to be murdered. One aspect that the film did seem to get right was Dick Brewer's outrage at the killings. There is little chance that "decent, honest, brave" Dick Brewer would have sanctioned such a thing. It must have happened suddenly and rapidly.

The film also portrays the murder of Sheriff Brady thusly: Billy skips out behind Brady and his men in the street before single-handedly gunning down the Sheriff. In reality, the Kid and five others shot Brady from ambush behind a gate adjacent to the Tunstall Store. The Sheriff was literally riddled by bullets from the guns of these six men. Billy was wounded in the affray too, which is not shown.

And what about this business of Chavez y Chavez being a "knifsmith"? The real Jose was a deadly

man with a pistol, according to all accounts, none of which mention knives. Besides, Jose was no fool. He would never have brought a knife to a gunfight.

SOURCES: *A Documentary History of the Lincoln County War* and *The West of Billy the Kid*, both by Frederick Nolan and *The Shooters* by Leon Metz

Attention Western History Buffs

The Wild West History Association will hold 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 Gember.

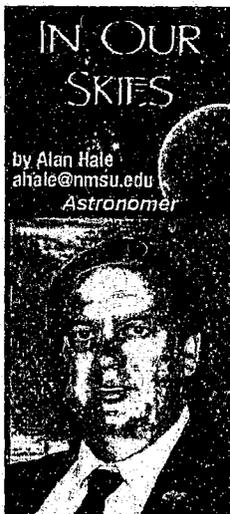
For information, go online to www.wildwest-history.org.

Drew Gember 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.

Hayabusa's odyssey

Few things in life ever work out entirely as planned, and this is certainly true when it comes to spacecraft missions. With spacecraft missions, the inevitable difficulties are compounded by the fact that, by their very nature, "on-the-spot" solutions are impossible; the problems must be diagnosed, and the solutions transmitted and analyzed, via radio communications that usually must span many millions of miles. It is a testament to robustness in the original mission designs, along with creativity, ingenuity, and dedication in the mission teams, that many of our spacecraft missions have encountered severe difficulties that have nevertheless been overcome and have gone on to be fantastically successful.

The most recent, and certainly one of the most remarkable, examples of this phenomenon was the *Hayabusa* mission that was designed, built, and launched by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA). *Hayabusa* (Japanese for "falcon") was launched in May 2003, with its planned destination being the asteroid Itokawa, a small (1600 by 800 feet) near-Earth asteroid that was discovered in 1998 by the LINEAR program in New Mexico.



Hayabusa's mission profile was decidedly complex. It was designed to cruise to Itokawa by using ion-propulsion engines, which give a very low but continuous thrust. Upon arrival at Itokawa in 2005 it had a very ambitious schedule, including the deployment of a small "hopping" mini-probe (dubbed "MINERVA") onto the surface, as well as two brief touch-downs, whereupon it would fire small pellets at the surface in an attempt to create dust clouds that could then be sampled and stored in a collection capsule. After several months, *Hayabusa* was to depart Itokawa for a return journey to Earth, arriving – along with its collection of dust samples – in mid-2007.

Almost from the very beginning *Hayabusa* started encountering difficulties. Just a few months after launch, a powerful solar flare damaged its solar power cells which in turn weakened its engines, delaying the arrival at Itokawa by three months. Once at Itokawa two of *Hayabusa's* three reaction wheels failed, and meanwhile the attempt to deploy the MINERVA mini-probe failed. One of the two planned landing attempts ended up being cancelled due to an especially rocky surface at the

landing site, and communications were lost during the second attempt. JAXA later learned that *Hayabusa* did indeed touch down upon Itokawa for perhaps 30 minutes, but it is unclear if the sample collection pellets actually fired, or not. In any event, there is hope that some of the dust from the landing itself found its way into the collection capsule.

Even though contact was restored after a few days, additional problems continued to plague *Hayabusa*, for example, problems with the reaction control system caused its control axes to spin out of alignment, which in turn forced the expenditure of some of its propulsion fuel in order to correct this. Then, in late 2005 just as the launch window for the return trip to Earth was approaching, communications were again lost, this time for a period of three months during which time the launch window closed. While communications were eventually restored, the complete process took several months, and the expenditure of still more fuel, before it was accomplished in its entirety.

Even though by this time *Hayabusa* had a crippled engine and reaction control system, as well as several malfunctioning and drained power batteries, JAXA made the decision to attempt a return to Earth at the time of the next launch window, which would occur in early 2007. In April of that year *Hayabusa* began that journey, and

ever since then has been limping its way back to Earth.

This past Sunday, June 13, three years behind its original schedule, *Hayabusa* entered the Earth's atmosphere above western Australia. While the main spacecraft was destroyed during the atmospheric entry, the sample capsule – which had been released several hours earlier – was equipped with a heat shield enabling it to survive its plunge through the atmosphere, and it successfully soft-landed on the Earth's surface in the Australian outback a few hundred miles north of Adelaide. A special beacon aboard the capsule allowed it to be located shortly thereafter, and the next day it was retrieved.

The capsule will soon be headed on its way back to Japan, and once there it will be opened. At this time it is still far from certain whether or not any material samples were actually retrieved during the touchdown attempt – estimates at success are currently being given as being around 50 percent – but if indeed samples were collected this would be our first opportunity to examine pristine material from an asteroid, and this will in turn provide us with valuable information in our quest to understand the origins of our solar system, our Earth and ourselves.

In any event, the mere fact that the possibility even exists that there could be samples to examine from this crippled and



mishap-filled mission testifies to the dedication and ingenuity exhibited by those who have committed their lives to exploring the universe around us.

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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Lincoln County

Clubs/Associations

Alto Women's Association: 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards. Business meeting every first Tuesday.

Angus Wood Carvers: 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, Junction Hwys. 48 and 37; 336-9161.

Art Connection: Last Wednesday of each month, Innsbruck Club House. Info: Pat, 258-3602.

Carrizozo Women's Club: Second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse at 11th and D Avenue; Info: Tona Macken, 354-0769.

Christian Motorcyclists Assoc: Third Thursday monthly at 6:30 p.m.; 1204 Mechem, Suite 8; online at www.CMAUSA.org; 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.

Mountain Top Turners: Woodturning club, 10 a.m. every third Saturday at the woodshop of Steve and Madeleine Sabo. Info: 354-0201.

Party Bridge Group: 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Center; 336-4808.

Photographic Society of Lincoln County: 7 p.m. every second Thursday in the conference room at the Region IX office at 1400 Sudderth Dr.; 258-4003.

The 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.

Al-Anon: Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor, Ruidoso; Info: 258-8885.

Al-Anon: Meets at noon every Friday at the Methodist Church in Carrizozo. Come to the back door and bring your own lunch.

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m. daily; 8 p.m. Fri, Sat, Sun, at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor, Ruidoso; Info: 258-8885.

Bereavement or Grief Support: For the community. Call Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation. Info: 258-0028.

Co-Dependents Anonymous: 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Holy Mount Episcopal Church, Ruidoso. Info: 808-2959.

Gamblers Anonymous: Meets at 7:15 p.m., Thursdays at the 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

Altusa Club: 5:30 p.m. every first Tuesday for program; noon every third Tuesday for lunch. Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail; Info: Jill, 336-1339.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 52: 6:20 p.m. every other Wednesday; Angus Church of the Nazarene. Info: 808-1172.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59: 6 p.m. every Monday, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Info: Mark, 378-5623.

B.P.O. Elks No. 2086: 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70; Info: 257-2607.

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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.fbcruuidoso.com.

Friends of Capitan Library: Call for volunteers for Not 2 Shabby Thrift Shop. Info: Raylene, 354-3046 or library, 354-3035.

Humane Society of Lincoln County: Shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat 11-2; ReSale Shop at the 'Y' open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon-Sat; Info: 378-1040.

Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at K-BOB's; Rutalee, 258-1431.

Laughing Eyes Kennels: 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 whitemountainsearch@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainsearch.org or phone 866-596-8382.

Veterans

American Legion Jerome D. Klein Post 79: 11 a.m. every third Saturday,

101 Spring St. at Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs; Info: 257-6757.

American Legion James A Hipp, Post 57: First Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. Sr.Citizens Center, Capitan. 575-336-2194.

VFW Post 12071 meets the third Monday of each month at La Junta Lodge in Alto at 7 p.m. All eligible veterans are invited to attend.

VFW Post 12071 Ladies Auxiliary meets third Monday of each month at La Junta Lodge in Alto at 7 p.m. All eligible spouses, mothers, daughters and widows of veterans of foreign wars are invited to attend and join.

Otero County

Clubs & Associations

Alamo Squares: Square dancing on 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 8 p.m. Info: 437-3043, 434-2618 or 437-5474.

Alamogordo Astronomy Club: Meets every third Friday. Mike Mosier, 437-8260.

Alamogordo Mustang Club: Meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at Vision Ford. Daurian Orchard, 491-7952.

Barbershop Harmony Society: The "Sounds of Enchantment" 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 Delilah at 442-8750.

Education

ESL: English as a second language class, 9 a.m. each Monday, 1328 Scenic Dr. \$15 for workbook. Class sponsored by Mountain Valley Baptist Association; 437-9987.

H.E.L.P. Head Start: Accepting applications for pre-school children with

or without disabilities. Free meals. Alamogordo Center: Maria Gallegos, 434-6313; La Luz Center: Martina Travis; 437-4485; Tularosa Center: Annette Chavez, 585-4818.

Integrated Instructional Services Department: Monthly Parent/Staff Advisory Committee meeting, 4 - 6 p.m. every second Tuesday at the IIS Building. Dr. Doug Householder, 439-3200.

Lacy Simms: Governing council meets at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at First National Bank Building Atrium. Regular meetings are at 7:15 p.m.; 437-4011.

Help & Healing

Al-Anon: New Day Al-Anon group meets noon Thursdays at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo.

Alamogordo City Disability Council: Meets at 2 p.m. every third Wednesday at the Sgt. Willie Estrada Memorial Civic Center. Disability Resource Center, 439-1112, or Ann French at 439-4227 or 439-4889.

American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center: 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 Mesalero. 439-4971.

Zia Thrift Store: Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 816 E. Ninth St., Monday - Saturday; Proceeds support the programs at Zia Therapy Center for children and adults with developmental disabilities; Donations appreciated; Fridays are Military Discount Day; 437-0144.

Zia Transportation Services: Offered for work, work-related activities, education, training and child-care. Contact an Income Support Division caseworker, New Mexico Works caseworker or Zia Therapy Center at 437-4222.

Ongoing Activities

Bingo: 7 p.m. Wed., 12:30 and 3 p.m. Sun., 1 and 7 p.m. Mon. at the Eagles Lodge, 471 24th St. Ages 8 and up welcome with adult. 575-437-1302.

Bingo: 7 p.m. Wed.-Fri. and Sun., 2 p.m. Sat at the VFW, 700 U.S. 70 West. Ages 16 and over welcome with an adult. 437-0770.

Coffee Club: 7:30 - 9 a.m. third Wednesday at Edward Jones Investments, 1106 E. 10th St. Topics include current events, identity theft and Social Security. Breakfast provided. 443-1900.

Joyful Noyse Recorder Consort: Every other Sunday at various locations. Seeking soprano, alto, tenor & bass recorder players. 937-2006.

Meditation Group: Every Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon at 1010 16th St., Alamogordo. Music-guided meditation. 443-1075.

Seniors Ping Pong: 8 - 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico Ave. Monty, 437-1601.

Yoga for Seniors: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday at First Presbyterian Church, 14th Street and Oregon Avenue. 437-0559

Political

Democratic Party of Otero County: Meets first Tuesday at a local restaurant at 5:30 p.m., with 6 p.m. meeting start. Call 437-8590 for location.

Mountain Democrats: Meet second Wednesday at Big Daddy's Restaurant on U.S. 82, Cloudcroft, at noon. Info: Ellen Wedum, 682-2464 or email dotellen@gmail.com.

Republican Party of Otero County: Fourth Thursday meeting each month. Info: Sassy Tinning, 443-1195.

Tularosa Democrats: Meet at Coffee & More, 308 Granada, 5 p.m. sharp second Thursday of each month. Info: Charles Murrell at 585-8153.

Service Organizations

Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club: Meets at 7 a.m. every Saturday at Maximino's, 2300 White Sands Blvd. The public is welcome. Jeanette or Chuck, 434-6296.

Alamogordo Noon Kiwanis: Meets at Margo's Mexican Restaurant every Wednesday, except the fifth. 434-6417.

Alamogordo Public Library Foundation: Raises money and awareness for Alamogordo Public Library. Flori, 437-6616 or Allen, 434-2349.

Altrusa International: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. at 19th Hole golf course restaurant. Jan Wafful, 491-0713 or Marty Poitra, 921-1144.

Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority: Focusing on cultural, social and service activities. Lynn 585-5516.

Big Brothers Big Sisters: Accepting applications for children ages 6 - 17 and volunteers 18 years or older. 434-3388.

Daughters of the American Revolution: Meets monthly on third Saturday at time and place TBA. 437-7200.

Downtown Lions Club: Meets on second and fourth Mondays at Mariscos Costa Azul, 415 S. White Sands Blvd. Public welcome. Terry Reed at 434-3968 or Martha 437-7515.

Flickinger Guild: Supporting the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts, Guild members sell tickets in the box office, work the door for performances, usher, hand out programs and work concessions. Contact chairman Flori McElderry at 437-6616.

Kiwanis Club of Alamogordo: Meets on first and third Thursdays at 8 a.m. at Maximino's Restaurant, 2300 N. White Sands Blvd; 434-0923.

Order of the Eastern Star: Tularosa Basin Chapter No. 72 meets at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday at 409 Higuera St., Tularosa. 434-1456.

Special Olympics NM - Otero: Sports training and competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities; track and field practice at 9 a.m. at NMSBVI in Alamogordo. Info: Anthony Bradway, 575-430-8902 or Sally Bradway at 479-2958.

Veterans / Military

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1257: Open meeting/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.

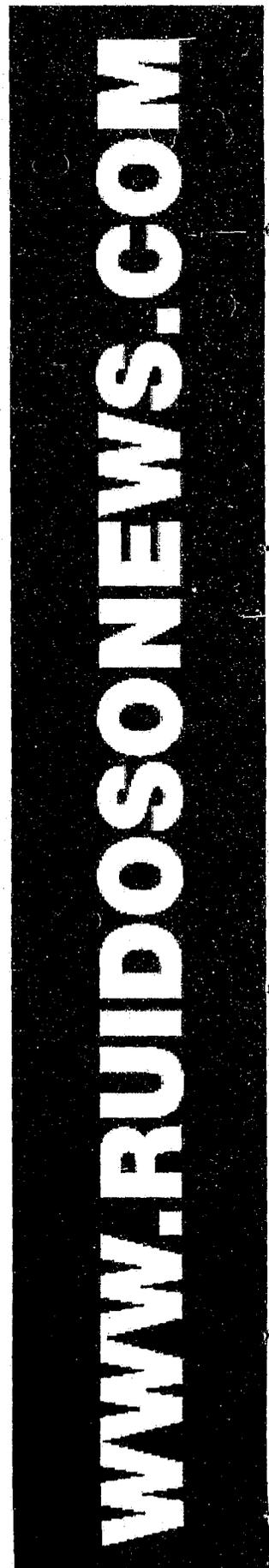
Disabled American Veterans, Chap. 14: Meet first Monday of month at 821 Alaska, 6 p.m. Info: 434-8976.

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.



SPECIAL EVENT

Summer Celebration

*Grammy-nominated
band to top off
new Chamber of
Commerce event*



Grammy-nominated band Del Castillo will be on-stage at Summer Celebration.

BY JESSIE HANSON
¡VAMOS! EDITOR

A new event comes to the Ruidoso area Saturday, June 19, as the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce launches their "Summer Celebration" at Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino.

This free family friendly festival will include live music, theatre, dance, games, a car show, over 70 vendors selling arts and crafts, free tethered REMAX hot air balloon rides and, of course, horse racing.

The day's activities culminate with an evening concert by the world-renowned band Del Castillo. This Grammy-nominated band plays flamenco, rock, Latin, blues and world music, and is sure to be a crowd pleaser.

"We are honored that this caliber of group is playing for us in Ruidoso.

Del Castillo has played with such legendary groups as Styx, Los Lonely Boys and Don Henley. They've made numerous national TV appearances, and now they are coming to Ruidoso," commented Sandi Aguilar, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. "And with the concert being outdoors in the cool, stunning mountains of Ruidoso, it is sure to be a night the band, as well as the fans are sure to remember."

Del Castillo has not only won an astonishing 18 national awards, but the band was also honored in 2009 with six Grammy nominations. They have performed at Willie Nelson concerts and the Eric Clapton Guitar Festival. The group has also caught the ear of film directors Robert

Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino, and their music can be found on soundtracks of *Spy Kids 3D*, *Once Upon a Time in Mexico*, *Sin City* and *Grindhouse*. Quentin Tarantino loved their music so much that he re-did the ending sequence of *Kill Bill, Vol. II* to fit a song into his movie.

The Summer Celebration is free to the public, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The evening Del Castillo concert begins at 8 p.m. with tickets available for purchase at \$15 each through Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

For more information on Summer Celebration, or the Del Castillo concert, call the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at 575-257-7395, or go online to www.RuidosoNow.com/SummerCelebration.

This Austin-based sextet has become one of the happening bands in a town where catching ears is no small feat. The Del Castillo brothers, Rick and Mark, play Spanish guitars, which gives the group a distinctive string sound, underwritten by a heavyweight rhythm section.

Brotherhood features songs in English and Spanish, and includes Willie Nelson on a tune he wrote, "I Never Cared for You." Whether Del Castillo works in Spanish or English it rocks righteously. The Spanish guitars' flamenco vibe gives a dramatic flair, abetted by Alex Ruiz's passionate vocals. They pull together Latin music's romance and rock's grit. The result is such blistering tracks as "Vida Latina" and "Arena Al Viento." — Philip Van Vleck, *Billboard*

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Free computer classes

BY SHARON STEWART
FOR ¡VAMOS!

This summer, free beginner computer classes are offered on the third Saturday of June, July and August at the Village of Ruidoso Public Library.

The first class will be held on Saturday, June 19, from 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Seating is limited to 15 registrants, so call 973-4570 to reserve your spot.

This introductory class covers basic computing, including computer terminology for both hardware and software; setting your time, date and location; explanation of different software; and simple



instructions on how to quickly access the World Wide Web.

Stan Israel of Sierra Blanca Computer Support will instruct the class, which is located on the

main floor computer lab.

For information on the program, you may call either Israel at 575-973-4570, or contact Jennifer Stubbs at Ruidoso Public Library at 575-258-3704.

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Land of the midnight sun, Part

How far North can you travel? Aboard an icebreaker, we ply the fjords of Norway's Svalbard Archipelago, seeking wild-life and culture far above the Arctic Circle. Our goal – the farthest North.

We sail aboard the *MS Quest*, a 52-passenger icebreaker. Although mid-summer is days away, outside temps run in range of 40 degrees Fahrenheit. So we observe from inside the *Quest's* 270-degree wide Pano-rama Lounge, training bi-noculars and telephoto lenses on forbidding, but intriguing, landscape.

Glaciers, tundra and polar bears

Blue glaciers pour slowly down chocolate-brown mountains whose bare, sharp peaks look drizzled with vanilla icing that is last winter's snow.

Arctic terns, guillemots, fulmars, kittiwakes and glaucous gulls wheel and cry in leaden skies that won't see twilight until late August. Puffins, lesser auks and skuas skim gray-brown glacial meltwater.

Svalbard's brown fjords appear barren from a distance, unlike the tree-filled fjords of southern Norway.



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But when we go ashore, a carpet of growing things reveals itself – Arctic poppy, purple saxifrage, Arctic chickweed – with tiny white flowers as big as your pinkie nail – plus many species of moss and lichens. One, the so-called "map lichen," grows on every continent, according to on-board biologist Bo. No tree grows on these peaks; only tundra. (Actually, a

"tree" does grow on the tundra. It's the polar willow and reaches a whopping half-inch high.)

We silently scan the ice packs with powerful binoculars and telephotos, seeking whales, bearded, harp and ringed seals and polar bears. The hardest explorers pop outside for a few chilly minutes and clearer views.

"Isbjornen!" shouts a Swedish observer, and the lounge springs to life to image the polar bear, a moving white dot on an even whiter iceberg.

People live here?

Our voyage includes the only other communities on Svalbard besides Longyearbyen ("Midnight Sun, Part Two"). These are Barentsburg and Ny Alesund.

Barentsburg is unique in that it is a Russian settlement in Norway. It's a

complete community with school, hospital (two doctors and three nurses), a sports club with heated seawater swimming pool, church, hotel (seldom used since there are no roads to Barentsburg), statue of Lenin and several iconic murals glorifying work in the Soviet manner. Currency is the ruble, not the Norwegian krona. Weird, but it works

Barentsburg was originally a coal mining operation dating from the 1930s.

In Part Two of this series, you read that Longyearbyen claims to be the world's farthest north community at 78 degrees 33 minutes. That claim is also held by the "community" of Ny Alesund at 78 degrees 57 minutes.

Ny Alesund, when it was known as King's Bay, was also a coal mining town whose chief claim to fame was as the jumping off point, literally, for two airships, the *Norge* and the *Italia* that attempted to cross the North Pole by air. (Remember? You also read this in Part Two: I told you there would be a test.)

Following a tragic accident claiming 12 lives in 1962, coal mining ceased and town was deserted. Today, however, its buildings are used for international polar research.

We explore polar research sites from India, Korea and the Netherlands. The Dutch station researches the life of the endangered barnacle goose. Martin, the enthusiastic researcher, regales us with



Masters of all they survey, male walrus show no fear of humans, or on the island of Karl Prinz Forland in Norway's Svalbard Archipelago

intimate, graphic details of the digestive habits of the goose.

Arctic animals - furry, toothed and tusked

Question – Which animal uses its lips for hands? Answer – walrus, which we observe on a Zodiac excursion on the island of Prinz Karl Forland. The average adult male walrus is 2 – 3 times bigger than a polar bear, so lacking natural enemies, walrus are truly the masters of all they survey. Using their tusks to rake the sea bottom, walrus suck up clams using their fleshy lips as hands to hold the shells. On land, walrus don't do much except sleep, scratch, roll over, yawn and scratch again, but we photograph a blob of 15 adult males for an hour.

Did you ever think of driftwood as a geography lesson? While we explore

the island, Rolf, our expedition leader, bends over a log, examines it and announces, "Most of this washed up from Siberian forestry operations on polar currents. Sometimes we find logs from the Caribbean. We can tell that because the wormholes are larger, made only by big tropical worms."

Where are the bears?

But it's the chance to sight polar bears for which we layer ourselves like the Michelin™ tire man, and bounce over icy waves in open boats through fog and rain to train telephoto lenses on *Ursus maritimus* (polar bear) a hundred yards away.

So far, we've seen more icebergs than bears. "We saw polar bears every day," bragged a friend aboard ship the week before. She showed me her pictures of snowy white

bears posing brilliant blue reflected by

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