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ON TRACK, PART 6: HISTORY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK

A summer escape

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Back in the 1920s and 1930s, the cool mountain climate and tall pines in Ruidoso were prized as an escape from the sizzling summer temperatures in Texas.

For entertainment, some of the Lone Star visitors would haul their horses with them for match races in a meadow between the Rio Ruidoso and Fountain Miller's cornfield, later to become Ruidoso Downs Race Track. Miller had owned the land since the early 1900s.

Local men competed in match

Local men competed in match races on their cow ponies over a track that was nothing more than an open meadow with a prominent uphill grade. At some point, bleachers were added. A decade later, horses were being bred for speed instead of their ability to work cattle, and residents and visiting Texans bet among themselves, while enjoying an afternoon picnic. The raceway was a straight shot with a four-horse starting gate and a 12-foot rise from gate to finish, according to information from Ruidoso Downs Race Track's website and material supplied by track officials.

"There was hardly a week during those summers at Ruidoso when somebody wouldn't pull into town from Carlsbad or Midland, get into boasting over corn mash

about the speed of his horse, and end up broke in Mr. Miller's meadow," one old-time horseman said.

In 1937, New Mexico legalized pari-mutuel wagering.

"In 1946, the village of Ruidoso was mainly hotels, bars and like-minded businesses," senior American Quarter Horse Association writer Richard Chamberlain said. "And that land is still owned to this day by the Miller family and leased to Ruidoso Downs Race Track."

The first organized race was run there in 1946. In 1947, the first pari-mutuel races were conducted, a canvas-covered grandstand was built and the track was called Hollywood Park. By 1949, the race track featured a 5/8th of a mile oval route.

It became the first track to pit

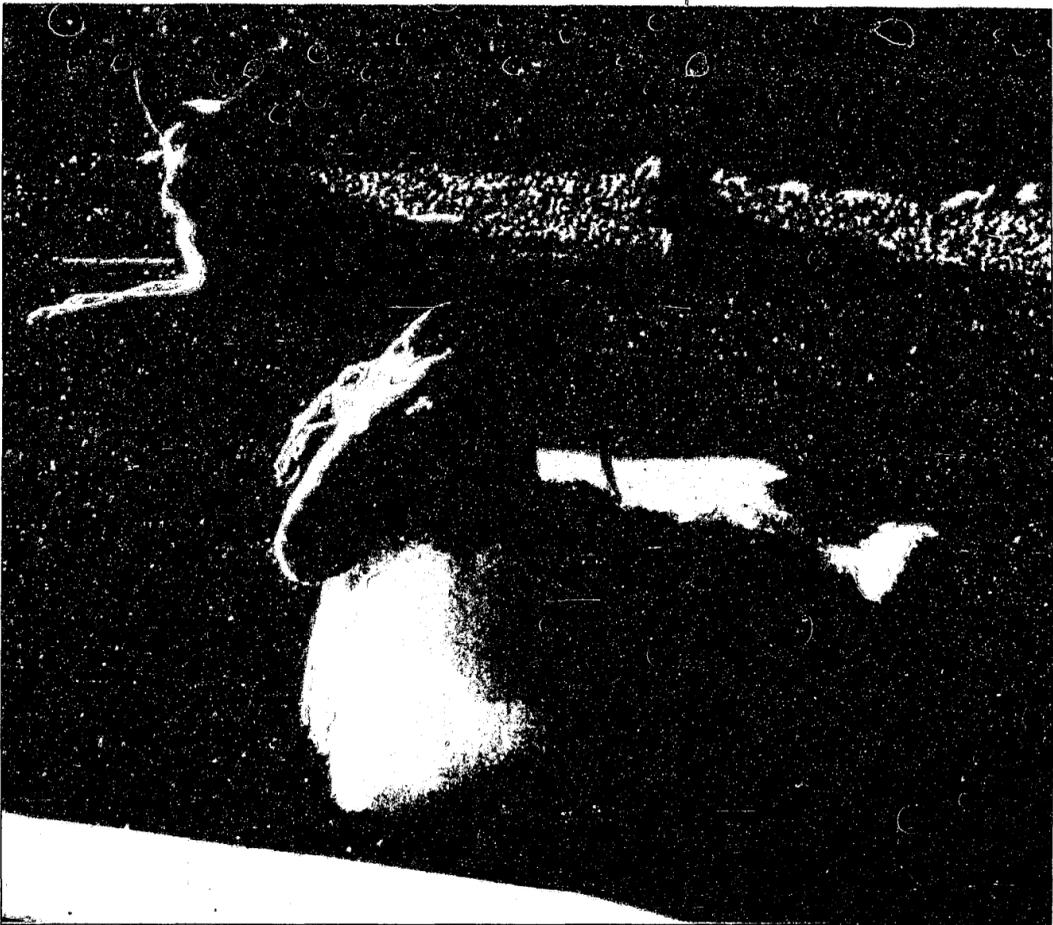
thoroughbreds against quarter horses in an 870-yard race. Hollywood Park also became the first track in the southwestern part of the country to film races from two angles.

In 1953, the track name was changed to Ruidoso Downs and came under the control of owner/general manager Gene Hensley, the majority shareholder. In 1959, it became home to the All American Futurity and the biggest purse in Quarter Horse Racing, today about \$2 million.

As the late Western swing musician and Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium founder Ray Reed recalled in an interview several years ago, a lot of drinking was

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A SUNNY ENDING TO A DARK TALE



COURTESY DIANNE BREWTON

Billy, foreground, was a friendly goat that hung around Sunny, the German Shepherd, and Goober, a Great Dane. Only Sunny has survived.

County, sheriff named in suit

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A civil complaint and demand for a jury trial was filed in federal district court Monday, Aug. 16, naming Lincoln County, Rick Virden individually and in his capacity as the Lincoln County Sheriff and five "John Does" yet to be individually identified.

The case names Mechel Lovelace, individually and on the behalf of her then-minor child, Dakota Lovelace, as the plaintiffs seeking relief for endangerment, failure to protect, failure to supervise and intentional and negligent infliction of emotional distress.

The attorney for Mechel Lovelace, J. Robert Beauvais, said, "The gross recklessness of the Lincoln County law enforcement officers in this case goes beyond anything I've seen in 25 years, and I'm reasonably confident a federal jury will agree with me."

On March 4, 2010, a Carrizozo police officer was dispatched to a home and business on Water Canyon Road in response to an alleged domestic violence.

According to the Statement of Probable Cause filed by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, when an attempt was made to arrest Gary Joe Lovelace, 50, for alleged violence against his wife Mechel Lovelace, he assaulted Carrizozo Police Chief Rachel Weiser by kicking her in the face as he stood above her on a piece of heavy equipment (loader) that he had been

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Third lion episode takes out goat

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A friendly goat that roamed the area adjoining Camelot Mountain within the past few weeks. Another customer at Copper Mountain Auto Body was killed Sunday by a mountain lion.

The incident was the third sighting of a cougar in the Ruidoso area within the past few weeks. Another cougar was hit and killed on U.S. 70 by Fox Cave east of Ruidoso Downs and a mother reported her child and others witnessed an attack on a doe near a business off Sudderth Drive near the Ruidoso River.

But to Jim and Diane Finch, and Finch's sister Dianne Brewton, the loss of Billy, who often spent nights in the shop compressor room, is devas-

tating. Billy was in that room Sunday about 5 a.m., when the cougar attacked, killed her and began dragging the body away, Brewton said Wednesday.

"Billy was hanging around more and more," she said of the goat. "Billy had a bad leg and didn't go up the mountain much anymore."

They saw the lion return Monday morning about the same time, walking back and forth over Billy's grave. Brewton said state Game and Fish wardens suggested Billy's body be used as bait to try to shoot the lion, as it posed a continuing danger in the area with many homes, mobile homes and recreational vehicles. But the lion didn't return and Billy was reburied.

By that time, the Finches had more bad news. Their Great Dane,

Goober, died Monday when the cancer she was fighting won. She was buried next to Billy.

And their female German Shepherd, Sunny, was missing.

"She ran off scared when the lion came around," Brewton said Wednesday. "They've searched the mountain and there is no sign of her or that she was killed. Either a passer-by picked her up or she's still out there."

"We put up flyers. We need our Sunny back."

The family received good news later Wednesday. They called animal control in Alamogordo and were told someone brought in a dog matching Sunny's description Tuesday. The dog was wearing a collar with items on it that could be identified as belonging to Sunny. The family pet was back safe at home by evening.

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COMING OF AGE



Christina Benita Ponce, 13, will celebrate her coming of age ceremony Thursday through Sunday at the Mescalero Apache Ceremonial Grounds on U.S. 70 in Mescalero.

Christina is a 9th grade student at Tularosa High School and the daughter of Danny Peralto and Christine Saenz. She is the sister of Kenithia Coho, Kimberly Tortalita, Annela Ponce, Sophia Ponce, Angela Ponce, Amich Ponce, Emorie Ponce, the late Elden "Digger" Tortalita and Jonathan Ponce, the 2007, two gold medal black belt national Tae Kwon Do champion.

Christina is the granddaughter of

Alvino and the late Rosemary Saenz, and the great granddaughter of the late Virginia Gaines, and the great-great granddaughter of Amilia Naiche.

She also is the granddaughter of Benita Peralto Chee, the great granddaughter of Leona Allard Wocanda and the great-great granddaughter of Cleo Enjady Allard. Her medicine man will be Sherman Blake and Medicine woman, Zeldia Yazza.

Toni Duffy will be head cook for meals served during the four-day celebration and Patrick Hiles is the grounds keeper.

Christina and her family invite the public to celebrate the special day with them.

- Dianne Stallings

Yard sale

The First Christian Church will hold the Trash to Treasures Yard Sale Saturday, Aug. 20, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The church is located at 1211 Hull Rd. For more information call 575-258-4250.

Meeting cancelled

The Aug. 31 meeting of the Ruidoso Village Council is canceled to allow village staff and councilors to attend a meeting of the New Mexico Municipal League.

The next meeting is set for 4:30 p.m., Sept. 14, at the Village Administration Center, 313 Cree Meadows Dr.

Wildland meeting

Updates on projects and funding will be discussed at the next meeting of the Greater Ruidoso Area Wildland Urban Interface Group, set for 9 a.m., Aug. 31, at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Adam Mendonca, U.S. Forest Service Smokey Bear District Ranger, will lead off, followed by a review of participation in the 2010 Home and Garden Show by Eddie Saenz with the Village of Ruidoso.

At 9:40 a.m., members will discuss landscape scale planning, led by Eddie Tudor with the State Forestry Division and Chad Stewart with the USFS.

A discussion of Collaborative Forest Restoration Program funds and proposals for next year's funding will be handled by Dick Cooke, director of the Ruidoso Forestry Department.

Committee reports will be presented by various chairmen at 11:15 a.m.

County change

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Lincoln County Commission set for Sept. 21 was changed to 8:30 a.m., Sept. 24, in the county courthouse in Carrizozo.

The move will allow commissioners to canvass the results of the Sept. 21, special mail election for a Business Gross Receipts Tax question and cover the regular commission agenda.

Unity Retreat

Everyone is welcome as they are and will be treated with respect at a veterans Unity Retreat in Ruidoso put on by the Veterans Business Association of El Paso and Chelle's, an event production company.

No particular political or religious belief or affiliation will be represented or required, organizers said. The intention of the Unity Retreat is to serve veterans and families and contribute to their well-being and healing, they said.

This year's retreat is set for Oct. 22-24, at Best Western Pine Springs Inn in Ruidoso Downs.

"Join with other veterans, service members, and families," according to a press release. "Support one another in the journey of return. Share stories and experiences of service and network."

"Learn stress and wellness management skills. Find comfort and strength in community with fellow veterans and families. Improve communication and family relationships. Renew mind, body & spirit in a beautiful, tranquil setting."

A detailed agenda will be provided during check-

in between 7 and 10 p.m., Oct. 22. The fee is \$460 per family and includes lodging, meals and training materials. The charge is \$350 per unaccompanied individual in a single room. Payment plans are available.

The event is coordinated by Chelle's Full Spectrum Event Production, a boutique company specializing in event design, wedding planning, catering services and photography. Michelle Murray created the company based on her years of hands-on event management and creative talent honed while serving in the United States Army.

For vendor booth availability and other information, contact Michelle Murray, Owner/CEO Chelle's (Full Spectrum Event Production), 915-487-6119 or e-mail Chelle22371@yahoo.com.

Tire recycling

A tire recycling amnesty event has been scheduled for Sept. 10 and 11 at Schoolhouse Park in Ruidoso for Lincoln County and Mescalero residents, public institutions and businesses.

Passenger vehicle, SUV and light truck tires will be accepted at no charge. Hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 10 and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 11.

No heavy equipment or large truck tires will be accepted. Tires on rims may also be dropped off. Approximately 860 tires were collected from across Lincoln County in last tire recycling event.

Tire recycling is the process of recycling vehicles tires that are no longer

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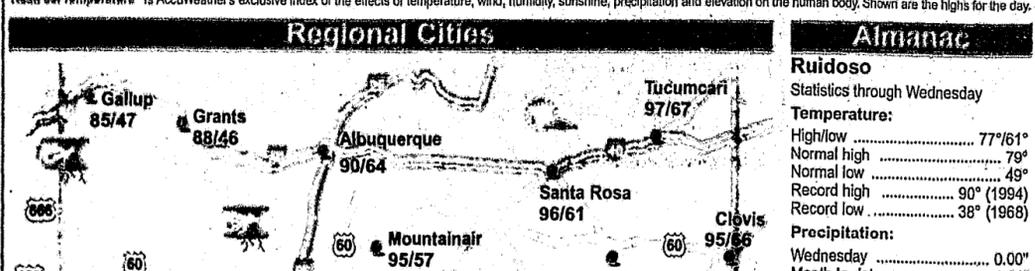
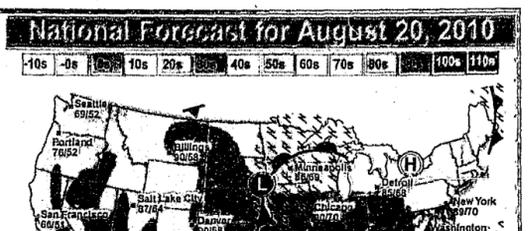
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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
RealFeel 91° Humidity 41%	RealFeel 96° Humidity 37%	RealFeel 88° Humidity 51%	RealFeel 87° Humidity 51%	RealFeel 87° Humidity 54%	RealFeel 84° Humidity 51%	RealFeel 85° Humidity 58%
86°/67° An afternoon thunderstorm in spots Wind: WNW 4-8 mph	83°/63° Sunny to partly cloudy Wind: ESE 4-8 mph	84°/62° Mostly sunny Wind: SSE 6-12 mph	83°/61° Mostly sunny and very warm Wind: SSW 6-12 mph	84°/59° Partly sunny Wind: SE 7-14 mph	80°/60° Mostly sunny Wind: SSE 6-12 mph	78°/59° Mostly sunny Wind: S 4-8 mph



National Cities		Regional Cities			
City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	101/74/s	99/74/s	Albuquerque	90/64/s	94/70/t
Anchorage	67/51/s	65/52/s	Arlesia	102/72/t	104/70/s
Atlanta	90/74/t	90/73/t	Chama	83/46/t	85/47/pc
Austin	101/77/s	102/76/s	Clayton	92/63/s	92/64/s
Baltimore	91/68/s	88/70/s	Cloudcroft	79/52/t	79/49/pc
Boston	85/62/s	80/62/s	Farmington	90/53/t	95/58/s
Chicago	90/70/pc	88/68/t	Hobbs	100/70/t	100/66/s
Dallas	102/81/s	104/82/pc	Los Alamos	84/55/s	86/58/t
Denver	90/58/s	95/60/s	Portales	97/66/t	98/66/s
Des Moines	88/72/t	88/71/pc	Raton	88/54/s	90/55/t
Detroit	85/68/pc	84/68/t	Red River	78/42/s	79/48/t
El Paso	100/75/s	99/74/s	Ruidoso	86/64/t	89/64/s
Las Vegas	106/78/s	106/83/s	Santa Fe	90/55/s	92/59/t
Los Angeles	86/64/pc	84/64/pc	Silver City	90/64/t	94/68/t
Minneapolis	86/69/t	88/69/pc	Taos	88/47/s	87/52/t
New Orleans	92/79/t	92/80/t			
New York City	89/70/s	84/70/pc			
Philadelphia	90/68/s	88/71/s			
Phoenix	108/87/s	109/88/pc			
Reno	93/57/s	92/52/s			
San Francisco	66/51/pc	62/51/pc			
San Diego	70/63/pc	71/64/pc			
Seattle	69/52/c	70/53/pc			
Tucson	102/76/s	102/78/t			
Tulsa, OK	98/77/pc	97/76/pc			
Wash., DC	94/71/s	89/72/s			
Wichita	98/74/t	95/72/s			
Yuma	108/85/s	108/84/s			

Sun and Moon

Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:29 a.m./7:43 p.m.
Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 5:19 p.m./2:44 a.m.

Extremes

Wednesday's National High/Low: 119° in Death Valley, CA / 32° in Boca Reservoir, CA
Wednesday's World High/Low: 120° in Jahra, Kuwait / 9° in Summit Station, Greenland

Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:
High/Low: 77°/61°
Normal high: 79°
Normal low: 49°
Record high: 90° (1994)
Record low: 36° (1968)

Precipitation:
Wednesday: 0.00"
Month to date: 1.24"
Normal month to date: 2.67"
Year to date: 12.26"
Normal year to date: 13.80"

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

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

Alamogordo
Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:
High/Low: 97°/68°
Normal high: 90°
Normal low: 64°
Record high: 101° (1969)
Record low: 58° (1968)

Precipitation:
Wednesday: Trace
Month to date: 1.14"
Normal month to date: 1.41"
Year to date: 9.29"
Normal year to date: 7.26"

Weather Trivia:
Q: What location in the U.S. has the highest annual average temperature?
A: Key West, Fla.; 77° (F) degrees.

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Atlanta	90/74/t	90/73/t	Chama	83/46/t	85/47/pc
Austin	101/77/s	102/76/s	Clayton	92/63/s	92/64/s
Baltimore	91/68/s	88/70/s	Cloudcroft	79/52/t	79/49/pc
Boston	85/62/s	80/62/s	Farmington	90/53/t	95/58/s
Chicago	90/70/pc	88/68/t	Hobbs	100/70/t	100/66/s
Dallas	102/81/s	104/82/pc	Los Alamos	84/55/s	86/58/t
Denver	90/58/s	95/60/s	Portales	97/66/t	98/66/s
Des Moines	88/72/t	88/71/pc	Raton	88/54/s	90/55/t
Detroit	85/68/pc	84/68/t	Red River	78/42/s	79/48/t
El Paso	100/75/s	99/74/s	Ruidoso	86/64/t	89/64/s
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Yuma	108/85/s	108/84/s			



COURTESY MARGARET LAHEY

Adoptions, reunions on the increase at animal shelter

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June and July were record-breaking months for the Humane Society of Lincoln County at both its Gavilan Canyon shelter and U.S. 70 ReSale Shop.

In June, 54 pets found new homes, and July surpassed that mark with 60 adoptions, said Margaret Lahey of the Humane Society.

July also was a good month for reuniting lost pets with their owners, Shelter Manager Emily Parker said.

"We returned 43 lost pets to their owners and placed three feral cats as

barn cats," she said.

The shelter is seeing such a large number of kittens and puppies that even veteran staff members are startled, Lahey said. The influx probably indicates many area residents are not spaying and neutering their pets, she said.

Wendy Foist, new Society President, said that because of the large population at the shelter, a summer special is being offered.

The adoption fee for cats and kittens is \$40 for two or \$25 for one. The dog and puppy adoption fee is \$50.

"It is hoped this incentive is increasing adoptions," she said.

"The Humane Society is

trying new ways of reaching out to potential adopters," Lahey said. "New efforts include the newer, larger pet page provided by the *Ruidoso News*, our website at adoptNM-pet.com, listing adoptable pets on petfinder.com and our new page on Facebook."

This summer, the Society's ReSale Shop is buzzing with activity at the "Y" on U.S. 70 near the intersection with Sudderth Drive (New Mexico Highway 48/37), she said. It's the best summer since the ReSale Shop opened.

"Donations are pouring in the side door and flying out the front door" said Wanda Seitz, ReSale Shop

Manager. "We can barely keep up with all the donations and customers!"

Lahey said, Humane Society officials know that kind of success takes real community support and the dedicated vision of board members past and present, staff, volunteers, donors, supporters, adopters, customers, local governments and fans.

"This support allows the Humane Society to carry out its mission of seeking loving, adoptive homes for the abandoned pets of Lincoln County while providing them with shelter and care," she said.

Pets adopted from the shelter have received

health checks, all necessary shots and vaccinations, and are spayed or neutered.

Both the Shelter and the ReSale Shop are always looking for good volunteers. For more information, call 575-257-9841 for the shelter and 575-378-1040 for the shop.

The shelter is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and

Friday, and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The shelter is closed Wednesday and Sunday.

The ReSale Shop is located at 147 W. U.S. 70. Its hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

All profits from donated items for resale at the ReSale Shop help the abandoned animals of Lincoln County.

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suitable for use on vehicles due to wear or irreparable damage (such as punctures).

These tires are among the largest and most problematic sources of waste, due to the large volume produced and their durability. Tires are not desired at landfills, due to their large volumes and 75 percent void space which quickly consumes valuable space for other waste materials.

The high cost of fuel and the economic recession in mid-2008 also caused tire recyclers out of the El Paso area to cease buying and picking up tires from several commercial tire companies in Lincoln County. In Lincoln County, discarded tires collected at recycling events are used in an engineered tire bale fencing project at the new Greentree Transfer Station and Recycling Center on Highway 70 east of Ruidoso Downs.

St. Eleanor event

The annual St. Eleanor Day in the Park fundraiser will be held Sunday, Sept. 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at

School House Park in Ruidoso.

Arts and crafts, a white elephant sale, jewelry and food will be available.

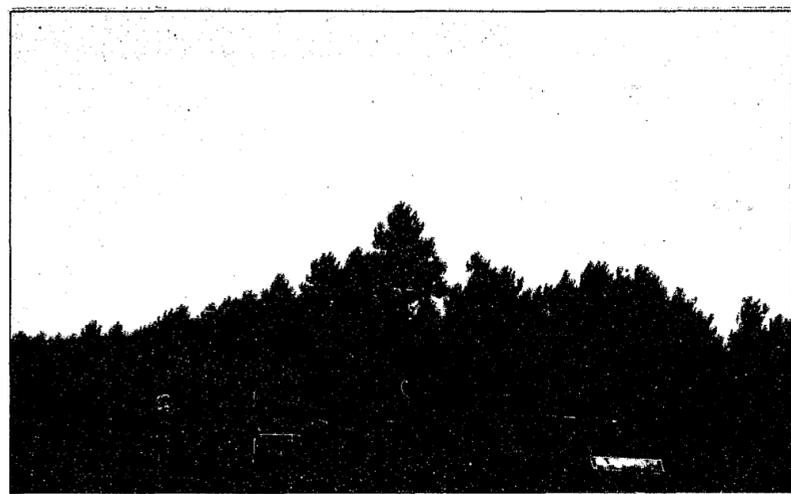
A raffle, with a grand prize of \$2,500 and 11 other cash prizes, will be conducted. Raffle tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at St. Eleanor Church, 120 Junction Rd., in Ruidoso.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, proceeds from the raffle and other activities will go to construction of a new church.



COURTESY PEACE VILLAGE

The seventh annual kids' day camp of Peace Village-Ruidoso concluded on July 30. Twenty-six out of 34 Peace Village personnel, pictured, are volunteers.



COURTESY JOHN T. SODEN

A double rainbow formed over this house recently at the top of Angus Hill near Alto.

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OUR OPINION

Arts community feeling under appreciated

Let's not lose sight of their contributions

At a time when the track issue forces us to consider our economic future, one of the area's potentially biggest industries is in disarray.

Funding for the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts has been cut, its executive director was fired, and the organization soldiers on at its 1712 Sudderth location with shifting morale.

"We've had to cut staff, but our organization has a strong, committed volunteer base," says Josie Powell, board presi-

dent. "In some ways, hard times encourage people to be more creative, and that's what artists do best."

The organization promotes the visual and performing arts and acts as a resource center for arts events.

We've heard talk of another arts group rising up, but artists are iconoclasts by nature. Whatever happens formally, this community, so blessed by the attractions that lure artists, must realize and parlay the value of their financial and esoteric contributions.

No doubt, those illegal drivers are insured

One assumes that illegal immigrants with driver's licenses are driving.

They're probably voting, as well. Just saying.

Driving in New Mexico requires insurance. Or at least that's what we're told.

So, given a recent Associated Press report about the rise of illegal immigrants gaining driver's licenses in New Mexico, it seems only logical to ask: What the blank?

The arguments made by the tolerant left for giving, among other things, illegal immigrants licenses seem to cut along two lines:

1. If you're against it, you're racist.
2. If you're against it, you're racist.

Now, I'm against it, but, growing up in New Mexico, bringing my family back here from Northern Virginia to be raised in New Mexico, and taking a quick review of my friends over my lifetime might lead one to say, "Maybe he's not racist, but he's against illegal immigrants gaining myriad benefits. He has to be racist."

See how the second of the two arguments comes immediately to bear? Perfect.

It's bizarre to think that there is an argument here at all. Millions of people from around the world are trying desperately to become Americans. Legally.

But whim, it seems, provides enough support to discount these huddled masses like so many gray hairs on Wolf Blitzer's beard and defend giving millions here illegally rights long limited to citizens.

Both sides claim huge financial benefits and costs are at stake. One figure I would be curious to know - but can't find - is the number of insured illegal immigrants driving in New Mexico with valid licenses.

I suspect that this number wouldn't show up as even a sliver on a Weight Watchers' pie chart.

Now if we accept the premise that illegal immigrants would get valid New Mexico driver's licenses to use them, isn't it equally reasonable to believe that these legally driving illegal

immigrants are incurring violations, possibly getting into auto accidents? And if injury or property damage occurs as a result of just such an accident, the costs don't evaporate, right?

They do only in the minds of those who, like Gov. Bill Richardson, believe anything and everything is doable so long as there are political points to be gained by doing it and just enough of a tax base left to pay for it.

Uninsured motorists have been a plague in New Mexico for decades.

Technically, to license your car you're supposed to have proof of insurance. It's the law. Still, New Mexico's insurance

rates soar not solely on the basis of our historic DWI problems but also because we're nearly as likely to get in an accident with an uninsured motorist as we are with an insured one. In 2004, the Insurance Research Council estimated 1 in 4 New Mexico drivers were uninsured.

A quarter slice of a pie chart is far from insignificant. Of course, the majority of those uninsured are residents of our fair state. That wrong, however, added with the other wrong still doesn't make it right.

The bottom line, however, is that contrary to the prevailing view in the White House or the governor's jet, everything comes at a cost. And the cost is almost always born by the law-abiding taxpayer. Said taxpayers have had enough.

A large majority of Americans are furious with the Obama Administration's attack on Arizona today. Some are motivated by race, no doubt. But does anyone believe that the roughly 75 percent who support Arizona's attempt to police its borders are entirely driven by race - anyone other than the White House and the major media? Of course not.

Those who believe that cutting corners, bending or even outright ignoring the law when convenient are, in essence, trivializing the concept of citizenship. The fact that a majority of Americans don't agree with them certainly doesn't make them racists.



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YOUR OPINION

An invitation to a day at the races

To the editor:

THIS IS AN invitation to my fellow Lincoln county residents to come to Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino this weekend. Today, Friday, are the All American Derby trials for one of the biggest races of the year, to be held on Sept. 5.

There is a special 12 noon first post time with the trials running as the third through the ninth races.

There will be racing all weekend as we get closer to the Derby

and the All American Futurity on Sept. 6. There will be a 12 noon first post time on Saturday before returning to the usual 1 p.m. post time on Sunday.

Our community is facing a major decision and we should always be informed of the facts before we decide. I would like for you to come see for yourself what this track does for us. Thursday, we had the foundation for our track's existence - 197 horses vying for the coveted top 10 times that will qualify them for the

Futurity, the largest race in the sport. Right here in our backyard.

At the track, you will also see trainers, jockeys and owners from all over the country hoping to realize their dreams. They will be celebrating in our restaurants as well as drying their tears. They will be shopping in our galleries and our fine local shops.

Think for a minute - would they be shopping and eating here

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GUEST COMMENTARY

A RINO sighting in commission chambers

STEVE SEDERWALL
Captain

On July 1, 1971, Congress ratified the 26th Constitutional amendment, allowing an 18-year-old to vote. I was 19 and registered.

Home from college, I was enjoying Mom's cooking when Dad brought up that I had registered to vote - he was proud of his son.

Then he received the heart-breaking news: His son was a Republican.

You see, Dad, his dad, and his dad's dad all the way back to when rocks were cooling were Democrats. I was the first in my family to go to college, making Dad proud; I was the first Republican, a shame he lives with to this day.

I was proud to be a Republican. They thought like I did.

A few years ago, however, I felt the party had drifted, so I became an Independent. I've thought about returning to the Republican Party, believing their core ideas were coming back in line with my conservative values. That belief nearly got me into a furniture stacking fistfight this past week.

I'd been out of town and hadn't kept up. A liberal friend of mine (I really do have liberal friends) told me three county commissioners, all Republicans, were pushing a government bailout for the racetrack Mr. Hubbard owns.

"Bank bailouts, mortgage bailouts, union bailouts, state bailouts, auto company bailouts, extended unemployment," I snapped. "Bailouts are from the liberal playbook."

"It's true!" he interpreted. "Tom Battin went to Santa Fe campaigning to bail out the track with taxpayer money."

"He's a Republican," I jumped to Tom's defense. "The Repub-

lican platform supports private sector solutions."

"Battin is pushing a government bailout," he laughed. "He must be more left than you think."

"The Republican platform supports government policies to lower taxes," I said. "You're telling me Tom Battin, a Republican, the county commission chair, is willing to raise taxes for Hubbard, a private enterprise? I don't believe it, there's nothing Republican about it."

"Battin, Parks and Williams," my friend laughed, "All Republicans."

I stood my ground. "Republicans encourage limited government." "It's worse." My liberal friend was grating on my last nerve. "They're funding the election with money from a political action group backed by Hubbard. Their agenda is to have taxpayer money bail out the track. It's set for a vote in September."

"Oh come on," I said in disbelief. "The midterm election is just about a month away from that. They would have put it on the ballot."

"They say they didn't want it to be mired in the zoo of the governor's election," he said.

"You want me to believe the county commission thinks the voter is that stupid?" I mocked. "We can we read writing and even write reading."

"They just want another straight-up election," he laughed. "Like the hospital bond issue. Remember, it failed at the ballot box? Your small-government-no-new-taxes Republicans didn't like the outcome, so they took it to a mail-in vote, where it passed. I'm sure this'll be another straight-up Lincoln County-style election. You know - "Let 'em vote, we already know the outcome."

"You're just a skeptic of humankind," I said, taking the paper he handed me.

"Look," he pointed at a headline and read it to me like I had rode the short bus to school: 30 Texans registered to vote in track election. "You're not a skeptic?"

"That's not right, but they're Republicans..."

"Steve, are you that dense?"

"This is not what Republicans believe," I said. "Too big to fail is liberal thinking."

"They're putting flyers on the windshields at the track encouraging Texans to register here, vote to bail out the track and then re-register in Texas to vote in their November election."

"Texans voting in a Lincoln County election?" I lifted my head - my fight was gone.

"That's not right. The Republican platform..."

"It's like you told me," he laughed, "The law is merely a suggestion in Lincoln County."

What had happened to my old party?

"The Republican platform," he laughed. "The Republican platform also says 'we believe justice must be served; criminals and evil-doers must be punished to the fullest extent of the law.'"

My day was going south, a liberal quoting the Republican platform to me and he was right.

"Do you think the evil-doers will be punished?" he asked quietly.

I said nothing. "Either Battin, Williams and Parks didn't get the Republican memo," he said, "or they're RINO's, Republican In Name Only."

"But they're Republ..." my voice faded.

"They didn't want the vote in with the zoo of the governor's election." He shook his head as he stood to leave, seeing I was beaten. "What do you think the RINO's cost for that zoo?"

As he walked away I stopped him. "Mike, did I mention I'm a registered Independent?"

On Friday, Sept. 3, on or about the day that voters receive ballots on the racetrack Business Retention Tax, the *Ruidoso News* will cease publishing track-related letters, editorials, columns or commentaries. Sept. 3 will also mark the final installment of our 10-part "On Track" series.

Deadline for letters to the editor on this subject is Wednesday, Sept. 1.

It is hoped that the time away from this issue will give voters pause to make an informed decision, which is due in the mail by Sept. 21.

LETTERS, FROM PAGE 4A

if their horses were not running here? No, they will be spending their hard-earned money wherever their horses are running.

Please take note of our locals that are employed there, some for many years. Ask yourself where would they work if the track closes? We all know how scarce jobs are.

It is important to make a decision like this with the benefit of all in mind. So before you vote, please make sure you know the facts about our racetrack and what it does for all of us, directly or indirectly.

So please stop by at some point this weekend. Have a bite to eat or a snack. Watch a race or two, and please look around and see what a special jewel we have in our great community.

*Robyne Draper
Ruidoso Downs*

Tail wagging the dog

To the editor:

AS A PART-TIME resident (and a non-voter), it seems to me that a very big dog (the racetrack) is being wagged by a very small tail (the Billy The Kid Casino).

Everyone seems to agree that the racetrack is suffering because the casino cannot generate enough revenue to fund the track, because the casino is located in a small town and is within two miles of the Indian casinos. Neither of these situations is going to change.

So why not move the casino to (say) Alamogordo, and leave the racetrack where it is? The larger population, the military base and the lack of competition would generate enough revenue to give the state its highly coveted 26 percent and fund the racetrack with its 20 percent.

The good folks of Alamogordo would have a casino, Ruidoso would keep its jobs and tourist draw, the horses would run in the cool weather - everyone would be happy.

Granted, the Legislature and Racing Commission would have to authorize this approach, but that is what they are there for.

*Bill Hale
Alto*

Consider Foundation

To the editor:

ARE WE WILLING to lose the Hubbard Foundation and all this organization has done for Lincoln County?

The generosity that R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard have given to so many through this philanthropic organization would be a tragic

loss to so many individuals and organizations that depend upon the financial support of the Hubbard Foundation.

Think about the children of our community. Since 1990, the Hubbard Foundation has provided many scholarships for our children. Will these children have the same educational opportunities without the Hubbard Foundation and the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard?

Others that have received recent generous support from the Hubbard Foundation include the Lincoln County Humane Society, the Lincoln County Regional Arts Council, the Spencer Theater, the Hubbard Museum of the American West, the Racetrack Chaplaincy, the Ruidoso Police Department for the recent computers in the police cars, the Cowboy Symposium and the Lincoln County Medical Center for the purchase of blood analyzing equipment.

The Hubbard Foundation donated the building and land for the fire department. They donated the training aid station and the land for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department. The foundation has donated defibrators in Southeastern New Mexico. The children who attend Spencer Theater performances go on buses funded by the Hubbard Foundation. The Capitan Elementary library has been funded for a number of years to put books into the new facility.

This is only a short list of the selfless generosity afforded by Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard. This foundation has also provided charitable donations for individuals in dire need of medical services in our community. All of these individuals and organizations would be greatly affected or even lost to us without this generous support.

If the racetrack leaves, are we willing to lose the Hubbard Foundation as well? Consider the futures of our young people and opportunities lost. Lost along with our heritage, what will our future lose? If this was about money, the track would have moved a long time ago and another county would have these generous donations.

Are we prepared to lose all of this over \$19 a year?

*Janie McGuire
Alto*

Look at the facts

To the editor:

DEAR LINCOLN COUNTY Residents:

There have been many statements circulating about the GRT/racetrack vote slated for

September. Let's look at some facts:

- Can the racetrack leave if the vote passes or is it guaranteed to remain here for five years?

The track can move with the approval of the New Mexico Racing Commission regardless of the outcome of the vote.

- Why was the original agreement between the county and Ruidoso Downs Racing, Inc. modified by the racetrack to eliminate legal action should the track move within the five-year period?

The racetrack sought to eliminate legal entanglements if it tries to move before five years.

- What obligation does the racetrack have to the county if it decides to move the racetrack and license?

Only to refund tax credits received. (Source: Agreement between the County of Lincoln and Ruidoso Downs Racing, Inc.)

- According to the audited 2009 financial statement of Ruidoso Downs Racing, Inc., 25 percent of the revenue is allocated to general and administration.

No other racetrack/racino in the state allocates more than 10 percent. Why?

- What is included in the \$4.1 million in general and administrative expenses shown in that financial statement for Ruidoso Downs Racing, Inc? Could it be expenses for five radio stations, one newspaper, a golf course and two breeding farms?

If this is not the case, why isn't a more detailed financial statement available to the public as requested by the *Ruidoso News*?

In conclusion, is the racetrack/racino really losing money and will passing the tax guarantee the track stays? In my opinion no, and no.

*Sally Moore
Capitan*

Track and the arts

To the editor:

I WILL VOTE for the GRT to support the Race Track.

I expect loss of the Race track will negatively impact real estate values, close small businesses, increase unemployment, and decrease availability of basic goods and services. Ruidoso could be placed in a situation where the beauty of the area alone cannot compete with the negatives of trying to survive the depletion of the resources, services, and conveniences we currently enjoy.

As a local artist who has spent 10 years closely involved in the development of the art community of this area, I realize how dependent the art business is on tourism. As we all know, anything that negatively impacts

tourism has a huge negative effect on our sizable art community as well.

While I fear that we will lose many businesses of all kinds, those businesses specifically impacted by the loss of art revenue include galleries, individual artists, musicians, printers, frame shops, mail and shipping business, art suppliers, the newspapers and other publishers, ENMU, the Convention Center, and lodging establishments, to name a few.

Artists and related businesses may ultimately have to move to other areas with better support systems for their products.

A review of the calendar reveals that many major community and art activities are planned to coincide with the racing season. Loss of the racetrack could cause the demise of such local events as studio tours, the Blues Festival, the Ruidoso Art Festival, the Spencer Summer Series, the car, gun, and antique shows, and certainly the Cowboy Symposium, and other activities held at the track.

The Convention Center may see loss of revenue from groups desiring a convention location that provides the "whole package" of entertainment options available. Convention participants and visitors want options.

In short, those summer events and entertainment options that are enjoyed by locals and tourists are dependent on having a strong tourist base and the racetrack plays a huge role in the summer population increase.

All one has to do to evaluate this impact is to try and get in a restaurant anytime between Thursday to Sunday evening to experience this population increase.

For less than the cost of one meal eaten in a local restaurant, I can support the economy of our community. Why would I do anything else?

*Victoria Mauldin
Ruidoso*

Charge admission fee

To the editor:

I HOPE EVERYONE realizes that if we give in on the GRT, R.D. Hubbard will keep demanding more every year. We can't afford it.

This will not be a ghost town if he leaves. There are people in this town being paid to use their imaginations for creating (opportunities). They can figure out ways to bring in summer attractions.

Have people on fixed incomes and very tight budgets thought about all the extras you'll be pay-

ing out on utilities, gas, clothing and essentials? That's extra money we can't afford. Plus, it will be harder in winter to heat our homes.

Mr. Hubbard can charge for parking and admission. He charged before, he can do it again. If he brings in 300,000 people during the summer at \$3 a head, that would mean \$900,000.

At that amount, he could bail himself out.

Shame, shame, expecting every person in the county who lives here year-around to bail him out.

Think real hard: Can we afford this year after year?

*Charlotte Conway Robinson
Ruidoso*

What about the vision?

To the editor:

AS A SMALL-BUSINESS owner, I know other business owners and their employees truly understand how detrimental it would be to our economy if the track needed to close or move. However, I am not sure that the general public understands.

Could we see more news and stats about how the track helps our economy? I am not asking because I have any connection to the track other than as a business owner. However, I have lived in a West Texas town that never recovered from the airbase closing. That town has tried so hard to pull its way back up and not too many years ago they fought like crazy to keep their VA Hospital alive.

One of the things they kept saying when they were encouraging people to speak out in support of the VA Hospital was, "We realize from past experience the absolute necessity of speaking out to keep the VA and wish we had done the same about the airbase closing."

They learned the hard way that when one major economic structure leaves an area other business soon follows. They could not seem to attract anyone into the area because they did not have a vision.

Can you tell us the "vision," because I think it needs to be clearly seen by all in order to make the right choice for Ruidoso and its business owners.

Thanks,

*Bonnie Lambert
Evergreen Manor Bed and
Breakfast*

Editor's note: The 10-part "On Track" series in the *Ruidoso News*, which runs through Sept. 3, should provide plenty of facts and information about this complex issue.

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Steve McCampbell
Fat Tire Cycles

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Work has been quiet for more than a month on construction of an Irish Pub in Midtown Ruidoso.

No action at the Irish Pub

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Inaction the past month or so on construction of a new Midtown Ruidoso restaurant and pub will soon resume.

The site of the proposed Shenanigans Irish Pub, at 2331 Sudderth Dr., has a retaining wall in place and a few other early construction requirements completed. But there is still plenty to go.

The location had once been the Pasta Café. That building was demolished

last October to make way for the new cuisine.

"They're prepared to continue after getting financing done last week," said general contractor Jock Tallman.

"I thought we would be working by now. I'm confident it is going to be completed."

A village Planning and Zoning Department official said there still is time to proceed under the original permit.

"All the inspections are up to date," said Shawn Fort, Ruidoso's building

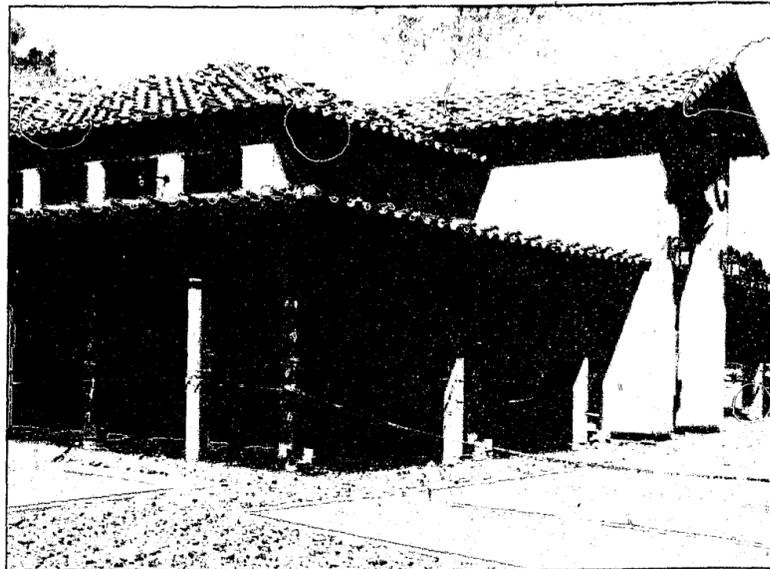
inspector. "They have to keep an active permit. The permit has, I think, five or six months left."

Inspected and approved at the project to date were retaining walls and footings.

Fort said next up would be the pouring of the slab.

Plans are to craft the restaurant to look like a pub in Ireland. Completion had originally been targeted for several months ago.

Efforts to contact the developer were unsuccessful.



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO DOWNS

Additional column support braces have been added to a building at Avalon Town Park in Ruidoso Downs to help shore up what had been some sagging roofs over a covered walkway.

The leaning Town Center of Avalon needs a \$1-million fix

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The repair cost is estimated at more than \$1 million to correct problems at the Avalon Town Center, across U.S. Highway 70 from Walmart.

The center of three buildings, constructed last year to house restaurants, shops and galleries, has been cordoned off for several months because the land is sinking and part of a covered walkway's roof is leaning.

"The middle one is really the damaged one," said Avalon Town Center developer and owner Don Murphy.

"The way to repair it is a pier system all around the building that raises the foundation. And then there is a polyurethane injection every four feet to fill the voids caused by the water leaking."

Tort claim

A notice of tort claim, often a precursor to a lawsuit, had been filed with the City of Ruidoso Downs by the property's insurer on April 30.

The tort claim stated there had been an improper or faulty water connection by the city that caused water leakage and erosion resulting in sinkholes.

The notice said at the time an investigation of the situation would be undertaken.

Damage amounts were "pending," the earlier tort claim stated.

Murphy said a water bill for one month had indicated 121,000 gallons were metered, far more than the previous month.

The contention was much of that water was leakage, undermining the earth on the property.

"I've spent \$90,000 out of pocket shoring up buildings through June, I believe, and probably \$30,000 more since then."

Murphy said once the piers are in, it will support the foundations and make them level.

"That one in the middle, that front foundation is falling into the parking lot. So all we've been doing is shoring up a covered walkway. That covered walkway is falling toward the parking lot," Murphy said.

"When the piers are in and the polyurethane injected, then we'll have to take up the entire parking lot and have new base material compacted and then put in a new parking lot."

Previous precautions

The property had received a lot of fill dirt in 1997 from across the highway to ready the site where a Walmart Supercenter was constructed.

Murphy said that before he purchased the property, he paid \$5,900 for a geotechnical review.

The top three feet of soil at the site were replaced with compacted soil and a base material added under the foundation locations.

"We had the proper material. But 121,000 gallons of water subterranean is a problem we've got to fix."

Murphy said there has been money spent on two of the buildings for things like tile repairs.

And four tenants lined up for space in the complex have had to wait.

"I have three signed leases. We were going to have everybody in prior to the racing season. We've lost that for this year. In a downturn economy, I have signed leases. It's been devastating."

The building that is home to the Magic Forest restaurant and the building on the west end of the development, which houses the Avalon Art Gallery, have also been impacted.

A structural engineer's report, however, determined it is safe for the businesses to remain open.

The Magic Forest restaurant remains open beginning at 11 a.m., seven days a week.

Murphy said that when the soon-to-start repair construction gets underway, he is asking that patrons "bear with us."

Attorneys for the City of Ruidoso Downs were unavailable for comment Thursday.

Zocca named Champs of Service

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An almost two-year old Ruidoso business has been bestowed with the Champion of Service distinction for August by the Ruidoso Valley Greeters.

Zocca Coffee owners Shannon and Eddie Silva were nominated for the honor by Callie Kelton.

Kelton said she made the nomination because Zocca Coffee is a small business with a hard working couple that nearly runs the business themselves.

The Silva's want their customers to have a memorable experience, according to the greeters.

"They always have a smile that says they appreciate you coming in. They'll remember which latte or Blendz you prefer even when you don't. They remember if you like your coffee strong, light or only want a half-cup at a time.



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Zocca Coffee owners Shannon and Eddie Silva were honored as August's Champions of Service by the Ruidoso Valley Greeters.

They know if you want your Panini before or after your muffin, and if you want a pot rather than a cup of tea," the Ruidoso Valley Greeters said.

Shannon Silva went to schools in Capitan and Ruidoso while growing up,

and after moving away, she and her husband moved back two years ago to be closer to her mother and father and to run their own business.

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RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE BRIEFS

Aug. 8
No time provided - An officer responded to Walmart for a call about a vehicle that had a window broken out. A report of criminal damage to property was written.

Aug. 9
No time provided - A possible case of child abuse was reported to police after a scratch or bruise was found near a boy's left eye. An officer was investigating the incident and had notified the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department.

No time provided - Police responded to the parking lot of Walmart for a person crying. A check of the man's driver's license

indicated he had conditions because of a drunk driving conviction. Ryan Lopez, no age or hometown provided, was intoxicated, according to a police report. His truck, with had an ignition interlock installed, would not start. With Lopez was Zachary VanWinkle, no age or hometown provided, who was also intoxicated. Both were charged with being a minor who consumed alcohol. VanWinkle was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Lopez was also charged with negligent use of a firearm for having a gun in his possession while intoxicated.

Aug. 10
11:28 a.m. - Several officers responded to the 200

block of N. Parnell Drive for a person possibly wanted on a warrant. The person fled from police once officers had made an identification. The subject was not apprehended. A warrant for the man's arrest for resisting or evading police was then obtained.

1:35 p.m. - A man went to the police station to report that a prescription had been stolen. The woman said another person had picked up the prescrip-

Aug. 11
12:15 p.m. - A woman came to the police station to report that a prescription had been stolen. The woman said another person had picked up the prescrip-

tion several days earlier at Walmart while she was incarcerated. Charges are pending a further investigation into the case.

1:38 p.m. - An officer took a report of a license plate that was taken off a vehicle while it was parked at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino. The plate was entered in the National Crime Information Center database.

5:25 p.m. - An officer responded to Walmart on a call of juvenile shoplifting. The juveniles were taken to the police station where they were cited and released to their parents.

9:11 p.m. - A request to have an officer tell neigh-

bors to keep it down turned out to be a verbal domestic incident. The parties were separated.

Aug. 12
1:51 a.m. - An officer made a traffic stop one block west of Turkey Canyon Lane. A passenger in the vehicle, possibly wanted on a warrant, fled. The driver, Monica Martinez, 34, no hometown provided, was arrested for aiding and abetting.

Aug. 13
No time provided - A couple went to the police station seeking a report of stolen jewelry. The couple said after a daughter left home diamond rings and other items were missing.

Aug. 14
5:04 p.m. - Walmart's loss prevention asked for an officer for two people being detained for shoplifting. Emilia Montoya, 21, no hometown provided, and a juvenile, were arrested.

Aug. 15
10:11 a.m. - Police responded to the 300 block of Hill Drive after a resident said he woke up to find household items in his backyard.

The goods were retrieved by police and a Ruidoso Police Department detective was notified of the stolen items that included a washer, dryer, wood stove, chair and carpet.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Aug. 9
10:13 a.m. - A woman went to the police station to report the theft and forgery of a child support check. The police report was forwarded to the district attorney's office.

The department's Criminal Investigation Division was also given the case.

8:38 p.m. - Police were sent to a home in the 200 block of College Drive for a case of vandalism.

A couple told an officer that they were house sitting the home and someone entered the dwelling and spray painted items throughout the house. The couple said they had last been at the home on Aug. 1.

Aug. 10
5:03 p.m. - An officer was dispatched to a location in the 100 block of Innsbrook Drive for a

report of a sign stolen from a front yard.

The metal sign had displayed the property owner's address. The officer recommended a replacement be cemented in place because the recent theft was the second time a sign had disappeared from the location.

8:30 p.m. - Police went to McDonalds, 144 Suddarth Dr., for a man that restaurant officials said refused to leave the property.

The man, Delbert Holder, 50, who was listed as homeless, was arrested because he had a criminal trespass notice on file for McDonalds.

Aug. 13
4:29 p.m. - A woman went to the police station to report a larceny from her residence. She said on July

12, she discovered a barbecue grill missing from a deck.

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noticed a cast iron grill missing. The gas grill had a value of \$300. The cast iron grill was worth \$800.

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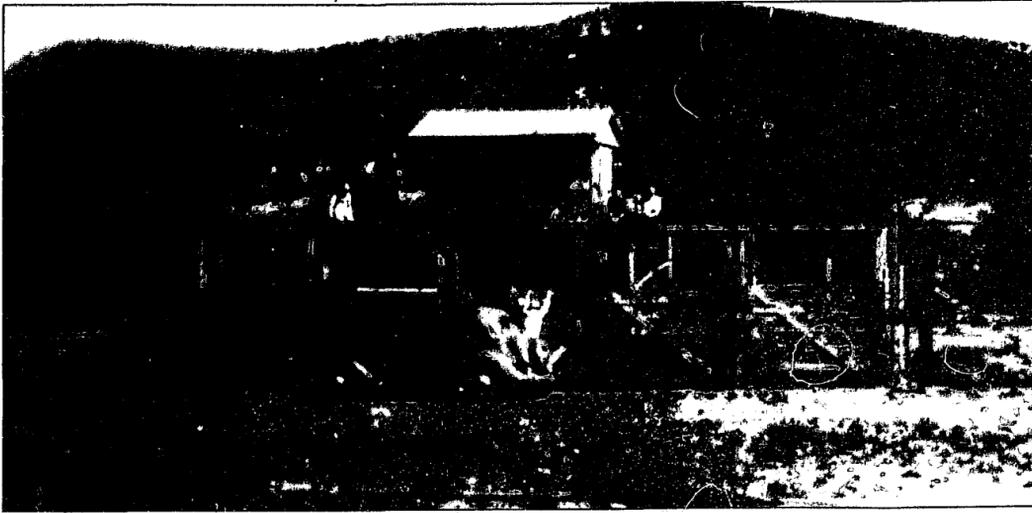
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By that time, Ruidoso Downs caught the interest of former teacher turned tycoon from Kansas, R.D. Hubbard, who said he first visited the track in 1961, and then returned with his future wife, Joan Dale in 1969, when they bought a horse and named it Joan Dale II.

"Ruidoso Downs Race Track was one of the first places my wife and I visited together," Hubbard said. "We came to see the All American Futurity and that's why I've always been fond of this area."

In August 1988, Hubbard and his partners bought the struggling enterprise for \$2.6 million and assumed debts of \$9

million. He sank another \$2.5 million into improvements and renovations.

A year later, the amount wagered through the track's betting windows was up to \$38.63 million, third-highest in the track's history. But over the next two decades, Hubbard said his operation lost \$22 million.

Slots arrive

He lobbied for legislation to allow slot machine gambling at racetracks. State approval of Billy the Kid Casino took 10 years, but the casino's existence dramatically improved the horse racing end of the operation by increasing attendance and the racing purse.

In 2003, the Inn of the Mountain Gods introduced slots at the Casino Apache Travel Center on U.S. 70, a few miles west of Ruidoso Downs. Hubbard said slot machine revenues from the track dropped by 50 percent and he's been on the hunt ever since for some type of tax relief to better compete and sustain the

racino.

On July 27, 2008, a massive flood rushed down the Ruidoso River, pushing debris down the valley with it and severely damaging the racetrack before the Zia Festival weekend, a critical time in the racing summer.

Hubbard didn't wait for Federal Emergency Management Agency and state disaster officials to arrive to survey the damage; he pulled out his checkbook and fixed it. Five days later, training sessions were in full swing and that Saturday, a 10-race card was scheduled.

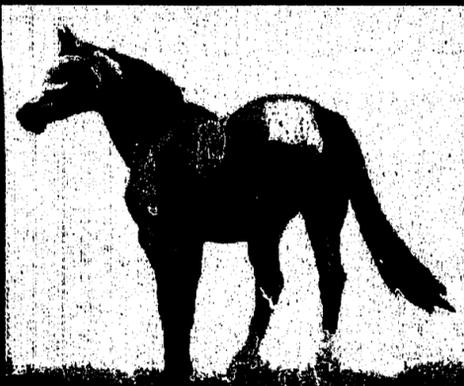
In February 2008, HB 484 was introduced in the state House of Representatives aimed at closing the gap on the percentage of profits that Indian and non-Indian casinos could keep. While that bill passed on the House floor, a Senate version became hung up in committee and died.

The inability to secure relief from the Legislature led to passage of legislation to allow voters in Lincoln County to decide whether to impose a business retention gross receipts tax to grant some tax parity for the track and casino with Indian gaming.

Ruidoso Downs continues to draw horse owners and fans from across North America, Mexico and South America. After six decades, it remains a sentimental favorite in an attractive climate surrounded by some of the best scenery in New Mexico.

But its future is tied to forces beyond the control of sport lovers. That changed when states and Indian tribes decided to cash in on the gambling craze.

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By blood, sweat and tears...

County Commissioner Jackie Powell recalls the good times

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For Lincoln County Commissioner Jackie Powell, Ruidoso Downs Race Track represents a large chunk of her life, a time when she learned about the racing business and about herself.

Being around horses, horse owners and trainers shaped much of her outlook and work ethic. Her family roots go back six generations in the Hondo Valley, well before any race track.

"Everybody here survived by blood, sweat and tears, whatever they could do," she said. "They had a lot of tourism, horseback riding, picnics and camping."

"When the track came in, it helped tremendously by putting in a summer mainstay of businesses. But back then, they couldn't stay all winter. The businesses would be open May through September

and then close their doors up and leave."

She recalled that attending the races was a very social event.

"I remember when I was very little, my mom and dad would go to the races once a year maybe, but they would get real dressed up," Powell said. "It was such a high and mighty big thing to do. And I remember when I was 2 years old thinking, 'Oh wow, horses.' Because from the time I was born, horses were the only thing I wanted to deal with."

"When I grew up a little bit, the racetrack worked a lot with the Chaparral, that's where most of the people stayed. It was the more social part of it. They had a restaurant and a little place when they could have parties and they had the convention center down below, where the Museum of the Horse is now. The track and the Chaparral really relied on each other."

The couples coming in to race or to view the races usually had children in tow. The schools supplied a list of students with driver's licenses they could interview to hire as babysitters.

"Their kids didn't really want anything to do with the track," Powell said. "They wanted other stuff. (The parents would) pay you a certain amount of money and say keep them all day. Through that and my sister, I met these owners, who are just the most wonderful people. The racetrack people are like a big family. They all knew one another, because they traveled around to different places to race."

"My sister had me come with her because it was a little boy. She said he won't eat right. The mom told her I don't care what you do with him all day, but he has to eat one good meal."

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He would copy me. He would eat what I wanted to eat. They were from Illinois. He was a doctor and they loved this area — not just the racetrack. They would come and stay a month in August. We got to know them real well. We hung out for a whole month all day, every day. We took him to the ranch, to Playland where River Crossing is now. There were some putt putts. We would pick apples. He loved that kind of stuff."

The boy asked her to come back to Illinois with him, and thinking his parents would nix the idea, she agreed, if they agreed. To her surprise they invited her for a month and to her even greater surprise, her father, Jim Tully, said it would be a great experience for her. The year was 1974.

"I'm telling you, there are no better people than Dr. Jack Frost and his wife," Powell said. "They were consumed with Ruidoso Downs and to raise their own horse and win the All American. That was their all-time dream. He had a stud and worked hard for many years to win."

In 1976, the Frosts won a big stakes race and Powell still has a photograph showing the Frosts, Powell and her father. "We got to sit in the Turf Club," she said. "It was pomp and circumstance. In our opinion, we were royalty."

The horsemen raced five days a week then and there was never any space except for Wednesday when the crowd was a bit lighter, she said. The season lasted from May 5 to Labor Day.

Powell said she quickly realized she was moving



RIDING BAREBACK CAME NATURALLY

into a different world when she and the Frosts arrived at the airport and she became separated from the family, because she had never seen an escalator before and was afraid to step on it. They flew to Chicago, her first flight. She remembered Frost's wife asking her where all her clothes were as she clutched one small suitcase with a rather meager wardrobe inside. The family bought her some clothes for her stay. She was amazed when she saw their large home and horse farm, and the family was impressed with her horse handling abilities.

"At home I rode with a rope and no saddle," Powell said. "Dad wasn't going to give me a saddle until he knew I was committed. We had to learn just like the Indians. I rode all day way out in the hills all over the place. When I was in sixth grade, he had this saddle made as a graduation present, to make me graduate,

because I didn't like school.

"(The Frosts) were so impressed because my first day there, I saw this horse and Dr. Frost said he rode it when they could catch it for him. I just picked up a bride, put it on the horse and jumped on from the boards and took off. The Frosts were amazed I could ride like that. Dr. Frost offered to pay my way if I would stay with them from then on and study to be a jumper. You know how your life can change at different points. If I had stayed up there in Illinois, they would have put me through boarding school so I could be a jumper. I so wanted to do that, to jump. But I was only 12 and thought and thought about it, and I missed the mountains and I needed to come home, because my home was in the mountains and I thought I belonged here."

Back then, the community as a whole gathered around the horsemen and their families, she said.

"We used to have a big welcome-back-horsemen's party with concerts," Powell said. "It was a totally horsemen thing and the little part of the community that worked here year-around trying to make it. It was so much closer."

"We had a fruit stand in the valley. Like everyone else being here seven generations, you had to change what you did and how you did it over and over. Nothing was given to you. You never asked for a handout. We had cooperatives and the truckers would come it to pick up loads of apples, but that ended when Washington apples basically took over the market. We also used immigrant workers and cooperation with the government ended. So we turned to fruit stands."

During racing season in the 1960s and 1970s, lodging was scarce and most visitors drove up every day, she said.

"The traffic was bumper-to-bumper all the way for a couple of hours out to the east on Highway 70 and they would stop at the fruit stand and buy the apples," Powell said. "As the owners and trainers left, they would stop with their trailers and buy apples. It was a whole different atmosphere, but that's what made the world here go around at that time."

When Powell decided it was time to find a paying job, she went to the racetrack to look.

"I'm independent enough that I didn't want to get a job just on my dad's name," she said. "At that time, the racetrack people didn't know him and I got a ride to town and went there and asked people to hire me. They wouldn't right off the bat, because I was a lit-

tle tiny girl. A friend of mine, Harla Webb, was working for a trainer in 1976. She was a jockey and lived in the valley and her dad built my saddle. She let me work with her for free to learn how, so I could get a job. I worked for nothing mucking the stalls, getting straw out, carrying the hay, brushing the horses from 5 a.m. to dark, seven days a week, no time off. The racetrack life, it's a hard life, but like ranching you do it, because there's a love there."

Trainer Floyd Hendricks hired her. "He had 20 horses in the stable. We took the horses to the paddock on race day. It was a big deal. Back then, the horses were right up next to the people in the paddock. The people were right on top of you. It was real noisy and the horses get nervous. The horsemen could stay by horses. The general public was in the grandstand. As we rode by they'd try to spook horses. They were pranksters. If a horse looked the least bit like it was going to buck, they'd finish it off. They wanted to see a rodeo, but they also were the first to take care of you."

"It wasn't much of a grandstand. All these fancy people and owners, doctors would come, and it didn't matter that it was in the dirt, the wind and the mud."

The track attracted big name movie stars such as Audie Murphy, Dale Robertson and Slim Pickins, who interacted with the horse owners and trainers. Some even raced their own quarter horses. Around 1977, the film *Casey's Shadow* was filmed at the track starring Walter Matthau.

After her trainer found out how well she rode, Powell also was assigned to the ponies who lead the race horses, for no extra pay.

Back then, the shoveled muck was dumped between stalls.

"When (R.D.) Hubbard bought the track, he cleaned that up," Powell said. "He had horses and as an owner, wanted to keep it cleaner so the horses wouldn't have to walk in it."

She married young at 16, and with her husband took over the excavation business to pay off her ill father's debts. They were doing all right, but her husband died in a Jeep rollover when she was 19 with a 10-month-old baby, a big business and big debts; he had just bought several pieces of heavy equipment.

"At that time, (a company named) Fortuna owned the track and there were some talk of ties with the Mafia and (the state) decided they couldn't run it anymore," Powell said. "In the interim period, the horsemen tried to run it, some big owners, over 100 maybe. They knew the heart and soul of racing and where it belonged and what the track meant to racing and why Ruidoso is a special place to have it. So they formed an ownership group and ran it in the early 1970s. They expanded it, but they didn't foresee the oil crunch."

Oil was the revenue fuel that ran Ruidoso. Several of Powell's clients went bankrupt without paying their bills. She was forced to shut down.

"They all had a hard time," she said of the horse

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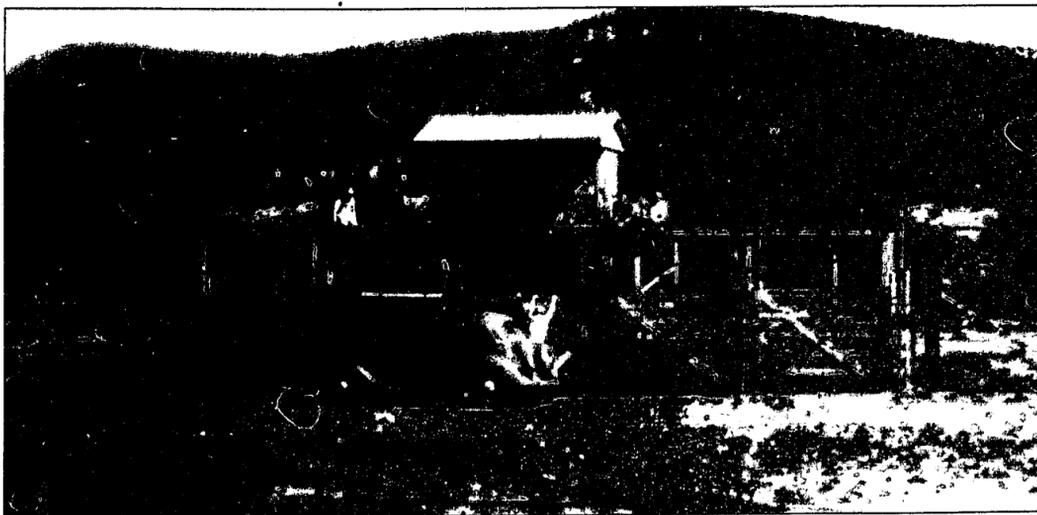
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The All American Futurity became the quarter horse racing's signature event and put New Mexico horse racing on the map. In 1978, featuring 2-year-olds, the futurity became the first horse race to offer a \$1 million purse. Four years later, that purse hit \$2 million, setting another record.

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oughbred track met the quarter horse track at the top of the stretch. "The hump" caused some quarter horses with an inside post position to lose momentum when they reached the area, while others hit "the hump" at the right point in their stride and were propelled to victory.

By that time, Ruidoso Downs caught the interest of former teacher turned tycoon from Kansas, R.D. Hubbard, who said he first visited the track in 1961, and then returned with his future wife, Joan Dale in 1969, when they bought a horse and named it Joan Dale II.

"Ruidoso Downs Race Track was one of the first places my wife and I visited together," Hubbard said. "We came to see the All American Futurity and that's why I've always been fond of this area."

In August 1988, Hubbard and his partners bought the struggling enterprise for \$2.6 million and assumed debts of \$9

million. He sank another \$2.5 million into improvements and renovations.

A year later, the amount wagered through the track's betting windows was up to \$38.63 million, third-highest in the track's history. But over the next two decades, Hubbard said his operation lost \$22 million.

Slots arrive

He lobbied for legislation to allow slot machine gambling at racetracks. State approval of Billy the Kid Casino took 10 years, but the casino's existence dramatically improved the horse racing end of the operation by increasing attendance and the racing purse.

In 2003, the Inn of the Mountain Gods introduced slots at the Casino Apache Travel Center on U.S. 70, a few miles west of Ruidoso Downs. Hubbard said slot machine revenues from the track dropped by 50 percent and he's been on the hunt ever since for some type of tax relief to better compete and sustain the

racino.

On July 27, 2008, a massive flood rushed down the Ruidoso River, pushing debris down the valley with it and severely damaging the racetrack before the Zia Festival weekend, a critical time in the racing summer.

Hubbard didn't wait for Federal Emergency Management Agency and state disaster officials to arrive to survey the damage; he pulled out his checkbook and fixed it. Five days later, training sessions were in full swing and that Saturday, a 10-race card was scheduled.

In February 2008, HB 484 was introduced in the state House of Representatives aimed at closing the gap on the percentage of profits that Indian and non-Indian casinos could keep. While that bill passed on the House floor, a Senate version became hung up in committee and died.

The inability to secure relief from the Legislature led to passage of legislation to allow voters in Lincoln County to decide whether to impose a business retention gross receipts tax to grant some tax parity for the track and casino with Indian gaming.

Ruidoso Downs continues to draw horse owners and fans from across North America, Mexico and South America. After six decades, it remains a sentimental favorite in an attractive climate surrounded by some of the best scenery in New Mexico.

But its future is tied to forces beyond the control of sport lovers. That changed when states and Indian tribes decided to cash in on the gambling craze.

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By blood, sweat and tears...

County Commissioner Jackie Powell recalls the good times

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For Lincoln County Commissioner Jackie Powell, Ruidoso Downs Race Track represents a large chunk of her life, a time when she learned about the racing business and about herself.

Being around horses, horse owners and trainers shaped much of her outlook and work ethic. Her family roots go back six generations in the Hondo Valley, well before any race track.

"Everybody here survived by blood, sweat and tears, whatever they could do," she said. "They had a lot of tourism, horseback riding, picnics and camping."

"When the track came in, it helped tremendously by putting in a summer mainstay of businesses. But back then, they couldn't stay all winter. The businesses would be open May through September

and then close their doors up and leave."

She recalled that attending the races was a very social event.

"I remember when I was very little, my mom and dad would go to the races once a year maybe, but they would get real dressed up," Powell said. "It was such a high and mighty big thing to do. And I remember when I was 2 years old thinking, 'Oh wow, horses.' Because from the time I was born, horses were the only thing I wanted to deal with."

"When I grew up a little bit, the racetrack worked a lot with the Chaparral, that's where most of the people stayed. It was the more social part of it. They had a restaurant and a little place when they could have parties and they had the convention center down below, where the Museum of the Horse is now. The track and the Chaparral really relied on each other."

The couples coming in to race or to view the races usually had children in tow. The schools supplied a list of students with driver's licenses they could interview to hire as babysitters.

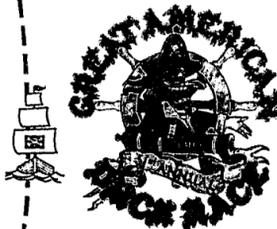
"Their kids didn't really want anything to do with the track," Powell said. "They wanted other stuff. (The parents would) pay you a certain amount of money and say keep them all day. Through that and my sister, I met these owners, who are just the most wonderful people. The race-track people are like a big family. They all knew one another, because they traveled around to different places to race."

"My sister had me come with her because it was a little boy. She said he won't eat right. The mom told her I don't care what you do with him all day, but he has to eat one good meal."

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He would copy me. He would eat what I wanted to eat. They were from Illinois. He was a doctor and they loved this area — not just the racetrack. They would come and stay a month in August. We got to know them real well. We hung out for a whole month all day, every day. We took him to the ranch, to Playland where River Crossing is now. There were some putt putts. We would pick apples. He loved that kind of stuff."

The boy asked her to come back to Illinois with him, and thinking his parents would nix the idea, she agreed, if they agreed. To her surprise they invited her for a month and to her even greater surprise, her father, Jim Tully, said it would be a great experience for her. The year was 1974.

"I'm telling you, there are no better people than Dr. Jack Frost and his wife," Powell said. "They were consumed with Ruidoso Downs and to raise their own horse and win the All American. That was their all-time dream. He had a stud and worked hard for many years to win."

In 1976, the Frosts won a big stakes race and Powell still has a photograph showing the Frosts, Powell and her father. "We got to sit in the Turf Club," she said. "It was pomp and circumstance. In our opinion, we were royalty."

The horsemen raced five days a week then and there was never any space except for Wednesday when the crowd was a bit lighter, she said. The season lasted from May 5 to Labor Day.

Powell said she quickly realized she was moving



RIDING BAREBACK CAME NATURALLY

into a different world when she and the Frosts arrived at the airport and she became separated from the family, because she had never seen an escalator before and was afraid to step on it. They flew to Chicago, her first flight. She remembered Frost's wife asking her where all her clothes were as she clutched one small suitcase with a rather meager wardrobe inside. The family bought her some clothes for her stay. She was amazed when she saw their large home and horse farm, and the family was impressed with her horse handling abilities.

"At home I rode with a rope and no saddle," Powell said. "Dad wasn't going to give me a saddle until he knew I was committed. We had to learn just like the Indians. I rode all day way out in the hills all over the place. When I was in sixth grade, he had this saddle made as a graduation present, to make me graduate,

because I didn't like school.

"(The Frosts) were so impressed because my first day there, I saw this horse and Dr. Frost said he rode it when they could catch it for him. I just picked up a bridle, put it on the horse and jumped on from the boards and took off. The Frosts were amazed I could ride like that. Dr. Frost offered to pay my way if I would stay with them from then on and study to be a jumper. You know how your life can change at different points. If I had stayed up there in Illinois, they would have put me through boarding school so I could be a jumper. I so wanted to do that, to jump. But I was only 12 and thought and thought about it, and I missed the mountains and I needed to come home, because my home was in the mountains and I thought I belonged here."

Back then, the community as a whole gathered around the horsemen and their families, she said.

"We used to have a big welcome-back-horsemen's party with concerts," Powell said. "It was a totally horsemen thing and the little part of the community that worked here year-around trying to make it. It was so much closer."

"We had a fruit stand in the valley. Like everyone else being here seven generations, you had to change what you did and how you did it over and over. Nothing was given to you. You never asked for a handout. We had cooperatives and the truckers would come in to pick up loads of apples, but that ended when Washington apples basically took over the market. We also used immigrant workers and cooperation with the government ended. So we turned to fruit stands."

During racing season in the 1960s and 1970s, lodging was scarce and most visitors drove up every day, she said.

"The traffic was bumper-to-bumper all the way for a couple of hours out to the east on Highway 70 and they would stop at the fruit stand and buy the apples," Powell said. "As the owners and trainers left, they would stop with their trailers and buy apples. It was a whole different atmosphere, but that's what made the world here go around at that time."

When Powell decided it was time to find a paying job, she went to the racetrack to look.

"I'm independent enough that I didn't want to get a job just on my dad's name," she said. "At that time, the racetrack people didn't know him and I got a ride to town and went there and asked people to hire me. They wouldn't right off the bat, because I was a lit-

tle tiny girl. A friend of mine, Harla Webb, was working for a trainer in 1976. She was a jockey and lived in the valley and her dad built my saddle. She let me work with her for free to learn how, so I could get a job. I worked for nothing mucking the stalls, getting straw out, carrying the hay, brushing the horses from 5 a.m. to dark, seven days a week, no time off. The racetrack life, it's a hard life, but like ranching you do it, because there's a love there."

Trainer Floyd Hendricks hired her. "He had 20 horses in the stable. We took the horses to the paddock on race day. It was a big deal. Back then, the horses were right up next to the people in the paddock. The people were right on top of you. It was real noisy and the horses get nervous. The horsemen could stay by horses. The general public was in the grandstand. As we rode by they'd try to spook horses. They were pranksters. If a horse looked the least bit like it was going to buck, they'd finish it off. They wanted to see a rodeo, but they also were the first to take care of you."

"It wasn't much of a grandstand. All these fancy people and owners, doctors would come, and it didn't matter that it was in the dirt, the wind and the mud."

The track attracted big name movie stars such as Audie Murphy, Dale Robertson and Slim Pickens, who interacted with the horse owners and trainers. Some even raced their own quarter horses. Around 1977, the film *Casey's Shadow* was filmed at the track starring Walter Matthau.

After her trainer found out how well she rode, Powell also was assigned to the ponies who lead the race horses, for no extra pay.

Back then, the shoveled muck was dumped between stalls.

"When (R.D.) Hubbard bought the track, he cleaned that up," Powell said. "He had horses and as an owner, wanted to keep it cleaner so the horses wouldn't have to walk in it."

She married young at 16, and with her husband took over the excavation business to pay off her ill father's debts. They were doing all right, but her husband died in a Jeep rollover when she was 19 with a 10-month-old baby, a big business and big debts; he had just bought several pieces of heavy equipment.

"At that time, (a company named) Fortuna owned the track and there were some talk of ties with the Mafia and (the state) decided they couldn't run it anymore," Powell said. "In the interim period, the horsemen tried to run it, some big owners, over 100 maybe. They knew the heart and soul of racing and where it belonged and what the track meant to racing and why Ruidoso is a special place to have it. So they formed an ownership group and ran it in the early 1970s. They expanded it, but they didn't foresee the oil crunch."

Oil was the revenue fuel that ran Ruidoso. Several of Powell's clients went bankrupt without paying their bills. She was forced to shut down.

"They all had a hard time," she said of the horse

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HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

Ruidoso cancer survivor selected as a Hero of Hope

ALBUQUERQUE—Sashay Mills-Cardone of Ruidoso has been selected as an American Cancer Society Hero of Hope.

As a Hero of Hope, these cancer survivors have demonstrated a commitment to the fight against cancer through their constant inspiration and contribution to their local American Cancer Society Relay For Life event.

There are few things more traumatic than hearing "you have cancer."

When Sashay Mills-Cardone heard those words, her only concerns should have been homework or when the next school holiday was.

Sashay heard those traumatic words shortly after her 15th birthday and just before Christmas on Dec. 20, 2002, her grandmother's birthday.

Sashay was diagnosed with Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma, a cancer originating in the nasopharynx, the uppermost region of the pharynx or "throat."

Sashay began Relaying for herself as a way to retaliate against cancer.

She now Relays to prevent others from experi-

encing what she went through.

Now, years after being diagnosed and many Relays later, Sashay has many great memories.

At 15, Sashay could not imagine that cancer and Relay For Life would become her main priorities in life.

In her small town of Ruidoso, she became sort of the poster child for Relay.

Now, nearly eight years later, the community can see that their efforts did make a difference.

Over the years Sashay has spoken to many large audiences and tries to meet everyone.

Sashay has many great memories but the people have been the most memorable.

"It is so rewarding when I meet them again and they tell me 'oh yes, I know you, you helped when my husband was sick or other something similar,'" said Sashay. "Feeling like I really made a difference - that I will never forget."

"The only thing scarier than cancer is not doing anything about it," said Sashay, as she sums up

her cancer experience and Relay For Life.

"Cancer and the Relay For Life have taught me that HOPE is alive and well, even when the patient isn't."

Heroes of Hope were selected based on their attitude to inspire hope, courage and determination in the fight against cancer.

These cancer survivors also have demonstrated exemplary involvement with the Society's Relay For Life event.

The American Cancer Society's Heroes of Hope will be instrumental in working with the Society to broaden the outreach of survivorship throughout the year for Relay For Life.

Heroes will also be trained as Society spokespeople and will share their inspiring stories.

The American Cancer Society saves lives and creates more birthdays by helping people stay well, helping people get well, by finding cures and by fighting back.

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Debilitating depression can come later in life

JAMES MARTIN
For the Ruidoso News

I'll never forget the day I received the call that my grandfather had contracted a blood disorder and needed a blood transfusion.

The call was made for the family to meet at the Mayo Clinic to contribute blood in the hope that a 'match' would help eradicate or stall the disease's progress.

I remember my grandfather's reluctance to accept our blood contributions.

He was actually ashamed and embarrassed that he had become a 'burden' to his family.

I recall the awkwardness of watching my grandfather hide his face with his large, weathered hands as he wept in shame of his failing health.

I was told that from that moment on my 'Pa Pa' fell into a deep depression that eventually contributed to his untimely death.

Unfortunately, my grandfather's generation was never privy to the real meaning of depression.

It is also unfortunate that physicians thirty

years ago failed to realize the medical impact of depression on the elderly.

Today we know that 15 out of every 100 adults over the age of 65 suffer from some form of depression.

We also know that, with the right kind of preventive care and medical recognition of depression, our seniors should have no reason not to enjoy the golden years of their life.

When depression occurs late in life, it can be often debilitating, interfering with the ability to function normally.

Today's seniors grew up in a day when depression was not understood to be a biological disorder.

Therefore, they are less willing to recognize their own problems.

Untreated depression can lead to disability, worsening of the symptoms of other illnesses, premature death, and suicide.

The good news is that with proper diagnosis and treatment, 80 percent of the depressed elderly recover and return to a normal life.

Most importantly, recognition of a long life span while you are under

the age of 50 should encourage you to plan ahead.

Establish a good support system. Be realistic about your abilities, and maintain an active lifestyle.

By doing these things, you will help stave off the threat of depression during your senior years.

Today, I am a grandfather of two vibrant and energetic grandsons.

I'll never forget the day that my oldest grandson grabbed my face with his tiny hands, looked me in the eyes and christened me with his high-pitched child voice, 'My Pa Pa!'

How I long for the day when I will see my grandfather again, take his face in my hands and with great joy and holy pride cry out, 'My Pa Pa!'

JAMES D. MARTIN is the program manager of the Heritage Program for Senior Adults at the Lincoln County Medical Center. Heritage is a program designed to improve the quality of life for the older adult. Confidential screenings are available by appointment. If interested, call 575-257-6283.

SHELTER NEWS

HUMANE SOCIETY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

We set another record for adoptions in the month of July.

We adopted out 63 dogs and cats and returned another 43 lost dogs and cats to their owners for a total of 106 animals.

Also, so far this month, we have adopted out 18 dogs and six cats.

The Humane Society shelter has a new address.

The county has changed the address from 430 Gavilan Canyon Road to 422 Gavilan Canyon Road.

For those wishing to visit the shelter, it's located

at the same site, however, anyone wishing to write to the shelter should be aware of the address change.

Of course, we now have to throw out all of our material that had the old address, such as stationery, envelopes and business cards.

We are still running a summer sale on cats and kittens: two for \$40 or one for \$25.

Also, we still have a special on dogs. The normal \$75 fee has been reduced to \$50 while dogs over 5-years of age have an adoption fee

of \$25.

How can you help the Humane Society of Lincoln County?

- Have your dog or cat spayed and neutered.
- Adopt a dog or cat.
- Have your dog or cat microchipped.
- Donate money (put money in our collection boxes).
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Salmonella outbreak reported by CDC and FDA

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This latest recall covers eggs branded as Albert-

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The affected eggs are packed in several different sized cartons, from a half-dozen to 18 eggs. Only eggs in the shell are affected by the recall.

Check the packaging information to determine product safety: the four-digit plant number will be "P - 1720" or "P - 1942." This is followed by the three-digit code ranging

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Consumers are encouraged to return eggs in their original packaging to where they were purchased for a full refund.

Symptoms of salmonella poisoning include fever, abdominal cramps and diarrhea beginning 12 to 72 hours after consuming a contaminated food or beverage.

The illness usually lasts 4 to 7 days. Most persons recover without treatment, however the diarrhea can be severe.

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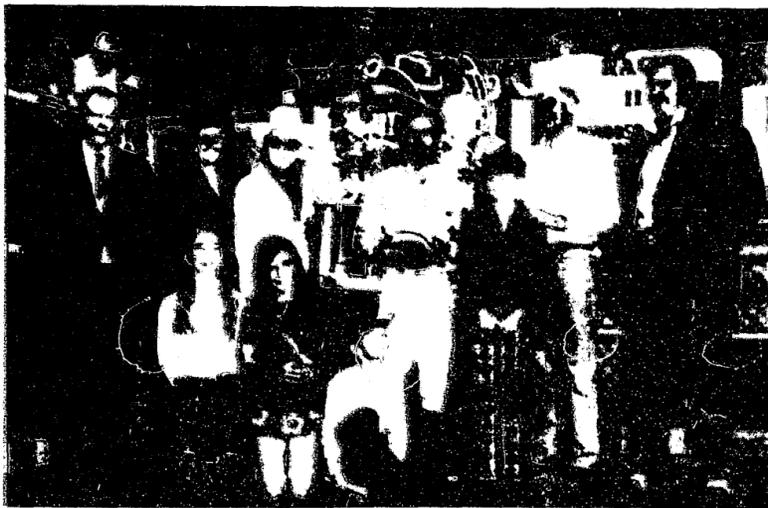
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owners. "They tried to keep it together, but in the late 1980s, Hubbard bought the track for pennies on the dollar. He put \$3 million in it. I was working in the track office for a few years before he bought it, because after I went bankrupt I had to have a job. I owed a few people and had to pay those debts.

"I was in the accounting office after Hubbard bought it. I loved it there. I did everything from groom to accounting. The atmosphere was so celebrity. Getting an official sticker to park up front and another to go around track. The owners had their own stickers."



IN THE WINNERS' CIRCLE, KNEELING

But with the oil crunch, Midtown Ruidoso was hard hit and many businesses

had boards on the windows, she said, adding, "It was very difficult times.

"But Ruidoso always will be what it is. It will plummet at times, but

houses always will be in demand. Don't let that scare you. Even in the 1930s and 1940s, before a race track, people always flocked here. The only thing that happened once a year was the Fort Stanton Rodeo.

Powell went on to marry Denny Powell, a former trainer who later opened his own garage. Both families have deep New Mexico roots and Denny's father rose from a groom living on his own at tracks as a child to a jockey and then a trainer and owner.

As Powell began packing up the photographs she brought to the interview, she paused and reflected on her grandfather, who ran a store on U.S. 70 when it was a dirt road. The state

came in and improved the road, changing its location. He had to move the store to survive, but he didn't ask for any help, she said.

"Horseback riding and camping should be bigger than ever now with people back East and this area with thousands of acres of wilderness and forest," she said. "And where would you rather spend your weekend - Clovis, Hobbs or here?"

"I just want people to know that visitors always will come here. It might be different and you might have to tighten your belt, but it might be different better. Maybe we can make something better."

A Ruidoso News exclusive

SUIT

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driving. The LCSO deputy serving as backup to Weiser on the domestic called for medical help for Weiser and for backup. The situation quickly escalated to an armed stand-off between Gary Joe Lovelace, 50, and Lincoln County Sheriff's officers.

Gary Joe Lovelace left in the loader to the area of his business office, located nearby, where he barricaded himself inside the small building.

The case's narrative offers that while LCSO officers took over the response and surrounded Lovelace in the business office, Dakota Lovelace, who was at school, checked her cell phone and found that her step-father (Gary Joe Lovelace) had called her eight times since she had left for school that morning. She sought permission to leave school and traveled immediately to her home.

Knowing he had guns inside the office and seeing the LCSO deputy pointing a gun, the court document states that Dakota Lovelace wanted to try and protect her stepfather from being killed.

"A LCSO officer allowed Dakota Lovelace to approach the building where her stepfather was barricaded inside. Through the window in the door, Dakota Lovelace pleaded with her stepfather not to kill himself and to turn himself in to the deputies.

In this same time frame, Kelly Lovelace, Gary Joe Lovelace's ex-wife and an on-duty Lincoln County 911 dispatcher, arrived at the scene. According to the civil suit, Kelly Lovelace asked Lincoln County Undersheriff Robert Shepperd to allow herself and Dakota Lovelace to go inside to try to talk Gary Joe Lovelace down and prevent him from killing himself.

The officers were able to see through a sizable window in the door that Lovelace had a gun pointed at his chest.

"Notwithstanding the imminent threat of serious injury or death, Shepperd told Kelly Lovelace she could enter the office with the minor child," the suit states. "Upon entering the office, Gary Joe Lovelace locked the door and had two hostages, his step-daughter and a Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Employee."

In contrast, the Probable Cause statement signed by LCSO Sergeant Ken Cramer, says, "learned from Undersheriff Robert Shepperd that after a short time, Gary Joe Lovelace's ex-wife Kelly Lovelace

arrived and before he could stop them, both Kelly Lovelace and Dakota Lovelace had entered the office and the door was locked between them."

Lincoln County Sheriff Rick Virden arrived at the scene and spoke to Gary Joe Lovelace. The civil suit says that he told Gary Joe Lovelace "he wasn't playing games, to which Gary Joe Lovelace responded that he wasn't either."

"Virden could see Gary Joe Lovelace with a gun pointed to his chest with his stepdaughter standing next to him," the suit narates. "Without warning, Virden broke the glass window with the butt of the rifle he was carrying. Gary

Joe Lovelace attempted to swing the shotgun he was holding around to defend himself but Virden grabbed and wrestled Gary Joe Lovelace and Dakota Lovelace to the ground. Five LCSO officers stormed the office and disarmed Gary Joe Lovelace."

The Statement of Probable Cause describes the scene as "when (Gary Joe) Lovelace refused to surrender, Sheriff Virden and Undersheriff Robert Shepperd forced the door open and rushed Gary Joe Lovelace. When the door was forced open, Kelly and Dakota Lovelace began to wrestle with Gary Joe Lovelace trying to keep him from picking up a Win-

chester Model 94, .30 caliber rifle, but were unable to prevent his obtaining the weapon."

In the claims for relief portion of the civil suit against Lincoln County and Virden, it states, "The defendants created the risk of serious bodily harm and death and were deliberately indifferent to the obvious risk of serious harm to Dakota Lovelace by putting her into a highly volatile and dangerous situation where her stepfather was armed; law enforcement had surrounded his location with weapons drawn and pointed at the location and intentionally allowing Dakota Lovelace to enter the office where Gary Joe

Lovelace was barricaded with a loaded weapon."

The suit contends that Virden, through his official acts, "failed and continues to fail to properly train, supervise and/or disciple his employees regarding protection of private citizens in dangerous situations where firearms are pointed and being displayed, creating a deliberate indifference to the substantial risk of serious harm to the plaintiffs and others similarly situated."

The extreme emotional distress of Mechel Lovelace and her daughter during the episode is cited as a violation of their constitutional rights and the suffered damages will be proven at

trial, the document says.

Beauvais said as the trial process develops and some of the other issues involved are determined, the names of the "John Does I-V" will be identified.

Lincoln County Attorney Alan Morel had not yet been advised of the suit but said by phone on Wednesday, "We will vigorously defend any litigation as is presented to us."

Beauvais explained that the county has 45 days to respond. "We have already been assigned judges and in the process, it will be determined where the case will be heard but I expect it likely will be in Roswell or Las Cruces. This case is on a 120-trial track."

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Billboard price lowered

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State Public Lands Department officials recalculated their figures and dropped the annual rental price for a billboard marking the turn to historic White Oaks to \$600, after Lincoln County commissioners protested a quoted price.

"At the (July) commission meeting, after I explained the 442 percent increase in the permit fee, the board directed me to protest the dramatic increase in the billboard permit fee," County Manager Tom Stewart reminded commissioners at their Tuesday meeting.

He wrote a letter citing objections to a \$1,400 per year permit fee that would increase to \$1,575.70 in the fourth year.

"This is about a 443 percent increase in the fee," Stewart wrote the state lands commissioner's office. "The amount for three poles in the ground seems excessive and (county commissioners) directed that I appeal the dramatic increase to your office. In addition, legal review indicates that governmental entities do not indemnify and hold each other harmless or name each other with certificates of insurance."

On July 27, he received a response from Peggy Walton, director of Commercial Resources Division of the New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands Office. She acknowledged Stewart's letter and a telephone conversation with him.

"I appreciate your understanding that timing in sending our renewal permit leases was not in sync with our realignment of fee structures in regard to municipal/local

governments," she wrote. "We are underway with renewing all billboard leases across the state and failed to make the adjustments before they went out.

"In our prudent effort to consider all leases across the board, we did increase the pricing structure for municipalities. However, the pricing still is fair."

The cost will be \$350 flat rate for a single-sided billboard and \$600 for a double-sided.

"At this time, we took into consideration the economic downturn and did not assess the 3 percent per year escalator," Walton wrote. While the office is happy to do business with private and government entities, "We must remain vigilant in our fiduciary responsibility to generate revenues and show increases accordingly."

The county previously was paying about \$348 to \$350 a year for the billboard, "so it's a 100 percent increase," Stewart told commissioners. "But that's better than 443 percent." The County Lodgers Tax Committee will look at the sign and improve it.

Stewart also pointed out that Walton "respectfully requested" that he present the facts to the *Ruidoso News* and retract a prior article written about the situation and the commission's alarm at the dramatic increase. Stewart said, "Yeah right, as if I could do something about that." He later added, "There was nothing in error in the story. Why would I ask to retract? It was the truth at the time."

Walton signed off with, "We have exhibited sincere efforts in doing business with you and we request the same."

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Downs approves adjustments to personnel policy

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More amendments were made Monday to the personnel policy in Ruidoso Downs by city councilors.

On an evenly split council vote, decided by Mayor Tom Armstrong, the city had made some changes in late July. But a second proposal that would have actually triggered the adjustments was postponed to the Aug. 9 council meeting.

Reviewing the items, City Councilor Gary Williams said he guessed there was now another update.

City Clerk Carol Virden noted there had been some discussion two weeks ago on a rule dealing with the maximum amount of accrued vacation time allowed for certain employees.

"There was an oversight on another category which is called the non-exempt administrative positions which take care of the people at the museum. When we went over the whole personnel policy, section by section by section with the directors, there was an oversight that was not brought forward until the last council meeting."

Virden said the curator positions at the city's Hubbard Museum of the American West warranted the creation of a non-exempt administrative employee category. And several other positions were included.

Outgoing museum director Jay Smith last month had questioned paid vacation accrual changes for curators at the facility.

Previously the council had broken employment in the city in three categories: executive designated appointed positions, which included the police chief, city manager or administrator, city attorney, and city clerk/treasurer; department heads, which included the director of finance/procurement, director of public works, director of planning and zoning, museum director, and fire chief; and classified employees, described as all full-time positions other than executive and depart-

ment heads.

Now there are four designations of employment; exempt executive, non-exempt executive department heads, non-exempt administrative, and classified.

While the executive and department heads classifications remain unchanged, non-exempt administrative positions will include the deputy police chief, public works foreman and assistant foreman, procurement manager, museum curators, museum gift shop manager, and fire chief.

Exempt employees are exempt from certain wage and hour laws, and do not receive overtime pay. Non-exempt are paid one-and-a-half times there normal wage for hours beyond 40 in a week.

"The non-exempt department heads are not 'at-will' employees," said Virden. "Also, the non-exempt administrative employees are not 'at-will' employees. They are employees who are in salaried positions with no overtime."

At-will employees generally can be terminated for any reason or no reason at all.

"Why did we change this in the last meeting that we approved the department heads as separate?" asked Williams. "Where are we in identifying the department heads

now as non-exempt executives?"

Payroll/personnel clerk Randy Reynolds said the department heads are non-exempt.

"Because the non-exempt executive shows they fall under the Federal Labor Standards Act, and not as at-will employees," said Reynolds.

Williams feared the wording impacted accrued vacation time for some.

"The maximum (vacation time) balance has always been in the personnel policy from February 2002," responded Virden. "And the reason for that was the 240 hours were specifically for department heads. They inserted the museum people that came in in 2005. The 600 hours were for the executives and the directors. The classified were the current accrual rate plus 40 hours. So with the research that we did, we found that it was an omission and it left the museum people off."

The vacation banking mistake had affected four museum employees.

"We just cleaned it up to signify that the 240 (hours of vacation accrual) was for those people at the museum," said Virden.

The adjustments were unanimously approved by the city council.

New museum role endorsed

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Following the late-July announcement that the fundraising and development specialist at the Hubbard Museum of the American West was appointed the interim director of the facility, the new role for Jim Kofakis was endorsed by Ruidoso Downs city councilors on Aug. 9.

The interim appointment took effect on July 30, according to a city document. That was the effective date of former museum direc-

tor Jay Smith's resignation.

The mayoral appointment required action from the city council.

In other action, the council:

- appointed resident Harold Oakes as the city's representative on the Lincoln County Film Commission.

- appointed resident Judy Van-Winkle to the city's Lodgers Tax Committee.

- promoted Frankie Gonzales to a parks maintenance foreman.

- hired Judy Kern as a full-time communications/detention officer in the police department.

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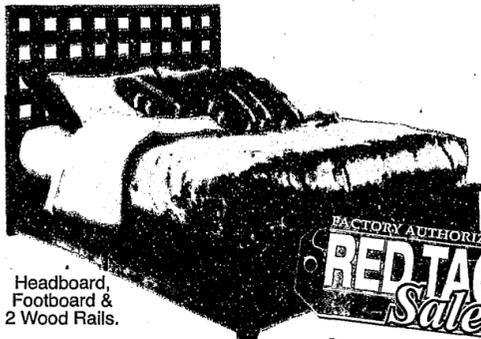
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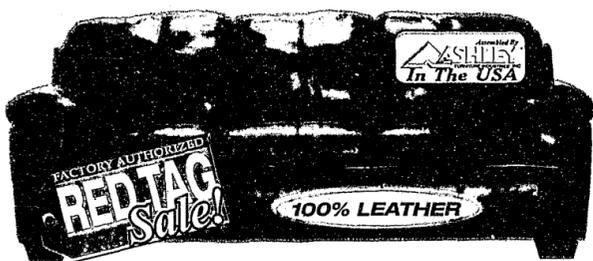
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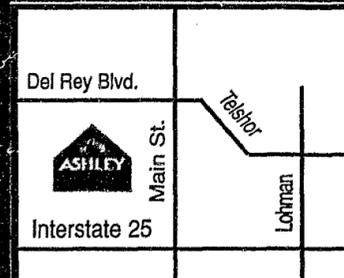


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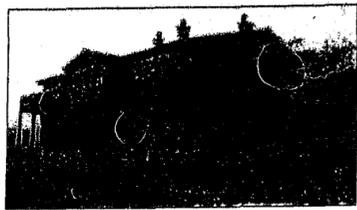
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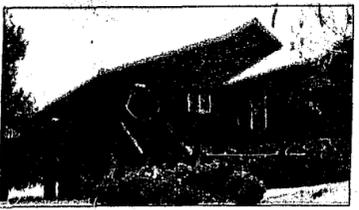
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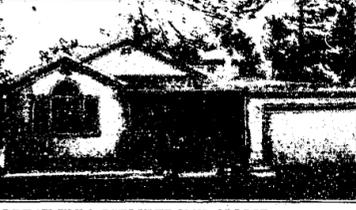
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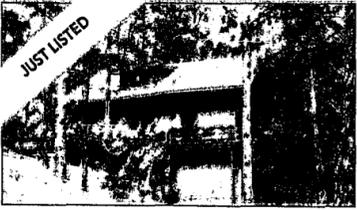
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Sports On Tap

Race Track

Friday-Sunday, Aug. 20-22
Ruidoso Downs Race Track will have a 12 p.m. post time Friday and Saturday with a normal 1 p.m. start time on Sunday. 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.

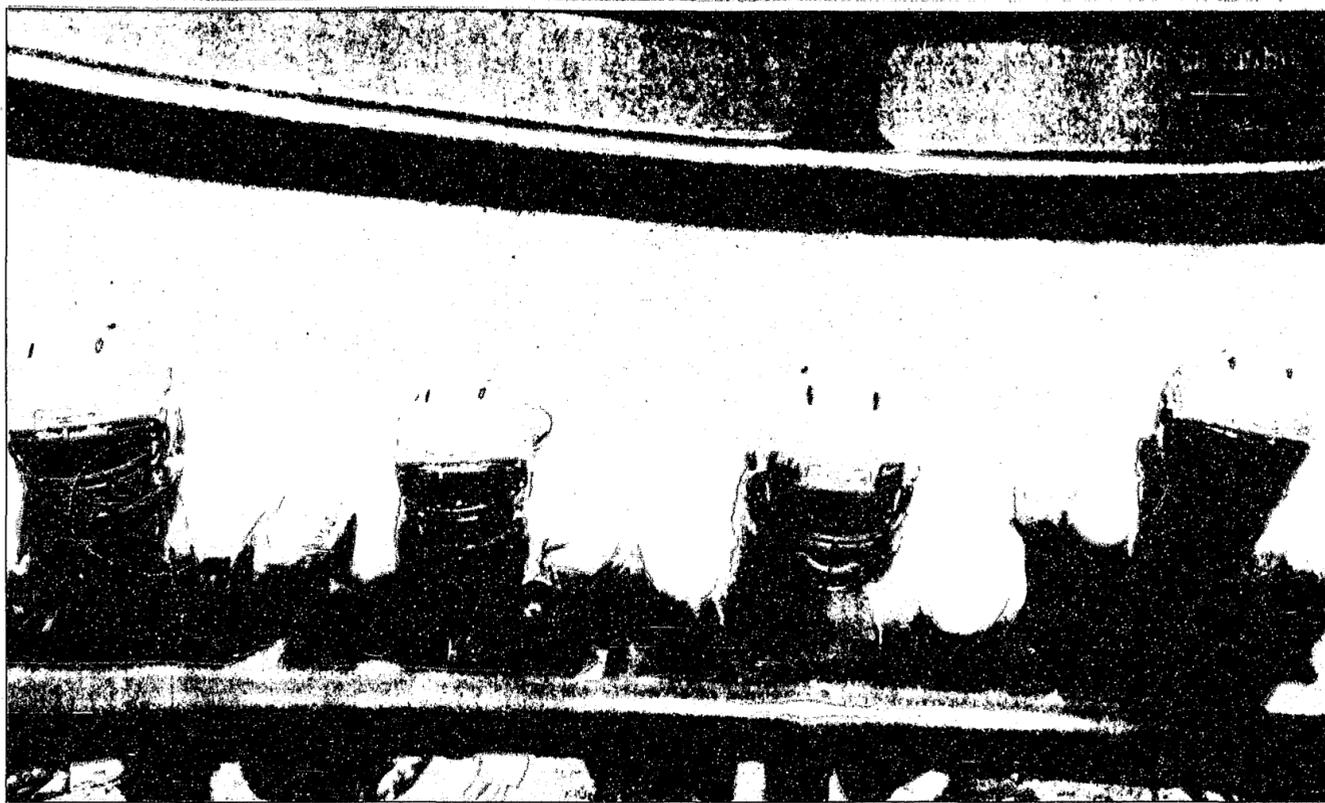
Parks Dept. Open Gym

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.

UNM LOBOS END STAY IN RUIDOSO SATURDAY



JOHN T. SODEN/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Lobo linebackers, l-r, Byron Bell, Mike Cannon, Karlin Givins and Bryan Wrightman are set to tackle, as seen from an "opposing" player's facemask. UNM winds up its fall practice with a workout Friday at the White Mountain Recreational Complex from 4:10-6:40 p.m. and a scrimmage at Horton Stadium Saturday from 5-7:30 p.m.

Celebrity golf at Cree Meadows Monday

MARITA HYNES
For the Ruidoso News

On Aug. 23, 10 sports celebrities will converge on Cree Meadows Golf Course in an effort to raise funds for cancer research and clinical trials.

The event is the "Fore Kay Classic at Cree". This golf tournament will feature celebrities such as Kathy Whitworth, Marsha Sharp, Jody Conradt, Sherri Coale, JoJo Robertson plus several other women professional golfers and women's college basketball coaches joining together to benefit the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund.

Kay Yow spent 38 years as a head basketball coach at the college level. During that time, she was only one of six Division I head coaches to achieve 700 career victories.

Yow was also the head coach of the 1988 USA Olympic Team that won the gold medal in Seoul.

She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1987, and passed away on January 24, 2009, after facing her third bout with the disease.

The Kay Yow/Women's Basketball Coaches Association Cancer Fund is a charitable organization committed to being a part of finding an answer in the

fight against women's cancers.

The celebrities

Kathy Whitworth: Golf's winningest player on the LPGA tour.

Whitworth won a total of 88 career titles. She started her career in 1957 and played on the LPGA tour for 38 years.

During her tenure, Whitworth was the tour's leading money winner eight times, a seven-time LPGA Player of the Year, and a seven time Vare Trophy winner.

She is a member of the



COURTESY

Kathy Whitworth is golf's top winning player on the LPGA tour.

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Dreams for sale at Ruidoso Select Yearling Sale

JESSIE HANSON
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"Sold!" the auctioneer announces as the hammer falls. He's looking straight at me to identify my bidding number.

As I hold it up for all to see, the ring steward quickly walks up with clipboard and pen, "Please sign for your purchase, ma'am," he says.

I'm euphoric. I just succeeded in acquiring the horse I wanted most out of all those listed in the sale catalog.

She was well bred, appeared to have an even disposition and was a stunning individual.

Her pedigree revealed competitive success on both her maternal and paternal sides, and I had no reason to believe that she, herself,

would not reach similar acclaim.

In the end, she proved herself to be a successful competitor and one of my best broodmares. I would never have found her had she not been entered into the sale.

Although buying a horse at a sale, as opposed to private treaty, is not for everyone it does afford the opportunity for comparison and

often results in getting a good buy as well.

If you are a seller the horse sale provides the atmosphere, audience and buying power necessary to earn top dollar.

Granted, not all sales are equal and savvy buyers and sellers know which ones to attend.

Here in Ruidoso we are fortunate to have two of the very best sales in the coun-

try, the Ruidoso Select Sale held every September and the 2010 New Mexico Bred Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred Yearling Sale, which takes place this weekend.

This year, 433 outstanding horses from 96 breeders will be offered for purchase.

The sale is nationally recognized as one of the finest

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Kids don't get to pick their parents

Name your event - football, basketball, baseball, track, rodeo, livestock shows and the occasional beauty pageant or bake-off - and if it involves kids, you will find their parents embarrassing them.

I'm not talking without knowledge. I am a parent and I had parents. We have all been embarrassed about or by each other at one time or another.

Fortunately, it wasn't ever because of our

behavior at a competition event. My folks were not shouters, screamers or blame assigners.

To this day, I'm grateful for their dignified rooting for the home team at ball games and other public possibilities for a display parental pride.

There were then, and still are now, plenty of others willing to take up the slack in the "make a fool of yourself" department.

As school administrations buckle down for another year of pushing

academic excellence along with their individual attempts at molding our children into productive citizens, I fortify myself for the "bleacher coaches" that haunt every sporting event.

Even from the sidelines where I move up and down the periphery of the event to photograph it, I cringe at the level of crude audacity some parents find necessary to use to promote a team.

There doesn't seem to be a magic formula to make adults act like adults, let alone expect them to rein

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Cowgirl Sass & Savvy
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President's Cup Golf Tournament played at Alto Lakes

Kathy Choice was the winner of the President's Cup Golf Tournament played at the Alto Lakes golf and Country Club, Wednesday, Aug. 11. The tournament was sponsored by the Alto Lakes Ladies Golf Association. Choice's score over the field was 79.

Championship Flight

1st Gross - Betty Jean Dobbins	82
2nd Gross - Joanne Miller	85
3rd Gross - Alyce Van Tussenbrok	86
1st Net - Joyce Yapp	67
2nd Net - Jackie Goupil	69
3rd Net - Christine Citarella	71
First Flight	
1st Gross - Linda Russell	86
2nd Gross - Bev Reynolds	87
3rd Gross - Jeane Lacewell	90
1st Net - Diane Peoples	65

2nd Net - Carol Bayless	67
3rd Net - Betty Simpson	71
Second Flight	
1st Gross - Theresa Abbott	93
2nd Gross - Karen Thomas	95
3rd Gross - Judy Walsh	98
1st Net - Stuart Blackshear	68
2nd Net - Sharron Carroll	68
3rd Net - Linda Palla	72
Third Flight	
1st Gross - Cheryl Knobel	96
2nd Gross - Kai Brown	101
3rd Gross - Linda McLaughlin	102
1st Net - Gail Henning	67
2nd Net - Jane Hoover	69
3rd Net - Sharon Luxix	70



Kathy Choice is awarded as the winner of the President's Cup by Karen Kilroy, president of the Alto Lakes Ladies Golf association.

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LPGA and the World Golf Halls of Fame.

In 1981, she became the first player in LPGA history to surpass the \$ 1 million mark in career earnings. Kathy is a native of Jal, New Mexico.

Marsha Sharp: Head Coach Emeritus Texas Tech University.

Sharp served 24 years as the Head Women's Basketball Coach at Texas Tech University where she led her team to 8 conference championships, 10 Sweet Sixteen appearances, 4 Elite Eights and won the NCAA National Championship in 1993. She is in the Texas Women's Hall of Fame, the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, and the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

Jody Conradt: Former University of Texas Women's Basketball Coach.

Conradt retired as the head women's basketball

coach at the University of Texas at Austin after 38 years. At retirement, she tallied 900 victories, second place in all-time victories for a NCAA Division I college basketball coach.

She was named Conference Coach of the Year eight times and National Coach of the Year six times.

Her Longhorns won the National Championship in 1986. Jody was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1998 and into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 1999. She is only the second woman inducted into the Naismith Hall of Fame.

Sherri Coale: Head Women's Basketball Coach at the University of Oklahoma

Coale is starting her 15th season at Oklahoma where she has taken her team to NCAA post-season tournaments 11 times, including 7 Sweet Sixteen appearances, and 3 trips to the Final Four. In 2002, the Sooners played in the final game against

that year's National Champions, the University of Connecticut. Coale and the Sooners have won a total of 10 Big 12 trophies. She has won four Big 12 Coach of the Year awards. Additionally, she has been named AP Coach of the Year, ESPN the Magazine Coach of the Year, and Sports Illustrated Coach of the Year. In 2001, she was the assistant coach for the USA Basketball Women's Junior World Team that won the bronze medal in Brno, Czech Republic.

JoJo Robertson: Head Golf Coach at Texas Tech University.

Robertson played on the Futures Professional Tour from 2000-2002. She is a native of Roswell, NM. JoJo played collegiate golf at Oklahoma State University.

A former golf coach at Purdue University, Robertson helped the Boilermakers to back-to-back Big Ten Championships and four-straight top ten NCAA Championship finishes including a runner-up in

2007. JoJo won the 1995 and 1997 U. S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championships. She was ranked 11th on Golfweek magazine's Female Amateur List in 1997 and was named one of the top 10 amateurs by Golf Digest. In 1998, Robertson was a member of the United States Curtis Cup Team.

Completing the list of ten celebrities coming to Cree Meadows Country Club is Keitha Adams, Head Women's Basketball Coach at University of Texas, El Paso; Former LPGA tour players, Laurie Brower, Kristi Albers, and Jane Noble. Ulrika van Niekerk, a recent graduate and golf record holder from Texas Tech University rounds out the field of celebrities.

These ten celebrities will join a field of 80 other golfers at 8:30am on Monday, August 23, 2010. Ruidoso residents are encouraged to take advantage of watching some very special sports legends and upcoming stars as they compete for an extremely important cause, raising money for cancer research. Whether you are a Texas Tech, Oklahoma, Texas, UTEP or LPGA fan, everyone is welcome to be at Cree Meadows Golf Course and enjoy this one-of-a-kind event in Ruidoso.

SALE

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available to both buyers and sellers, many who travel from some distance and make this an annual event.

"We really enjoy coming to the Ruidoso sales," says Gary Swinford of Swinford Stallion Farm in Clovis. "The sales company is very professional, there are good buyers and everyone is so pleasant."

"We've always returned home with good, positive feelings and come back again." Swinford is participating in this year's sale with his consignment, GS Bettys Latestchic, sired by Latest Verson and out of a daughter of Chicks A Blazin.

"Both of the Ruidoso

sales rank right up there with the other popular sales we frequent," Swinford commented.

The 2009 Ruidoso Select Yearling Sale offered horses that sold from \$500 to more than \$50,000.

Barrel racers, hunter/jumper and dressage equestrians seek many of the same attributes in a horse as the racing enthusiast and find that the sales here offer the quality they are looking for in new prospects.

This weekend's sale begins Friday, Aug. 20, at 4:30 p.m. and continues on Saturday, Aug. 21, at 3 p.m., at the Ruidoso Downs Sales Pavilion located just east of the entrance to the Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

For more information, go online to ruidososelectyearlingsale.com, or call 575-378-4474.



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Hip number 207, GS Bettys Latestchic, is an example of the quality of bloodstock offered at this year's sale.

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KIDS

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themselves in enough to not mortify their child while he or she is competing. You know who you are.

Call me an advocate for your children because they are stuck with you, I am not. For those that insist on assigning themselves the task of re-educating coaches and referees, I will suggest that a healthy dose of chill pills be your prescription of choice along with frequent deep breaths of restraint.

The sigh of relief you hear will be from your child (and the guy sitting next to you).

The sparkling smile you are flashed from the floor or field will be signatory of

the gratitude from a very relieved child.

As a side note, if the guy next to smiles like that, he probably hopes you aren't going to eat that hot dog you set down so you could jump and holler. He'd actually, really like to eat it.

We are the examples for tomorrow's leaders. Think about that when you shuffle to the top of the bleachers this weekend to take in some sun, canned nachos and a hometown, home team ball game, high school rodeo or volley ball game.

It matters not if your athlete wears a cowboy hat and swings a rope, or is suited up in layers of red, blue, black or orange synthetics snugged over plastic armor with a football under his arm; they will do the best that they can possibly

do at any given moment.

Ask no more of them, because your incessant rants at the referees, judges, and coaches etc., will not make the difference.

No one will be harder on your athlete than they will be on themselves, so please, don't pour your toxic terseness on the scene and expect it to manifest victory just because you called it so.

Your relationship with your child is a team sport. Save yourself from yourself and let your teenager find the joy of the competition without the fear of watching his parent being escorted from the game by security personnel eating out the pit of his stomach.

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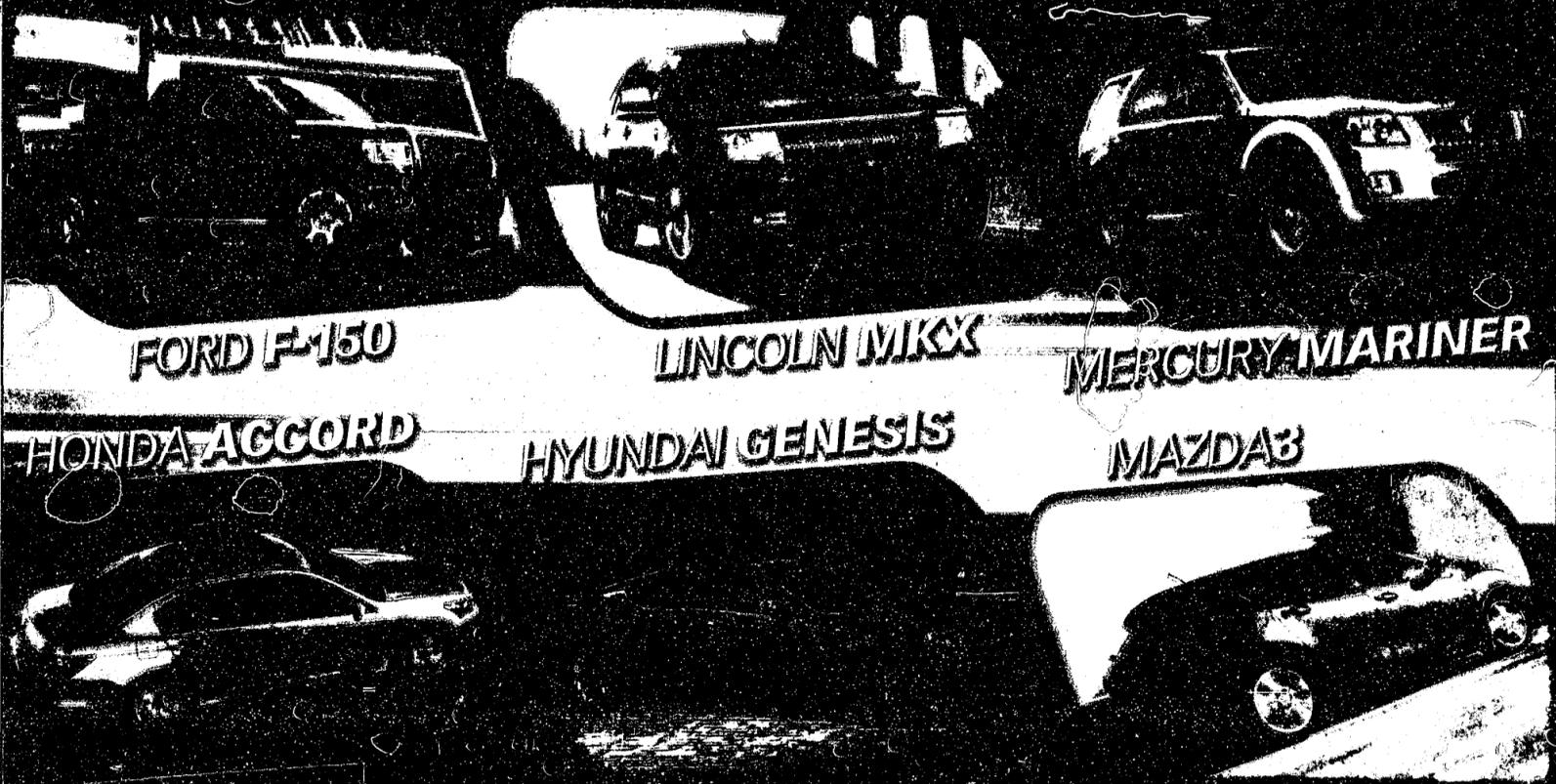
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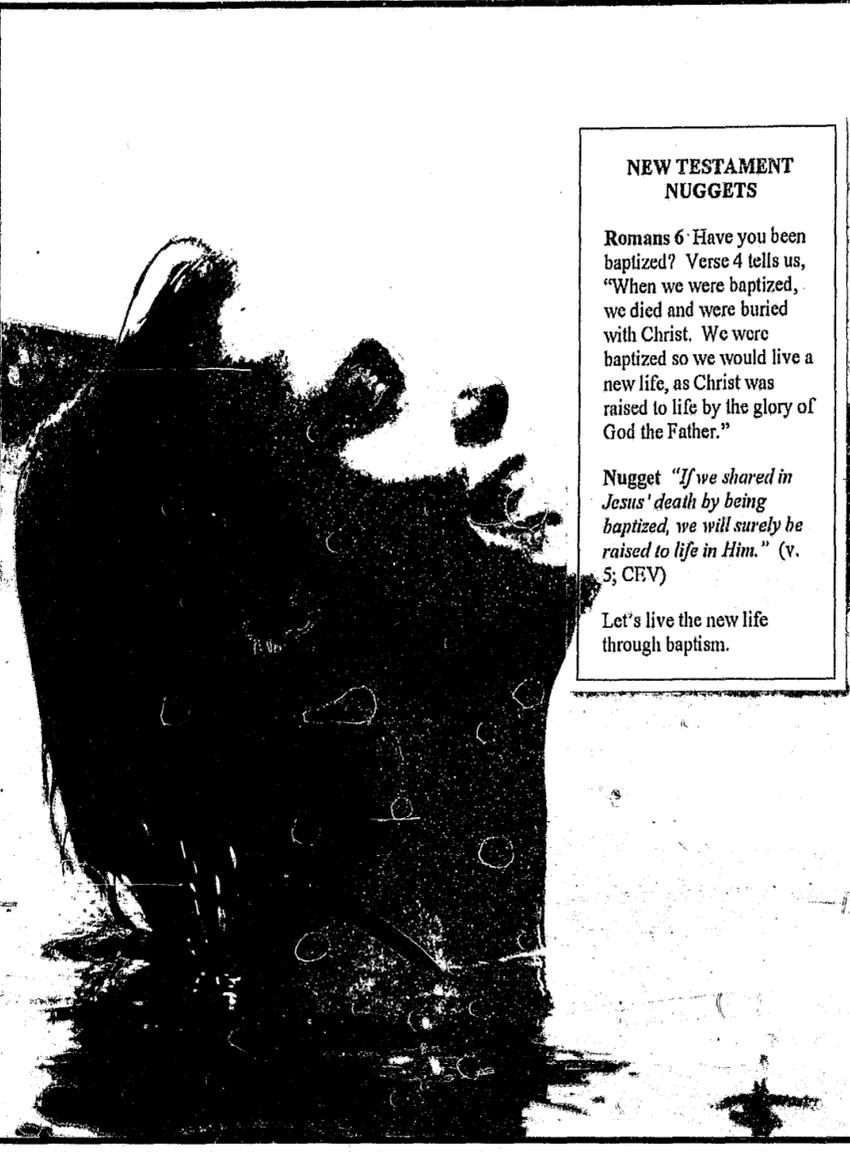
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American Missionary Fellowship Rick Smith, 682-2999. E-mail: RickS@americanmissionary.org</p> <p>Calvary Chapel 127 Vision, next to Cable Co., 257-5915. Pastor John Marshall.</p> <p>Casa de Oracion Comunidad Cristiana, Ruidoso 304 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345 (505) 257-6075. Pastor: Carlos & Gabby Carreon. *All Services are Bilingual* ~ Translators Available ~</p> <p>Centro Familiar Destino 304 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345, (575) 257-0447. Services are bilingual.</p> <p>Christ Church in the Downs Ruidoso Downs, 378-8464. Al and Marty Lane, Pastors.</p> | <p>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!</p> <p>Cornerstone Church
Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth Drive, 257-9265. John & Joy Wyatt, Pastors.</p> <p>Cowboy Church
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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</p> <p>J Bar J Church 40 Hwy 70W, 575-257-6899 Pastor</p> <p>Charles W. Clary, E-mail: jbarjchurch@ruidoso.net</p> <p>Miracle Life Ministry Center Ron Rice & Catherine Callahan, Ministers Available 24 hours for healing prayer. 354-0255 e-mail miraclelife@ruidoso-online.com</p> <p>Peace Chapel Interdenominational (ULC)
Alto North, 336-7075. Jeamsie Price, Pastor.</p> <p>Racetrack Chapel
Horseman's Entrance, Hwy 70, 505-378-7264. Chaplain Darrell Winter.</p> <p>NON-SECTARIAN Spiritual Awareness Study Group Minister: George N. Brown, Ph.D. U.L.C. 257-1569</p> <p>Men's Bible Study, Band Of Brothers Call 937-0071 For Times And Location</p> <p>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</p> <p>Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church 1120 Hull Rd. 258-4191, 257-5296 Kevin L Krohn Pastor</p> |
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Trinity Southern Baptist Church (south on Highway 48) Mt. Capitan Rd. 354-2044. Mel Gnatkowski, pastor 808-0607</p> <p>Mountain Baptist Church
Independent-Fundamental KJV. 145 E. Grandview - Capitan - (505) 937-4019</p> <p>CATHOLIC
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Capitan, 354-9102.</p> | <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Episcopal Chapel of San Juan in Lincoln</p> <p>FOURSQUARE
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Capitan United Methodist Church
Pastor Johanna Anderson and the congregation of Capitan United Methodist. White Oaks and Third in Capitan. 505-648-2846.</p> <p>NAZARENE
Angus Church of the Nazarene Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Rick Hutchison Pastor.</p> | <p>NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Christ Community Fellowship Capitan, Highway 380 West, 354-2458. Ed Vinson, Pastor.</p> <p>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</p> |
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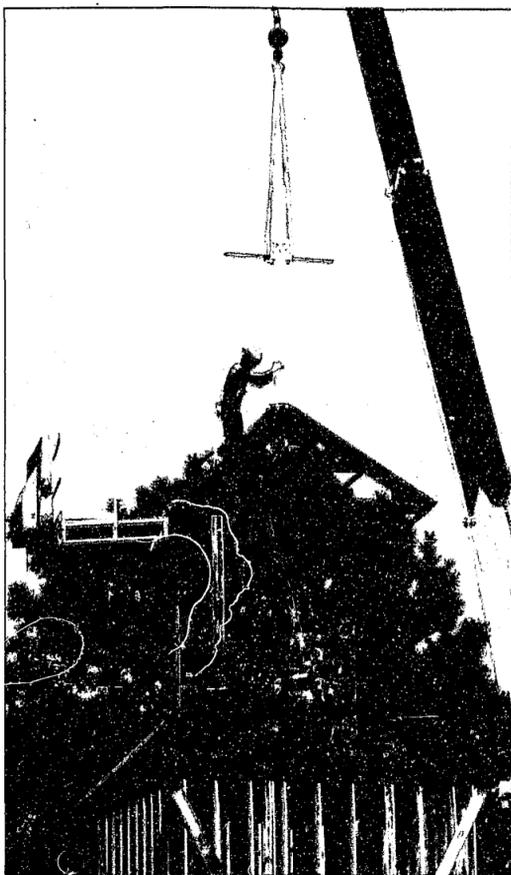
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First Baptist Church
Hayden Smith, Pastor.</p> <p>CATHOLIC
Santa Rita Catholic Church
648-2853. Father Franklin Eichhorst.</p> | <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST
Perry Zumwalt, minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM.</p> <p>EPISCOPAL
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Carrizozo, 6th & E Street.</p> <p>METHODIST
United Methodist Church Parish
Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846, Carrizozo. Johanna Anderson, pastor.</p> | <p>NON-DENOMINATIONAL
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Rev. Chuck Fulton, pastor/648-2339. 711 'E' Ave., Carrizozo, NM. Affiliated w/the Evangelistic Assembly Church.</p> |
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RELIGION

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

More than 100 parishioners of St. Eleanor Catholic Church in Ruidoso attended a prayer service Tuesday evening to raise the cross atop the new church that is under construction. The ceremony opened with parishioners singing Lift High the Cross. Fr. Al Galvan sprinkled holy water on the cross, above left, before a crane raised it to the steeple area of the metal-framed church. He explained the role St. Eleanor, also referred to as St. Helena, played in her son Constantine the Great allowing Christianity in the Roman Empire, which made the cross a symbol of the faith. For the first several hundred years of the church the ichthys, or fish symbol, had been used as an icon of Christianity. Building the Family of St. Eleanor has been a 10-year running process to erect a new church that will seat nearly 700 people. The parish recently renewed its fundraising efforts to complete the construction. The cross, which weighs 185 pounds, was paid for by the Knights of Columbus.

Ducks quack. Eagles soar. What's your choice?

Harvey Mackay tells this story about "Ducks Quack - Eagles Soar"

Harvey was waiting in line for a ride at the airport. When a cab pulled up, the first thing Harvey noticed was that the taxi was polished to a bright shine. Snartly dressed in a white shirt, black tie and freshly-pressed black slacks, the cab driver jumped out and rounded the car to open the passenger door for Harvey. He handed my friend a

laminated card and said, "I'm Wally, your driver. While I'm loading your bags in the truck, I'd like you to read my mission statement."



Clary-fications
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

Taken aback, Harvey read the card. It said, "Wally's mission statement. To get my customers to their destination in the quickest, safest and cheapest way possible in a friendly environment."

This blew Harvey away. Especially when he noticed that the inside of the cab matched the outside.

Spotlessly clean.

As he slid behind the wheel, Wally said, "Would you like a cup of coffee? I have a thermos of regular and one of decaf."

My friend said jokingly, "No, I'd prefer a soft drink." Wally smiled and said, "No problem. I have a cooler up front with regular and diet Coke, water and orange juice." Almost stuttering, Harvey said that he would take a Diet Coke.

Handing him his drink, Wally said that he had the *Wall Street Journal*, *Time*, *Sports Illustrated* and *USA Today*, if he wanted to read.

As they were pulling away, Wally handed my

friend another laminated card, It said, "These are the stations I get and the music they play, if you would like to listen to the radio."

And if that weren't enough, Wally told Harvey that he had the air conditioning on and asked if the temperature was comfortable for him. Then he advised Harvey of the best route to his destination for that time of day.

He also let him know that he'd be happy to chat and tell him some of the sights or, if Harvey preferred, to leave him with his own thoughts.

"Tell me, Wally," my amazed friend asked the driver, "have you always

served customers like this?"

Wally smiled into the rear view mirror. "No, not always. In fact, it's only been the last two years. My first five years driving, I spent most of my time complaining like all the rest of the cabbies do. Then I heard the personal growth guru, Wayne Dyer, on the radio one day. He had just written a book called *You'll See It When You Believe It*. Dyer said that if you get up in the morning expecting to have a bad day, you will rarely disappoint yourself.

"He said, 'Stop complaining! Differentiate yourself from your competition. Don't be a duck. Be

an eagle. Ducks quack and complain. Eagles soar above the crowd.'"

Wally said that it hit him right between the eyes, so he decided to quit quacking and complaining and become an eagle.

Wally the cab driver made a different choice, and it paid off. His business doubled and quadrupled.

God's Word tells us a man reaps what he sows. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up ... let us do good to all people.

That gives them help for today and hope for tomorrow.

Those who ignore God will never win

Q: Is it true that if we live a bad life, then some day it'll catch up with us and God will make us pay for what we've done? Some of the meanest people I know are still successful. - L.P.

your sin will find you out" (Numbers 32:23). Sometimes it's obvious. They eventually pay the price - a broken marriage, or broken health, or broken reputation. Someone may go through life cheating others - only to be rejected and lonely because people want nothing to do with them. The Bible warns, "The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction" (Galatians 6:8).

Sometimes it's not so obvious; some people seem to get by with their evil ways until the day they die. But notice two things. Down inside, they pay a price of insecurity and guilt that won't go away. Someday they must face God - whether they

believe it or not. Then it'll be too late for them to change. God is holy and pure - we aren't, and we all stand guilty before Him. But Jesus Christ came to forgive and change us.

Q: It seems like I'm always having financial problems, and they'd all be solved if I could just win the lottery. But I haven't won hardly anything the last few years, although I've prayed and prayed for God to help me win. Why won't God hear my prayers? - Z.J.

A: Perhaps God isn't answering your prayers because this isn't the way He wants you to solve your financial problems. The Bible doesn't encourage gambling, nor has God promised to bless us when we gamble. How much money have you spent on lottery tickets? I

suspect it would be a fairly large sum. What if you had saved that money or used it to pay off some of

your debts? Wouldn't your life today be better than it actually is? Every dollar you've gambled away is

lost forever.

I urge you to do whatever you can to get control of your finances.

A: We live in a fallen, imperfect world. Evil is real, and it'll always be with us until Christ returns to establish His Kingdom of perfect righteousness.

But that doesn't mean God doesn't judge sin right now - because He does. Sometimes it looks like people who ignore God are on the winning side. But if you watch closely you'll realize it isn't true in the long run. The Bible says, "You may be sure that



Billy Graham
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Mary Jane Vickers Dennis



Mary Jane Vickers Dennis, age 83, of Georgetown, Texas, formerly of El Paso, Texas, passed away on Monday, August 16, 2010. She was born in El Paso, Texas on January 31, 1927 to parents Edwin Daniel Vickers and Nelle (Taylor) Vickers. Mary was a member of the Crestview Baptist Church in Georgetown, Texas.

Leaving behind to cherish her memories are her three sons, David Russell Dennis of Leander, Texas, Daniel Lee Dennis of Georgetown, Texas and Robert Edwin Dennis of Bertram, Texas; one brother, Daniel Edwin Vickers, Jr. of Austin, Texas and one sister, Patricia Joyce Vickers Edwards of Houston, Texas. A memorial service to celebrate Mary's life will be held on Friday, August 20, 2010 from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at her residence, 438 Starview Drive, Georgetown, Texas 78628.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at <http://www.mem.com/>, www.cookwaldendavisfuneralhome.com,

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Davis Funeral Home, 2900 Williams Drive, Georgetown, Texas 78628 (512)863-2564.

LINCOLN COUNTY

When I was young, I was free

Sit next to me grandchild, while no one is listening, and let me tell you about America and when I was young and we were free.

We could speak freely in those days, before we said speech should be censored in the name of Allah.

We could speak against the government in town meetings before we allowed the leaders their agendas that no longer allowed public input in the land of soon-not-to-be-free.

We had the Constitution that protected us from the government, but that was before we asked the government to protect us from each other, to protect us from ourselves and then we gave animals the right to be protected from us.

With all that protection, we found we were protected from everything but the government. Then we were no longer free.

We threw out "all men are created equal" and instead the Senators made laws that did not pertain to them in this land of soon to be not free.

Those roads that you ask me about? The ones we call the King's Highway?

Those were highways and you could go anywhere you pleased in the days

before we had "corridors" to keep track of, first the wildlife, and then the people.

Now we must ask the government to travel in the name of Homeland Security.

We used to have National Parks where you could come and see the wildlife... ah yes, in the time of the free.

Now they are "wilderness areas" and "wildlife habitat" and only the government can enjoy what we used to call God's Creation, and now we call Mother Earth.

Yes, we all had automobiles to travel the highways. When I was young, and when I was free, you could buy automobiles.

Now Al Gore and the environmentalists in the government are the only ones who are allowed to travel in automobiles.

You can easily control the people if they are not allowed to travel, so we learned when we were no longer free.

When I was young and free, I lived in a house on the hill.

In those days you could work for your living. You owned that house, but now only those who work for the government can live in houses outside the corridors.

The government in the name of the "public" now owns all the land and all the houses.

It was our fault; in the name of "zoning" and "smart growth," we said we have the right to limit your ownership in the land of the free.

The "rights of the public" became more important than the "right of the individual" and the land of the free became not-so-free.

When we allowed the government to rewrite history, and we deemed the Holocaust untrue, then we could believe those who disappeared were just relocated.

Tomorrow, child, I go on that "Old Folks Trip" that all of us do.

The IRS will come in the name of Health Care and take me to a "better place."

We used to have guns, child, back in the day. Before we believed a country with no guns was a safer place to be.

I still have mine that escaped notice. Tomorrow when they come to take me on my last ride, they will have a surprise.

We let the country become not-so-free for the good of you and me, but this old woman will go on to Glory where God resides and the hell with Allah and land that is no longer free.

WELDA MCKINLEY GRIDER is native to and ranches in Lincoln County.



Welda McKinley Grider

Best of 4-H



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

High-point individual winners for indoor 4-H projects at the Lincoln County Fair were Senior exhibitor, Kylie Gaines, top photo, with Indoor Superintendent Kristin Sultemeier and Lincoln County Fair Queen Bethany Sweat, Junior exhibitor Robbie Lee Richardson, above left, and Novice exhibitor Maggie Rich.

COUNTY FAIR RESULTS

Indoor exhibits

Novice High Point Individual: Maggie Rich; Junior High Point Individual: Robbie Lee Richardson; Senior High Point Individual: Kylie Gaines; Best 4-H Animal Science Exhibit: Wade Sultemeier; Best 4-H Horticulture &

Agronomy Exhibit: Wade Sultemeier; Best 4-H Natural Science Exhibit: Kylie Gaines; Best 4-H Engineering Exhibit: Kylie Gaines; Best 4-H Welding Exhibit: Kylie Gaines; Best 4-H Cultural Education Exhibit: Maggie Rich; Best 4-H Leathercraft

Exhibit: Clay Bob Stearns; Best 4-h Braiding Exhibit: Best 4-H Photography Exhibit Kirsten Wilson; Best 4-H Scrapbooking Exhibit: Kylie Gaines; Best 4-h Clothing Exhibit: Shayna Gallacher; Best 4-h Foods Exhibit: Kylie Gaines.

- Julie Carter

Pitch in what you have scholarship drive

As part of this year's Carrizozo Street Fair, Welda Grider has developed a new idea for scholarships where you are invited to "pitch in what money you have."

Give \$25 or more, and you will receive a brand new (from some other year), perfectly good (except for the prior year), in your choice of three colors (two of which are blue), T-shirts that are being recycled for the theme of this year - going green.

If you donate any amount, your name will be added to the "brag sign" at the Street Fair Booth. This scholarship will be different from all others in that there is no grade criteria.

The recipient will be a "hard-luck case" - meaning they will have little chance of going to college if someone doesn't pitch in and help them.

This is only for graduating seniors. Community service will be greatly considered as something on the plus-side. Grades will not be considered.

Recipient can go to a New Mexico college or trade school. This is for kids who have not been arrested or expelled for drug or alcohol use.

The purpose of this scholarship is two-fold: It's for those who don't have a lot of money but agree about the importance of further education and for

giving to those kids who don't have a lot of money but are trying real hard to get to school.

The goal is to start this year with a \$1,000 scholarship, but whatever is taken in will be given out.

Grider bought the T-shirts because of her desire to send not the smartest kid, nor the most athletic kid, nor the cutest kid to college but the kid who sits in the back row that no one notices.

Help get this started and have fun with it while helping these kids. And come have fun at the Carrizozo Street Fair on Labor Day Monday.

The parade begins at 10 a.m.

West Nile activity nil in New Mexico

JIM KALVELAGE
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New Mexico has had no cases of West Nile Virus so far this year. But state health officials have concerns.

They point to recent rain likely increasing the number of mosquitoes and the risk of getting West Nile.

Dr. Paul Ettestad, the state's public health veterinarian, said New Mexico typically sees most of its West Nile cases in August and September.

Last year, the New Mexico Department of Health reported the state's first human cases, including one fatality, in mid-August. There were eight human cases of West Nile each year in 2009 and 2008.

"You can stay safe from West Nile by taking steps to avoid mosquitoes when you are outdoors this summer," said Ettestad.

Since the virus was first detected in the U.S. almost a decade ago, Lincoln County has avoided any human cases.

For protection from West Nile:

- Use insect repellent on exposed skin and clothing when you go outdoors. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends using insect repellents containing DEET, Picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535 for use on skin, and permethrin for use on clothing.

Always follow label directions when using insect repellents.

- When weather permits, wear protective clothing such as loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirts, long pants and socks.

- The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for mosquitoes.

Take extra care to use repellent and protective clothing, or avoid outdoor

activities during these times.

- Eliminate water-holding containers where mosquitoes lay their eggs, such as old tires, and regularly change water in birdbaths, wading pools and pet water bowls. Make sure rain barrels are tightly screened.

- Keep windows and doors closed if not screened. If you leave you house doors or windows open, make sure they have screens that fit tightly and have no holes.

- Vaccinate your horses to protected them from West Nile Virus and Western Equine Encephalitis, which is also carried by mosquitoes.

Common West Nile Virus symptoms are fever, nausea, headache and muscle aches. In rare cases, the virus can cause meningitis or encephalitis.

If someone has these symptoms, they should see their health care provider.

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Santa Rita Fiesta

• Aug. 20: Basketball Tournament, 5 p.m., at

Fred Chavez Park, 3v3 tournament, \$5 per person, First place T-shirts. Serving hot dogs and sodas. For details, call Chaz Zamora at 805-975-7224.

• Aug. 21: Golf Tournament, tee time 9 a.m. Two person scramble - \$25 per person, 18 teams maximum. Prizes: 1st, 2nd and 3rd for Longest Drive, Closest Pin, Longest Putt

and Highest Score. Hot dogs, chips, sodas and cart included. For details, call Sam Duran at 909-855-6191.

Mass and Crowning
St. Rita's Parish will be crowning their queen during the 7 p.m., Mass at St. Rita's Church.

St. Rita's Dance
The Dance will be held at the Nike Hall.

Admission is \$3 for 12-15 years, \$5 for 16 and up. Music is by DJ. Burritos and sodas for sale.

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., sponsored

by the Student Council.

Call Carol Wilson at the school 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.

Scrimmages

Capitan Tigers will

scrimmage on their home field at 4 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20.

Carrizozo Grizzlies will scrimmage against Cloudercroft at 10 a.m., Saturday, on their home field.

Here's a chance to check out your hometown's football team for the 2010 season.

See you there!

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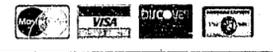
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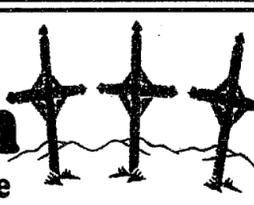
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Side A

The best jewelry store

The best landscape service

The best meat market/department

The best Mexican food

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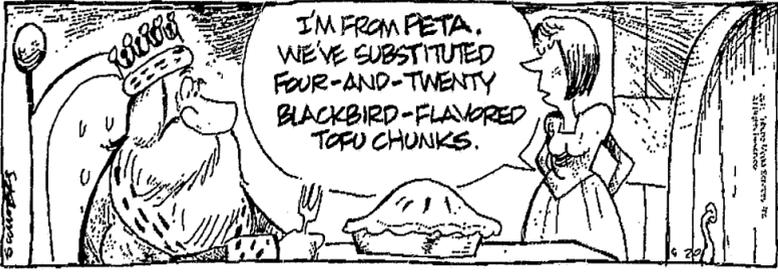
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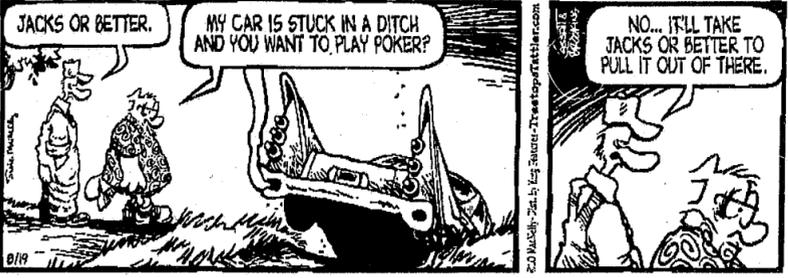
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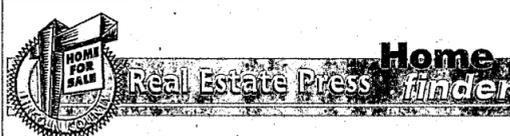


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PROBATE COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO IN THE MATTER OF CHESTER F. SMITH, Deceased.

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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, DEER PARK VALLEY SUBDIVISION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

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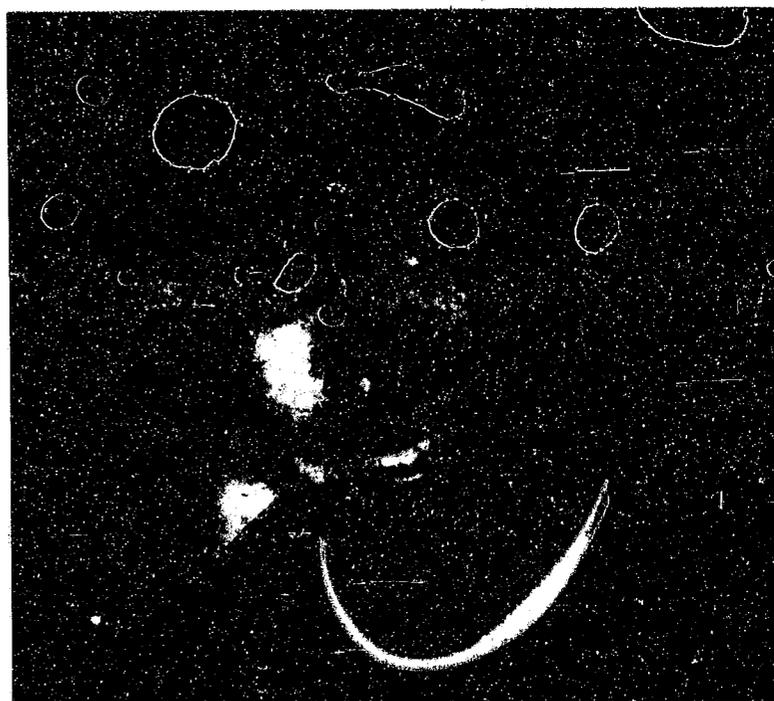
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The multi-talented actor, singer and comedian Rodney Carrington appears at the Inn of the Mountain Gods on Aug. 26 and 27. Cover story on page 12.

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4th Annual Bruise N Cruise:

August 21 - 22: (Fort Stanton) Fundraiser for EcoServants.

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.

Noon Lions Club Antique Show & Sale

August 27 - 29: (Ruidoso) Ruidoso Convention Center; Fri., 5 - 9 p.m., Sat., 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun., 12 - 5 p.m. \$3 advance or \$4 at gate. For more information, call 575-257-0363, 973-0732

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Outdoor Cinema

August 29: (Mescalero) *Pirates of the Caribbean* shown after sunset (weather permitting). Inn of the Mountain Gods. For information, call 575-464-7777.

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.

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Run for the Beach

September 11: (Ruidoso) Proceeds from the race are used to defray mammogram costs and expenses for residents of Lincoln County. For more information, email fccfrankie@valornet.com.

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September 11: (Alamogordo) First-ever New Mexico Museum of Space History and International Space Hall of Fame Foundation event. Open to non-profit and charity organizations. Cash prizes. June 18 registration deadline; \$15. www.nmspace-museum.org, or call 575-437-2840, ext. 41153.

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September 12: (Ruidoso) Ruidoso Convention Center, noon - 10 p.m. Mariachi music, pinatas, Mexican food, handicrafts, Folklorico dance, etc. For more information, call 575-257-9965.

Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally

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

Styx

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

Blue Oyster Cult

September 18: (Ruidoso) Ruidoso Downs Racetrack and Casino, 8 p.m. For information, call 575-378-4140.

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.

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Casa Blanca (501 Mechem Dr.; 257-2495): Los Mustangs, 7 p.m.

Club 49 (Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino): The Mixx, 8 p.m.

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

Kokopelli Country Club (201 High Mesa Rd., Alto; 336-1818): Michael Beyer/jazz, country, rock, 7 - 10 p.m.

Landlocked Grill (441 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9559): 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): Steve Anderson and the Stray Bullet Band, 8:30 p.m.

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

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

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October 2: (Trinity Site) Only possible twice a year on first Saturday of April and October. For information, call 575-437-6120.

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Ruidoso Mountain High Fly In

October 16: (Ruidoso) Aircraft displays and competitions, music and more. For information, call 575-336-8111.

High Rolls Apple Festival

October 16: (High Rolls) Community Center, Sat., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Apples, apple products, 60 artists and crafts booths. Food, drinks and activities. Admission and parking are free.

4th Burro Serenade Sale

Oct. 23 - Nov. 3: (Carrizozo) Gallery 408, Mon. - Sat., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun., noon - 5 p.m. For more information, call 575-648-2598.

2nd Annual Empty Bowls Event

Oct. 24: (Ruidoso) Purchase a \$15 ticket and choose a ceramic bowl created by local potters, then dine on soup, bread, dessert and drink. Music and silent auction. All proceeds benefit THE NEST. For more information, call Judy Pekelsma 257-2120.

Fall Arts & Crafts Festival

Oct. 30: (Ruidoso)

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Rd. For more information, call 575-258-4250.

Annual Christmas Jubilee

Nov. 12 - 14: (Ruidoso) Convention Center; Fri., Noon - 6 p.m., Sat., 10 - 6 p.m., Sun., 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission \$1, children under 12 free. For more information, call Bev Reynolds at 336-8206.

Western Frontier Mountain Gun Show

Nov. 20 - 21: (Ruidoso) Ruidoso Evening Lions Club event at Ruidoso Convention Center. Sat., 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more

information, call 575-258-5445.

Ski Apache Opening Day

Nov. 25: (Alto) For more information, call 575-464-3600.

Annual Lighting of the Village

Nov. 26: (Ruidoso) Festival of Light event. For information, call 575-257-7395.

Mescalero Arts & Crafts Show

Nov. 27 - 28: (Mescalero) Inn of the Mountain Gods; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. both days. Arts and crafts by local artists. For more information, call 575-277-4577.

Daisy Yokley

Images express this artist's emotions

BY DAISY YOKLEY
FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

Daisy Yokley loves bright colors, movement, texture and the beautiful mountains and trees of Ruidoso. More than this though, she loves feeling connected to others through her artwork.

Whether it is through a painting, an artistic photograph, or a strong connection between herself and her subjects in a portrait session, she finds it powerful and uplifting.

"I create a lot of photographs of people – there is an importance for me to have that human bond. Even with my mixed media paintings, I am expressing a feeling that I am hoping someone else will relate to. There is nothing more powerful to me than an understanding between two people – a shared emotion or feeling."

Yokley loves to create art in many ways – sometimes those creations involve large mixed-media collages, and sometimes it involves running around photographing herself in nature. Her collages and photographs are

often very emotional pieces of work.

"It is how I process my feelings. I'm not too good at expressing things verbally, so I create images of what I'm going through," she says. "I start by gluing various photos and journal entries and anything else I can find – and I slowly incorporate paint to pull the images together."

Her self-portraits are very similar. "A lot of things come out when I'm taking pictures of myself, it is my way to stay grounded." Her "Red Dress" series expresses an array of emotions over the past several years and has become a strong focus in her art. This concept has evolved into her "Women and Women-to-be" portrait series in which she aims to photograph other women and girls, and to help them to express what they are going through.

"I hope to empower women and encourage them to feel good about themselves – this has been the driving force behind this body of work," she says. "I find that most women and girls have a pretty negative self-image, and my biggest goal is to

explore this issue and help them see how beautiful they are."

For all of her portrait work, Yokley loves to make people feel special and alive and loved, and she hopes to create a bit of fun. "I find that most people aren't given this kind of attention on a regular basis. It also seems that most people don't allow themselves time to just play and enjoy life. I hope to create these experiences through my artwork and portraiture. I just want to help people have fun and feel good about themselves and connect, this is what keeps me inspired."

Yokley's work is available at Josie's Framery, Malkerson Modern and Gallery 408. For information, go online to www.worldofdaisy.com, or call 575-808-2713, or email daisy@worldofdaisy.com.

"Art Matters"

"Art Matters" is submitted by the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts or their members. This weekly series showcases RRCA member artists and their work in a variety of mediums. For information on the RRCA visit their gallery at 1712 Sudderth Dr. or call 575-257-7272.



"Eisley" (above) demonstrates the strong connection between herself as the photographer and her subjects in a portrait session. "Shrouded in Guilt" (below) is one in Yokley's series titled "Red Dress."

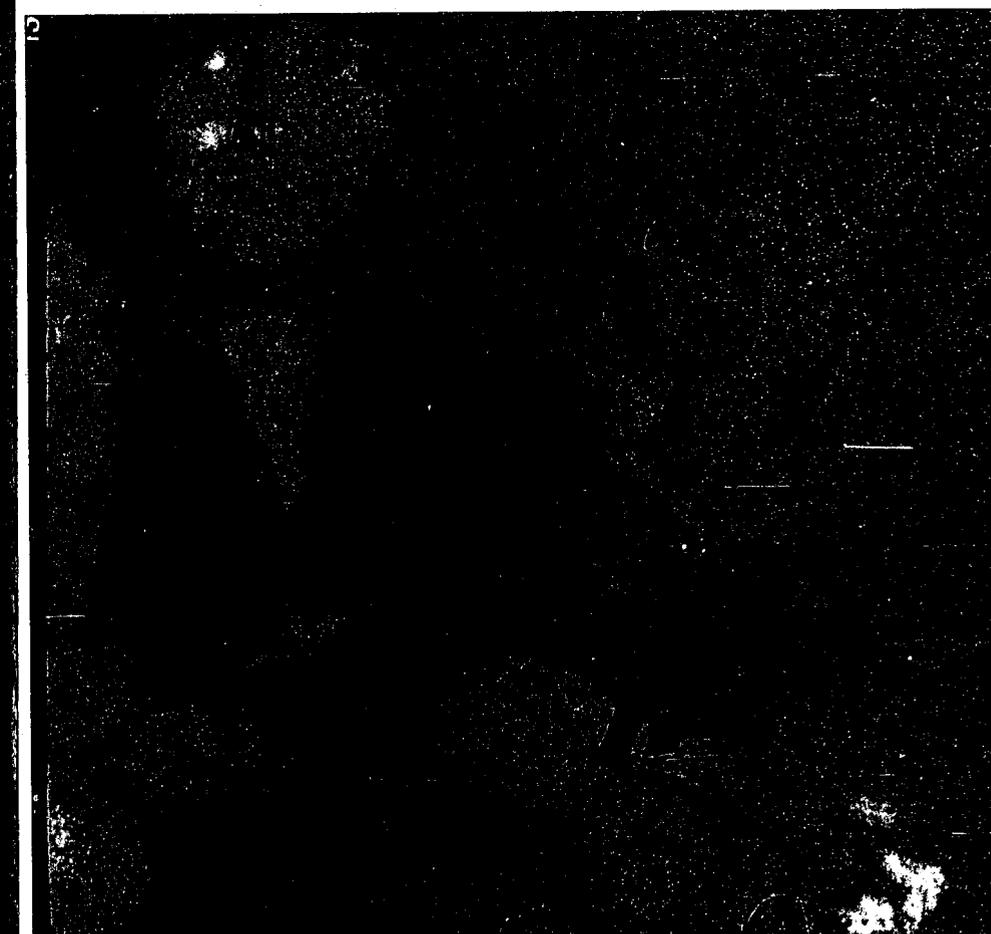


ART MATTERS



"Letting go of Junk" (above) is a collage incorporating Yokley's photographic work. Below, "Shawna with Two Kids" captures emotions in "Women and Women to-be."

Yokley's "Red Dress" series includes her work titled "In the Orchard" (above). "Mary in Grass" (below) is an example of Yokley's diversity in portrait work.



ART GALLERIES & STUDIOS

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Audrey Paton's Antiques & Interiors at Gallery 401 • 401 12th St., Carrizozo • 648-2762.

Carrizozo Clay • 413 12th St., Carrizozo • Fine sculptural ceramics, whimsical & functional, indoor & outdoor clay objects from the southwest. • Fri., Sat., Mon., 10 - 5 p.m.; Sun. 12 - 5 p.m. • 575-648-3201.

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

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

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

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

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

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La Rinconada Gallery • 281 • San

Patricio • Five artists spanning three generations. Featuring works by N.C. Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth, Henriette Wyeth Hurd, Peter Hurd and Michael Hurd. • 800-658-6912, or 653-4331.

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Moondance Gallery • Central White Oaks • 648-2319 • Hand-crafted furniture, jewelry, traditional tinwork, Southwest artifacts.

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

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Ruidoso Area

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Copeland's Frame Shop and Gallery, dba Sketchbook Tours • 622 9th St. (corner of 9th and Texas Ave.) • 575-551-4632 • www.michaelcopeland.com • sketchbooktours.com.

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BY JESSIE HANSON
¡VÁMONOS! EDITOR

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts, along with Altrusa of Ruidoso, is supporting the event with a special exhibit titled "Shades of Pink."

All works of art, including oil, pastel, acrylic, watercolor, pottery, jewelry, sculpture and fiber art will be accepted into the show. Subject matter must have at least one section of the art work showing a shade of pink.

A portion of the entry fees and sales will go to benefit Altrusa's work in the local community.

Entry forms may be picked up and returned at Josie's Framery, 2917 Sudderth Dr. Deadline for entry is Sept. 18. Cash, ribbons and gift certificates will be awarded.

For additional information, or to request an entry



Fabric art (above) of silk ribbon on linen by artist Suzy Komara titled "Baltimore Album Posies."

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LITERA - BOOK SIGNING

Shaughn Marlowe

BY JESSIE HANSON
¡VAMOS! EDITOR

Author Shaughn Marlowe offers up a powerful and thrilling historical saga set in the tumultuous and racially charged times of 1830s New Orleans in his novel *Under the Lion's Paw*.

The story follows two young boys – Nelson, the master's son, and the slave Shadow – who form a forbidden brotherhood in 1830s New Orleans. When their friendship is nearly destroyed by an adolescent power struggle, their beloved Mammy Callie helps them to see how the difference in their social status can be used to hurt one another, leading to a stronger bond between the teenagers.

As young adults, a racist culture threatens their very lives, and they flee to Chatham, Canada, a free country under British rule. Accompanied by their adopted family, most of

whom are former slaves working for wages, Nelson finds love with a beautiful octoroon of mysterious ancestry, and Shadow marries a young Irish woman, while secretly harboring a romantic attraction to Nelson's paramour. The blood-brother bond is again tested when the two men uncover a mystery that challenges everything they believe in, out of which the promise of a new life is born.

Written in lyrical and passionate prose, the author has created a family saga spanning decades that is filled with multidimensional characters and rich settings. This is historical fiction at its best and is sure to please those who enjoy stories in which history comes alive, or anyone who just loves a great story well told.

Shaughn Marlowe, Ph.D., is retired from the Los Angeles Police Department and the clinical psychology profession. When he is not writing fiction,

nonfiction or poetry, he enjoys playing classical piano, especially Rachmaninoff.

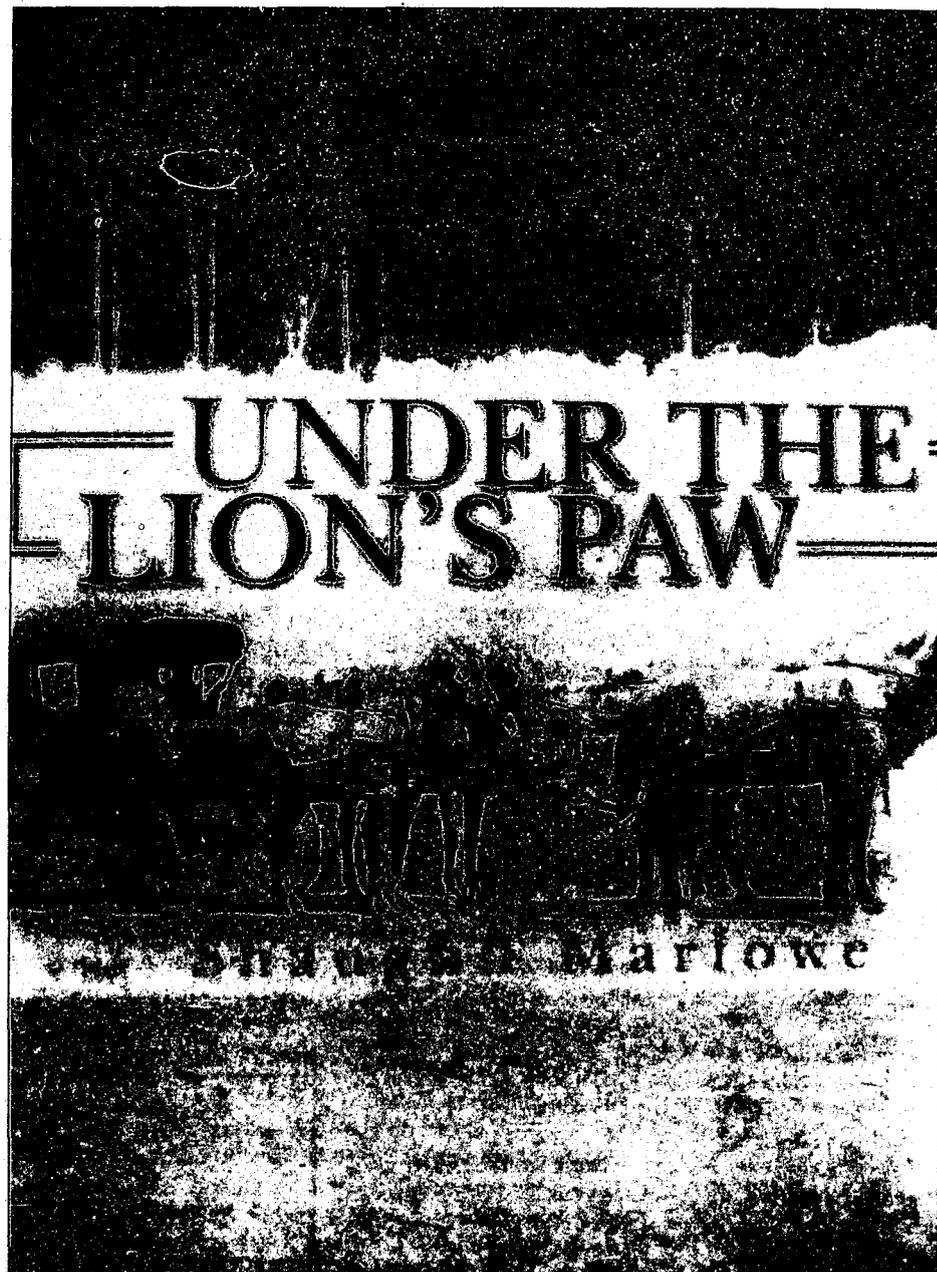
Marlowe is a recent co-author of *A Chuckle a Day Keeps the Shrink Away*. His short stories have appeared in the New Mexico State University anthology *Serape*, which annually publishes the work of New Mexico writers over the age of 55 and *Amazing Cat Tales* (Linden Hill Publishing).

Under the Lion's Paw is available through Amazon.com, Hasting Books in Alamogordo, Books, Etc. in Ruidoso and directly from the author. It is also offered as a Kindle book.

Marlowe will be holding a book signing at Books, Etc., 2340 Sudderth Dr., on Saturday, Aug. 21, beginning at 1 p.m. For more information, call 575-257-1594.

To learn more about Marlowe and his work, go online to www.shaughn-marlowe.com. He can be reached by emailing him at smarlowe@bajabb.com.

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White Sands

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By JESSIE HANSON
¡VAMOS! EDITOR

White Sands Institute will offer a photography workshop at White Sands National Monument Aug. 24 – 26.

Instructed by award-winning photographer, Jim Spencer, the workshop will include lectures, field photography sessions, demonstrations and hands-on tu-

toring of film and digital photographic techniques.

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COVER STORY ▶ MUSIC

Rodney Carrington

Comedian, actor, writer, singer and songwriter comes to IMG

BY JESSIE HANSON
¡VÁMONOS! EDITOR

Few performers nowadays can rise to the level of the extremely multi-talented Rodney Carrington. Entertaining fans of both Country music and comedy, Carrington's appeal reaches audiences of every age and walk-of-life.

In 1998, this unique personality released his first album titled *Hangin' with Rodney*, which sold more than 450,000 copies. In 2000, he followed with his first Top 20 album titled *Morning Wood*. The album included *More of a Man*, which became his first #1 on the singles chart. Carrington's albums following a live al-

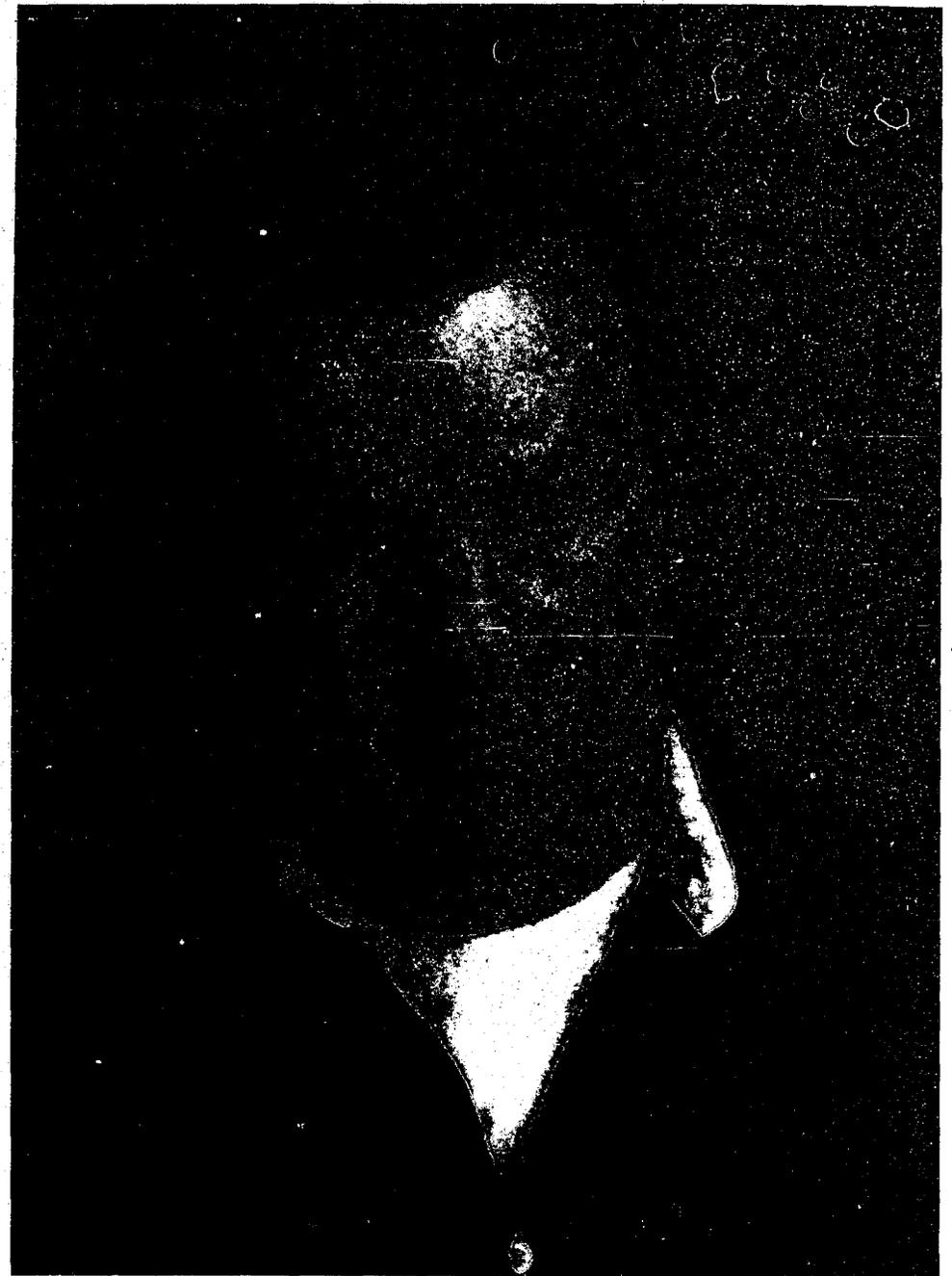
C'mon Laugh You Bastards, which did not chart, *Nut Sack* (2003), *Greatest Hits* (2004), *King of the Mountains* (2007) and *Make It Christmas* (2009). The later was his first serious music album which showcased his melodic vocals. The song "Camouflage and Christmas Lights" is a tribute to those persons who serve our country. It became Carrington's first Top 40 Country music hit. Also in 2009, the singer released *El Niño Loco*, which is composed entirely songs, including some co-written with singer/songwriter Toby Keith.

In addition to his musical accomplishments, he has starred in his own ABC network television series titled "Rodney" and has written and released his book titled *Rodney Car-*

rington, Coming Clean. He has also ventured into film having co-written and co-starred in the 2008 film *Beer For My Horses*, which received the Tex Ritter award from the Academy of Country Music in 2009.

Born in Longview, Texas, in 1968, Carrington studied theatre at Kilgore College in Kilgore, Texas, then moved on to work as a comedian in local venues, and gaining exposure through radio programs such as *The Bob and Tom Show*.

Carrington's success is due, in part, by his savvy ability to incorporate both comedy and Country music into his recordings, as well as his on-stage performances. His humorous approach and antics engage those who see this unusual performer as a



fresh alternative to the typical run-of-the-mill entertainer.

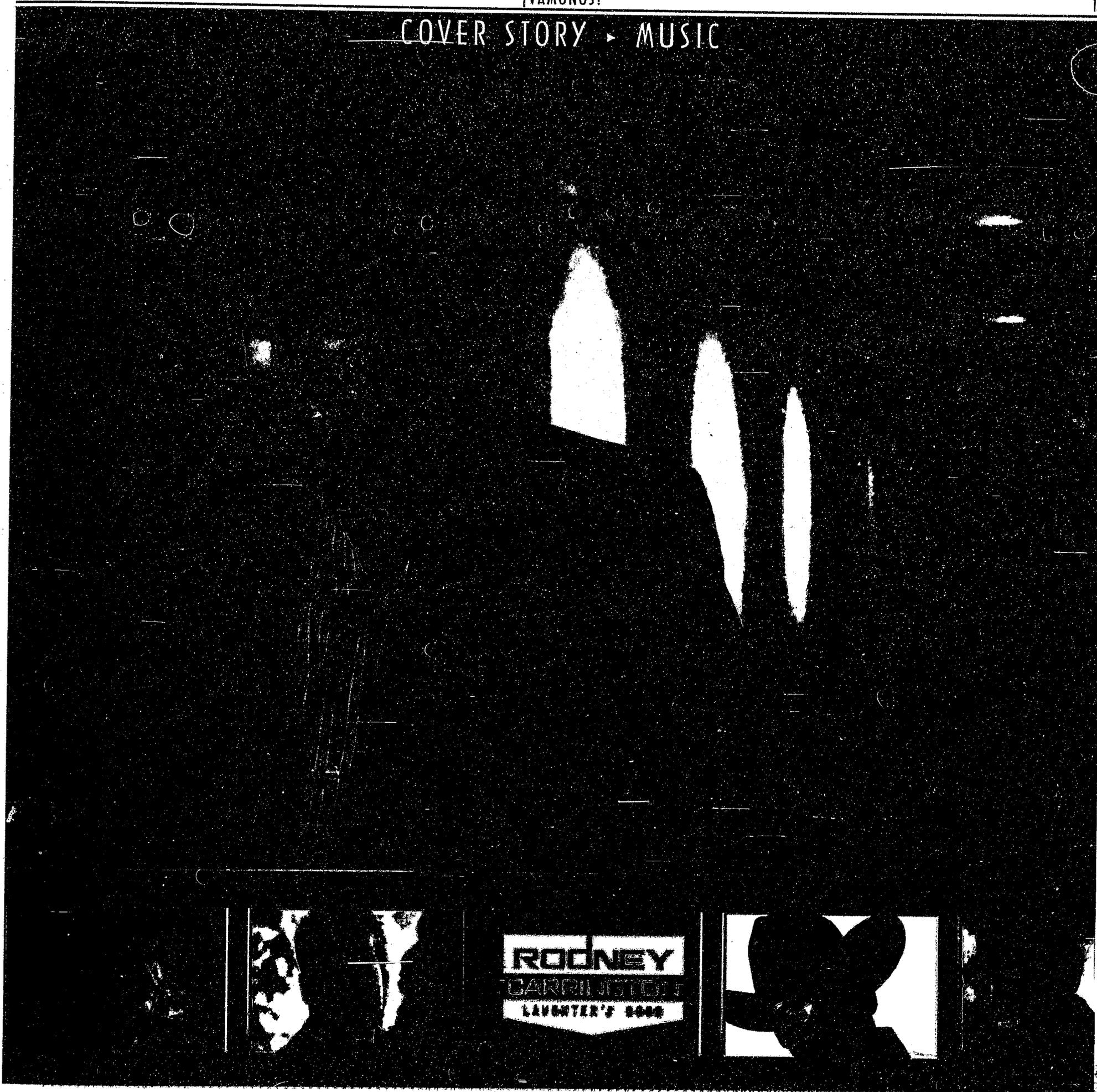
In 2008, Carrington received the Country Music Television awards for "Male Video of the Year," "Video Director of the Year" and "Supporting

Character of the Year" for his co-starring role in the hit music video "I Got My Game On" alongside Trace Adkins.

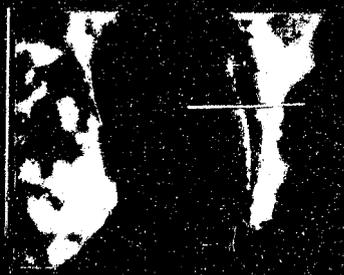
Carrington is noted as having been the fourth highest-grossing comedian on tour in 2009.

Tickets are now on sale for two Rodney Carrington performances at Inn of the Mountain Gods for Thursday, Aug. 26 and Friday, Aug. 27, at 8 p.m. Prices start at \$25 and can be purchased online at www.InnOfTheMountainGods.com.

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RODNEY
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Reading Italian

BY NEAL JONES
FOR VAMONOS!

Italian wines are some of the best in the world. I would highly recommend to make a comparison try of some of the individual grapes grown in the piedmont areas of Italy.

The problem with Italian wines is like so much

of Italy. They are fierce to be recognized: The area landmass is, in comparison, roughly 4,500 square miles smaller than New Mexico. The population density, the number of wine grape varieties produced, the total number of wineries in that small area – well, you can guess why Italian wines are fierce to

be recognized.

So, in order for the Italian to distinguish the wine from one place to another, the Italian government set up a system similar to France to identify and classify the wine's origin. In Italy it is commonly called the DOC or DOCG.

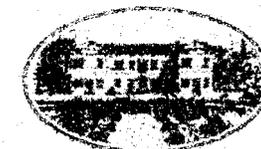
The Italian wines had a history of compromise and

uneven control. There have been issues of cross-breeding vines, blends of grapes and a lack of control in Italy that has held back the image of it's great wine heritage.

Italian winemakers and Italian lawmakers, in order to be more established in the European Common Market and to formalize the wine regions, created the Denominazione Di Origine Controllata (DOC) laws. These rules outline specific place-names and delimit the winemaking districts. The practice was designed (and I believe successfully) to give you, the consumer, a way to determine if this wine is a good wine from Italy.

How it works is similar to why certain grapes grow well in certain situations. So, in order to earn a certain DOC on your label, you must prove and establish your grapes through an inspection period. The results of the inspection and history of your winery will give the wines you produce a category of DOC. This category will appear on the label.

The bottom rung of DOC labeled wine (which is by no means the worst, I mean these wines earn the DOC) is the *simplice* or you might also find *vino da tavola* on the label. The best way to place these vineyard wines that do not make that quality standard each year. When a particular year is noted across an Italian growth year, these wines will be the absolute best value.



VILLA DI CORLO

Lambrusco di Sorbara

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The basic label has on top, the name of the maker, usually the estate where the grapes were fermented. Followed by the picture or logo that will dominate the whole label. Then you will find the kind of grape or wine blend that is bottled. The particular kind of wine is usually beneath the logo.

The next line, and the most important related to quality is the DOC line. I have never seen the DOC line placed anywhere else on the label, and should be directly beneath the kind of wine in the bottle.

Knowing where the DOC is, whether or not it make the classification and does it pertain to the kind of wine in the bottle are everything you need to know in grading an Italian wine before you open it.

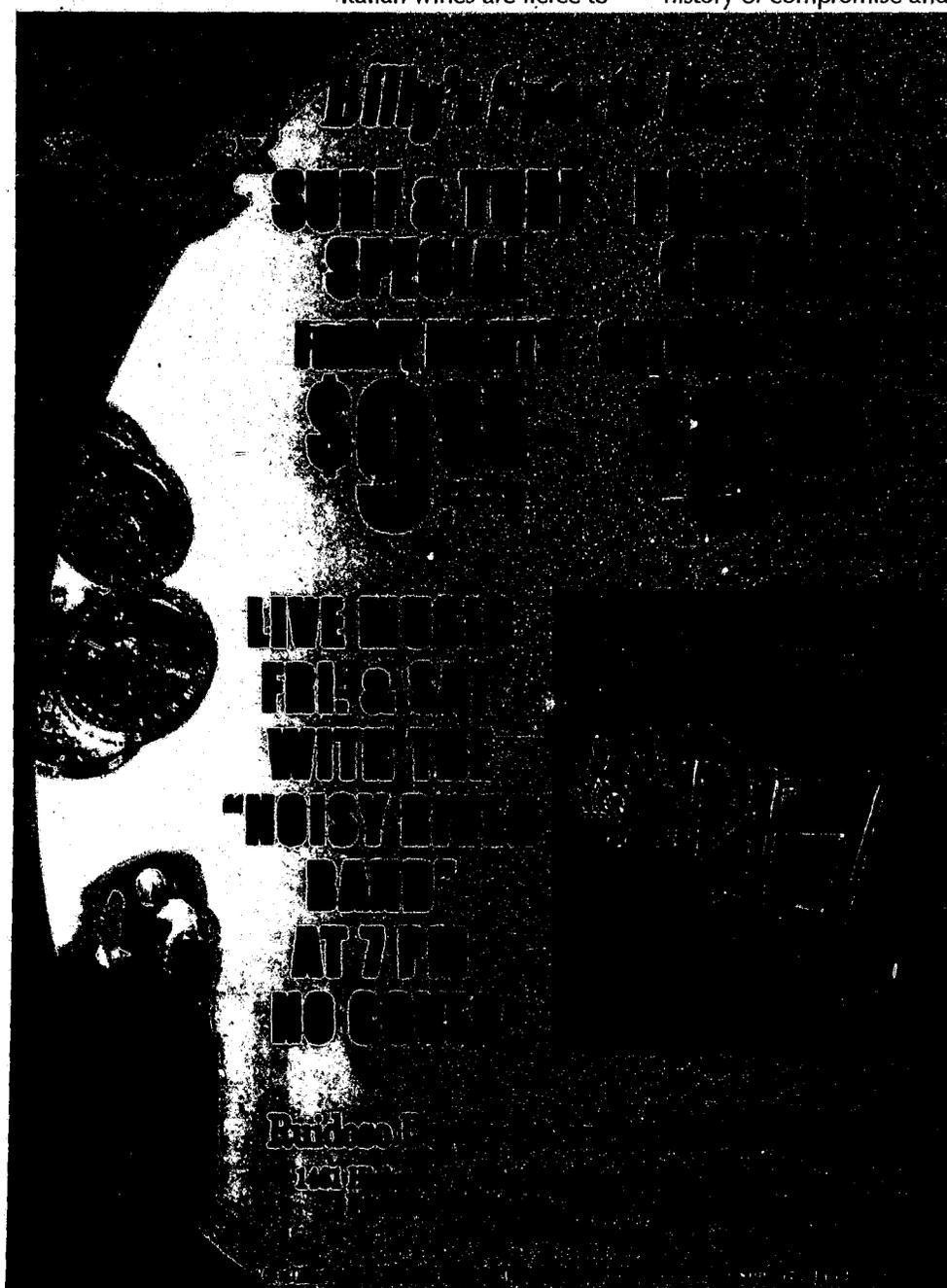
The next level of DOC is *Controllata*. This is quite an honor to the winemaker and will be clear on the label. *Controllata* vineyards are officially delimited, their yield is restricted, and only approved grape varieties are allowed to be planted in those vineyards.

My suggestion with the first *Controllata* Italian wine is with the Sangiovese grape. You'll find some of the finest Chianti Classico wines with *Controllata* rating with Sangiovese grape, and many 100 percent of the grape in the wine.

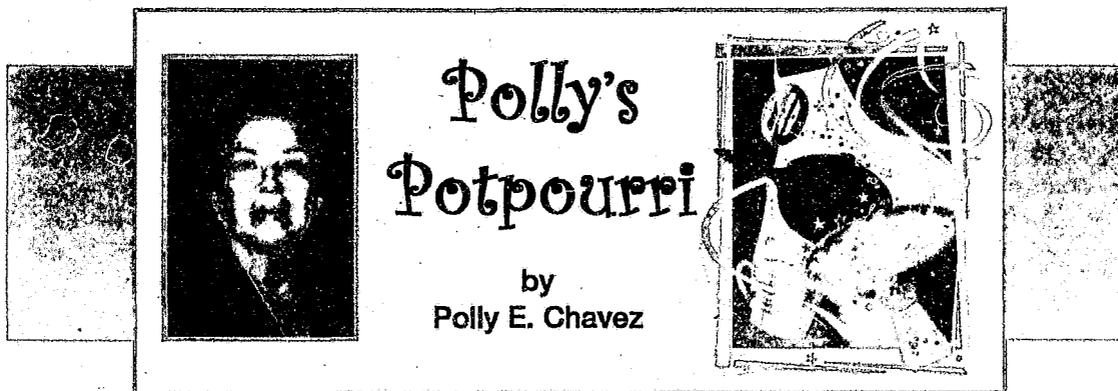
The highest level of DOC rating of Italian wine is *Controllata e Garantita*, or controlled and guaranteed. This level became official in 1980 when a few very prominent, high quality wines were selected to represent the very best of Italian wines to the world. To strengthen their claim to being great wines, the Italian government accepts responsibility for the guarantee of the wine's high quality. These labels will have a special seal affixed by the government and is only given to the very best quality wines.



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Sopapilla cheesecake



The inspiration for these food columns come from having prepared meals for my six children when they were growing up. My mother, father, maternal and paternal grandmothers and my aunts on both sides instilled in me their love of preparing food.

My interest in food is also inspired by the times we eat at a café, restaurant and even the fast food places. A great source of recipe ideas are the pot-luck meals I attend.

My sisters, brothers, sisters-in-laws and brothers-in-laws share their recipes with me. Taste testing new recipes also come from my daughters, sons, daughters-in-laws and sons-in-laws who either cook in their homes or bring food to my home.

Such was the case when my daughter-in-law Melissa, Raphael's wife, brought "Sopapilla Cheesecake" to our family reunion this summer. She said that the dessert does not include sopapillas.

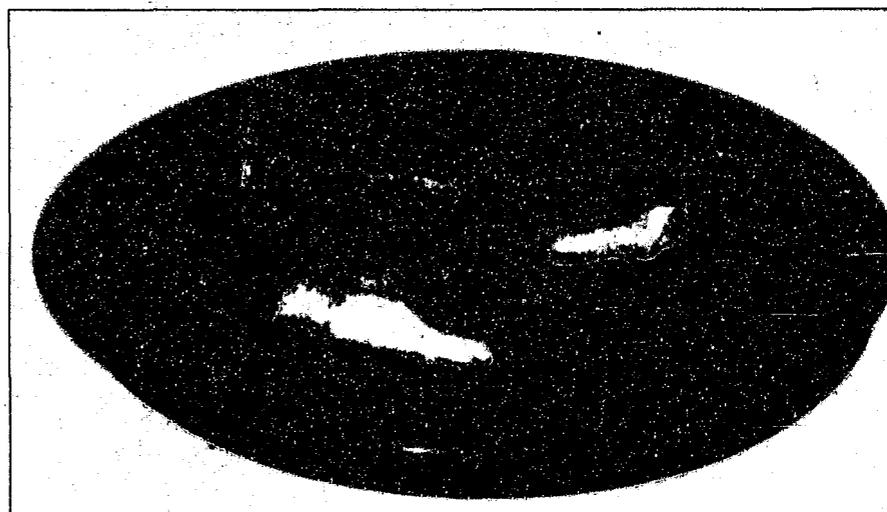
Sopapilla Cheesecake

is a dessert dish inspired by the classic cheesecake and sopapillas, the well-known Mexican, Spanish or Indian fry bread. I learned that many of the different Sopapilla Cheesecake variations ask for different amounts of the same ingredients.

It is typically made in a 9 x 13-inch pan. It tends to be a pot-luck favorite and is quite easy to prepare. It can be served hot, fresh from the oven or chilled.

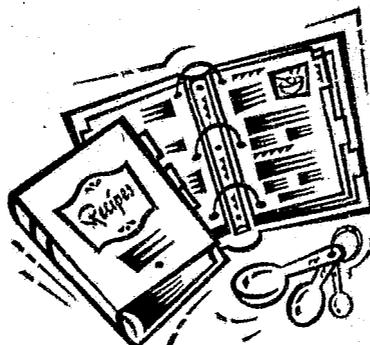
The calorie, fat and sugar content of this dessert may be an issue for diabetics and dieters. Low-fat cream cheese and substitute sugar may be a way to cut down on the ingredients that are not allowed for health reasons and still keep the taste of this rich dessert.

The most common of the canned crescent dough are the triangular-shaped pieces, what is called for in this recipe. I think that it is because of this shape that this dessert is called "Sopapilla Cheesecake." If you hear any different, please let me know.



Sopapilla Cheesecake

- 2 cans crescent rolls
- 2 packages cream cheese (8-oz.)
- 1 1/2 sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 stick salted butter, melted



Unroll one can of crescent rolls, slightly overlapping, in the bottom of a 9x13 inch pan. Mix together cream cheese, one cup sugar and vanilla and spread over the crescent rolls.

Top with the second can of crescent rolls. Pour melted butter over this layer and sprinkle with a mixture of half cup sugar and the cinnamon.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

CUISINE • DINING GUIDE

Alamogordo

Bar-B-Que



Spring Mountain Chuck Wagon BBQ • 1187 Hwy. 82, High Rolls • Open Fri-Sun; Lunch and dinner • 682-4550

Sunset Run Restaurant • 54 McDonald Rd. • Ribs, brisket, pork, sausage, chicken, fish • Tue-Sat, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. • 434-9000.

Texas Pit Barbeque • 211 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1101.

Cafés



Airport Grille • 3500 Airport Rd., Alamogordo • 439-1093 • Open Mon-Fri, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. • Specialty sandwiches.

Amigos Bakery • 1107 10th St., Alamogordo • 437-0592 • 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Deli, daily special.

Brown Bag Deli • 900 Washington, Alamogordo • 437-9751 • Mon-Sat, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Deli, daily special.

Café 675 • 675 Tenth St. at Lowes, Alamogordo • 437-5150.

Cloudcroft Deli • 505 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-5588 • Daily, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Carry-out only.

Coffee & More • 308 Granado • Deli • Tularosa • 585-4575.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mayhill Café • Mayhill • 687-3066

Mayhill Mercantile • Mayhill • 687-3425.

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

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

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

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

Olive Branch Coffee & Deli • 123 N. White Sands • Alamogordo • 443-8151 • Open Mon-Sat, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

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

Weed Café • Weed • 687-3611.

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

Casual Dining



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

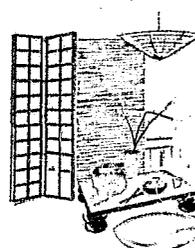
Lazy D Restaurant • 1202 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-2532.

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

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

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

Chinese / Asian



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

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

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

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

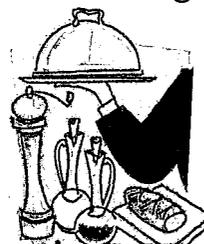
Rocket National Buffet • 607 White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • Authentic Chinese and American cuisine. • 437-5905.

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

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

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

Fine Dining



Loretta's • 600 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • Mon - Fri, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.; Mon - Sat, 5 - 9 p.m. • 575-437-1924

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

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

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

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

Mexican



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

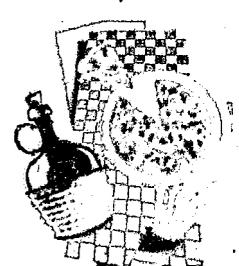
Maria's Mexican Food • 604 E. Tenth St., Alamogordo • 434-4549.

El Parador • 2300 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 443-6102.

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

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

Pizza/Italian



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

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

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

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

Ruidoso/Lincoln

Bar-B-Que



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

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

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

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

Cafés



Alto Café • Hwy. 48 & Gavilan Canyon Rd. • Home-style meals. • Mon - Sat; 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 336-1980

Blue Goose Café • 201 Eagle Dr. • Soups, salads, sandwiches • 10:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. • 257-8652

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

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

Calamity Jane's. • 500 W Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Mon - Thu 7 a.m. - 3 p.m., Fri 7 a.m.- p.m., Sat 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 354-8309

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Casual Dining



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

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

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

Burger Trolley • 647 Sudderth Dr. • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. • 257-3868.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fine Dining



Ellis Store Country Inn • Hwy. 380 MM 98, Lincoln • Gourmet dinners • Mon-Sat

• By reservation only. • 800-653-6460

La Fondue • 2800 Sudderth Dr (below Elena's) • Steak, seafood, fondue, tempura. • Tues - Sun, 4 - 11 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Mexican



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

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

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

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

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

El Camino Nuevo • 1025 Mechem • 258-4312

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

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

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

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

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

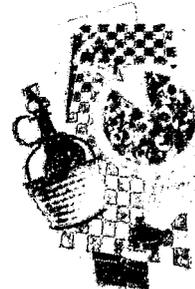
Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant • 2408 Sudderth • Mexican & American cuisine • Thurs - Sun.music; Sat. Ladies Nite • Sun-Sat, 11 a.m.- 9 p.m.; 257-8754.

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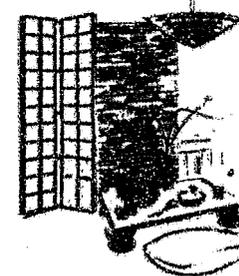
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Bon Appetit!

Clash at Adobe Walls, part 2

Last week, we discussed the history and location of the little trading post in the Texas Panhandle known as Adobe Walls. Also under discussion were some of the personalities involved in the 1874 battle that took place there. Men such as Bat Masterson, Jim Carlyle, "Dutch Henry" Born, and the great – perhaps the greatest – Comanche War Chief, Quanah Parker.

Billy Dixon

But space constraints prevented us from getting to the man who may have been the battle's most notable and pivotal participant – Billy Dixon.

Dixon's actions at the Battle of Adobe Walls would make him a legend on the frontier, not that he needed the notoriety. Three months after the June 1874 battle, when Dixon was acting as a scout for the Army, he was awarded the nation's highest honor: The "Congressional" Medal of Honor, for his actions at a place called Buffalo Wallow. Billy was one of the few civilians to ever receive the award, which is, incidentally, usually given posthumously. (If you ever meet anyone who has "The Medal," shake his hand. You owe him, we all do).

Some of the other significant participants were the Scheidler brothers, Jim Hanrahan and Billy Tyler.

There were 28 men and one woman present on the morning of Friday, June 25, 1874. Hannah Olds, who worked as a



cook for Rath and Company, was there with her husband William, who was their clerk. There are varying accounts of Hannah's behavior during the battle. Some have her calmly reloading and others have her in a state of hysterics, which were, considering the things that women were told about their fate should they fall into the hands of the Indians, entirely justified. According to the one account given by someone in the store with her during the battle, she had become so distraught and hysterical that "strong hands prevented her from doing violence to herself, but there was no way to prevent her screeching, and the only thing to do was to give her freedom to screech until she became exhausted."

As settlements go, Adobe Walls wasn't much. There were two small stores owned by Myers and Leonard and Rath and Company, respectively. There was a little blacksmith shop and the inevitable saloon, this one owned by Jim Hanrahan. Each store had its own connected side yard, with the Myers and Leonard

complex at the north end of the settlement and Rath and Company at the south. Between the two stores stood the saloon and blacksmith shop.

Just before dawn

The inhabitants bedded down, either inside one of the buildings or, when the weather was pleasant, outside under the stars, which is where a lot of them were that fateful night.

There are a couple of different versions of the events leading up to the battle, which are crucial. Quanah and his men were relying on the fact that the "Hide Men" would be asleep, but about 2 a.m. *something* happened. In one story, which appears to this writer to be the most likely, however providential, the ridgepole, which supported the sod roof of the saloon, cracked so loudly that it sounded almost like a gunshot. Jim Hanrahan leaped to his feet and began yelling that the roof was about to collapse, which *really* got everyone's attention, as they had all heard horror stories of suffocation from collapsing sod roofs.

The other story, which should appeal to conspiracy theorists, is that Hanrahan *knew in advance* about the Indian attack, but didn't want to say anything until the last possible moment because it would be bad for business. So, according to this version, it actually was a pistol shot they heard, fired by Hanrahan. As this one strains my imagination to the

breaking point and also makes my head hurt, we will go with the cracking ridgepole story.

Young Billy Dixon, after picketing his horse, was one of those who elected to sleep under the stars and lay down next to his wagon near O'Keefe's blacksmith shop. It was a full moon that night and Dixon gazed up into it before drifting off to sleep, unaware that his slumber would be interrupted first by a loud noise and second by guests who were less than welcome – and certainly not invited.

Across the Canadian

Even as Dixon was laying down, the warriors following Quanah Parker were crossing the Canadian River and heading in the direction of Adobe Walls. They were not moving swiftly, but slowly and quietly as they led their horses toward the tiny settlement. Some versions of the battle have as many as 700 warriors being present, but even the most conservative have 150 – 200 men, so no matter what the case, the "Hide Men" were vastly outnumbered.

By 4 a.m., Parker's men were in position and it was just before dawn that they attacked. One of Jim Hanrahan's employees, Billy Ogg, had started off to the north to round up some loose horses. Billy Dixon tagged along and the two were walking together, chatting, when they first saw the shadowy figures.

Rising up out of the tall grass, there was never any

doubt, at least in Dixon's mind, as to the identity of the intruders. There had been rumors that Quanah and his men were in the area for days, and those dark figures were all the proof that Dixon and Ogg needed to give their feet wings.

Sprinting as fast as they could back toward the buildings, they were vaguely aware that mounted warriors were already driving off the horses they had been going to retrieve. Quanah and his men, both mounted and infantry, rushed toward them out of the Texas night.

The Indians had been relying on surprise, but when they realized they had been discovered, they descended on the settlement like screaming banshees.

At the time of the initial attack, Dixon and Ogg were not the only ones who were outside and exposed. Fred Leonard and Billy Tyler tried to make the safety of one of the bastions of defense, racing as though their lives depended on it – and they did – to the Myers and Leonard Store. As the two came through the door, Tyler turned and received a fatal bullet through the lungs.

It should be remembered that once inside the buildings, there was no way to communicate with the men in the other buildings, which became nerve-racking because the defenders could only theorize as to the fate of their neighbors.

The Scheidler brothers were asleep in their wagon at the far north end of the complex. One can only imagine the terror they felt when they awoke and realized the Indians had *already* swarmed around them, and at any moment, one of the warriors was bound to look inside.

Next: The "long shot"

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.

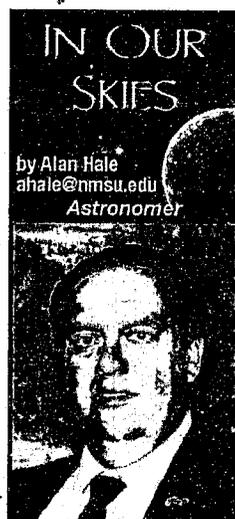
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Even a casual and cursory examination of the various stars that are visible in the nighttime sky will reveal that they are not all alike.

Some of the stars are clearly brighter than others, and some stars may, if examined closely, show some signs of coloration. It might

be tempting to conclude that the differences we see are due to the stars' being at varying distances from us, but although that does enter into the equation, the reality is far more complex than that (as the slight coloration differences we see might suggest). A large searchlight, such as those sometimes used for marketing automobile dealerships, may be very bright, but if viewed from a distance of, say, 20 miles, will appear dimmer than a flashlight viewed from five feet away. So it might be with stars.

The first key to the differing nature of the stars came when their distances began to be measured, a feat first accomplished in 1838 by the German astronomer Friedrich Bessel for a star known as 61 Cygni, a dim naked-eye star located in the western "wing" of the constellation Cygnus, the swan. As distances began to be calculated for more and more stars during subsequent years and decades it began



to be clear that stars really do vary from each other in terms of their "true" brightness, much like the aforementioned flashlight-vs.-searchlight analogy.

The real breakthrough came during the late 19th Century when it became possible to

take the spectrum of a star. Once this started being done with large numbers of stars it became clear that they truly are very different from one another. While almost every star exhibits distinct dark "lines" or "bands" in its spectrum, these vary widely from star to star, although there are also similarities between various stars as well. The earliest attempts to classify stars (in a manner similar to that in which biological species are classified) were done in the early 20th Century and involved the various similarities and differences in their spectrum.

The development of atomic physics during the early decades of the 20th Century helped us in providing a physical interpretation for these differences in the spectrum of the various stars. The dark lines and bands in a spectrum are due to different chemical elements and molecules, and furthermore the temperature of the surrounding environment (i.e., the star's "surface") plays a

huge role in determining which elements and molecules are likely to be exhibiting lines in a spectrum. Once this information became available, it became possible to determine the "surface" temperature of each star, and when this is plotted against a star's "true" brightness (as was first done almost a century ago independently by the Danish astronomer Ejnar Hertzsprung and the American astronomer Henry Norris Russell) some very clear patterns and trends began to be apparent.

There are some stars that are extremely bright and extremely hot, and other stars that are very dim and very cool (by stellar standards, anyway), and in that temperature-vs.-brightness plot most stars lie along a roughly diagonal line (called the "main sequence") that stretches between these two extremes. Our sun turns out to be near the middle of this "main sequence" line, which might give the impression that it is an average star, however there are very few high-temperature, high-brightness stars and very many low-temperature, low-brightness stars, and thus it turns out that our sun is actually "above average."

Studies over the past many decades have shown that the physical property that determines where a star ends up on the main sequence is its mass. The very large and massive stars are the ones that are

Lost in the stars

very hot and very bright; the low-mass stars are likewise the ones that are dim and cool. The most massive star discovered so far (just announced earlier this year) is known as R136a1 and is located in the Large Magellanic Cloud (a satellite galaxy of the Milky Way visible from the southern hemisphere); according to uncertain measurements it is approximately 250 times as massive as our sun. The lowest-mass stars come in at around 8% of the sun's mass; stars that are smaller than that can't generate enough internal heat to initiate nuclear fusion and thus aren't "true" stars but rather are the objects we call "brown dwarfs."

Even though the highest-mass stars contain the most nuclear "fuel," they burn through that fuel very quickly and thus, somewhat paradoxically, are the shortest-lived stars. Within a few tens of millions of years they burn up all their fuel, and then not too long thereafter end up exploding as supernovae. Our sun, a somewhat "middle-of-the-road" star, has been around for about five billion years and will probably be around for that much longer; when it uses up its fuel it will expand its outer atmosphere and briefly become a type of star called a "red giant" (somewhat like the bright red star Antares in the constellation Scorpius) before blowing away that atmosphere and ending up as a small but hot star known

as a "white dwarf" that will slowly cool away over billions of years. The very low-mass stars will continue as they are for hundreds of billions of years before they begin to run out of fuel.

New stars continue to be formed, of course, although eventually our galaxy will run out of the gas and dust from which stars are born, and this process will cease. In time all the stars – even the long-lived low-mass ones – will eventually reach a point where they have no fuel, and no residual heat left, and thus will go out; at that time our universe will become a very dark place. But those

days are trillions of years in the future, and for now we still have that glorious nighttime sky, with all of its different stars, to enjoy.

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Clubs/Associations

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

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

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

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

Christian Motorcyclists Assoc: Third Thursday monthly at 6:30 p.m.; 1204 Mechem, Suite 8; online at www.CMAUSA.org; 575-336-1530 for local info. All are invited to attend.

Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, plus a 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays; Ruidoso Senior Center; info: 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Fort Stanton Museum: Thurs. - Mon., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. For group tours call 575-336-1436, or 575-336-4015.

Insighters Book Club: 6:30 p.m. first Wednesday of each month at Insight Books, 1860 Sudderth; No charge and all are welcome; info: 257-4625.

Lincoln County Bird Club: Monthly field trips are scheduled at various times. Info: 257-5352 or 258-3862.

Lincoln County Garden Club: Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m.; New members and visitors welcome; info: Jordan, 378-5250.

Lincoln County Right to Life Chapter: 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday at 309 L.L. Davis Dr. All are welcome; info: 258-5108.

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

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

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

Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

Ruidoso Area Singles: Meet new people at social activities - dining, dancing, trucks, outings, etc.? Info: Judy, 258-9808. Info: Judy, 258-9808. Info: Judy, 258-9808.

Ruidoso Book Review/Discussion Group: First Wednesday monthly at 10 a.m.; Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. Public is welcome.

Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club: Meets every Monday; program varies. Potluck and bridge/card games. Second Monday (Sept.-May) includes program, business meeting, potluck, bridge/card games at 116 S. Evergreen.

Ruidoso Masonic Lodge No. 73: Meets first Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., except national holidays, then moves to second Monday. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Info: 258-3598.

Ruidoso Mommies Group: Want to meet other moms in the area through playdates or Mom's night out? Call Natasha, 640-7076, or Alice, 258-3331, or Ruidoso Moms on Facebook

Ruidoso Ridge Runners 4-Wheel Drive Club: Meets 1st Wed. monthly at K-BOB's. Dinner 6 p.m. and meeting at 7. Info: 336-2714 or 378-4853.

Education

ESL classes: English as a Second Language classes sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Thu, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.; Mon, Tue, Thu, 6-8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church; Spanish language GED Mon, 6-8 p.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.

First Friday Adult Lecture Series: Monthly, Capitan Public Library, free. Info: 354-3035.

GED classes: Sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Fri, 9-11 and Mon-Tues, 5:30-7:30, at NM Workforce Connection in Compass Bank Bldg., 707 Mechem..

La Junta F.C.E.: 10:45 a.m. every 3rd Wednesday at San Patricio Senior Citizens building. Info: 653-4718.

Help & Healing

A Course in Miracles study group: Each Tuesday; 5:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

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 Schlotzkys) Call Marianne 575-257-0527.

AI-Anon: Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 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: 858-2959.

Gamblers Anonymous: Meets at 7:15 p.m., Thursdays at the Mescalero Reformed Church, 336 Wardlaw Dr. For more information, contact Mike at 575-682-6200.

H.E.A.L. (Help End Abuse for Life): Domestic violence shelter and hotline: 1-866-378-6378.

Meditation Practice: First Wednesday of each month; 6:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Mountain High Recovery Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 7 p.m. at Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church, 361 Highway 70 East.

Open Circle: Each Sunday; 9:30 a.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Parenting Classes: Counseling Center Prevention Program facilitates all parents seeking to enhance parenting skills, resolve issues and prevent substance use. Families with children ages 5-17 years of age that complete all requirements of the class qualify for a \$150 stipend. Qualifications and info: Brenda Motley-Lopez or Salli Mason at 257-0520.

Parents of Addicted Children: New Name Ministry offers help for parents of addicted children. For appointment, phone 802-0263 in Ruidoso and leave a message. Payment of free-will offering appreciated.

Prepared Childbirth Classes: Meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Lincoln County Medical Center's conference room. Six classes per session with qualified, certified instructors; info: 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.).

Science of Mind Study Group: Each second and fourth Saturday; 10:30 a.m.-noon; High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Sex Addicts Anonymous: 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall meeting room, 121 Mescalero Trail. Info: 575-201-4203.

Shamanic Journeys: Third Wednesday of each month; 7 p.m. at high Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Stretch & Tone Class: For men and women of all ages; 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Senior Center, 501 Sudderth; Emese, 258-0003, or Terry Franklin, 257-4565.

Temple Builders Weight Loss Support Group: Thursdays at 6-6:30 p.m. at Angus Church; no dues or food purchase, just friendly support and accountability; weigh-in followed by short devotional. Info: 336-8032.

Wisdom Circle: Each second and fourth Wednesday; 6:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Working Disabled Health Insurance: State of N.M. Working Disabled Individuals Medicaid Program; call Jeanie White at 575-622-4169

Political

Democratic Party of Lincoln County: Monthly meetings 6 p.m. first Thursday of each month except Jan., July and Sept. Info: 973-7505, or Maria, 937-8394.

Democratic Women Sacramento Mountain Area: third Saturday at K-BOB's at 12:00 noon. For more information call 808-1133 or 257-6078

Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County: Regular meetings. For information, call 653-4379.

Republican Party of Lincoln County: Meetings at Cree Meadows Country Club; info, 336-7038.

Service Organizations

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

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

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

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

B.P.O. Does: Noon, second and fourth Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 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.

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

Laughing Eyes Kennels: Nonprofit breeder and trainer of Service Dogs in Nogal seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling & puppy socialization, bookkeeping, fundraising and kennel upkeep/management. Call 575-354-4342, or www.lekennels.org.

Lincoln County Community Health Council: 8 a.m. first Tuesday of each month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. New members welcome. Info: 973-1829.

Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary: 9:30 a.m. second Tuesday of each month in the hospital conference room. New volunteers welcome. Info: 630-4250.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse: Meets first Sunday each month at 2 p.m. at the Posse building, Hwy. 54, in Carrizozo. Groups needing their volunteer security services, notify by mail one month (but not less than two weeks) prior to the monthly meeting. Send to P.O. Box 1284, Capitan, NM 88316. Info: 575-354-8007.

OES Ruidoso Chapter 65: Meeting every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 144 Nob Hill Dr. Info: 257-5313.

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): Noon every Wednesday at K-BOB's. Info: 257-5938 or 258-9218.

PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Chapter AR: Meeting every second and fourth Tuesdays. Info: Jennie Powell, 258-3896.

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club: 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: Barbara, 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555, or Greg, 257-1255.

Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary: 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center off East Highway 70; info: 378-8099 or 378-8316.

Ruidoso Evening Lions: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Evening Lions Club House, 106 S. Overlook (behind Chef Lupe's). New members always welcome. Info: Mike Zaragosa, 937-0768 or Harold Oakes, 937-7618.

Ruidoso Shrine Club: 6:30 p.m. every fourth Wednesday at Cree Meadows Restaurant; info: 258-5860.

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club: Meets at 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: 257-0363.

Sierra Blanca Daughters of the American Revolution: Third Thursday of each month. Info: 258-3045.

Zia Girl Scout Council: 6 p.m. every third Thursday at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Info: 437-2921.

White Mountain Search & Rescue: 7 p.m. every third Monday at First Christian Church near the intersection

of Hull and Gavilan Canyon Roads. Info: email whitemountainsar@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainsar.org or phone 866-596-8382.

Veterans

American Legion Jerome D. Klein Post 79: 11 a.m. every third Saturday, 101 Spring St. at Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs; info: 257-6757.

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

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

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

Otero County

Clubs & Associations

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

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

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

Barbershop Harmony Society: The "Sounds of Enchantment" barber-shop chorus meets at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo, every Tue., 7-9 p.m. Gentlemen of all ages welcome. Info: 437-8832.

Boy Scouts: Programs open to boys first grade-age 20, girls tenth grade-age 20. Info: Suzy, 437-7640.

Chaparral Kennel Club: 6:30 p.m. every first Wednesday at various locations. Promotes purebred dogs and sponsors therapy visits, dog shows, matches and the rescue of purebred dogs. Michele, 434-5220.

The Christian Self-Employed Business Club: Breakfast meetings at 8 a.m. on Fridays. Any self-employed person and a guest are welcome to attend. Paul Collins, 437-8257.

Crochet Guild of America: The Alamogordo Touch of Class Chapter welcomes all levels. 437-3832.

Desert Basin Toastmasters: Meets 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Alamogordo Physical Therapy Center, 10th

and Washington; and every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Comm. Center at Holloman AFB. Guests welcome. Visit desertbasin.freetoasthost.com or phone 921-4767.

Desert Castaways Duplicate Bridge Club: Meets 12:30 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday & Friday at the Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico. 437-2822.

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 campsouts 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 painted-ladies64@yahoo.com.

Child Health Care: No or low cost for children under 19. Apply at the Otero County Public Health Office. 437-9340, 437-9899, or 437-9093.

Divorced & Widowed Adjustment Group: Meets at 6:30 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Alamogordo Church, 2826 Indian Wells Rd. Non-sectarian self-help group dedicated to assisting men and women of all ages

through the loss of a partner through divorce, separation or death. Info: Ben, 682-3621.

HIBAC: Counselors are available in the Nutrition Office at the Alamo Senior Center, 9 a.m.-noon, Monday & Wednesday to assist with supplemental insurance for Medicare.

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, Alamogordo, Tularosa and Mescalero. 439-4971.

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

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

Ongoing Activities

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

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

Coffee Club: 7:30 - 9 a.m., third Wednesday; 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, Cloudcroft, at noon. Info: Ellen Wedum, 682-2464 or email dotellen@gmail.com.

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

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

Service Organizations

Alamogordo Breakfast 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.

Alltrusa 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/luncheon at 11:30 a.m. second Friday at Base Enlisted Club. Visits to area veterans in local care centers every third Saturday, starting at the Betty Dare Center on North Florida Ave. promptly at 10 a.m. Gil Isley, 434-5552.

American Legion Post 108: Meets second Tuesday at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, Ed_wishbone@hotmail.com.

American Legion 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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SPECIAL EVENT DANCE

Abdoulaye Camara

BY JESSIE HANSON
¡VÁMONOS! EDITOR

Internationally acclaimed artist Abdoulaye Camara is well known for his incredible teaching skills, artistic style and charismatic spirit. Born in the Republic of Guinea, West Africa, Camara is from the Sous-

sou ethnic group. He comes from a unique generation of Guinean artists who were born shortly after Guinea's independence from the French in 1958. This was a momentous time when the newly independent government established a strong discipline in the schools for children to

study and maintain their cultural heritage.

The majority of the first 10 years of his life were spent in his grandmother's village, Yinguiaxhori. There Camara followed "grandmom" closely as she taught him how to farm the land and survive naturally. She also endowed him with many African proverbs, songs and dances.

By age 10, Camara moved to the capital city, Conakry, to live with his parents and attend better schools; always studying music and dance as a subject of vast importance.

Camara's master teachers were, and are still to this day, master Bangeli Bangoura, world-renowned master Sekouba Camara, director of Ballet National Djoliba and master Moustapha Bangoura, a 20 year veteran of National Ballets des Africains.

By age 17 Camara's thirst to go abroad began to grow. He trekked to Sierra Leone, Liberia, Senegal and Gambia; always returning to Guinea to share with his master teachers and fellow artists his new found knowledge.

He returned to Gambia in 1984 to live, and in 1985 he formed his own dance and drum performance company called Alla Tan Tou Dance Productions. He led 30 members under his artistic direction for four years.

In 1989 Camara made another big move to Europe. This move broadened his horizons, and as a result he has performed and

instructed dance extensively throughout Europe.

In 1992 he was invited to teach in the United States. For the past 16 years Camara has traveled throughout the U.S., and as a result has become a very popular teacher here. His students, many of whom are also teachers, depend on and look forward to studying with him annually.

In December 2007, he completed the construction of his Roume Island, Guinea, Alla Tan Tou Dance Productions School and Island Retreat, where he hosts his students from around the world. For 16 years and counting Camara has orchestrated an eight-week intensive dance and drum workshop on Roume Island, where he hires young African artists, giving them the opportunity to work and learn by having a beautiful cultural exchange with students from abroad.

Camara's experiences as a performance artist and teacher amount to over 30 years. His hard work has afforded him opportunities to teach and perform throughout Europe, the United States, Australia, Canada and West Africa.

It is his continual goal as an artist to share his culture's rich traditions with anybody who has the desire and willingness to learn. His contribution to the cultural enhancement and outlook of the communities he serves is very important to him, and strongly influenced in his work efforts and decisions.



Camara will be conducting an African Drum and Dance Workshop, Thursday - Sunday, Aug. 19 - 22, at The Dance Gallery located at 721 Mechem Dr. (in the Sierra Mall).

The drum class will be held from 5 - 6:45 p.m., with the dance class from

7 - 8:45 p.m. (The dance class is not offered on Thursday.)

Fees are \$15 per class; four for \$50; or all seven for \$90. To reserve a space and for more information, call 575-937-2725.

~ All Atantou Dance contributed to this article

Lobsterfest



All-you-can-eat freshly boiled whole lobsters or 1-pound tails with all the fixings are the fare at the 2nd annual Spencer Theater LobsterFest, Saturday, Aug. 21, at 6 p.m. Live jazz and blues music will be performed by Rich Chorné's Los Urban Mustangs and The Fred Kinnan Trio. Tickets are \$100 with all proceeds benefiting the non-profit Spencer Theater. To purchase tickets, call the box office at 575-336-4800.

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SPECIAL EVENT ▶ MUSIC

Vanessa Peters & Sarah MacDougall

BY JESSIE HANSON
¡VAMOS! EDITOR

International touring artist and singer/songwriter, Vanessa Peters will be performing in concert at Landlocked Restaurant and Bar on Saturday, Aug. 21, along with Canadian singer/songwriter Sarah MacDougall. The concert is free to the public and starts at 7 p.m.

Peters performs throughout the United States, Italy, Belgium, Germany, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Scandinavia. According to the *Dallas Observer*, Peters is the "best kind of singer/songwriter" and from the *San Antonio Express* "her Americana folk/rock with indie-pop overtones carry her lyrics with passion and conviction."

"Peters grasp of her craft matches her confidence," said Margaret Moser of the *Austin Chronicle* and she "gets it right, reminiscent of Suzanne Vega and Beth Orton," according to UK based *Maverick Magazine*. Of her latest

CD, "Sweetheart, Keep Your Chin Up," *Americana UK* says "Hooks a-plenty, there isn't a bad track on the record: I defy anyone with an ear for a catchy melody sung in a beautiful, rich, and completely engaging voice not to be enamored with this baby." (8 out of 10 stars)

"Nominated this year by the Texas Music Awards for Best Female Vocals, Peters' music reflects the influences of growing up in Texas, as much as it reflects how her music has matured out on the road," says Lisa Grissom, agent for Peters.

Joining Peters in concert is Sarah MacDougall. This up and coming alternative country/indie folksinger has performed her heartfelt songs with her original style and lyrics across Canada, the United Kingdom and Scandinavia.

Her latest CD titled *Across the Atlantic* has received rave reviews. Its raw but polished, richly textured album features 10 songs with serious stick-in-your-head melodies and

poignant, sometimes quirky lyrics. Shifting back and forth between driving up-tempo ditties and bitter-sweet ballads it is a beautiful album that celebrates train hopping and dancing in the rain. It also tackles heavy subjects such as having to leave someone behind across the Atlantic and poverty.

"I wanted to write an album that sticks in your head and grabs a hold of your heart," says MacDougall. "And I also wanted to prove myself as a producer and audio-engineer, because I am incredibly passionate about sound."

She has been compared to artists like Eliza Gilkyson, Lucinda Williams, Johnny Cash, Tracy Chapman and more, but is definitely a unique voice in her own right who has her own form of expression without attempting to copy anyone.

For more information on these two talented performers, go online to vanessapeters.com and sarahmacedougall.com.



Vanessa Peters (above) and Sarah MacDougall (below) will be performing a free concert at Landlocked on Saturday, Aug. 21, at 7 p.m.



Film Lincoln County NM, the newly formed county wide film commission, will host a film industry symposium on Aug. 26, at the Spencer Theater. This symposium will have speakers from the state film office, the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees, Screen Actor's Guild, New Mexico Women in Film, Crew New Mexico and more. The purpose of the film industry symposium is to inform the county about the state of film making in New Mexico and how that can affect Lincoln County. This will also allow people in the industry to see what Lincoln County has to offer the film business.

Speakers from the New Mexico State Film Office will present facts about the state's tax incentives offered to the film industry and financing available to them. Potential job opportunities will also be discussed. ENMU-Ruidoso will address the new supercomputer gateway which will be available to film makers.

The symposium is Aug. 26, at the Spencer Theater from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Pre-paid box lunches are available for \$13 by calling the Spencer Theater at 575-336-4800. The film industry symposium is open and free to the public.

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