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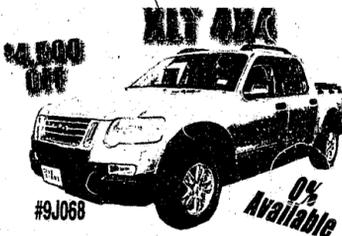
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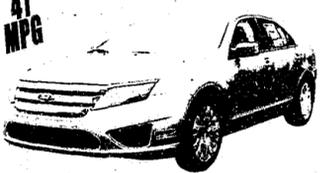
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5626	10 MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE CERTIFIED	\$319/MON
3J4031	04 SATURN ION	\$8,500
55391	06 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS CERTIFIED	WAS \$15,270 NOW \$11,757
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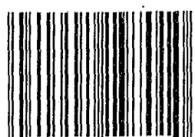


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Requiring prepaid cellular phones and Internet voice communications to charge a surtax to pay for the emergency 9-1-1 system is one of four legislative priorities selected by affiliates of the New Mexico Association of Counties.

Lincoln County Clerk Rhonda Burrows reporting last month to county commissioners on a recent affiliate meeting, said land line telephones and regular cellular service already charge the surtax, which funds 9-1-1 services

County Manager Tom Stewart said one of his peeves is that the state collects the 9-1-1 surcharge and, "just like Social Security," the money is spent on something else.

"That's a sore point," he said. "It's collected by the state and should be spent on 9-1-1. We do get some

through the contractors, but I'm told some money is diverted. The county doesn't see any of that tax money directly."

Burrows said the issue of tax revenue distribution and constantly fighting with the state was discussed at the session.

"It's a fairness issue, if you're going to use the service," she said.

As an aside, Burrows mentioned that the director of the state Department of Finance and Administration offered to come down and help counties review their debt structures. She said she found it ironic in view of the state's budget shortfall and major debt compared to Lincoln County's healthy financial outlook, tight budget control and reluctance to take on any long-term debt.

In another issue, Captain resident Karyl Williams said she was pleading for the help of commissioners in convincing Greentree Solid Waste Authority to move dumpsters now on her land that

are causing litter and livestock problems.

She's complaining about the location and mismanagement of the site, she said.

Commission Chairman Tom Battin asked if Williams met with GSWA management.

"I tried to on no less than 20 occasions," she said. "I communicated in writing and phone and they refused in all cases to answer, except by a letter from their attorney."

The attorney directed Williams to watch the site and report any illegal dumping to the sheriff's department, she told commissioners.

County Manager Tom Stewart recommended Williams file a complaint against Greentree with the sheriff, if the dumpsters are on her private land and the authority is trespassing and damaging her property.

Williams said when dumpsters are unloaded, some times when they are put back on ground, they

tip and damage the fence she put up to contain her livestock.

"It's sitting right outside our fence on the right of way, but it is our property," Williams said. "They can't continue to deny me use of my property."

Battin said after the complaint is filed, the commission would like to see a copy of Greentree's response.

Commissioner Dave Parks, who represents the county on the independent authority board, which consists also of members from each municipality, said he passed along Williams' complaint before and thought it had been handled. He didn't object to Williams filing a complaint.

"I know they're having trouble finding places (for dumpsters)," Williams said. "But now I own almost all of the property within that circle (served by the dumpsters, but plagued with illegal dumping)."

A Ruidoso News exclusive

County moves closer to Deer Park district

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Angling for an October closing date, two more ordinances were passed by Lincoln County commissioners at their August meeting toward the final goal of a special assessment

district for street and storm drainage improvements in Deer Park Valley.

The motions for approval of an assessing ordinance and a debt ordinance passed 3-2 with Commissioners Jackie Powell and Eileen Sedillo voting against both.

Sam Gill from the Modrall Sperling law firm, bond counsel for the district, said a tentative closing is set for Oct. 8.

The \$3,330,262.96 project is broken into two segments, \$1.7 million for street surfacing and \$1,628,143 for storm drainage improvements.

Close to \$1,400

The resulting per lot assessments for more than 200 owners will be slightly less than \$1,400 per year, the final figure to be determined by the rate of interest, according to Kevin Powers, financial adviser.

"We've been before you five times and we're getting to the end of the process," Gill told commissioners. Going over the remaining schedule, he said, "Today, we have the assessing and debt ordinances. I'll come back at the end of September with a final resolution setting the final interest rate and assessment rates."

The assessing ordinance outlines details of the assessment. The financing has been structured over 15 years with 30 semi-annual payments in April and October, he said.

Language was added to the ordinance that property owners may prepay at any time. Before a lot can be sold, the taxes and assessment must be current and not in default. The lien is transferable as long as it is not delinquent, Gill said.

County Treasurer Beverly Calaway said the assessments will be billed separately and will not be included on the annual property tax bills mailed for payment in April and November. "We cannot bill something like this on that bill. (State) Taxation and Revenue will not let you, even if the dates coincided,"

she said. "The original Alto paving project was billed separately. I don't want to still be collecting assessments 30 years later."

County Planner Curt Temple wondered what would happen if someone combined two lots and the assessment was paid in full on one and not the other. He pointed out that often people in Alto buy a lot for a golf or social membership and they combine them to reduce expenses.

Calaway said the ideal situation would be to require pay off before any property is transferred or combined, but Commission Chairman Tom Battin said that would be too much of a burden to impose.

Gill said the issue is an internal one for the county to resolve. County Attorney Alan Morel said once the district is created and a moratorium on lot splits or combining is lifted. An owner can either combine the two lots and have the remaining lien apply to both or pay it off.

Loan agreement

The second ordinance approved authorizes the commission to enter into a loan agreement with New Mexico Finance Authority not to exceed \$3,330,261.96, with interest not to exceed 8 percent with debt service payments in May and November each year.

"Let's say 20 people prepay and reduce the amount borrowed, would that reduce payments of each of the owners over time, because there was less interest?" Commissioner Dave Parks asked.

Powers said prepaying by some lot owners won't impact the amount each lot owner pays.

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Commissioners approve new procurement process

■ Gives better access to contractors

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To ease what sometimes can become a lengthy and complicated bidding process, Lincoln County commissioners approved a new procurement tool for their county manager.

At their meeting last month, Lyndon Brinegar of Basic IDIQ, an employee-owned company, briefed the commissioners about a new concept called job order contracting. After County Manager Tom Stewart and Brinegar answered a few questions, commissioners approved becoming a participating entity in a cooperative purchasing agreement with the state Cooperative Education Services. That opens up the ability to call on approved companies, such as Basic IDIQ to handle preliminary bidding work to shorten the process and improve pricing.

"As I understand it, Basic IDIQ takes the county's verbal requirements for a project, recommends appropriate design services and completes the process with a known system of contractors, incorporating local contractors, who may be interested," Stewart said.

"They provide the county management a price for the proposed project, which (the county) can accept or reject. The cooperative is paid (a 1 percent administration fee) as part of the total bid package price."

The company currently is handling a landscape project for the Carrizozo School District.

"The traditional form of project development involves development of a design package by an architect or engineer, development of formal specifications and then bidding," Stewart said. "The county has a number of smaller projects that this form of new procurement may be appropriate for."

He would begin with smaller projects, possibly a \$32,000 addition to the Nogal Volunteer Fire Department, and if the process worked well, consider some larger ones such as the new county road yard.

Brinegar said there is a push in New Mexico for cities and counties to use a cooperative approach within the state, because they have been using a Texas cooperative as an alternative. The CES brokered a deal with the state and opened it up to counties and cities, not just school boards, he explained.

Job Order Contracting would allow the county to accomplish construction projects without time-consuming designing, writing RFPs, bidding and selecting without ability to negotiate, Brinegar said.

"We can take the set of plans or get engineering to give an estimate," he said. "If it's over budget, that gives us a chance to sit down and make the project meet your budget. There always is way to get you what you need. It may not be what you want."

His company checks a contractor's experience and qualifications before adding them to a state participation list.

"The rapid response time" is the major advantage, Brinegar said. "We eliminate 75 percent of the front end work getting a project started. I've seen many projects go from concept to construction in 30 days, depending on your process. My estimates usually come back within two weeks, while under the normal RFP process, it usually takes 90 to 120 days."

He listed some of the projects completed by his company and gave a sampling of contracting entities as the city of El Paso, the city of Las Cruces, the county of El Paso and entities in Los Alamos and Santa Fe.

"We're an employee-owned company," he said. "We started under large company called Basic Industries. We only employ 22 people. We sub out 99 percent of our work to keep our overhead low. (The company fee doesn't) add much to any project, but we are general contractors and 100 percent responsible. We are able to use local builders and they don't have to bid against 15 contractors statewide, only against those in the area. We negotiate projects with

them. "That keeps the money local and we stay within the budget. You always know what it will cost you upfront. You pay for none of our work until you cut a purchase order. You could still bid it out, but I never lost a job because of that."

The process is low risk to the county, he said. A discount factor based on area prices is applied when figuring project costs using national construction rates, he said. "What it costs to do construction in Dallas is not like in Carrizozo," he said.

His company doesn't handle bridges and large civil projects such as wastewater treatment plants, he said.

Although the CES contract covers other types of purchases, Basic IDIQ only deals with construction, mainly with government entities, including the federal level, Brinegar said.

Stewart told commissioners, "Part of my frustration in this job is building fire stations."

Being able to call a company and say he needs a two bay fire station with a kitchen and bathroom

requiring only a written description, instead of a complete set of plans would ease that pressure, he said.

"What excites me about this is the ability without cost to say come here, I want to show you something. I want to renovate the old detention center. We've ripped out cells and have an empty hole. I'd like the co-op's ideas how go about changing a former detention center and turning it into usable office space or storage space. Or how to add onto the Nogal Fire Station with only \$31,000. I'm looking at this just as one tool in a tool kit developed over time to get things done."

The cooperative's 1 percent administration fee is imbedded in the vendor's price, Brinegar said. "The co-op charges us 1 percent. It comes out of my money (from the price struck between the county and Basic IDIQ)."

Stewart noted that when ordering a truck through a Houston cooperative, he pays a 3 percent administration fee.

"It's almost like having your own engineering staff," said Kathryn Minter, a candidate in the November commission election. "I think this would be more efficient."

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Regional Cities

Gallup	86/44
Grants	85/46
Albuquerque	85/60
Santa Rosa	85/53
Clovis	80/56
Mountainair	86/50
Socorro	88/53
Fort Sumner	86/56
Roswell	86/60
Carlsbad	84/62
Reserve	87/53
Truth or Consequences	88/61
Alamogordo	86/57
Cloudcroft	69/45
Silver City	86/61
Hatch	89/62
Las Cruces	87/63
Chaparral	87/65
El Paso	87/66
Lordsburg	92/61
Deming	88/59
Sunland Park	87/66
Cludad Juárez	88/66
Pecos	86/63

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Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:39 a.m./7:26 p.m.
Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 1:05 a.m./3:52 p.m.

Moon Phases
New First Full Last
Sep 8 Sep 14 Sep 23 Sep 30

Extremes
Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 110° in Death Valley, CA
Low: 28° in Reese River, NV
Wednesday's World High/Low:
High: 118° in Al Hofuf, Saudi Arabia
Low: -9° in Summit Station, Greenland

Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/low 82°/57°
Normal high 77°
Normal low 47°
Record high 87° (1982)
Record low 34° (1955)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.12"
Year to date 12.73"
Normal year to date 15.65"

Alamogordo
Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/low 94°/70°
Normal high 88°
Normal low 62°
Record high 98° (1982)
Record low 53° (1955)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.07"
Year to date 9.48"
Normal year to date 8.24"

Weather Trivia:
Q: Have four tropical storms ever co-existed in the Atlantic Ocean?

National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Abilene	85/58/f	88/65/s
Anchorage	64/52/c	59/51/r
Atlanta	94/63/s	84/59/s
Austin	92/68/t	92/65/s
Baltimore	92/65/pc	79/55/pc
Boston	80/65/r	81/57/pc
Chicago	70/64/c	70/53/c
Dallas	86/63/t	91/68/s
Denver	84/52/s	85/54/s
Des Moines	74/49/pc	76/57/s
Detroit	76/55/pc	66/51/pc
El Paso	87/60/t	88/67/pc
Las Vegas	106/73/s	107/78/s
Los Angeles	90/63/s	90/66/s
Minneapolis	66/48/pc	69/52/s
New Orleans	93/75/s	91/73/pc
New York City	84/71/r	79/61/pc
Philadelphia	86/68/pc	78/60/pc
Phoenix	109/83/s	108/83/s
Reno	95/56/s	90/53/s
San Francisco	75/55/pc	69/53/s
San Diego	78/64/pc	76/66/pc
Seattle	78/54/s	64/51/pc
Tucson	104/76/s	99/75/pc
Tulsa, OK	82/53/pc	85/61/s
Wash., DC	90/67/s	79/57/pc
Wichita	81/55/s	83/60/s
Yuma	112/82/s	112/82/s

Regional Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Albuquerque	88/60/s	89/61/s
Artesia	86/62/pc	92/63/s
Chama	78/41/s	81/39/s
Clayton	81/53/s	88/58/s
Cloudcroft	69/45/s	74/38/pc
Farmington	89/49/s	89/51/s
Hobbs	88/58/pc	89/59/s
Los Alamos	77/49/s	82/48/s
Portales	83/58/s	90/60/s
Raton	81/45/s	89/45/s
Red River	72/38/t	75/38/s
Ruidoso	76/56/s	82/60/s
Santa Fe	83/50/s	87/51/s
Silver City	86/61/s	87/61/pc
Taos	78/41/s	85/39/s

Mexican Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Acapulco	88/75/pc	84/73/r
Cancun	90/73/t	90/73/s
Chihuahua	61/83/t	82/81/r
Ciudad Juárez	88/66/pc	88/66/s
Leon	84/59/pc	83/60/s
México, DF	75/57/t	75/57/t
Monterrey	93/70/r	90/70/pc
Morelia	85/61/t	83/60/t
Oaxaca	81/61/t	77/61/r
Pto. Penasco	100/82/s	107/80/s
Tijuana	82/61/s	88/63/f

OPINION

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OUR OPINION

Growing pains mark track election

First we heal, then we face the future

Seven weeks ago in this space, the *Ruidoso News* cautioned against a special election on the Business Retention Tax for Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino, calling instead for a vote folded into the Nov. 2 general election.

The county commission saw it differently, and approved the special election, 3-2. It's now upon us, as the electorate should begin receiving mail-in ballots today, due back to the county clerk in a signed return envelope by 7 p.m., Sept. 21.

And in a touch of irony, we're rather relieved the campaign is winding down. We're not sure the community — all of Lincoln County — could endure another two months of heated debate without spontaneously combusting. The issue — whether to increase the gross receipts tax for five years to raise \$750,000 annually for the track — has left telling imprints on us as a people.

There are a few individuals from some planet who still deny that the track vote has split the citizenry down the middle. Most of us on either side acknowledge that this bitter, sometimes vicious campaign has released toxic elements of fear and loathing, desperation and reprisal. Everything seems politically charged, like a frayed electrical wire: the general business community, service organizations, schools, churches, the Chamber of Commerce.

There are threats to boycott certain businesses for supporting the tax. And merchants have felt intense pressure to post "Fight Back" signs on their windows in favor of the measure.

Some tax opponents have felt their jobs to be in jeopardy should they speak out publicly. Friendships have been strained, reputations have been sullied, accusations and temper tantrums have been loosed in emails, and rumors circulate, taking credence.

Tangential topics — abortion, political corruption and morality plays — have entered the dialogue.

The blogs are all-track all the time, and they are rough and tumble and impassioned. Letters to the editor arrive furiously — 13 printed last Friday, 12 on Wednesday, more today.

Because newspapers traditionally cut off election-related letters days before the actual vote, this is the final paper for track-related opinions. You've written. Now you vote.

And now, hopefully, we begin to heal. Regardless of the Sept. 21 outcome, the track will likely be here in 2011 and this community will be on the mend, rebuilding relationships, forgiving the rhetoric, attempting reconciliation.

An episode at a service club luncheon Tuesday may be the final shot of this uncivil war, this "Second Lincoln County

War," as it's been dubbed. We must, at some point, regain our manners, agreeing to disagree, if necessary, if we're ever going to move forward.

What we now know is that a deep current of uncertainty runs through this valley, and this summer it spilled its banks like the Rio Ruidoso in a lingering storm.

The recurring threats to move the track, coupled with the national recession, has put many on edge.

The positive is that in facing our economic mortality we confront the future as realists, whether the tax passes or fails, whether the track stays or leaves.

Vulnerability has heightened our awareness. We are forced to consider the wisdom and rewards of long-term planning. We can no longer be smug about our natural beauty, our numerous resources or our rich cultural heritage. We must be proactive, developing our potential by a consensus that defines any true community.

The good news: This is not your parents' Lincoln County, and residents stated in a recent poll (Wednesday in the *Ruidoso News*) that the county is moving in the right direction. We have expanded the options in art, recreation and entertainment. Our lives are no longer shuttered through the winter. Ruidoso is becoming a 24/7 town.

Now we understand the urgent need to diversify, to strike a balance throughout the economy so that no one franchise and no one man topples our stability; to seize control of our destiny by acting out of courage, not fear, and by developing assets endemic to our region that cannot be recruited away.

Now we recognize the need for a vision and to revisit the village's and county's comprehensive plans as a reminder of how we'd like to see ourselves.

Now's the time to explore and really get after industries of tomorrow — the clean, green industries that lure both jobs and tourism and which fit our landscape so well. We need leaders and volunteers to emerge from government, business, civic groups and the general population. May they form committees, start up enterprises and work with existing entities that know how to connect and get things done.

The worst of the campaign, the raw distress and panic, has occurred in Ruidoso, a relatively young town whose immaturity and insecurities have been exposed. Behind the veneer of paradise we fuss and fume in a search for identity and our evolving role in the big picture of solvent tourist destinations.

Hopefully this campaign has taught us something about ourselves. Maybe it will help us grow up, find some confidence and embrace a shared destiny.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLACE YOUR... VOTES



Doug McLeod 10
Ruidoso News

YOUR OPINION

Track letters: crossing the finish line

Get a loan

To the editor:

I OWN A SIGN SHOP in Carrizozo and depend on the success of most businesses in Lincoln County. Ruidoso entrepreneurs alone account for forty percent of my gross receipts. I also keep bees and sell all my honey in this area, mostly to visitors.

I will vote "No" to the taxpayer funded bailout of the Ruidoso Downs racetrack and casino. There comes a time in most people's lives when moral judgment outweighs monetary gain.

Business is way down, but I am determined to weather this recession as I have done in the past. If the racetrack should move out of this area I will re-invent my operation and continue on with it. If you believe your business is doomed without the track, then move with it.

I have a few questions for the three county commissioners who sold us out. Was it for money? Was it for glory, or did you simply forget you swore an oath to protect all of the citizens of Lincoln County, including those who don't vote for you?

When my business took a downturn two years ago, I checked out the local economic development council and was told to "get a loan." Apparently their bank account is reserved for their own administrative salaries or grants for the big guns like movie studios and corporate gambling facilities. Why not add topless bars to the list? After all, they do bring jobs and pump up the taxes.

I have three words for the stockholders, management and board of directors of the racetrack. *Get a loan.* And continue to overpay outrageous salaries and bonuses to yourselves, and show no profit. Or move the cash cow out of here.

Tim Thompson
Carrizozo

A devastating loss

To the editor:

TO THE CITIZENS OF Lincoln County: Sierra Blanca Motor Company has been a business partner with Ruidoso and the surrounding communities since 1965. Our business has survived many ups and downs.

Without a doubt, Ruidoso Downs Race Track is the biggest thing to impact business in Lincoln County. A substantial amount of Sierra Blanca Motor Company's business is tied to the track in a number of different ways.

The thought of paying addi-

tional gross receipts taxes is an unpleasant thought; however, the loss of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track would, in our opinion, be absolutely devastating to the business community for years to come.

Unfortunately, it is impossible to tell exactly how devastating the track leaving would be on the community and what the cost would be, but we also don't want to find out when it is too late to correct the problem.

We for one are prepared to pay a small amount of additional gross receipts taxes in an effort to avoid having to find out just how bad the track's leaving Lincoln County would impact everyone's lives.

Please vote "Yes" on the upcoming election.

Johnny D. Durham
Teddy D. Durham
Sierra Blanca Motor Company

Track can't compete

To the editor:

CONSIDER FOR A moment that the proposed gross receipts tax, or Business Retention Tax, passes. Now Ruidoso Downs Race Track is expected to continue to offer horse racing to the greater Ruidoso community for the next five years.

However, what if the number of horses that have been running here began to decline within this timeframe? Races would not fill and possibly even need to be cancelled due to lack of entries. Without horses entered into races there are no races. Without races there is no racetrack.

Those who have been directly involved in the horse industry are well aware of its continuing decline and increasing expense. Choosing to be a racehorse owner in this economic environment requires a strong commitment and deep pockets. Those who do participate must choose wisely when and where to run their horses. Ruidoso Downs Race Track is just one choice, and possibly not the best choice from an owner's or trainer's perspective.

Purse monies are pitifully low, offering little incentive for owners to enter races here. The track itself is not in the condition it needs to be in order to minimize the increasing number of catastrophic injuries. Track surface maintenance is an ongoing situation, and an expensive one at that. Some of the stables are in disrepair and need to be torn down and replaced.

Although the area itself offers a favorable climate and a variety of activities for owners and trainers who come to the Ruidoso race

meet, conditions at the track itself may not be as appealing as at other tracks. One must consider that if there's a choice to run at a newer facility that provides a safer stabling surface to run on, safer stabling conditions and better purse monies, maybe that's where they'll choose to go.

D. Langhorne
Ruidoso,

Time to wake up

To the editor:

PEOPLE, PEOPLE, people, wake up before its too late! I've been reading all of the letters to the editor both in favor of, and against, the "Save the Track" initiative, that have been dominating the editorial page of the paper for the past couple of months.

It occurs to me that we have a serious case of not seeing the forest for the trees. The majority of the letters that I have read from people who are against the initiative have the common theme that, either they don't like Mr. Hubbard personally, or they don't like the idea of having to put roughly \$20 per year "into the pockets of a millionaire." Very few of those letters dispute the claims that Ruidoso Downs Race Track has been losing massive amounts of money each year from operating the enterprise that has given sustenance to this entire community for the past 20 years under Mr. Hubbard.

OK, let's try to rise above the trees and look at the big picture for a moment. What this Business Retention Tax would do for Mr. Hubbard should be of no relevance whatsoever to any individual in Lincoln County when making their decision how to vote on this issue. This is a matter that each person must look at purely in selfish terms of what is best for them.

It is human nature for some people to resent, be jealous of, or out-and-out dislike somebody because of their station in society. Happens all the time. Some folks may have a personal reason for resenting Mr. Hubbard. So what? How is forcing his hand to move the track somewhere else going to be a blow against him?

While he clearly loves this area, he has just as clearly become fed up with shouldering this burden alone. Moving the track to another, more lucrative location would result in his making millions every year, instead of losing millions.

By the way, I have also not seen this point disputed by any of the naysayers to this initiative.

LETTERS, CONTINUED PAGE 6A

PROMINENT VOICES SPEAK OUT ON THE BUSINESS RETENTION TAX

Contrary to what opponents would have us believe, the Business Retention Plan is not about an individual. It's about the people of Lincoln County and our future. It's about our jobs, our families and our economic success. It is about our ability to keep our heritage, our traditions and our future vibrant.

The decision before us is as important as any issue ever brought before the citizens of Lincoln County. And while there is disagreement and debate, even opponents of the Business Retention Plan agree with our facts.

At Tuesday's debate before the Ruidoso Rotary, Glynis Racine agreed that the Business Retention Plan will cost just \$19 but couldn't explain her own group's arguments that the racetrack only accounts for 3 percent of Lincoln County [economy], "I didn't do the math. At the time it made sense."

With so much at stake, 1,000 track-related jobs and an estimated \$45 million in economic activity, there is no room for error in an economy that's already tough. Feelings may be important but when how we feel can't be substantiated with facts, it's time to take a step back and reconsider whether it's a good idea to let one of our biggest economic engines leave town.

Let's also be clear about this: it wasn't Lincoln County that created the situation we find ourselves in. It was Santa Fe. In 1999, the Legislature gave racetracks the right to have some gaming in order to compete with the Native American casinos. But it's not much of a competition. The Billy the Kid Casino pays 26 percent of their gross to the state. Our Mescalero neighbors, however, pay just 9 percent.

The Billy the Kid Casino opened in May 1999 to help keep the racetrack as a viable year-round destination and to bolster the horse racing purses. The casino pays an additional 20 percent of its take to enhance the track's purse money. The Travel Center on Highway 70 was opened in 2003 featuring slots and table games, a few short miles from the BTK Casino. Since then, BTK has reported revenues falling by 50 percent.

Thus far, efforts to fix the problems by creating a more level playing field have failed in Santa Fe. The parity issue wasn't even heard by the New Mexico Senate, although was passed unanimously by the New Mexico House of Representatives.

What the Senate did agree to was House Bill 203 which put the decision of the economic future of Lincoln County squarely in the hands of the citizens of Lincoln County.

It is important to understand the facts. The money raised from the Business Retention Plan is used as a tax credit that goes directly to the State, not the ownership of the racetrack and has been capped at set amount. Excess funds will go toward Lincoln County economic diversifi-

Lincoln County stands at a crossroad in its journey to the future. The decision to be made in the upcoming Business Retention Gross Receipts Tax vote will have extensive and long lasting affect on our economy and social structure. The question has caused more emotional and heated debate throughout the county than any other in years. In fact the discussion has created much heat and very little light.

Let us examine the cause of the current situation. First, the problem concerning the tax rate paid by all race tracks in general and Ruidoso Downs in particular was created and perpetuated by the action, or lack thereof, of the legislature of the State of New Mexico. I will not go through all the convoluted actions and reactions brought about by the legalization of casino gambling by the Native American Sovereign Nations in the beginning and later including race tracks and fraternal organizations.

The fact is that over the past 20 or so years there have been at least half a dozen situations concerning this matter, which required legislation to resolve. Neither the executive or legislative arms of the state have ever taken a proactive stance. They have always taken a reactive band aid approach to each problem. Never have any of the proper state authorities sat down and addressed reasonable rules and regulations regarding gambling in New Mexico as a whole. I suppose most politicians consider gambling as the "third rail" in politics and avoided it whenever they could.

The last opportunity for the proper state resolution of the inequity of the tax rates paid by the tribal casinos and small tracks such as Ruidoso Downs and Raton, if it ever gets off the ground, was in the 2008 session of the legislature. Dub Williams, our state representative, introduced a bill making the tax burden on "racinos" with a net take of \$15 million or

Yes

John Underwood,
president Committee
for Lincoln County
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Development PAC;
attorney, City of
Ruidoso Downs



cation and building up Eastern New Mexico University - Ruidoso with a viable attractive campus, for example.

Ruidoso Downs Racing, Inc. has also signed a legally enforceable contract with the County of Lincoln which includes the right to injunctive relief in the case of breach and that it agrees to remain in Lincoln County for a period of 5 years. If it doesn't then it has to repay whatever credits it has received back to the County.

Our community is a summer tourism destination. We thrive due to the thousands of visitors that vacation here during the racing season. Before we vote we must ask ourselves how the impact of losing the race track will impact us, our families and our neighbors. Who will lose their jobs?

Who will close their businesses? Who will move away? How will our property values be impacted? How will our local infrastructure be impacted? How will the very face of our community be changed?

Remember, tourists dollars help support the Business Retention Plan. That's a win! If we pass this BRT, then we have ensured to the best of our ability that the racetrack and casino will remain in Lincoln County for at least the next 5 years. That's a win! We also have ensured ourselves that we have established a fund to begin our goal of economic diversification over the next 5 years. That's a win!

If we spend our time focusing on whether we like the owner of the racetrack, their management style or accountability it reminds me of someone who is waist deep in a swamp full of alligators and is spending their time swatting the mosquitoes. That's a loss.

Folks, the swamp full of alligators, in my opinion, is this current economy; the worst recession since the Great Depression. This is not a time to fail in our support of one our primary taxpayers, employers, and tourism draws.

For the investment of \$19 per year, we have the opportunity to gain control of our economic future, our children's future, and the future of Lincoln County. This truly is our decision. This time we won't be able to blame Santa Fe.

I urge you to vote "Yes" for the Business Retention Plan.

Yes

Dave Parks,
member Lincoln
County Board of
Commissioners;
former educator



less and that of the tribal casinos much more equitable. The bill passed the house unanimously. It was then forwarded to the senate. It wound up in the bottom desk drawer of the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Sen. John Arthur Smith, democrat from Deming. There it stayed, for whatever reason, and was never heard by the committee much less voted on by the Senate.

Given the actions of the House it would appear it would certainly have passed the Senate if the opportunity had been given. The 2010 legislature was in no position to reduce any tax for any reason, the State was busted. Therefore, the business retention tax option was given by the legislature to the citizens of Lincoln County to be handled as a local option. The tribal tax on casinos is a sliding scale of between three and nine percent. The tax on racinos is 26 percent flat.

I have spent a lot of time covering the tax rate and its background because I feel that the inequity is unusual and unfair. This affects the reasons I favor the passage of the tax.

I have found through 20 years service on the Ruidoso school board of education and nearly four years as a Lincoln County Commissioner that knee jerk reactions

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We have been hearing a number of myths about why we have to support the Business Retention Tax. I'd like to counter a few of those and tell you why I believe they are inaccurate.

First and foremost, we are being told that by supporting the tax we are guaranteeing that the Ruidoso Downs Race Track remains here for the next five years. That is just not true. The track can leave at any time with the approval of the New Mexico Racing Commission.

The county sent Ruidoso Downs Racing Inc an agreement stating that in the event of an actual or threatened breach of the agreement, the racetrack would acknowledge that monetary damages would not adequately make up for the loss of the track. Furthermore, they would agree to the imposition of an injunction to prevent moving the license without the county having to prove damages or post a bond. They would also have to repay tax credits in the event of an actual or even attempted move. Prior agreement of both parties generally guarantees that a judge will grant the injunction.

The final amended agreement from the racetrack has fewer safeguards. It states only that the county can seek an injunction in the event the agreement is breached and tax credits only have to be repaid if the move is successful. This decreases the likelihood of an injunction being granted because a judge could rule that the repayment of tax credits is sufficient relief for loss of the track. Even the county attorney stated that the agreement did not guarantee the track remain for five years; all it did was guarantee repayment of tax credits if it leaves. The county should not have signed such a weak agreement.

In an interview with the Ruidoso News, Mr. Hubbard stated, "I think there's been a little misunderstanding in that the county originally requested we sign an agreement that says we couldn't do any planning, we couldn't do anything for the first five years." Does planning for the future mean the freedom to move the track within five years if they get a good offer?

Another reason I can't see the track here for five more years is the condition of the track itself. Let me use an analogy. Suppose you own a home and we get one of those thunderstorms we are famous for around here and the roof springs a leak. If you like your house and plan on being there awhile, you'll fix the leak because you know if you don't you'll end up having to replace the whole roof in the future.

Same thing if you are planning to put it on the market. You'll fix the roof because obviously you can't sell a house with a leaky roof.

On the other hand, if you are one of those unfortunate folks and are underwater on your mortgage and know your house is costing you too much, then you might be considering just walking away. In that case you'll more than likely put a bucket under the leak and save your money. From the barns to the casino, this facility is loaded with buckets.

We've been assured that economic incentives aren't uncommon. That all cities use tax incentives to lure new business. This tax will do nothing to bring new money to our area; it will do a fine job of income redistribution. The entire county will pay to benefit a minority.

The proponents of this tax claim that the racetrack is losing money and passing the BRT will give the racetrack a viable option to remain here. The 2009 audited financial statement of Ruidoso Downs Racing, Inc shows a net loss of \$1.4 million. The BRT will only make up half of that. I don't know about you, but losing "only" \$650,000 a year isn't viable to me.

Then there's the question of whether the track is really losing money. This same statement has a line item under costs of operations of general and administrative. The \$4.1 million allocated to this expense is 25 percent of total revenues. Other racinos in the state have anywhere from 5 - 10 percent of revenues expensed this way. If Ruidoso Downs Racing had general and administrative expenses of 10 percent, the racetrack would show a net income of \$1.1 million instead of a net loss of 1.4 million. Why the difference?

When asked for a detailed breakdown of these expenses by the Ruidoso News, Mr. Hubbard stated, "We ain't going there." I appreciate the privacy of private corporations and understand that the track is under no obligation to release this information. However, when a private corporation is asking for taxpayers' money the rules need to change. No transparency here! The county should have demanded the release of this information from the track.

Most important to the business community are the dire predictions for our

No

Glynis Racine,
founder Lincoln
County Tea
Party Patriots;
wife of Ruidoso
News editor
Marty Racine



economy if the track moves. I've heard we'll have a 30 percent drop in home values, property taxes will increase to compensate for lost revenues, businesses will close, our schools will suffer, and I've even heard the track moving compared to the damage done during the oil bust of the '80s. All I can say is that Lincoln County has come a long way, baby.

The 2007 Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan states that Lincoln County has become increasingly popular as a second-home and retirement destination and this influx of new residents, as well as tourism, has been an important economic generator for the county. Retirees especially provide a solid economic base for the area year-around.

And we have done a lot to expand activities for tourists: Golf, the Spencer Theatre, the blues festival, Fort Stanton Live, Ruidoso Art Festival, the Art Loop, AspenFest, Oktoberfest, Marti Gras, Old Lincoln Days, the Festival of Lights. The racetrack isn't the economic giant it used to be.

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce has published a fact sheet claiming 1,000-plus track-related jobs and over \$30 million in revenue will be lost. The "Fight for Lincoln" website states \$45 million in lost revenue, and a sample employee letter provided by the Chamber to employers increases that to \$50 - 60 million. Which is it?

I went in search of how these numbers were derived. I called Sandi Aguilar at the Chamber asking for copies of the two sources listed on the fact sheet. She told me I could get them, so we agreed I would pick them up. When I arrived, there were no copies and no Sandi. A Chamber employee reached her and she said to get my address and she would email them. After repeated phone calls and emails, I finally received an email from Sandi stating she would have to bring my request before the executive board at their next meeting for approval to release them. So, what are the real numbers? Who really knows? Again, where's the transparency?

Mr. Hubbard has a vast number of investments in Lincoln County. Either he doesn't plan on moving or he knows the impact won't be as severe as we are being told or he doesn't care about losing his other investments. That's for you to decide.

Finally, there's the argument that the tax increase amounts to only \$19 a year. I personally cannot support using public funds for private businesses. But I can agree with the amount, unless of course you like to dine out, need to replace a few appliances, maybe want to do a little remodeling, fence your yard, etc. But let's agree on only \$19.

Then consider the state GRT increase coming in January, the proposed 21 percent rate hike by PNM, the cost of the wastewater treatment plant for Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs residents, two bond issues for secondary education on the November ballot, and the hospital and ENMU both asking for more money in the near future. Where does it end? This tax will cause Ruidoso to enact the 2nd highest GRT in the state, right behind Taos Ski Valley.

History has shown that low taxes stimulate economic growth and high taxes do the opposite. As taxes go up, new business will locate elsewhere, new residents (yes those nice retirees that provide that stable economic base) will move elsewhere and our tourists (those we are so proudly told will pay much of this tax) will vacation elsewhere.

According to the Tourism Area Life Cycle, a well-respected model of tourist-area evolution developed by RW Butler in the 1980s, the racetrack as the cornerstone of tourism is in decline. We must rejuvenate our area and modernize as a tourist destination by developing such avenues as outdoor recreation, high-altitude training, education, film-making and military tourism.

Spending \$750,000 yearly to prop up a failing enterprise with a flawed business model in a declining industry is bad business. Leave the money in the hands of Lincoln County residents and let free enterprise work. We The People will succeed.

LINCOLN COUNTY BUSINESS RETENTION GROSS RECEIPTS TAX QUESTION:

Shall the Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County be authorized to impose a gross receipts tax for the retention of the racetrack of 3/16th of one percent to be imposed upon all doing business in the County of Lincoln except businesses transporting persons or property for hire by railroad, motor vehicle, air transportation or any other means from one point within the county to another point outside the county; or direct broadcast satellite services in accordance with county ordinance 2010-01 for a period of five years? Revenue not claimed by the racetrack is to be returned by the State of New Mexico to the county for general use for promotion or administration of the county or for public post secondary-education in Lincoln County.

IMPUESTO EN RECETAS EN CONJUNTO, CONDADO DE LINCOLN CUESTION:

¿Debe la Junta de Comisares, Condado de Lincoln, imponer un impuesto 3/16 de porciento con el fin de sostener el campo de carreras. Tal impuesto sobre cada negocio en el Condado, excepciones: Los que transportan de alquilar, personas o propiedad por ferrocarril, vehiculo motorizado, por el aire, o de cualquier otro metodo dentro de la Condado, o para afuera del Condado: O, Servicios de emision satelita segun ley 2010-01, por cinco anos? Rentas publicas no usados por el campo de carreras se devolveran por el estado de Nuevo México a la Condado por el uso general en el Condado para la promocion y administracion del condado, o para la educacion mas alla de secundaria en el Condado de Lincoln.

YES / SÍ ←

NO / NO ←

Glen R. Barrow
County Clerk - Escribana de Condado

SAMPLE

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All politics are local; all experiences are personal. In the early 1990s, I first came into contact with the Hubbard world as a volunteer for the 2nd Hubbard Juried Art Show. I showed up to the venue (an old somewhat underutilized or cared for building) near the Ruidoso Downs Race Track. I said that I had a pickup, hand truck and tool belt - "Need any help?"

A woman helping with the event said, "Yes, could you go to such and such and pick up 26 boxes of the art show books and when you get back, could you do such and such and then and then..."

Four volunteer days later, after working my tail off, I got to experience the most incredible art/banquet/show of my life to that date (the Mona Lisa at the Louvre took a close second) and was able to see paintings and sculpture that would bring tears to a granite statue. I met the artists the couple who brought the \$250,000 first prize money; who thought it up and put together the amazing art show - Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hubbard.

A month or so later, I found myself going to Southern Arizona, being paid to help move a whole caravan full of really cool artifacts that were soon to be the Museum of the Horse (later the Hubbard Museum of The American West).

That's when I became acquainted with James Stoddard, Phd. Even today, I can't imagine not having Dr. Stoddard in my circle of lifelong friends.

Subsequently, I found myself with a temporary full time job (maybe six months or so) to help Ron Smith, Bill Jones, Sunny Hirshfeld and others get the Museum up and going. Al Radtke came on board, then Jay Chase. Did I mention I also met Jay's mother Joan (Life-changing experience all its own)? Over those months, I fell deeper into cream. Georgia Griffin - did I mention that "T" got to work with Georgia?

Soon after, the Hubbards teamed up with R.O. Anderson to donate a bunch of money to give Ray Reed his Cowboy Symposium dream. Did I mention, I met Ray Reed and more importantly, got to be his friend. Maybe a few of y'all got to really experience the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium as I did. I liked the Texas Playboys, Craig Chambers, the Time Warp Tophands, our own Flying J Wranglers and the sort of family reunion the Symposium created at Glencoe. I seem to have forgotten to leave.

And I met a lot more people - musicians, vendors, chuckwagoners, volunteers like Sid Goodloe, Glen Madrin, Larry, Curly, Dick Swenor, (so many others) and those who came to see the show.

Trust me, we put on a hell of a show. All of that and I got to work at the Museum. I got to build cool stuff, help put

Yes

Glen R. Barrow, former member Ruidoso Planning & Zoning Commission businessman



on really great parties, art shows, concerts, bring a little extra quality of life to the community I love and danced a million miles to boot on the museum's wood floor.

This meeting, getting to know, working with and learning from people went on for another nine years or so.

Within the first month of the job, I read the Hubbard's biography of the glass business. To boil that book down, they didn't inherit it; they made it. Then they brought a lot of it here and dumped it into a museum and other things in our community.

As a bonus, I got to hang Gordon Snidows' show in California and Charlie Russell murals in Wichita Kansas as well as a thousand other pieces of fine art. More important than hanging them, I got to see them.

One day, just one regular old day, the clack of two sets of heels entered the workshop at the Museum - Sherry and Susan. Sherry knew a lot about horse-drawn vehicles and did I mention she was beautiful, so let's just say I met and married Sherry.

Need I say more, but alas I will. It could turn into a book. Yes, all experience is personal and my job at the museum was personally a 'life-changing' wonderful experience.

So let's jump to today and an age-old cliché. What if 'they' hadn't bought the track and started the museum. Well, my personal vacuum for that decade would be profound and the next couldn't be the same for sure.

If this writing is perceived as a conflict of interest, then so be it. I do have a personal and financial interest in our community and intend to vote for the lack of parity tax.

This issue has divided our community with passionate disagreement. That's local politics. I would be the last to tell you how to vote. What I can and have shared with you is a snapshot of my personal experience that has been positively enhanced by Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard having come here and for that, I thank them both.

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are seldom correct and can lead to lots of grief. Most of those reactions such as "The tax payers should never help private business." "Mr. Hubbard has lots of money; why should we help him?" "The track doesn't have that much effect on our economy. We can easily find some other business to replace it." And on and on.

I will answer some of these statements and try to make a rational case for support of the tax vote.

First: The tax is to help equalize the rates paid by the Tribal casinos and Ruidoso Downs and Billy the Kid Casino. It should be considered as a bridge between now and the point when the State of New Mexico is in better financial condition. The citizens of Lincoln County should be on the alert for such a change. It will go away in five years or sooner if the state recovery is earlier than many think.

The only way it can be continued past the five-year period is to be placed before the voters again. Many counties and towns spend lots of money to attract

new business, much of which does not produce results.

Money spent to help keep a current business, which brings millions of dollars per year to our economy, makes more sense to me. No wonder there are at least two other towns in the state that are prepared to give large incentives to get the track and casino. Are we citizens of Lincoln County going to let the inaction of our state government take away one of our most important tourist attractions?

Second: Mr. Hubbard has become wealthy through many successful businesses. This is why he has been able to continue to operate Ruidoso Downs and Billy the Kid Casino at a loss for the past few years. He has at the same time spent literally millions of dollars for charity, civic and other worthwhile causes in the area.

Mr. Hubbard and his financial condition really have nothing to do with what we, as citizens of Lincoln County should consider before we vote on the Business Retention Tax. Which brings me to what is of critical importance to us.

Regarding the statement that

Ruidoso was doing fine because of our climate and scenery before the track was opened. I have lived, grown up, worked and been a small business owner in Lincoln County all of my life, since 1933. I'm going to tell you how the economy was doing prior to the track being built.

The tourist industry prior to 1942 was almost totally restricted to the summer. Most of the tourist businesses closed after September and didn't open until May or June. Let me also remind you that few people within our trade area had air conditioning in either their homes or cars. Folks were literally forced up here to cool off.

World War II had a tremendous effect upon the tourist trade and the overall economy of Lincoln County. The military folks and their families spent lots of time and money here and, up until 1948 there was wide open illegal gambling in most every business.

The opening of Ruidoso Racing, later Ruidoso Downs was a big boost to our economy as the military and other war related activities wound down. Horsemen, Jockey Club mem-

bers and racing fans came here for vacations and many bought homes here. Many have retired here and contribute much to our economy. Remember, our economy in Lincoln County is based upon tourism. Ruidoso Downs and the Triple Crown of quarter horse racing have long made Ruidoso Downs and Lincoln County known worldwide as the capitol of quarter horse racing.

I do not have a clue from where some of the information alleged to be accurate concerning how little the Downs and Casino contributes to the economy of Lincoln County comes. In my opinion, most of that type of data has been dreamed up to justify other agendas and/or political dogmas. It is either misjudged or outright lies.

I am not qualified to give exact estimations of the amounts of revenue these businesses bring to Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, and all of Lincoln County but I am certain that it is in the tens of millions of dollars each and every year. It affects all of Lincoln County either directly or indirectly. If Ruidoso Downs should close it would lower property values by a

large amount. When property values in the Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, and Alto area go down taxes will increase county-wide to make up the difference just for the normal county services. It will also put a big dent in the construction industry, which is a major factor in the local economy. We just don't need that kind of problem in the current economy. Just ask your banker what he thinks the closing would do to all of us. Don't forget that the visitors to our community will share the tax.

In short, as a county commissioner I must do what I think is best for the entire county. Some elected officials make much of their concern for the small businessman and the working class people. If the Business Retention GRT is defeated we will be throwing hundreds of jobs and the people that hold them and several small and large businesses under the bus. It will adversely affect every part of the county. If that is acceptable to you then do what you will and we will all have to live with the results.

As for me I will hope and pray that the measure passes and support it in every way I can.

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So, why do the opponents of this effort talk about their motivation being not to put money in Mr. Hubbard's pocket, when that is exactly what they would be doing by forcing his hand to move the track.

No, "not wanting to put money in the pockets of a millionaire," is not the real issue here. I believe that it is more about people resenting that they are now being asked to shoulder a very small

portion of a very large load that, for many years now, has been carried on one individual's shoulders. Shame on anyone who would be so self-centered or short-sighted not to appreciate how fortunate they have been for what Mr. Hubbard has already done for them for so many years - all out of his own pocket - with, until now, no request for any assistance from the very masses who have received the benefits of his largess. Even now, when he is asking for help, the amount that

each individual is being asked to kick into the pot to ensure that the track stays is so small in comparison to the benefit they receive, every day, from the track's being here, that it is safe to say virtually every voter in Lincoln County would personally benefit from stepping up to the plate and doing their small part.

However, in a classic case of "cutting their noses off to spite their faces," amazingly enough, some folks apparently want to stand on some misguided princi-

ple and "show Mr. Hubbard a thing or two." Instead, if they succeed in running off Ruidoso Downs Race Track, all that is likely to be accomplished is to show all of Lincoln County a thing or two.

That is, to show all of us how fortunate we were, for so long, to have had Mr. Hubbard paying our way for us, in order to keep the track here, and how long it's going to be before anything resembling the quality of life we now enjoy returns to our little

paradise once the golden goose has flown away.

Ironically, the fruit of all their negative labors will have been to put a lot more money "into the pockets of a millionaire," while taking what were Lincoln County's jobs and economic benefit from the track, and placing them into the coffers of some other lucky community somewhere else. Hello! Let's all wake up and smell the coffee here, people.

Pat Guthrie Ruidoso

NEWSFLASH!!

EVEN OPPONENTS OF THE BUSINESS RETENTION PLAN AGREE WITH US

At Tuesday's debate before the Rotary Club of Ruidoso, opponents of the Business Retention Plan revealed that supporters have the facts on their side. Consider the following when you vote:

On the impact of the Ruidoso Racetrack and Casino leaving Lincoln County, opponents say...

"My home value would go down and my taxes would go up."

– Glynis Racine, at the Ruidoso Rotary Club debate, 8/31/2010

On the Business Retention Plan costing just \$19 a year, opponents say...

"That figure is correct."

– Glynis Racine, at the Ruidoso Rotary Club debate, 8/31/2010

On where opponents came up with their own figure of \$114, opponents say...

"I didn't do the math. At the time it made sense."

– Glynis Racine, at the Ruidoso Rotary Club debate, 8/31/2010

On their claim that the racetrack only accounts for 3% of our economy, opponents say...

"I really don't know how we came up with that. I'm not an economist."

– Glynis Racine, at the Ruidoso Rotary Club debate, 8/31/2010

The truth about what a YES vote for the Business Retention Plan will do:

- Help level the playing field. Currently the Mescalero Casino pays the state 9% while the racetrack casino pays 26%!
- Expire in five years, or sooner if Santa Fe addresses the disparity between the casinos
- Retain more than 1,000 racetrack related jobs and over \$45 million in economic activity
- Protect our jobs and our economy, but will not increase the cost of your mortgage, rent, prescription medicine, health care, gasoline or basic groceries

IT'S TIME FOR LINCOLN COUNTY TO...

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estimating 65 percent of the GRT designated for the track, an amount capped at \$750,000 annually. If more money is collected, it could be distributed to economic development efforts or higher education.

As a radio commercial in support of the business retention tax states, the racetrack must be valuable to an economy or why would so many other towns want it.

Ken Miyagishima, the mayor of Las Cruces said, "I personally don't want to take Ruidoso Downs away from the village, but if the tax doesn't pass, we'd be more than happy to try to accommodate the track. I think the loss would really hurt your economy."

"Ruidoso is one of the bragging places for eastern New Mexico. Most are in the north, and I'm a big cheerleader for the village. I've often thought I would like a second home there for the cool climate. But as I reminded my council, when 70 percent of our budget here is fed by gross receipts taxes, without businesses to pay it, we can't have all the great things, because there is no way to pay for them."

Raton fallout

What better way to judge the impact of losing a racetrack than to talk to residents of a town that already went through the trauma.

Chuck McGuire, who trained horses for years and came up every summer to Raton to race, said the loss of the track there was "devastating in every way." "Businesses closed, motels closed, restaurants, everything," he said.

McGuire grew up in Raton and his father knew several trainers, who started the young boy out cleaning stalls. He eventually moved to riding horses in the 1950s. The old track opened in 1946 and the horsemen loved it for the climate, he said, adding, "The horses run better."

Over the years the track changed hands a few times, but eventually, the opening of Indian casinos killed it in 1992, he said.

"The purses got too small and the horsemen couldn't afford to run for them and went to places with more money," McGuire said. "The townspeople tried to keep it, but with the casinos, they couldn't compete. Now we're hopeful we'll get a new race track and casino."

Raton was selected for the fifth racino in the state, but the developer ran into financial difficulties, the license was revoked by the New Mexico Racing Commission and he has appealed.

The proliferation of cas-

inos is the problem, because the bettors are spread out, McGuire said. "On New Mexico Highway 285 out of Santa Fe, there are five or six casinos. Between Santa Fe and Albuquerque there's another, and one south and two west of Albuquerque. They all hurt Albuquerque Downs, as Mescalero (Inn of the Mountain Gods & Casino and the Apache Travel Center) hurts Ruidoso Downs," he said. "If Ruidoso loses that track, that town will dry up. That's what supports the whole town. I've raced horses there too."

Frank Cimino, a car dealer, said Raton's population dropped from 8,500 to about 6,500 when it received the double whammy of the track being shut down and the last coal mine closing within a short period of each other. The mine employed about 200 people and the track a couple of hundred, he said. "So it was a real setback," Cimino said.

Besides business closures, the general mood in town changed, he said. A sort of gloom hung over everyone.

"When it looked like we might get a new track and casino; a town hall meeting at the Shuler Theater was packed and everyone was optimistic. They were talking 300 full-time jobs. Now (with the licensing appeal pending), everyone is deflated again," he said. "We've formed a committee to help get investors lined up. It's been a downer."

His car business saw a surge two months ago with walk-in traffic, he said. He can only imagine what a new racetrack and casino would bring, especially one with year-round slot machines. "It would make a big difference," Cimino said.

Also indicating an interest in claiming the Ruidoso Downs Race Track for their areas are officials from Clovis and Alamogordo. Each is putting together a package of incentives.

When Clovis was facing possible closure of Cannon Air Force Base, their economic studies estimated up to a 26 percent reduction in jobs, said Chase Gentry with that city's economic development group.

"We never lost the base, but we were on the list to lose it," he said. "We know what a community goes through. We did lose the fighter wing and went down about 1,400 jobs. We went through 18 months trying to save the base. We took a hard look at what would happen."

Kathryn Minter, who won the Republican primary for a seat on the Lincoln County Commission, said she doesn't care if other communities recruit with incentive packages, that's not the way to go.

"Why recruit? If government offers a special deal to

one business, it's not fair to the others," she said. "You need to have a community with low taxes, great schools, good emergency services and a welcoming, healthy environment."

Recruiting a 'bribe'

"If you make a deal, it's a bribe and won't work. They will come for a while and then leave. Look at the city of Alamogordo. They've recruited and then lost three businesses."

Edward Greenlee, Certified Public Accountant and Personal Financial Specialist, who recently moved from the Ruidoso area to Oklahoma City, but formed some opinions during his time in Lincoln County, said officials must begin looking outside the traditional history of the village.

"Here in the Oklahoma City area racing and casinos are thriving, so the need to travel to Ruidoso for gambling is not a draw any longer," he said. "What makes Ruidoso unique are its mountains, cool climate, golf, high altitude sporting, culture, art and music. I have clients in the 25- to 40-year age range who have been to Ruidoso, and I have inquired into why they do not return. Most do not gamble, but they represent the future tourist base needed."

The reasons they cited for selecting other vacation destinations were a lack of nightlife and sporting activities, Greenlee said. To answer that criticism, he suggested creating an entertainment district.

"Hold a music festival with cash prizes to draw competitors. Funny how \$25,000 can be raised for a special election, when \$25,000 in cash prizes could be provided for a wide array of events year-long," Greenlee said.

As for sporting activities, more emphasis could be placed on mountain biking and forest challenge courses. While river kayaking and rafting don't fit the Rio Ruidoso, unique sporting events such as an EcoChallenge could be considered, possibly staging events in a designated EcoChallenge Park, Greenlee said.

The first Eco-Challenge took off April 25, 1995, in the Utah desert and was run each year in a new locale until 2002. Each team consisted of a mandatory mix of both men and women, racing non-stop, 24 hours a day, over a rugged 300-mile course, participating in trekking, whitewater canoeing, horseback riding, sea kayaking, scuba diving, mountaineering, camelback riding and mountain biking.

"I saw a Weather Channel presentation showing people in obstacle courses up in the trees," Greenlee said. "The place was Nema-colin Resort and its team-building activities. We tried to introduce the same

concept with an EcoChallenge park and EcoChallenge competition, possibly included in the same time frame as a Festival of the Forest."

Post-secondary educational opportunities can be a big draw and a solid economic underpinning for a community, he said.

"I have written in-depth about the role a major university would have on economic diversity," Greenlee said. "We moved to Norman, Okla., rated the sixth-best place in the United States for career and quality of life. Part of the reason is the proactive community and the University of Oklahoma, which draws tourism for its museums, athletics and academics and the young educated workforce it also attracts."

"A University alone would provide much of what Ruidoso seeks and was part of the comprehensive plan at some point in time. Yet it seems to have been killed. Ruidoso's climate and beauty must be used for its future survival."

While he plans to return to Ruidoso for vacations to enjoy the outdoors, "I will not be returning as a business or homeowner. As I learned in the 1980's, when Oklahoma City began losing business, it can take 10 to 15 years to recoup, once a plan is even deemed critical. At this stage of my career, I do not have that much time for a recovery."

Ray Alborn, elected mayor of Ruidoso in March, assembled a long list of alternatives to pursue whether the business retention tax passes or fails, including using the track for high altitude training camps, extreme sports and Motocross to appeal to a younger crowd.

"I'm not opposed to Mr. Hubbard, horse racing or the race track," he said. "Speaking from the (Lincoln County) Food Bank perspective (where he serves as volunteer president), we are averaging 25 to 28 clients per opening, including the track workers," he said. "I'm glad that the voters of Lincoln County will have the opportunity to consider the increase in gross receipts tax. I speak only for myself as a private citizen, not for the Village of Ruidoso, when I say I am opposed to raising any taxes. I hope the track can stay because, of course, it has historical significance. One of the concerns I have is that this vote will divide the community."

"Regardless of what happens with the track, Ruidoso needs to diversify so we are not completely dependent upon one industry. Because of the climate, wildlife, mountain scenery, if they'll come to Ruidoso one time, they'll return."

Alborn said he's keeping in mind that PNM, which provides electricity to Ruidoso, has filed for a sig-

nificant rate increase that also will hit residents and second home owners, not only because the rate is higher, but because it will affect the gross receipt tax they pay on their power bills, he said.

"I talk to a lot of people and they don't realize they're paying GRT on their monthly electric bills, and they pay when they go to see a lawyer," Alborn said. "The GRT is a tax on goods and services. The state Legislature also is considering going back to a tax on food and removing the 'hold harmless' payment to the village, which would cost us a bunch of money."

"There so many things we haven't pursued. We've marketed the Ruidoso Convention Center poorly. The Lobos at the University of New Mexico want a five-year commitment (for pre-season annual practice in Ruidoso). Think of the publicity. The Inn of the Mountain Gods (owned by the Mescalero Apache Tribe) is an asset. People come here and gamble, golf, ride paddle boats and horses."

The 'fright factor'

"I was at the library the other day and people came up to me and said what a beautiful place and they will be back with their families for vacation," Alborn continued. "Just drive down to Midtown at 1:30 p.m. on the weekends, after the races start and see the crowds shopping. The crowd is so thick. I hope the track stays. Nothing against Hubbard or the track. It's not just the tax. I don't like the fright factor. This area is not just a one-trick pony anymore. The racetrack is not the only game in town." He named a dozen events that draw huge crowds annually, such as the Mountain of Blues Festival, Old Lincoln Days and Fort Stanton Live, several art shows and two motorcycle rallies.

Lincoln County Commissioner Jackie Powell said much the same thing. The county and the Ruidoso area have evolved and changed over the years and may have to do it again, but it will survive and maybe come out the other end better, she contended.

Some of Alborn's ideas to enhance area tourism includes heavier marketing of the renovated Ruidoso Convention Center; continued pushing of baseball, softball and bowling tournaments; and continued effort to build mountain biking trails - a sport that requires low capital investment, is eco-friendly and encourages family participation and a healthy lifestyle.

The village already embarked on a special relationship as a recreation retreat for 40,000 military families from Fort Bliss, Holloman Air Force Base and Cannon Air Force Base. Hiking, camping and

RVing in the area is nearly unlimited with the White Mountain Wilderness, Lincoln National Forest, Bonito Lake and trails throughout the village, the mayor said.

Racing is not the only outlet for those devoted to horses, he pointed out. Other types of equestrian events could be staged at the track and at other private facilities, as well as encouraging a long-time favorite of visitors, horseback riding on trails for all abilities and ages.

Having just returned from Aspen, Alborn said a wine festival, which is a big hit in that resort community and in Las Cruces, could be fostered locally. More festivals could be developed at Wingfield Park and more crafts and art shows could be centralized there. Fun runs, marathons, triathlons and Iron Man competitions attract runners and could be scheduled nine months out of the year, he said. His list includes national dance competitions that could bring large groups of dancers, parents and friends representing 20 to 30 dance studios from around the nation for a week-long event; pushing the film industry in Lincoln County; a high school coaches clinic in July or August; junior golf tournaments; more emphasis on aviation events at the municipal airport; development of more winter sports to complement skiing; and for those seeking a healthy lifestyle, spas, workout studios and therapy centers.

An entirely different approach might be to stop emphasizing tourism and focus on bringing in industries that can function by long-distance over computers, a mountain version of Silicone Valley. Or stick with tourists, but devote more effort to promote the Fort Stanton and Lincoln State Monuments, as well as other points of historical interest in the county, or those that compliment "green" pursuits, as G. J. Ashworth from the University of Groningen in the Netherlands outlined in his study on the need for tourist destinations to constantly reinvent themselves to avoid decline.

In Australia, Monash University of Business and Economics produced a study titled, "Imagined Villages: Reinvesting Australian Historic Towns as Tourist Fantasies." The government deliberately renamed towns as "villages," promoting their themed "quaintness," with boutiques, antique jewelry shops, cobblestone streets and cottages.

"Recent marketing campaigns have tended to emphasize the intangible experience, promising adventure, mystery and rejuvenation rather than just the tangible facilities and shopping," according to the study.

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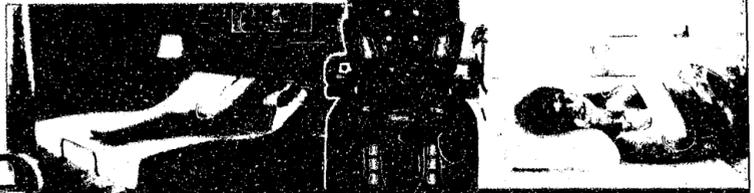
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Gross receipts tax has numerous consequences

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While proponents of the track tax have said it would cost \$18.75 in new taxation for every \$10,000 spent, some point out that many groceries and drug products are exempt from the gross receipts tax, and the impact would be less.

A food expenditures report by the United States Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service put the percentage of food expenditures by families or individuals in 2008 at 5.6 percent of disposable income.

The 5.6 percent level represents food purchases from grocery stores and other retail outlets. It excludes food bought at a restaurant, which is subject to the gross receipts tax.

The data is on a national level. A different Economic Research Service report on food expenditures for use at home, which covered the years 1970 through 1997, had a slightly higher percentage of disposable income spent in grocery stores and other retail outlets.

Yet another report, from the U.S. Department of Labor's Consumer Expenditure Survey, said in 1996, a household with an income of \$30,000 to \$39,999 spent 15.4 percent of after taxes income on food. The \$20,000 to \$29,999 households had food expenditures that were 17.7 percent of income. The data did not break down into meals prepared at home or restaurant food.

But it may be tougher than simply assigning a percentage of tax-exempt grocery store or medical purchases.

"It's a complicated question," Clinton Turner, an

economist in the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department, said of the percentage of spending that is taxable and the percentage that is exempt from the gross receipts tax.

Turner said it is possible that the financial impact could even be more than the \$18.75 per \$10,000 in spending.

"It all depends on what categories that spending comes in. This is what we call 'pyramiding.' Even though gasoline is 100 percent non-taxable at the end sale, the gas station is going to use a few things that are (GRT) taxable to sell that gasoline."

To pay the GRT, the pump price may be increased.

"Some businesses will say you increased my tax a percent, it's going to raise prices by two percent," said Tom Clifford, the chief economist for the Legislative Finance Committee.

"My perspective on the local options is we need to be careful that they don't add up to a cumulative amount that begins to become a significant burden on our businesses," said Clifford. "One of the interesting things about the New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax is that it applies to many business-to-business transactions. And one of the implications of that is pyramiding. When you tax transactions between businesses that sort of becomes part of the cost of doing business in the state."

So they end up sort of having to add that into their prices. It's almost like a hidden tax that ends up built into the cost of goods and services."

And Americans have been making more taxable purchases.

A national organization

that works at the federal and state levels on fiscal policy and public programs that affect low- and moderate-income families and individuals reported in 2009 that household spending has been shifting from goods to services for decades.

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities said consumption of services rose from 31 percent to 45 percent of total household purchases from 1970 to 2007.

And while Americans have seen the percentage of income spent for groceries drop from 20.3 percent in 1929, to 5.6 percent in 2008, the amount spent eating out, which is taxable, has risen.

Other major purchases, such as a home or a vehicle do not have a GRT.

Consequences

Original legislation would have had the state provide a gaming tax break for the Ruidoso Downs Race Track's casino. That was replaced by the measure to have a Business Retention Gross Receipts Tax provide the gaming tax break.

But a three-sixteenths of 1 percent increase in Lincoln County's GRT could shift some of the burden to all state residents.

When the GRT on most grocery foods and drugs was eliminated, another change kept counties and municipalities from feeling the financial impact of lowered revenues from the state through a "hold-harmless" provision. The state keeps track of the tax exempt sales and services and makes up what otherwise would have been lost tax income to the local governments.

But Turner said another piece of legislation froze the

level of the state's commitment. In other words, counties and municipalities that have raised their GRT in recent years through a Local Option Gross Receipts Tax, do not receive additional state assistance to cover the new GRT amount. But where a county's population is less than 48,000, which includes Lincoln County, the state does make up the larger difference, if the county's GRT is increased.

"It will cost the state more," said Turner of a pos-

sible local GRT increase. "The taxpayers of Lincoln County bear some of the costs but also the taxpayers around the whole state bear some of the costs because the state's general fund is going to make increased distributions to Lincoln County based on whatever reported level of grocery purchases are made."

Legislation that would have eliminated the hold-harmless provision was approved by the state Legislature earlier this year

but Governor Bill Richardson struck that language.

Local governments believe another effort to end the hold-harmless provision will be tried again in the legislature.

"We certainly think that is possible. We would strongly resist it, because counties are seeing declining gross receipts tax revenues," said Tasia Young, the legislative liaison with the New Mexico Association of Counties.

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Know the facts about the Business Retention GRT

1. Passing the GRT will not guarantee the racetrack remain in Ruidoso for 5 years. The racetrack has the legal right to apply for a change of location and the Racing Commission has previously approved change of venue requests. The only obligation the racetrack has is to pay back all credits it receives. The original agreement between the County of Lincoln and Ruidoso Downs Racing, Inc. was modified by the racetrack to eliminate the imposition of an injunction without proof of damages in favor of the County should the racetrack breach the agreement. If the racetrack intended to stay, why was this clause removed?
2. The 2009 audited financial statement of Ruidoso Downs Racing, Inc. shows \$4.1 million, which is 25% of revenue, allocated to general and administration. No other racino in the state is over 10%. When asked by the Ruidoso News for a detailed breakdown of these costs he stated "We ain't going there." Could it be the 25% includes expenses for five radio stations, one newspaper, a golf course and two breeding farms?
3. The new tax will affect all of Lincoln County and cause Ruidoso to implement the second highest GRT in the state. Higher taxes will drive away tourist business, local purchases and new residents.
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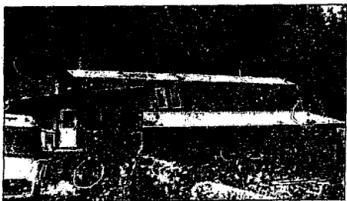
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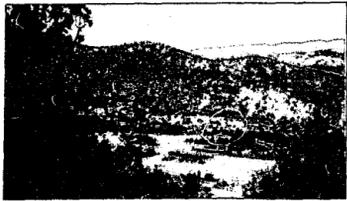
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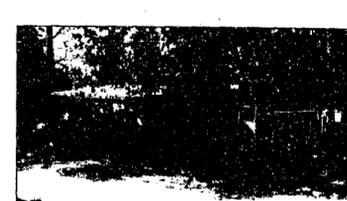
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Louisiana racehorse mounts challenge in Futurity race

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In 2008, Louisiana-bred Jet Black Patriot arrived in Ruidoso for the vaunted All American Futurity. The stallion almost pulled it off, coming in second by a half-length to Stolis Winner in the controversial race.

Louisiana is back ... those Cajun-influenced, Bayou-connected, Creole cuisine-eating Louisianians with their Jambalaya, Gumbo, Crawfish Étouffée ... and oh ... by the way ... another quarterhorse for Monday's All American Futurity.

This speedburner goes by the moniker of Jls Mr Bigtime. And a big-timer he is.

With four wins from six starts (including a second) he's looking for new courses to conquer and his owner, John Soileau, Sr., (pronounced swallow - it's Cajun, you know) and his son, trainer, Darrel Soileau and the rest of the family figure the All American Futurity is just the race for Mr Bigtime.

They pay a \$50,000 late supplemental fee recently and show up for the All

"The people have been great to us. Mr Bigtime has trained well, he's smart and I think he'll run big."

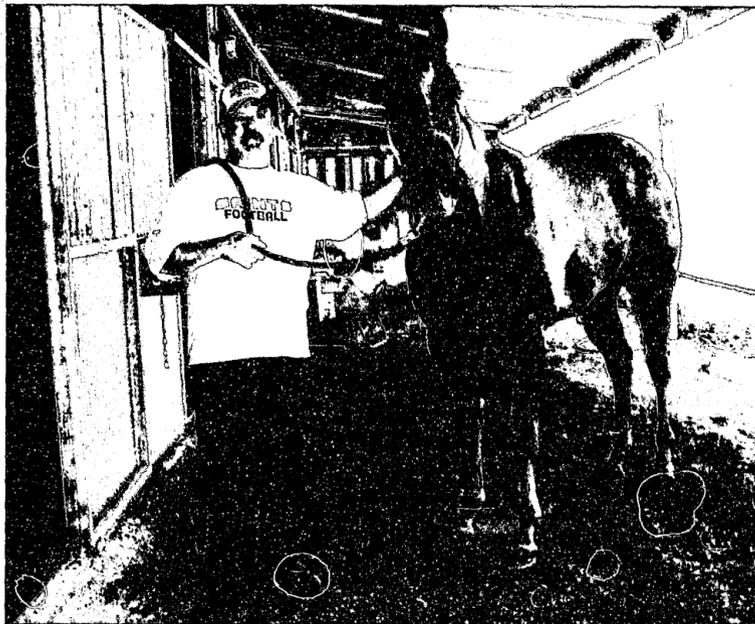
Darrel Soileau
Trainer of Jls Mr Bigtime

American Futurity trials, Aug. 19, and post the fastest time in the 440-yard races with a :21.22. That effort brings immediate attention, front and center, to the bayou racer. It makes you curious. You want to see this gelding, up close and personal.

The newsmaker makes an appointment to view the young, sorrel prodigy and is greeted by its trainer Darrel Soileau. Personable, amiable, and with a twinkle in his eye, Soileau is accommodating and genuinely good-natured.

"Listen, if you want to take a picture of Mr Bigtime now, you'll have to take it of him laying down," Soileau said. "He loves to lay down and I don't bother him when he does. He'll get up when he's ready."

In the meantime, the newsmaker and the trainer sit close, chair-to-chair. As the



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Trainer Darrel Soileau stands with Jls Mr Bigtime who posted the fastest time in the Futurity trials.

trainer speaks he looks directly into the listener's eyes. It's the mark of a savvy individual who's sizing up a person.

"When I was seven-years-old I was working in the cotton and potato fields back home," he answers the "What were your beginnings?" query.

"Sometimes a pickup would come by and someone would ask me if I wanted to go to the races at one of the bush tracks and I would hop in the back and off we'd go. Boy, I sure hated working in those potato fields. Around that time, things were getting better for everyone."

A fortuitous event hap-

pened that would forever change the Soileau family's lives.

"One day my father was hitch-hiking and a man picked him up and offered my dad a job in an off-shore food catering service," Soileau recounted. "My

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Jacky Martin goes after record All American Futurity win

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Jockey Jacky Martin could be favored to extend his All American Futurity record to eight victories when he rides fastest-qualifier Jls Mr Bigtime on Monday in the finals to the Grade 1, \$2,050,000 All American Futurity presented by Sentient Jet.

The All American Futurity winner earns \$1,000,000, the richest first-place check in quarter horse racing.

First post time for Monday's closing day program is 12 noon.

Martin, 55, returned to race riding from a 4-year hiatus in June and is now the meet's leading quarter horse jockey, winner of the Grade 1, \$625,000 Rainbow Futurity and positioned for an eighth All American Futurity victory.

His previous seven wins

came from 1978 (Moon Lark) through 2000 (Eyesa Special). They all came on horses trained by Jack Brooks.

Martin first climbed on Jls Mr Bigtime last December when the gelding was beginning to learn to be a racehorse.

Jls Mr Bigtime showed he deserved the chance to compete at quarter horse racing's highest level at Ruidoso Downs in his first five career starts, all in his native Louisiana.

He won three of those starts and finished second in the \$376,000 Lee Berwick Futurity at Delta Downs.

Martin rode three All American Futurity qualifiers in the trials and chose to ride Jls Mr Bigtime in the All American Futurity. They will start from the inside post position.

Martin also rode second-fastest qualifier Cuz Iba Okey in the All American

trials. The gelding has blossomed in his latest three starts with a maiden win at Remington Park and two wins at Ruidoso Downs.

Trained by Luis Villafranco for owner Wesley Lindsey, Cuz Iba Okey closed in the final strides to win his trial by a nose over fourth-fastest qualifier Make Me Fly.

Cuz Iba Okey was timed in :21.405 while Make Me Fly was clocked in :21.415.

Cody Jensen picks up the mount on Cuz Iba Okey with the eighth post position.

Bobby Cox's homebred Dominyun, one of four Mr Jess Perry-sired All American Futurity finalists, has also matured this summer at Ruidoso Downs.

After a fifth-place finish in his Ruidoso Futurity trial, he has won two races for trainer John Buchanan.

Dominyun was the fastest qualifier to the

John Deere New Mexico Juvenile Challenge, but his connections elected to pass on the finals and point at the All American Futurity.

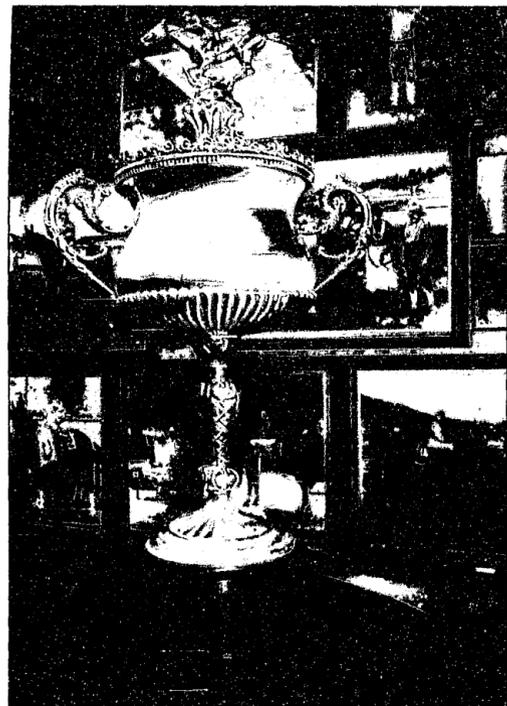
The colt showed that was a good decision when he won his All American Futurity trial by one length in :21.408.

B. Russel Hadley has ridden Dominyun in each of his starts and will be aboard in the All American Futurity. They have the seventh post position.

Burnett Ranches and Johnny Trotter's Miss Racy Jess, also sired by Mr Jess Perry, makes her stakes debut in the All American Futurity with a three-for-three record.

The Blane Wood-trained miss rolled to a 2-length trial win in :21.433, the fifth-fastest qualifying time.

Regular rider Ricky Ramirez rides Miss Racy Jess with the third post position.



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The 2010 All American Futurity trophy awaits Monday's winner.

Record-setting All American Derby Sunday

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Fastest-qualifier Apollitical Jess and Ruidoso Derby winner Double Down Special meet in a trial rematch on Sunday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs in the Grade 1, \$1,548,076 All American Derby, the richest derby in quarter horse racing history.

There is a 12 noon first post time on Sunday and Monday with free parking and free general admission.

The finals of Grade 1, \$2,050,000 All American Futurity presented by Sentient Jet will be held on Monday, closing day of the summer season at Ruidoso Downs.

The All American Derby and the All American Futurity presented by Sentient Jet are the two richest races anywhere on Labor Day weekend.

The All American Derby purse surpasses the stakes and derby record of \$1,319,677 set in the 1983 All American Derby.

The All American Derby is also the richest quarter horse derby held in 2010.

The three grade 1 derbies run at Ruidoso Downs this summer are among the 4-richest 2010 quarter horse derbies.

The Rainbow Derby purse of \$873,000 is the third-highest 2010



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The All American Derby trophy goes to the winner of Sunday's big race.

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Callan Rocks in Sale

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On Friday night, during the first session of the Ruidoso Select Yearling and Broodmare Sale, hip No. 17 is Callan Rocks, who on Sunday will race in the Grade 1, \$1,548,076 All American Derby at Ruidoso Downs.

The Corona Cartel filly, a full sister to All American Futurity finalist and world-record setting Corona Ease, was consigned to the sale months ago by owners R.D. Hubbard, Mike Bello, Bat Masterson and Butch Southway.

"The group of partners who are in on the filly are not necessarily breeders," said Tom Goncharoff, who manages Hubbard's Crystal Springs Farm in Tularosa, which has consigned the filly as agent.

"The plan is to sell them at the end of their racing careers as broodmares," he added about fillies Hubbard races in partnerships. "We were just planning for that eventuality. We think (the broodmare session of the Ruidoso sale is) a really good venue to sell a broodmare or broodmare prospect. That she happened to qualify for



R.D. Hubbard, left, goes over the All American Derby draw for Callan Rocks with Chrystal Springs Farm Manager Tom Goncharoff and his wife Leslie after Thursday's draw.

the All American Derby was serendipitous."

Hubbard purchased Callan Rocks, who was bred in Texas by Evans & Evans and Burnett Ranches, for \$55,000 at the 2008 Ruidoso Select Yearling Sale. She has won three of 11 races and has earned \$11,481 for trainer Paul Jones.

"This is a good filly," Goncharoff said about Callan Rocks, whose second dam, champion Dashing Phoebe, produced champion and All American Futurity winner Heartswideopen and champion Special Phoebe. "She's been knocking on the door and showing us a lot of talent. She just really had a super race in the trials."

On August 20, Callan Rocks won the fifth of seven trials for the All American Derby by a neck over qualifier Shesa First Ratify and turned in the fourth-fastest qualifying time of :21.142.

"It's a neat wrinkle," he said about her inclusion in the sale. "It just kinda worked out that way. It generates buzz for the sale."

Held at the Ruidoso Downs Sales Pavilion next to the racetrack, the sale covers three sessions that begin after the races on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

A total of 539 horses have been cataloged to the sale. The first 46 horses in the sale are broodmares and broodmare prospects.

ROPING TO RACING



G.R. Carter, right, and Chance Gomez won the Southwest Regional USTRC final No. 11 Shootout on Aug. 21 in Albuquerque. Their average time on four steers was 33.64-seconds. They both received a trophy saddle and each won \$5,000 and a shoot-out position at the National team roping finals in Oklahoma City in October. Gomez works at Harvey Feeds. Carter will be aboard Dm Streakin Thru Fire in Monday's All American Futurity and will ride Smokey Stone in Sunday's All American Derby.

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derby and the Ruidoso Derby purse of \$569,000 is the fourth-richest 2010 derby.

Apollitical Jess and Double Down Special, who each raced 440 yards below

:21.00 in their trial, will be the favorites to earn the record All American Derby winner's share of \$774,038.

Rancho el Cabresto's Apollitical Jess was brought to Ruidoso Downs from Los Alamitos Race Course in Southern California to pursue the lucrative purses in the Rainbow Derby and the All

American Derby. He earned the trip after racing to a second-place finish in the Grade 1, \$1,916,000 Los Alamitos Two Million Futurity last December.

The first goal for the strapping colt was the Rainbow Derby, but he was sandwiched at the start of his Rainbow Derby trial. He finished fifth and his

qualifying chances were eliminated.

"He was still able to run :21.370 (for 440 yards) and that was promising," said trainer Juan Aleman, who is based at Los Alamitos. "So the All American Derby trials were our last shot (at Ruidoso Downs this summer).

A \$100,000 purchase in the Ruidoso Select Yearling Sale, Apollitical Jess was bumped at the start of his All American Derby trial, but quickly sprinted to the lead under regular rider Eduardo Nicasio.

He maintained his advantage and scored the one-half length win in :20.878, the fastest time from seven trials.

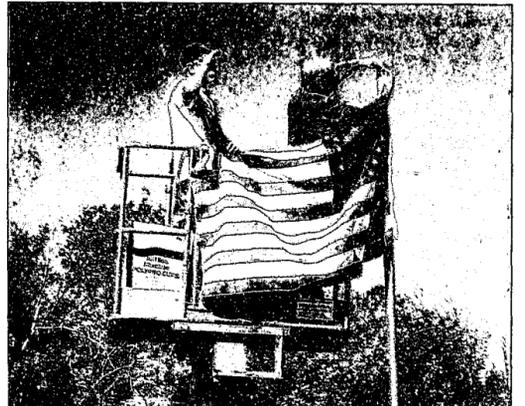
Nicasio has the mount on Apollitical Jess with the fourth post position.

Double Down Special had a much rougher trial trip. He broke slowly while Apollitical Jess sprinted away from the adjoining post position.

Double Down Special pulled alongside of Apollitical Jess and secured the second-fastest qualifying time of :20.957.

"I probably could have made it closer," said jockey Jacky Martin. "But, I knew it was a fast time, so I didn't push my horse. We want something for the finals."

Vanessa Bartoo's Double Down Special, a \$40,000 supplemental nominee to enter the All American Derby trials, earned 7-10 trial favoritism after winning the Ruidoso



Track employees make ready for the big weekend.

Derby and setting the 400-yard world record of :18.613 at Sunland Park this spring.

Double Down Special raced to his fourth-straight win when he took the Ruidoso Derby as the odds-on favorite.

He rallied to win the 400-yard Ruidoso Derby by a neck over Swingin Daddy, who went on to win the Rainbow Futurity.

Trainer John Stinebaugh then elected to pass on the Rainbow Derby and point at the All American Derby trials.

"He had six races (since December) so we gave him a little rest and prepared him for the All American Derby trials," Stinebaugh said.

Double Down Special and Martin start from the seventh post position.

The strong All American Derby cast is bolstered by 2009 All American

Futurity runner-up Shesa First Ratify, 2009 All American Futurity third-place finisher First Corona Call, 2009 All American Futurity fourth-place finisher Favorite Cartel, 2009 Rainbow Futurity winner Zoomin With Ease and Heritage Place Derby winner Streakin Down.

Fourth-fastest qualifier Callan Rocks will race for new ownership in the All American Derby.

Last spring the filly was consigned as a racing/broodmare prospect to the Ruidoso Select Yearling and Broodmare Sale and will be offered on Friday night.

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Top-ranked El Paso boxer trains in Ruidoso

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On Aug. 18, No. 2-ranked featherweight boxer, Antonio Escalante of El Paso, rolled into Ruidoso for five intense training days at the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs.

The WBO pugilist tips the scales at 126 pounds and has lightning-quick hands.

As he clockwise-circles his sparring partner, lefty, Fidel Maldonado, Escalante bobs and weaves, his head constantly moves — as it should — and jabs come from nowhere.

If you blink, you'll miss one or two of them.

He does well, staying

away from Maldonado's power — the left hand.

Born in Juarez, and raised in El Paso, this 25-year-old up-and-comer has almost arrived at his moment of truth.

He's fought since he was 13-years-old, and has battled in the pro ranks for the past seven years.

With a 25-2 record, the El Paso fighter has earned a scheduled pay-per-view bout in Los Angeles, Sept. 18, at the Staples Center, a world-class sports arena.

He'll face off with 30-year-old southpaw Daniel Ponce de Leon (39-2) in a title elimination bout. The winner will get a title shot at the WBO World Featherweight Championship.

Escalante's last fight was Aug. 6, when he took out Edel Ruiz in El Paso with a vicious body shot for a TKO.

Escalante knows the importance of his upcoming fight with de Leon.

"It's one of the reasons he has trained in Ruidoso. 'When you're in shape, even the altitude here in Ruidoso is not that noticeable,' the fighter said. 'But it sure helps.'"

Besides his August workouts in Ruidoso the El Paso fighter spent two days of training in the area in July.

"It's a privilege for us as a youth boxing club to have someone of Antonio's stature here in training," First Baptist Church

Youth Director/Boxing coach George Romero said. (The Rocks boxing club will again hold an amateur boxing night in October)

The Sept. 18 bout at the Staples Center is a big fight between two hungry combatants.

"Both fighters are knocking on the door," representative to the assistant trainer (Edwin Rosario) Randy "Moose" Gomez said.

In Ruidoso, Escalante looked focused, disciplined and ready.

His wife of 10 years, Maria, and their 3- and 6-year-old daughters were in attendance and gave the fighter an added sense of well-being.



Antonio Escalante readies for big fight in Los Angeles.

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father went to work for them, worked his way through the ranks and eventually bought the business. He named his new company the John L. Soileau Off-shore Catering Service, Inc.

His son, Darrel, had his own ideas. In 1981 he started training racehorses and that lasted a year before he joined his dad's business.

He gave training another whirl in the early '90s and came up with the stallion, Burr First Down, who won the Sound of Summer Derby at Delta Downs.

Fast-forward to 2008. A home-bred colt, sired by Bigtime Favorite out of Psalmist first sees daylight at the Soileau-owned, 200-

acre JLS Speed Ranch in Prairie Rhonde, La. where the entire Soileau family, including John, Jr., Darrel and his wife of 30 years live.

The couple have four children — three girls — Jamie, 28, Lauren, 26, Bridget, 24 and their son, Trevor, 10.

"The great jockey, Jacky Martin, broke the colt and use to kid us about entering him in the All American Futurity," Soileau said.

"Mr Bigtime started racing in 330- and 350-yard races and we knew he was fast.

"One time, and I tell you this is true, he got boxed in during a 330-yarder. Rather than wait for a break he ran around the No. 9 and 10 horses from the back, and with his head vibrating, won by 1 1/4 lengths!

"Not too long ago, Jacky's wife, Tracy, called and asked

us what we thought about entering Mr Bigtime in the All American Futurity. 'Think it over,' she said.

"We did ... for about five minutes. Dad, John, Jr., and I were in agreement. 'Ok, I'll take it from here,' John, Jr. said.

"We paid the entrance fee, came in first in the trials and here we are. I'm confident and excited to be here.

"The people have been great to us. Mr Bigtime has trained well, he's smart and I think he'll run big."

During the Thursday Futurity and Derby starting gate draws Mr Bigtime drew the No. 1 post-position.

With Jacky Martin aboard, this could be the second Louisiana-bred racehorse to win the venerated All American Futurity (Eastex won in 1984). Monday will tell the tale.



Jls Mr Bigtime gives his trainer, Darrel Soileau, right, a nuzzle while John Soileau, Jr., left, and John, Sr., enjoy the moment.

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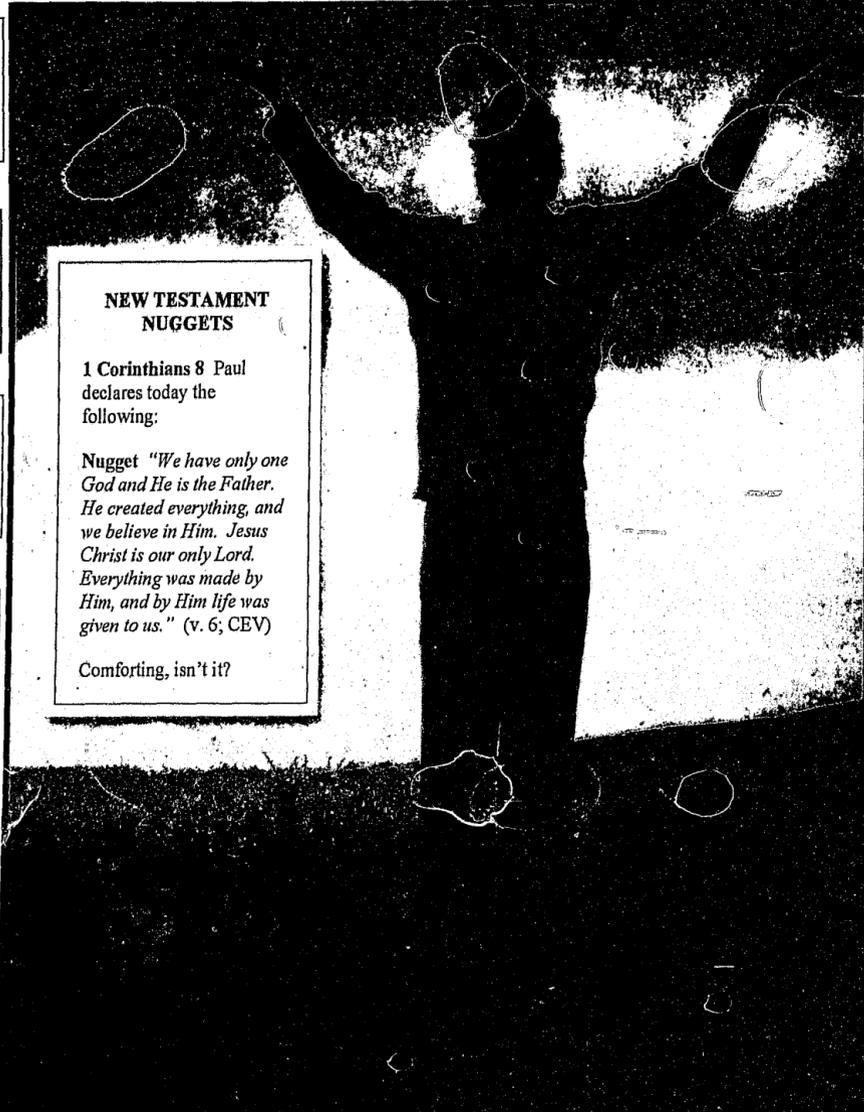
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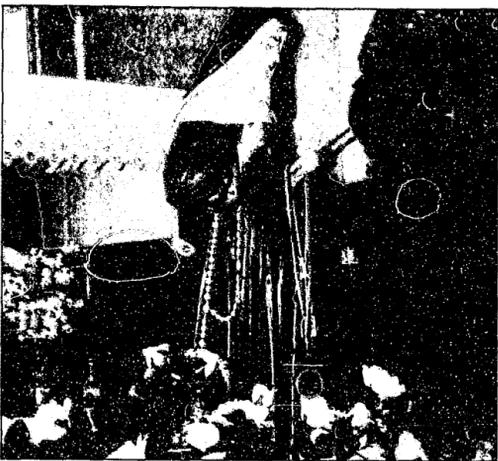
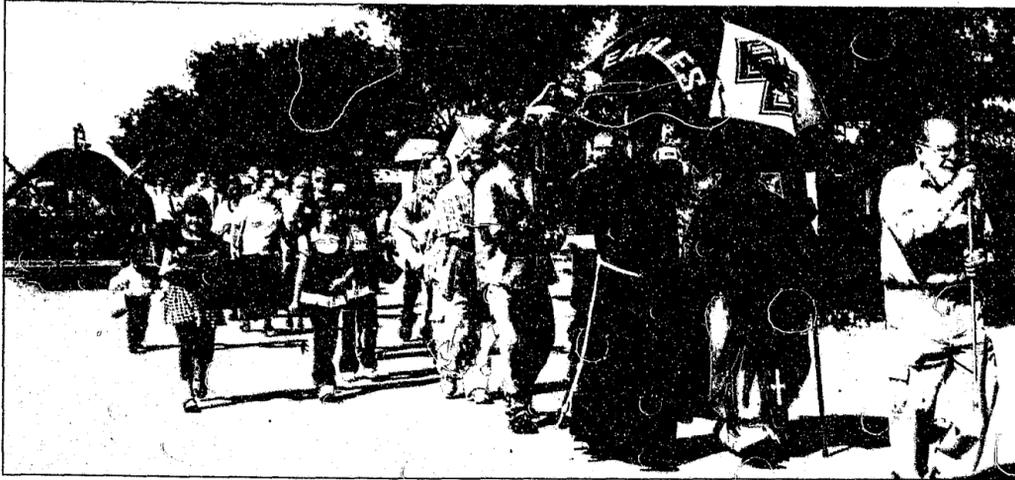
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Capitan - Highway 48. Les Earwood, Minister.
EPISCOPAL
Episcopal Chapel of San Juan in Lincoln
FOURSQUARE
Capitan Foursquare Church Highway 48, Capitan. Harold W. Perry, Pastor.</p> | <p>METHODIST
Capitan United Methodist Church
Pastor Johanna Anderson and the congregation of Capitan United Methodist. White Oaks and Third in Capitan. 505-648-2846.
NAZARENE
Angus Church of the Nazarene Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Rick Hutchison Pastor.</p> | <p>NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Christ Community Fellowship Capitan, Highway 380 West, 354-2458. Ed Vinson, Pastor.
QUAKER WORSHIP GROUP - Quaker Unprogrammed meeting at the Anderson-Freeman Visitor's Center in Lincoln. For details of this and other Quaker activities contact Sandra Smith at 505-653-4951</p> |
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CARRIZOZO CHURCHES

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| <p>ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)
Barbara Bradley, pastor. Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth.
BAPTIST
First Baptist Church Hayden Smith, Pastor.
CATHOLIC
Santa Rita Catholic Church
648-2853. Father Franklin Eichhorst.</p> | <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST
Perry Zumwalt, minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM.
EPISCOPAL
St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel
Carrizozo, 6th & E Street.
METHODIST
United Methodist Church Parish
Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846, Carrizozo. Johanna Anderson, pastor.</p> | <p>NON-DENOMINATIONAL
The Word of Life Church
Rev. Chuck Fulton, pastor 648-2339. 711 'E' Ave., Carrizozo, NM. Affiliated w/the Evangelistic Assembly Church.
Mescalero
Carrizo Christian Fellowship Leonard Kaneshewah III, Pastor. 56 White Mt. Dr., 3 mi. W. of Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero. 464-4656</p> |
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RELIGION



POLLY CHAVEZ/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Santa Rita Fiesta in Carrizozo is a time-honored tradition giving homage to the patroness of impossible cases. Above center, presiding over the ceremonies were Father Franklin Eichhorst, left, and Bishop Ricardo Ramirez of Las Cruces. Above right, Fiesta royalty was, l-r, Queen Analicia Beltran, Fiesta Princess Carmen Tate.

Santa Rita Fiesta 2010 carries on tradition

The traditional feast day of Santa Rita is May 22, but this year the fiesta in Carrizozo was planned for Aug. 22.

A fiesta honors a patron saint of a church. Fiestas focus on Catholic saints and other Catholic figures. Some fiestas commemorate different harvests, important events in history, or the beginning or end of a season.

Catholic Church celebrations include processions in the streets, Mass, singing, dancing, music, games and food.

The history of Santa Rita, patroness of impossi-

ble cases, was read during Fiesta Mass on Sunday, Aug. 22.

Rita Lotti was born in Italy in 1381. At an early age, she begged her parents to allow her to enter a convent.

Instead they arranged a marriage for her. Rita became a good wife and mother.

After many years in an abusive marriage, her husband was murdered and later her two sons died.

Prayer, fasting, penances and good works filled her days.

After much effort, she was finally admitted to the

convent at Cascia. She died on May 22, 1457.

This year's Santa Rita Fiesta Queen is Analicia Beltran, a Carrizozo High School sophomore.

The Fiesta Princess is Carmen Tate, High School junior, home schooled.

The young ladies participated in fund raising activities. The winner was determined by who raised the most money.

They were allowed to keep a small percentage of the money raised and the remainder went to the church.

The announcement of the queen was made at the

Aug. 21, Saturday Mass at the church and the queen was crowned.

This was followed by a dance at the Nike Hall, with the deejay service "All This Music" owned and operated by Larry Hensley of El Paso.

On Sunday, Aug. 22, the day began with a procession down Birch Street with parishioners carrying the statue of the parish saint, Santa Rita.

The queen and princess, attendants and escorts followed their patron saint into the church.

The royal court honored the saint with white roses,

with the congregation also offering their floral contributions.

Santa Rita Catholic Church pastor Fr. Franklin Eichhorst, O.F.M., and Bishop of Las Cruces, Ricardo Ramirez, C.S.B. celebrated Mass.

The choir members, adults and youth of Sacred Heart, Capitan Mission joined the Santa Rita church singers for the celebration of Mass. St. Therese of the Little Flower, Corona, is also a mission church of Santa Rita Church.

The queen reigned over fiesta activities at Fred

Chavez Park. An enchilada dinner and bingo games were held in the parish hall.

Local talent provided music and song for fiesta goers, among them were Fred Lafave, David Median, Alfonso Lucero and Daniel Zamora.

Horse shoe tournaments, children's games, walk, snowcones, food booths, and face painting was available for fiesta goers.

Other weekend activities associated with the fiesta event included a walk-a-thon, basketball and golf tournaments.

Those who want to rewrite history

It is Monday as I write this column. Alice and I were seated at our dining table about seven in the morning, eating breakfast.

From where I sit, I can look out the living room windows.

All of a sudden, a big dark bird, white head, flies up Marble Drive.

I call for Alice to turn and look, but it was too late. She missed seeing the winged beauty of a bald eagle.

From time to time in my Western travels, I have seen bald eagles and Mexican eagles, but this is the first bald eagle that I have seen in Ruidoso.

I am truly sorry that Alice missed it. There seems to be a life parable or life incident story here.

America is changing! Many of our children are growing up without a knowledge of the flag of our country, the symbols of

our country, and the history of our nation.

Some people are committed to rewriting our nation's history.

Some folks are committed to changing our constitution.

Some groups are committed to changing the symbols of our country.

Believe me, I do not worship our nation's history, flag or symbols.

But they represent things of value from the past that we are in danger of losing in the present.

Gibbon, the learned historian, tells us that if we do not learn from history, we are doomed to repeat it.

The American Bald Eagle, as a symbol, represents freedom and liberty.

The flag represents the union of states committed to freedom and the rule of just law.

The constitution represents the guidelines and dreams of men who looked to God for help and divine wisdom to preserve for the nation liberty and justice for all its citizens.

And then, there are those who want to take God out of the circumstance entirely.

After all, they do not believe there is a God a divine being.

Unfortunately, they believe that they are gods with ultimate knowledge, wisdom, power and authority.

So, they want to rewrite the history, the constitution and the symbolism of our nation.

As Alice missed seeing the bald eagle that flew up Marble Drive, our citizens and descendants are in danger of missing the history, constitution and sym-

bols of our national heritage of freedom and liberty. Without the foregoing,

our nation has no help for today nor hope for tomorrow.

Clarifications
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR



Justin Stuffelbeam 28 of Bryan TX passed away August 29th 2010. Justin was born January 23 1982 in Ruidoso NM to Debbie and Randy Stuffelbeam. He attended Capitan high school where he graduated in 2001. After graduating he went on to marry his high school sweetheart and moved to Bryan TX to pursue a career at Nissan as a maintenance tech. Justin enjoyed being outdoors and spending time with family and friends. He is survived by his mother Debbie Berry of Capitan, two brothers Tully and family of Colorado Springs, Riley and Family of Farmington, three sisters, Stacey and family of Oklahoma, Brandi and family of Alamogordo, and Lisa and family of Alamogordo, grandparents Oscar and Teri of Ruidoso Downs and Myron Stuffelbeam of Alamogordo and numerous other family members. Justin was preceded in death by his father Randy Stuffelbeam and his stepfather Curtis Berry. He will be dearly missed by everyone that knew him. Although Justin is no longer with us, he will live in our hearts forever. Service at 2:00 pm at 197 Sandia Drive in Capitan.

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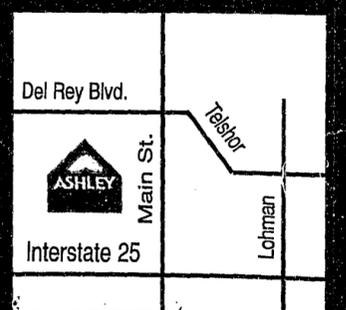
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Willie is back in the food business

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In Carrizozo, Willie Silva is a household name that conjures up taste-bud activity for home-cooked Mexican food flavors and his own brand of Willie's Famous Salsa sold by the pint.

Willie is back. He and his daughter Sandra Sanchez have opened up Willie's Place on Highway 380 west of the four-way stop in the former establishment that was Elsie's.

Willie, 69, sold the Four Winds Restaurant 10 years ago and enjoyed a few short years of "retirement."

We missed the business," said Sandra. "So here we are again."

With Mexican food his specialty, Willie says, "I have worked with Mexican food for many years and over these years, I have tried to improve the quality, flavor and appeal of my plates. We use the highest quality products on the market today and we cut

no corners in our preparation. My recipes are my own and are truly authentic. I personally guarantee your satisfaction."

Offering a full three pages of menu reminiscent of the Four Winds that Willie owned and operated for 35 years, Willie's Place is serving Mexican food, burgers, hot and cold sandwiches, and has a "Spud Center." Available also, are American dinners and lunches including Willie's nearly-famous chicken fried steak and golden fried chicken.

Willie's Famous Salsa is made personally by Willie with the freshest of ingredients. Just enough chile bite and a tidal wave of flavors make it the perfect addition to a tortilla chip or any of the Mexican food dishes. The combination plate in the Mexican food offerings continues to be the best seller.

For dessert, ice cream is available and soon to follow will be Willie's selection of homemade pies.

Months of planning culminated in a final deal and the opening of the doors as "Willie's Place" last week, on Aug. 24. "We are still getting settled but we are up and going," Sandra said.

As two tourists from Colorado left the restaurant Wednesday, they declared it was "absolutely the best combination of flavors" they had ever experienced. A good endorsement for folks that thought they were going to Elsie's as the sign they saw "out in the boonies" said.

While the sign above the building still says Elsie's, Sandra said the changeover for that is in the works, too.

Willie's Place is open seven days a week, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Carry out is available with a drive-up window to help make that even easier.

Orders can be phoned to 648-4200. The restaurant is in the process of getting set up to take credit cards, but currently doesn't have the capability.



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Willie Silva and his daughter Sandra Sanchez have just opened up for business and are serving Willie's reputation Mexican food and more at Willie's Place, in the building where Elsie's Restaurant has been the past few years.

Just about perfect

In my book, fall is about as perfect a season of the year as any of the four.

It is the time when all things that make cowboys, rednecks and assorted combinations thereof the very happiest.

At the ranch, it's payday time. Cattle buyers resurrect from out of nowhere and all eyes, ears and cell phones are on the markets.

Whether the crop is yearlings or fresh-weaned calves, every year is a new episode of "let's make a deal."

The blooms on everything green, nurtured by summer rains and sunshine, are at their peak of beauty.

Flowers abound both in the yards and thanks to the rains this year, also in the fields and on the hill-sides.

While your cowboy might not be big on posies, I guarantee you he's happy with the tall grass and practically gleeful over the fat cattle lying in that grass, bellies full and hides licked slick.

The camouflage corps have their binoculars focused and their weapons of choice tuned while they dream dreams of the perfect hunting season(s).

Let a hint of crisp slip into the morning air and hunters everywhere trade in their hammocks and barbeque tools for game calls and camping gear.

Cattle trucks start rolling down the highways between the ranches and the wheat fields or feedlots.

Every small-town café has a parking lot periodically filled with flatbed pickups pulling stock trailers along with

other pickups loaded with 4-wheelers, coolers and all the trappings of a Cabela's made-to-order hunting camp.

Here in the Southwest, throw in the smell of roasting green chiles to complete the fall ambiance and life is just about as perfect as you can get it.

If that isn't enough to paint a picture of the best of the year, add to the mix some pre-season football that seamlessly morphs into a regular season of high school, college and professional games.

Whether football is your "thing" or not, the onslaught of sports-mania permeates the air, unsurpassed by anything including politics.

Neighbors helping neighbors to get all the fall cattle work done is a jewel

in the crown of ranching.

Calendars are full of marks on dates for the ranch up the road, the ranch down the road and another one an hour or so away.

Those days will be dedicated to the time-honored custom of "neighboring" -- where the work and the fun, and there is always some of that, is shared with folks that know you'll be there when they need an extra man, horse and help.

Now is the time for all good men ... and horses, dogs, kids and ranch wives ... to rise to the call of long hours, dusty corrals, sunrises that bless the "waiting on daylight" mornings, rattling trailers, ready ropes, the smell of sage and cedar, hot coffee poured from a campfire pot and the camaraderie of cowboys working a vocation they wouldn't trade for anything.

The life is not all that glamorous or romantic, but it does have an intangible something that anchors men's souls to the land.

Whether they own it or hire on to be part of it, it transforms an occupation into a belonging and an existence into a passion for living.

Julie, steeped in fall nostalgia, can be reached for comment at jcarter@ruidosonews.com.



Cougirl Sass & Savvy
BY JULIE CARTER

COUNTY BRIEFS

PTA invitation

Capitan PTA invites you to a presentation given by Judy Warren, founder and executive director of Midland/Odessa Area AIDS Support Inc. (MAAS).

Warren's presentation is a deeply personal story with crucial lessons for surviving the realities of today's world.

She also educates parents and warns them of the dangers young people face in their world today. No one remains the same after hearing Warren speak about the realities of HIV/AIDS and STDs.

Warren was a 2004 Jefferson Award recipient for outstanding public service and has been named an "Unsung Hero" by the city of Midland, Texas.

Join the Capitan PTA for this life changing night beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7, in the Cummins Gym of Capitan Municipal Schools.

Join with Warren and Capitan PTA in the fight for our young people and the future of us all.

Bird Club

Everyone is invited to the Lincoln County Bird Club's first fall birding trip on Thursday, Sept. 9.

The drive will begin at Nogal Canyon and end at Bonito Lake. This is a wonderful scenic drive over Nogal Peak.

Among the birds may be

migrating sparrows, seen in our area only in the fall, various flycatchers, as well as other bird species.

Migrating warblers may be present at Bonito Lake. Meet at the parking lot behind the Shell station on Ski Run Road at 7:30 a.m.

Bring snacks and drinks. For more information, call 257-5352.

First Friday

The Capitan Public Library will host Michael Oman, author of *I Love My Life*, at 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 3. Oman will tell about his book and his life, living with Downs Syndrome.

First Friday Adult Lectures are held at Capitan Public Library, 102 E. Second St., Capitan.

They are free of charge. Following the lecture, refreshments are served.

Join the community for an enjoyable evening of learning and a time to get to know others in the area.

For more information, call the library at 354-3035.

CPL Book Sale

Saturday, Sept. 4 at the Capitan Public Library: \$5-a-bag book sale. Complimentary coffee and cookies served. Shop early for the best selection.

Flea Market

First Saturday Flea Market, Sept. 4, 8 a.m. - 2

p.m., at the Central Station Sign Studio across from Roy's Gift Gallery.

Reserve space at 648-5584. A six-foot table for \$5, larger space \$10. Space is limited. One more market scheduled for Oct. 2.

Woman's Club

The Carrizozo Woman's Club will have its general meeting on Thursday, Sept. 9, at 6 p.m., at the Clubhouse, located at 11th and D Avenue in Carrizozo.

The guest speaker will be Beverly McFarland from the Ruidoso Public Library. She will discuss the various services that are available at the Library.

Following will be a homecooked meal served by the Executive Board of the Woman's Club.

The new officers will then be installed by Sharon Hefker.

The officers for the coming two-year term are: President Melody Gaines, Vice-President Madeleine Sabo, Secretary Tona Macken and Treasurer Sue Stearns.

The Carrizozo Woman's Club is a service-oriented group that works for the betterment of the community. The club was founded in 1920 and has served the people of Carrizozo and Lincoln County for the past 90 years. The members extend a warm welcome to anyone interested in joining. For information, call Tona Macken at 354-0760.

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Street fair events start Saturday

Carrizozo's Labor Day Street Fair starts at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 6, with a traditional parade down 12th Street.

This year there will be bagpipers and the Mountainair High School marching band followed with music all day in McDonald Park by Paul Pino & the Tone Daddies, No One Cares and special guest Fantasia.

In addition to music, there will be a variety of food, arts, crafts, cake-walks, games for kids of all ages, a huge rock climbing wall, a community scholarship award, Street Fair T-shirts and more to keep everyone busy seeing what's next to check out.

This year's obstacle course will feature The Gauntlet and other notorious impediments to challenge a kid's fortitude. Trophies made by Mike Lagg will be awarded for the two best times.

Still just a dollar-a-ticket, this year an Endurance Challenge will be introduced to the course.

Sponsors can pledge \$1 for each pass their "agent"

completes throughout the day. Sponsorship includes VIP seating so you can watch your agent's progress. All proceeds will benefit the Continuing Education Scholarship Fund.

Also, the annual "biggest goathead" contest will again be held.

Come see if Micah wins the award for finding the biggest one for the third year in a row.

Since the Street Fair's main goal is to raise funds for scholarships, there is now a Carrizozo Community Scholarship.

Folks can drop in their nickels, dimes and dollars or donate \$25 and get a free recycled t-shirt as well as sign the brag board showing their support.

The auction for the "go green" recycled creations will be held Saturday, Sept. 4, at the Valle Del Sol Golf Course.

Free munchies will be available at 5 p.m. as folks look over the displayed items.

The auction will start at 6 p.m., with Frank Walker doing the honors.

If you're not into auc-

tions, a golf scramble with prizes will be held at the Valle del Sol Golf Course Saturday morning at 8 a.m. Four teams for 18 holes of golf will cost \$160 per team (\$40 per person).

Hungry players can enjoy breakfast and/or coffee at the restaurant before starting off their weekend with a hole-in-one while supporting Carrizozo scholarships.

Details are at www.carrizozostreetfair.org or contact chairman J'Lane Zamora at 575-648-2802.

Come join the fun. And check out our owly bird mascot created by Mike Lagg from recyclables. He'll be watching over the events from the Sponsor's seating at the Obstacle Course.

Watch for and use the recycling containers to toss your plastic bottles and cans into.

And one last thing. The Street Fair does plan to have a bike rally near the end of October so bikers can enjoy the beautiful aspen trees in full bloom. Watch for more information coming soon.



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You have a choice of either a half bushel or a full bushel of chiles. We will carry four flavors – mile, hot, extra-hot and Big Jims.

So follow the aroma of roasted chiles to your Lawrence Brothers IGA.

Green Chile

The following instructions for roasting and freezing green chile are adapted from information provided by the New Mexico Department of Agriculture.

Choose chile that is bright green, smooth, symmetrical, heavy for its size, mature, and crisp.

Wear rubber gloves when handling chiles to protect hands and provide adequate ventilation while roasting or peeling.



Blistering

Roasting or blistering the chile will remove the tough outer skin which can then be removed before or after freezing. Removal of the skin is easier after freezing.

Oven or broiler

Place chiles in a hot oven or broiler at 400 degrees F. for 6-8 minutes

or until skin blisters away from the flesh of the chile.

Range-top

Cover gas or electric burner with a layer of heavy wire mesh and place chiles on hot mesh. Remove chiles once the skin is blistered.

Outdoor-Grill

Place chiles on gas or charcoal grill, about 5-6 inches above heat source. Remove chiles once skin is blistered.

Freeze

Chill chiles immediately after blistering to ensure food safety.

Freeze unpeeled chiles in plastic freezer bags, aluminum foil, freezer con-

tainers, or freezer wrap. Freeze immediately and store at 0 degrees or below.

To peel chiles after removing from freezer, you can peel either frozen or

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Remove seeds and veins at the same time. Remember to wear rubber gloves.



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After a record setting July, during which we adopted out 63 dogs and cats, we came close to July's figure in August, with 54 dogs and cats

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.

Dogs and cats over 5 years of age have an adoption fee of \$25.

At present, we have one older dog that qualifies for the senior rate, a chow mix named Buck.

In case you missed reading the *Ruidoso News* last Friday, we are looking for sponsors for our shelter kennels.



We are selling our cat sponsorships for \$150 and dog sponsorships for \$250.

Each sponsor will have a plaque with their name on it, or a company or organization name or a name memorializing a passed love one.

To purchase a sponsorship, call the shelter office at telephone number 575-257-9841.

The Remodel Shop is closed permanently.

Ralph, who served as the sales clerk at the Remodel Shop, has taken a position with another business in Ruidoso Downs, and we wish him well.

Wanda Seitz, the manager of the Resale Shop, has indicated that she will continue to accept large items and will make every effort to shoehorn them into the Resale Shop.

However, if truth be known, Wanda does not

have enough space, and she is willing to make some fantastic deals on everything she has in the store.

We are planning a picnic for members of the Human Society of Lincoln County members and volunteers.

The event combines our volunteer appreciation picnic with the annual membership meeting that is required by the Society's by-laws.

For those of you who are considering membership in our Society, now is the time to join.

You will be welcome to attend our picnic and meet existing members and volunteers. The picnic will be held at School House Park on Sept. 26, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

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PNM solar plan amended

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A modified and scaled back version of PNM's solar plans was unanimously approved Tuesday by state regulators.

The order, by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC), adopted parts of the electric utility's proposed plans, rejected certain portions, and modified other sections.

"This commission has labored with this case for months on end," said Commissioner Sandy Jones. "The decisions we made are based on fact and based on the record. We have saved consumers money, we've moved solar projects along, and we've included incentives for commercial development."

One part of the utility's revised 2010 Renewable Energy Portfolio Procurement Plan (REPPP) requested a company-owned, customer-sited 10-

megawatt photovoltaic solar program. But commissioners turned down the pursuit claiming the costs were too high.

PNM's proposal to move forward with a company-owned, company-sited 45-megawatt solar program was cut in half with the commission's approval of construction and ownership of 22 megawatts of solar facilities.

The utility said five facilities would likely be built, including one possibly in Alamogordo.

Another component of PNM's REPPP had sought to replace net metering with a "buy all/sell all" pricing model for customers with solar generation.

But the PRC rejected the three-year solar performance plan and instead approved continuation of the company's small and large photovoltaic programs.

Commissioners said they opted for that ap-

proach, in part, because it has a known cost to ratepayers.

Endorsed by the PRC was the purchase of renewable energy credits (REC) from a solar electric facility in Belen and for a solar storage demonstration project that will be partially funded with a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy and an overseas energy organization.

"It's not perfect, but it's a positive step forward," PRC chair David King of Alamogordo said of the overall plan.

"We are pleased that the commission recognized the significance of adding renewable energy to our existing generation resources," said Pat Vincent-Collawn, PNM Resources president and CEO.

"Our industry, along with regulators, needs to continue to look for ways to add renewable power while balancing the cost impact to our consumers."

IGA recruits a new florist

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A real floral section was one of the additions earlier this year to the remodeled Lawrence Brothers IGA in Ruidoso's Sierra Mall.

Leading the department is florist Victor Collica, who has run his own businesses, and had traveled throughout the world, working with flowers for 28 years. His floral experiences began in New York City and included time in Fort Lauderdale.

"I was looking for a change; a place to kind of slow down a little bit. I got a call from Lawrence Brothers. They asked if I wanted to visit Ruidoso. When I got here I said, oh my God, this is heaven."

Collica began working at Lawrence Brothers in June.

"I do everything, from weddings to parties."

It is more than just flowers at Lawrence Brothers. The floral department includes hand-crafted chocolates, in the Sweet Shop USA section.



BETH BARRETT/RUIDOSO NEWS

Florist Victor Collica is pleased with the floral department at Lawrence Brothers IGA, and pleased to have moved to Ruidoso.

Personal attention is available Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday's, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The department is not staffed on

Sundays, but purchases can still be made whenever the grocery store is open.

Collica said he can be contacted and meet with a customer in minutes during the unstaffed times.

THE GOOSE HAS LANDED



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

The new Blue Goose Café is welcomed by the Ruidoso Valley Greeters. Owners Brian and Bill Scott (left/right) are flanked by the greeters at the restaurant located next to the river at 210 Eagle Drive. The Blue Goose Café serves breakfast and lunch.

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JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

The Ruidoso Valley Greeters welcome Rutalee Todd-Jernigan's Farm Bureau Financial Services office to its new location at 1207 Mechem Drive. With Todd-Jernigan are (to her right) office employee Samantha Bates and friend Debbie Rogge, as well as the greeters in blue.



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Lincoln County Medical Center welcomes Lynn Taylor, MSN, CNP, to our growing family of providers. Ms. Taylor is a dedicated healthcare provider in the ER Fast Track, which treats patients who have non-emergent and non-urgent cases, allowing for care in a timely, efficient manner. She has more than 30 years of nursing experience and has been a Certified Nurse Practitioner for the past eight years.

Ms. Taylor received her bachelor's degree in nursing from the State University of New York in Albany. She obtained her master of science degree in nursing from Rutgers University in New Jersey. Prior to joining LCMC, Ms. Taylor worked in both clinical and emergency department settings in Las Vegas and Albuquerque.

Ms. Taylor provides care in the LCMC ER, Friday through Monday, 12 p.m. to 10 p.m.



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New Ob/Gyn joins LCMC team New top officer on the job at IMG

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A new physician, specializing in obstetrics and gynecology, has joined the team of medical providers at the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.

Keri Rath, MD, who was a private practitioner at the Women's Health Specialists clinic in Pasadena, Texas, started at LCMC on Wednesday.

"We're pleased to have Keri join the hospital team and provide specialty women's care to Lincoln County residents. We feel she'll be an excellent fit on the medical staff, while exceeding patient expectations in quality care and satisfaction," said Dr. Gary Jackson, LCMC medical director.

Rath received her bachelor of science degree in biochemistry and genetics in 1998 from Texas A&M University in College Station. She completed her medical degree from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque in 2002. She completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston in 2006.

Rath has family in



Lincoln County and she returns with her husband, Dr. Steven Rath, and two children, ages 3 and 1.

"I think patients will recognize Keri's energy and enthusiasm for women's health, as well as her passion for memorable childbirth experiences," said Jackson.

Jackson said Rath would be at the Lincoln County Surgical Clinic,

Mondays through Fridays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. She will provide a full range of women's medical care including minimally invasive gynecological procedures and laparoscopic hysterectomies.

Jackson said LCMC is dedicated to recruiting top-notch professionals and he believes Rath will make an immediate, positive impact.

The Inn of the Mountain Gods new chief operating officer is on the job. Scott Eldredge was tapped to serve as COO for the facility and the Mescalero Apache Tribe's other hospitality businesses.

Eldredge most recently was the corporate vice president of marketing for Cherokee Nation Entertainment's eight casinos in Oklahoma and Arkansas.

"As the new COO of the Inn and its associated properties, I am committed to ensuring the achievement of long-range goals both for the tribe and the community by reinvesting in the growth and development of the entire enterprise," said Eldredge. "The Inn plays such a vital role in the local and regional communities and I look forward to working with the incredible staff at the Inn to maintain its position as a leader in the entertainment and gaming industry."

Working with the resort and casino's senior management team, Eldredge is

responsible for setting and defining the strategic direction of all Mescalero Apache gaming and hospitality businesses, tribal officials said.

"Scott not only brings an extensive background in gaming, executive leadership and successful property management to the Inn,

but also a business philosophy based on teamwork and empowerment," said Mark Chino, president of the Mescalero Apache Tribe. "As the second largest employer in Otero

County, we play a critical role in the local economy and community, and Scott's breadth of experience and knowledge will help ensure the Inn remains at the top as one of the premier entertainment destinations in the southwest."

Having worked at properties throughout the region, Eldredge has 19 years of experience in the gaming and hospitality industries, including positions at the Santa Ana Star Casino, Golden Gaming and Silverton Lodge and Casino Resort.

He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration, cum laude, from New Mexico Highlands University.



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Gun threat ends with assault charges

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A Ruidoso man, accused of pointing a gun during a traffic incident, was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Pickup truck driver Lynn Martin, 66, was accused by a motorcyclist of pointing a .357 magnum revolver last Sunday.

Martin had been the

police chief in Ruidoso Downs during the early 1970s.

Ruidoso police received a report of a motorist brandishing a gun on Mechem Drive about 1:20 p.m.

The pickup truck was traveling northbound, near police headquarters.

As police units were climbing Swiss Chalet Hill, officers were told both the pickup truck and the motorcycle were in the area

of New Mexico Highway 48 and Sun Valley Road.

When police arrived, the motorcyclist was in the parking lot of the Alto Post Office observing the pickup truck at TR's Market.

Questioned by an officer, the motorcyclist said he was riding on Mechem Drive when the pickup pulled out from a side street and nearly struck him.

He admitted he swore at

the truck driver and used some rude hand gestures.

The cyclist said when he was about to turn into Mr. Burger a gun was pointed from the pickup truck.

He called police and decided to follow the truck to the Alto area.

Martin told police that he and the motorcyclist were stopped at the Mechem Drive traffic signal at Sierra Blanca Drive, where the man on the motorcycle continue to bombard him with belligerent language and gestures.

He said the same activity happened again when the motorcyclist was turning into Mr. Burger.

A police report said when officers checked the gun in Martin's vehicle it was not loaded, but an officer did find six rounds in the pickup truck within reach of the driver.

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RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Aug. 18

4:33 p.m. — The animal control officer was sent to the 900 block of Mechem Drive for a report of a dog bite.

A man said he had been jogging about 8:30 a.m. when a tan and white pit bull bit him.

Tucker Davis, 22, was issued a citation for having an animal at large.

Davis was unable to prove the dog was up-to-date with vaccinations so the animal was quarantined at the animal shelter operated by the Humane Society of Lincoln County.

6:22 p.m. — A dog bite was reported by a woman who was being treated at the Lincoln County Medical Center.

The woman said she had gone to a man's house on Niblic Court to taken him to church when the man's Siberian husky bit her. Because the incident happened on private property and there was proof of vaccinations, there was no citation and the dog was quarantined in-home.

Aug. 21

5:37 a.m. — A report of a domestic incident sent police to a residence in the 600 block of Sudderth Drive. An intoxicated woman said she and her daughter had gotten into an argument and the daughter left. The woman at the location said she was struck in the face.

A police report stated that the woman was unable to provide information, including an age, that would help officers locate the daughter. Police tried to search for the daughter but were unsuccessful.

9:44 p.m. — An harassment incident was reported to police. A woman said a man had called her cell phone and asked for her 10-year old daughter.

The daughter said she could not remember how many people she had given the cell phone number to or any of the people provided with the number. The case remains under investigation and leads are being followed up.

Aug. 22

7:41 p.m. — Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Horton Circle on a report of unruly drunks. En route the officers were told the people were leaving in a vehicle and heading west on U.S. Highway 70.

The vehicle was stopped and the driver passed standard field sobriety tests. But Joe. F. Prudencio, 24, of Roswell was issued a non-traffic citation for a public nuisance.

Aug. 23

4:33 p.m. — A call of a woman screaming for someone to call police sent officers to a residence in the 200 block of Gavilan Canyon Road.

A couple had been arguing and the woman believed her husband was going to hit her after he had gotten "in her face several times."

Gabino Lara, 37, of Ruidoso was arrested for aggravated assault on a household member. He was taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo and held on a \$500 bond.

9:56 p.m. — Police were sent to the Swiss Chalet Inn, 1451 Mechem Dr., after a woman said she had been pushed down some stairs.

Police were told two women had gotten into an argument and one of the women would not allow the other to leave a room. The victim said after a tussle she was able to get away and as she started down some stairs she was pushed.

Karen D. Berry, 52, of Ruidoso was arrested and taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center. She was charged with false imprisonment and battery on a household member.

Aug. 24

7:21 a.m. — A resident in the 800 block of Hull Road called police to report a 42-inch flat-screen television had been stolen. An officer saw DVDs and CDs in the garage of the home and outside which the owner said had been on the base of the TV. A possible suspect in the case denied taking the television.

1:14 p.m. — A man went to police to report credit card fraud. He said he had last used the credit card on Aug. 19 at a hardware store.

He realized the card was missing on Aug. 23 when he went to purchase gasoline. His bank told him there had just been a \$151 charge. The card was cancelled.

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RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE BRIEFS

Aug. 24
5:29 p.m. - A man requested that a report be written because he lost his wallet on Aug. 22.

The man said he may have lost it near the Allsup's Convenience Store on U.S. Highway 70.

Aug. 25
No time provided - An officer responded to the parking lot of Walmart for a two-vehicle private property accident.

No time provided - An officer was sent to the Walmart parking lot for a private property crash. A vehicle had struck a pole.

Aug. 27
No time provided - Police arrested man on multiple counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, and receiving stolen property.

Sean Chappell, 19, no hometown provided, was arrested at and booked through the Ruidoso Downs Police Department. Bond was set at \$17,000 cash.

No time provided - A

woman came to the police station to report there had been unauthorized charges on her debit card.

An officer wrote a report for credit card fraud.

No time provided - An officer responded to an undisclosed location for a woman who said a neighbor's weed-eater use had kicked up rocks that put dents in her vehicle.

The neighbor said he would be more careful in the future.

Aug. 28
4:55 p.m. - An officer was dispatched to the Ruidoso Downs Race Track for a vehicle that had been broken into.

A report of burglary from an auto was assembled. The officer searched areas of the parking lot to see if anything had been ditched.

No time provided - A report of a stolen purse sent an officer to Walmart.

The woman later called the police to state that the purse had been recovered.

A report was still taken in the event any items were missing.

Aug. 29
No time provided - Mayor Tom Armstrong called police to send an employee from the city's Parks and Recreation Department for vandalism at All American Park.

Damage to the lights in the restrooms had occurred. Toilet paper had also been strung all over.

Aug. 30
4:55 p.m. - An officer was sent to Walmart in reference to a battery that happened over the weekend. A report was taken.

5:01 p.m. - While at magistrate court an officer requested the dispatch center conduct a driver's license check.

It returned with a warrant. Michelle Hepner, 53, no hometown provided, was arrested.

Aug. 31
11:02 a.m. - A larceny was reported to police.

A woman went to the police station to report her medications had turned up missing the day before.

She said she had left her trailer unlocked for a while.

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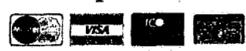
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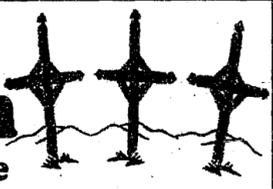
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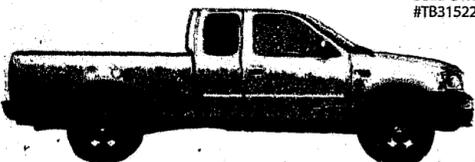
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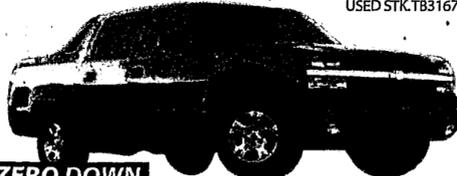


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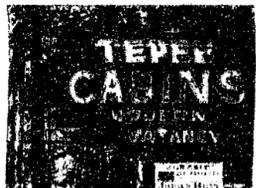
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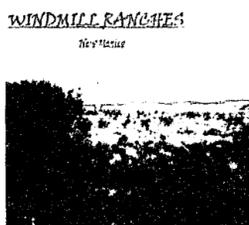
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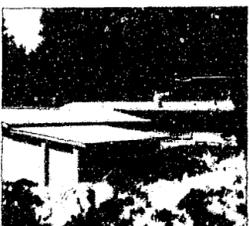
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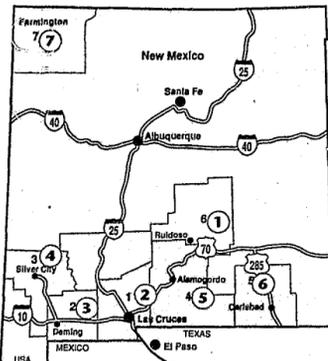
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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME AND NOTICE OF HEARING

COMES NOW the Petitioner and hereby gives notice that a Petition for Change of Name was filed in Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, on the 17th day of August, 2010, requesting that the Petitioner's name be changed from Christopher James-Lance Williams to Christopher James-Lance Estrada. Furthermore, Petitioner hereby gives notice of a hearing on the Petitioner's Petition for Change of Name, which shall be held before the Honorable Karen L. Parsons at 1:15 pm on

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the 29th day of September, 2010 of the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, whereby the Petitioner will request the Court to sign the final Order changing the name from Christopher James-Lance Williams to Christopher James-Lance Estrada.

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ation to this project's request for proposal, please contact the Program Director, Carrizozo Soil & Water Conservation District, phone #575-648-2941 x 101.

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Project Title: Management of Non-Phragmites and the Restoration of a Native Riparian Area within the Tularosa Basin Watershed. Carrizozo Soil & Water Conservation District is requesting sealed proposals for removal of non-native vegetation and restoration of native vegetation. For instructions and a general scope of work that is to be completed on this project, prospective Offerors are invited to pick up a request for proposal from Carrizozo Soil & Water Conservation District, 507 12th Street, Carrizozo, NM 88301. The above address no later than 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 21, 2010. A mandatory walk-through of the project site is set for Friday, September 10, at 9:00 am. Registration at the District Office will proceed from that location. Offerors MUST BE PRESENT at the walk-through to be considered for selection. Additional information is required in re-

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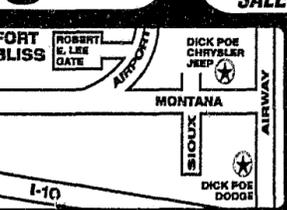
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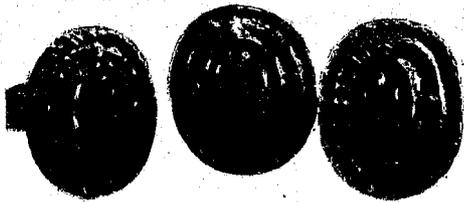
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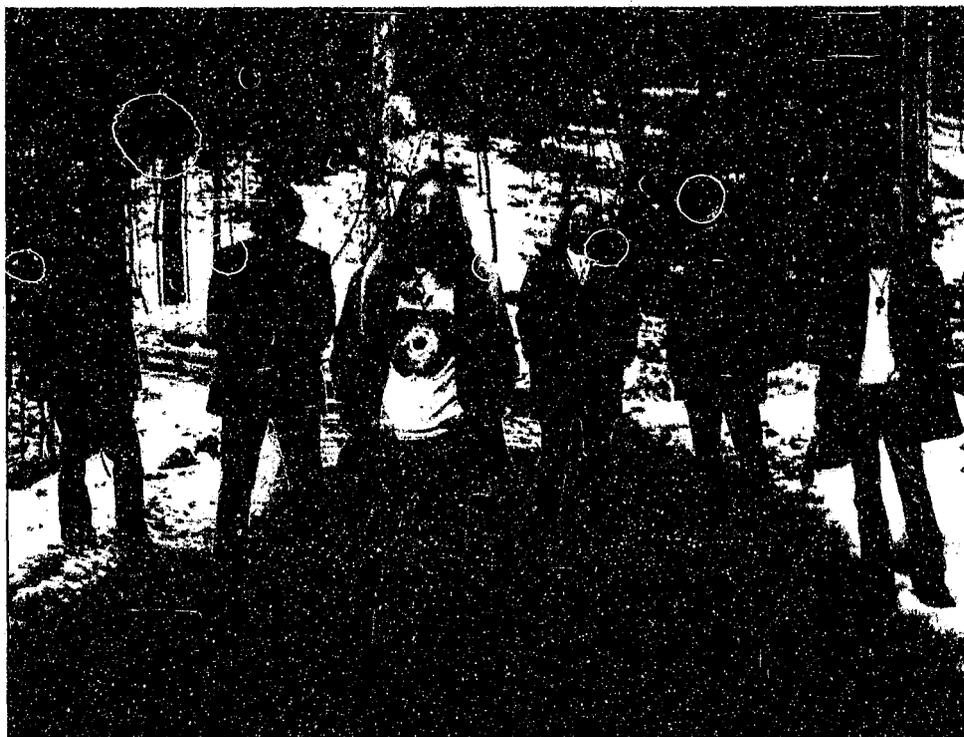
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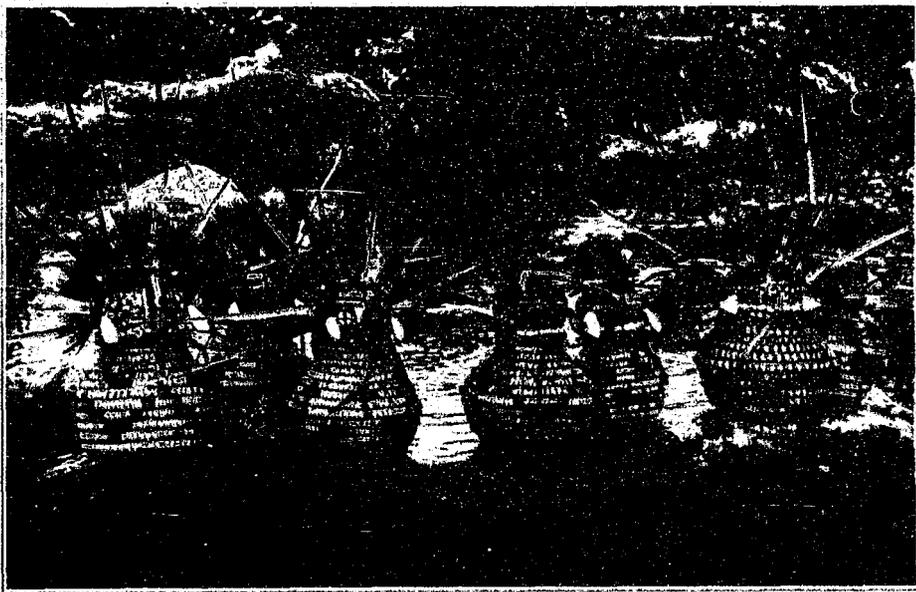
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Cover Story



The Black Crows will be performing at Inn of the Mountain Gods on Labor Day, Sept. 6. Cover story on page 12.



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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.

Book Signing

September 11: (Ruidoso) The authors of *Sharing Moments Over Tea* will be at Wild Herb, 1715 Sudderth Dr., 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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.

Blue Oyster Cult

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

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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.

Tularosa Basin Wine & Music Festival

September 18 - 19: (Alamogordo) Wine tasting, arts & crafts, food and live music. For more information, go online to www.tularosabasinwinefest.com.

Gary Allen

September 19: (Mescalero) Rocked-out country

singer with seven studio albums and 22 singles on *Billboard's* Hot Country Songs charts. Tickets from \$25. For information, go online to InnOfTheMountainGods.com.

Tour de Ruidoso

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

Trinity Site Tour

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

Shades of Pink

October 1 - 31: (Ruidoso) Mixed media miniature show sponsored by RRCA. Fund raiser for Altrusa mammogram program in Lincoln county. For information, call RRCA office at 575-257-7272.

Aspenfest Weekend

October 2 - 3: (Ruidoso) Parade, arts & crafts, chili cook-off, BBQ, car show. For information, go to ruidosonow.com/aspenfest/.

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October 7: (Mescalero) Legendary rock band, with four consecutive triple platinum albums; tickets from \$25. For information, go online to InnOfThe-

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October 8 - 10: (Ruidoso Downs) Cowboy poets, musicians, chuckwagon cooks, craftsmen; Dance to Larry Gatlin and the Texas Playboys. For more information, call Sunny 575-378-4431.

Book Signing

October 11: (Ruidoso) Author Shaughn Marlowe will sign copies of his book *Under the Lion's Paw* at 11 a.m. at Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club, 116 South Evergreen Rd. For information, call 575-257-2309.

Vince Gill

October 13: (Mescalero) Popular country singing star with more than 26 million albums, 18 CMA awards and 19 Grammys. Tickets from \$25. For information, go online to InnOfTheMountainGods.com.

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

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or teams; 20K. For more information, go online to www.skirunroadchallenge.com, or call 575-937-7106

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.

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September 11: (Ruidoso) Proceeds from the race are used to defray mammogram costs and expenses for residents of Lincoln County. For information, email fccfrankie@valornet.com, or call 257-9251.

Chile Cook-Off

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

Casa Blanca (501 Mechem Dr.; 257-2495): Los Mustangs (7:30 p.m.); Jay Boy Adams and the Roadhouse Scholars, 9 p.m.

Club 49 (Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino): Clint Moody Band, 8 p.m.

Cree Meadows Country Club (301 Country Club Dr.; 257-9982): 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 - 9 p.m.

Mountain Annie's (2710 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-7982): Staerke/Master Musicians; 8 p.m.

Wendell's Lounge (Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino): Doug Fuqua and pianist Michael Francis perform on alternate weekends, 5 - 11 p.m.

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

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gordo) Hosted by Flickinger Center at Willie Estrada Memorial Civic Center, 2 p.m. Fashion show, entertainment, door prizes, silent auction, tea and light refreshments. Tickets \$10. For more information, call 575-437-2202.

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 Rey-

nolds 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 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.

Club 49 (Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino): Clint Moody Band, 8 p.m.

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

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

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SUNDAY

Foot of the Cross (2812 Sudderth Dr.; 937-8677) 2 Days Walk, 10:30 a.m.

The Quarters (2535 Sudderth Dr.; 257-9535): Blues and BBQ, 3 - 7 p.m.

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

Zocca Coffee (1129 Mechem, Ruidoso; 258-1445) Mark Kashmar, acoustic guitar and vocals; 10 a.m. - noon.

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ART MATTERS

New Mexico music – in Texas

Ruidoso musicians take Texas by storm – literally



New Mexico music arrives in Texas in a "gust-nado."

BY P. BLAKE MARTIN
FOR ¡VAMOS!

On a whirlwind jaunt into the Hill Country, Ruidoso's Los Mustangs Band and the Aaron R. LaCombe Band turned the world upside down bringing a little bit of New Mexico to Texas.

Beginning at Buchanan Dam, then down to Austin, and culminating in Fredericksburg, we made a little bit of money and a whole bunch of new friends.

About 10 miles from Lake Buchanan, rain started pouring on what had otherwise been a clear day for Tim McCasland and me. Shortly afterward, we

were standing at the door of our cabin as we watched the roof of the motel office tumble end-over-end barely missing Tim's truck. So with a huge thunder clap, and what I guess was a "gust-nado," New Mexico is here folks.

Moments later, the band members converged. Joey Everett and his son Cory, Rich Chorné with Cathy Brown, and Tim and I met Aaron and Sara just down the road at Parners Nightclub.

"Did y'all come all this way just to play here?" asked a wry old Texas cowboy.

"Yeah," I thought to myself. You see, this was a coming home for me. But the romance didn't last

long; it was time to get to work.

We played two sets of country music for local boot scooters. My brother Scott, of Moonpie Dance Band from Ruidoso's Buckaroo Lounge days, had booked the gig for us and joined in the fun.

Then, Aaron told the crowd, "I'm gonna do the only three country songs I know, then I'm not responsible for what happens." They loved it and two-stepped the night away to the Rolling Stones' "Send Me Dead Flowers."

We arrived in Austin Friday evening to play an outdoor concert Rich had booked through Ruidoso part-time residents Will and Rebecca Ponder.

Behind an office complex just south of the state capitol, we set up on a stage and played blues and rock and roll 'til the police shut us down. Pizza was delivered and the keg beer flowed – and just in case anybody's wondering, summer's hot in Texas even after the sun goes down.

We took our time loading up gear. Tomorrow night we'd be looking for the Crossroads Saloon.

Our musician friend, Jay Boy Adams, booked us in Fredericksburg. Tonight we'd be using a house p.a. and sound man. This must be the big time.

Another bit of Texas

trivia: They stay out late and dance all night. The owners of Crossroads asked us to play another hour. We did and even got some live recordings.

Most of the band stayed a while longer, some driving to the coast enjoying an even bigger taste of Texas hospitality. Tim and I headed back for the mountains, two New Mexico bandits after a foray, of sorts.

Los Mustangs Band and Aaron R. LaCombe Band play every weekend at Casa Blanca Cantina. Rich Chorné and Aaron LaCombe are Ruidoso Arts Council Board members.

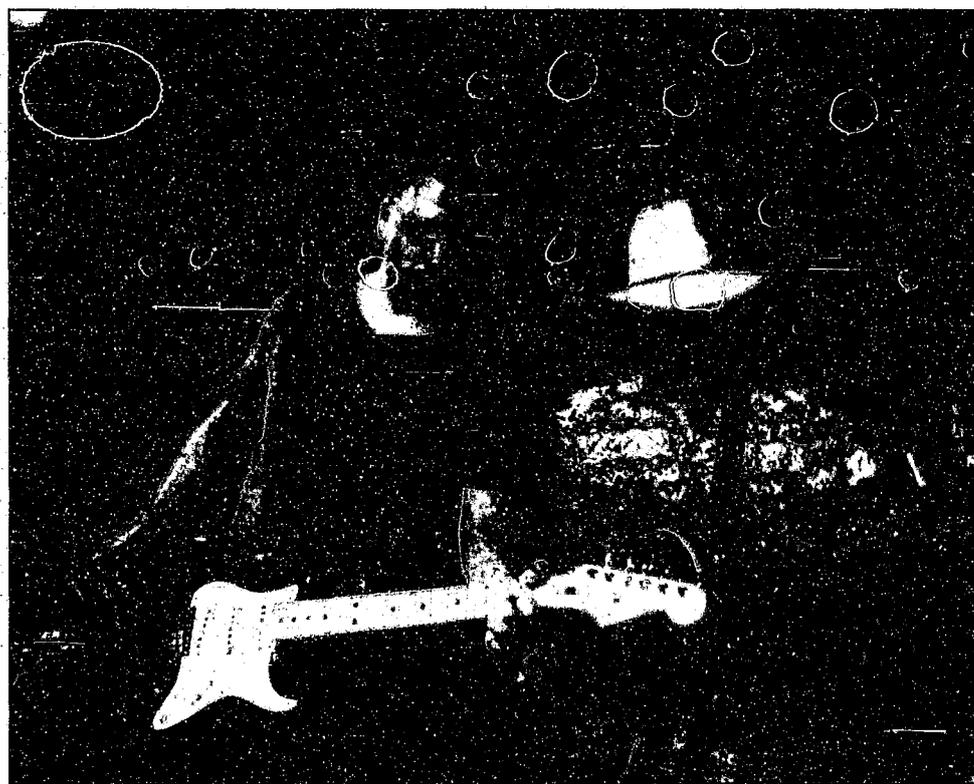
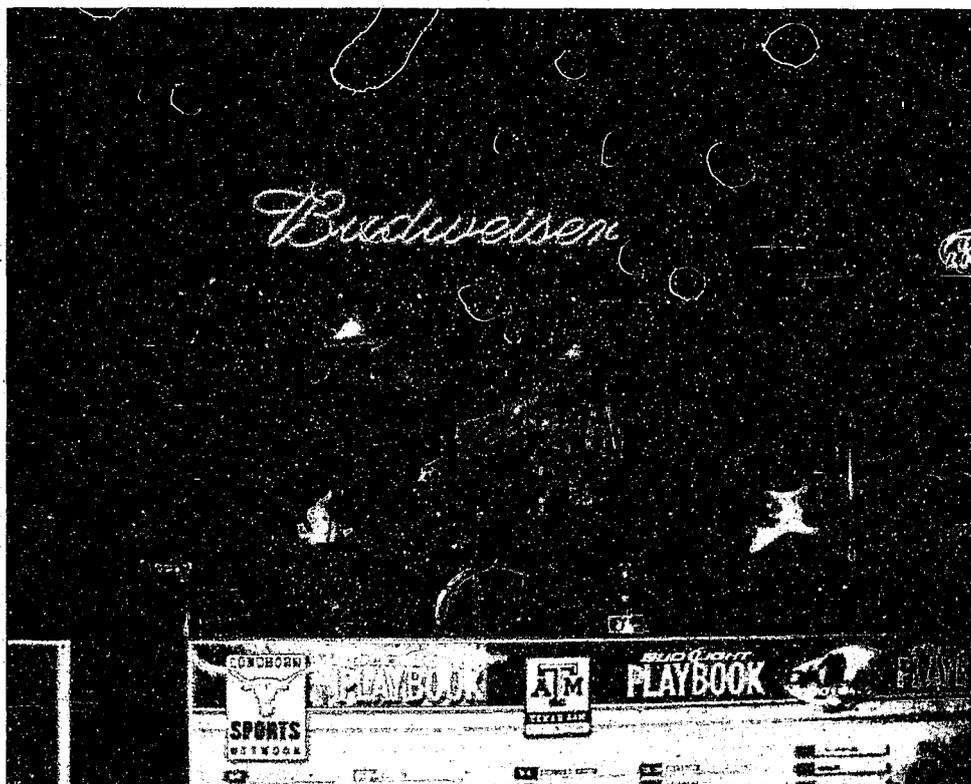
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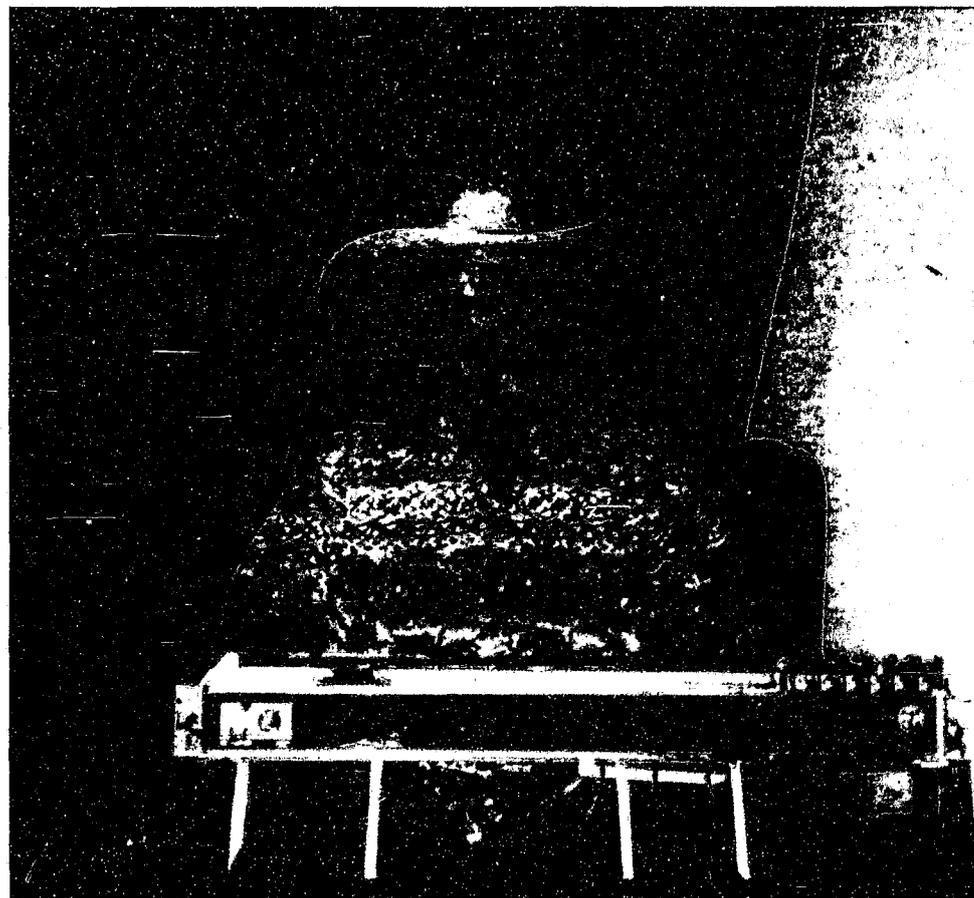
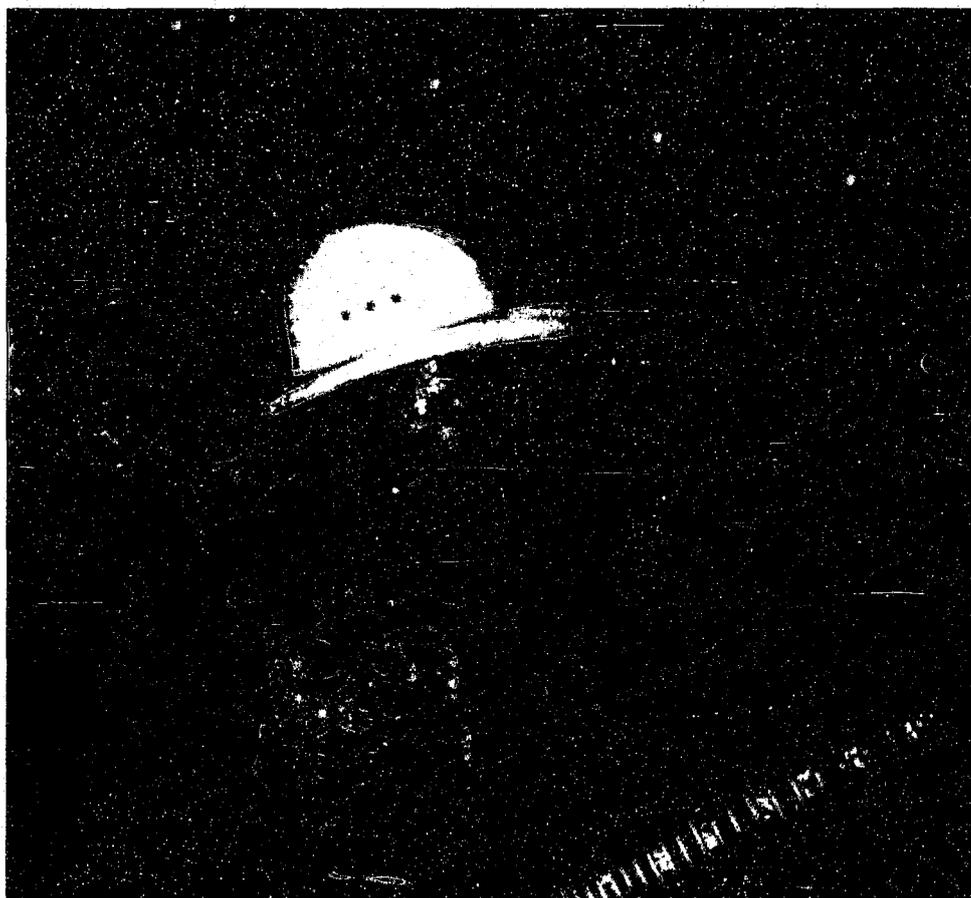
For information on the RRCA visit their gallery at 1712 Sudderth Dr., or call 575-257-7272.

ART MATTERS



Los Mustangs Band and Aaron R. LaCombe Band introduce New Mexico music to an enthusiastic crowd (above). Rich Chorné dons a Western hat with his usual Hawaiian shirt and "goes country" (below).

Aaron LaCombe (above left) performs one of the "three country songs I know" accompanied by Tim McCasland on guitar. In addition to guitar, McCasland also plays steel guitar (below), dobro and banjo.



ART GALLERIES & STUDIOS

Lincoln County

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

James Mack Studio • 1002 B Ave. • Carrizozo • 648-5203.

J. Kiker Gallery • Highway 70 MM 284 in Old Hondo • Featuring John Kiker's oil landscapes of New Mexico, the Hondo Valley and beyond. • Open by appointment only. Phone 653-4510, or contact jkikergallery@yahoo.com.

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Malkerson Modern Gallery • 415 12th St., Carrizozo • Contemporary, modern art • Fri., Sat., Mon., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun., 12 - 5 p.m. • 575-648-3201

Oso Art • 100 Lincoln Ave., Capitan • Eclectic blend of wall art, sculpture, jewelry, wood furniture from more than 100 Lincoln County artists. • Tues.-Sat., 10-6; Sun., 10-5. • 354-2327.

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

Stevenson Art Center • 123 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Artist exhibits & workshops • Wed., Fri., Sat., Sun., 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. • 575-354-8010

Studio-O • 131 Jackalope Rd. in Capitan • Pet and people photography and pysanky • www.studio-o.info,

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White Oaks Pottery • 4 mi. NE of White Oak Township • Ivy Heymann • 648-2985 • Open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed on Thursday.

ZW's Gallery • Highway 37 W, MM 4.7 (the road to Nogal) • 354-4263.

Ruidoso Area

The Adobe • 2905 Sudderth • 257-5795 • www.theadobe-fineart.com • Fine art, jewelry, decoratives.

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Backdoor - the knight-mark collection • 2808 Sudderth Dr. • Hand-picked furnishings, Italian textiles, artwork and luxuries for the home • 257-2270

California Colors Art Gallery • 201 Country Club Dr. • 257-1964.

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

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

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

Galleria West • 2538 Sudderth • 257-4560 • Fine art, gifts, artisan jewelry, knives, fetishes.

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

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McGary's Studio / Expressions in Bronze Gallery • 2002 Sudderth • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon - Sat • 257-1000 • Gallery and finishing studio for world-renowned bronze artist famous for Native-American figures.

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

Mountain Arts Gallery • 2530 Sudderth • 257-9748 •

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

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

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

Rainwaters • 2313 Sudderth • 257-8727 • Gifts, jewelry, candles & collectibles.

Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts • Hwy. 220, 12 miles north of Ruidoso off U.S. 48 • 336-4800 • Dale Chihuly glass art installation • Tours 10 a.m. Tues. & Thurs. with behind-the-scenes look at theater.

Square Moon Gallery • 2825 Sudderth Dr., Ste. E, Boulder Plaza • Beautiful hand-blown and fused art glass, original chalk pastels, and more. • 257-8549.

Studio-W • 1311 Mechem • 258-1117 • www.Studio-W.com • 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Wed. - Sat.; 12 - 6 p.m., Sun; Closed Mon. & Tues. • Representing more than 100 artists showing more than 500 pieces.

Tanner Tradition • 624 Sudderth Dr. • 257-8675 • Since 1872, the Tanner family has traded in quality Native American art and jewelry • one-of-a-kind pieces, contemporary and vintage.

White Dove Gallery • 2825 Sudderth, Ste. A • 257-6609 or 866-257-6609 • Specializing in Native-American jewelry, art, pottery and kachinas. Open daily since 1988.

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Accents in Glass • 434-4182 • Jo Austin's original art glass designs using fused glass, stained glass, mosaics, 3-D, leaded panels, and jewelry. Jo Austin, proprietor. Web: www.accentsinglassbyjo.com.

Pat Beatty Gallery and Framing, 908 New York Ave., Alamogordo • 439-0188 • Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Fine art, work by local artists, gifts, hand-painted cards. Pat Beatty, proprietor.

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

Creative Designs • 917 New York Ave., Alamogordo • Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. • 434-4420 • Ongoing selection of carefully chosen works in all media by local artists.

David H. Townsend Library Gallery • New Mexico State University-Alamogordo campus, 2400 Scenic Dr. • 439-3650 • Sun. - Fri. • Monthly exhibit.

Eagle Ranch Art Gallery • 7288 U.S. Highway 54/70, between Alamogordo and Tularosa • 434-0035 • 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily • Monthly exhibits by local and regional artists.

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ART GALLERIES & STUDIOS

Mescalero

Jordan T. Gallery • 464-2338 • Carrizo Canyon Rd. at Mescalero Inn • Featuring Mescalero Apache fine art (paintings, sculpture and crafts) and other work by Mescalero artists.

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

Stronghold Gallery • 464-7777 • Gift shop & art gallery at Inn of the Mountain Gods • Paintings, sculpture and works by Mescalero artists.

Cloudcroft

Bear Track • 308 Burro Ave. • 682-3046 • Native American arts & crafts, gifts.

Cloudcroft Art Society • Community Center/Library (Red Brick Schoolhouse), corner of Swallow Place and Burro Ave. • 687-3176 • Members' artwork, programs, meetings, workshops.

Cloudcroft Gallery • 502A Burro Ave. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. • 682-3659 • Original paintings, pottery and glass. Unusual hand-made gifts. David and Donna Gordon, proprietors.

Copper Butterfly • 206 Burro Ave. • 682-2765 • Fine arts, quality crafts. Gloria and Gary Wood, proprietors.

Hummingbird Nest • 306 Burro Ave. • 682-2728 • Ceramics, paintings. Kathy Powell, proprietor.

Off the Beaten Path • 100 Clorieta Ave. • 682-7284 • Eclectic gifts, original artwork, wacky wire art, jewelry, yard art, artistic lamps, and more. Berle Van Zanat and Donna Rand, proprietors. Open daily.

Sacramento Mountain Weavers • Weaving studio & art gallery • 207 James Canyon

Hwy (82) • 575-582-6302 • sacramento mountain weavers.com

Thy, Smiling Dog Art Gallery • 311 James Canyon Hwy. • 682-2122 • Original oils, prints, jewelry, photography, metalwork and home décor.



Tularosa

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

Coffee & More at Tularosa Dry Goods • 308 Granado St. • 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thurs.-Sat.; 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sunday • 585-4575 • Rotating art exhibit.

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

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

Jonathan Fine Art • 220 Granado St. • Wed. - Sat., noon - 6 p.m. • 575-571-7848 • Oil landscapes. • www.jonathanfineart.com.

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

White Sands Watercolors



"Rolling Dunes" (above) by Dan Stouffer won the 2010 Paint the Parks Mini-50 grand prize purchase award. Stouffer at Grand Teton National Park (above right).

BY JESSIE HANSON
¡VÁMONOS! EDITOR

White Sands Institute will offer a watercolor workshop titled "White Sands Watercolors" presented by the award-winning artist and instructor Dan Stouffer.

This three-day seminar will be held October 21-23 at White Sands National Monument. It will in-

clude indoor demonstrations, outdoor lectures and hands-on workshops.

Stouffer will guide participants through techniques for capturing the dunes shapes, shadows and various vegetation.

Evening sunsets will provide the setting for outdoor lectures, observation and photography.

Easy hikes of less than two miles with moderate elevation gain and some off-trail hiking may be

required.

The workshop is sponsored by White Sands National Monument and NMSU-Alamogordo Community Education.

To learn more about Dan Stouffer, go online to danstouffer.com. For workshop information and fee schedule, call 575-439-3842, or email commed@nmsua.nmsu.edu, or go online to nps.gov/whsa. Space is limited so early reservations are suggested.



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Cloudercroft Art Society

BY JESSIE HANSON
¡VAMOS! EDITOR

Cloudercroft Art Society artists will be featured at Eagle Ranch Gallery for the month of September. The group is noted for its promotion and fostering of local art talent.

Those artists who are participating in the exhibit include the following:

- Carol Powell – a New Mexico native who has been a professional artist and instructor for 24 years. Powell paints with acrylics, synthetic oils and watercolors, as well as pencil and colored pencil. She is also an art judge;

- Cyndy Nesbit – recognized for creating realistic landscapes and incorporating “hidden” images within her paintings;

- Lyn Canham – draws and paints landscapes “en plein air” with elements of area history.

- Donna Gordon – utilizes and incorporates light in her paintings of real

locations;

- Carol Alvarado – specializes in textile design with marbling, dyeing and fabric printing. She also teaches and creates mosaic tile pottery;

- additional artists include Chris Day, Jackie Cates, Beryl Moose and Bill Binks.

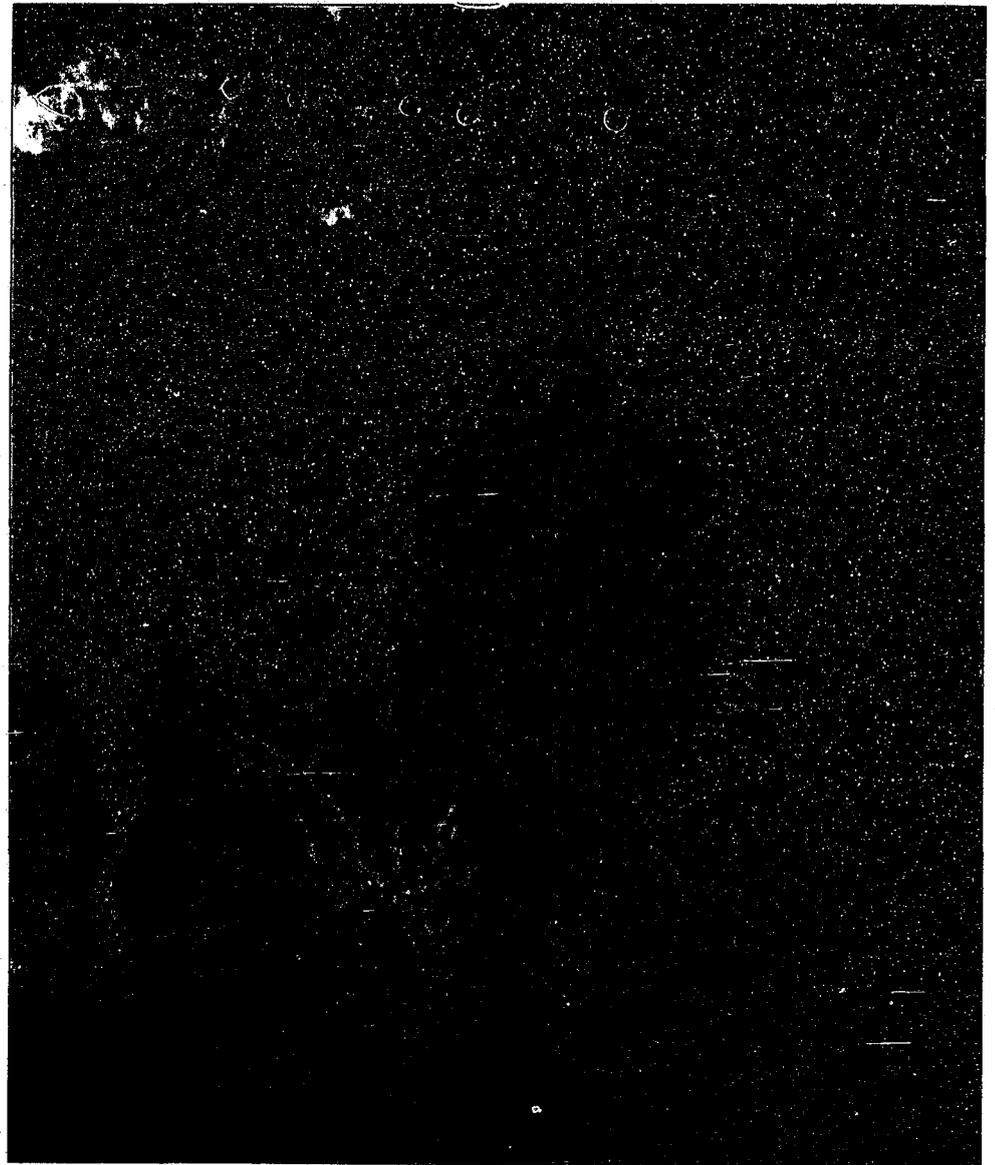
The show runs from Sept. 1–30. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Mon-

day – Saturday and 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Eagle Ranch Gallery is located midpoint between Alamogordo and Tularosa at 7288 Hwy 54 at 70.

An artists’ reception will be held on Friday, Sept. 10, from 6 – 8 p.m.

For more information, go online to www.heartofthedesert.com and click on Art Gallery, or call 575-434-0035.



A work by artist Cyndy Nesbit (left) and “Once We Were Many” by Carol Powell (above) are examples of the type of art visitors will enjoy this month at the Eagle Ranch Gallery.

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Call for proposals

Governor Bill Richardson has announced a call for proposals for the 2010-2011 New Visions/New Mexico contract award funding. The competition is a project of the New Mexico Filmmakers Program at the state Film Office. Now in its fifth year, the program will award a total of \$100,000 (up to \$20,000 per project) to local filmmakers to help fund their original narrative, documentary, animation and experimental film projects. Award money is used toward the completion of existing film projects or the development of new films.

"Each year filmmakers who participate in the New Visions/New Mexico competition raise the bar on the level of professionalism, creativity, and innovation," said Governor Richardson. "I am very proud that we play a significant role in growing the successful filmmakers of the future, and I'm confident that New Mexico will continue to see the benefits of this program, and our film initiatives in general, for generations to come."

In exchange for state funding, applicants are required to provide professional services to the state as part of their contract, such as training other New Mexicans in the industry by providing workshops, mentorship and internships, public lectures or screenings – all free of charge to state residents.

"Past winners of the New Visions/New Mexico competition do often move on to find success and acclaim elsewhere, but many also serve as mentors to beginning New Mexico filmmakers," said Lisa Strout, Director of the New Mexico Film Office. "That kind of interaction and collaboration is invaluable and makes the program the most innovative and unique initiative of its kind in the country."

Panavision, a major supplier of cameras and lenses for the film industry worldwide, is once again partnering with the New Mexico Film Office to provide the use of two motion picture camera packages (HD, 16 mm or 35mm) with no rental charge to two of the filmmakers that receive funding.

The postmark deadline for proposals is Oct. 8, and all applications will be accepted by mail only. The N.M. Film Office will not accept hand-delivered application packets or any paperwork sent via fax or e-mail. A selected panel of film professionals will re-view each proposal based on a number of criteria, including the artistic quality of the project, the applicant's proposed service to the state, demonstrated ability and creativity, and managerial and fiscal competence. Recipients will be announced Dec. 6, and contract work will begin in early 2011.

Trish Lopez, New Mexico Filmmakers Program Director at the New Mexico Film Office, will conduct free informational seminars about preparing a New Visions/New Mexico proposal – all interested applicants are strongly encouraged to attend:

- Thursday, Sept. 2, 12 p.m., Albuquerque, UNM Arts Lab;
- Saturday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m., Santa Fe, Center for Contemporary Arts Theatre;

• Wednesday, Sept. 15, 5:30 p.m., Farmington, San Juan College (via Skype)
Information on additional seminars in Roswell, Las Cruces and Grants (via Skype) will be announced.

Space is limited. Reservations can be made by emailing nm.filmmakers@state.nm.us, or calling 505-476-5604. Applications can be printed on-line at nmfilm.com, or picked up at

the New Mexico Film Office, 418 Montezuma Ave., Santa Fe.

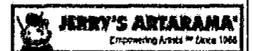
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The Black Crowes

SAY GOOD-NIGHT TO THE BAD GUYS



The Black Crowes have been voted as the "Best New American Band" by Rolling Stone magazine, and are currently celebrating 20 years of musical success with the release of their album Croweology and "Say Goodnight to the Bad Guys" tour.

BY JESSIE HANSON
¡VAMONOS! EDITOR

Labor Day is going to rock when The Black Crowes tour "Say Goodnight to the Bad Guys" makes a stop on stage at Inn of the Mountain Gods at 8 p.m.

Voted the "Best New American Band" by *Rolling Stone* magazine, The Black Crowes have actually been making their mark in the rock music world for more than 20 years.

Vocalist Chris Robinson, along with brother and guitarist Rich Robinson started the group in 1984. Now the band boasts eight studio albums and has performed dozens of concerts and tours.

Originally named Mr.

Crowes Garden, The Black Crowes more than 20 million record sales to their credit. The group, including bassist Johnny Colt, guitarist Jeff Cease and drummer Steve Gorman, first reached success with the breakout single "Jealous Again." Not to be forgotten, is also their Top 40 cover of Otis Redding's "Hard to Handle" from their 1990 multi-platinum debut album *Shake Your Money Maker*.

The band's popularity and success continued with their albums titled *The Southern Harmony and Musical Companion*, *America* and *Three Snakes and One Charm*.

Then, in 2002, Chris Robinson chose to pursue a solo career, drummer

Steve Gorman was let go and the group announced a hiatus.

Three years later in 2005, The Black Crowes reunited for a concert in San Francisco, going on to release *The Lost Crowes*, an album that included material from two of their previously unreleased albums. A tour followed and soon the group was back in the studio again to record another album, their seventh.

Joined by Luther Dickinson, guitarist and co-founder of the band called the North Mississippi Allstars, the Black Crowes released *Warpaint* in 2008. This album revealed the band's new political awareness appeal. It was released in 2009, on a

two-disc CD and DVD.

Still going strong in 2009, The Black Crowes completed their eighth studio album titled *Before the Frost/Before the Freeze*.

Switching it up a bit in 2010, they released the

acoustic *Croweology*, which commemorates the band's 20th anniversary, and followed up that effort with their current "Say Goodnight to the Bad Guys" tour.

For more information

on The Black Crowes, go online to their official Web site at www.blackcrowes.com.

To purchase tickets, call 888-262-0478, or go online to innofthemountain-gods.com.



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Riesling

BY NEAL JONES
FOR ¡VAMOS!

One of the finest grapes used in wine is the Riesling. Now growing well in most wine producing areas around the world, Riesling has some particulars I want to share in this article. You may have had

some very nice California Rieslings. The popular Johannisberg Riesling variety of the grape has been successfully planted across much of California. The same grape is grown in Switzerland, Italy, Australia, South America and other countries. The Johannisberg may also be called Emerald Riesling, Grey

Riesling, Main Riesling and, from Switzerland and Austria, Walshriesling. Today, you might find Riesling wine made outside of the four main German Riesling areas and the French Alsace to be called Riesling, but it is actually a wine predominately from Sylvaner and Semillon grapes.

I have had some very wonderful California Rieslings, and there is in particular one very nice Alsace wine, the Trimbach Riesling, but here I want to focus on German Rieslings.

The Riesling grape growing regions of Germany go back to the time of Charlemagne and Columbus. The first Riesling production of the famous Rhine area dates to 1435. Seven centuries later, the Riesling grape has a near-monopoly on the most favorable growing sites, not just in the Rhine, but in all of Germany.

The lengthy stretch of vineyards along the Rhine is divided into four regions: Mittelrhein, Rheingau, Rheinhessen and Pfalz. Diverse in microclimate and tradition, all of these areas feature the Riesling grape in their best sites and are produce wine bottled in tall brown flutes.

The Mosel wines, also known as Mosel-Saar-Ruwer, are also Rieslings. But, Mosels are distinguished to be in green bottles, and not the brown of Rhines.

Of the four German Rhine regions, Mittelrhein is the smallest. The Rheinhessen area is the largest and best known for Liebfraumilch. The Pfalz area is the connection southward to Alsace of France.

If you want to try the finest (at least in my opinion) Riesling wines, look for Rheingau on the label. This wine producing area is less than 8,000 acres of vineyards. But, because of the physical geography,

and topography, the finest in delicate Rieslings are produced here. The entire Rheingau region has nice southern exposure and nice slopes to make the vines work to produce strong fruit. For the consumer, you can pick by the town as the Rieslings from Rheingau are labeled by the town. You can work your way from west to east along the Rheingau to find your favorite Riesling.

The one Riesling town in the Rheingau I don't want you to ignore is Rudesheim. I have not missed with five different wines from this little town. Rudesheim is near the western-most part of the Rheingau where the Rhine River makes a sharp turn northward. The Rudesheim vineyards (locally called Einzellagen) are planted on extremely steep, terraced hillsides. The pitch and drainage of these vineyards force the vines to work very hard to produce fruit.

Because of Rudesheim's location and soils, its wines are usually the most reliable of the whole Rheingau. Especially when the season is particularly rainy, Rudesheim's terraces drain well and give a more even watering year after year. You will find Rudesheims typically powerful with a good scent and the finesse that is added with the blend of Sylvaner of wines from Alsace. These are pure Rieslings at the finest of the variety.

You will need to find Qualitätswein mit Prädikat on the label of Riesling. This phrase will be of the

highest quality of late harvest wines from this winery. The quality standards in this region are very strict and it is worth the extra dollar to get this level of wine.

Spatlese is my choice for the best of Rudesheim wines. This is the first "late harvest" wine. As in other parts of the world, this creates a fruitier, richer flavor, which is also sweeter. The wine although sweet will have a nice clean finish and not the syrup-like taste that clings to the palate. This will be a great flavored wine to drink with a rich food and will stand up to barbecue.

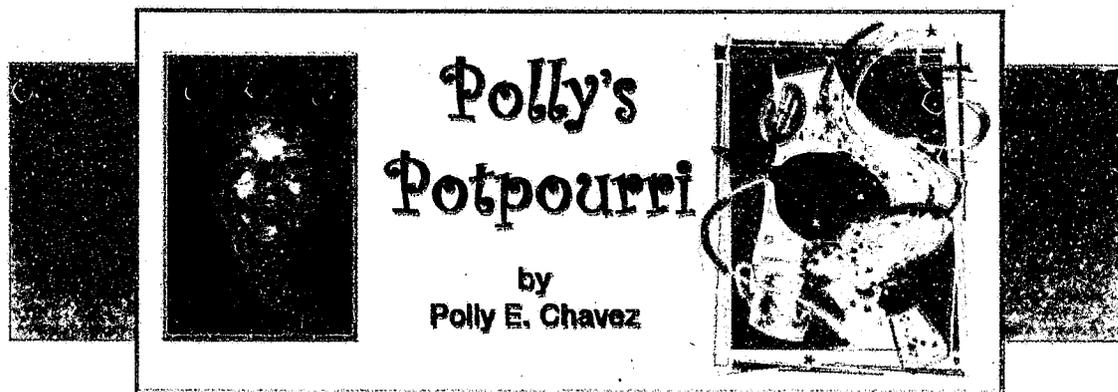
One reminder with the fine German Rieslings: If you choose Kabinett, Spatlese or Auslese, serve the wine not refrigerator cold, but a little cooler than room temperature – what I call cellar chilled. It's not quite cold enough to produce condensation on the glass, but the warmer chill allows more of the fruity taste to come out.



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Spanish tortilla



The Spanish tortilla should not be confused with the corn or the white wheat flour tortilla, as we know it in New Mexico.

This Spanish dish is actually an omelet made with eggs, onions and potatoes. Spanish Tortilla is also known as Tortilla Española, Tortilla de Patata, Tortilla con Patatas or simply Spanish Potato Omelet. This tortilla appears almost daily in the Spanish home. Spaniards eat the tortilla as a main dish for a light supper. It is good either hot or cold.

Paella and flan is also Spanish cuisine. As with most countries different regions have different food specialties. Spanish cooks offer a wide variety of fish and seafood, fresh from Spain's coastal waters. Many Mexican dishes show a strong Spanish influence.

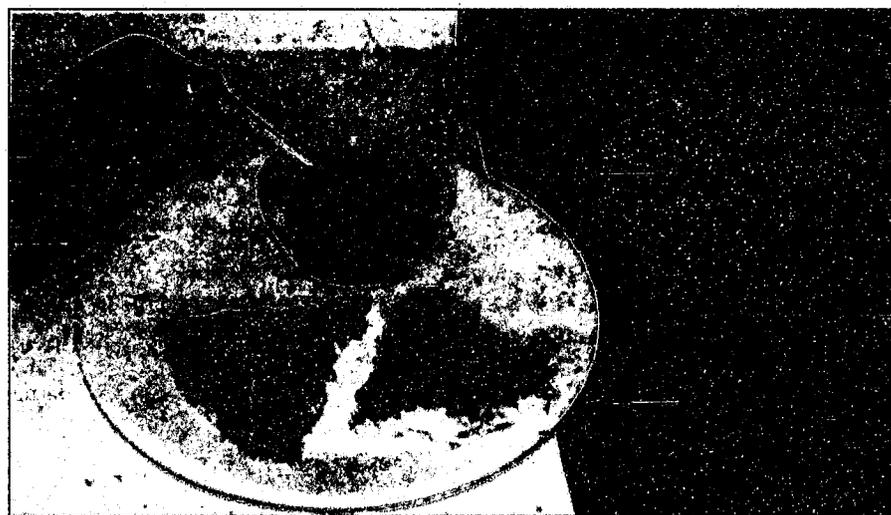
Many holidays in Spain are religious and focus on Catholic saints. The celebrations include food, dancing, music, singing and processions in the streets. One Spanish event, the Fiesta of San Fermin, or

the Running of the Bulls, marks the beginning of Pamplona's bullfighting season.

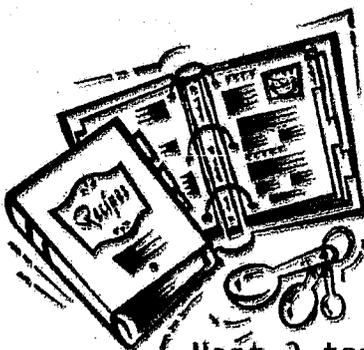
Spanish Tortilla is cut into pie slices, but pieces of this dish can also be served as tapas. Tapas, or "little dishes," are usually eaten late in the afternoon or early evening. They are eaten at a social setting making them the center of festivities. Tapas are known in other cultures as appetizers, canapés, smorgasbord or simply "finger food."

Salsas appear on every tapas table and with every meal, as a condiment for fish, meats, tacos, or as a dip for corn or flour tortilla chips. I serve my Spanish tortilla with salsa. The most common misconception about the Spanish people is that they eat spicy foods.

Several years ago my Spanish language teacher at ENMU-Ruidoso ended her class course by treating students her country's dish and she was not referring to a corn or flour tortilla. She informed us that chile is not common in her country.



Spanish Tortilla



3 tablespoon olive oil
1 medium potato, cubed
2 tablespoons minced onion
4 eggs
Salt
Pepper
Garlic powder

Heat 2 teaspoon olive oil in a 10-inch skillet. Add potatoes, cooking until tender. Stir in onion. Add 1 tablespoon olive oil.

Beat the eggs and the rest of the ingredients and pour over the potatoes. Cook slowly until eggs set. With an egg turner from the skillet edges and continue cooking.

Slide tortilla onto a plate and invert back into the skillet.

Cook lightly on low heat.

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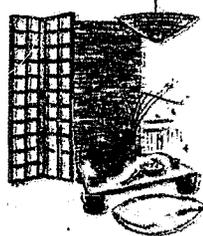
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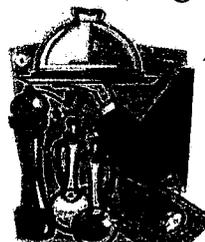
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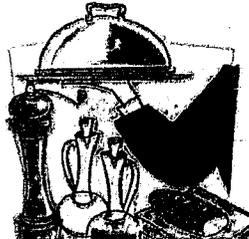
Smokey Bear Restaurant • 310 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Daily; 6a.m.-8p.m. • 354-2557

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.

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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 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. • 630-8022

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

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

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

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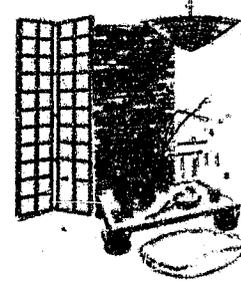
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Domino's Pizza • 1717 Sudderth • Sun - Thu 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Fri & Sat 11 - 12 midnight • 257-8888

Michelena's • 2703 Sudderth • Tue-Sun 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • 257-5753

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

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



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



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

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

Bon Appetit!

The fourth horseman

The Lincoln County of the 1870s was a paradise, albeit an incredibly violent one.

Young John Henry Tunstall (he was three weeks shy of his 25th birthday at the time of his death) had come here from far-off London, by way of Canada and California, in the hopes of making his fortune. His motives, as well as the motives of those who opposed him have frequently been written off to "greed," but isn't going out and making your fortune "the American way"?

In any case, Tunstall vastly underestimated the ruthlessness of those who opposed him. Prior to his arrival, the firm of LG Murphy and Emil Fritz had prospered in Lincoln County, keeping the average citizens firmly under their company's thumb. After Fritz' death of natural causes in his native Germany, various others ran the company, universally known as "The House," always with the same ruthlessness, which was personified by a clerk who rose to power by the name of James J. "Jimmy" Dolan. It was through the machinations of Dolan, whose ethics would have raised eyebrows in the court of Caligula, that Tunstall would come to his untimely end.

Some writers have tried to pass off the conflict that we know today as the Lincoln County War as an extension of the English/Irish troubles of many centuries standing, which was not the case. In actual point of



fact, there were Englishmen and Irishmen on both sides, although the fact that one side's leaders were Irish and the other's English had to have exacerbated things. In the end, and make no mistake about this, it was about money — and nothing else.

Tunstall meets the Fourth Horseman of the Apocalypse: Death

Tunstall seems to have felt, despite warnings from others, that he could fight Dolan and company with words, which turned out to be a terminal mistake. He had been making himself a thorn in the side of Dolan for quite some time when, on Feb. 18, 1878, he and four of his cowboys, who were driving some horses to Lincoln from Tunstall's ranch some 60 miles away, were surprised by a duly authorized sheriff's posse that included known outlaws and numbered about 40 men.

Tunstall had, in all probability, been dozing in the saddle when the attack came. He had been all over gigantic Lincoln County during the previous several days and he had to

have been exhausted, which explains much of his reaction to the appearance of the posse.

One of his cowboys, John Middleton, shouted a warning to Tunstall, startling him into full wakefulness. When Tunstall heard Middleton's call, he, like anyone else being awakened from a partial or full slumber, tried to get his bearings. The last thing anyone ever heard him say was "What, John? What?"

A four man "sub-posse" broke off from the main group. The rest pursued Tunstall's men to the north, where his out-numbered by 10-to-1 cowboys took cover at what they called a "rocky outcropping" and prepared to defend themselves.

Of course, the posse's main prey was Tunstall, who now found himself facing some of the nastier characters in Lincoln County. The sub-posse, in all probability, consisted of Billy "Buck" Morton, Frank Baker, Tom Hill and Jesse Evans. With the exception of Morton, who seems to have occasionally engaged in honest labor, the other three were outlaws by profession.

Tunstall may have actually felt a false sense of security, as he had visited some of these same men in the Lincoln County jail (in those days, it was virtually a hole in the ground known as the "pit carcel"), and even brought them some liquor. But to think of men like Evans, Baker and Hill as friends simply because you had a friendly

drink with them, was similar to convincing yourself that the sharks you were swimming with would not attack just because you suddenly started bleeding.

One of them even said, "Wait until he gets closer." Tunstall probably realized that he had missed his one chance at escape (thanks to his dozing in the saddle) and was approaching the four men to parlay. He never got the chance. A rifle shot slammed into his chest, knocking him to the ground. Then, one of the four men administered a coup de grace to the head. The entire encounter, from when the posse crested the hill, until Tunstall's death, probably took less than a minute.

Killing him wasn't enough, either. Exhibiting a macabre sense of humor, they folded Tunstall's coat and placed it under his shattered head and then shot his horse, placing his hat under the fallen animal's head, thus making it appear that man and horse were napping together.

Apparently, the death of Tunstall was enough to satisfy the rest of the posse, and after trading a few shots with Tunstall's cowboys, they withdrew.

This was the Lincoln County of 1878, and they were the opening shots in a dance macabre that would last a full six months and take countless lives.

Epilogue

Fast forward 132 years to the summer of 2010. In July, the Wild West History

Association had its annual roundup at the Inn of the Mountain Gods in Ruidoso. In attendance were Hilary Tunstall-Behrens and his family, descendants of one of John Tunstall's sisters. It was my great privilege, along with my wife Elise and master historian Frederick Nolan, to guide the family to the site where John Henry died.

It isn't the easiest place in the world to get to: First, one has to drive about six miles up a dirt mountain road and then abandon the vehicles to hike down into the canyon where the murder took place. It is about 350 yards down, but coming back is the hard part. In any case, the Tunstalls all made it, despite not being appropriately outfitted for the climb.

After a silence, members of the family fired three bullets into the air. The weapon was supplied by this writer — handguns are hard to come by in England, to say nothing of bringing them by airplane into this country.

In a way, it was ceremonial. It had taken three rounds to bring down John Tunstall and his mount, and now, *other* Tunstalls were firing three more rounds into the air, kind of evening up the spiritual score, if you will. John Tunstall's death had touched off a powder keg of hatred and revenge, some of which is still in evidence in Lincoln County. But in the end, it also brought us tourism and the money that goes with it.

So, while John Tunstall was never able to achieve his dreams of riches, his death, now over a century later, has brought money into Lincoln County. There's an irony in there somewhere, but I'm not sure where.

Sources: *A Documentary History of the Lincoln County War* and *The West of Billy the Kid* both by Frederick Nolan and *History of the Lincoln County War* by Maurice G. Fulton.

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.

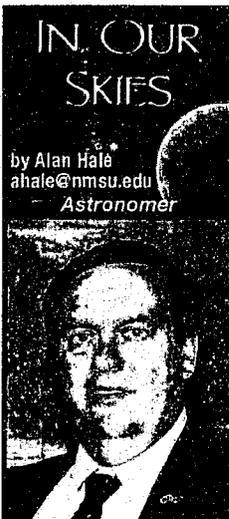
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Many worlds

One of the most important scientific events in all of human history, and in fact what this author listed as the top astronomical event of the entire second millennium during his retrospective 10 years ago, was the development in the 16th century by the Polish

astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus of the idea that it was the sun that stood at the center of the solar system, and not the Earth as had been unquestioningly believed for centuries. The confirmation of this idea seven decades later by the observations of the Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei utilizing the newly-invented telescope forever removed the Earth from its perceived position of importance as the center of the universe. The "Copernican Principle," as this overall idea has come to be called, is one of the dominant ideas in scientific thought nowadays, and indeed all subsequent discoveries have continued to show that there is nothing particularly special or unique about the Earth, its location in space, or about anything associated with it.

An application of the Copernican Principle would suggest that our sun is not unique in possessing planets, and that many, if not most, of the stars that populate the nighttime sky



would be accompanied by planetary systems of their own. This idea has, in fact, been generally accepted by most astronomers for several decades, however for most of that time we had faced the limitation that our technology was not

quite capable of detecting any of these worlds that might be orbiting other suns. The technology required for this finally began to become available within the past couple of decades, and sure enough, the first confirmed discoveries of worlds beyond our solar system were being made by the mid-1990s. Nowadays the discoveries of such objects are quite commonplace, and the current census is close to 500.

Not surprisingly, especially in light of the Copernican Principle, many of the worlds and systems we've found thus far don't look too much like what we see in our own solar system. We have found very large planets several times the size of Jupiter, planets in very distinctly elliptical orbits, and also the so-called "hot Jupiters," i.e., large planets orbiting very close to their parent star. (In truth, these particular worlds are the easiest to detect, and it is difficult to say just how common-

place, or rare, systems with worlds like these might be.) We have also begun to discover systems with multiple planets – again, something we would expect to find.

The discovery of the ultimate – so far – multiple planetary system has just been announced, by a team of astronomers led by Christophe Lovis of the Geneva Observatory in Switzerland. Utilizing observations made with a telescope (and special instrumentation) at the European Southern Observatory in Chile, Lovis' team has determined that at least five planets, all about Neptune-size, are orbiting the star HD 10180 in the constellation Hydrus (which is fairly deep in the southern sky and too far south to see from the latitude of southern New Mexico). All five planets are fairly close to their parent star, orbiting from fairly close in on out to about Earth's distance (from our sun). There is also evidence for two more planets, including a small one very close in and a Saturn-size object orbiting slightly inward of Jupiter's distance.

For the vast majority of planets that are being detected, including those around HD 10180, we are not detecting the planets themselves, but rather their effects (usually gravitational) upon their parent stars. Such detection methods are predisposed towards finding larger planets, as opposed to those that might be near the size of

Earth, although there have been a few cases found so far involving small stars that are accompanied by planets only a few times larger than Earth. As our technology improves we should at some point reach the capability of detecting Earth-size worlds that are orbiting around sun-size stars.

There is one method that presently offers the potential of detecting Earth-size worlds: This involves detecting the slight drop in a star's brightness as a planet "transits," or crosses in front of, it. Several planets have indeed been detected in this fashion, including a handful that aren't much bigger than Earth; these orbit very close to their parent stars, however, and thus can't be considered "Earthlike" in nature.

The *Kepler* spacecraft, launched 18 months ago, is specifically designed to search for planets, and especially for Earth-sized planets, by utilizing this "transit" technique. *Kepler* keeps a continuous watch on a portion of the sky that lies along the western "wing" of the constellation Cygnus, the swan (now high overhead during the mid-evening hours). At this time *Kepler* has detected close to 700 objects that conceivably might be planets; of these, three were planets that had already been discovered by other programs, and seven of these are confirmed discoveries made by *Kepler*. Two of these were just

recently announced; they both orbit the same star, are both Saturn-size and pass close enough to each other that they have strong gravitational effects upon each others' orbits.

We're still waiting for the discovery of the first "another Earth," i.e., an Earth-size planet orbiting near Earth's distance from a sun-like star. The Copernican Principle would suggest that such worlds exist, and as *Kepler* keeps operating and overall technology improves the discovery of such a world may very well take place in the not-too-distant future. The Copernican Principle would also suggest that, given the

proper conditions, life might exist on such a world, although there is no reason to believe it would look anything like us. Perhaps we'll also have an answer to this question sometime in the not-too-distant future as well.

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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: Tonia 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.

Five Top Rod and Custom Car Club: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

Ruidoso Area Singles: Meet new friends for social activities - dining out, parties, potlucks, outings; etc.? New group is forming. Info: Judy, 430-7870, or Martha, 430-9808.

Ruidoso Book Review/Discussion Group: First Wednesday monthly at 10 a.m.; Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. Public is welcome.

Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club: Meets every Monday; program varies. Potluck and bridge/card games. Second Monday (Sept.-May) includes program, business meeting, potluck, bridge/card games at 116 S. Evergreen.

Ruidoso Masonic Lodge No. 73: Meets first Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., except national holidays, then moves to second Monday. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Info: 258-3598.

Ruidoso Mommies Group: Want to meet other moms in the area through playdates or Mom's night out? Call Natasha, 640-7076, or Alice, 258-3331, or Ruidoso Moms on Facebook

Ruidoso Ridge Runners 4-Wheel Drive Club: Meets 1st Wed. monthly at K-BOB's. Dinner 6 p.m. and meeting at 7. Info: 336-2714 or 378-4853.

Education

ESL classes: English as a Second Language classes sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Thu, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.; Mon, Tue, Thu, 6-8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church; Spanish language GED Mon, 6-8 p.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.

First Friday Adult Lecture Series: Monthly, Capitan Public Library, free. Info: 354-3035.

GED classes: Sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Fri, 9-11 and Mon-Tues, 5:30-7:30, at NM Workforce Connection in Compass Bank Bldg., 707 Mechem..

La Junta F.C.E.: 10:45 a.m. every 3rd Wednesday at San Patricio Senior Citizens building. Info: 653-4718.

Help & Healing

A Course in Miracles/Attitudinal Healing study group: Each Tuesday; 5:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

A Course in Miracles study group: Wednesdays, 6:45 - 8 p.m. Free. Drop-ins welcome. The Wisdom Study Group. At The Yoga Studio, 2810 Sudderth Dr., #207, (upstairs to right of and above Schlotzky's) Call Marianne 575-257-0527.

AI-Anon: Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 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: 808-2959.

Gamblers Anonymous: Meets at 7:15 p.m., Thursdays at the Mescalero Reformed Church, 336 Wardlaw Dr. For more information, contact Mike at 575-682-6200.

H.E.A.L. (Help End Abuse for Life): Domestic violence shelter and hotline: 1-866-378-6378.

Meditation Practice: First Wednesday of each month; 6:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Mountain High Recovery Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 7 p.m. at Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church, 361 Highway 70 East.

Open Circle: Each Sunday; 9:30 a.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Parenting Classes: Counseling Center Prevention Program facilitates all parents seeking to enhance parenting skills, resolve issues and prevent substance use. Families with children ages 5-17 years of age that complete all requirements of the class qualify for a \$150 stipend. Qualifications and info: Brenda Motley-Lopez or Salli Mason at 257-0520.

Parents of Addicted Children: New Name Ministry offers help for parents of addicted children. For appointment, phone 802-0263 in Ruidoso and leave a message. Payment of free-will offering appreciated.

Prepared Childbirth Classes: Meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Lincoln County Medical Center's conference room. Six classes per session with qualified, certified instructors; Info: 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.).

Science of Mind Study Group: Each second and fourth Saturday; 10:30 a.m.-noon; High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Sex Addicts Anonymous: 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall meeting room, 121 Mescalero Trail. Info: 575-201-4203.

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.

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

Aitusa 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.fbcruidoso.com.

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

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

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

Laughing Eyes Kennels: Nonprofit breeder and trainer of Service Dogs in Nogal seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling & puppy socialization,

bookkeeping, fundraising and kennel upkeep/management. Call 575-354-4342, or www.lekennels.org.

Lincoln County Community Health Council: 8 a.m. first Tuesday of each month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. New members welcome. Info: 973-1829.

Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary: 9:30 a.m. second Tuesday of each month in the hospital conference room. New volunteers welcome. Info: 630-4250.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse: Meets first Sunday each month at 2 p.m. at the Posse building, Hwy. 54, in Carrizozo. Groups needing their volunteer security services, notify by mail one month (but not less than two weeks) prior to the monthly meeting. Send to P.O. Box 1284, Capitan, NM 88316. Info: 575-354-8007.

OES Ruidoso Chapter 65: Meeting every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 144 Nob Hill Dr. Info: 257-5313.

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): Noon every Wednesday at K-BOB's. Info: 257-5938 or 258-9218.

PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Chapter AR: Meeting every second and fourth Tuesdays. Info: Jennie Powell, 258-3896.

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club: 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: Barbara, 258-5445, 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 whitemountainarsar@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainarsar.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 Wok Inn. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting 7. Info: 491-4257 or 430-3608.

Enchanted Quilters Guild: Meets 7-9 p.m. every first and third Thursdays Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 300 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. Agency, 437-2921.

Golden Gears Car Club: Meets at 7 p.m. every first Thursday at the VFW Annex building. Cruise-ins are on the first Saturday of each month at Sonic on the north end of town on White Sands Blvd. 434-0200.

Historic Vehicle Association of Alamogordo: Anyone with an interest in old cars is welcome to join. John Douglas, 437-5318 or Gale Ortiz, 434-5242.

The New Horizon Band: Rehearsals 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Alamogordo Senior Center. 434-4281.

Noel Southard Chapter of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation: Meets at 7 p.m. first Monday at the Aristocrat Assisted Living Center on Robert Bailey Drive. 434-8356 or 434-1467.

Otero County Association of Educational Retirees: Meets 11:30 a.m. every third Tuesday at Margo's Restaurant, Alamogordo. Lincoln and Otero County educational retirees welcome. For info: Barbara, 585-5564 or Dave, 437-6948.

Singles of Otero County: Weekly activities to provide a social network for singles in the area. 18 & over welcome. 437-4035.

Solar Energy Association: Meets 6 p.m., every third Thursday (except summer) at Alamogordo Public Library. Public welcome. 682-6027.

Tularosa Basin Rockhounds: Meets every second Tuesday at First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St. Field trips every fourth Saturday, annual campouts and picnic. 437-3377.

White Sands Dart Association: Double team open tournaments 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Fraternal Order of Eagles Club, 471 24th St. Join to play or learn. Contact Delilah at 442-8750.

Education

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

H.E.L.P. Head Start: Accepting applications for pre-school children with or without disabilities. Free meals. Alamogordo Center: Maria Gallegos, 434-6313; La Luz Center: Martina Travis, 437-4485; Tularosa Center: Annette Chavez, 585-4818.

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

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

Help & Healing

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

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

American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center: Mon. & Tues., 1-4 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Hats, wigs, scarves, bras, prostheses; "Look Good - Feel Better" make-up sessions by appt.; 2689 N. Scenic Dr.; trained, certified "Reach to Recovery" volunteers. All services are free. 575-437-6176, 443-0303, 437-0690.

Blood Pressure Screening: 9 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Red Cross office. Free; 700 E. First St., No. 765. 437-4421.

Calvary Baptist Clothes Closet: Open 2 - 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 1200 Indian Wells Rd.; Clothing is free; Donations accepted. 437-0110.

Celiac Disease/Gluten Intolerance Support Group: Meets second and fourth Sundays, 2-3:30 p.m., in the conference room of ERA-Simmons Real Estate, 918 10th St., Alamogordo. Info: Kathie at 437-0603, Robin at 442-9419, or email 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, Alamogosa, Tularosa and Mesquero. 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 Tinning, 443-1195.

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

Service Organizations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Flickinger Guild: Supporting the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts, Guild members sell tickets in the box office, work the door for performances, usher, hand out programs and

work concessions. Contact chairman Flori McElderry at 437-6616.

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

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

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

Veterans / Military

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1257: Open meeting/luncheon at 11:30 a.m. second Friday at Base Enlisted Club. Visits to area veterans in local care centers every third Saturday, starting at the Betty Dare Center on North Florida Ave. promptly at 10 a.m. Gil Isley, 434-5552.

American Legion Post 108: Meets second Tuesday at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, Ed_wishbone@hotmail.com.

American Legion Auxillary Unit 108: Meets 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.

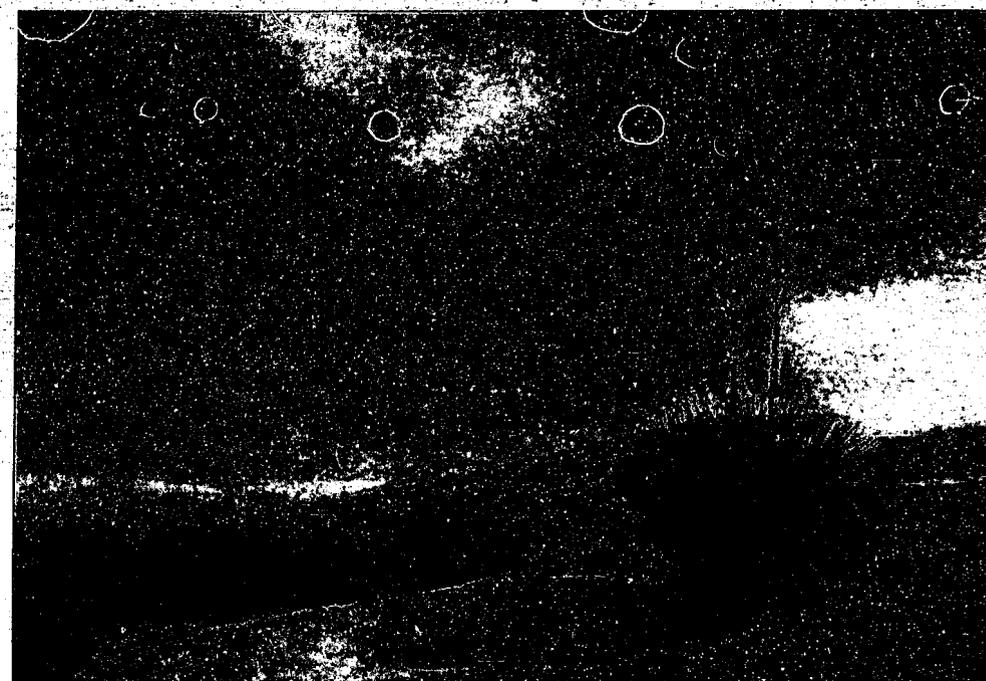
United States Submarine Veterans: Feb. 6, 12 p.m., at White Sands Missile Range. All former submariners welcome. www.ussvi.org/BaseShow. Call Shane Foraker 575 437-0665.

VFW Post 7686 and Ladies Auxillary: Meetings are at 7 p.m. every third Tuesday at 700 U.S. 70 West in Bingo Hall; 437-0770.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

White Sands



The National Monument announces its September activities

BY JESSIE HANSON
¡VAMONOS! EDITOR

White Sands National Monument has announced its September schedule, which is filled with full moon hikes, a star party, a "White Sands in 3-D" full moon night program and sunset strolls, patio talks, and the monthly Lake Lucero tour.

Sunset Strolls offer a pleasant closing to anyone's day. This leisurely one-hour walk through the sand dunes is ranger guided presenting a wonderful opportunity to learn about the geology, plants and animals of this unique area.

The program starts at the sign along the dunes drive, which is approximately five miles from the visitor center. Dates and times are as follows: Aug. 30 - Sept. 12, 6:15 p.m.; Sept. 13 - Sept. 19, 6 p.m.; Sept. 20 - Oct. 3, 5:45 p.m. There is no charge for the program, although the \$3 per person (16 years

and older) monument entrance fee does apply.

Amateur astronomers from the Alamogordo Astronomy club discuss the celestial skies at the **Star Party** on Saturday, Sept. 11, at 8 p.m. A chance to view the night skies over White Sands will follow.

Visitors will experience the dunes as never before when they see "**White Sands in 3-D**". Fly through the dunes, see a tarantula up close and explore crystal pedestals in this fascinating visual journey. 3-D glasses will be provided with a question and answer period to follow. The program will be presented by David Bustos, Resource Manager at White Sands National Monument on Friday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m.

Have you ever wondered what the dunes look like under the glow of the moon? This **Full Moon**

Hike on Thursday, Sept. 23, at 6:30 p.m., is led by a park ranger and offers a rare chance to see the famous dunes in an entirely different light. Reservations are required and can only be made online at www.nps.gov/whsa after Sept. 9. This event is limited to 30 participants and is free of charge, although monument entrance fees apply.

Once a month, a three-hour ranger-guided tour to the playa (dry lakebed) of **Lake Lucero** provides the opportunity to learn about the formation of the white sands. This month's tour is Sunday, Sept. 26, at 9 a.m. Reservations are required by calling 575-679-2599; ext. 236. A fee of \$3 per adult (16 years and older) or \$1.50 for children, senior, America the Beautiful and Access pass holders applies.

On Oct. 21 - 23, **White Sands Institute** presents

award-winning watercolor artist Dan Stouffer, who will offer an informative three-day indoor painting workshop and demonstration, plus outdoor lectures and an evening sunset session. The cost is \$175 and class size is limited to 12 participants. For more information or to register, call the Community Education department at NMSU-A at 575-439-3842, or email to commed@nmsua.nmsu.edu.

Patio Talks on Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 p.m., provide park visitors a chance to have their questions answered by a ranger and learn tips to enhance their stay at the White Sands National Monument.

Visitor Center hours are 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., April 12 - Sept. 12. For more information, go online to www.nps.gov/whsa, or call 575-679-2599.

WIDE WORLD

Saturday, September 11, 7:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$15, \$25, \$35

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SPECIAL EVENT

Gun & western show

The All American Gun & Western Collectible Show, one of New Mexico's largest gun shows, is celebrating its 20th anniversary. The show is open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., on both Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 4 and 5, at the newly refurbished Ruidoso Convention Center.

More than 200 tables full of guns, knives, cowboy gear, Indian artifacts, jewelry, crafts and more will be available for view-

ing and purchase.

"It's hard to believe that it's been 20 years," said event founder and promoter Jackie Powell. "What started as a way to help pay for the new gymnastics building and support youth athletics has grown into an event that people mark their calendars for. Many of these vendors have been with me for all of those years."

Now presented by Special Events Resource

Group (SERG), proceeds from the show help Lincoln County graduates attend college or trade school via annual scholarships, plus monies have been donated to multiple charities including the Ruidoso Fire Department, Lincoln County schools, a variety of school athletic teams, volunteer fire fighting organizations and many more.

"I'm really proud of the fact that we've been able to help Lincoln County," said Powell.

Vendors from all over the Southwest participate in the annual show, which features an amazing array



of items.

"The ladies used to think we only had guns, knives and hunting items. Now we get a steady stream of ladies through the door because there are plenty of shopping oppor-

tunities for everyone in the whole family," Powell said. "I'm always amazed at the wide variety of things you can find at the Gun Show."

Daily admission is \$5. Children under 12 are

admitted free (those under age 18 cannot be admitted without parental supervision).

For more information on this event, call 575-257-6171 or go online to www.trekwest.com/gun-show.

~ J. Hanson

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Labor Day
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SPECIAL EVENT

Street fair

BY JESSIE HANSON
¡VAMOS! EDITOR

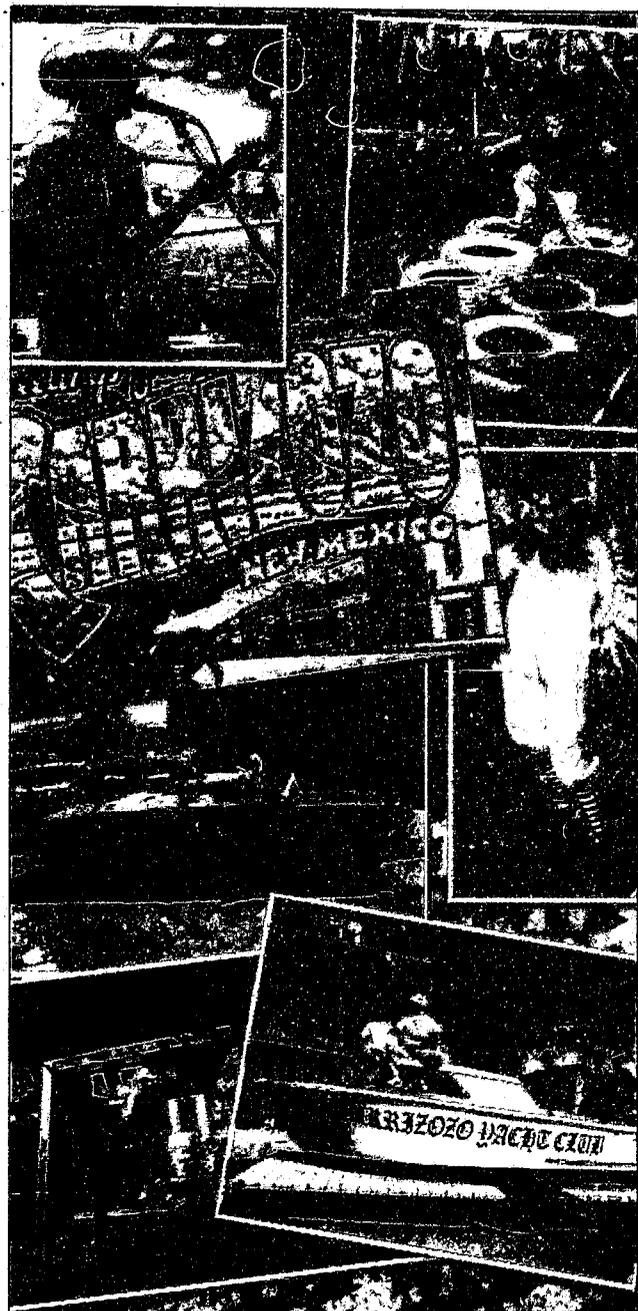
This year mark's Carrizozo's 17th year of it's popular Labor Day street fair, with fun the entire family will enjoy.

On Monday, Sept. 6, this annual event kicks off with a parade down historic 12th St. with festivities to follow at McDonald Park on the south end of Central Blvd throughout the day.

The park will be filled with the musical sounds of Paul Pino and the Tone Daddies, along with the group called No One Cares. There will be a variety of food booths and an assortment of arts and crafts available. Mike Lagg will provide his popular obstacle course and there will be lots of activities for the kids, as well.

In addition to all of the fun, the Carrizozo Labor Day Street Fair raises funds for scholarships, which are presented to Carrizozo students pursuing higher education. This year, scholarships totaling \$4,250 will be awarded to three graduates of Carrizozo High School and two college students.

Those who have attended the event in past years may recall that the fundraising effort was mainly through the sale of pine birdhouses, which had been embellished by local artists and auctioned off to the highest bidder. This year, however, the effort has gone "green" with artists designing and



producing auction items from recycled materials.

Bidders will have the opportunity to obtain their own one-of-a-kind, unique work of art on Saturday, Sept. 4, at the auction, which will start promptly at 4 p.m., at the Valle Del Sol Golf Course, one mile east of Carrizozo on High-

way 380. Items will be on display and the 10th Hole Restaurant will be open, so bidders are encouraged to arrive early and make their selections.

For more information, call 575-648-2802, or go online to www.carrizozo-streetfair.org.

Ruidoso Mountain High

SECOND ANNUAL RUIDOSO MOUNTAIN HIGH FLY IN and PINE TOP CAR SHOW

WHEN: Saturday, October 16, 2010

WHERE: Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, Ruidoso, NM (SRR)

TIME: Gates Open 7 AM - Free to the Public

MOUNTAIN HIGH FLY IN

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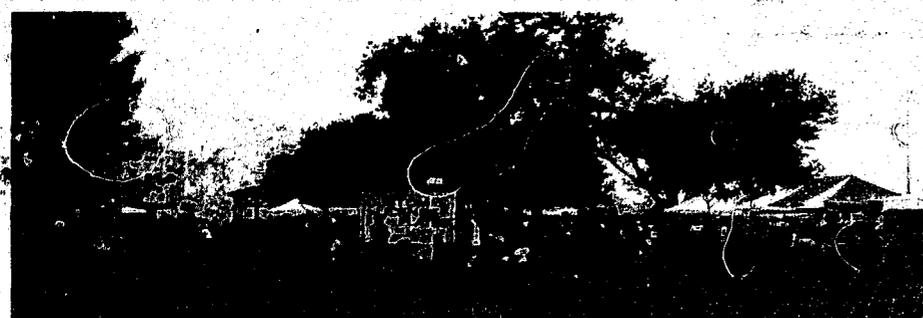
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20th Annual COTTONWOOD FESTIVAL

LABOR DAY WEEKEND 2010

Saturday September 4, 2010 9:00am-7:30pm Music by Claxton Rocks (5:30-7:30pm)

Sunday September 5, 2010 9:00am-7:00pm Music by Selmo (5:00-7:00pm)

Car Show 10:00am-3:00pm Desri Car Club

Ice Cream Social 5:00pm-7:00pm

Monday September 6, 2010 9:00am-4:00pm Karaoke with Desert DJ

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20th Annual Cottonwood Festival Entertainment Schedule

Saturday, September 4, 2010

10:00 - 11:00	Music
11:00	OPENING CEREMONY
11:30 - 12:00	Dog Canyon Dancers
12:30-1:00	Overstreet TaeKwon Do
1:00-3:00	Ray Dowell
3:00-3:30	Sertoma Scholarship Pageant
	Miss Alamogordo Sarina Turnbull
	Miss Otero County Stacey Ware
	Miss Alamogordo/ Outstanding Teen Sarah Saldana
3:30 - 4:00	Desert Line Dancers
4:00 - 4:30	Zumba Alamo Shape
4:30 - 5:00	Complete Martial Art Demonstration
5:00 - 5:30	Music
5:30 - 7:30	Claxton Rocks*

*Bring your lawn chairs, relax, and listen to the music!

Sunday, September 5, 2010

10:00 - 12:00	Music
12:00 - 12:30	Zumba Alamo Shape
12:30 - 1:00	Music
1:00 - 2:00	Bo Rivers
2:00 - 4:00	Daniel Park
4:00 - 4:30	Noah's Ark Puppet Show
4:30 - 5:00	Music
5:00 - 7:00	Selmo*

*Bring your lawn chairs, relax, and listen to the music!

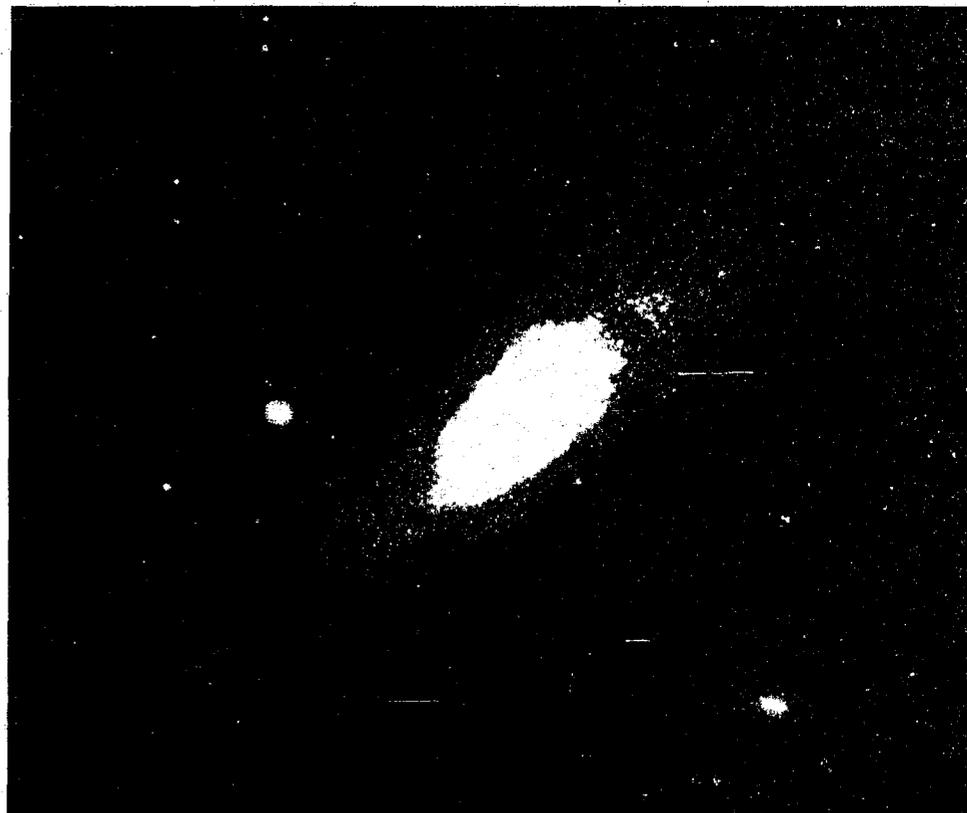
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10:00 - 11:00	Desert DJ
11:00 - 1:00	Slippery Jack
1:00 - 3:00	Simple Gifts
3:00 - 5:00	Desert DJ Karaoke Contest*

*Come early & pick your songs. Prizes to be awarded for best karaoke performance!

FILM > IMAX

IMAX theatre announces its September movie line-up



BY JESSIE HANSON
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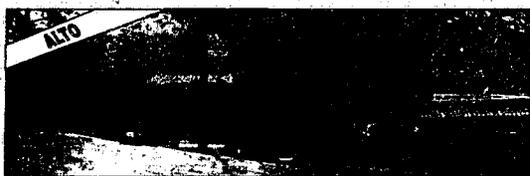
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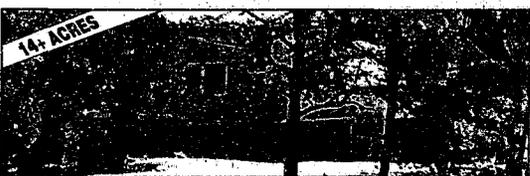
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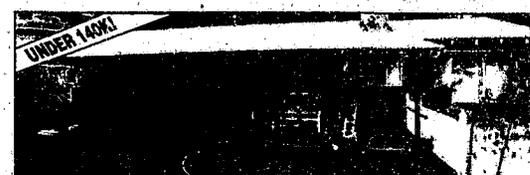
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