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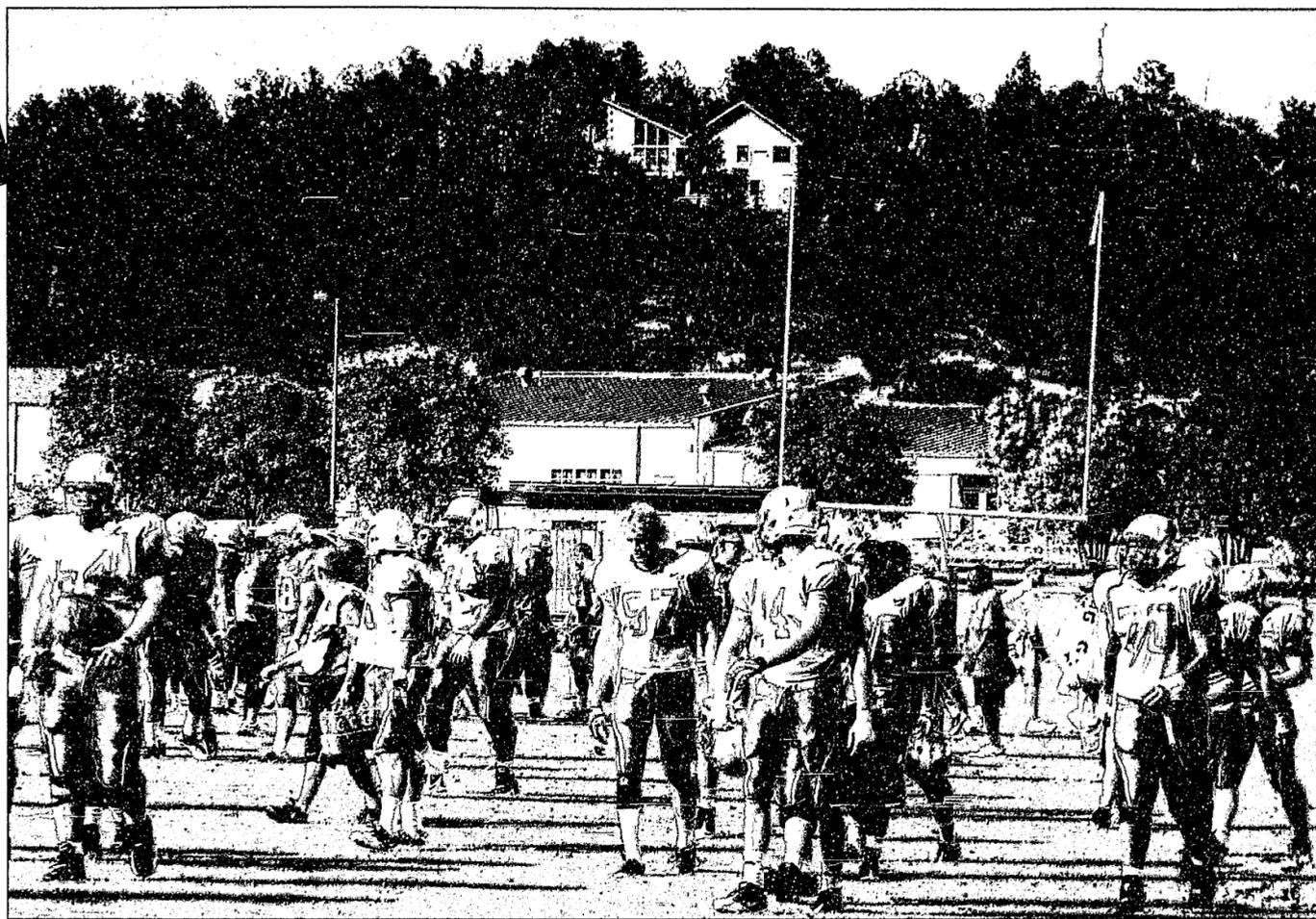
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The University of New Mexico Lobo football team gathers at the White Mountain Sports Complex Wednesday. UNM will scrimmage in Ruidoso through Aug. 21. See Sports.

ON TRACK, PART 4: THE R.D. HUBBARD INTERVIEW

Hubbard speaks out

Before horses at Ruidoso Downs Race Track bolted from the starting gate Thursday, track and Billy the Kid Casino owner R.D. Hubbard sat down at the Hall of Fame Museum with reporters from the *Ruidoso News* to answer questions about the future of the racetrack and the impact of a Sept. 21 referendum on a 3/16th of 1 cent Business Retention Tax.

With Hubbard were Ed Burger, vice-president and secretary/treasurer of Ruidoso Downs Racing Inc., and Bruce Rimbo, vice-president for Ruidoso Downs Racing Inc.

Here is a transcript of that interview.

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RUIDOSO NEWS: Did you ever think the community would be so divided over this issue of a tax hike and the track future?

R.D. HUBBARD: I don't think the community is that divided. I think it's very good that people are going to be able to vote on the issue. I know there are people on both sides, but the main thing is that they are able to have their own vote and let the people speak.

RN: You've been in gaming and horse racing a long time. How long do you see yourself remaining in those professions, regardless of the September vote? Is there any other pursuit or hobby you'd like more time for at some point?

HUBBARD: I came to Ruidoso the first time racing in 1961, so I've been in the racing business for over 50 years and built the farm in Tularosa and everything, and I fully intend to continue in racing for as long as I'm around. Outside of playing a little golf and working a little bit, racing is my main business.

RN: Why did you and your wife Joan Dale go into horse racing here

in the first place? Tell us about your initial attraction to this area and your vision for a world-class horse racing operation.

HUBBARD: Joan Dale and I came here for the first time in 1969, which was basically two years before we got married. I was already in the business. We ended up buying a horse at the horse sale that was named Joan Dale II and that's really how we got started here and we came back every year since then.

RN: When did you say, "I'm going to buy that place"?

HUBBARD: As you might recall in 1988, the track was basically busted and about to close. It was in absolutely terrible shape. The backside was total mud roads. You couldn't even get your vehicles back there, manure was piled so high and everything. We really, because we loved the place and Ruidoso, we decided we could make a difference. That was in 1988. As you might recall, we spent a lot of money fixing and cleaning things up. It's been a labor of love and it still is.

RN: Please expound a little more on your vision for a world-class horse racing operation. Have you achieved what you hoped to?

HUBBARD: Well, in 1988 and thereafter until the gaming initia-

tive was passed, the purses here were very low. We were running about \$16,000 to \$18,000 a day and we were one of the more successful tracks. In other words, we were losing money, but all the tracks in the state were losing money. Sunland Park (in Las Cruces) was ready to shut down and Santa Fe did shut down. So, what we did do was really revive the horse racing industry in the state of New Mexico. Back in those days, the race tracks were paying the state about \$1 million to \$1.5 million in total taxes. This past year, the five race tracks paid the state over \$65 million in taxes. So when you look at it from that standpoint, it has been a success.

RN: If the business retention gross receipts tax passes, can you guarantee the community that you are going to stay the full five years of its implementation?

HUBBARD: We've already guaranteed the Lincoln County Commission and signed the contract that we will stay for the full five years. I think there's been a little misunderstanding in that the county originally requested we sign an agreement that says we couldn't do any planning, we couldn't do anything for the first five years. That's what we objected to. So we have committed that we will be here for the first five years. In that five years, what we hope to accom-

plished is to go back to Santa Fe and try to get tax parity with Native Americans (casinos). As you know, they've already passed for the Indians a tax that is incremental, in other words goes from 3 percent up to 9 percent. What we've asked for the past five years is to do the same for small race tracks. So our intention is to continue working over this five-year period and hopefully, the state will be in a better financial position down the line. And as I've already said, the race tracks are paying \$65 million plus, so there ought to be a way to get \$1 million or \$1.5 million for parity for the small race tracks.

RN: If you're here in five years, will you go back to the voters and seek to renew the tax hike? It appears the legislation puts in place a mechanism for a business retention gross receipts tax. If we don't get that tax parity from the state in five years, would you ask again for the county to set another election?

HUBBARD: I don't think that we can answer that. A lot of things are going to happen in a five-year period. I think we just have to see what happens in Santa Fe, what the economy is like here in Ruidoso and in New Mexico.

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Recreation fees

Recreation Fees will be waived August 14-15, on the Lincoln National Forest.

Officials with the U.S. Forest Service say it is a great time for everyone to get outdoors and hike, bike and enjoy the adventure and mystery of the mountains and caves.

Fee-free sites on the Smokey Bear Ranger District are Cedar Creek Picnic/Pavilion, Schoolhouse Picnic Area, Monjeau Campground, Skyline Campground, Baca Dispersed Campground, and Three Rivers Campground located on Highway 54 north of Tularosa.

Fee-free sites on the Sacramento Ranger District are James Canyon Campground, Upper and Lower Karr Campground, Bluff Springs, the Trestle Recreation Area, Silver Campground and Silver

Overflow Area.

The Guadalupe Ranger District offers fee-free days at Sitting Bull Falls Recreation Area, including Last Chance Trailhead, located near Carlsbad.

The Recreation Enhancement Act allows federal land management agencies to charge modest fees at campgrounds, high-impact recreation areas and at day-use sites that have certain facilities. The Act is designed to increase consistency, coordination, maintenance and enhance visitor services across participating Federal agencies and provides a safe and healthy recreation setting on public lands.

For more information on the Lincoln National Forest, contact the Supervisor's Office in Alamogordo at 575-434-7200; the Smokey Bear Ranger District Office in Ruidoso at 575-257-4095; the Sacramento Ranger District Office in Cloudcroft

at 575-682-2551; or the Guadalupe Ranger District Office in Carlsbad at 575-885-4181. The offices are open between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Forest Service maps, brochures and Smokey Bear memorabilia items are available.

Constitutional rally

The public is invited to join former New Mexico congressman Steve Pearce and many other patriots at the "Restore The Constitution Western Rally" from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday at NM Highway 246, 8 miles North of Capitán.

Organizers said this is an, "armed rally in support of the rights and freedoms given by God and not the government." Open carry of firearms is legal in New Mexico and no permit is required, they said.

Numerous speakers are

scheduled to discuss the Constitution and efforts needed to restore eroding rights.

The Federated Republican Women plan to man a voter registration table. Volunteers to work the table for one or more hours should contact Marti Santos (sant-clan@mac.com).

Consulate help

Representatives from the Albuquerque's Mexican Consulate will be in Ruidoso Saturday to assist Mexican nationals in obtaining Mexican identification credentials for use in America.

They will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center, 501 Sudderth Dr.

"The Mexican Consulate provides assistance to Mexican people in America just as the American consulate

does in Mexico," a spokesman said. "We provide Mexican passports, if they need them, and a type of identification called a madricula consular.

Sometimes with that identification, it depends on the bank or service provider, they can open a bank account or rent a house. It will be approved as a valid ID."

Garage sale

The Federated Republican Women are putting together a Fundraiser Garage Sale from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 20-21, at the Republican Headquarters, 1092 Mechem Dr. in Ruidoso.

Bring donations between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Aug. 18 or 19.

Missile test

Testing at the White

Sands Missile Range is expected to bring a closing of U.S. Highway 380 west of Carrizozo for a couple of hours on Monday, Aug. 16.

Roadblocks will go up at 10 a.m. and remain into 12 p.m. for the missile firing.

The roadblocks will occur at about milepost three, outside San Antonio and milepost 28, near Bingham, according to the missile range.

Book & music sale

Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club is having their annual Book Sale.

Also, CDs, videos, children's books, DVDs, Books on tape, and magazines. Come and stock up for your winter reading.

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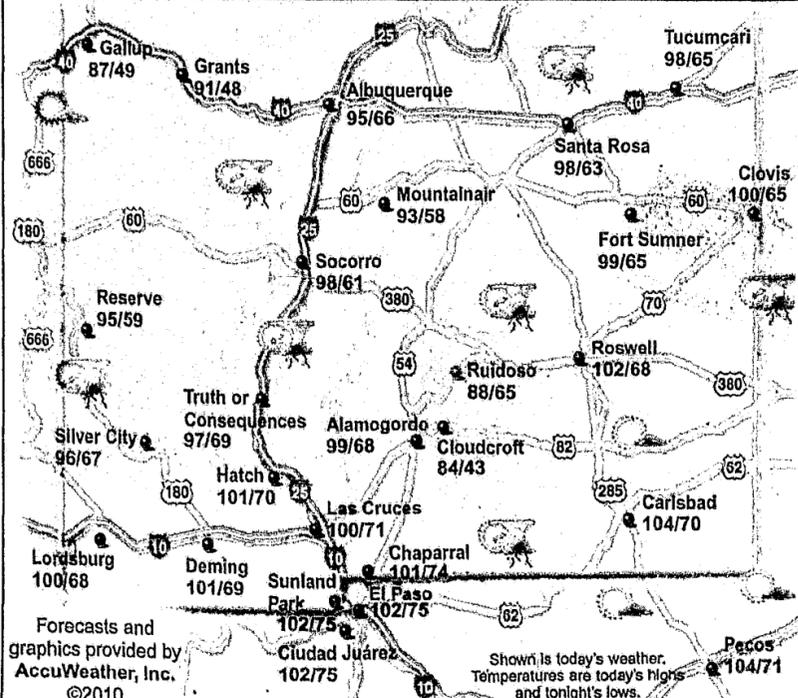
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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
RealFeel 95°	RealFeel 99°	RealFeel 87°	RealFeel 86°	RealFeel 89°	RealFeel 87°	RealFeel 88°
Humidity 36%	Humidity 33%	Humidity 49%	Humidity 52%	Humidity 53%	Humidity 47%	Humidity 54%
88° 65°	92° 64°	84° 62°	82° 61°	86° 62°	83° 62°	79° 62°
Mostly sunny, warm; a p.m. t-storm	Partly sunny, a t-storm in the p.m.	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny, a t-storm possible	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
Wind: W 4-8 mph	Wind: E 4-8 mph	Wind: SE 7-14 mph	Wind: SSE 6-12 mph	Wind: S 6-12 mph	Wind: S 6-12 mph	Wind: SW 4-8 mph

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Regional Cities



Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:
High/low 82°/57°
Normal high 79°
Normal low 49°
Record high 87° (1969)
Record low 38° (1972)

Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.11"
Month to date 0.41"
Normal month to date 1.62"
Year to date 11.43"
Normal year to date 12.75"

Pollen:
Grass High
Trees Low
Weeds High
Mold Low
Predominant Ragweed

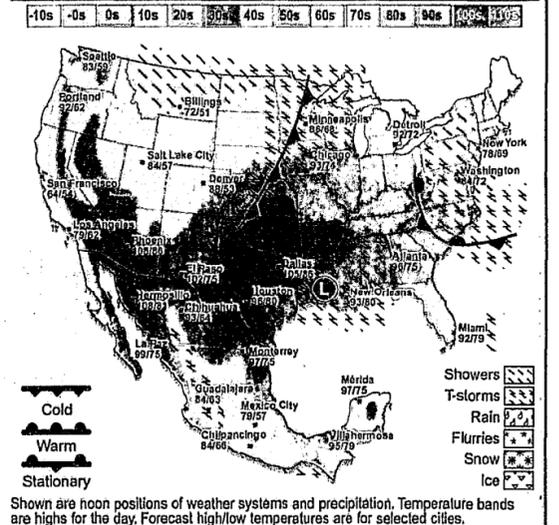
Alamogordo
Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:
High/low 98°/68°
Normal high 91°
Normal low 65°
Record high 100° (2003)
Record low 56° (1968)

Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.54"
Normal month to date 0.88"
Year to date 8.69"
Normal year to date 6.73"

Weather Trivia™:
Q: What is the coldest major U.S. city in the summer?

National Forecast for August 13, 2010



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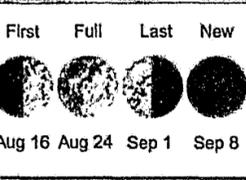
City	Today	Sat.	City	Today	Sat.
Abilene	102/75/s	102/76/s	Albuquerque	95/66/t	95/70/t
Anchorage	65/52/s	70/54/c	Artesia	104/71/s	104/73/s
Atlanta	96/75/t	90/75/t	Chama	83/39/s	86/45/t
Austin	102/77/pc	102/78/pc	Clayton	96/60/t	93/63/t
Baltimore	82/68/c	85/68/pc	Cloudcroft	84/43/t	86/49/t
Boston	74/62/s	77/62/s	Farmington	91/51/s	97/58/t
Chicago	93/74/pc	93/70/t	Hobbs	102/77/s	101/68/s
Dallas	105/86/pc	105/83/s	Los Alamos	88/52/t	91/56/t
Denver	88/53/s	87/52/pc	Portales	102/65/t	100/67/s
Des Moines	92/72/t	87/67/pc	Raton	94/52/t	90/55/t
Detroit	92/72/pc	93/73/t	Red River	84/41/t	86/49/t
El Paso	102/75/t	100/75/t	Ruidoso	88/65/t	92/64/t
Las Vegas	104/75/s	106/81/s	Santa Fe	94/55/t	96/59/t
Los Angeles	79/62/pc	82/62/pc	Silver City	96/67/t	97/66/t
Minneapolis	86/68/t	83/62/pc	Taos	88/46/s	90/53/t
New Orleans	93/80/t	91/80/t			
New York City	78/69/pc	83/71/pc			
Philadelphia	80/68/c	85/70/pc			
Phoenix	108/86/s	111/88/s			
Reno	92/56/s	95/58/s			
San Francisco	64/54/pc	64/53/pc			
San Diego	68/63/pc	70/64/pc			
Seattle	83/59/s	87/61/s			
Tucson	102/77/t	105/78/t			
Tulsa, OK	100/78/s	101/78/s			
Wash., DC	84/72/t	86/72/pc			
Wichita	102/75/t	95/72/t			
Yuma	108/84/s	110/85/s			

Sun and Moon Moon Phases

Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:25 a.m./7:51 p.m.	Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 10:31 a.m./9:59 p.m.
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Extremes

Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)	Wednesday's World High/Low:
High: 111° in Death Valley, CA Low: 27° in Bodie State Park, CA	High: 118° in Mitribah, Kuwait Low: -2° in Islas Orcadas, Argentina



At San Francisco, Calif.

'Old Party Boy' gets a birthday surprise

JANET ARROWSMITH
JUDY PARKER
Special to the Ruidoso News

Roy Parker does not like surprises. No one knows this better than his wife, Judy. Paradoxically, that fact about Roy Parker inspired her to set up the Surprise of the Century, an 80th birthday party at Cree Meadows Country Club on July 29, with about 150 of his family, friends, and former employees in attendance.

Judy began by rounding up a team of diligent and hard-working co-conspirators. She first approached Riker and Condi Davis for creative brainstorming.

Next, she asked Dorsey Grover for a list of the employees who had worked for Roy during his 39 years as manager of the Ski Apache ski area. Later, she enlisted the help of "Old Party Boy" himself, Pat Healy, in working out essential party details. She and Pat butted heads for a couple of weeks, came up with a plan, and then out-sourced all the hard work to Roy and Judy's neighbor, Pat Smith.

On the days leading up to the big event, she needed some good girl friends to support her in all the lies and deceptions necessary to keep Roy in the dark about the true nature of her frantic comings, goings and phone calls. Mary Jo McKeller, Janet Arrow-smith, and Alice Jackson provided Judy with nearly believable excuses for her necessary trips around town and helped her in the inevitable near-misses and last minute trouble shooting.

Roy thought he was coming to Cree to pick up his wife before going out for a low-key birthday dinner with Riker and Cindi Davis. He later commented that he wondered why there were so many cars in the Cree Meadows parking lot on a Thursday night. Weeks before, Judy told him she and her friends

were committed to hosting a baby shower on July 29, and he wondered out loud "Why, of all the 365 days in a year, you all had to pick my birthday for a ... baby shower."

Roy's son, Monty, daughter-in-law Virginia, and grandchildren Hannah and Evan, were secreteed in-to Ruidoso from Raleigh, N.C. and hidden in plain sight at a Condotel house up the street from the Parkers. Judy's son, Pete Nalda, with Tim McCracken and Sawyer Ward, provided musical entertainment before and during dinner, and performed the essential "Happy Birthday" melody once Roy arrived.

During the dinner, a selection of attendees and volunteers participated in a "roast" of Parker. Former employee Ruth Strohshine summed up Parker's career in saying "Roy, you not only left a big trail, you made a great mountain with many trails for people to follow."

In 1963, the Mescalero Apache tribe, under the leadership of President Wendell Chino, purchased Sierra Blanca, a small ski area financed by oilman Robert O. Anderson and developed by Kingsbury Pitcher, a renowned ski area developer.

"Pitch," as he is known in the very large Western ski world, told Roy Parker that he should contact Chino, who was looking for a skier who had been in the ski management business. Parker helped start Aspen and Vail ski areas as a beginning ski instructor and eventually moved on to manage Loveland Basin in Colorado.

President Chino invited



COURTESY J. ARROWSMITH AND PHILLIP COLLINS

Parker to come look at the little Sierra Blanca Ski Area, to see if he would be interested in coming down to take over its management.

An important business connection was forged between two independent and strong-willed men and resulted in a very successful 39-year business partnership. President Chino died in 1998. Parker retired from Ski Apache in 2003 and was inducted into the New Mexico Ski Hall of Fame in February

2007.

At his birthday celebration, Roy's son Monty outlined the three indirect lessons he learned from Roy about the best place to be in the chain of management, "At the top."

Granddaughter Hannah took credit for Roy's retirement, which he announced the year she switched from skiing to snowboarding.

Denys McCoy explained how Roy's careful lessons in conservative politics lead him to vote for Jimmy Carter, and Jovian Smith perfectly mimicked Roy's voice calling him by name when there were unwelcome surprises at the ski area.

Lloyd Davis reminded the crowd of well-wishers that it was Roy Parker's management style and vision that made Ski

Apache a tremendously successful business with a loyal and hardworking staff. He also described how Roy developed Ski Apache into a highly desirable destination for skiers at all skill levels.

At the end of the evening, Roy admitted that though he has always hated surprises, this surprise resulted in one of the most memorable and joyous nights of his life.

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OUR OPINION

Rally supports Constitutional rights

Capitan confab is simply a confirmation

Frankly, we really don't know what to make of Saturday's planned "Restore the Constitution Western Rally" to be held eight miles north of Capitan on NM 246.

Organizers say this is an "armed rally in support of the rights and freedoms given by God and not the government."

Fair enough. We certainly support the 2nd Amendment to the United States Constitution that gives citizens the right to keep and bear arms. And we are thankful we live in a state, as opposed to many Northern and Eastern U.S. jurisdictions, that

has liberal firearm possession laws; it's the old saying: "When guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns."

This is the second such rally held in these parts this year; in the spring, about 100 people, most armed, gathered in Alamo to confirm their 2nd Amendment rights.

Saturday's confab promises to be considerably larger, and it coincides with an "Eastern Rally" scheduled the same day in North Carolina. A number of speakers are expected, and no alcohol will be allowed.

Other than that, we'll see.

New Mexico history is in the telling

Telling New Mexico: A New History is a new book, published in 2009, from the Museum of New Mexico Press. The book, with essays by 45 authors, was produced in conjunction with the opening of the New Mexico History Museum. Most of the essays are reprinted from other places.

Buying the book seemed an appropriate part of our first visit to the history museum last month. Besides, being a museum foundation member brought a ten percent discount.

Much of the book is not history, as I understand the meaning of history. For me, "history" is something along the lines of retelling old stories, adding newly discovered material and providing interpretation where justified.

Telling seems a bit of museum jargon with meaning obscure. In the epilogue, museum director France Levine says, "Today, the collection, curation and exhibition of these 'tellings' are a partnership between museum and community.... The best (history museums) play a strong role in framing social policy and provide a long-term perspective on what makes communities and states unique."

Wow. Framing social policy? But who does the framing and what sort of lumber is used? To a fair degree, the social policy the book (and the museum) frames is one of rampant victimization.

This matters. For example, an Aug. 2 story on Foxnews.com pitched the joys of the new museum, which is in "a stately building designed in the local Pueblo Revival style (with) beautifully laid-out galleries of the History Museum, a modern facility displaying a vast trove of memorabilia and artifacts that tell the Land of Enchantment's richly colorful story."

Because it was there, the Fox reporter took the "telling" and the framing of social policy at face value.

Caveat: I have not read all 480 pages of "Telling New Mexico." However, I have read a number of the essays and spent

several hours trolling through the book. This trolling began with a pre-purchase online look at the index, seeking information about uranium prospecting in the 1950s. Uranium was not mentioned in the index. Nor is any other mineral. Nor, it turns out, is the movie, *Salt of the Earth*. This tells me the index is of poor quality.

Salt of the Earth gets three mentions and plays a major role in Sarah Deutsch's 15-page essay, "Labor, Land and Protest since Statehood." Deutsch, a history professor at Duke, is big on writing about gender issues in the Southwest. *Salt of the Earth* tells of heroic striking zinc miners in Grant County in the early

1950s and, as Deutsch says, the "harshly anti-union national corporation" mine owner. The movie deserves mention, but it gets far more than is justified.

Uranium, I found, gets passing mentions. This discovery came from reviewing index entries for "mining." Uranium is a central character in *Radiant Beings, Laguna Pueblo*, by the late Paula Gunn Allen. Allen was a poet and novelist who grew up "on the Cubero land grant and at Laguna Pueblo," says her biographical sketch. She retired from UCLA "as professor of English, creative writing and American Indian studies." An historian all the way, you bet.

Telling New Mexico includes material that seems like history to me. A Highlands University professor emeritus, Michael Olsen, provides a 16-page survey of the Santa Fe Trail. Olsen reminds us that the trail was a commercial venture from day one. He includes the chief players and a partial inventory from one 1844 shipment.

If nothing else, *Telling New Mexico* is yet another slap from the Richardson administration at the resource-related activities—mining, oil and gas, and farming and ranching—that are central to New Mexico's economic existence. I doubt a conspiracy simply because conspiracies are pervasive. Instead I see the pervasive culture of Santa Fe.

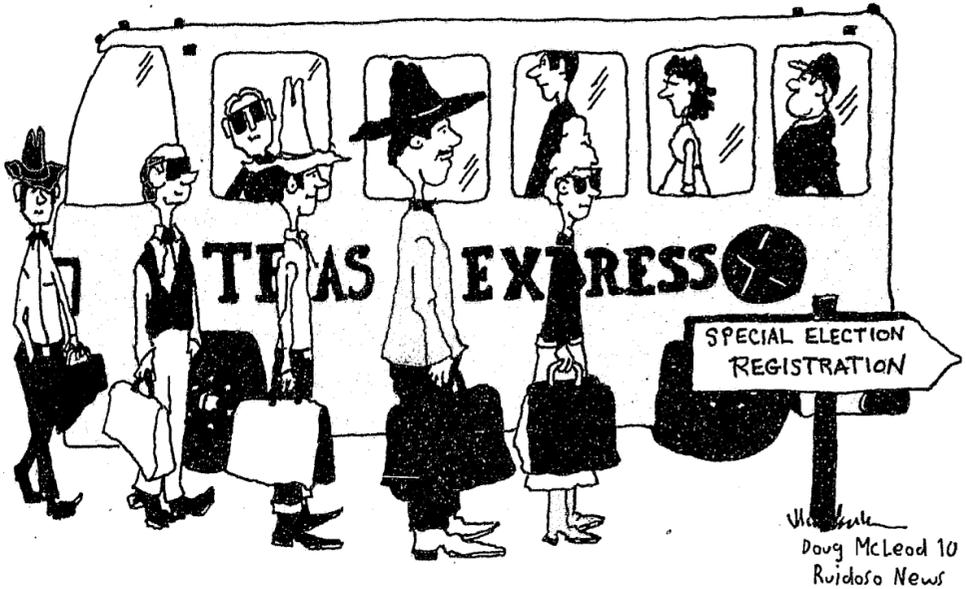
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New residents arriving daily...



Doug McLeod 10 Ruidoso News

YOUR OPINION

Out-of-state registrants raise concerns

To the editor:

PROponents of the special gross receipts tax election to subsidize Ruidoso Downs Race Track are circulating an unattributed flyer encouraging out-of-state voters to register in Lincoln County to vote in the special election.

The New Mexico Election Code, Section 1 20 3 NMSA 1978, requires a new elector to sign an affidavit of residency. False swearing to subvert the registration requirements of New Mexico law is a 4th degree felony and can result in a prison sentence of up to 18 months.

For the scofflaws who think they can steal the tax election, please do not think the local citizenry is so inept or powerless it will not call you out if you commit election fraud.

You can be assured provisions are in place to immediately con-

text the election if the tax increase passes and there is any evidence of voter fraud. Upon filing an election contest, the New Mexico State Police are court-ordered to seize all the ballot boxes until the voter registration is checked for each ballot.

Be very careful what you wish for when you declare an intent to reside in New Mexico in order to vote in the tax election. You may just end up with an 18-month "residence" in the New Mexico Casa Grande. That's the "big house" for those who don't speak the lingo.

J. Robert Beauvais
Attorney at Law

Dirty and underhanded

To the editor:

IN REFERENCE TO THE story "30 Texans registered to vote in track election" - I have never

heard of anything so dirty and underhanded being done by the proponents of the racetrack tax hike.

These folks have ACORN all to beat!

Alice Hawker
Ruidoso

Level the playing field

To the editor:

I HAVE A PROPOSAL to Ruidoso-Lincoln County residents to form a committee on behalf of the manure plant to act as whistle blowers on new residents from outside Lincoln County and report these to New Mexico Tax & Revenue for resident income tax in 2010. We'll apply the reward money to the [operating] costs of the manure facility.

Let's level the playing field!

Don Isbell
Ruidoso

Track move is a real possibility

To the editor:

QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN raised regarding the ability of The Ruidoso Downs and Casino to move its operation to a different location. As Chairman of the New Mexico State Racing Commission I hope I can clarify some of those.

First, Ruidoso Downs does have the legal right to apply for a change of location. The commission has to look at a request and decide what is best for the racing industry.

While such a decision would entail debate and discussion, the Racing Commission has previously approved change of venue requests. Let me emphasize that as a commissioner, we have to look at what is best for the racing industry, and our own personal interest will play no part in this decision.

Second, there are a limited number of racing licenses available for the state and additional ones won't be considered or issued until 2039. If the commission does approve a different location for the present owner, Ruidoso Downs will be an abandoned facility.

It is my sincere hope that the above information addresses at least some of the questions that have been raised regarding this matter.

Marty Cope
Chairman
New Mexico State Racing
Commission

What will replace track?

To the editor:

IT'S INTERESTING TO see the uproar generated over a minimal amount of out-of-pocket money that will help our friends and

neighbors keep their jobs and business keep its doors open.

The arguments that there will be something else to replace the \$5 million payroll and the multi million dollar impact on the economy are hollow at best.

What is the next revenue generator that will appear on the scene that will create the revenue numbers that are going to be lost immediately? The loss we will incur will be immediate. Come on, someone tell us! It needs to be in place and generating large dollars instantly to not cripple a sizeable amount of our economy.

Have you thought of the unemployment county-wide that is going to happen? There's a deep recession occurring that is going to impact us for some time, folks, and this will certainly compound that.

I'm not just talking about the track employees. I'm talking about all the businesses that will have to survive by reducing overhead by at least layoffs. It will affect almost everything in the county from grocery stores to restaurants and cafes, from waiters and waitresses to clerks and service personnel. Construction, which is in trouble now, may not even survive.

What about unemployment benefits? I don't think the government coffers are very flush now and adding more burdens to that may be disastrous. How long can our friends and neighbors survive until the new industry or plan arrives with an instant payroll for several hundred unemployed residents?

The unfortunate simple truth is that they will have to leave to find a place that they can work to support their families and that will bring a whole new set of

problems such as a nose dive in property values due to a glut of vacancies or homes and business for sale caused by the exodus.

I hope that we all realize that there is nothing out there to replace what we have and when and if there is it won't be in the near future. It will take at least several new entities an extended period of time and error to weed out the success from the failures to regenerate the payroll losses.

And what will be the reason for new business to invest in a hard-hit community that has already suffered the losses as described above? Entrepreneurs are few and far between these days and not likely to try to become a pioneer with their hard-earned dollars.

The out-of-pocket cost to keep what we love and why we live here is minimal. To not cause anxiety and pain to our friends and family ranges from a little over three cents per day, a dollar and eight cents per month, to a little over five cents per day, a dollar and 58 cents per month. It's a cup of coffee to keep what we have.

I know all of the Hubbard detractors will say if that's all that it is, he can afford it let him pay. The truth is he has been paying for several years.

Michael O'Brien
Alto

Business in jeopardy

To the editor:

I HAVE BEEN COMING to Ruidoso since the 1940s. I retired and moved here permanently in 1998. I own a piece of horse property and I feel that our property

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OPINION

OUR OPINIONS

Abandoned facilities don't produce

By Lisa Morales, general manager of the *Ruidoso News*

If the Commission does approve a different location for the present owner, Ruidoso Downs will be an abandoned facility."

So writes New Mexico State Racing Commission Chairman Marty Cope in a letter to the editor that, she says, is meant to clarify questions that "have been raised regarding the ability of The Ruidoso Downs and Casino to move its operation to a different location."

They are words worth consideration. The Ruidoso Downs, "an abandoned facility." What would that actually mean to Lincoln County?

While there has been extensive coverage in the *Ruidoso News* regarding the interest neighboring communities have in moving The Downs to Clovis, Alamogordo or Las Cruces there hasn't been much discussion regarding the impact to Lincoln County if the racetrack actually left.

What we haven't discussed in any sort of real depth, however, is what if?

What if the BRT is voted down? What claim does the community have to the racetrack? After all, it would seem this vote is as much about our belief in and support of the track as any election we've had.

What if the arguments to vote down this bill are incorrectly stated? The opposing view stating the racetrack cannot move isn't accurate. In Chairman Cope's letter she writes, "...the Racing Commission has previously approved change of venue requests."

It is also misleading to think that another operator could walk into the race-track facilities and immediately re-open for business.

Cope writes that there are a limited number of licenses available "and additional ones won't be considered or issued until 2039."

Misleading statements can place questions in a voters mind.

Most certainly if the track relocates it would impact Lincoln County financially.

That's a tough one to swallow. After all, "abandoned facilities" don't produce jobs no matter where they're located.

They don't lure tourists, they don't produce tax revenue and they don't create economic opportunity.

Perhaps worst of all is what abandoned facilities actually represent: failure. Abandoned facilities represent failure and deep down, I suspect we all recognize that.

There's a little more than three weeks left between now and the time ballots are mailed out and less than three weeks after they have to be returned on Sept. 21.

That time should be used to consider all the potential pros and cons of this election in as balanced and as fair a manner as possible.

Perhaps that hasn't been done as well as it could have in the past.

Moving forward it's imperative that we try a little harder. What's potentially on the line in this election is worth the effort.



Facing our economic mortality

By Marty Racine, editor of the *Ruidoso News*

The Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino is vital to the economy of Lincoln County.

License holder R.D. Hubbard has done this area proud. His foundation supports worthy organizations. His racino is a magnet for tourists. His attractive subdivisions add to the county's tax base, drawing new residents with money, education, culture and a volunteer ethic.

Perhaps unwittingly, in his attempt to gain a \$750,000 tax credit, he has also polarized this community as no man and no issue could.

The split is real – neighbor against neighbor, friends versus friends.

The *Ruidoso News*, as the area's best-read and only independent newspaper, has been caught in the crossfire. We have been accused of being in Hubbard's hip pocket, and we have been vilified for merely being a real newspaper, a messenger of news and opinions that are "biased" to those who might disagree.

The political and advertising pressure by tax advocates against this publication, which has served this county for 64 years, has been enormous. The attacks on this editor have, frankly, been demoralizing. There have been scurrilous accusations and rampant paranoia – even bogus form letters to the editor "supporting" the tax.

This is what happens in a "company town" where threats to relocate have become an annual rite. It is not a blueprint for rational civic debate.

I don't begrudge Hubbard's wealth. The American way allows him to pursue

success – and take his risks. I do have a problem with corporate welfare – privatized gains and socialized losses.

We're talking pennies on the dollar, but in this economy, people are already strapped; and in Ruidoso, we pay the second-highest gross receipts tax in the state. It could even be argued that the high cost of shopping here acts as a deterrent.

In an editorial four weeks ago, we cautioned that any election driven by special interests undermines voter confidence in the system. Look around. It's happening.

There's a positive here. Ruidoso is facing its economic mortality. We have been forced to consider a scenario absent horse racing at Ruidoso Downs. People are talking about diversification.

Here's the bottom line: However you vote in this special election, as a community we are not in control of our destiny. Hubbard is in the saddle. With state permission he can relocate, sell or stay.

He says he will remain at least five years if the tax passes. But a "no" vote on Sept. 21 doesn't necessarily mean the track leaves.

If the track stays, that's a bonus, but it is time to get real, seize our destiny, plan ahead and diversify the attractions and industry that bring tourism. For that, we will need true, non-partisan leadership among elected officials, the business community and the general population.

Can anyone calm down long enough to accept such a challenge?



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and I feel that our property value would decrease if the track closed.

My wife and I are very concerned that the current business and restaurants might be in jeopardy due to loss of revenue. I am sure some tourist would come in the summer to enjoy the cool climate and etc. but not to the extent that the track brings to Ruidoso

A closure of the track could have a severe impact on the whole town. Everyone could suffer due to the loss of tourist spending and the local residents might not have jobs.

Some people think Ruidoso doesn't need the track, but they are very misinformed. The track supports many businesses and creates jobs of all sorts all over town. Our little Village has grown and we hope it continues to grow. A thing called progress

I have worked hard all of my life and chose Ruidoso to retire. I would hate to have to move because of higher taxes due to loss of revenue of current business. I think that the small tax that would be added to everyone is easier than the alternative.

I believe in the USA and that everyone has a right to their opinion.

Paul Brian Woods
Ruidoso

To the editor:

WHY WOULD the village mayor, manager and councilors participate in hosting an event on village property that could potentially assist illegal aliens residing in the United States?

On Aug. 14, the Mexican Consulate from Albuquerque will be at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center to issue Matricula Consular ID Cards to Mexican nationals. This card is useful for illegal aliens, since legal immigrants, by definition, have U.S. government-issued documents.

For years, this ID card has been issued to Mexican citizens living in the United States regardless of their immigration status. Since 2002, in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks when a migration deal with Mexico was tabled, the Mexican government has launched an aggressive campaign to win acceptance for its matricula card, especially where Mexican illegal aliens are concentrated. This effort is to achieve quasi-legal status for Mexican illegals in the United States.

Of particular concern in New Mexico is the acceptance of this card as proof of identity to get a driver's license. If you are not eligible for a Social Security card, the MVD accepts a Matricula

Consular card issued after Feb. 1, 2005, by the Mexican Consulate in Albuquerque or El Paso.

Not only does the matricula subvert U.S. immigration law, it is not even a secure identity document. Mexico is not authenticating breeder documents and safeguards are not in place to prevent multiple issuances of matricula cards to the same individual. The INS has reported finding multiple cards in different names issued to the same person. And non-Mexican citizens have been found in possession of these cards.

Furthermore, we fear the village could be in violation of Sec. 274. [8 U.S.C. 1324] of the Immigration and Nationality Act, which reads as follows:

"Any person (including a group of persons, business, organization, or local government) who . . . encourages or induces an alien to . . . reside . . . knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such . . . residence is . . . in violation of law, shall be punished as provided . . . for each alien in respect to whom such a violation occurs . . . fined under title 18 . . . imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both."

For that reason we return to our question, is Ruidoso a sanctu-

ary city?

Glynis Racine
Sally Moore
Terry Franklin

School's a busy time

To the editor:

THE WEEKEND before school starts is the busiest time of the year for the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter. Even though the Nest has been operating at or near capacity for the last two years, we will be welcoming more battered women and their children seeking shelter this weekend. We are honored to serve hundreds of abuse victims at our shelter each and every year.

Ruidoso and Lincoln County have always taken excellent care of our residents. At the beginning of the school year, our children go to class with new backpacks stuffed with all the school supplies they will need.

The thrill on the face of the kids as they "shop" our closet for the perfect backpack is precious.

Many thanks to the churches and businesses that support the backpack program such as J Bar J Church, First Baptist Church of Ruidoso, First Savings Bank and the Optimist Club. HEAL's Board President Joe Gomez also person-

ally bought several backpacks for our kids.

There are ample opportunities to help the shelter by volunteering at our Sweet Charity Resale Boutique, which depends on donations from the community to sort and price the merchandise.

Our residents get exclusive shopping privileges at Sweet Charity and we are thankful to you all for the quality donations you have dropped off. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Sweet Charity at 378-0041.

Other creative ideas of helping include redirecting birthday or anniversary gifts to the Nest, as Charlotte Todd recently did. On her birthday, she asked friends and family to buy gifts for the shelter residents instead of her. She filled our lobby with stacks of gorgeous bath towels, dishes, toiletries and other items. Our residents deeply appreciated that gesture. Thank you, Charlotte!

On behalf of Help End Abuse for Life, please accept our gratitude for your support in helping to address our problem with domestic violence. If you have questions about our shelter, give me a shout at 575-378-6378.

Coleen Widell
Executive Director
Help End Abuse for Life

The gatekeeper to New Mexico's political machine

MATTHEW CHANDLER

"Corruption in New Mexico has reached the level of epidemic, and is in all forms of government." Don't take my word for it; take it from recently retired FBI Special Agent in Charge Tom McClenaghan, who concluded that our state might just be the most corrupt in the nation.

Of course, corruption is not limited to one political party in New Mexico. Corruption is simply a seed planted in the minds of too many career politicians that sprouts in the soil of greed, pride, and the fear of being replaced. Those involved exchange their honor for bribes, their integrity for money, and their convictions for dealings in bad-faith.

The Gatekeeper's Record

After reviewing Attorney General Gary King's record over the last four years a quote comes to mind, "Don't mistake activity

for achievement."

Attorney General Gary King has acted as the gatekeeper to a political machine that will go down in the books as perhaps the most scandalous in our history. So what does Gary King have to show for the last four years he has been in office during an era of corruption at epidemic levels? One plea of guilty in exchange for 15 dismissals, a conviction that led to probation, a case on appeal after a judge dismissed half the charges due to errors his office made and a couple of postponed cases to be decided long after New Mexico's 2010 election.

All Bark, No Bite

King keeps saying he is going to "send a message that misuse of public monies will be prosecuted by (the) office and this type of behavior will not be tolerated by the people of New Mexico." He had the chance to prosecute those responsible for bad-faith investments of over \$200 million

dollars in New Mexico's retirement funds. And yet New Mexico employees and teachers are dependent upon New York's attorney general to resolve the state's most historical and corrupt pay-to-play scandal yet. Our own attorney general should be leading this fight.

We can't afford four more years of a gatekeeper, who looks the other way while the entrenched establishment picks the pockets of New Mexico's taxpayers. We read headline after headline concerning the degree to which corruption has been allowed to flourish. It would appear that Mr. King is more interested in protecting his friends, than he is New Mexico.

A Call for Change

As a career prosecutor, I don't take lightly my tasks ahead as this state's next Attorney General. Since 2002, I have served as district attorney in the NM's 9th Judicial District and I have been successfully prosecut-

ing criminals my entire career. As a special appointed Assistant United States Attorney, I assisted federal prosecutors in dismantling the New Mexico Aryan Brotherhood, an organized white supremacist gang in the business of committing violent crimes and drug trafficking. I removed a Republican county treasurer for falsifying public records and made her forfeit her salary back to the taxpayers as restitution.

One of my greatest honors was receiving the New Mexico Law Enforcement Prosecutor of the Year Award in 2006 for my ability to work with law enforcement officers throughout the state to bring justice to victims.

I believe that justice in this state must be administered fairly but swiftly, regardless of the political circle one runs in or how powerful their friends. I also believe the punishment a criminal receives must be severe enough to deter others from committing similar acts. I am not

touting my experience for any reason except that it is the kind of experience we need if New Mexico wants to shake the stigma of being one of the most corrupt states in the nation.

For too long, the New Mexico Attorney General's Office has been used to push - or at least not impede -- a political agenda and the real job of protecting the people of New Mexico has been ignored. It's time this office is led by a prosecutor, not a 30-year politician.

I am often reminded of Edmund Burke's famous quote, "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." Make no mistake about it, corruption has permeated our state, having a devastating impact on our economy and eroding public confidence in our government. It's time we do something about it.

MATTHEW CHANDLER is a Republican candidate for New Mexico Attorney General.

BUSINESS

HUBBARD

FROM PAGE 1A

RN: Is there any planning in the Hubbard family or corporation for continuance at, and the long-term viability of, Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino?

HUBBARD: My son and especially my grandson are very active in the racing end of our business right now. Like most people who come to the racetrack, it all started with their father or grandfather taking them to the races and so on. That's how I got started. So I would say to you that the Hubbard family will continue to be in racing for a long time after I'm gone.

RN: When you say racing, in the horse part of it, in the business track part of it?

HUBBARD: Well, you know, I can't speak about the track for sure, but I can assure you they're going to be racing horses. Whether there will be ownership of a track or not, I don't know.

RN: Are they more actively involved in the breeding operation in Tularosa right now?

HUBBARD: Yes, my grandson, Shaun Hubbard, is basically running our racing stable. He's what I guess you would call our director of racing or racing manager of the race horses.

RN: How many horses do you have at the breeding facility?

HUBBARD: We have approximately 150. Now, you get the new babies, and we'll be close to 200, and then we will sell some in the sales. And we have around 40 at the race tracks.

RN: Does that include both Tularosa and Hondo?

HUBBARD: Hondo is just a breeding farm, it's just studs. In other words. We keep all the mares in Tularosa and we breed them up in Hondo.

RN: We hear that the horse racing industry is hurting in many areas and needs to reinvent itself to a degree. What other types of activities at the track during the races could boost revenues and as (New Mexico Racing Commissioner and local business owner) Eddie Fowler said, work to attract a younger crowd?

HUBBARD: Racing as a whole clear across the country is having difficulties. The only places that

are really showing an increase or improvements are in the states where they have passed alternative forms of gaming for the race tracks, such as New Mexico. You're seeing more and more states trying to pass something, which is an economic development issue, because racing is a multi-billion dollar business nationwide. So from the standpoint of attracting younger people, I think we're very fortunate here in Ruidoso that the people coming from Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, they bring their families and we get a lot of younger people here at Ruidoso Downs. It's amazing as small as our track is, our attendance figures probably are in the top 10 percent of all the race tracks in the country.

RN: Are you talking on a per capita basis?

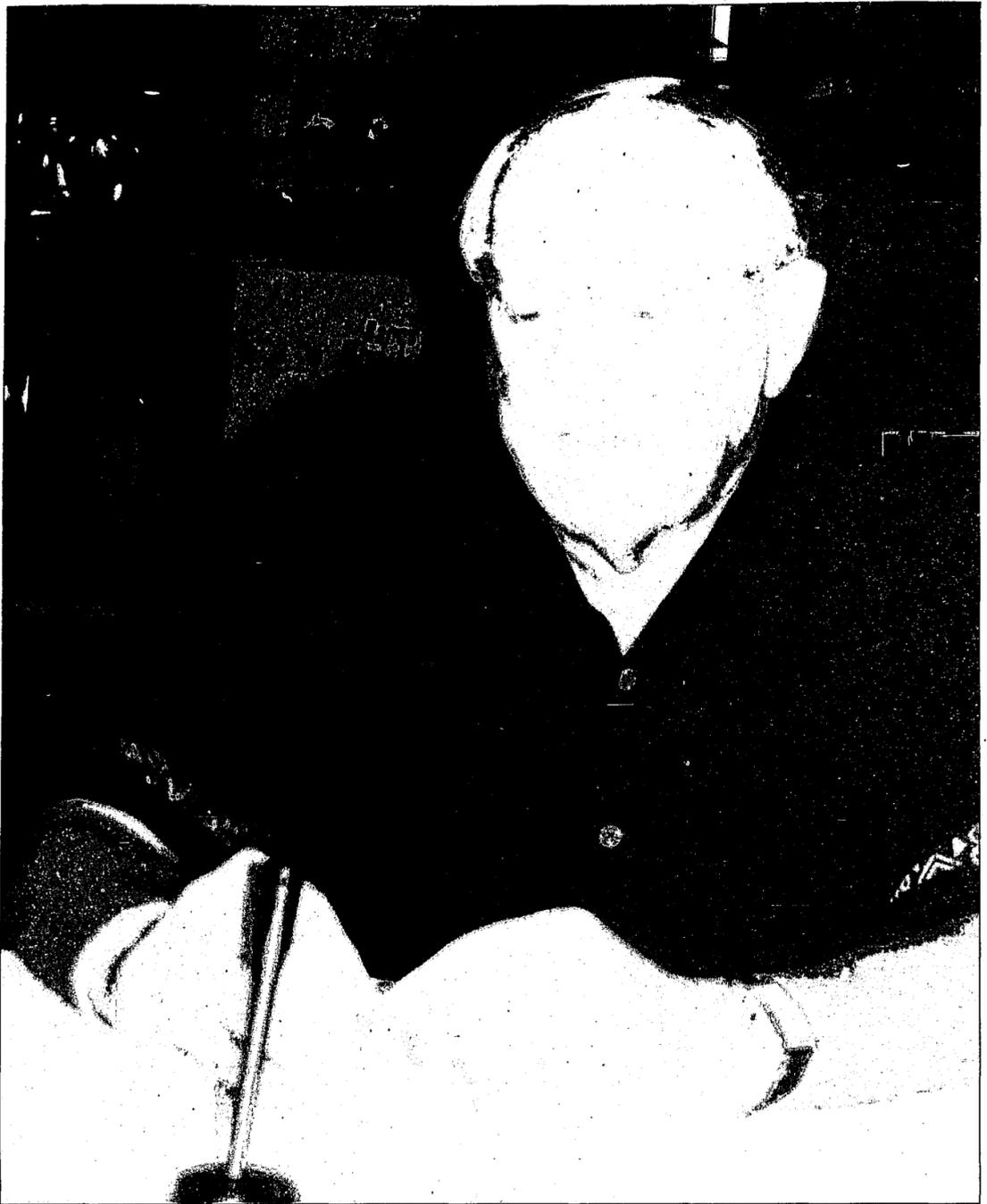
HUBBARD: No, the number of people. We average around 4,400 people a day at our race track. The difference is we don't bet like the old (tracks). Our handle per capita is like \$40 to \$50 per person, whereas you go to Hollywood Park and the older tracks, the people will bet \$200 to \$300 per person. But we do have great crowds and it's a great entertainment facility here.

RN: Have you ever considered light entertainment between races like local bands for the younger people?

HUBBARD: We've had in the grandstand from time to time, The Flying J Ranch (singers) and a bunch of things like that. It works when there is special occasion. Last week, when had the Zia Festival here, we had booths and stuff and people from all over the state, and it was very successful. But once again, I don't think it works on an everyday basis.

RN: Have we looked at what other tracks are doing? Is there something in the back of your mind that says, "You know, I might like to try that to see if it helps bring in younger people."

HUBBARD: At one time I owned seven race tracks. We tried a lot of different things and probably the most successful thing we had was at Hollywood Park (in California) and we had Friday night racing. We had live bands and this



R.D. HUBBARD

type of thing and we did create new fans and they're still doing that. We do not have the luxury here of having lights and that type of thing and being able to run at night. I would just say that at all the race tracks, we've tried different things. To be very honest, when you're competing against the National Football League and all of the other television sports today... Racing when we had the exclusive and we were the only gaming that was allowed outside of Las Vegas, the race tracks were very successful. But once you opened up the casinos every where in the country, especially two miles down the road from us, why, it does affect us.

RN: Have you considered parking or entry fees as a revenue enhancer?

HUBBARD: Yes. Before the gaming initiative was passed, we used to charge for parking and admission, but we were losing big

money. Here's the real issue. The people who come to the race track only come with a certain amount of money. If you charge them for parking and you charge them for admission, and they've got to buy a program, a tip sheet, that leaves them very little money to actually bet through the windows. The race track and the horsemen make their money based on the amount of money bet through the pari-mutuel. All the purses come through the pari-mutuel handle. So what you hope is that the people will come in and if they are going to spend \$25, you don't take \$10 of it before they get to the windows. Hopefully, they will win a little bit so that \$20 gets turned. Maybe it's \$60 they end up betting and every time that dollar goes through the window, 20 percent comes off the top for the purses and operation.

RN: Are there other things that could be looked at besides admission and parking?

HUBBARD: I think it might be interesting that our race track revenues are basically the same for the last 10 years. We basically had a 2 percent increase from 2001 to 2010. Where we're really getting killed is in the casino. We can show you that everything was going along good until the Mescalero (Apache Tribe) opened the Travel Center. In the first 18 months the Travel Center (on U.S. 70) was opened, our casino gaming went down 28 percent. Some people say, "Then you opened Hobbs (Zia Race Track and Casino) and Hobbs affected you." Well in the 18 months after Hobbs opened, our casino revenues only went down 6 percent. We can show you (offering a chart) a direct correlation with the opening of the Travel Center to our drop in handle.

RN: If the tax passes, what will you do with the \$750,000 credit? Will it be used to offset your tax liability? Would you put more money into infrastructure or other things possibly?

HUBBARD: I think it's important that people understand that money does not come to the race

track. That money is retained by the state to offset part of our gaming tax that we pay the state. As far as the infrastructure and stuff, in the last three years for example, we've spent over \$4.5 million in capital improvements here at the racetrack. That includes new slot machines to be competitive, trying to keep state-of-the-art machines. It includes barns in the barn area and different things. We will continue to spend on the capital improvements we require.

RN: But it would potentially net a extra \$750,000, because you won't be paying as much gaming tax to the state. What percentage of whatever the credit is, that would stay on the books, then might go into infrastructure, might go into improvements at the track, other amenities here?

HUBBARD: It really won't change that standpoint, because as I said, we're already spending \$1 million to \$1.5 million a year on that. But what it will do is cut our losses hopefully in half.

RN: Was the Travel Center (casino) supposed to be temporary until the Inn of the Mountain Gods and

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Casino opened? Is that a misconception?

HUBBARD: I don't know, but originally I thought it was temporary, but then construction started.

RN: A couple of people have said to me, wasn't that supposed to be temporary until the Inn of the Mountain Gods opened? Is that a misconception?

HUBBARD: I don't know. But originally I thought it was temporary. But then the construction they started with...

RIMBO: That's what I remember about it.

RN: We understand that you've applied for the 2011 meet at Ruidoso Downs and I think I saw it was approved. So it's assured the track will be open next summer?

HUBBARD: No, that's not the fact. The rules of the Racing Commission require us to file for racing dates a year in advance. So all of the tracks have filed for their 2011 racing dates. So from the standpoint of whether we'll be racing here or won't be racing here, that's still up in the air. The racing dates can be amended.

RN: But that wouldn't be enough time to say we're going to open up another track and casino somewhere else. We're not going to have a new track and casino in another location for 2011?

HUBBARD: Well, if you look at the last one we built, it was in Hobbs, we started construction in late March and we opened the casino and everything in November. So it took us

seven months from the day we started construction to where we were open for business.

RN: Both the track and the casino?

HUBBARD: No, the track didn't open until the following year for the racing dates. It depends on when your racing dates are.

RN: So there's the possibility there could be a void for one-year of racing at five tracks?

HUBBARD: No, I don't think that's a possibility. Because the, I don't want to go into this, but the state law requires the track, some track, to be open every day or you can't have slot machines.

RN: If the tax fails, can you still see yourself staying at Ruidoso Downs?

HUBBARD: Well, it's always our intent, and the reason we're trying so hard is we want to stay in Ruidoso Downs. We fully intend to stay in Ruidoso Downs. So my whole goal and everything is the business retention initiative is going to pass. We're not looking any different than that.

RN: If you are intent on relocating your license, what cities look attractive to you right now?

HUBBARD: As you know, we've had several cities that have expressed an interest and everything. We have not sat down and talked to them or this type of thing. We have no plans to do that until after we see how the Sept. 21 election comes out.

RN: Is there a business plan or a study completed for any areas, like Las

Cruces has been talked about for a couple of years now I think, that you might consider that would make relocation a viable investment?

HUBBARD: we have had, I don't know what you would call it...

RIMBO: Projections.

HUBBARD: We have had projections by experts in several locations throughout the state. So yes, we have done some planning in that regard.

RN: The planning, is it fair to say an area with a larger population base would be a better venue?

HUBBARD: Maybe that's a little broad. There are a lot of factors that come in. But yes, when you look at... the biggest problem we have right here is the competition. In other words, that's our problem. We're the only racetrack in the state that has two casinos within five miles of us. Even the Downs of Albuquerque, the closest Indian casino is several miles

away from the Downs of Albuquerque, and they sit right in the heart of Albuquerque. If you go to Sunland Park or you go to Hobbs, they have no competition whatsoever. Location makes a difference by what the competition is as well.

RIMBO: In fact, the competition is playing on a different field.

HUBBARD: Yeah, and the tax parity is a major issue on that. When we talk about the compact that the state has with the Indian tribes, we talk about that they pay three to nine percent tax, well that's only on the slot machines. Here in Ruidoso alone the tribe has between 40 and 50 tables. And they pay zero tax on all the wins. We're not allowed to even have table games, let alone the fact that we pay 26 percent tax.

RN: When I talked with Saunders (Greg Saunders, deputy director of the New Mexico Gaming Control Board), I didn't know that.

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But I guess there's really no way to keep a handle on them because they're not tied into any kind of a system.

RIMBO: There is no system, that is correct. But they pay in Vegas.

RN: So there is a way?
RIMBO: Oh yeah.

RN: What is the estimated cost, well you probably don't even need so much of an estimated cost, you've built five years at Zia Park and the casino there. I don't know but I would think that construction costs have gone up, but maybe not much, given the economy. What is the estimated cost of building a racetrack and casino from scratch?

HUBBARD: When you

look at the costs in today's basis, depending on your location and the size, you're probably looking somewhere in the \$40 million to \$50 million range. But when you look at instead of losing \$1 million, \$1.5 million a year, and you're looking to make \$10 million to \$15 million a year at a new location, it doesn't take long to pay that back.

RN: Give a timeline. How long would it take to negotiate with a community, draw up the plans and build a new facility?

HUBBARD: Well, we already have the plans. We have all the architectural renderings and all of that. As soon as we pick a site we can start construction. But

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once again, that is not our intent. Our intent is to stay here in Ruidoso Downs and continue here for the foreseeable future. As I said earlier, it took us seven months, from the time we started construction at Hobbs until we opened. So that gives you a pretty good timeline.

RN: You say you have the architectural plans. Is it larger? Can you go larger? I mean you're limited on the number of slot machines by the state. I suppose the track could have more grandstands.

HUBBARD: The casino part is basically set. But it all depends on your location as to how many seats and that type of thing you need.

RN: What concessions would you seek from a community hoping to lure your business?

HUBBARD: We're not seeking any concessions at this time. We have no intentions to get into any negotiations with any of the other communities until after we see what the business incentive does. That will all be determined by what happens at the vote on Sept. 21.

RN: It sounded like Alamogordo was toying with the idea of trying to offer something, and I believe Clovis had said the same thing too. I know I'm asking you to think about something we don't know what it might be yet. Will that be an important factor, do you think?

HUBBARD: I think it's very obvious these communities are already willing to offer a lot more than what



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we're talking about here with this incentive tax. That would all be up in the air, but I'm telling you I think that - well, that's enough.

RN: We keep hearing about the Miller lease on the property here. Are there any penalties if you decide to move it before the end of that lease?

HUBBARD: The lease runs with the option that it runs to the year 2044. There are no penalties for the closure or the vacation of the property.

RN: And it's renewable?

HUBBARD: No. It runs to 2044, so we've got 34 years or something which I'd be very happy to be here

for. **RN:** But you could opt out if you wanted to?

HUBBARD: Absolutely.

RN: Could the Millers opt out?

HUBBARD: No, they can't.

RN: What physical property do you own at Ruidoso Downs as opposed to leasing?

HUBBARD: The racetrack and the barn area sit on roughly 200 acres of ground. And we lease 137 acres I think from the Miller family. So we own roughly 60-plus acres.

RN: What type of facilities does it have on it?

HUBBARD: It has some of the barn area and that type of thing. The grandstand and racetrack is on the leased property.

RN: Would you consider selling your license to someone who would keep it at Ruidoso Downs, and what is involved in transferring a license?

HUBBARD: I guess in answer to the first question, I don't know of any prudent business people that would really be interested in buying an operation that is losing the amount of money that we're losing. In saying that, we have had a group approach us that showed some interest, but their interest was in buying it and moving the license. But if you know of anybody that's interested and keeping here in Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, why, we would talk to them.

RN: And what is that process? How do you go about moving a license?

HUBBARD: I think you've seen the letter Marty Cope wrote and I think it explains pretty

well the process of what you go through. (See the letter on page 4A.) But the Racing Commission is charged with doing what's in the best interest of the horse industry. Now in saying that, there's also been a precedent set three different times in the past. The first one goes back to the 1970s when Santa Fe and Albuquerque were owned by the same entity. And they applied to the Racing Commission and moved part of their dates from Santa Fe to Albuquerque to run the meet there. Then later they closed the track in Santa Fe and moved all of their licenses. So they ran two different meets. One was the Downs of Albuquerque. The other was the Santa Fe at Albuquerque meet. And then of course just a year-and-a-half ago or so they approved the Downs of Albuquerque to move to Moriarty if they desire. So the precedent has been well-established that you can move your license.

RN: I didn't know how complicated it gets. Do you have to present books again? What do you have to show them?

HUBBARD: We've already filed an application. It's on file and so, depending on the location, we'll amend the application if we were to pick a different location. It's really not that complicated.

RN: The license is an annual license?

HUBBARD: No, the racing dates are annual. The license is owned by the person, and that's been established in court. In other words, the license does not belong to the racetrack. The license belongs to the person, which in this case is me.

RN: So it lasts forever?

HUBBARD: Yeah. But you still have to apply for racing dates every year.

RN: Is it at all similar to a liquor license where initially you pay a small amount for the liquor license to the state, but when you want to sell it to someone else, the person that wants to buy it, now all a sudden it's \$300,000 because somebody sees the business possibilities?

HUBBARD: It's just like any other business. If you decide to sell it they have to apply to the state and they have to pass background checks and this type of thing. But the transfer will not be unreasonably withheld. In other words, there are licenses here in the State of New Mexico that have been sold many times.

RN: But the person that would relinquish the license so somebody else could obtain it ...

HUBBARD: He gets paid. He's the one selling the license. The state isn't selling the license. There are no more licenses to be had in the State of New Mexico until the year 2037 or something like that.



BRUCE RIMBO

RN: I think that was in the (Indian) gaming compacts, the renegotiated ones?

HUBBARD: Yeah.

RN: If you move the license, can you take the futurities and derbies with you? I saw the All American something or another as a corporation.

HUBBARD: We have all of the races here. The triple crown races, the derbies and the futurities, would go with the racetrack. We have copyrights on those individual races. We own them. And they would be moved with the racetrack.

RN: Since that's a corporation, the one that says Ruidoso Futurity, Ruidoso Derby, we might change the name of those?

HUBBARD: Yes. But once again, hopefully we're not going to go there. I want to keep emphasizing that is not our intent. That is not our wishes. We want to stay here in Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs. And hopefully that's going to happen.

RN: Mr. Hubbard, I know you spend time between here and California.

HUBBARD: I am a citizen of New Mexico, a citizen of Ruidoso. So is Joan Dale. And we've had a home here, I can't tell you how many years, but it's got to be close to 30, I would think. Maybe longer. We've owned the racetrack now 23 years and we had a home here a lot longer than that.

RN: If you leave the community, how would that affect the future of the Hubbard Foundation, the Hubbard Museum which seems to kind of be up in the air right now, and your other investments in the area, your subdivisions and your things that you have interest in?

HUBBARD: The Hubbard Foundation would definitely move. It would definitely go wherever we

go. From the museum standpoint, as you know, that's owned by the City of Ruidoso Downs. Now what we do is we have two major fundraisers a year for the museum which makes, probably about 30 percent of their budget. There's no question that it would have an effect on the museum. The Cowboy Symposium - Robert O. Anderson and I, started that 20 years ago. I've continued to basically fund it over the years. It's now at a point where it breaks even or maybe makes a little bit of money. But it would go away, because we wouldn't be here to put it on. And from our real estate holdings, and stuff, we would continue with the development of the various properties and this type of thing.

RN: Is the Cowboy Symposium proprietary? In other words, is it a business?

HUBBARD: It's owned by our foundation basically.

RN: So somebody could, n't come back...

HUBBARD: Well, some could start it.

RN: Could they call it the Cowboy Symposium?

HUBBARD: Well, we have the name trademark, but that doesn't mean that they couldn't do something similar. If somebody wants to take it on, why we would be glad to talk to them, about taking it on right now.

RN: Just from how you were phrasing some of those last answers, if this tax failed, would you and Joan Dale, at this point, you actually might be leaving the community, your home here?

HUBBARD: We have talked about it and she's said that is not our preference. It is not our desire. But we've got to do what we've got to do. We are prepared if that becomes a reality.

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RN: Other interests: Are you involved in any capacity with in-state or out-of-state racetracks or casinos?

HUBBARD: No I'm not. This is the only interest I have in any gaming or racing facility.

RN: But there have been a number in the past? HUBBARD: Yes.

RN: We understand you own and lease slots to other casinos. Can you give us details about that? How does it work?

HUBBARD: Under the gaming initiative that was passed, the racetracks are allowed to lease them to other racetrack facilities where they could have up to a total of 750 machines. So we, Ruidoso Downs Race Track, presently have machines leased to Sunland Park and Zia Park at Hobbs. If it weren't for those leases, the losses here would be a lot higher. But all of that revenue from the leases goes into the racetrack. And then, in addition to that, half of the money that is generated for purses; the 20 percent that is generated for purses at Sunland and Zia on the machines they lease from us, that money comes back to Ruidoso for purses. Not only does it help the horsemen and helps the purses that are here.

RN: There must be some kind of a commission or something that the other casino would get, because it sounds like you could lease out all 600 machines to other people. But they get to keep the profits? RIMBO: Yes.

RN: When I was looking over some stuff from Hobbs, is that all Hobbs has to do for Ruidoso Downs? Or was part of the agreement when they bought you out was to give Ruidoso Downs some additional money for something? HUBBARD: No. RIMBO: Other than the machine lease.

RN: There's no additional money that Hobbs has to send back to Ruidoso Downs?

HUBBARD: We do exchange equipment and different things. They furnish us certain equipment. We furnish them certain equipment. We share things like that, but that's all.

RN: I've been confused about the definition. Is a "facino" just a casino at a racetrack, or is it the track and casino operations combined?

HUBBARD: Somebody coined the phrase racino years ago when the first - I think West Virginia was the first to allow racetracks to have machines. So now it is a racetrack and casino combined.

RN: Is the casino making or losing money, and is the racetrack, solely by itself, making or losing money?

HUBBARD: The racetrack has never made money. In other words, going back to the '70s, the racetrack, as I said earlier, has never made money. That's why the gaming initiative was so important.

RN: When you say "gaming initiative," you're talking about allowing the casinos attached to the

tracks?

HUBBARD: Exactly. That's what it was called back then. So, as I said earlier, before we got the slot machines, our purses here were roughly \$16,000 a day. Now they average over \$80,000 a day. And at Sunland, their purses used to be like \$10,000 or \$12,000 a day. And they're giving away somewhere between \$250,000 and \$300,000 a day to give you an idea. So it's been very successful in creating and helping the horse industry. We had no horse industry going back before it was passed. And now we've got several mare farms and different hay operations, feed operations, that all are due to the fact that the gaming initiative was passed. When you talk about the casino itself, our casino was making money until the Travel Center opened in 2003 or whenever it was. And our business has just continually gone downhill. But without the slot machines that we have now, there is no way that the racetrack would ever be viable. It would have been gone a long time ago, let's put it that way.

RN: Your General and Administrative costs of operation are about 25 percent, versus 5 percent to 10 percent at other New Mexico tracks. Please explain why yours are considerably higher. HUBBARD: Would you

explain to me where you got those numbers you're talking about?

RN: From the annual financial statements of race tracks in New Mexico of 2007, 2008 and 2009.

HUBBARD: None of the financials break it out into administrative costs. I dispute your numbers. If you want to talk about the overall operating costs in the audited financials, then you take Ruidoso, our total operating costs, that is taking out the statutory taxes we pay and the purses we pay, we run about 69 percent of our revenues and the Downs at Albuquerque runs at about 63 percent. If you go back to 2001-2002, before we had the competition down the highway from us, our operating costs were 52 percent whereas the Downs at Albuquerque and the others were in the 60 percent (range). Our whole change in our operating costs has been strictly the fact of less revenues. In other words, our revenues went down. We have cut costs, but when you have to run a racing meet, which is the one that costs the most money to operate, you can only take so much expenses out.

RN: When you talk about the 69 percent and the Downs at Albuquerque at 62 percent, you were talking about the cost of the operations, (as the) percentage of revenues minus taxes and purses.

HUBBARD: And their revenues are 40 percent higher than our revenues and yet we're only talking about a 10 percent difference in expenses. I think if you went back, you would find we were very competitive and actually probably percentage-wise, we had the smallest operating costs of any track in the state, going back before we lost 58 percent of our business.

RN: People call and send emails and they say the administrative salaries at Ruidoso Downs blow everyone else out of the water. Have you an assessment of that?

HUBBARD: Bring me proof. Show me what the other administrative costs are. You don't have it. Neither does anybody else. You have audited financial statements and they are submitted to the state on all the race tracks. What you've got to do is go in and eliminate the statutory payments and look at what it costs to operate the facility, and those are the numbers I just gave you. You would find Ruidoso Downs very competitive with other tracks throughout the country.

RN: Competitive as far as administrative salaries?

HUBBARD: Yes, what it costs.

RIMBO: All those administrative salaries are included in that total of 69 percent he's given you, just

as it is in Albuquerque. That's comparing apples to apples.

RN: For 2007, 2008 and 2009, can the newspaper get a detailed breakdown of those operating costs?

HUBBARD: I've already answered that. We ain't going there.

RN: Part of that question was how do the Cowboy Symposium, concerts and other revenue streams fit into the bottom line of profit and loss?

HUBBARD: The Cowboy Symposium is a totally separate entity. The concerts are part of operating costs in income and expenses in our financial statements. Hopefully over the years, the concerts have created a positive cash flow for us, but it's so small a part. It strictly is a way to get more people to come and be here and spend more time at the casino, just providing more entertainment.

RN: What is your business philosophy? Do you have a motto or mode of operation that has guided your career over the years?

HUBBARD: I guess, "I'd rather be lucky than good." And it has been good over the years.

RN: Is there anything else you'd like to tell our readers? The floor is yours.

HUBBARD: There are some who want people to believe this election is

about me. They want to raise all sorts of red herrings and diversions in order to distract us. This election is about people's jobs, our economy and an unlevel playing field that we need to fix.

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Alborn condemns Internet blogs

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As the Ruidoso Village Council meeting kicked off Tuesday, Mayor Ray Alborn delivered a condemnation of personal attacks contained in Internet blogs.

He began with a quote from a previous presidential candidate that some of the rantings are cruel. "It's mean-spirited. It's immature. It's unprofessional."

He continued, "If someone posts a criticizing public comment anonymously, I have a problem with that. Disagreement and discussion is healthy, but attacking someone publicly while hiding behind anonymity is downright cowardly."

The Ruidoso News provides a "readers comment" service by Topix.com, of California, on its Internet home page that sometimes is referred to the "blogs."

"I agree with Mayor Alborn that the rantings are sometimes cruel and mean-spirited," said Ruidoso News Editor Marty Racine.

"We are in the process of improving our editing of personal attacks that stray off-topic. As a newspaper, we, too, have been the target of such rantings." The Internet and its cult of anonymity provides, "a blanket sort of immunity for anybody

who wants to say anything about anybody else, and it would be difficult in this sense to think of a more morally deformed exploitation of the concept of free speech," the mayor said.

"Even though I am not very proficient on the computer and I only am capable of reading my e-mails, I have been told of the vicious attacks being made via the blogs against Village of Ruidoso officials," he said.

"Disagreement with village ordinances or actions is certainly acceptable and should be brought to my office for discussion, as I have requested at past council meetings.

"On the other hand, using anonymity of the blogs to assert false claims, to attack an individual's family and to distribute completely erroneous information is a misuse of a potentially informative avenue."

That misuse presents an injurious and damaging image of the village to the public, Alborn contended.

"As mayor, I would hope that residents, tourists and those still to come would find Ruidoso to be a beautiful, peaceful and prosperous community in which to live and visit," he said. "That is certainly my intention for the next three and a half years."

Frozen funds now less than \$10,000

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Being caught in the collapse of Lehman Brothers in September 2008, and its ramifications for the New Mexico Local Government Investment Pool, may end up costing Ruidoso \$9,593.

But village councilors Tuesday weren't fretting over that number, because they previously were told the amount might be closer to \$250,000.

Sheila Duffy, chief investment officer and division director in the New Mexico State Treasurer's Office, reported to councilors about the status of the money invested by the village when the collapse occurred.

"On Sept. 15, 2008, the Reserve Primary Fund broke the buck when its net asset value fell to 97 cents per share, (after writing off debt issued by Lehman Brothers). Only 1 percent of its assets were invested in Lehman Brothers, and they could have worked it out, but with all of the media attention, investors panicked and there was a run and it failed," she said. "We had a quarter of our investments in primary market funds like this."

Ruidoso's potential exposure was \$750,000, she said.

On Sept. 12, 2007 the village had about \$3 million invested in the LGIP, Duffy said. About \$145,000 was frozen and by March 6, 2009, the majority of the village's money was withdrawn.

"We filed two lawsuits to get the money back (for all LGIP investors)," Duffy

said. "The Securities and Exchange Commission filed a massive suit and won and returned 99 percent of the money. You have \$9,593 still frozen, but we're pretty pleased."

More releases of the frozen money may occur, but her office never knows until a few days before the check arrives, she said. Their office is told that only 65 percent of the remaining dollars will be distributed, she said, commenting to commissioners, "You can do the math."

She was appointed a year ago, Duffy said. The first thing she did was rewrite with an attorney and a bond industry expert the investment policy, incorporating the lessons learned.

A compliance officer also supervises investments and ensures, "we stay in line," Duffy said. Standard and Poor, the company that bestows bond ratings, also looks in weekly on their status.

However, she cautioned that all investments carry risk and the yield may fluctuate.

Village Finance Director Nancy Klingman said that much of the money that normally would have been invested in the LGIP now is placed in certificates of deposit and other accounts with local banks and is fully collateralized. But because the money is scattered, it's not as easy to control as money brought together, she said.

Councilor Jim Stoddard thanked Duffy for her information and said it was a "tough night," a few months ago after councilors



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Chief investment officer and division director for the New Mexico State Treasurer's Office, Sheila Duffy, tells Ruidoso councilors the frozen investment money damages weren't as severe as originally thought.

heard about the potential danger of losing such a big chunk of money.

Duffy said the village's account with the LGIP still is open.

The LGIP accounts for more than \$700 million invested money from all over the state. The idea was to invest as a pool in conservative and safe instruments that produced revenue to be distributed among investors on a pro-rata basis.

The three qualities in priority order they look for now are safety, liquidity and yield, Duffy said.

The yield currently is

extremely flat at 0.28 percent, she said.

More than 50 percent of the pooled investment money was put into banks that are fully insured and collateralized, she said. Investment must average a 60-day maturity maximum, therefore half have a one-day maturity and half a 120-day maturity to average 60 days.

The investment wasn't insured in the past, she said.

"I feel it is as safe as possible (now)," Duffy said. "It also helps community banks in the economic recovery."

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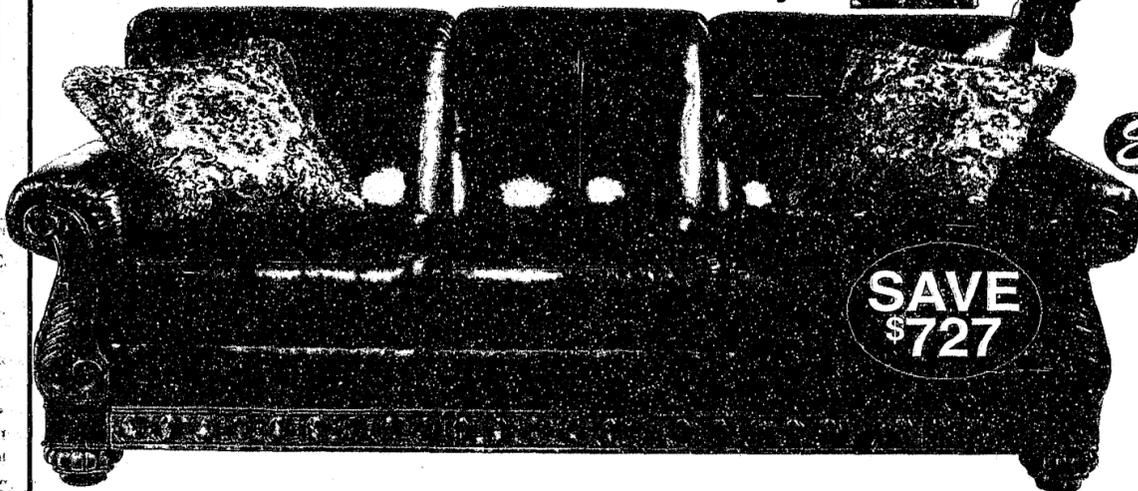
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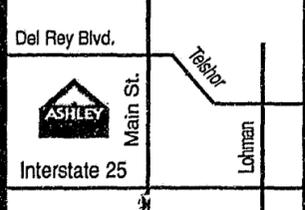
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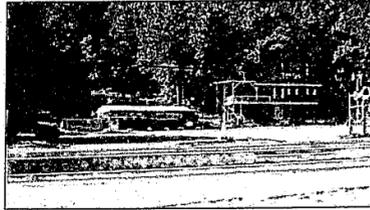
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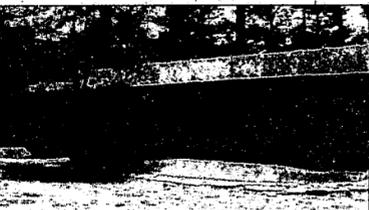
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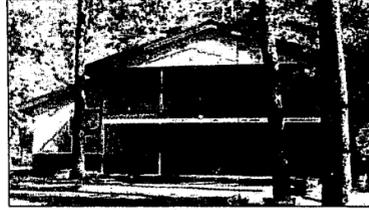
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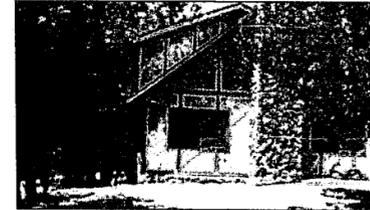
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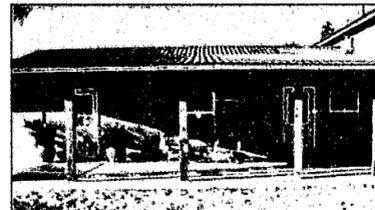
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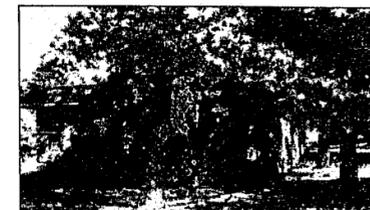
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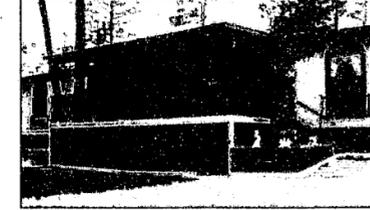
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Race Track

Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 12-15 Ruidoso Downs Race Track continues with its normal Thursday through Sunday operation with a 1 p.m. start time. For race results go to www.equibase.com.

LC Little League Football

Lincoln County 2010 Little League Football will hold two days of registration on Wednesday, Aug. 18, from 5-7 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 21, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 200 Resort Dr. (A Secure Indoor Self Storage). Players from 7-12-years-old may apply. Registration fee is \$85. All players who did not play in 2009 must bring a valid proof of age. There will be no late registrations. For further info call Kalama Davis at 378-5678.

LC Youth Soccer League

The Lincoln County Youth Soccer League will hold registration for the 2010 season on Saturday, Aug. 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and Tuesday, Aug. 24, from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. at White Mountain Elementary cafeteria. Ages 4-12 may apply but 4-year-olds that age by 7/31/10. Interested parties may also register online at www.RuidosoSoccer.com. A birth certificate must accompany (for verification purposes only) all first-season players. The registration fee is \$55 and there will be no late sign-ups. Coaches and referees are needed. There will be a coaches meeting Aug. 18, at the White Mountain Elementary cafeteria. The first games are scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 11 and the season will run through Oct. 23. For info call Kim at 937-0004, Anna, 808-5168 or Mike at 808-2195.

RHS Cross Country

The Ruidoso High School cross country team started practice Aug. 9. Practice is scheduled from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Those interested in participating on this year's team need to meet Coach Rabourn at the West end of the high school track with a current physical and dressed in proper running attire. For additional information please contact Coach Rabourn at 973-2698.

Parks Dept. Open Gym

OPEN GYM at the Auxiliary Gym of the Horton Athletic Complex is here. Starting Monday, Aug. 23, the Village of Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department will have the lower gym at the old Middle School open for basketball and volleyball. Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. will be co-ed volleyball and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. will be for adult men's basketball. It's time to start your tune-ups for the adult leagues starting soon. Get in shape and begin filling your rosters. We are presently looking for referees, timers, scorers, and sponsors. For more info call 257-5030.

LCUSBC Starts Bowling

LCUSBC Bowling Association announces the start of the fall/winter bowling season. Leagues for men only - MXD - Senior - and, if enough interest, women only, youth and high school. Starting Sept. 7. For more info call RBC (Hans) at 258-3557 or LCUSBC (Linda) at 258-4047.

Pigskin preview for 2010

MIKE CURRAN
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Lincoln County area football teams are in full preparation for the coming 2010 season. Five high schools - one 3A, three 1A and one 6-man - will vie for area pigskin bragging rights. Two 1A schools, Capitan and Mescalero, have new head coaches and like their chances this season. Hondo (6-man) is rebuilding but has talent on board. Carrizozo (1A) is always tough. Just ask 2A (last year) Capitan about getting upset at the Grizzlies' den last season. Ruidoso (3A) wasted no time in starting their practice season, literally, at the first minute of official sanctioned team workouts.

Ruidoso

Ruidoso (3A) will once again entertain a tough 10-game schedule. They will gird themselves for the upcoming season's battles with a scrimmage at Tularosa on Aug. 19 before their season opener at Cobre, Aug. 27, at 7 p.m. The Wildcats may be 2A but they are the reigning 2009 champions of that division. More will be revealed about the Warriors chances this year after this match-up.

Head coach Kief

Johnson lost 13 seniors to graduation from last year's team but many of the returning players have varsity experience. Johnson is currently carrying 45 athletes on his roster and two seniors, Jesse Scarafioti and Kayle Frierson, along with junior Kalama Davis, are vying for the starting quarterback position.

Twenty-five players from last year's team consistently showed up at summer workouts, and according to Johnson, "exhibited a dedication to improve themselves from last season."

Senior Daniel Salazar, has rejoined the squad and is a welcome addition.

"We're gratified to have Daniel back at the tight end position," Johnson said.

"Senior Ascencion Oroso committed himself 100 percent during the school break and it has definitely paid off."

The Warriors wasted no time getting into the season ahead. At 12:01 a.m., Aug. 9, the first legal minute of official practice, 56 athletes met at Ruidoso High School to begin two-a-day workouts.

"They came out fired up and motivated," Johnson said. "They were also bigger and faster than last season. The seniors are excited this year and have



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

The Ruidoso Warriors started Wednesday's practice with a team huddle

set high standards for themselves."

Johnson sounds genuinely positive about his team's chances this season and fully expects to improve last season's 3-7 mark.

"Ruidoso is not rated in the top 12 but I really expect the Warriors to shock some people," Johnson concluded.

Capitan

Big things are happening for the Capitan Tigers football team. They have dropped down to the 1A division (from 2A last year)

and are already ranked No. 3 in that class behind Hagerman (No. 1) and Fort Sumner.

Even though they played a rough schedule last year they still managed a 6-5 season before losing in the state quarterfinals to 2A Lordsburg.

Another consequential piece of news about the Tigers - they have a new head coach. Johnny Carson, former assistant football and head wrestling coach at Ruidoso High School, has taken on the reins as this year's Tigers skipper.

The affable Carson is good at what he undertakes. Ask the Warriors wrestling team.

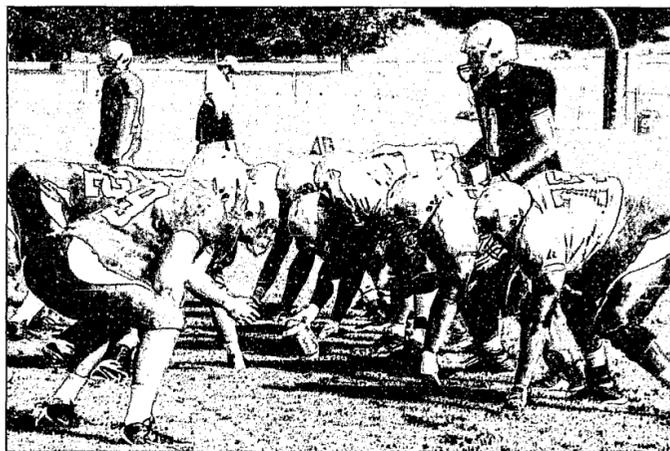
As well he should smile ... guardedly. He is currently carrying 34 players on his roster as well as six seniors.

Four of the latter are returning starters. Last year's signal caller, Rudy Chavez, will again play the quarterback position as well as defensive end.

Logan Eshom will take up wide receiver and defensive back duties. Caleb

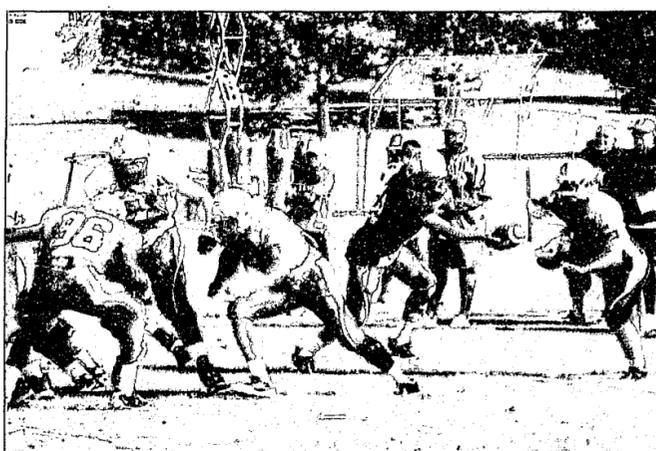
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VISITING UNM LOBOS GET IT ON IN PRACTICE



JOHN T. SODEN/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Lobos are in Ruidoso for a 12-day fall practice schedule. They worked out in full pads on Tuesday the day of their arrival at White Mountain Recreational Complex.



JOHN T. SODEN/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

UNM will hold a scrimmage at Horton Stadium, Saturday, from 6:30-8 p.m. The coaches and players will be on hand afterwards to sign autographs.

Thursday's Merial Distaff trials

TY WYANT
Ruidoso Downs Track Publicist

M.C. and Cendy Stucks' Jesstifiably Stoli raced to her second win in her latest three starts to lead the qualifiers from two Merial Distaff New Mexico Challenge at Ruidoso Downs on Thursday afternoon.

The Russell Harris-trained Jesstifiably Stoli covered the 400 yards in :19.716 to prevail by one-half length in the first of two trials.

Quic Jess was second

behind Jesstifiably Stoli while even-money favorite Silk Mountain finished third.

Righteous Tessa won the other trial in :19.756 for the second-fastest time as each trial produced five qualifiers for the Merial Distaff New Mexico Challenge on August 29.

The winner of that race becomes eligible to the Merial Distaff Challenge Championship at Fair Grounds in November.

Shines Lika Rainbow was second and Tennessee Totty was third behind

Righteous Tessa in that trial.

A \$15,000 Ruidoso Select Yearling Sale purchase, Jesstifiably Stoli almost earned a trip to Fair Grounds in the Merial Distaff Oklahoma Challenge at Remington Park on May 9.

The Stoli daughter was in the battle for the victory, but came up a neck short and finished in third place.

Eric Marquez's Righteous Tessa stepped up from the \$15,000-claiming level to

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All American action begins next week

By WYANT

Ruidoso Downs Track Publicist

Stakes winner Bewild Hennessy faces five veteran rivals over six furlongs in the featured eighth race at Ruidoso Downs on Saturday.

All American action begins next week and continues through the traditional Labor Day closing at Ruidoso Downs.

Next Thursday are the trials to the Grade 1, \$2 million (est.) All American Futurity presented by Sentient Jet and Friday are the trials to the Grade 1, \$1.5 million All American Derby, projected to be the richest quarter horse derby of 2010.

The 440-yard All American Futurity trials are expected to attract the nation's top-three 2-year

olds and four of the top-five 2-year olds in the national poll for quarter horses. Topping those prospects is Ruidoso Futurity winner American Runaway, who closed as the 7-2 favorite in the All American Future Wager, and Rainbow Futurity winner Hes Too Icy For Me, who is an 18-1 shot in the All American Future Wager.

Expected for the All

American Derby trials are Grade 1 Rainbow Derby winner Swingin Daddy, Grade 1 Ruidoso Derby winner Double Down Special, Grade 1 All American Futurity winner Running Brook Gal, Grade 1 Los Alamitos Two Million runner-up Apollitical Jess and champion-First Klas Fred.

In Saturday's feature, Bewild Hennessy chases

his second 2010 win and drops in competition level after finishing seven in the Sierra Blanca Handicap for trainer Todd Fincher. The New Mexico-bred gelding scored his only 2010 win when he won a 6-furlong sprint at Sunland Park in April.

The 4-year-old Bewild Hennessy won the Copper Top Futurity as a 2-year old and then was third in

the Pepsi Cola Handicap at Sunland Park as the 3-year old.

Juan Ochoa handles the reins on Bewild Hennessy with the fourth post position.

Racing at Ruidoso Downs runs on a Thursday through Sunday schedule with a 1 p.m. first post time. There is free parking and free general admission at Ruidoso Downs daily.

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Uzzell will also man those same spots and John Goodwin returns in the offensive tackle and defensive end positions.

Two other seniors - Devan Neasc (defensive back) and Chris Piño (linebacker) have joined this year's team.

Carson reports he averaged 15 players in the weight room over the summer and, "They worked hard."

"For that matter all the kids have exerted themselves. So far, we've done lots of 7-on-7 scrimmages. In that capacity we've played Ruidoso twice, Carrizozo and attended the Roswell 7-on-7 event."

The Tigers have a capable new head coach and experience returning. They've gone from 2A to 1A.

Their opening season game is at home. That's on the plus side. There are always unknowns on the flip side of the coin, howev-

er.

The initial contest for the 2010 season (Aug. 27) is on home turf but it's against the 1A state defending champions, Hagerman (No. 1-ranked this year) whose quarterback is returning. On Sept. 10 they travel to Fort Sumner, the No. 2-ranked 1A squad.

To prep for these tough games, the Tigers will host a three-way scrimmage on Aug. 20, at 4 p.m.

If Capitan can get by either Hagerman or Fort Sumner, or both, it could bode well for their chances in state play at the end of the regular season.

Mescalero

The 1A Mescalero Apache Chiefs play hard-nosed football in spite of losing seasons. Last year they won a game against Loving at home. It was a real barnburner and they deserved the victory. This year the Chiefs have a new head coach, Godfrey Cordova.

He is certainly qualified, has experience (15 years as a defensive line coach and



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Ruidoso running backs practice agilities in Wednesday's workout.

four years in Arizona as a defensive coordinator) and seems to be calm regarding the looming battles.

He may be new as head coach at Mescalero but he was an assistant on the Chiefs team last season.

Cordova is carrying 21 players on his roster and has three returning seniors on this year's team. J.J. Kazhe reported in at a playing weight of 205 pounds. Craig Valdez will come back as the tailback and Levin Fox returns as a

wideout.

Although junior Godfrey Cordova, Jr., will be the new quarterback, opposing teams should not underestimate him.

He's 6-foot 2-inches, hits the scales at 180 pounds and knows the game. Julius Mendez, the 6-foot 1-inch, 170-pound backup quarterback will be waiting in the wings.

The two seniors on the offensive line are the core of the line. But juniors, Sam Herrera and Danny Rios tip the scales at 215- and 225-pounds, respectively.

"The kids have dedicated themselves to the football program," Cordova said. "They're turning out to be a hardcore bunch."

The new head coach encouraged many of the football players to cross-train on last year's track team. Maybe the track team benefited, too. They grabbed a second place for the first time.

"Players have spent time in the weight room this summer," Cordova explained. "We've also spent time implementing offensive situations over the same period. Right now we're putting everything together."

So far, Cordova likes what he sees, especially long term.

"We have a good junior class of players, a few sophomores and a decent crop of freshmen," Cordova said. "But I think 80 percent of our future players may come from this year's eighth-grade class."

As for now, the Chiefs' skipper is preparing a few surprises for Mescalero's adversaries.

"We've implemented new counter stuff and will show a fresh offense this season," he said. "If we can stay healthy, we'll do well."

The Chiefs first game is on Aug. 28 at Cloudcroft.

Carrizozo

Teams that venture into Carrizozo with a lackadaisical attitude or a slow-



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

RHS head coach Kief Johnson sets an example in drills.

start mentality are asking for a long, quiet ride home. Last year's Capitan players can attest to that.

Third year head coach, Pat Ventura, has 19 players on his roster. Four of them are seniors.

Marshal Wilson will play at fullback and linebacker, Joel Ferguson will share fullback duties and man the defensive guard position, Wade Sultemeier will take on the tackle and defensive end spots and Mark Vigil will appear as a wide receiver and in the defensive secondary.

Junior, Marshall Ventura, will take on the quarterback assignment for their 10-game schedule.

The Grizzlies will meet Cloudcroft in a 10 a.m. scrimmage at home on Aug. 21. The following Saturday Zozo will open their season at Roswell JV.

"I think we'll be solid offensively," Ventura said. "We don't have many subs, so as long as we don't get hurt we should be OK."

"Defensively, we should be good up front and solid at the linebacker positions. If we can get our secondary going we'll be good. We will give it our best."

Hondo

The 6-Man Hondo Eagles may be a small squad but they won the 2008 state championship and lost the title game by two points against Lake Arthur last year.

Eagles head coach Brandon Devine consistently gets the most out of his players. His athletes usually play well for him.

Devine comes off as a nice guy, not a Bobby Knight-type personage ... and yet he keeps winning. Last year's 9-2 record is the

proof. Could there be a message here?

This year's roster lists 14 players. No seniors are on the team. You would think this factor would bother most coaches.

When asked about this he immediately replied, "We have no seniors but we're coming on strong. I like our prospects for years to come."

You might expect pseudo-positive comments such as that to come from many coaches. But then Devine explains his optimism in convincing detail.

It seems he has five juniors, five sophomores and four eighth-grade athletes who look good for this year as well as the next few years to come.

Walter Medina will start at running back and on the defensive line while Christian Guillen will be the up-back and a linebacker.

Luis Montoño will handle speed-back and defensive back chores, and, two sophomores, Andrew Padilla and Adrian Vasquez will see battle as receivers and defensive backs.

Devine and company prepare for 2010 combat with a scrimmage at Vaughn on Aug. 21. All the 6-Man teams (12) have been invited for the competition.

The Eagles season opener will be at San Jon on Sept. 3, at 3 p.m. Their first home game is on Sept. 10 against Roy.

"Roy will be tough," Devine said. "And Lake Arthur only lost one of their players to graduation."

"We're young, but we'll be there. And I look forward to seeing all of our fans again."

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Righteous Tessa (:19.756), Quic Jess (:19.784), Shines Lika Rainbow (:19.866), Silk Mountain (:19.870), Tennessee Totty (19.929), Jacque Seis (:19.950), Jessy Jane (:19.972) and As Takin Me (:20.060).

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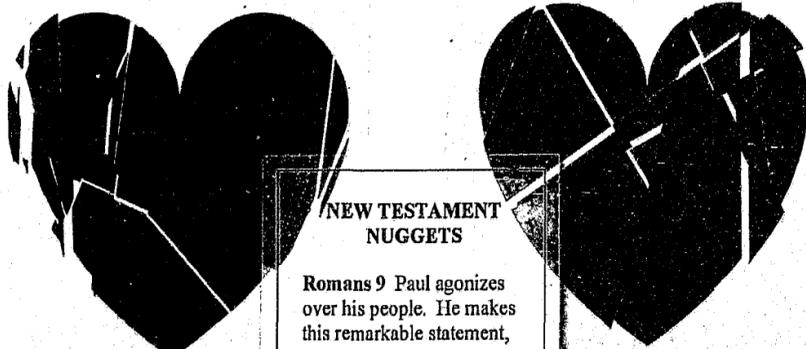
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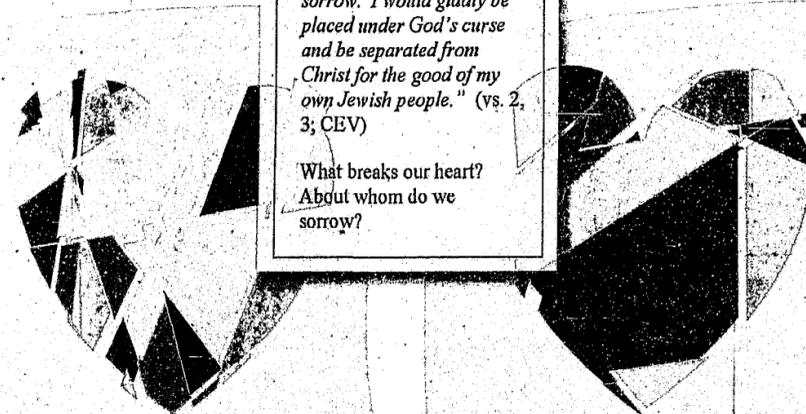


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Located just past milepost 14 on Hwy. 48, between Angus & Capitan. Roland Burnett, Pastor.
First Baptist Church
270 Country Club Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345. (575) 257-2081.
First Baptist Church
Ruidoso Downs. Randy Widener, Pastor.
First Baptist Church
Tinnie. Bill Jones, Pastor.
Mescalero Baptist Mission
Mescalero.
Ruidoso Baptist Church
126 Church Drive, Palmer Gateway. Wayne Joyce, Pastor.
BAHA'I FAITH
Baha'i Faith Meeting in members' homes. 257-2987 or 258-5595

BUDDHIST
Buddhism of the Lotus Sutra George Brown
257-1569
CATHOLIC
St. Eleanor Catholic Church Ruidoso, 257-2330. Reverend Al Galvan.
St. Theresa Catholic Church Corona. Sunday Mass: 6 p.m.
St. Joseph's Apache Mission Mescalero. Father Paul Botenhagen, OFM.
Our Lady of Guadalupe Bent. Father Larry Gosselin.
CHRISTIAN
Christian Community Church 127 Rio Corner W/Eagle, Mid-town. For more information call: 378-7076
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Max Jones Interim Minister. Hull and Gavilan Canyon Road.


Mechem Bishop Jon Ogden, (505) 258-1253 or (575) 258-1253.
Church of Jesus Christ LDS Mescalero Branch, 671-4630. Wayne King, President, 505-434-0622.
EPISCOPAL
Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Rev. Judith Burgess Rector 257-2356. Website: www.eclc.us
St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel in Glencoe.
EVANGELICAL
THE LIGHTHOUSE
Christian Fellowship church, 1035 Mechem Dr. 258-2539
FULL GOSPEL
Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship Int'l. K-Bob's Hwy. 70 in Ruidoso. Ron Rice, 354-0255, e-mail fgbmf@ruidoso-online.com
Mission Fountain of Living Water San Patricio.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall 1102 Gavilan Canyon Rd., 336-4147, 257-7714.
Congregacion Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova 1102 Gavilan Canyon Rd., 336-4147, 378-7095.
JEWISH / HEBREW
Kehilla Bat-Tzion &

Hebrew Learning Center, Inc.—2204 Sudderth Dr. Ruidoso, NM 88345 505-257-0122.
METHODIST
Community United Methodist Church Junction Road, behind Wells Fargo Bank. Todd Salzwedel, Pastor.
PENTECOSTAL
Apostolic Pentecostal Assembly, Retired Pastor and author Harry A. Peyton
Abundant Life United Pentecostal Church of Ruidoso 613 Sudderth Dr. Unit D. Pastor, Art Dunn, Youth Pastor, Nathaniel Dunn. Free home Bible studies.
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First Presbyterian Church 101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220. Tony Chambless - Pastor.
Ancho Community Presbyterian Church, Pastor Terry Aiello, CLP.
Corona United Presbyterian Church, Pastor Terry Aiello, CLP.
Nogal Presbyterian Church Reverend Bill Sebring.
REFORMED CHURCH Mescalero Reformed Mescalero. Bob Schut, Pastor.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Ruidoso Seventh Day Adventist 207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161. Pastor Bill Kasper 575-437-0237; 1st Elder Manuel Moya 575-937-4487.
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
Sacramento Mountains Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Call 336-2170 or 354-0602 for location.
NON-DENOMINATIONAL
American Missionary Fellowship Rick Smith, 682-2999. E-mail: RickS@americanmissionary.org
Calvary Chapel 127 Vision, next to Cable Co., 257-5915. Pastor John Marshall.
Casa de Oracion Comunidad Cristiana, Ruidoso 304 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345 (505) 257-6075. Pastor: Carlos & Gabby Carreon. *All Services are Bilingual* ~ Translators Available ~
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Christ Church in the Downs Ruidoso Downs,

378-8464. Al and Marty Lane, Pastors.
Church Out of Church
Meeting at the Flying J Ranch, 1028 Hwy. 48, Alto. Pastors: Tim & Julie Gilliland. Mailing Address: 1009 Mechem#11 Ruidoso 88345. Phone 575-258-1388. Please check the website for additional information: www.churchoutofchurch.com. *Keepin' it simple... Keepin' it real!*
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Grace Harvest Church
1108 Gavilan Canyon Rd, 336-4213. **Iglesia Bautista "Vida Eterna"** Pastor Rev. Ramon Robledo. 207 East Circle, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346, 361 E. Hwy. 70, (505) 378-8108. Email: revrobledo@lycos.com
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Racetrack Chapel
Horseman's Entrance, Hwy 70, 505-378-7264. Chaplain Darrell Winter.
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Men's Bible Study, Band Of Brothers Call 937-0071 For Times And Location
The 1st Iglesia Apostolica de la Fe en Cristo Jesus in Ruidoso NM, Located at: 613 Sudderth Dr. Suite D Phone: (575) 937-7957 • (575) 973-5413
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church 1120 Hull Rd. 258-4191, 257-5296 Kevin L Krohn Pastor

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Mountain Baptist Church
Independent-Fundamental KJV. 145 E. Grandview - Capitan - (505) 937-4019
CATHOLIC
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Capitan, 354-9102.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Capitan - Highway 48. Les Earwood, Minister.
EPISCOPAL
Episcopal Chapel of San Juan in Lincoln
FOURSQUARE
Capitan Foursquare Church Highway 48, Capitan. Harold W. Perry, Pastor.

METHODIST
Capitan United Methodist Church
Pastor Johanna Anderson and the congregation of Capitan United Methodist. White Oaks and Third in Capitan. 505-648-2846.
NAZARENE
Angus Church of the Nazarene Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Rick Hutchison Pastor.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Christ Community Fellowship Capitan, Highway 380 West, 354-2458. Ed Vinson, Pastor.
QUAKER WORSHIP GROUP - Quaker Unprogrammed meeting at the Anderson-Freeman Visitor's Center in Lincoln. For details of this and other Quaker activities contact Sandra Smith at 505-653-4951

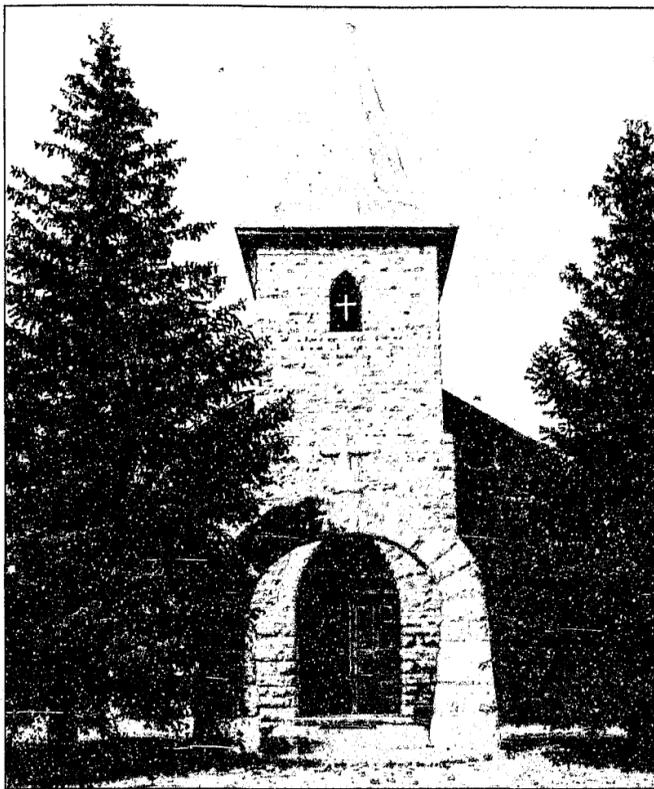
ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)
Barbara Bradley, pastor. Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth.
BAPTIST
First Baptist Church Hayden Smith, Pastor.
CATHOLIC
Santa Rita Catholic Church
648-2853. Father Franklin Eichhorst.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Perry Zumwalt, minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM.
EPISCOPAL
St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel
Carrizozo, 6th & E Street.
METHODIST
United Methodist Church Parish
Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846, Carrizozo. Johanna Anderson, pastor.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
The Word of Life Church
Rev. Chuck Fulton, pastor/648-2339. 711 'E' Ave., Carrizozo, NM. Affiliated w/the Evangelistic Assembly Church.
MESCALERO
Carrizo Christian Fellowship Leonard Kanese-wah III, Pastor. 56 White Mt. Dr., 3 mi. W. of Inn of the Mountain Gods Mescalero. 464-4656

RELIGION

Regal old church in Duran



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

The Church of San Juan Bautista in Duran was erected in 1916. The stone work and architecture of the building stand proud in a tiny town that no longer has a post office but is still home to a volunteer fire department and a few proud residents. Duran is located north of Corona in southeastern Tarrant County.

Heaven and hell were Jewish inventions

Q. My mother reads your column in the Palm Beach Post but doesn't have a computer, so she asked me to ask the following on her behalf:

1. Do we (Jews) believe in heaven and hell?
 2. What happens to our souls after we die?
 3. Do we believe in an afterlife?
- Thank you in advance.
-L., via email



The God Squad
MARC GELLMAN

A. Give my best to your mother and tell her that my mother, who lives in Milwaukee, Wis., also has no computer.

The difference is, she never wants to ask me questions about heaven and hell. She mainly wants to know why I don't call her more often (which is sort of a question about hell). Please tell your mother Judaism does believe in heaven and hell but Jews don't! If she wants to know more,

here's the scoop: This contradiction — that Judaism clearly teaches about an afterlife but most rabbis don't — is mainly the result of the fact that somehow the ridiculous idea took root among many rabbis that talking about life after death makes people indifferent to fixing the life we live before death. Rabbis often use the old saw that, "Judaism is a worldly religion and Christianity is an other-worldly religion." This is wrong on both sides.

Judaism actually originated the ideas of heaven and hell, which were then absorbed (and modified) by Christianity and later Islam. Furthermore, Christianity has shown a powerful dedication to addressing the sins of this world and helping to correct them. To say that Mother Teresa in Calcutta and the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Selma were not involved in this world is both absurd and

insulting to Christianity. What is true, however, is that for many reasons, you're not likely to hear much about heaven and hell in synagogues today. I've been struggling to change this for years, but I'm also a Met's fan, so that should tell you enough about the level of success I've come to expect from life.

In fact, it was not even Judaism, but the Greek philosophers like Aristotle who introduced the ideas of matter and form that led to the religious doctrines of heaven and hell.

The Hebrew Bible is silent on the subject, but during the period following Alexander the Great's conquest of Israel in 333 BCE, the period called Hellenism, Greek thought penetrated deep into the new and emerging thought of the rabbis.

Matter was the Greek principle of potentiality, and form was the principle of actuality, and together, in their interaction, they created everything. Put simply, matter is "stuff" and form is "ideas."

When an idea interacts with stuff, something real is produced. When the

early rabbis learned of these Greek philosophic ideas they adopted them eagerly, transformed them, and brought them into the orbit of Jewish belief. Matter became "body" and form became "soul."

Since form was immaterial like God, it was easy to teach that our souls are a piece of God within us. Because the soul is not tainted by matter, it followed that when our body dies, our soul detaches from our body and returns to God.

The next big theological question was, "Where does the soul go after the death of the body?"

The answer helped to solve a thorny question about God's providence, which is the one about why bad things happen to good people.

The answer was that the scales of justice that are set askew on earth are corrected in heaven or hell — where the soul goes after death.

The souls of people who've lived a bad life are punished in hell, and the souls of people who were morally virtuous enjoy an eternity of joy and serenity with God in heaven.

The actual Hebrew term the rabbis used for heaven was Olam Habah. The term for hell was Gehennom.

The Jewish view is that after your body dies, your soul undergoes a period of spiritual debriefing in which it learns how it messed up and how it triumphed during life.

This period can be brief for those who didn't mess up very much, or last up to a year for those who worked on Wall Street.

This is why the kaddish prayer is said for the dead in Judaism for close to a year, so as to add a few extra good deeds to the final judgment of the deceased, who may need the boost.

The Jewish teaching is that only a few truly wicked souls go to hell. Most souls come out of "soul school" clean and wise and ready to spend eternity with God.

Christianity accepted this Jewish view of the afterlife but over time elaborated on the idea of hell to contain elements of Purgatory, in which is soul is not just tutored about its failings but punished for them as a way of aton-

ing. Later Jewish mysticism, called the Kabbalah, added a controversial idea not accepted by mainstream Judaism (but very much a part of Hinduism) called reincarnation.

This view was that after soul school, souls are stuffed into the bodies of newborn infants to live another life and try to do better.

They're touched on the lips just before birth so they forget their previous life (lives) and so they don't emerge speaking fluently and freaking out their mothers.

Personally, I favor this Kabbalistic idea because I've met so many people who seem to be "old souls."

The easiest way for me to explain their preternatural wisdom is to believe that they've been here before.

Of course, as many readers have often reminded me, what do I know?

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.

Back to the cool mountains

After about a week in Texas, I know why I live in New Mexico's mountain paradise called the Sacramentos.

Temperatures of 100-plus are hard on this aging body. I can't believe that as a college kid, I shingled houses in the summer for Lydick Roofing Company in Brownwood, Texas.

Call me Woosie, Old Never Sweat, or what ever you want, but I love the cool mountain climate of

the Sacramento summers. When my wife says that she is still a Texan, I tell her to look at her driver's license.

While in Texas, I attended the DeLeon High School class of 1960's 50th reunion. It was amazing how old those kids were looking.

I also served as a judge of the youth speakers contest for the 10th Annual Autobahn Longhorn Cattle Show. I met a remarkable couple from Sumerville, Texas, at the show. They

have 19 children, ages birth to 19 years. Three of them are natural born and 16 are adopted.

The Faskes have opened their hearts, lives and home to youth from Russia, Kazakhstan, Columbia, India and America as well.

I was amazed as some of these youth spoke about love for the United States of America and others spoke of their faith in God.

Having three adopted children of our own, I ask the Faskes, how could they afford the expense, travel, adoption and caring for these children.

Their answer was, "How could we not afford to give

them the opportunity for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?"

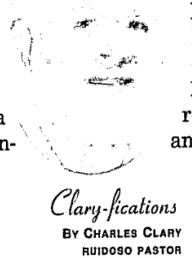
My hat is off to the Faskes and other families who lovingly and legally bring children to America and give them a chance for real life.

And, by the way, hats off to John and Diane Chase who own Autobahn and sponsor youth to raise Longhorns. Many of the youth receive an education in responsibility and earn college scholarships as well.

The Chases and the Faskes give youth help for today and hope for tomorrow.

Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him.

Psalm 32.10



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Have you met a Leatherman?

Back in 1975, a man named Tim Leatherman was traveling through Europe on a shoestring budget in a cranky car with leaky pipes.

It was during this trying time he birthed the idea of pocket survival tool. That tool today is known simply as a "Leatherman."

By 1977 the tool had taken on a rough form and in 1980 "Mr. Crunch" was patented.

Through the '90s and with more than 200 employees, new and better designs were released setting the standard in the all-purpose pocket tool industry.

For those of you that are still in the dark ages, the Leatherman tool is a fold up tool that incorporates all the following tools in one handy frame: Needle-nose pliers, regular pliers, wire cutters, hard-wire cutters, clip-point knife, serrated knife, diamond-coated file, wood saw, scissors, extra small screwdriver, small screwdriver, medium screwdriver, large screwdriver, Phillips screwdriver, can / bottle opener, wire stripper and lanyard attachment.

In the West, the land of "real men carry pocket knives", the Leatherman phenomenon was at first slow to catch on. A Leatherman was deemed pretty pricey for a pair of pliers, and "I already have a good knife" made it easy to blow off the multipurpose handy for anything tool.

The tool would sometimes show up under the tree for a Christmas gift and promptly end up in the drawer next to the initial embroidered hankies and ugly boxers.

In the meantime, the world knew something we didn't. Other tool companies began manufacturing acceptable affordable imitations of the revered original. Gerber, Seber, Sears and an assortment of companies not proud enough to even put their name on the tool, flooded the market in every shape size and color.

Someone even put a teensy version on a key chain, handy for nose picking and nail cleaning.

Then it happened. Some "real" man dared to show up in the branding corral with one of the versions of that "fad" on his belt, neatly snapped in a little case.

He used it to pull cactus out of a horse's leg and change the needles on a vaccine gun. He loaned it to a kid to use for a cooking utensil while they cooked calf fries on the branding iron burner. He twisted and tightened the wire on a gate that was doubling as a hinge. He tightened a screw in the emasculators and popped open the lids on an assortment of things.

That amazing day of demonstration opened the eyes and the dresser drawers of those "real men with pocket knives." No longer did they break the good blades on

their high dollar pocket knives prying and digging with them. No longer did they have to stick their heads under the seat of the pickup breathing unmentionable kinds of dust to find that pair of pliers or a wrench they knew was there somewhere.

Today it's standard equipment on more belts than not. The women wear them or carry them in their purse. You will see the daintiest and most delicate of well-coiffed, finely garbed ladies slip a Leatherman from their fine leather purse and go to work with the tool like she'd been doing it forever.

The list of uses is as varied as the number of tools all hooked up into that one handy dandy tool.

There are stories of lives being saved, babies being birthed and legendary feats all because of a Leatherman.

Tomorrow when you strap yours on your hip, know it just might go down in history next to Smith and Wesson.

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Cougirl Sass & Savvy
BY JULIE CARTER

Cleckler wins local and state CowBelle scholarships

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A 2010 Capitan High School graduate, Jenna Cleckler, has received scholarships from two New Mexico CowBelle organizations.

The Pat Nowlin Memorial Scholarship Fund, administered by the New Mexico CowBelles state organization, gave four \$500 scholarships this year.

Tessa Hendricks, of Carrizozo, also received a \$500 Pat Nowlin scholarship.

Cleckler was notified of her award about the same time she was awarded a \$400 scholarship from the Capitan Corriente CowBelles.

Cleckler, 18, will be a freshman at New Mexico State University this fall and is majoring in Agriculture Communications.

"Eventually I hope to be a motivational speaker and talk to kids who don't know anything about agriculture," Cleckler said. "I'd like to motivate them to become more familiar with agriculture as a program. I would like to be able to promote agriculture across the United States."

The daughter of Brian and Pam Cleckler, Jenna Cleckler began to build a foundation for her career choice throughout her high school years. As a member of the Capitan FFA Chapter, she placed first and second in a number of speech contests and second at the state level.

She served as the FFA vice president, reporter and treasurer while also holding class officer positions.



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Jenna Cleckler, Capitan, showed lambs at this year's county fair. Clecker is a freshman at NMSU this fall, majoring in Ag Communications in hopes of someday teaching other children about the benefits of agriculture programs.

She is also a member of the Rockin' H 4-H Club and will be representing New Mexico 4-H at the National Congress in Atlanta, Ga. in November.

Cleckler was a member of SADD in Ruidoso, the 1778 Youth Group and involved in the Big Brother Big Sister Program.

She served as the 2009-2010 Lincoln County Fair Queen and showed animals in competition at the Lincoln County Fair.

Cleckler received an academic scholarship from NMSU as well as others from Livestock Foundation, Otero Federal Credit, Hondo Soil and Water and

the Erin Weems Memorial Scholarship.

With her passion for agriculture matched only by her passion for life, Cleckler takes a positive wave of energy to college with her. "I know that by embracing education as a whole, I will not only be able to better myself as an individual, I will also be able to make a difference in this world," she said. "I feel like I have been blessed with the opportunity to simply be breathing, therefore I feel like my place in the scheme of things is to strive to live life in a positive way, setting examples for those around me."

Capitan School Board taking applications to fill vacancy

The Capitan Municipal Schools Board of Education is taking applications for a Position No. 4.

This position became vacant by the resignation of board member Becky Huey-Schultz.

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest addressed to Board President, Ed Vinson, Capitan Municipal Schools, P.O. Box 278, Capitan, NM 88316. Letters of application must be delivered in person or by mail to the Administrative Office of the Capitan School District by 4 p.m., Monday, Aug. 30, 2010.

Applications must include current home address, home phone number,

resume, reason(s) for applying and a list of what the applicant believes are the responsibilities of a school board member.

Applicants must be a registered voter and reside in the geographical boundaries of the Capitan Municipal School District.

This position is up for election in February 2011.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Blood drive

There will be a United Blood Services blood drive, Wednesday, Sept. 1, at Carrizozo Schools in the Multipurpose Room from 1:30-5:30 p.m.

Call Carol Wilson at 648-2347 to make an appointment.

Everyone who donates blood will be entered into a drawing to win an expense paid trip to a Dallas Cowboy game.

Golf scramble

On Sept. 4, 8 a.m., there will be a Golf Scramble at Valle del Sol Golf Course in Carrizozo. Cost \$160 per team of four; prizes to be awarded, breakfast available at the 10th Hole Restaurant. Proceeds benefit the scholarships provided by the Carrizozo Labor Day Street

Fair. To register, call 575-648-2802.

Recycle auction

Recycled items will be auctioned at 4 p.m., Sept. 4, as the Carrizozo Labor Day Street Fair goes green this year.

Items will be on display at the 10th Hole Restaurant of the Valle del Sol Golf Course.

Bidding will begin at 6 p.m. Snacks and drinks will be available for all attendees.

Come support the scholarships provided by this event.

Music in the Parks

The next Music in the Parks concert is Sunday, Aug. 15, 5-7 p.m. at McDonald Park in Carrizozo.

J'lane Zamora is head-

ing up the Carrizozo Little League to do hot dogs, frito pies and sodas to benefit the ball field.

More than 70 kids participate in the summer baseball program in Carrizozo.

Fred Kinnin and Tim Rice will play jazz oldies ... Freight Train, Satin Doll, Misty ... all recognizable tunes.

Plan for a relaxing end-of-summer evening. Bring a lawn chair and/or blanket.

Walk-a-thon

Kicking off the St. Rita Fiesta is a 10K walk-a-thon, 5 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 14.

Queen contestants will be there making sure walkers remain hydrated. For details, call Maryann Bingerman at 808-0712. Pledges are welcome.

Old Lincoln Days Parade Results

Best Mounted Law Group: Lincoln County Sheriffs Posse;

Best Mounted Group: Michael Baca, Mescalero; Mario Contress;

Best Mail Rider: Issac Sanchez;

Best Female Rider: Bethany Sweat, Lincoln County Fair Queen;

Best Frontier Group: Fort Stanton Live Re-enactors, Fort Stanton; Flying Cloud Theater Las Cru-

ces;

Best Frontier Man: Ole George Tippen, Capitan; Leon Two Feather, Artesia;

Best Couple: Raul and Felicia Polaco, Hondo; Pat Garrett and Mrs. Brown Carlsbad;

Best Hispanic Culture Entry: Hondo Fiesta Dancers;

Best Children's Entry: Fiesta Kids, Hobbs-Jennings, San Patricio;

Best Wagon: Frontier Adventures; Las Cruces;

Best Float: Smokey Bear;

Best Fire Engine: Lincoln Fire Dept 2010 Truck; Hondo Fire Truck Engine 32;

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- Submitted by Cherie Hobbs.

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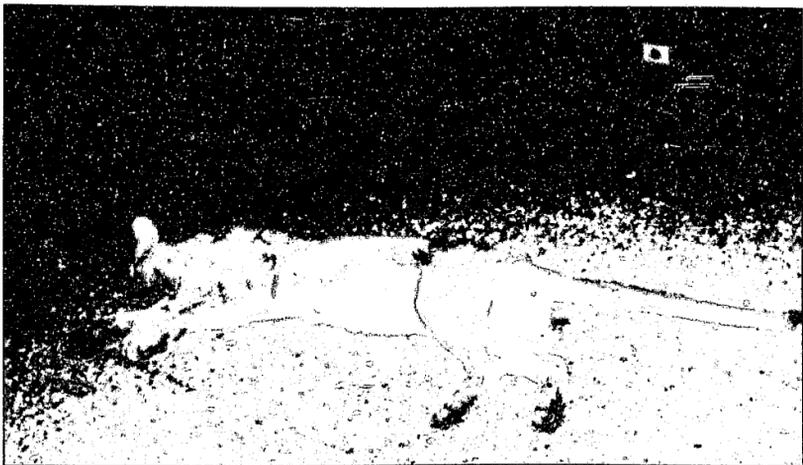
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POLICE & COURTS

Mountain lion killed by vehicle on Highway 70



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A large mountain lion was struck by a vehicle Tuesday night along U.S. Highway 70 east of Ruidoso Downs.

JIM KALVELAGE
jkalvelage@ruidosonews.com

An adult mountain lion was killed Tuesday night, after being struck by a car about five miles east of Ruidoso Downs.

The male weighed 168 pounds, said Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy Charlie LaBelle.

He said it took two people to move the cougar out of the center of U.S. Highway 70.

"It was a big cat," said LaBelle. "There are cats and bears in that area."

The incident happened just before 10 p.m. in the

westbound lanes of the highway near Fox Cave, according to New Mexico State Police, who wrote the accident report.

A Tucumcari man driving the car that struck the carnivore was not injured.

An adult male mountain lion in the western part of the United States typically weighs between 110-180 pounds, according to the organization Defenders of Wildlife.

The animal's size, head and body, ranges from 3.25 feet to 5.25 feet, with a tail length of 23.5 inches to 33.5 inches.

It is estimated there are

about 30,000 cougars in the West.

In game management units 18, 36, 37 and 38, which covers Lincoln County and parts of Otero, Socorro and Torrance counties, the cougar population was estimated at 136-204 by the New Mexico Game and Fish Department in late 2008.

Statewide the estimate was 2,041-3,043, according to a cougar population assessment by the New Mexico Fish and Game Department.

More than 90 percent of New Mexico is considered cougar habitat.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Aug. 1

4:45 p.m. - A report of an aggravated assault with a deadly weapon sent officers to the area of Sudderth Drive and Pine Road. Some bicyclists said one of two men in a pickup truck pointed a pistol in their direction and then drove off.

The pickup truck was found in a driveway in the 600 block of Carrizo Canyon Road. The two men were in front of a residence drinking beer. One of the officers found a holstered Ruger.

Jeff Schilling, 44, of Ruidoso, admitted he had taken the pistol out of its holster and "racked back" the weapon. He said the confrontation was the fault of the bicyclists because they had cut him off, but he also conceded he should have just driven away. Schilling was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was released after a \$5,000 bond was posted.

Aug. 2

1:32 a.m. - A guest at the Travel Lodge, 159 U.S. Highway 70, called police to report he had been "jumped" by two people. The man, from Las Vegas, N.M., said there was a knock on the door to his room and when he opened the door the two men rushed in.

He said he was punched in the face after being told his roommate owned them \$500 for a drug transaction. The victim responded his roommate had already left for home in Las Vegas. The roommate and the victim had been working on a job in the Ruidoso area. The man was taken to the Lincoln County Medical Center to be checked out.

11:23 a.m. - Officers were dispatched to the area of Service Road on a report of a young child walking down the street. A passing motorist said the boy was now by the bridge on Reese Drive. At the bridge area two people had stopped and waited with the child until police arrived.

Police were able to make contact with the three-year old's father who said he had fallen asleep on the couch and the boy apparently had opened the door and gotten out.

The father said he takes a medication that makes him fall into a deep sleep. The boy, who normally is taken to daycare when his mother goes to work, stayed home that day. Police advised the parents to make better arraignments for such scenarios.

Aug. 3

1:52 a.m. - A report of a domestic dispute at a residence in the 100 block of Butler Street sent officers

to the location. One of the officers said he heard a man inside state "Given me the keys or I'll stab you."

The officer entered with his weapon drawn. There the officer saw a man holding a woman down. With his gun raised, the officer ordered the man to the ground.

Steve G. Guilez, 31, of Ruidoso was arrested on charges of aggravated assault on a household member, battery against a household member and interference with telecommunications.

A knife was found at the location and Guilez was accused of breaking the woman's cellular phone. He was taken to the county jail and the woman was checked out at the Lincoln County Medical Center.

10:59 a.m. - A man went to the police station to report a possible Internet fraud. The man said he wanted to purchase a tractor he had seen on Craig's List for a price of \$6,800. An emailed transaction contended the purchase would go through eBay.

On July 20, the man transferred the payment to a bank account at Union Bank in California. When he failed to receive any further information he began to check out the purchase and discovered it was not an eBay transaction.

The victim was also unsuccessful in contacting the so-called seller. The man had other emails that claimed to be from eBay's financial department and eBay motors bank account information. The information, and the supposed name of the seller, were turned over to the police department's Criminal Investigation Division.

2:42 p.m. - A larceny incident in the 100 block of Bogie Lane was reported to police. A man said a power washer kept under a porch was missing. An officer saw wheel marks from the storage location to the road where the tracks disappeared. The victim, who said he was gone for several days, told police some neighbors had seen a dark blue pickup truck driving around recently.

Aug. 5

2:33 p.m. - The New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department asked police to go to a home in the 100 block of Rainbow Drive for a welfare check. An agency representative said it was believed a father at the location was intoxicated.

Police found a couple arguing and the woman stated the father was very drunk. The man stayed at a hotel for the night. The woman said she and her son would move out.

3 p.m. - An out-of-town woman called police to report that after returning home from a vacation in Ruidoso she realized her .22 caliber revolver had been left behind in a rented cabin. The gun was obtained by police and placed in safe keeping at the police station. The woman said a relative who lives closer to Ruidoso will pick up the gun.

7:14 p.m. - An officer was sent to a home in the 100 block of Rowan Road over \$2,725 in missing jewelry. A couple said a necklace and bracelet had been left in the living room the day before. A man, who was working on a job at the home about that time denied taking the items. The next day the couple called police to say the jewelry items were found

under a chair and a couch. The woman said that was odd because the locations had been previously checked.

Aug. 6

8:40 a.m. - A report of a wooden bench that had a broken slat was written by an officer.

A person at In Ka Hoots, 1203 Sudderth Dr., said a person with a skateboard broke the slat the night

before. Video surveillance showed a person had knocked over another item in front of the store. Police were awaiting for a copy of the video.

8:03 p.m. - A report of a family dispute at a residence in the 100 block of Meander Drive brought officers to the location.

An argument had occurred between a father and his daughter.

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Aug. 1
No time provided - A 9-year old boy called 9-1-1 and stated he was scared because he was home alone.
He told the dispatcher that he did not know where his mother and 5-year-old sister were.
He believed his grand-

mother was at church.
A report was written by a responding officer and the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department notified.
The mother was spoken with when she returned home.
The state agency will do a follow up.

Driver escapes with minor injuries after rollover

A California woman escaped with just a minor injury Tuesday after her vehicle rolled south of Capitan.
New Mexico State Police reported the crash involving a 2000 Isuzu registered to Gregory A. Flores or Heidi Shinaberger occurred on New Mexico Highway 48, near milepost

16 about 7:55 a.m.
The driver, Shinaberger, 48, of Signal Hill, Calif., was traveling southbound at the time.
The vehicle veered off the roadway and the driver overcorrected twice, causing the vehicle to leave the pavement and travel into and

down a gully.
The Isuzu overturned twice.
Shinaberger had a minor cut on her hand and complained of a headache, according to a police report.
She was ticketed for careless driving.

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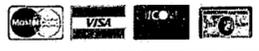
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PIONEER BANK,
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v. No. CV-2010-139
CECIL MAX BEEVERS and ANN TERRELL BEEVERS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that on the August 19, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. the undersigned Special Master, or her designee, will sell to the highest bidder the real property of the Village of Ruidoso City Hall, 313 Cree Meadows, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, sell, assign and convey FOR CASH all of the right, title and interest of Defendants Cecil Max Beever and Ann Terrell Beever, husband and wife, and to the hereinafter described land and improvements to the property to be sold is located in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is more particularly described as follows:

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#9123 AT (7)23,30 (8)6,13

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL MORTGAGE COMPANY,
Plaintiff,
vs. CV 09-453
SHAWN R. DENIO AND ANITA L. DENIO,
husband and wife,
Defendants.

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#9136 AT (7)39 (8)6,13

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
J. ROBERT BEAUVAIS, P.A.,
Plaintiff
vs.
MOUNTAIN VIEW INVESTMENT GROUP, LP, and LARRY BARBER and Robert Beauvais,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDING OF SUIT

TO: Mountain View Investment Group, LP, Larry Barber

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PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
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DATED: July 29, 2010.
DOROTHY E. SMITH
Personal Representative

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#9134 3T (7)39 (8)6,13

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
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Meeting Notice for August 26, 2010

The Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District Board will hold a Regular Meeting on Thursday, August 26, 2010 in the Conference Room of the ALWS&SD Office located at 114 Lake Shore Drive, Alto, NM. The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM.

Delores Brewington
Asst. District Secretary

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Public Notice of Meeting of the Southeast Regional Planning Organization (SERPO)

A Meeting of the Policy and Technical Committees of Southeast Regional Planning Organization (SERPO) will be held on Thursday, August 26, 2010, at 10:00 am at the Bondurant Room, Roswell Public Library, 301 N. Pennsylvanian, Roswell, New Mexico.

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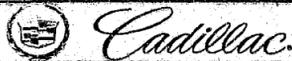
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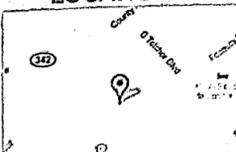


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Cover Story



Roy Clark brings his extraordinary talents to the stage of the Spencer Theatre for two performances tomorrow Saturday, Aug. 14.

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August 13: (Mescalero)
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Live Butterfly Release

August 14: (Ruidoso)
Fundraiser for Ruidoso Hospice Foundation; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; White Mtn. Meadows Pavilion; \$12 per butterfly. For info, call Nancy at 575-258-0028.

Guys and Dolls

August 14: (Capitan)
Oso Art Film Festival presentation, 100 Lincoln Ave. For more information, call 354-2327 or 354-2271.

Outdoor Cinema

August 15: (Mescalero)
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Book Signing

August 21: (Ruidoso)
Shaughn Marlowe, author of *Under the Lion's Paw*, will hold a book signing at Books Etcetera, 2340 Sudderth Dr., on Aug. 21, 1 - 3 p.m. For information, call 575-257-1594

Sunday Under the Stars

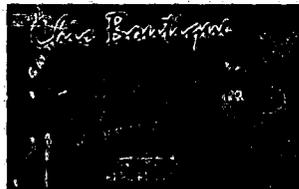
August 22: (Mescalero)
The Mixx performs outdoors at 6 p.m. at Inn of the Mountain Gods. For information, call 575-464-7777.

Rodney Carrington

August 26 - 27:
(Mescalero) Hilarious comedian with eight albums. Actor/writer in ABC sitcom "Rodney." 8 p.m. Inn of the Mountain Gods. For tickets, go online to ticketmaster.com, or call 888-220-7363.

Summer Dinner Dance

August 28: (Ruidoso)
Fundraiser for Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse scholarship fund. Roast beef & Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys. \$55. For information, call 575-257-7982 or 354-0115.



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Cruise-in and sock hop

August 28: (Ruidoso)
Hosted by Golden Gears Car Club at the Moose Lodge, 29 S. Florida St., Alamogordo; Saturday, Aug. 28, 4 p.m. - 11 p.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs served 5 - 7 p.m. Admission is any two books in good condition. Moose members and their qualified guests are welcome. This event benefits Moosehaven and Friends of the Library. For more information, call 575-443-6285.

Carrizozo Labor Day Street Fair

September 4 - 6: (Carrizozo) Saturday golf scramble at Valle del Sol Golf Course, 8 a.m. & auction at 6 p.m.; Labor Day at McDonald Park, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. after parade. For information, call J'Lane Zamora at 575-648-2802.

The Black Crowes

September 6: (Mescalero) American rock and roll band that has sold over 20 million albums and is listed on VH1's *100 Greatest Artists of Hard Rock*. Tickets from \$25. For information, go online to InnOfTheMountainGods.com.

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September 11:
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Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally

September 15 - 19:
(Ruidoso) Annual event at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack and Casino. For more info, email to info@motorcyclerrally.com, or call 1-800-452-8045.

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September 16: (Mescalero) Legendary rock band, with four consecutive triple platinum albums; tickets from \$25. For information, go online to InnOfTheMountainGods.com.

Free Outdoor Concert

September 18 - 19:
(Ruidoso) Rock 'n' roll, blues, jazz and christian music at Wingfield Park. Sat., 4 - 8 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. - noon. For more information, call 575-258-1386.

Tour de Ruidoso

September 25: (Ruidoso)
Ruidoso Hospice Foundation benefit fundraiser. For information, call Nancy Lee at 575-258-0028.

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August 14
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August 21
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6 p.m., \$100

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August 28
Singer/guitarist/actor Bobby Bruce as Neil Diamond.
8 p.m., \$69 & \$66

The Good Life Ray Price

August 31
Legendary balladeer singer with 10-piece band.
6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., \$69 & \$66

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October 1 - 31:
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ON STAGE

Live music in the clubs this weekend

FRIDAY

Billy's Sports Bar (Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino; 378-4431): Homegrown Boyz Band, 7 - 11 p.m.
Casa Blanca (501 Mechem Dr.; 257-2495): Tilted Floor Band, 7 p.m.
Club 49 (Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino): Jace and Lee, 8 p.m.
Coffee and More (308 Granado St., Tularosa; 585-4575) Open jam session; country, rock and roll, swing, blues, 7 - 10 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): Tomás Vigil, 6 p.m.
Mountain Annie's (2710 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-7982): Staerkel Master Musicians; 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.; 257-9982): The Mixx, 8:30 p.m.
Zocca Coffee (1129 Mechem, Ruidoso; 258-1445) Mark Kashmar, acoustic guitar and vocals; 5 - 7 p.m.

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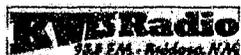
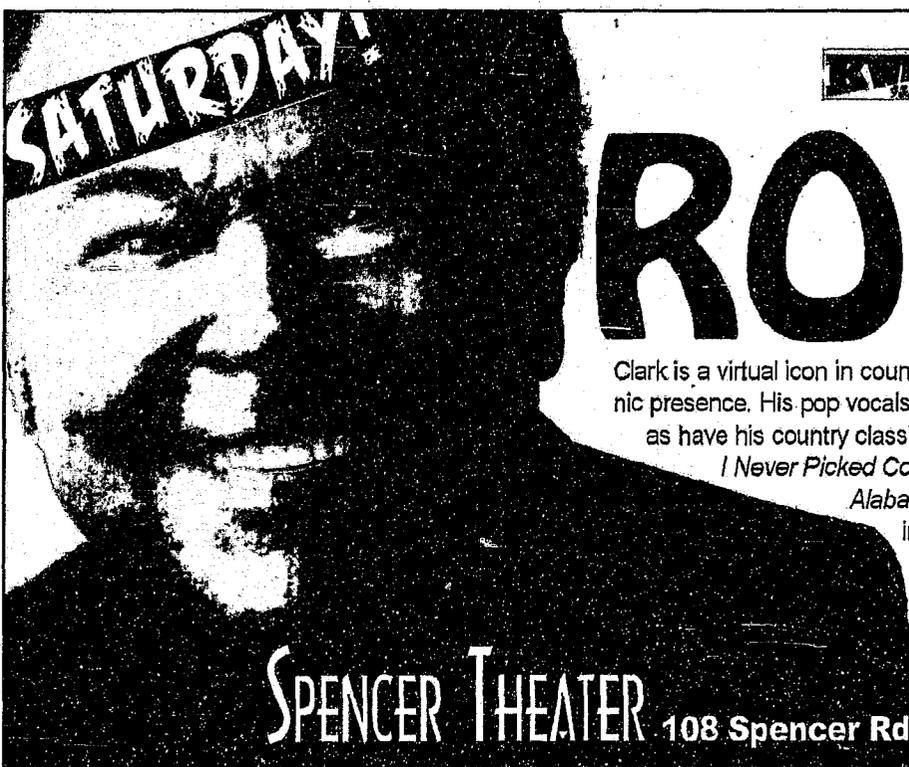
SUNDAY

The Quarters (2535 Sudderth Dr.; 257-9535): Blues and BBQ, 3 - 7 p.m.
Win, Place & Show: (2516 Sudderth Dr.; 257-9982): The Mixx, 8:30 p.m.
Zocca Coffee (1129 Mechem, Ruidoso; 258-1445) Mark Kashmar, acoustic guitar and vocals; 10 a.m. - noon.

For live music entertainment on other nights, contact the clubs for information.

SATURDAY

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



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Clark is a virtual icon in country music, a genre he popularized through his musicianship, amiable personality and telegraphic presence. His pop vocals like *Yesterday*, *When I Was Young* and *Thank God And Greyhound* have been major hits, as have his country classics like *Tips of My Fingers*, *Take Me As I Am (Or Let Me Go)*, *Rose Colored Glasses* and *I Never Picked Cotton*. His skills as an instrumentalist (guitar, banjo, mandolin) are particularly awesome in *Alabama Jubilee*, *Malaguena*, *Riders in the Sky* and *Dueling Banjos*. Clark is a true music inspiration and a born entertainer who, because of his comedic gifts, has been referred to as "Jonathan Winters with a guitar."

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ART MATTERS → CALL FOR ARTISTS

Days at the races

Art at the races appeals to both horse lovers and art aficionados alike

BY MARTY LANE
FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

Last week I was in Santa Fe and had an interesting discussion with a sculptor from Estes Park. He showed me his work that he has displayed on his professionally designed website. He has some truly significant pieces. His complaint, though, was a refrain often heard among visual artists: "I cannot get my work before people." Hence, my sculptor friend spends more time painting houses than plying his art.

We artists must have venues for the exposure we need to continue to do our art.

Days at the Races is a visual arts event sponsored by the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts. Over

the past six years it has been an unexpected venue for the artist and the public. It is an opportunity for the artist to show and sell his work, and the art lover to enjoy and purchase some great creations.

The set-up space for this show is the area under the grandstands at the Ruidoso Downs Racetrack, a great spot providing protection from the elements and abundant traffic from race fans.

Additionally, the show coincides with the time trials for the All-American Futurity, the largest Quarter horse race in the nation.

Days at the Races 2010 will be open to the public during the same hours that the races are running, from 1p.m. until early evening on Aug. 19 -22.

Artists who would like

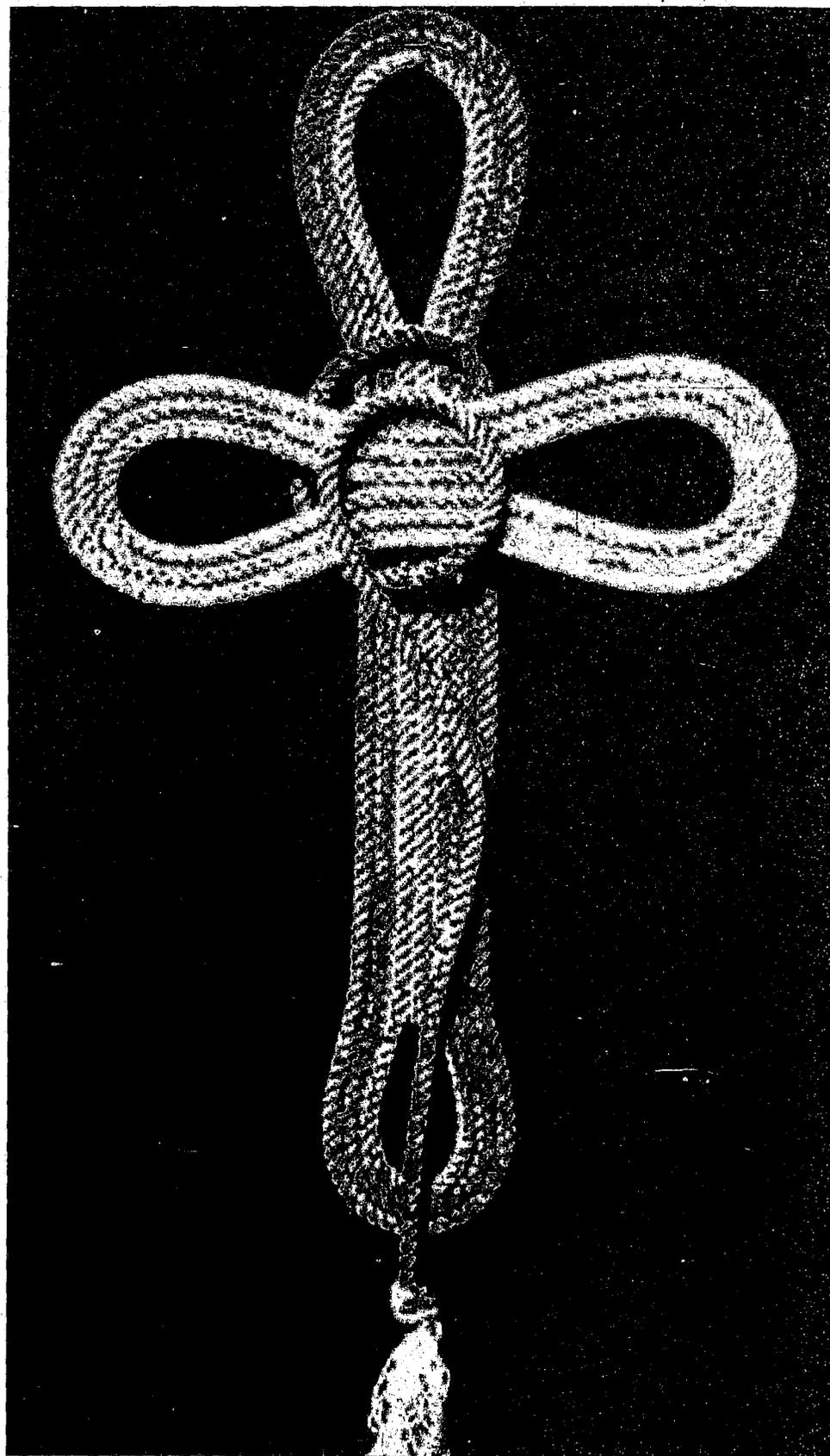
to take advantage of this opportunity can obtain more information and an application by calling the RRCA at 575-257-7272, or emailing to rrcarts@valor-net.com.

The fee for the show is \$150 for RRCA members and \$200 for non-members (this includes a \$50 annual membership). No commissions are paid out on sales.

"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 Dr., or call 575-257-7272.

"Rope Cross" by Paul and Jane Nevarez (right).



ART > ON EXHIBIT

Victoria Mauldin

Ruidoso artist featured at The Gallery

BY JAMES GOODWIN
FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

The state of New Mexico is blessed to be home to a wide array of highly talented artists. These individuals range from painters and sculptors to photographers and others. They cover styles from modern to traditional.

There are many venues open to artists for displaying their work. One of these is The Gallery located in Roswell. The Gallery is one of the many projects headed by the Roswell Fine Arts League and New Mexico Miniature Arts Society. The purpose of The Gallery is to showcase the work of our local artists helping them to get into the public eye.

The Gallery also showcases pottery and works in wood and metal. On Sunday, Aug. 8, The Gallery held its monthly artist



"Eye to eye" (left) and "Close Call" (above) are examples of artist Victoria Mauldin's realism painting style. Photos courtesy James Goodwin.

reception featuring Ruidoso artist Victoria Mauldin.

Mauldin is a contemporary realist painter who uses her talent to bring the beauty of the Southwest to the public. She has received numerous awards and has had several individual artist exhibits.

Mauldin's paintings will remain on display at The

Gallery for the entire month of August. Everyone is encouraged to stop by and visit. The Gallery is located at 107 E. Fifth St., in Roswell. If a trip to Roswell is not in your plans, then you can enjoy Mauldin's beautiful artwork on display at Josie's Framery here in Ruidoso or at Oso Art in Capitan. Mauldin also invites everyone to

visit her studio/gallery, and to go online to her Web site at vmauldinart.com.

No matter what your personal taste in art is – modern, eclectic or traditional – The Gallery is sure to be able to provide an experience that will leave you coming back for more. To find out more about The Gallery, go online to www.rfal.org.

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

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

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The Camel House • 1690 Highway 70 East • Ruidoso Downs • 378-7065 • Prints, framing.

DJ's Jewelry • 618 Carrizo Canyon • 630-1514 • Hand-crafted silver and semi-precious stones, Southwest style

Earth & Stone • 2117 Sudderth • 257-2768 • Pottery by Alan Miner. Thrown vessels, tableware, vessel sinks, platters, sculpted pieces. Watch the artist at work.

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GD Garrett Fine Art • 2306 Sudderth • 257-7695 • Studio and gallery of wildlife painter Gary Garrett.

J. Mauritsen Studio • 624 Carrizo Canyon Rd. • 257-6348 • Wood carver transforms tree trunks into fine art, furniture.

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Morning Star Gallery • 112 Laughing Horse Trail, MM 18 • 937-9331 • Fine finished functional wood art furniture. Wood from local area harvested responsibly. Studio open by appointment. Art hand crafted by Michael.

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Southwest art, prints & originals, pottery, custom framing. Resident artist: Teri Sodd.

Picture This Gallery • 2621 Sudderth • 630-0003 • Prints and framing.

Piñon Pottery • 3 miles east of Wal-Mart on Highway 70 • Ruidoso Downs • 378-4270 • (800) 378-4275 • Studio and gallery of Vicki Conley, plus work by other locals. Thrown pottery and sculpted ceramic.

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Artists' reception

The exhibit titled "Totems, Tableaux and Forms" presented by artists Jerrold Flores and Joyce Hastings will open on Monday, Aug. 16, at Carrizozo Clay, 413 12th St. in Carrizozo. The show runs through Sept. 13. An artists' reception will be held on Saturday, Aug. 21, from 5 - 7 p.m.

This collaborative work show uses an anthropomorphic framework, with totemic and tableaux-itic structures to emphasize a particular philosophical idea or form, as well as simply to honor an animal for its essence.

Twelve years ago, Joyce Hastings began taking ceramic classes in California. Eleven years ago, upon moving to Ruidoso, she studied with Susan Ancker-Weir at ENMU.

Nature is Hastings main influence for the form, texture and content of her functional work. During a clay workshop at Swan Studios with Susan



Ancker-Weir, Hastings met Jerrold Flores and they eventually began working together on some collaborative pieces.

Flores is a native New Mexican who was reared in San Francisco, later returning to New Mexico. He won a scholarship to The Academy of Art in San Francisco in 1958, then attended the Fine Arts Department at San Francisco Community College and began a painting career.

Outside of exhibiting in various galleries in California, Flores owned and operated Des Arts Gallery in San Francisco. He has exhibited at De Young Museum in San Francisco, Berkeley Art Center, Walker Museum in Sacramento,

Jacksonville College in Florida and Los Manitos Gallery in Santa Fe.

As a painter, his work evolved from photo-realism to large minimalistic installations based on "energy bars." Flores resumed his work as an artist by experimenting with clay at Swan Studio 10 years ago, then decided it would be his medium of choice.

Flores believes that all artists should attempt to work collaboratively on occasion as it is an opportunity to expand into a larger source of ideas, and to help temper and understand the ego, which can lead to more heartfelt work and can unleash more creative passion.

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~ Jessie Hanson, Editor

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Water your mind

BY SHARON STEWART
FOR ¡VAMOS!

The adult summer reading program titled "Water Your Mind - READ" at the Village of Ruidoso Public Library continues through the month of August. This summer we have been discussing water in the high desert mountains and learning about the importance of water, as well as enjoying movies with water topics.

Please join us on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. for the following programs:

August 18 - Relive a breathtaking journey to the top of the world with the movie titled *Everest* (45-minute running time; MacGillivray Freeman Films).

Join an international team of climbers as they scale the world's tallest peak. Witness the perils of skin-blistering cold, violent blizzards that drop the windchill to minus 100 degrees, and air so thin it

numbs the mind.

Everest will take you across creaking icefalls and gaping chasms, up dangerous, towering cliffs and into the death zone of oxygen-thin altitude.

Filmed during the infamous 1996 storm that claimed eight lives, *Everest* documents the filmmakers' harrowing rescue efforts to help surviving members of the ill-fated group. This event was chronicled in Jon Krakauer's book, *Into Thin Air*.

August 25 - The movie *Coral Reef Adventure* (43-minute running time; MacGillivray Freeman Films) will be shown.

This undersea exploration has a deeper, more serious agenda of warning its viewers that the natural magnificence of the world's most impressive coral reefs is possibly a mere 30 years away from extinction due to the devastating effects of global (and oceanic) warming. The world is in the process

of losing entire ecosystems that cannot be replaced.

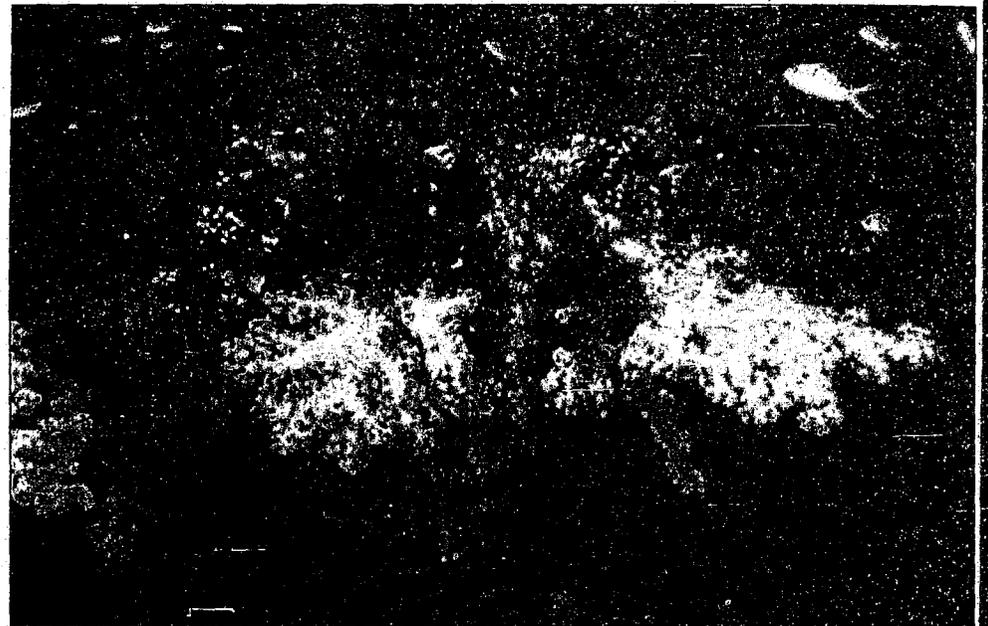
When you see these awesome coral reefs in their still-thriving vitality, you experience a sense of urgent responsibility toward our stewardship of Planet Earth. The film provides an all-access pass to some of the most exotic, playful, and dangerous creatures in the ocean.

The summer reading program is provided to the public through a grant received from the New Mexico Humanities Council and the New Mexico State Library, facilitated by Friends of the Library.

To learn more about the adult reading program, stop by the library for a brochure, or go online to www.youseemore.com/ruidosopl/ and click on the Library News tabs. You can also visit our blog at <http://ruidosopubliclibrary.blogspot.com/>.

The Village of Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Rd. and is open Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For more information, call 575-258-3704.



Schools of emperors and other small fish swarm over a bed of soft corals in Fiji (above). Photo courtesy Mark Conlin. The film *Everest* (below) documents the story of the ill-fated 1996 climbing team. Photo courtesy MacGillivray Freeman Films.



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Mano y mente

Artist in residence program offers both art and history

BY JESSIE HANSON
¡VAMONOS! EDITOR

Hand and mind. That is the English translation of *mano y mente*; and *Mano y Mente* is the name for a unique artist-in-residence program located in Tularosa.

Mano y Mente artists are selected from a national pool of applicants. Participants are chosen based on credentials including talent, range of experience and productivity. These selected artists are invited to live at the Mano y Mente residence for 10 weeks.

Every other week these resident artists spend time in different areas, such as White Sands, Three Rivers, Dog Canyon and Valley of Fires offering the opportunity to paint a variety of landscapes. Alternating weeks are spent in-studio where the artists work on individually inspired works.

A public art exhibition

is held at the end of each 10-week session.

Open to the public and without admission, the Mano y Mente Museum is located at 220 Granada St. Museum hours are Wednesday – Saturday, from noon to 6 p.m.

The museum displays artworks donated by past Mano y Mente artists who were influenced by the area's stunning scenery, as well as their personal experiences during their time here in southern New Mexico.

The artist in residence

program has hosted individuals of diverse artistic styles and techniques. The result is an exhibition of realist, impressionist, expressionist, surrealist and abstract pieces created with many different art mediums.

Each piece is accompanied by information about the artist, along with an account of their experiences in the region that influenced their work of art. Currently, the museum displays the works of artists from six different Mano y Mente sessions.



"Red Truck" is an 11" x 14" original oil by plein air landscape painter Jonathan Gaetke.

Now open, the new Jonathan Fine Art Gallery adjoins the Mano y Mente Museum. The gallery features the works of Jonathan Gaetke, a talented plein air landscape painter who has relocated to the Tularosa Basin from Minnesota, and is himself a past Mano y Mente artist-in-residence.

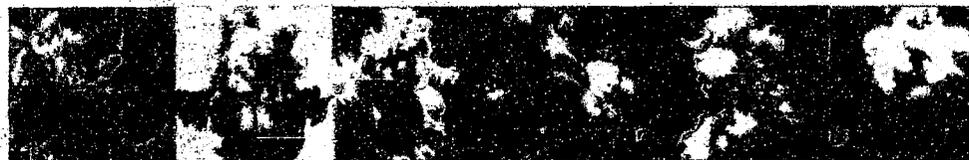
"Nature offers an end-

less variety of subjects and challenges. What I choose to paint comes from an emotional response to a subject and if done well, hopefully will be reflected back to the viewer," states Gaetke.

For more information

on Jonathan Gaetke and his gallery, go online to his Web site at www.JonathanFineArt.com, or call him at 575-571-7848.

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Roy Clark

The legendary “master of strings” performs at the Spencer Theatre

BY KATHLEEN McDONALD
FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

Perhaps best known for his decades-long stint as the host of the country-music show *Hee Haw*, Roy Clark is truly a master of strings and a charming vocalist who has entertained millions for more than 40 years.

Clark is a multi-award-winning virtuoso, actor, vocalist and philanthropist – an all ‘round great human being – who has headlined some of the world’s most prestigious venues, including Carnegie Hall, Madison Square Garden, Grand Palace in Brussels and the Rossiya Theatre in Moscow.

His many awards include:

- Academy of Country Music’s three time Entertainer of the Year;

tainer of the Year;

- Academy of Country Music’s Comedy Act of the Year;

- Country Music Association’s three time Instrumentalist of the Year;

- Picker of the Year, *Playboy* magazine’s reader’s poll;

- Best Country Guitarist, *Guitar Magazine*;

- Grammy Award winner for “Alabama Jubilee.”

With a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Clark is a virtual icon in country music, a genre he popularized through his musicianship, amiable personality and telegenic presence.

His pop vocals like “Yesterday,” “When I Was Young” and “Thank God and Greyhound” have been major hits, as have his country classics like

“Tips of My Fingers,” “Take Me as I Am (Or Let Me Go),” “Rose Colored Glasses” and “I Never Picked Cotton.”

His skills as an instrumentalist (guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica and mandolin) are particularly awesome in “Alabama Jubilee,” “Malaguena,” “Riders in the Sky” and “Dueling Banjos.” Clark is a true music inspiration and a born entertainer who, because of his comedic gifts, has been referred to as “Jonathan Winters with a guitar.”

A member of the Grand Ole Opry and The Country Music Hall of Fame, Clark will appear in concert with his eight-man band at the Spencer Theater in Alto at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14. Tickets are available at \$56 and \$69



by calling the Spencer Theatre box office at 575-336-4800, or go online to www.spencertheater.com.

Clark’s performances at the Spencer Theatre are sponsored by Walton Stations of New Mexico KWES 93.5 FM, KBUY 1390 AM and Fox Sports KWES 1450 AM.

Upcoming events:

- **Spencer Theatre Lobsterfest Fund Raiser** Saturday, Aug. 21, 6 p.m. All-you-can eat whole lobster or tails (your choice) and fixings. Cash bars. Snazzy jazz, light rock, blues and soul music entertain at this scrumptious affair. \$100 per person.

- **Nearly Neil and the Solitary Band**

Saturday, Aug. 28, 8 p.m. Singing the sequin-adorned star’s mega-hits like “Sweet Caroline,” “Holly Holly,” “Red, Red Wine,” “Kentucky Woman,” “I Got The Feelin’ (Oh No No),” “September Morn,” and “Cherry Cherry.” Tickets priced at \$69 and \$66.

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Arms,” “Release Me,” “You’re the Best Thing That Ever Happened to Me,” “City Lights and San Antonio Rose.” Sponsored by the R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation. Tickets priced at \$69 and \$66.

Tickets can be purchased at the Spencer Theatre box office located at 108 Spencer Rd., just off Airport Highway 220 in Alto. Business hours are 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday; or by calling 575-336-4800 or toll free at 888.818.7872; or online at www.spencertheater.com; or by fax at 575-336-0055; or by emailing to boxoffice@spencertheater.com.

COVER STORY ▶ MUSIC



Dom Perignon

BY NEAL JONES
FOR ¡VAMOS!

This last week, I was looking at my almanac and it showed that on this date Dom Perignon invented champagne. Well, that needs to be corrected. So, I will use this week's article to talk about champagne.

No, Dom Perignon did not invent champagne. However, he was in charge of wine production at an abbey. He was a Benedictine monk and cellar master at abbey Saint Pierre d'Hautvillers, where he spent many years tending their vineyards. He is credited with perfecting the art of champagne production

during his years at the abbey. The issue Perignon had was related to the region of wine making, and a secondary in-bottle fermentation. The Champagne region includes the major cities of Epernay and Reims, and lies about 90 miles east of Paris. The abbey in Hautvillers is very near Epernay. This region

wanted to create the fine reds of regions further south, but the cooler climate made reds that were less distinctive than the bigger Pinot Noir reds fermented in the southern regions of France.

What was surprising in this region of Champagne was the secondary fermentation that occurs naturally. The reason is that the cool onset of autumn stopped the fermentation process of the available sugars bottled in the wine. Then, when the warmer temperatures of spring came along, the secondary fermentation began. The second cycle of fermentation in the bottle caused carbon dioxide to accumulate. The problem was an expansion of gasses causing the corks to pop out with entire racks of bottles exploding from the pressure. Historical records show Perignon did not like white grapes or the secondary fermentation at all, and that he wanted to perfect ways to avoid secondary fermentation.

In the early 18th century, Perignon contributed to the care and harvest of Pinot-Noir grapes, setting standards for pruning the vines, as well as harvesting and using a wine press. He also can be credited as being an early advocate of blending grapes, combining Pinot Noir with Carignan. Perignon also created an early Pinot Noir blush or rose wine. Interestingly, this blush Pinot was an early form of what we now know as Champagne, surviving the secondary fermentation and becoming a



sparkling wine.

The sparkling white wine known as Champagne was actually discovered by accident. Bottles that survived the secondary fermentation were drinkable and actually quite good. With his focus on making sparkling wine, English scientist and physician Christopher Merrett, created his own Champagne production method in 1662, six years before Perignon took over the cellars at Hautvillers.

The city of Reims lies in the northern region of Champagne, France, while Epernay is located south. Reims area wines are mainly produced with Pinot Noir grapes. Valee de la Marne is situated in the middle region, where Pinot Meunier grapes are successfully grown and blended. Using the Chardonnay grape in French Champagne is more common from the Epernay area, along with Pinot Noir.

Nearly all Champagne makers do not grow their grapes, but it is the grape

that determines the cru, or class, of the fermented wine. A label of Grand Cru means all grapes used are of the highest quality and received 100 percent of the price. The next level is Premier Cru, where grapes are 90 percent of the highest level judged by market experts in the region.

The relative sweetness of the wine is rated by Brut (the driest) to Extra Dry, Sec, Demi-Sec, to Doux (the sweetest). Brut Champagne is occasionally labeled "for the English market" and is an exceptionally dry wine. The sweet Doux and Demi-Sec wines are extremely rare outside the European markets.

The next time you toast with a nice sparkling wine, or Champagne, remember Dom Perignon really wanted to stop the bubbles that tickle your nose.



Neal Jones is a former sommelier and wine judge. He is an independent wine consultant with Wine Shop at Home offering in-home wine tastings for select Napa boutique wineries. You can email him at coyotecliffs@yahoo.com, or go online to wineshopathome.com/nealjones.

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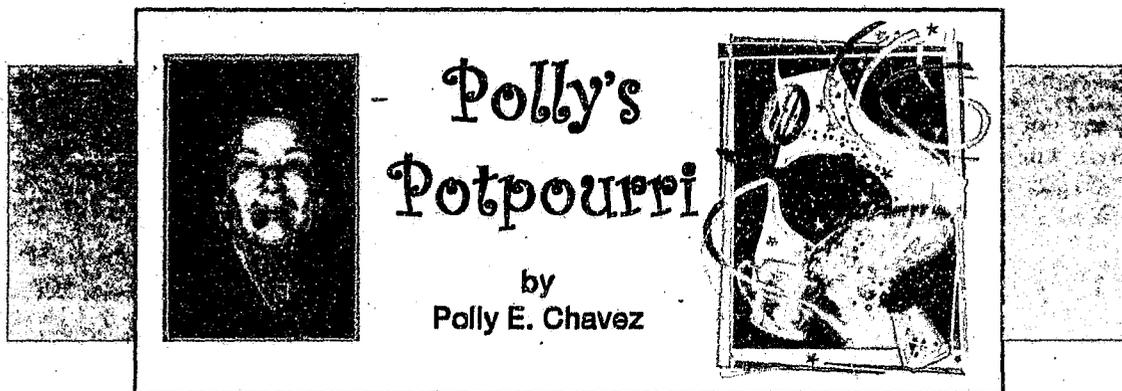
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German chocolate cake



Polly's
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by
Polly E. Chavez

The cake recipe for this week was the result of not finding the cake mix that was needed for a bundt cake recipe, Southern Praline Pecan Cake, which requires butter pecan cake mix.

I called my sister-in-law, Mrs. George Sanchez, who gave me the original recipe and suggested a chocolate cake mix. I had on hand. I used Betty Crocker's Devil's Food, but Pillsbury and Duncan Hines also have Devil's Food.

I thought that it was interesting that a can of frosting is mixed in the batter before it is baked. Four eggs, plenty of oil and chocolate icing made for a very rich, stick-to-your-ribs result. It passed the grandchildren test.

I wanted to know about the bundt pan and German Chocolate Cake. The bundt may have originated from German bundkuchen, a ring-shaped coffee cake. The "d" in the word "bundt" is silent.

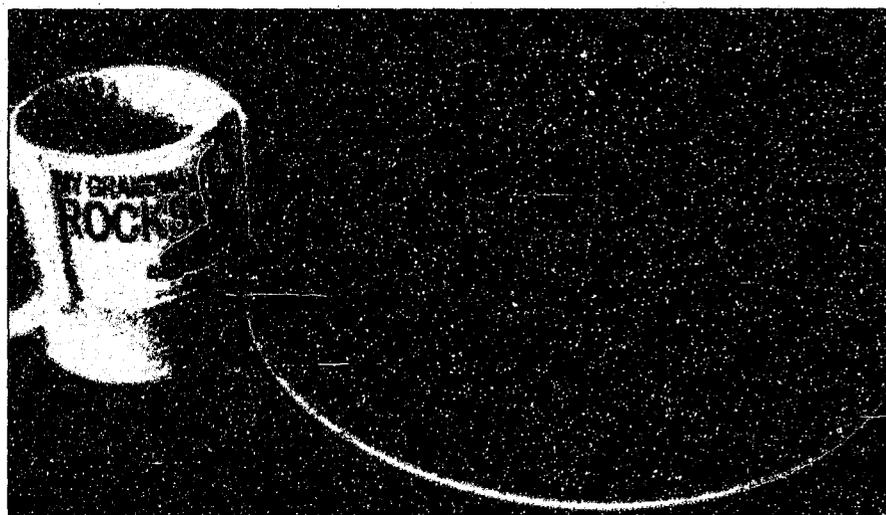
German Chocolate Cake is a layered choco-

late cake with a coconut-pecan frosting. The caramel frosting is made with egg yolks and evaporated milk.

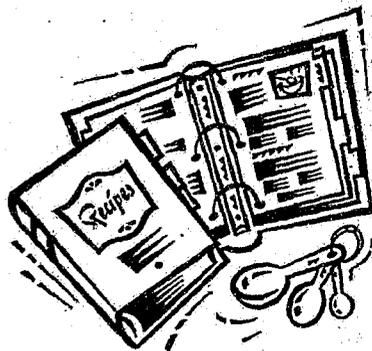
Contrary to popular belief, this cake did not originate in Germany. The name is derived from Englishman Samuel German, who created a sweet chocolate for Baker's Chocolate brand. The original recipe was called German's Chocolate Cake. In 1957, that first recipe was sent in to the local newspaper by a homemaker.

The cake became popular and General Foods distributed the recipe to other newspapers in the country. Sales of Baker's Chocolate increased. General Foods dropped the possessive form from German's, leaving the "German Chocolate Cake," as we know it today.

Occasionally, a chocolate frosting is spread on the sides of the two-layer cake and piped around the circumference of the layers to hold the coconut/pecan caramel frosting on top.



Deviled German Chocolate Cake



- 1 package Devil's Food cake mix
- 1 container of coconut pecan frosting
- 4 eggs
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup water
- Chocolate frosting

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a bundt pan with non-stick cooking spray.

Combine the cake mix with the frosting, eggs, oil and the water. Pour the batter into the prepared pan.

Bake for 50 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Frost the cake with your favorite chocolate icing.

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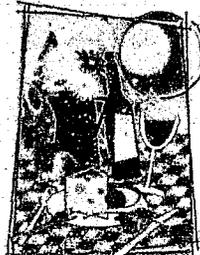
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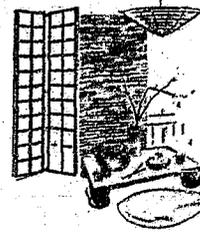
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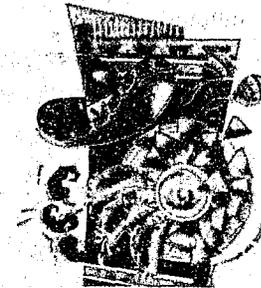
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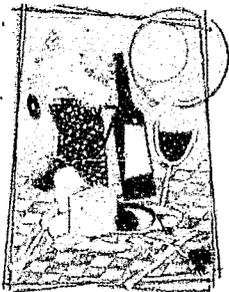
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Horsemen's Grill • 321 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán • Tues - Sat 5 p.m. - 9 pm; Sun brunch 10 am - 3 p.m. • 354-1447.

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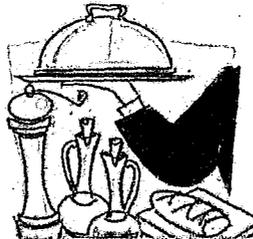
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El Paisano • 442 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán • Tue - Sat, 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. • 354-2206

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

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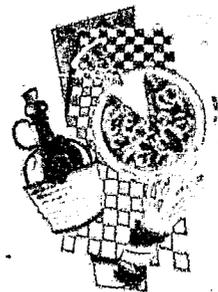
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Bon Appetit!

Clash at Adobe Walls, part 1

Bat Masterson was to become a legend, even in his own time. Of course, he is remembered chiefly for his activities as a lawman in Dodge City, Kan. But Bat was many things. Primarily a lawman and gambler, he was also a politician and, in his later years, a respected New York City sports-writer.

Of all his accomplishments, Bat was perhaps proudest of one thing, and it was an event in which he was not even the central figure, but merely a supporting player. He was proudest of his participation in the Battle of Adobe Walls. The very fact that he was a survivor was something he could brag about – and justifiably, too. He is barely mentioned in accounts of the time, but he was *there*, and that was all that counted.

Adobe Walls is a remote spot to this very day. The small scattering of adobe buildings that gave the place its name are long gone. A few monuments and graves of the fallen mark the spot, but other than that, it's pretty much the same place that it was back in June of 1874.

As the wind whispers through the tall grass and one gazes at the great expanse of open, broken country that comprises much of the Texas Panhandle, it is easy to transport oneself back through the mists of time. You can almost hear the clanking and clatter of the wagons and the laughter from the saloon. It doesn't take



much imagination to smell the wood smoke, mixed with the foul odor emanating from the buffalo hides stacked in the corral.

Adobe Walls' primary reason for existing was as a camp for the buffalo hunters who had come there for one reason only. In the simple words of J. Wright Moor, who has been called the "Father of the great buffalo hunt," "I can make a great deal more money at this than anything I ever went at before."

From 1871, right up into the 1880s, armed with the heavy caliber firearms necessary to bring down the great, shaggy beasts, men had come from all over the globe to slaughter the vast herds of bison that were native to the American West.

Of course, the buffalo were something else entirely to the Native Americans. They had used the animals to fill many needs and had been doing so for centuries. They used them for food, clothing and even made thread out of the muscles of the leviathan creatures. The hunters arriving from the East and across the Atlantic killed

them only for their skins and tongues.

This was incomprehensible to the Indians, of course, and who can blame them for wanting to stop what they correctly perceived as wanton slaughter? Even when the hunters were plying their trade illegally, the military tended to turn a blind eye, knowing that killing the buffalo would also serve the purpose of "containing" the Indians.

Of course, this does not mean that the hunters were "evil" men, either. One must understand the times and place to understand the people. To these men, the frontier was a place where *any* man, regardless of race, creed or station, could become wealthy. People were taught back East that the Native Americans were vicious savages who needed killing, if they needed any reason at all.

As is so often the case, the real problem was misunderstanding and racism on both sides, with both sides blaming *any* member of the other race for *any* and *all* atrocities visited upon them. And there was certainly no lack of atrocities. Whenever men begin judging each other for the actions of those of their race, disaster is the inevitable result.

Quanah

Quanah Parker is remembered by history as one of the greatest of the Comanche War Chiefs. The son of a white captive named Cynthia Ann Parker, his name, in Coman-

che, means "fragrance." When a Comanche reached puberty, it was the custom to take on a new name, an adult name, but in Quanah's case, he kept his child's name out of respect for his mother, even adding her white name to his own.

Cynthia Ann's story is one of the most tragic to ever come out of the American West. Taken captive as a child, she gradually adopted Comanche ways, so much so that many years later, when she was "rescued" by whites, she was unwilling to leave her Comanche life and family. Forced to return to white civilization with her toddler daughter, Cynthia Ann watched helplessly as her child grew ill and died. After that, Cynthia Ann simply withered and died, too.

Quanah may have been half white, but his heart was all Comanche. Not only did he lead many of the last raids of the Comanche Nation, he also became an effective agitator and legislator for Indian rights in his later years. He was a man to be reckoned with by anyone's standards.

Misconceptions

There are many misconceptions about the Old West entertained and promulgated primarily by Hollywood. For example, buffalo hunters are invariably portrayed as filthy, uneducated brutes, which was generally *not* the case. Many of them were up-standing members of socie-

ty and, in a very real sense, early Western entrepreneurs. (Nevertheless, the odor of their profession *had* to have been quite pronounced when they were plying it out on the Plains).

No one ever seems to think of Indians using any modern weapons other than rifles, but they carried pistols, too – there are photographs of Geronimo wearing a sidearm. In fact, there is at least one notable story of an Indian carrying a sidearm at Adobe Walls, but we'll get to that.

The Hide Men cometh

Adobe Walls itself was no stranger to violence. Back in 1864, legendary and misunderstood frontiersman Kit Carson fought a major battle there against a combined force of Comanche and Kiowa warriors. If not for the presence of two howitzers, Carson and his men may have been annihilated.

In March 1874, the firm of Myers and Leonard began construction of a store at the place where the Carson battle occurred, which had become known as Adobe Walls, or simply "The Walls."

Buffalo hunters – the "Hide Men" – came from all over the globe, many of them ultimately passing through the little settlement. Among the more famous participants in the 1874 battle were, in addition to Bat Masterson, "Dutch Henry" Born and James "Bermuda" Carlyle. The jury is still out on this

one, but there is a possibility that Carlyle was the same Jim Carlyle who was killed – possibly by his own men – at the gunfight between Billy the Kid's gang and a posse in late 1880 near what is now Corona, New Mexico.

"Dutch Henry" Born went on to a less-than-admirable, but quite successful career as a renowned horse thief.

Next: Strange events and the violence begins.

Sources: *The History and Archeology of the 1874 Trading Post* by T. Lindsay Baker and Billy R. Harrison and *Bat Masterson* by R.K. DeArment.

Drew has recently completed *Wolf Story*, the incredible tale of his 10-year adventure with a 160-lb., 33-inches-at-the-shoulder gray wolf. For information on how to obtain a copy, please call Drew at 575-653-4056 or email him at drew@pvtnetworks.net.

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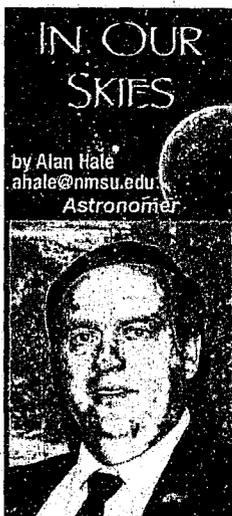
IN OUR SKIES

The local water source

There is no question that water is essential for all life here on Earth. When we look at possible locations for life elsewhere in the solar system, one of the key things we look for is the presence of some kind of water. For example, the discoveries by the Martian rovers Spirit and Opportunity over the past few years that Mars' surface had copious amounts of surface water in the past; and the detection of water in Mars' polar region by the Phoenix Mars Lander two years ago, point to the possibility that Mars may, at one time, have had some kind of indigenous life, and possibly may even have some today.

The possibility of an underground worldwide ocean of liquid water on Jupiter's moon Europa and the erupting water geysers that the *Cassini* spacecraft has recently detected on Saturn's moon Enceladus have stimulated discussions of possible life forms on those two worlds as well.

Since water is so important to life here on Earth, and since life is believed to have originated in the Earth's surface water, a natural question is: Where did this water originally come from? The logical answer would appear to be that it came from



comets. We know from study of these objects over the years that a significant fraction of their composition is water, and furthermore our basic ideas of how the planets formed involve the impacts of objects like comets and asteroids (especially, very early in the solar system's history where there were many more such objects around than there are today). For some time the generally accepted scenario had been that comets "delivered" water to Earth early in its history and that the water in our oceans, lakes, rivers, etc., came from these interplanetary wanderers.

That picture began to change back in the mid-1990s after detailed studies of some bright comets, including Halley's that had returned a decade earlier, as well as Hyakutake and Hale-Bopp that had recently appeared, revealed a fundamental chemical difference between the water they carried and the seawater of Earth. (Specifically, the abundance of the hydrogen isotope deuterium compared to "normal" hydrogen in the cometary water was about double what it is in seawater.) It began to appear that Earth did not receive its water in this manner – but then, if it didn't, where did the water

come from?

A possible answer to this question has begun to emerge within the past few years. It has long been thought that the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter is a relatively "dry" region of the solar system; even though some of the asteroids may contain trace amounts of water, in general the asteroid belt is close enough to the sun that, over the lifetime of the solar system, almost all of the water would have been vaporized. However, within the past decade detailed observations of Ceres, the largest asteroid in the main belt (and one of the now-recognized "dwarf planets"), have suggested that it might contain substantial amounts of water – perhaps more than the entire fresh-water supply on Earth – beneath its crust, and that it might possess a subsurface ocean like Europa is believed to have.

There have also been the recent discoveries of some small comets that remain entirely within the main asteroid belt. The first such "main belt comet" was discovered in the mid-1990s, two more were discovered in 2005, and one more in 2008. One very curious object in the inner region of the main asteroid belt that was discovered by the LINEAR program in New Mexico earlier this year was initially thought to be the result of a collision between two small asteroids, but more recent studies suggest that this object's "tail" formed from

material that was released over a period of several months, indicating that it, too, may be another member of the main belt comets. It is rather likely that several other such objects remain to be discovered.

Then, earlier this year came the announcement that two independent teams of researchers have detected evidence of large amounts of water ice in another fairly large main belt asteroid, known as Themis. One thing that makes this discovery especially interesting is that at least two of the known main belt comets have orbits very similar to that of Themis, and may in fact be pieces of Themis that were ejected during a collision with another object many millions of years ago.

One thing we don't know is if the water on Ceres, Themis, and the main belt comets is like that in the longer-period comets like Halley and Hale-Bopp, or is more like that in Earth's water. But we may have some kind of answer to this within the not-too-distant future: the Dawn spacecraft, presently on its way to another main belt asteroid, Vesta, at which it will arrive next year, will then travel on to Ceres, where it is scheduled to arrive in 2015. Dawn should be able to give us a detailed analysis of the chemical make-up of Ceres, including its water content, and perhaps finally be able to give us

an answer as to where our water came from.

In the meantime, while the known main belt comets are far too dim to see with any backyard telescopes, sky-watchers can at least view the two aforementioned larger objects in our nighttime skies this month. Ceres is currently located in the constellation Ophiuchus (high in the southwest during the evening hours between the prominent constellations of Scorpius and Sagittarius) and can be seen with a pair of binoculars, while Themis, located a little to the east of the "teapot" of Sagittarius, can be detected with a moderate-sized

backyard telescope.

When we look at these objects we may be seeing our past – and perhaps our future, as well; it's conceivable that such worlds may end up being the "watering holes" for our descendants who are exploring the solar system.

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COMMUNITY LISTINGS

Lincoln County

Clubs/Associations

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

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

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

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

Christian Motorcyclists Assoc: Third Thursday monthly at 6:30 p.m.; 1204 Mechem, Suite 8.; online at www.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 7:45 a.m.; New members and visitors welcome; Info: Jordan, 378-5250.

Lincoln County Right to Life Chapter: 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday at 309 L.L. Davis Dr. All are welcome; Info: 258-5108.

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

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

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

Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

Ruidoso Area Singers: 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 Mommy's 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.

A Course in Miracles study group: Wednesdays, 6:45 - 8 p.m. Free. Drop-ins welcome. The Wisdom Study Group. At The Yoga Studio, 2810 Sudderth Dr., #207, (upstairs to right of and above Schlotzky's) Call Marianne 575-257-0527.

AI-Anon: Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday, 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 1, ground floor, Ruidoso; info: 258-8885.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous: Ruidoso Arid Group. Daily 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m.; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Fri, Sat, Sun, 8 p.m. 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 1, (ground fl) 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

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

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

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

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

B.P.O. Does: Noon, second and fourth Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. Highway 70.

Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program: 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso. For children age 4 to 6th grade; Info: 257-2081, www.fbcruaidoso.com.

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

Humane Society of Lincoln County: Gavilan Canyon Rd. shelter 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, Phillip, 257-5555, or Greg, 257-1255.

Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary: 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center off East Highway 70; Info: 378-8099 or 378-8316.

Ruidoso Evening Lions: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Evening Lions Club House, 106 S. Overlook (behind Chef Lupe's). New members always welcome. Info: Mike Zaragosa, 937-0768 or Harold Oakes, 937-7618.

Ruidoso Shrine Club: 6:30 p.m. every fourth Wednesday at Cree Meadows Restaurant; Info: 258-5860.

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club: Meets at 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: 257-0363.

Sierra Blanca Daughters of the American Revolution: Third Thursday of each month. Info: 258-3045.

Zia Girl Scout Council: 6 p.m. every third Thursday at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Info: 437-2921.

White Mountain Search & Rescue: 7 p.m. every third Monday at First Christian Church near the intersection

of Hull and Gavilan Canyon Roads. Info: email whitemountainsar@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainsar.org or phone 866-596-8382.

Veterans

American Legion Jerome D. Klein Post 79: 11 a.m. every third Saturday, 101 Spring St. at Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs; Info: 257-6757.

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

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

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

Otero County

Clubs & Associations

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

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

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

Barbershop Harmony Society: The "Sounds of Enchantment" barber-shop chorus meets at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo, every Tue., 7-9 p.m. Gentlemen of all ages welcome. Info: 437-8832.

Boy Scouts: Programs open to boys first grade-age 20, girls tenth grade-age 20. Info: Suzy, 437-7640.

Chaparral Kennel Club: 6:30 p.m. every first Wednesday at various locations. Promotes purebred dogs and sponsors therapy visits, dog shows, matches and the rescue of purebred dogs. Michele, 434-5220.

The Christian Self-Employed Business Club: Breakfast meetings at 8 a.m. on Fridays. Any self-employed person and a guest are welcome to attend. Paul Collins, 437-8257.

Crochet Guild of America: The Alamogordo Touch of Class Chapter welcomes all levels. 437-3832.

Desert Basin Toastmasters: Meets 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Alamogordo Physical Therapy Center, 10th

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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.

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 camps 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 Alamogordo Senior Center, 9 a.m.-noon, Monday & Wednesday to assist with supplemental insurance for Medicare.

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; Edward Jones Investments, 1106 E. 10th St. Current events, Identity theft & Soc. Sec. 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, Cloudercroft, at noon. Info: Ellen Wedum, 682-2464 or email dotellen@gmail.com.

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

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

Service Organizations

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

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

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

Altusa International: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. at 19th Hole golf course restaurant. Jan 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 on 11:30 a.m. second Friday at Base Enlisted Club. Visits to area veterans in local care centers every third Saturday, starting at the Betty Dare Center on North Florida Ave. promptly at 10 a.m. Gil Isley, 434-5552.

American Legion Post 108: Meets second Tuesday at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, Ed_wishbone@hotmail.com.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 108: Meets 2nd Tuesday of month at 6:15 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; Open to spouses, daughters, sisters, mothers or granddaughters of active/former military personnel. Info: Elaine Chestnut, 446-8331, mechestnut@msn.com, Ed Summerall, 430-4322.

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

New Mexico American Legion Riders Association, Chap 8: Meets second Tuesday at 8 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, or Darrell Winfree, 430-7735.

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 108: Meets 3rd Monday of month at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; Open to sons, grandsons of active/former military personnel. Info: Brian Koutrous, 717-202-9810, or Milton Chestnut, 446-9045.

United States Submarine Veterans: Feb. 6, 12 p.m., at White Sands Missile Range. All former submariners welcome. www.ussvi.org/BaseShow. Call Shane Foraker 575 437-0665.

VFW Post 7686 and Ladies Auxiliary: Meetings are at 7 p.m. every third Tuesday at 700 U.S. 70 West in Bingo Hall; 437-0770.

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Billy the Kid's breakout

BY JACK SHUSTER
FOR ¡VAMOS!

The Lincoln County Regulators' second annual "Billy the

Kid's Breakout" will be held at the Old West town of Justice located at the Ruidoso Gun Club Range on Hale Lake Rd., Ruidoso Downs, from Aug. 13

– 15. Hosted by the Ruidoso Gun Club, Inc. this three-day Western extravaganza features 10 cowboy action shooting stages based on the erstwhile adventures of Billy the Kid, along with a passel of side matches and lots of vittles.

This annual Western event is open to the public. Cowgirls, cowboys and buckaroos, as well as guests are urged to dress Western, bring lawn chairs and non-alcoholic beverages, and get ready for some rip-roarin' fun.

Ear and eye protection is highly recommended (ear plugs and sunglasses should be sufficient) and will be available for purchase.

The event is a great opportunity for folks to learn about cowboy action shooting, the fastest growing family shooting sport in the world.

Competitors armed with six guns, lever guns, and scatter guns will shoot a total of 10 cowboy action shooting stages on both Saturday and Sunday. Shooters will be assigned to a posse with multiple posses shooting simultaneously. Friday will feature side matches. Side and main match stages have been designed by John Steele with the main match scenarios written by Sgt. Shuster.

The event opens for registration on Friday, Aug. 13, at 1 p.m. with the side matches beginning at 2 p.m.

Events will include the World's Fastest Regulator competition, Speed Pistol and Speed Rifle contests and a fifty yard Long Range Rifle challenge for pistol caliber rifles. There will be a Lollypop Shoot, too.

Also on Friday afternoon is a four stage Wild Bunch Action Shooting match. Wild Bunch Action Shooting, the latest Single Action Shooting Society competition, is a combination of SASS Cowboy Action Shooting and Action Shooting based on the film *The Wild Bunch*. The sport uses 1911 Pistols, Lever Action Rifles and 1897 Pump Shotguns. There will be a mandatory Wild Bunch Safety Meeting at 2 p.m.

Registration closes at 5:30 p.m. for a 6:30 p.m. potluck dinner on the range. Visitors may bring food to share and socialize with the shooters.

The serious shooting starts on Saturday when competitors gather for the second annual Billy the Kid's Breakout, "same history, new stages." Registration will be available for late comers and a mandatory safety meeting (which all shooters must attend) begins at 8:30 a.m. Following a brief Opening Ceremony, the main match stages will be shot until the noon lunch break. Competition will resume at 1 p.m. and continue until 4 p.m. Lunch will be available. Saturday evening features a



Lincoln County Regulators dress Western, shoot Western and never use their real names. Photo by RIM.

catered dinner on the range with musical entertainment.

Guns will resume blazing away on Sunday from 8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Lunch follows along with the awards ceremony.

Cowboy Action Shooting is a multifaceted amateur shooting sport in which contestants compete with firearms typical of those used in the taming of the Old West – single action revolvers, lever action rifles, and side-by-side double barreled, pre-1899 pump or lever action shotguns. The shooting competition is staged in a unique, characterized, Old West style. Contestants shoot in several one-to-four gun stages in which they engage steel targets. Scoring is based on accuracy and

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The Lincoln County Regulators dress Western, shoot Western and never use their real names. It's the closest you can get to the Old West short of a time machine,

For information on "Billy the Kid's Breakout," call or email Lincoln County Regulator special constable John Steele at 575-937-3023, or JohnSteeleLCR@live.com.

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The laughter will be flowing, bar glasses clinking and music jamming at this ultimate dining experience.

Now in its second year, the Spencer Lobsterfest is a unique opportunity to enjoy delicious seafood, music and the company of friends, all while benefiting the theatre.

This two-hour fundraiser event will be held on Saturday, Aug. 21, beginning at 6 p.m. The "all you can eat" price is \$100 per person.

For more information, go online to www.spencertheatre.com, or call 575-336-4800 or 888-818-7872.

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Dare you travel today?

It's Friday the 13th

Stepping over the sidewalk cracks, walking around ladders, avoiding black cats – what Friday the 13th superstitions keep you lucky?

Are you *triskaidephobic*? That's fear of the number 13 and many folks won't venture out today on "Friday the 13th."

We world travelers are careful as well. Let's see how we make our own luck!

Follow me on a shark dive

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times." Charles Dickens didn't write those words on my dive trip to the shark mecca of the dive world. But he could have.

The nutrient-rich Pacific Ocean, surrounding uninhabited Isla del Cocos off the coast of Costa Rica in Central America, provides perfect conditions for hammerhead sharks – cold, deep waters (66-68

Follow Me!

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degrees Fahrenheit with 100 feet-plus visibility) and fast currents – three knots or more.

After 36 hours sailing from Punta Arenas, Costa Rica, I anticipated diving among these magnificent animals. Conditions were perfect, said local divemasters, for encountering many species, including the massive but elusive hammerheads.

But, on my first dive day, I lost a glove and fin, my drysuit blew an O-ring and leaked, the batteries in my primary dive light rusted out and my new dive computer battery died. (Translation for non-divers: without a fin, I had no propulsion. No glove and a leaking drysuit meant no protection from cold water. Dead batteries – you know what that means.)

And on a night dive with white-tip reef sharks, I lost my dive buddy!

Yup, Friday the 13th.

The next day was the 14th – I found the glove, the divemaster recovered my fin, I switched to a quarter-inch thick wetsuit and secondary light and, best of all, was re-united with my dive buddy, unscathed despite a too-close encounter with a white tip shark.

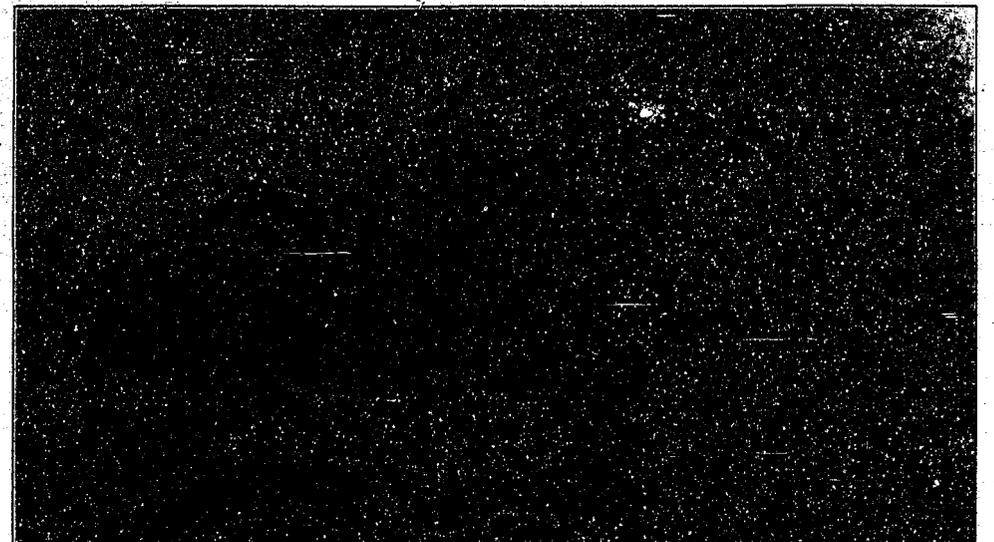
The rest of the dive week proved as exciting as the brochure promised, with hundreds of hammerheads soaring above, below and around us, fulfilling our fantasies and filling video cameras and memory cards.

I lucked out.

Not necessarily Friday the Thirteenth

Of course, travel mishaps can happen any time of year.

My photographer friend Bruce shoots outdoor adventure all over the world.



Shark – big shark. Would you swim with these guys on Friday the 13th? Yvonne did. Photos courtesy Yvonne Lanelli.

His professional gear requires many batteries, chargers, etc.

"While trying to get on a plane in Dibrugarh, East India, my batteries became an issue. The security guard stopped me and said, 'You can't carry loose batteries in your carryon.'

"Why?" I asked.

"Because they might be placed into a detonating device," he responded with a perfectly straight face.

"Of course, I had no detonating device in my carryon, but apparently that fact was not immediately clear to the guard even after he went through every piece of equipment.

"I put some batteries in my camera, but the spares were still loose. I didn't want to leave my only spares.

"After an exchange of concepts, it came down to, 'I cannot take loose batteries because I might place them into a detonation device to blow up the plane, but if they are already in place in the device, that is permissible?'

"The guard replied, again with a perfectly straight face, 'Yes!'

Bruce left Dibrugarh with his batteries – and the plane did not blow up.

Oh, you beautiful doll

Leaving China, Bruce spent his last Yuan (Chinese tourist money) on little costumed dolls for his niece back home.

At the airport, "I went through the metal detector OK and waited for my carryon to come through X-ray. All of a sudden the security guy watching the

X-ray gets all excited. As soon as my bag comes out, he grabs it, yells something to another security guy who grabs me. Everyone's excited, I can't understand a word of what they're saying, and the first security guy tears my bag open.

"He finds a little plastic bag and jerks it open, yanks the dolls out and holds them up for everyone to see.

"I dunno how or what those little dolls looked like under an X-ray, but they weren't what the security guy expected."

Bruce left China with his costumed dolls – and the plane did not blow up.

Happy traveling – today or any day.

Next time: The Deming Duck Race – all it's quacked up to be.