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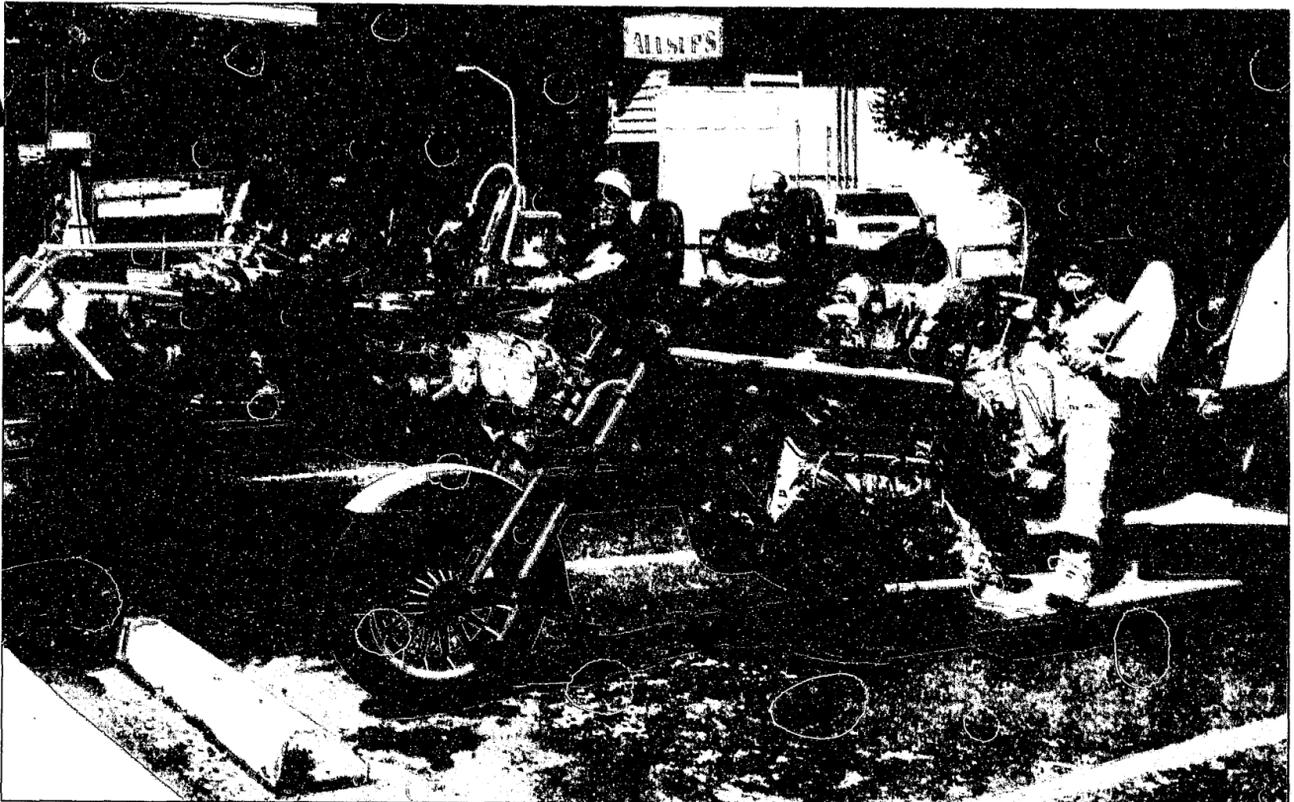
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JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Joining the bikers in town Thursday for the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally where these four trikers from Roswell. With their eight-cylinder engines, the custom-built trikes get about 20 miles to the gallon.



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LC Transit in peril

■ Irked County Commission to pull its support for county's subsidized bus service

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The end of Lincoln County Transit may be down the road, especially any road beyond the somewhat urbanized Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Alto area.

Lincoln County Commissioners, with some members dismayed that Capitan and Carrizozo have not seen scheduled service, declined to support the public transportation program and an application for future federal funding.

Lincoln County Transit (LTC) is financed largely through federal grants, though a required local match has been shared by Lincoln County, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. Ruidoso Downs operates the program.

When LCT director Patricia DeSoto appeared before the county commission on Tuesday, she said the county's support was part of a last step in requesting the federal grants for fiscal year 2011-2012. But the response from several commissioners began with a "huge complaint" from Commissioner Jack Powell.

"The recent Lobos visit, I noticed that they used the Lincoln County Transit. Our school system made some huge cuts to our bus transporter and Lincoln County Transportation (the school bus provider for Ruidoso schools) is in business to do that," Powell said of moving large groups around.

"And here we subsidize to do all that. They should have been on Lincoln Transportation. A private business needs to be doing this. In infuriates me that we did that instead of Lincoln Transportation."

The University of New Mexico football Lobos held training last

month in high-altitude Ruidoso for 12 days.

"They had a hundred players and about 40 other people," said commission chairman Tom Battin. "I would almost bet you that they contacted them (Lincoln Transportation) and had a scheduling issue because of the time of day."

DeSoto said she was told that Lincoln Transportation was unable to provide transportation to the Lobos.

"They assured me that they contacted every local entity that could provide the service and they didn't have any luck."

Commissioner Don Williams asked DeSoto if LTC was compensated by the Lobos.

"A dollar a person is what we charged per ride," DeSoto responded. "We transferred them from the high school soccer field to the high school, which was less than a quarter of a

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'Yes' PAC outspends opponents by 38-1

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More than \$27,000 was spent in August and early September trying to sway voters prior to Tuesday's special election on a proposed Business Retention Gross Receipts Tax for Lincoln County.

Some \$26,000 of that was spent by the Committee for Lincoln County Economic Development, which favors the tax and funded the special election, according to disclosure statements filed with New Mexico's Secretary of State.

That far exceeds the amount spent by the No Bail-Out Tax political action committee (PAC), which opposes the tax.

So far, contributions to the Committee for Lincoln County Economic Development outpace by nearly 38-to-1 that given to the No Bail Out Tax PAC.

If passed, the hike in the GRT would provide some gaming tax relief to the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino.

Racing, realty ante up

Horse racing interests, many from outside New Mexico, comprised the largest amount of contributions to the vote 'Yes' PAC by delivering more than \$30,000 to the effort.

The real estate community was the second-biggest sector with more than \$20,000 in contributions to

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Verdict expected soon in murder trial

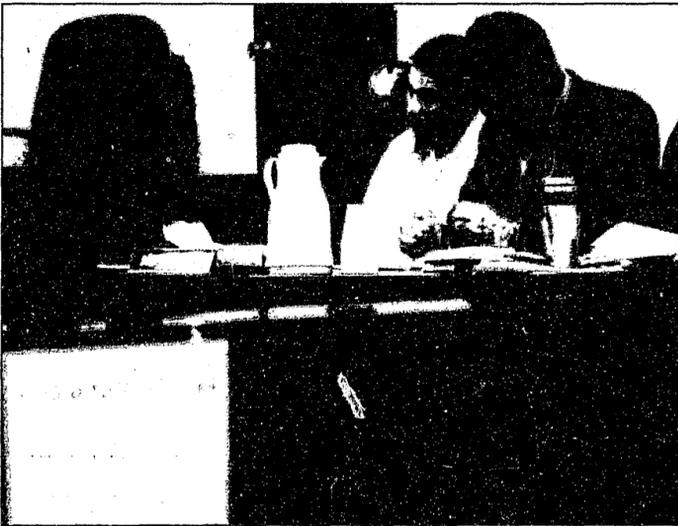
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The long-awaited trial of J. Tyrone Riordan, charged with one count of second degree murder, could conceivably come to an end today. The jury will also decide on one count of tampering with evidence and one count of conspiracy to tamper with evidence.

The prosecution, with Twelfth District Attorney Diana Martwick and Assistant DA Reed Thompson, finished with its long list of witnesses Thursday afternoon, ending with a DNA expert from the New Mexico Department of Public Safety.

The jury then left the courtroom while the attorneys went over the list of evidence finalizing what was admitted and what was not.

Defense attorney Jim Walker argued over the tampering of evi-



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Tyrone Riordan, in white, tells Judge Karen Parsons he would like to be removed from the courtroom while attorneys discuss jury instructions. "I don't want to sit next to people who misrepresent me," he said. Next to Riordan is defense co-counsel Jeffrey Van Keulen.

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Another spectacular New Mexico sunrise ignites the sky over Rancho Ruidoso.

Mammograms

For the 22nd year in a row, Altrusa Club of Ruidoso will partner with Lincoln County Medical Center to offer low cost mammograms to residents of Lincoln County. The program is available Monday through Friday, from Oct. 4 through Oct. 29, at a cost of \$55. In order to take advantage of this program, you must be between 30 and 64 years of age, and be a Lincoln County resident, or have a doctor in Lincoln County. The program offers routine mammograms only, and cannot serve patients with implants or

augmentation. The Altrusa Low Cost Mammogram Program is designed for people who are uninsured or those with high deductibles, who could not otherwise afford the cost of an annual mammogram. Since the price is deeply discounted, it is not eligible for insurance reimbursement. Call Terri Trotter in Ruidoso at 258-4615 to schedule an appointment for this life saving procedure. Terri is accepting calls beginning Sept. 20, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. On two days only, Oct. 7 and Oct. 14, Shirley Neuhaus will be available at the

same telephone number to assist Spanish-speaking patients with making an appointment. The American Cancer Society recommends that women begin getting yearly mammograms at age 40 if they're at average risk of developing breast cancer. Women at high risk may want to start screening before 40. Risk factors include lifestyle factors such as diet and exercise, and genetic and environmental factors such as a family history of cancer. A woman's chance of getting breast cancer increases as she ages. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death for women in the United States. In 2009, According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 192,370 women in the United States were diagnosed with invasive breast cancer and about 40,610 women were expected to die from the disease. About 1,910 men in the United States were diagnosed with breast cancer. Finding the disease early with mammograms can save your life. A mammogram can show cancer that is too small for you or

your doctor to feel. And smaller tumors are more likely to be early-stage tumors, therefore less likely to have spread to surrounding tissue or other parts of the body. Mammogram screening is among the best early detection methods, yet 13 million U.S. women 40 years of age or older have never had a mammogram. For more information on this deadly disease, check out the following websites: the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org; the Breast Cancer Site at www.thebreastcancersite.com; and the Susan G. Komen Foundation at www.komen.org; Altrusa Club of Ruidoso is part of an international community service organization. For more information about Altrusa, call Membership Chair Deb Sturtevant at 336-1486 or visit us at www.altrusaruidoso.com.

located west of the "Y" on Highway 70. Proceeds go to local charities. Plenty of parking, all welcome, including bikers. Lunch includes homemade pulled brisket sandwiches, beans, chips, drink and dessert for \$8. **Computer class** Hesitant to ask, "How did you make the page move up so fast?" Embarrassed to let others know how much you don't know about your computer? This class is for you. The Ruidoso Public Library will offer a class on basic computing skills Saturday, Sept. 25, at 9 a.m. (before regular hours). This is a small class (10 people) with time to focus on your specific skill set. Perhaps you can already send an email or listen to music, but can you attach a picture or delete the old files that are slowing down your PC? Whether you've never touched a computer before and wish to learn how to use a mouse (this kind doesn't perform for cheese) or you hope to learn how to turn on the wi-fi on your laptop, this may be the class for you.

Come ask your questions, learn a new skill, or just get better acquainted with a computer. This is a special event, doors will open once at 9am, so don't be too early or late. Call 258-3704 or drop by the library, next to Village Hall, for further information. The Ruidoso Public Library is a department of the Village of Ruidoso, located just behind Ruidoso Village Hall at 107 Kansas City Road. Hours are Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Go to www.youseemore.com/ruidosopl.

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Charity Lunch
 The Ruidoso chapter of the Benevolent and Patriotic Order of Does will have a charity lunch from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Ruidoso Elks Lodge

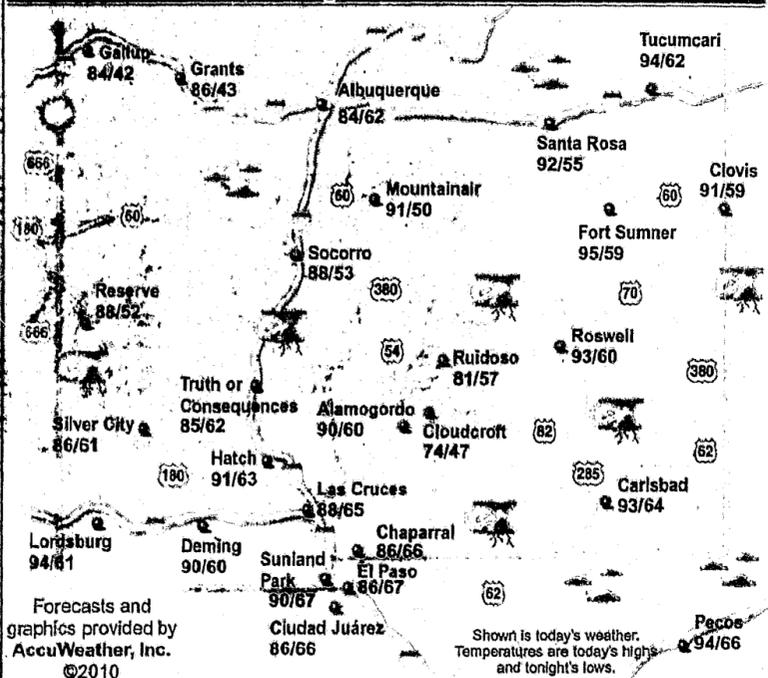
Library grant
 Village of Ruidoso Public Library, with co-sponsors Lincoln County Literacy Council and the Friends of the Ruidoso Public Library received a \$5,000 grant awarded from the American Library Association (ALA). "The American Dream Starts @ your library®" literacy initiative is funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. The grant

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AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso AccuWeather.com

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
RealFeel 87° Humidity 46% 81°/57° A storm around in the afternoon Winds: ESE 4-8 mph	RealFeel 90° Humidity 45% 82°/60° A full day of sunshine Winds: ESE 4-8 mph	RealFeel 79° Humidity 61% 77°/55° Sunshine and seasonably warm Winds: SSE 8-16 mph	RealFeel 78° Humidity 52% 75°/53° Bright and sunny Winds: S 8-16 mph	RealFeel 83° Humidity 58% 79°/55° Partly sunny Winds: SSW 6-12 mph	RealFeel 78° Humidity 53% 76°/54° Mostly sunny Winds: S 8-16 mph	RealFeel 76° Humidity 56% 69°/52° Rain Winds: SSE 3-6 mph

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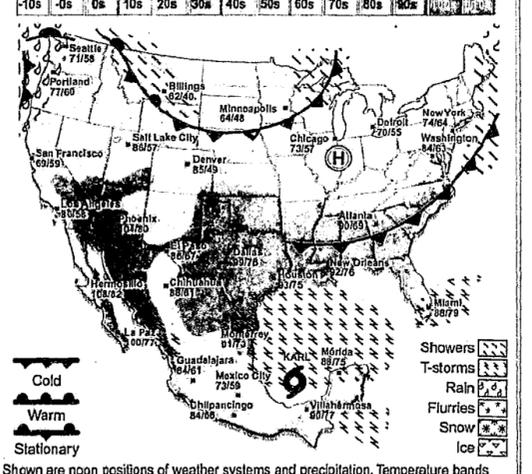


Almanac

Ruidoso
 Statistics through Wednesday
 Temperature:
 High/low 82°/55°
 Normal high 75°
 Normal low 43°
 Record high 89° (1956)
 Record low 27° (1950)
 Precipitation:
 Wednesday 0.00"
 Month to date 0.20"
 Normal month to date 1.53"
 Year to date 12.93"
 Normal year to date 17.06"

Alamogordo
 Statistics through Wednesday
 Temperature:
 High/low 94°/65°
 Normal high 85°
 Normal low 59°
 Record high 98° (1956)
 Record low 49° (1993)
 Precipitation:
 Wednesday 0.00"
 Month to date 0.03"
 Normal month to date 0.98"
 Year to date 9.51"
 Normal year to date 9.15"

National Forecast for Sept. 17, 2010

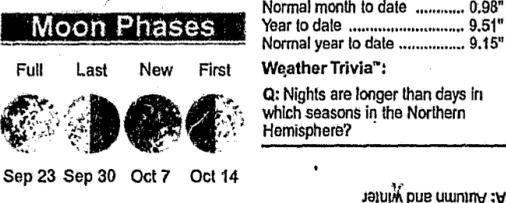


Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are for selected cities.

National Cities			Regional Cities		
City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	92/70/pc	91/68/s	Albuquerque	84/62/pc	88/63/s
Anchorage	65/49/s	64/47/s	Artesia	94/65/t	93/64/s
Atlanta	90/69/s	90/70/s	Chama	81/41/s	81/39/s
Austin	94/71/pc	93/70/pc	Clayton	90/60/pc	90/59/s
Baltimore	80/56/pc	80/56/s	Cloudcroft	74/47/r	75/42/s
Boston	68/56/sh	68/59/s	Farmington	87/50/s	90/52/s
Chicago	73/57/s	74/54/c	Hobbs	94/63/pc	91/60/s
Dallas	99/76/pc	97/75/s	Los Alamos	82/50/pc	81/47/s
Denver	85/49/s	84/52/s	Portales	92/59/t	91/60/s
Des Moines	78/58/s	74/56/sh	Raton	92/47/pc	89/48/s
Detroit	70/55/s	75/53/pc	Red River	74/38/pc	75/41/s
El Paso	86/67/t	90/67/s	Ruidoso	81/57/t	82/56/s
Las Vegas	100/73/s	99/71/s	Santa Fe	87/53/pc	87/54/s
Los Angeles	80/58/pc	82/60/pc	Silver City	86/61/t	89/60/s
Minneapolis	84/48/pc	81/44/pc	Taos	83/45/pc	84/44/s
New Orleans	92/76/s	94/75/pc			
New York City	74/64/pc	77/63/s			
Philadelphia	80/58/pc	78/62/s			
Phoenix	104/80/s	107/81/s			
Reno	81/52/pc	81/54/s			
San Francisco	69/59/pc	70/59/pc			
San Diego	70/60/pc	76/61/pc			
Seattle	71/58/r	69/54/r			
Tucson	102/73/s	102/75/s			
Tulsa, OK	92/72/pc	93/72/s			
Wash., DC	84/63/pc	83/65/s			
Wichita	90/67/pc	90/69/pc			
Yuma	108/75/s	106/75/s			

Sun and Moon
 Friday, Sunrise/Sunset: 6:48 a.m./7:07 p.m.
 Friday, Moonrise/Moonset: 3:57 p.m./1:36 a.m.

Extremes
 Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
 High: 109° in Indio, CA
 Low: 21° in Bodie State Park, CA
 Wednesday's World High/Low:
 High: 115° in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
 Low: -7° in Summit Station, Greenland



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funds are being used to assist the Lincoln County Literacy Council with services for adult English language learners living and working in our community.

National Assessment of Adult Literacy (NAAL) found that 11 million US adults - about one in 20 - have such limited English skills that they can't read a newspaper, understand the directions for medication, or help their children with schoolwork.

To meet this need, ALA and the Dollar General Literacy Foundation joined together to start "The American Dream Starts @ your library®" literacy initiative.

For more than a century, public libraries have been a cornerstone of the American Dream, providing equal access to information of all kinds. Libraries are uniquely positioned to help adults learn how to connect with their new communities.

Grant funds have expanded collections Adult Basic Education books for the Ruidoso Public Library and the ENMU Ruidoso's ABE collection. The materials focus on basic math, grammar, vocabulary, social studies, etc., as well as easy-to-read true stories and fairy tales.

The collection is comprised of a diverse assortment to assist English as a Second Language (ESL) as well as the ABE students.

The Read Along classic books consist of a classic book with a coordinating Playaway audio book. The Playaway device has the capability to slow down the speed of the reader which allows the listener to adjust to their own personal reading speed.

The grant also funded a computer and workstation available for literacy students and their tutors in the Library's Archive Room. The Ultimate Phonics is a software program is on this computer for the students' use. Adult Learning Activities, Key Train, GED/Pre GED Interactive and Rosetta stone have been added to the Library's website. Some of these sites require an ID and password from ENMU Ruidoso's ABE Program.

"The American Library Association deeply appreciates Dollar General's generous support and applauds their vision for a more literate America," said Dr. Camila Alire, ALA 2009-2010 President. "The American Dream Starts @ your library" reaches thousands of adults and helps libraries change lives across generations."

The American Library Association is the oldest

and largest library association in the world. Its mission is to promote the highest quality library and information services and public access to information.

One of 75 public libraries in 24 states selected, the Ruidoso Public Library joins libraries in large cities and rural towns throughout Dollar General's market area. A complete list of the winning libraries is available at www.ala.org/american-dream.

"The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to join with the ALA to provide grants to libraries that are committed to enhancing their literacy services for those learning to speak English," said Rick Dreiling, Dollar General's chairman and CEO. "These specialized programs and services will help so many achieve their own dreams of success in America."

Dollar General is a discount retailer with more than 8,800 neighborhood stores. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$40 million in grants to non-profit organizations, help-

ing more than 2.1 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy, a general education diploma or English proficiency.

Library tour

Susie Morss, Literacy Coordinator for the Lincoln County Literacy Council and Assistant ABE Director, has arranged a tour of the library for Adult English Language learners.

On Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 6 p.m., library staff will hold an open house for the ABE students to preview the book and audio collection, as well as the computer available for their use.

For more information, call the library at 258-3704.

HSLC picnic

The Humane Society is holding its Annual Member Meeting at a Pot Luck Picnic event for members, staff and volunteers on Sunday, Sept. 26, at School House Park in Ruidoso from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by calling the Shelter at 257-9841 and plan to bring your favorite picnic dish! The HSLC Board of Directors will be

providing the hamburgers and hot dogs.

The Humane Society, Lincoln County website is www.adoptNMPet.com.

Meeting changed

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

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

Greentree meeting

The Greentree Solid Waste Authority Board has rescheduled its September meeting for Tuesday, Sept. 21; at 2 p.m. in the new administrative offices of the new Greentree Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Center east of Ruidoso Downs.

The new facility including the meeting and training room is located at 26590 Highway 70. The Transfer Station and Recycling Center is currently

not open for use by the general public but is expected to be later this Fall following completion of construction and final inspection by the NM Environment Department Solid Waste Bureau.

The public is invited to attend the Board meeting. For more information, contact the GSWA office at 378-4897 or toll free at 1-877-548-8772.

ENMU workshops

ENMU-Ruidoso offers two workshops next week.

A Financial Workshop with Andy Carter is a four-day class covering the fundamentals of the tools and strategies of investing. Topics include the key features of bonds, stocks, and mutual funds, the importance of proper asset allocation, and how certain

investments can deliver tax-free income.

Current market conditions and how political, economic, and cultural forces shape markets will also be covered.

The class will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. from Sept. 21 through Sept. 30 at ENMU-Ruidoso. The fee is \$65; \$55 for seniors.

The second workshop is Kathy Katelin and Abstract Art, exploring inner experiences through color and shape in this hands-on art class.

Non-representational art can be intimidating, but in this fun and relaxing workshop, Katelin will help students simplify and express their feelings.

The class will be held Wednesday, Sept. 22, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The fee is \$50; \$40 for seniors.

Horse people love starch and Evergreen Cleaners wants to express their appreciation for the tremendous amount of business the Race Track brings our way. We urge all of Lincoln County to support the Business Retention Vote.

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While photographer David Tremblay and wife, Deedee, enjoyed the evening at Valley of Fires, they realized they were not alone. Tremblay snapped a few shots of this Desert Tarantula (Aphonopelma chalcodes) and then became reacquainted with the visitor in the morning. His new hairy friend is the largest native spider of the desert Southwest. Typically, they live in solitude in desert basins, mountain foothills and forested slopes. They occupy various kinds of nests, with many species taking up residence in burrows or crevices. Some surround the entrance with a silken "welcoming mat," which vibrates like guitar strings, sending signals to the spider that potential prey is nearby. The fearless tarantula will attack literally anything that it can subdue, such as beetles, grasshoppers, locusts, other spiders, small lizards and mice.

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OUR OPINION

Bikers a reassuring sight during recession

They've come at the right time

Welcome Bikers" — it's a sign seen all over town at businesses — even at the Smokey Bear Ranger District office of the U.S. Forest Service. And we mean it. Sure, there will be traffic jams, noise and probably a spike in police calls. But motorcycle enthusiasts have long shed the hoodlum image. They might be a rough-looking lot at times, but for the most part they obey the law, energize the community and support our economy.

And, boy, are their rigs colorful and imaginative. A note to you bikers: As a tourist town, Ruidoso sometimes wrestles with its role. Some people here feel inconvenienced by visitors; most understand we depend on them. That bipolar attitude is true of any tourist town. But during a recession, amid lingering concern over the future of our racetrack, your vibrant presence is reassuring that somebody out there likes us, that you get it. Have a safe one.

The people are speaking — the 'bastards'

Realizing there might be a message in finishing second to Jimmy Carter in five straight primaries, the very liberal, very entertaining Morris Udall went to the steps of the Capitol and withdrew from the 1976 presidential race. "The people have spoken," Udall reportedly said. "The bastards."

Yep. We're bastards, all right. Thank God.

Wall Street Journal contributor and editor Kim Strassel penned a piece recently that says just that. Well, not just that. She left out the "bastards" part, but the gist was the same.



JEFFERY GARDNER
RIGHT FOR A REASON

Her point, under the headline, "The Obama Heyday is Over," is that you can tell the November election is going to be a sea change by the number of Congressional Democrats jumping off the Good Ship Barack.

Basically, lots of people who thought printing money until the Treasury ran out of ink was a good idea; people who looked us straight in the eyes and said we were going to give 30 million people free health care and it would lower the deficit; people who promised the most transparent government since the Emperor donned his new clothes — these people have heard the voice of America and they're afraid. Very afraid.

Suddenly, countless of God's elected Democratic men and women in Washington are Born Again, what? Fiscal conservatives, perhaps?

Strassel notes that in some cases the attempts of Democrats whose prints have been all over the gun for the past 20 months to distance themselves from any wrong doing are comical.

Montana Senator Max Baucus's reply to an angry constituent who was bending his ear about Obamacare — a bill Baucus penned virtually all by himself and one that didn't appear on the Internet until long after it was a done deal — had to bring a chuckle.

"Mark my words," Baucus said. "Several years from now, you're going to look back and say, 'Well, that wasn't so bad after all.'"

As the *Wall Street Journal* so

aptly put it, "Now there's an endorsement." Ringing, indeed. We're mired in debt. A chunk of it was left over from George W. Bush. But for 20 months Obama and the Democrats have piled on and left us no hope for change or recovery.

The curious thing is that this change is coming despite the mainstream media's best efforts to sell Americans on the whole Obama agenda.

Remember months ago when ABC News spent a day in the White House basically serving as a propaganda tool for the administration's effort to take over health care? ABC News was unapologetic.

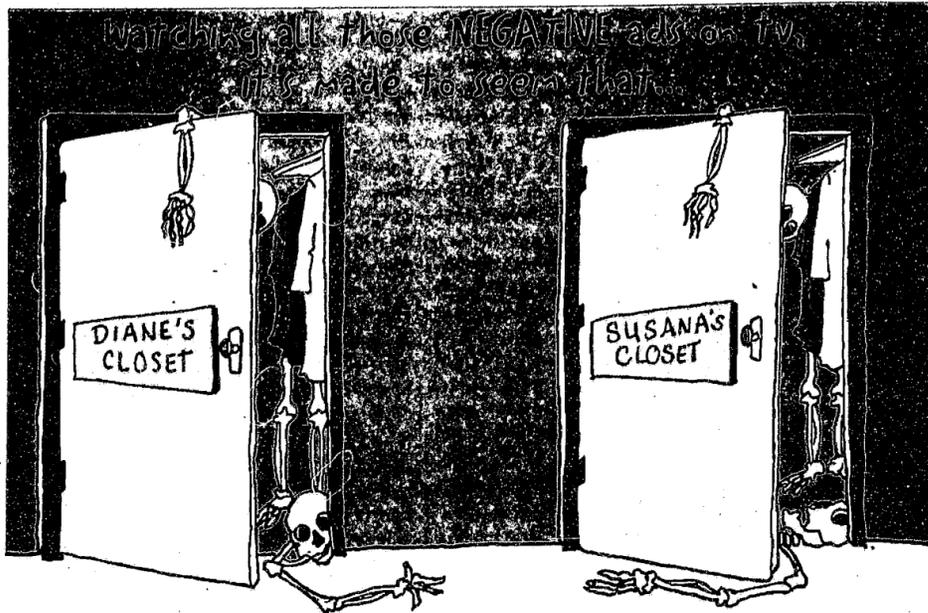
The American people, we're learning, weren't fooled. It appears, as well, the people weren't fooled by the mainstream media's work to vilify the Tea Party movement. In fact, the *Daily Kos* and *Huffington Post* are in snits now that outlets like the Washington Post and CNN are changing course. The coverage from CNN has been surprisingly balanced. Last spring, the network went so far as to embed, if you will, a reporter in Tea Party rallies in the West.

The reporter found what most Americans instinctively know: No major movement is without its warts, but the Tea Party has brought together Americans of all backgrounds and races and unified them.

Certainly the fiscal irresponsibility of the past 20 months has energized the movement. But the Tea Party fire has certainly been fueled by the arrogant use of power that Obama, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid have wielded.

Whether it was taking over health care, the auto industry, or rescuing a financial industry that has itself been unapologetic for its own arrogance, the Democrat leadership did it so brahshly and heavy-handedly that even the most unpolitical of us has sat up and taken notice.

Now, much to the chagrin of a liberal political elite and a like-minded media, the people are about to speak again. The loveable bastards.



BOTH candidates have ONE thing in common. Doug McLeod 10 Ruidoso News

YOUR OPINION

Column misleading on Martinez

To the editor:
I READ SHERRY Robinson's column about the gubernatorial candidates' stances on the economy [RN, 9/15].

While I appreciate her effort to cut through the rhetoric and examine where the candidates stand on the issues, I would have to disagree with her conclusion that Diane Denish offers more solutions than Susana Martinez.

Robinson criticized Martinez for not naming specific details in a stump speech, but that hardly seems to be proof positive that she does not name specifics. Robinson and the rest of us need to be willing to look deeply enough into the candidate's records and positions that we can accurately and fairly judge where we should put our support.

So I encourage everyone who read that column to be willing to do just that. Susana's not shy about letting us know where she stands and what her plans are. Go to her website, and check out just how thoroughly she has analyzed and planned to address our issues and the sorry state of our economy after eight years of Richardson/Denish.

In fact, if you look at Susana's economy and jobs plan on her website, she takes several pages to detail how she would end corruption, eliminate waste, increase competitiveness with other states and countries, revive our energy sector, and improve the business climate.

Robinson made quite a few far-reaching assumptions about the audience's reaction, and I can't say I think it's fair to attack

Susana for not naming the Gross Receipts Tax, when she referred to a tax on services when she was never asked to.

Robinson's praise for Diane Denish should also require a few counterpoints. With the commercials, we are now familiar with the fact that Denish previously ran a political consulting business.

However, she has far greater experience serving as our lieutenant governor for eight years, and we should carefully examine the record of this administration on jobs.

With unemployment now over eight percent and some of the least business friendly policies in the region, are we better off now as a result?

Did Diane forget to stand up for us as the programs she tells us now, that she disagreed with, were put into place. Funny, I don't recall reading about any dissent, discussion or alternative planning coming from the Lt. Gov's Office over the past eight years? Hmmm.

Dan Bryant
Ruidoso

Time for a change

To the editor:
I HAVE SEEN the TV ad where Susana Martinez is answering an attack ad on education by Diane Denish. Susana dismantles the ad and the ad's spokes teacher. The teacher is married to a felon, convicted by Susana and serving a 23 year prison term. You can't make stuff like this up!

The TV spot contrasts two

women. One has been sitting quietly and demurely behind her mentor for eight years, and believing she is entitled to become our next governor.

The other woman has been busy about the people's business locking up criminals and making her county safer. She believes her next job is restoring integrity to the Roundhouse and to New Mexico.

It is a contrast of two campaigns. One so desperate it can only sling mud, just hoping something will stick somewhere. An inept campaign, that doesn't adequately vet the people who speak for its candidate, that can't explain why it is behind and is wondering if there will still be a coronation.

The other campaign is bold, dynamic, and determined to advance its candidate. This campaign is not conceding ground, not folding its tent, and not going home.

I didn't even see this ad on television. I saw it on a national news blog and I have found it on YouTube. A national audience is now scoffing at the ineptness of one campaign and enjoying the professionalism of the other.

Public office is not a birthright, and being the good soldier for eight years is not qualification enough for the Governor's office. When your ideas are bad and your solutions are wrong, you lose elections. New Mexicans have had enough of those.

It is indeed time for a "Bold Change."

Gene Brown
Quemado, NM

Show to salute Morocco, Portugal

To the editor:
THE RUIDOSO PHYSICAL Therapy Clinic at 439 Mechem is having a pot luck slide show gathering this evening, Sept. 17, starting at 6 p.m.

I just returned from a two-week trip to Europe that included Portugal, Morocco and Spain. I would like to share with my fellow Americans about how wonderful, friendly, and welcoming the people of Portugal and Morocco were.

We Americans are often worried that people of other cultures and religions do not like us and will make our visiting their country unpleasant for us. I am here to tell you that the people of Portugal and Morocco could not have been more welcoming, kind, and helpful.

I know that most Americans worry that to visit a Moslem country is putting us in harms way. That is certainly not the case with Morocco.

From the first men we met

when we got off of the ferry in Tangier who showed us where we could exchange our money, and then to the taxi driver who repeated numerous times "Welcome, welcome, we like America," and every one else after that, we were amazed at how much they wanted to help and talk with us.

The people in the hotel, shops, and restaurants were extremely kind to us. I asked them why they liked Americans and they said because we are nice and not snobbish.

At no time, not for one moment, did my friend, another woman and I feel unsafe. There was never a concern that someone was trying to rob us or harm us. That is why I like to travel so much. It breaks down the walls of prejudice and hatred.

I know that we are at war in two Moslem countries and so many people have the idea that they all want to do us harm and hate us. My experience in Morocco disproves that idea. So,

if anyone is looking for a place to visit and expand their horizons I strongly recommend Portugal and Morocco.

Tonight's show begins at 6 p.m. in the garden at The Ruidoso Physical Therapy Clinic, 439 Mechem Drive and it will be a pot luck, so bring your favorite dish, drinks and chairs.

We will be outdoors, so bring blankets and jackets if you need to be warm. The slide show will start at dark.

If you have pictures from a trip you would like to share with the audience, please bring them on a CD disk.

If you have any questions, you can call me at The Ruidoso Physical Therapy Clinic at 257-1800 or email me at lydia@ruidosopt.com

Here's wishing you many happy travels.

Lydia C. Radosevich, PT
Ruidoso

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THEIR OPINION

People in the woods are loving bears to death

TIM HAUSERMAN
Writers on the Range

Every year, they break into hundreds of homes on the northwest shores of Lake Tahoe in California, and once inside, they leave destruction in their wake — not to mention piles of poop.

Homeowners, frantic to protect their castles, employ elaborate schemes to thwart these powerful animals. They buy mechanical dogs that bark at anything that moves, erect electrified fences, install braying air horns and mount nail-studded boards — all to keep bears away from homes.

Some second-home owners also keep their windows shuttered: Bears peering in have now learned to recognize refrigerators. But no deterrent is failsafe, so residents still fear the next attack.

And what do some lucky members of the community do — the ones who have never been visited by a determined black bear? They purchase cute wooden carvings of bears and attach them to trees or display the effigies in their front yard as if they were religious symbols. They encourage the furry behemoths to hang out in the neighborhood

by letting them repeatedly rob birdseed, and they don't bother to bear-proof their garbage cans the way new residents are supposed to do.

They let the bears get close to their homes so they can take pictures, and if anyone tries to harm these prized creatures, they react with horror. (California traps persistent pests, eventually killing them.)

Meanwhile, the sheriffs of Placer and El Dorado counties are inundated with complaints from residents who find living with bears annoying and expensive.

When I was growing up in Tahoe, the residents rarely saw bears. In my first 30 years, I saw only one or two. People talked about bears with respect; they were regarded as wild animals to be feared and hunted. Now we look at these clever garbage-raiders almost as pets or cartoon characters — like Yogi Bear, or even Winnie-the-Pooh.

Over the years, Lake Tahoe has changed in many ways. It has become urban in nature, a place that attracts lots of second-home owners. The local bears have gotten soft and civilized as well. They're rarely hunted and have gotten comfortable hanging out in backyards where nobody

chases them back into the woods.

Indeed, some people get to know "their" bears so well that they give them pet names. The result: Bears fatten up on our abundant food supplies, they produce more cubs, and they teach their cubs to become free-loaders.

But bear families are anything but good neighbors: They eat like slob and have no respect for private property.

A few years ago, a bear broke into my next-door neighbor's house. When the owners returned, they found cupboards ripped from the wall; what was left of the contents was all over the floor in an enormous pile of slimy goo.

Leather couches were ripped to shreds by deep gashes; bear poop was everywhere. It was a disturbing mess, and what was truly frightening was that there was no reason to believe that the marauder wouldn't be back again soon.

The owners boarded up the lower windows, and they installed boards covered with long nails on nearby trees to keep the bears from climbing onto the second-story deck. They sprayed Pine-Sol to disguise any scent of food and left lights and

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radio on. They even followed somebody's advice and peed in the yard to set territorial boundaries.

Since they were second-home owners, they asked me to keep an eye on the place for them while they were gone. But only a few days later, I noticed bear tracks in the snow leading towards their home. I went over to investigate.

As I approached, I heard the noise of a bear on the upper deck, followed by a loud thump as the bear dropped to the ground — deftly sliding over those nail-covered tree trunks. Entering the house, I was immediately assaulted by the powerful stench of bear.

The kitchen and living room looked like a tornado had hit them. It was not a pleasant experience to have to call the owner and tell him that a bear

was back.

We have reached a dangerous impasse at Lake Tahoe. A group of bear lovers feeds bears out of carelessness, refusing to believe that they're wild animals that need to be kept at a distance and treated with respect. Some of them even threaten anybody who is responsible for a bear being shot.

Meanwhile, homeowners who have done everything they can to keep bears out of their homes and cars feel trapped and desperate, because no matter how many bear break-ins occur, there isn't much anybody can do about it.

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Where are the true Mexican freedom fighters?

ALICIA COLON
Columnist

It's hard not to sympathize with the Mexican citizens who have no hope in their native towns and flee to a better life here in this country, but we must distinguish between the true refugee and the parasite: those unwilling to assimilate who just want to benefit from resources rightfully belonging to legal residents and citizens.

Mexico is a beautiful country with many valuable resources. It's oil rich and has many sites of interest to tourists and archeologists. This gorgeous nation is being overrun by vicious drug cartels that are replicating the Taliban's methods of torture.

The Mexican military is ineffectual against these criminals and many of the police forces are alleged to be as corrupt as the cartels. So where are the Mexicans brave enough to fight for the return of their country to peace and prosperity?

Apparently, most of them are in California and Arizona, flying the Mexican flag, trashing the Stars and Stripes, and calling for a revolution in America. What chutzpah!

Ever since the issue of illegal immigrants became a political football, there have been many such incidents of growing disrespect for the American flag.

In 2006, during a student protest at Montebello High School in California, the Mexican flag was flown above an upside-down Stars and Stripes. These incidents have caused many to charge that California is changing into Calexico.

Ron Gochez, a social studies teacher at Santee H.S. in Los Angeles, spoke to a La Raza rally at UCLA and called for a Mexican revolution in America to reclaim land allegedly stolen

from Mexico. He said, "We are revolutionary Mexican organization here (sic). We understand that this is not just about Mexico. It's about a global struggle against imperialism and capitalism; at the forefront of this revolutionary movement is La Raza. We will no longer fall for these lies called borders. We see America as a northern front of a revolutionary movement. Our enemy is capitalism and imperialism."

His comments are typical of La Raza demagogues who rant Marxist mantras at rallies fomenting anti-American histrionics. This left-wing organization gets government funding, naturally, while claiming to represent the views of Hispanics. It does not but it's ironic how they can do this in the comfort and safety of America, far away from the killing fields near the Mexican border.

More recently and typically, a woman with a Mexican flag and a man ran onto the field at Petco Park while the Arizona Diamondbacks were batting against the San Diego Padres in the third inning. These "brave" rebels were protesting the Arizona immigration law.

You will not see the carnage in Mexico reported and debated on "Hardball" or other mainstream network news shows nor will the details be readily available in the pages of *The New York Times* or *the Washington Post*. These news sources have already taken the position of defending the illegal immigrants as deserving of amnesty. After all, we are a nation of immigrants, they say, leaving out the adjective "legal."

Thanks to the Internet, however, the truth is there with all the horrific images. The drug cartels are using the barbaric practice of beheading to silence

their rivals in the drug trade or anyone not cooperating with them.

This past week, the bodies of four decapitated and mutilated men were left hanging at a bridge in Cuernavaca, Mexico, just south of Mexico City. Three severed heads were left in the plaza of the Mexican border town of Palomas. Worshipers headed for Mass discovered the heads, all males, which were left with a note accusing the victims of muscling in on the killers' extortion rackets. According to the *Albuquerque Journal*, the police chief in Columbus, N.M., Angelo Vega, said that three headless bodies were found south of Palomas in a burned-out SUV.

Car bombings, beheadings, body parts strewn across towns to intimidate the villagers from interfering in the drug deals: Is it unreasonable to suggest that the Mexican border has turned into Afghanistan West?

The headline on the Drudge Report revealed that 14 drug-related slayings were reported last week in different locations in the Pacific beach resort of Acapulco, the legendary tourist site for Americans. It is also a key transit point for narcotics, and, like the other murders, the bound and blindfolded victims were covered with messages threatening rival cartels. Is Cancun next?

The bodies of 72 people, alleged to have been migrants from Central and South America, wending their way through Mexico to the U.S. border, were found by Mexican marines after an encounter with gunmen at a ranch in Tamaulipas State.

Anyone interested in learning the truth about what's happening on our borders can Google the words "Mexican holocaust,"

Latino groups are fond of lashing out at the United States, while in the U.S., but these demagogues don't have the cajones to fight for their homelands.

but be warned, the images are very graphic.

This is happening to our neighbor and the Obama Justice Department is instead busy suing the State of Arizona and a local sheriff for racial profiling. Meanwhile, these drug cartels send illegals across the border as carriers of their illicit products. Members of these cartels set up shop in border towns in the U.S. Sanctuary cities in California and New York City allow these drug dealers to operate freely in the States, with their medical, education, housing, and food paid for by taxpayers.

I cringe whenever I read about the drug usage of celebrities such as Paris Hilton (recently caught with cocaine) and wonder if they ever think about how their recreational addiction is responsible for the deaths of innocent victims. How smug they are when they advocate for legalizing drugs as if that would stop the cartels. Their naïveté on this issue is monumental.

It's hard not to sympathize with the Mexican citizens who have no hope in their native towns and flee to a better life here in this country, but we must distinguish between the true refugee and the parasite: those unwilling to assimilate who just want to benefit from resources rightfully belonging to legal residents and citizens.

Latino groups such as La Raza are not interested in restoring dignity to Hispanics but are motivated by left-wing ideology and an anti-American agenda. Imagine if these groups could be replaced by genuine patriotic reformers dedicated to restoring their beautiful homelands the way our Founding Fathers strove to create this wonderful nation of ours.

The Founding Fathers sacrificed their wealth, and many of those who signed the Declaration of Independence lost their lives as well. Where are the Mexican Freedom Fighters, the Washingtons, Jeffersons, and Adams who can give hope to those fleeing across the border for a better life?

Giving speeches at rallies filled with paid participants for photo and media coverage may be good for a liberal agenda but doesn't help any of those suffering in a nation drowning in the hands of drug-dealing criminals. If these demagogues don't have the cajones to fight for their homelands, then they don't have the right to criticize mine.

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YOUR OPINION

Wilderness camp receives community support

To the editor,

THANK YOU, Ruidoso, for your support of our Wilderness Camp this year.

There were many donations and good people that helped make camp a success for your kids this year.

Great support was given to the camp by Village Manager, Debi Lee and Parks and Rec. Director Debbie Jo Almager.

Gigi Hughbanks handled

much of the office work with registrations and daily information communication. Rodney Griego, T-Bone and Deke Lamay contributed time and manpower to keep camp going the many times we were almost rained out.

Ellen "Buzz" Bizzell gave us free passes to the swimming pool for all of the kids every week for the seven week camp. From the private sector, donations of time, money and food were incredible.

One of our recreation leaders, Jazmine Candelaria, continually brought in burgers, hot dogs, candy, marshmallows, etc. from her friends and family.

Other donations of this kind came from Black Diamond Nutrition Center, Prudy Backhoe, Walmart, Pizza Hut, Dominos and Schlotzsky's.

Victor Montes and Rick Vigil at the Community Teen Warehouse supplied us with lunches

all summer and a great place for our kids to hang out.

Educational Field trips were given, free of charge, from Kaylah Glasgow of the Peace Village, Emily Parker of the Humane Society, Stephen Carter and the Eco-Servants, Jose Almager at his ranch, Chris Montoya at the Mescalero Fish Hatchery, and Staff Chris Rodela's Mom's house and orchard in Tularosa.

Our fantastic staff of Jasmine

Candelaria, Patrick Hodges, Chris Rodela, Jordan Dalton, Travis Sorbek, Judith Rubenstein, Sarah Fisher and Chris Pope had the privilege of building special relationships with 93 of your children this year.

Thank you for putting your trust in us. Have a great school year!

Brady Park
Recreation Coordinator
Village of Ruidoso

BUSINESS

Business 'boycott' has little effect

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A boycott effort against businesses in Lincoln County that have put up the Fight Back - Vote Yes banners and signs may not be working, according to some of the locations displaying the message.

An opponent of the special election asking Lincoln County voters to approve a three-sixteenths of one percent gross receipts tax to assure the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino remains in Lincoln County reportedly had assembled a boycott list. One proprietor contacted on Thursday said he had seen the list.

But Rick Riddle, owner of Noisy Water Artwear, said he was unaware there was a boycott.

"No one ever mentioned it to me. Most people that come to see us are tourists. A lot of tourists ask me about it (Business Retention Gross Receipts Tax

election) and I explain it in a non-partisan way."

Riddle said he does not believe his business has been impacted by having a vote yes sign on his Midtown shop.

Village Ace Hardware co-owner Marty Martell said the so-called boycott is not serious.

"I suppose those for it think it is, but I don't think it is."

Martell said his business is holding.

"The large majority of our customers are 'doers.' They know that if they want to keep on doing the tax is needed."

An impulse purchase with several providers in the area would be a car wash. Ruidoso Laser Car Wash on Mechem Drive displays a Fight Back - Vote Yes sign.

"Business has been good, except like now when it rains," said "Ducky" Freeman, the manager of the car wash. "It hasn't done anything to us, not



Ron Hanna, with Prime Source Mortgage on Mechem Drive, is proud to stand by his Fight Back sign.

JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

that I know of," he said of the boycott. "I haven't even seen the list."

Ron Hanna, with Prime Source Mortgage, said he believed he was the first

business to display one of the larger Fight Back signs.

"Some businesses said they were proud to be on the (boycott) list. They said

put me on the top of the list. You can include me on that."

Hanna said he had no idea if the boycott was having an impact to his busi-

ness. Efforts to contact owners of some of the restaurants with the Fight Back - Vote Yes posters and signs were unsuccessful.

Human trafficking information center opens

In what has been termed an audacious move for a fledgling non-profit, NM Organized Against Trafficking Humans (NM-OATH), recently opened the doors of "Healthy World." The NM-OATH Information Center, in #1 Gazebo Plaza.

A creative blend of organic artistry and education, the facility fills a community void with its offering of information, programs, presentations, and research assistance in matters related to human trafficking and other human rights issues.

Most people view human trafficking as an issue that is "out there, somewhere." Issues of modern day slavery receive little media attention, and the public has little to no understanding that this issue is at epidemic levels, threatens the children of their own community, and

indeed, is a fully separate issue from voluntary illegal immigration.

When a man, woman, or child is forced into the labor, services, or commercial sex industry in order for others to generate profit from their labor, the process is known as human trafficking or modern day slavery.

With as many as 27 million slaves worldwide, human trafficking ties with arms sales as the second most prevalent criminal activity in the world after drugs, and today there are more people currently enslaved than were bartered throughout the four centuries of the transatlantic slave trade.

Victims exist within a spectrum that spans well-funded international slave trading organizations to individuals willing to sell an hour with their child for a few ounces of metham-

phetamine.

Founded in 2007 by Dr. Birgit LaMothe, NM-OATH works closely with the Border Violence Division of the NM Attorney General's office in Santa Fe.

In April, 2010, Dr. Susan Travis was asked to direct the organization. With degrees in Political Science and a Masters in International Relations/ Human Rights, Travis is well-qualified to lead the group to a new level of growth. In addition to over 10 years working with non-profit organizations, including CASA of St. Louis, Travis' background includes university administration both in the US and Europe.

"While human trafficking activity flies under the local radar, NM-OATH best serves the community by placing our information and library in full view of the daily main street traf-

fic," says Travis. "Realizing that the local public and university libraries lack a single holding related to human rights, much less human trafficking, we sought to fill a void in this area so critical to the well-being of our citizens."

Even local students have joined in. This semester, the ENMU honor society, Phi Theta Kappa, adopted NM-OATH as its community service project. Students will be offered opportunities to volunteer as docents, as committee members, or as research specialists.

As an aesthetic element to draw walk-in visitors, "Healthy World" features the "Real Wood Works" products of the local forest restoration facility, SBS Wood Shavings. Not only is the facility beautifully furnished with hand-crafted original works, but SBS Wood Shavings, owned and

operated by Glen and Sherry Barrow, donates a portion of their sales to the "Healthy World" project.

"We discovered that we have similar stories to tell about exploitation and the rescue of what seems expendable or discarded. We each work to address social and environmental issues with sustainable solutions," says Sherry Barrow.

Adding a touch of color and proudly displayed throughout the center, hand-made tiles designed and produced by Susan Weir-Ancker of SWAN Studios, are offered in exchange for donations.

An outpouring of local support has allowed the project to move quickly from concept to reality. Within the first month of the project, the old-fashioned elbow grease offered by Travis and her team of volunteers, and the local in-

kind contributions totaling over \$14,000, have allowed the organization to polish their facility into an elegant gallery in which visitors may explore the issue of human trafficking through various digital and artistic images, exhibits, and displays.

Today, the warm wood walls of Gazebo #1 and the bright images and organic furniture of "Healthy World" offer intimate meeting/reception library available for use, without charge, by any group committed to addressing social or environmental challenges.

NM-OATH welcomes all donations, projects, volunteers, and collaborative opportunities that increase awareness about human trafficking through their participation. For more information, go to www.nm-oath.org or email Healthy World at healthy-world@nm-oath.org

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Tourism grants

Eight local governments or organizations will receive grant funding to promote tourism.

The New Mexico Tourism Department's annual cooperative marketing program has awarded the Billy the Kid Scenic Byways entity, the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce, the City of Ruidoso Downs' Hubbard

Museum of the American West, the Cloudercroft Chamber of Commerce, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Village of Ruidoso.

The grant amounts reflect an overall program budget reduction of 25 percent, which, for many returning applicants, equated to a decreased award over the last fiscal year.

"While the funding available for awards through our

cooperative marketing program is considerably less than in recent years, due to budget restrictions throughout state government, we consider this program very important and quite effective," said Michael Cerletti, New Mexico's tourism secretary.

"In fact, it is because of these tough economic times that we continue to do all we can to support local efforts to increase tourism to all

areas of the state."

Broadband award

A New Mexico telecommunications company that provides the Ruidoso area with Internet service has been awarded nearly \$2.3 million dollars through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to extend its broadband network.

Approximately 10,000 Windstream Communica-

tions residential customers, about 50 businesses and two community institutions in the company's New Mexico territories are expected to benefit.

The expanded network will provide service to additional homes and businesses in the Ruidoso area and eight other communities in the state.

The award, matched by \$757,950 in private contributions, will fund the projects to use industry standard protocols that will offer broadband service at speeds of up to 12 Mbps.

"As we continue to invest in New Mexico, it is critical

to spur jobs and opportunities not just in the big cities, but in rural communities," said U.S. Representative Harry Teague (D-Hobbs). "Expanding broadband to rural communities brings essential services to communities where reliable Internet access is still a luxury and creates a platform for economic growth and future investment. This recovery act funding will create jobs now - through the construction process - and well in to the future by providing local businesses the tools and resources to compete on larger scales and expand their operations."

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Public hearing underway on increased wetlands protections

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An extended public hearing to consider increased protections for some surface waters in wilderness designated areas of U.S. Forest Service lands in New Mexico, including the White Mountain Wilderness northwest of Ruidoso, began Tuesday.

The New Mexico Environment Department's Water Quality Control Commission was conducting the hearing on the Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRW) nomination of 192 rivers and streams, 29 lakes and about 6,000 acres of wetlands.

The hearing, at the State Capitol in Santa Fe, had been derailed for a time when a temporary restraining order was issued in New Mexico District Court for Sandoval County last Friday. The New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association had filed suit to stop the hearing contending the ONRW designation process was flawed.

On Monday the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) filed a motion before the state Supreme Court to quash the restraining order.

"In an amazing feat of judicial process, they were able to get a telephonic hearing at 3 p.m., said Car-

en Cowan, executive director of the cattle group. "The NMCGA attorney was given less than 30 minutes for this hearing. It was really no surprise that the NMED got what it wanted."

The livestock industry is worried the ONRW designations could bring a halt to grazing on federal forest allotments. Cowan was urging her membership to attend the hearing, which is scheduled to continue through Friday.

Also involved in the process is the organization WildEarth Guardians.

"The state should use every tool at its disposal to protect our cleanest waters

and wildest forests," said Bryan Bird, Wild Places program director at WildEarth Guardians. "The title of outstanding guarantees these waters will remain pristine for future generations. Forests and water are inseparable. Our state is a leader in recognizing this relationship and demonstrating our commitment to both."

On Earth Day 2008 Gov. Bill Richardson announced his plan to provide heightened environmental protections for all surface waters within national forest wilderness areas using the Federal Clean Water Act's ONRW. Later that year

around the state, including one in Ruidoso, where many voiced opposition to the local designations.

In 2005 and 2006, the Water Quality Control Commission created New Mexico's first ONRWs, along the Rio Santa Barbara within the Pecos Wilderness and the surface waters within the U.S. Forest Service's Valle Vidal Special Management Unit.

While ONRWs receive the highest level of protection through the state's Water Quality Act, under the designations new land uses that might impact the surface waters could be approved if they do not cause any water quality

degradation to the ONRW, said the NMED. Forest Service maintenance of existing facilities could continue as long as it did not result in new or increased discharges of contaminants into the ONRW. Fire prevention activities are considered necessary for the long-term protection of water quality within a watershed, so temporary and short-term degradation associated with fire prevention projects may be approved.

All streams and rivers that would be affected by the designation are on the Carson, Cibola, Gila, Lincoln and Santa Fe national forests.

Cities unite against PNM rate hike proposal

LAURA LONDON
Alamogordo Daily News

The Alamogordo City Commission considered banding with other communities affected by Public Service Company of New Mexico's proposed electrical rate increase during the regular meeting Tuesday.

PNM filed a rate case with the Public Regulation Commission on June 1 proposing an overall average increase of 21.2 percent in electrical rates for PNM South customers, and a slightly higher increase for customers in PNM North. For rate application, PNM divides its service territory into the two categories; PNM South was previously served by Texas New Mexico Power Company.

The commission approved a memorandum of cooperative agreement, which creates the Local Government Action Group. Mayor Ron Griggs said there will likely be some rate increase, and the group's goal is to help make it as fair as possible. He said normally municipalities don't take part in rate cases but is doing so because Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce director Mike Espiritu worked to bring this rate increase to everyone's attention.

The city's agenda report explains several entities have intervened in the rate case, meaning they can actively participate in proceedings before the PRC. However, the interveners mainly represent the interests of customers in PNM North territory, so a couple of weeks ago several representatives from communities in PNM South met to discuss their options. The agreement to create the Local Government Action Group was one result of the meeting.

Griggs said he and city attorney Stephen Thies met with representatives of other communities in PNM South, including Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Lordsburg and Silver City. He said while the group was meeting in Taos, word got around and it was publicized in the *Albuquerque Journal* and *Ruidoso News*.

"And PNM contacted us immediately while we were there," Griggs said. "So PNM is definitely concerned about our position and our influence, potentially, on this deal."

Griggs said the group has another meeting scheduled in Las Cruces next week, and PNM representatives plan to attend.

Thies said during the recent meeting that the group also discussed asking counties to participate and sign the memorandum

since there are some ratepayers that live outside city limits.

Thies said the hearing for the rate case is in late January or early February 2011. He said if the Local Government Action Group wants to cross-examine PNM's experts, it may need to hire its own expert to analyze PNM's financial data. He said entities in PNM North are aggressively questioning the financial data, but their interests may not coincide with the interests of customers in PNM South.

Thies said all written testimony must be filed with the PRC by mid-December, so if the group wants to hire an expert they need to do so quickly.

Thies said the percentage of increase PNM initially released to the press was misleading. He explained there are about 12 different rate classifications in PNM South and the average increase across all of them is about 21 percent.

"Again, that's somewhat misleading because it's averaged out over all the different rate classifications," Thies said.

Residential customers are in a different classification than businesses or schools. According to a handout provided by PNM at a public meeting the company held in Alamogordo on Aug. 11, the total proposed increase for PNM South residential customers is 25.4 percent, school service is 12.7 percent, municipal power is 10.3 percent and large general service is 22.5 percent.

Thies said another issue not widely known is that the rate case for PNM South customers includes a component that would change according to the

company's purchase power costs. On a quarterly basis, PNM could increase or decrease the rate depending on the cost of the energy they purchase. Thies said power for PNM South is generated from natural gas fired plants, and the price of gas fluctuates.

"Gas can go up rather quickly," Thies said. "And if it did go up quickly, we could see a much higher increase that would be passed on to us."

Griggs said one idea, which might be discussed next week at the group's meeting in Las Cruces, is to contact state Attorney General Gary King and ask him to increase his budget for the rate case before the PRC. Griggs noted the AG has \$100,000 budgeted for the rate case while PNM has \$2.5 million for their side. The AG advocates for average ratepayers in cases

before the PRC.

Commissioner Marion Ledford said the city should have a regulatory attorney on staff. He said the commission has discussed it in the past, but "of course, it's always about money."

Ledford said his other concern is that the increases aren't just rate increases. He said there are also increases in fees, some of which never existed in the past. He said they need to look at those fees, not just the electrical rates.

"I think you need to get an attorney on staff pretty quick," Ledford said.

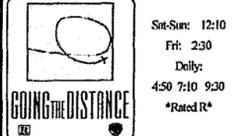
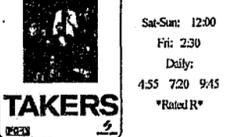
Griggs said that was a challenge because it seems most attorneys who have expertise in the field of regulatory affairs are "already spoken for." He said that is partly what inspired discussion about asking the Attorney General to increase his rate case budget.

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PERIL

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mile." DeSoto added that being a public transportation operation she was prohibited from being a charter service.

"They had contacted everybody else with no luck to transport them. I was happy to accommodate them."

DeSoto said she was without proof of the Lobos' claim that no one else would provide transportation.

"I guess you accepted the Lobos' word," said Williams.

Then the discussion turned to service beyond Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs when Williams asked if LCT was still making trips to Capitan.

"When requested," said DeSoto. "There are very few calls for the service. I have avoided going fixed-route due to the fact that it was recommended. Angel Fire had gone fixed-route when it went into business and they suggested that I stay on demand until I get the support of entities that use our service such as Inn of the Mountain Gods, Walmart, ENMU, some of the higher usage entities. If I can get their support then there would be less burden on the county and the village and the city of Ruidoso Downs."

But Commissioner Eileen Sedillo contended the Inn of the Mountain Gods has their own transportation.

"They don't come into Ruidoso necessarily," re-



DeSoto, on the controversial use of Lincoln County Transit by the UNM football team: "They had contacted everybody else with no luck to transport them. I was happy to accommodate them."

plied DeSoto.

"Yes they do," said Sedillo.

"The reason I know this is because we had some company not too long ago, in fact I think it might have been Labor Day weekend. Somebody from the racetrack wanted to go to the Inn of the Mountain Gods and so this man, who worked for the Inn of the Mountain Gods went to the racetrack to pick up these people and some other folks

in Ruidoso to bring them to the Inn of the Mountain Gods."

DeSoto said about 11 percent of LTC ridership involves the Inn of the Mountain Gods and the travel center casino on U.S. Highway 70, much of it people coming to or from work.

But Sedillo said the two tribal casinos have specific busses that shuttle people to and from work.

"The reason I know is

because I talked to the driver that runs the route," said Sedillo.

Commissioner Dave Parks returned the dialogue to a scheduled Capitan route and said he was surprised there was little demand because "tons of people" that live in Capitan work in Ruidoso.

"I would like to," DeSoto said of a shuttle to Capitan. "I have had the requests for it. Prior to going to a fixed-route I would like to have

these entities on board. As far as fixed-routes, I think it would consumer a lot of time and money. I just don't think I should just jump right into it."

Williams said he recalled the county wanted to see a Capitan route tried for a year and then assessed. Chair Battin agreed.

"I think our last agreement to put county funds into it was contingent upon expanding service to Carrizozo and Capitan," said Battin. "And it sounds like you haven't because you haven't had requests."

The public transportation service is currently a point-to-point on-demand operation.

"Do you wait for a phone call from somebody to go to or do you all cruise around looking for a customer?" Sedillo asked.

"We don't cruise around," replied DeSoto.

But Sedillo said she had seen LCT busses at Walmart.

"I don't know if they're waiting for someone. Instead of parking and waiting they're cruising the parking lot," said Sedillo.

The wisdom of using a 13-passenger bus to transport one person was raised by Williams.

"That's a good question," said DeSoto. She said she was unsure why the previous transportation manager chose the larger busses, which were obtained through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding.

"I was assuming it would be for long-term plans when we do go fixed-route. There's plenty of room for people to get on board and be transported," said DeSoto.

Public transportation was called a "good idea" for some communities, but perhaps not for a large and rural Lincoln County.

"It just doesn't work. Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Alto, it's all right there. But then you have to go over the mountain and there's nothing," said Sedillo. "It's not cost-effective."

Apparently sensing the mood, DeSoto encouraged the commission to support LCT and its future grant requests.

"We're all county," DeSoto said. "I really think there's a better future

through this. I don't think this is the end of the end. I don't want it to be. And I think with the increase of the elderly population and the people in poverty, this is greatly needed in Lincoln County."

For fiscal year 2011-12 the federal grants would provide about \$220,000 to LCT. Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Lincoln County would have to produce a local match of \$80,000.

"So in addition to our action today, if we approve to adopt this resolution saying that the county supports the program and supports application for federal funding, that would imply that we are agreeing to funding our proportional share of the matching funds, which would be one-third of \$80,000," said Battin.

Williams noted the county would have to specifically approve the funding.

A motion by Powell to deny support for the filing of an application for grant funding was backed by the other four commissioners.

Monday evening, Ruidoso Downs city councilors had approved a resolution to file for the funding assistance.

Following the vote, Williams said the lack of county support puts LCT in peril.

"You realize that pretty much kills Lincoln County Transit because the village and Ruidoso Downs aren't going to support it," said Williams.

Parks agreed. Speaking to DeSoto, Battin said the transportation director had her work cut out.

"I would hope that you can reorganize and redirect. Confine your service to the municipalities and seek you funding from the municipalities and then seek you grant based on being a municipal provider and see if you can't make the program effective."

The transit operation should continue to operate for much of 2011. The commission had, in June, approved a contract pledging support into next year. And Ruidoso city councilors Tuesday evening approved an agreement to help fund LCT after previously setting aside funding.

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TRIAL

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dence charges saying that because the medical examiner could not say exactly how Lopez died, and could not say for certain that he had been choked, there was no proof that he had not died as the result of an "unfortunate accident during a fight."

"No crime, no tampering," he said. "The testimony given by a good many of the state's witnesses was rife with contradiction. The defense does not believe the death was intentional, so therefore there was no tampering and therefore no conspiracy to tamper."

Judge Karen Parsons did not agree and said there was clearly an issue for the jury to decide. She denied Walker's motion to drop those charges.

The jury returned to the courtroom and the state then officially rested.

The defense, headed by Walker and co-counsel Jeffrey Van Keulen, called only one witness. Walker put Gary Riordan, the defendant's father, on the stand.

Gary Riordan's main testimony was to the



District Attorney Diana Martwick waits for an answer after asking a question of defense witness Gary Riordan, father of the defendant.

JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Riordan told the judge he was very aggravated and wanted to leave. "I don't want to sit next to people who misrepresent me," he said.

J.T. Riordan's argument was that his counsel had not presented all the taped interviews to the jury to refute the contradictions and added testimony given by some of the witnesses. His counsel and the judge explained to him the law about extrinsic (inadmissible) evidence, but he continued to request to be removed. Judge Parsons asked him to remain calm and to listen.

The jury will reconvene at 9 a.m. today to hear final arguments from both sides and then will go into deliberations.

mechanical state of the pickup truck allegedly used to transport the victim, Johnathan Lopez, from the Biscuit Hill Trailer Park where he was reported to have been murdered, to the Arabela gravesite where he was found some five months later.

It was Gary Riordan's recollection that the clutch on the pickup had gone out on Aug. 12, 2006, some two

weeks before Lopez's death. He said it was parked by the *Ruidoso News* office until it was towed to Biscuit Hill and later hauled to Riverside for repairs. Gary Riordan said he resided at 29 Pines at the time.

At the completion of Gary Riordan's testimony, the jury was released for the day.

The stoic and solemn J.T. Riordan on the first

day of trial Monday seemed to be showing signs of strain, and on Thursday afternoon he appeared to be making attempts to contain his emotions.

While attorneys reviewed the final jury instructions, the defendant asked to be excused from the courtroom, telling the judge, "They (his attorneys) are going to do what they want to do."

Parsons told him she didn't think she could let him go, saying the defendant needed to be present during the process. J.T.

PACS

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the Committee for Lincoln County Economic Development. The lion's share of that was a single \$17,500 contribution from the Realtors Association of New Mexico, a statewide lobbying group. Other real estate money was delivered by the Ruidoso Multiple Listing Service, \$1,500; El Paso Realtor Laureen Zelt, \$1,500; and Pinnacle Real Estate, \$1,000. Other real estate agents or firms provided lesser contributions.

The biggest horse industry contributor was Henry Southway of Colorado. He donated \$7,000 in two installments. Horse owner Billy Smith of Albuquerque initially advanced \$1,000 and three weeks later followed up with \$5,000. The Ruidoso Jockey Club and horse owner Bill Reed of Ruidoso Downs each advanced \$5,000. Horse owner/trainer Michael Stinson of Fort Worth gave \$2,500. Houston horse breeder Ted Abrams provided \$2,000. Each contributing \$1,000 were ranch owner Jacque Tanton of Dublin, Texas; horse owner/trainer Bobbie Cox of Fort Worth; trainer/veterinarian Leonard Blanch

of Roswell; horse owner J.E. Helzer of Arlington, Texas; and owner/trainer Lyle Guillory, of Alexandria, La.

Other contributions of \$1,000 or more included: C&M Exploration, an oil and gas company in Texas, \$5,000; John McStay, a Dallas investment businessman, and Gary Truitt, only identifiable as a businessman, \$2,500 each; and Alamogordo businessman K.R. Eaton, California attorney Terry Thompson, Judith Miller of Fort Worth, and Hotel Ruidoso LLC (The Lodge at Sierra Blanca), each contributing \$1,000.

There were almost 100 people who put in \$5 or less. Cynthia Lynch, the treasurer of the PAC, said those contributions came from track employees. Support of \$1 per person was given by 83 track workers.

The No Bail-Out Tax political committee found retired public administrator Les Olson of Carrizozo as its biggest contributor. Olson provided \$100 on Aug. 4 and two weeks later put in \$500. Harvey Minter of Alto contributed \$250. Terry Franklin of Ruidoso, who is active in the TEA Party, and Jane Cahill of Salem N.M., each donated \$200. Alto artist Darlene

Camus and Capitan area rancher Willa Stone each contributed \$100. There were also two anonymous contributions of \$100.

More than \$10,000 was spent to produce and air commercials about the special election on Ruidoso radio stations. The Committee for Lincoln County Economic Development expended \$9,299 for radio ads. The No Bail-Out Tax PAC spent \$650.

Newspaper advertising by the two PACs, all in the *Ruidoso News*, totaled \$4,194. The pro-tax PAC spent \$3,350, while the anti-tax group expended \$644.

The Committee for Lincoln County Economic Development also paid for other forms of advertising, such as handouts, a website and mailers. The PAC also sent \$25,000 to Lincoln County to cover the cost of the election, which is being conducted only by mail. Lincoln County registered voters began receiving ballots in the mail at the beginning of September. The ballots, with postage-paid return envelopes, must be in the Lincoln County Clerk's Office no later than 7 p.m., Sept. 21.

The reports of expenditures and contributions were submitted to the office of the New Mexico Secre-

tary of State this past Monday.

The reports' financial summaries showed the Committee for Lincoln County Economic Development had \$30,873 yet remaining in their account that had accrued \$81,954. The No Bail-Out Tax PAC had a balance of \$745 out of a total of \$2,160.

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Written comments should include your name, address, contact phone number and your comments regarding business registrations, special events and itinerant vendors. Please cite the section of the Village Municipal Code of Ordinances that supports your comments and recommended changes (if any). Also identify if you wish to speak at the workshop in representation of a group from our community.

To assist everyone in their understanding of the current ordinances that establish the business registration fee, special events and the operations plan for the Village of Ruidoso Convention Center, copies of these ordinances will be available at the Office of the Village Clerk upon request.

For more information, please contact Village Manager Debi Lee or Village Clerk Irma Devine at (575) 256-4343 or email at irmadevine@ruidoso-nm.gov.

We look forward to your written input and attendance at the September 23rd Village Council Workshop.

/s/ Irma Devine, Village Clerk

HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

Nutritional healing in 10 simple steps

ANGIE FERNANDEZ
Special to the Ruidoso News

It is no secret that the human body has the ability to heal itself. Whether you suffer from heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity, cancer, chronic fatigue, or any other ailment it is possible to ease the symptoms and sometimes even reverse the effects of some of these diseases and ailments. The following are ten tips that will help you heal your body with nutrition.

1. Fruits and Vegetables – begin to include as many fruits and vegetables in a

raw and uncooked state into your lifestyle (i.e. fresh fruits for breakfast, fruits and veggies as snacks, fresh salads at dinner). Eating fresh fruits and vegetables aids in the digestion process and also helps in cell regeneration. For optimum health it is suggested that 75percent of your total food intake be raw fruits and vegetables.

2. Avoid Dairy – If you choose to keep dairy in your lifestyle, it is suggested that you consume low fat dairy items or you may wish to change your sources. Almond milks and cheeses are a great substi-

tute. Soy milks and cheeses are another alternative, but it is suggested to use these items minimally as 70percent of all soybeans grown in the US has been genetically modified.

3. Avoid Animal Fats – bacon, beef, pork, and sausage and smoked or processed meats are not good for you. Eat these items in moderation. Healthier animal foods are broiled white fish, and skinless turkey or chicken and should also be consumed in moderation.

4. Avoid Salt, MSG and processed foods – Excessive sodium intake can cause

fluid to retain in muscle tissue which may lead to high blood pressure, so limit your use of salt when cooking and dining as well as stay away from processed foods which usually contain high amounts of sodium and preservatives.

5. Substitute items – incorporate fresh fruits and veggies into your lifestyle by being creative (i.e. instead of eating chips with salsa or guacamole, use fresh carrots, or cucumber, squash, or broccoli to dip. You may also use green leafy vegetables instead of bread. You can make a delicious wrap using turkey,

avocado, sprouts, tomatoes and shredded carrots in a leaf of romaine lettuce.

6. Snacks – let yourself snack often during the day, but choose the right snacks. Baby carrots, apples with peanut butter, grapes, cucumber slices, watermelon, and oranges, are all excellent ideas that require little preparation.

7. Drink plenty of water – Water it is a transporter of nutrients, and necessary for all building functions in the body. Water is also essential for carrying waste out of the body and flushes toxins out of your system. Drinking water

also helps create a feeling of fullness in the belly.

8. Get family and friends on board – you are more likely to stay on track if you and those around you share a common goal.

9. If you don't put it in your cart, you don't have to say no to it later.

10. Avoid alcohol, caffeine and tobacco products. Feeling amazing could be only a few fruits and veggies a day away. I hope you think it's worth a try.

If you have any questions or comments you may reach me at veggie.gurl09@gmail.com

Second marriages

If it weren't for the triumph of hope over experience us lawyers wouldn't have much to do.

You'll need a new will, probably a pre-nupt, and, most tricky of all, you'll have to talk to your kids. Do you want your new spouse to inherit all of your property? Perhaps, given his or her financial situation, you may want to bypass your new spouse and leave everything to your children. If you do not rewrite your Will, things will be messy when you die.



KENNEY HEGLAND
LAW PROFESSOR

There is a special problem if both of you have children from prior marriages. You will probably want to provide for your new spouse after your death, but at the time of his or her death, you would like to see the remainder of your estate go to your kids. You both agree and draft new Wills, leaving everything to one another, remainder divided among the children. You die first. How can you be sure your new spouse will keep his or her end of the bargain on not write a new will? Betrayal! Shakespearean tragedy!

Double, double, toil and

trouble;

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Wool of bat, and tongue of dog,

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I leave it all to my portly nieces!

A living trust is a good solution.

All your property goes in the trust for your joint use; when one dies, the trust becomes irrevocable, with the income going to support the survivor and then, at the death of

the survivor, the remainder going to the kids.

But there are other devices to accomplish this goal and trusts can be tricky things. Who will be the trustee? To what degree and for what reasons can the corpus of the trust be invaded and thus reduce the amount the children will ultimately get. For medical expenses for sure but maybe not for lavish trips to Rio (unless you are an incredibility forgiving spouse).

Given the complexity of Living Trusts, if you want a free donut, go to a Living Trust Seminar, if you want

something that actually works, go to a lawyer.

Rewriting your will every five years or so is a good idea in any event: things change – “You mean I was leaving money to that worthless bum?” You will need to look at your other legal documents, perhaps changing who is covered on your health insurance, or who is the beneficiary on your IRA. Do joint owners of saving accounts or real property need to be changed? Notify Social Security of your marriage.

A cartoon shows two young boys standing next to a swimming hole. A rope tied to a tree limb supported a tire swing. The rope is broken. The tire floats in the water. One boy says: “I’ll get another tire, you go tell Tommie’s mother.”

The hardest part about prenuptial agreements is broaching the subject. Blame me.

A “prenuptial” is simply a written agreement between the happy couple (while they still are). It can cover such things as:

1. Who is responsible for the debts brought into the marriage?

2. In the event of divorce, what happens to the property brought into the marriage and to property acquired during it? What of support obligations?

3. Who is to inherit what?

4. Who takes out the garbage?

Number four is not a joke (at least not much of one). We all get set in our ways. Marriages require adjustments. It might be well to hammer some things out-such as vaca-

tions, hobbies, relationships with ex’s, and things of that ilk. These concerns may seem petty, but they are the stuff of life.

Merely sitting down with your loved one and writing this document will help avoid misunderstandings and needless conflicts down the road. However, if you want it to be legally enforceable, get legal help. As there is the potential for overreaching and misunderstanding, each of you should be represented by separate lawyers. And don't try to hold back your off-shore accounts. Full disclosure of assets and debts must be made; otherwise, a court will most likely throw it out.

If you are currently married and don't have a prenuptial agreement, postnuptial agreements are possible.

Prenuptial agreements can be very important. Without one, and despite what your new will might say, and what you talked about, at your death your new spouse may be entitled to half the property earned during the marriage and, in some cases, some of the property brought into it. If the marriage ends in divorce, a spouse will be entitled to division of the property and perhaps spousal maintenance unless there is a prenuptial waiving these claims. Of course, if a lot of money is involved, expect a fight as to the validity of the prenuptial agreement.

Unlike death and taxes, prenupts ain't certain.

Now the tricky part: “Hey kids, I’m getting remarried.” Good luck with that.

SHELTER NEWS

HUMANE SOCIETY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

We are planning a picnic for members of the Humane Society of Lincoln County and our 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 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

If you find a stray dog or cat, contact the Humane Society shelter, which is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The telephone number is 575-257-9841. If the shelter is not open, contact your police department or the sheriff department.

The Humane Society

will be participating in the annual Aspenfest parade, which will commence at 10 a.m. on October 2nd. We will have many of our shelter dogs in the parade and we will hold an off-site adoption, when the parade is over.

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.

We are still 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 loved one.

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

Tribe gets diabetes grant

The Mescalero Apache Tribe has been awarded a federal grant to continue to deal with diabetes on the reservation.

The Indian Health Service (IHS) will provide \$263,950 for diabetes education and prevention initiatives. The program will emphasize cardiovascular disease prevention in those previously diagnosed with diabetes.

“It is crucial that we continue to encourage preventative health programs among our local tribes as we fight the diabetes epidemic,” said U.S. Representative Harry Teague (D-Hobbs). “This funding for the IHS Special Diabetes Program will go a long way toward supporting the health needs of New

Mexico's Native American community,” the 2nd Congressional District representative said in announcing the grant award.

The Pueblo of Laguna was also awarded a Special Diabetes Program grant of \$346,228.

The program currently provides \$150 million annually for diabetes treatment and prevention services at 399 IHS, tribal and urban settings across the country.

The American Diabetes Association said at nearly 17 percent, American Indians and Alaska Natives have the highest age-adjusted prevalence of diabetes among all racial and ethnic groups in the country.

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To schedule an appointment with Ms. Dennehy, please call (575) 630-8350. Her office is located at Internal Medicine Associates at 125 El Paso Rd., Ruidoso. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

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Council: Implement the rental ordinance

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Village councilors told administrative staff Tuesday they want to see the short-term rental ordinance, adopted 17 months ago, working.

Village Council Angel Shaw said not having the ordinance fully implemented is a revenue matter.

"If we're looking at possibly losing our hold harmless, which is a huge issue, as well as our 20 percent increase on PNM and some of the other issues, we're eating away and eating away and eating away at what we already have," said Shaw.

'Hold harmless' is the state's guarantee of continued delivery of what had been gross receipts tax revenues to municipalities and counties despite the elimination of the tax on most grocery foods and medicines in 2005. Some state legislators favor ending the hold harmless provision.

PNM, the electric utility which serves Ruidoso, is asking state regulators for a large rate increase, which would increase municipal expenses. Shaw said assuring those who rent homes and condos by the night are paying lodgers taxes and gross receipts taxes is a top priority.

Among the provisions of the ordinance is a permitting process notifying the village which residences are short-term rentals.

"We have an ordinance in place that helps us track those," said Shaw.

In addition to being a gross receipts tax and lodgers tax matter, Shaw called it a health, safety and welfare issue. Fire inspections and information for neighbors are also required in the code.

Councilor Jim Stoddard said the fire inspections are an important component.

"I would like to have some assurances that we have a plan to move forward with this, to get this thing installed and implemented on time and correctly," Stoddard told village administrators.

Shaw said she still hears from property owners with a nearby house that is rented out by the day.

"Many of the residents still have real concerns about neighboring properties that are short-term rentals and we're hoping that this ordinance will give them some recourse to deal with those issues. But that's not what has happened."

Shaw said 17 months after passage puts the village "behind the curve."

Village Manager Debi Lee said she and staff are working on implementing the ordinance.

"Six months ago (fire chief) Tom Gavin, (deputy manager) Bill Morris and I met and outlined how we could get this thing implemented," said Lee. "We discussed who we already knew have short-term rentals and who we anticipated might. In my neighborhood I have a covenant that says you cannot have short-term rentals. But I called the president of my homeowners association and said 'Does it say that? Yes? So why is this partying going on?'" Lee said of the neighboring home.

Lee said there would be some nightly rentals that will be tough to find.

"They have created a

list. It is a very long list. They have started with various ones getting their cooperation and compliance. I think the fire department is working in unison now with them," said Lee. "And I guess I didn't realize we were that far behind."

A spring 2011 target is in place.

A conservative estimate by Lee put the number of short-term rentals in the village at between 300 and 400. About 30 have been permitted.

"I don't understand why we're so far behind when we're looking at a potential 300 to 400 influx," said Shaw. "I mean I'm just astounded."

Morris said forms and databases have been created and one firm that manages nightly rentals was used to test the system.

Morris also predicted the village will spend 50 percent of the time enforcing the regulations on 10 percent of the properties that are short-term rentals.

"We've called this issue to your attention," Stoddard said. "I would think that you can task Mr. Morris ... with some goals."

Stoddard requested regular reports on the progress of implementing the ordinance

Funds cut for school solar grant program

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Somebody changed the rules in New Mexico's photovoltaic (PV) solar to electricity grant program for public schools.

The initiative, using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding from the federal government, was announced by the state almost a year ago. At the time Governor Bill Richardson said \$10 million in funding would be used to purchase and install 100-kilowatt solar PV energy systems in up to 20 New Mexico school districts to stimulate green jobs in local communities.

When Richardson announced the grants awards three months ago, 15 school districts, including Ruidoso, Carrizozo and Corona, would share \$4.5 million to install 50-kilowatt systems.

Another adjustment was in how school districts would select a contractor. The application form stated a district that was awarded funding would have the option of procuring the project through a price agreement worked out by the state or through a request for proposals (RFP). But along the way the competitive RFP option was eliminated.

"Local solar contractors got screwed by the state

Department of Education and /or the governor's office," said Will Pote of Solar Systems in Capitan. His company installs PV systems. "In late October of 2009, we, Solar Systems, and Toler & Sun Electric, along with Dr. Jim Miller, visited three schools, met with the respective superintendents, assessed sites for system placement, and provided information to the schools about solar projects already completed in Lincoln County. At that time, the grant form indicated the schools could choose to use state contractors or the RFP process for choosing contractors of the installation of their systems if they were awarded the grants. After a delay of over six months, the schools received a packet of instructions from NMDOE (New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources) in mid July, 2010 which required them to use only state contractors for acquisition and installation of their systems. No local contractors could bid on these jobs."

Pote said system awards and the financial benefits would go to companies outside Lincoln County. He added the area schools would have no local service or representation should there be problems with the systems.

"Requests to look into these situations to state representatives, both gubernatorial candidates, and the NMDOE went unanswered. Basically we were told 'this is the way it is and there's no recourse.'"

District 56 State Rep. Zach Cook (R-Ruidoso) said he had heard from Pote.

"I don't like it one bit. It would be nice of our local contractors could have participated," said Cook. "It did change somewhere along the way."

Ruidoso Municipal School District Finance Director Yvonne Perez said DPW Solar of Albuquerque was contractor the school board approved. She said there were eight contractors on the state's list and district staff did ask for proposals from five of the eight vendors.

"I think we will totally get our value," Perez said of the \$300,000 system. "We will get some extras. I would have done it anyway because we don't have experience in solar systems," she said of choosing from the state's already assembled list of contractors.

Jim Miller, who has taken a lead on encouraging renewable energy in Lincoln County, said the more funding cut in the program was due to the movement of federal stimulus money to other state general fund needs. That

forced the project amounts and sizes to be reduced from 20 systems funded at \$500,000 each to 15 systems at \$300,000 a piece.

Miller said in late July the Public Education Department (PED) indicated that the reduction in funding caused the change in the procurement process but did not point to who made the decision.

"Although all indications suggest that PED made the policy decision and EMNR is making the technical decision, each agency is in a sense pointing to each other as being responsible for overall design and conduct of the 15 projects."

Miller said in addition to state-approved contractors from Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Taos or Farmington, several of the vendors are not solar companies but rather roofing companies or electrical contractors.

Miller added that time is of the essence, noting that awards were announced on June 9, almost six months behind schedule. Schools are required to have their solar electric systems operational by late-December.

Perez said she believes Ruidoso Middle School will see its PV system in place on time and that once the paperwork is finalized, installation will be quick.

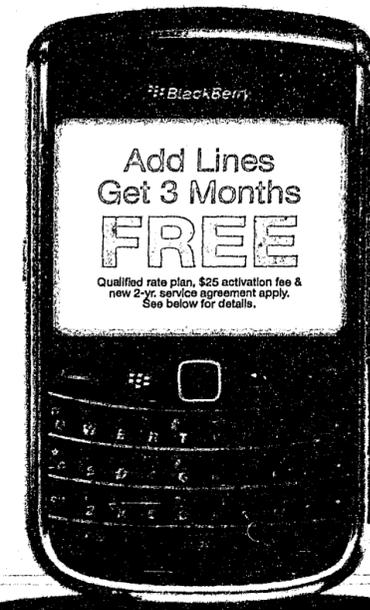
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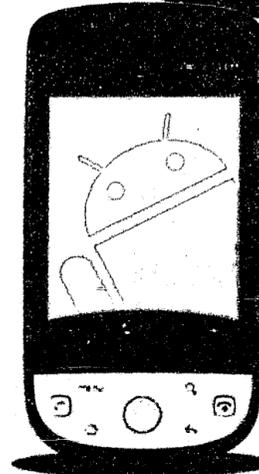
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NEW AND IMPROVED BUS STOP



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

A safety-improved new school bus stop location had its first use this week on Short Drive in Ruidoso Downs. Zia Natural Gas Company donated a strip of property across the street from their offices for parents to park while their kids get off school buses. And the city of Ruidoso Downs added base course and gravel. Mayor Tom Armstrong said the new arrangement replaces the bus stop around the corner on Harris Lane, which had become a safety hazard because the previously used parking area, on private property, was getting a renewed use. With students getting off a Ruidoso school bus Thursday, and parents waiting in their cars behind the trio, are Zia Natural Gas district manager Mike Dvorak, Armstrong and Zia's public relations and business development manager Angel Shaw.

Lincoln NF supervisor reassigned

The lead employee on the Lincoln National Forest has been assigned to a federal forest in Wyoming.

Jacque Buchanan will be the new forest supervisor for the Bridger-Teton National Forest, the second-largest national forest in the country.

Buchanan will officially report for duty Oct. 12.

"Jacque is truly the cream of the crop and the right fit for the Bridger-Teton, said Harv Forsgren, the regional forester for the US Forest Service Intermountain Region. "We asked elected officials, the Forest Leadership Team, and employees what they were looking for in a forest supervisor. They all described Jacque."

Buchanan had been the Lincoln National Forest's supervisor since early 2008.

Buchanan has been a US Department of Agriculture employee for 22 years. Prior to working on the Lincoln, she was the district ranger on the Glenwood District of the Gila National Forest.

She has worked for several different agencies including the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and the Farm Service Agency before transferring to the Forest Service.

Buchanan attended Eastern New Mexico University and completed her bachelor of science degree in natural resources at Penn State University.

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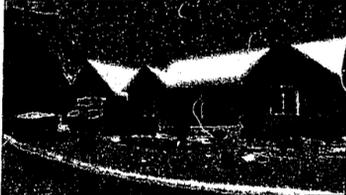
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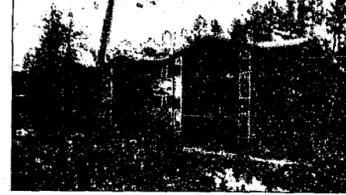
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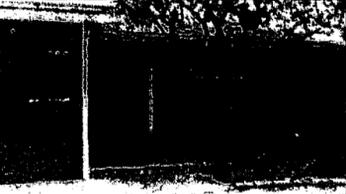
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The Capitan Tiger golf team will hold a four-person scramble benefit tournament Sunday, Oct. 10, at the Links at Sierra Blanca at 1 p.m. The cost is \$65 per person which covers greens fees, cart and range. Please pay at the golf course. Credit cards are accepted. Prizes will be awarded for place finishes, long drive and closest to the pin. Contact Royce Brown with player names at 354-8589 (work), 336-9955 (home), or 937-4686 (cell) by Saturday, Oct. 9.

After-School Program

Parks and Recreation is now taking applications for the After-School Wilderness Program in the Village of Ruidoso. This is a continuation of the Summer Wilderness Camp that was so popular this past July and August. There will be archery, hiking, nature education and crafts, horse-back riding, boating on Grindstone Lake, golf and just exploring new places. Boys and girls in grades 1st through 5th, are encouraged to sign up now for the activities starting on Monday Sept. 27 at 3:15 pm. Transportation is provided in Ruidoso's new colorful van. Your child will be picked up at their school and transported to the day's activity then picked up by the parent at 5:30 pm at the office of Parks and Recreation, below Grindstone Dam. Cost is \$50 per week and \$40 for the second child. First time sign-ups get \$10 off per week. Volunteers needed, possible discounts for program call Brady Park, Recreation Coordinator for details. Applications are available at our office at 801 Resort Drive or on-line at www.ruidosonm.gov under Parks & Recreation. Call 257-5030 for more information.

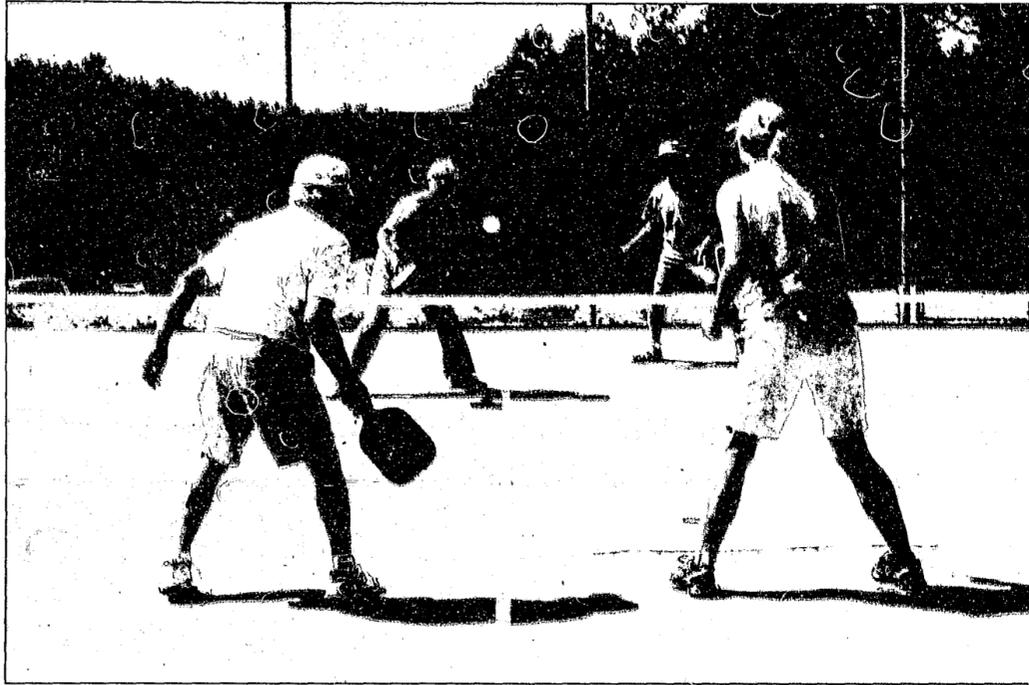
'Ping pong on steroids'

Pickleball grows ever more trendy

MIKE CURRAN
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Pickleball is 50 percent ping pong, 30 percent tennis, 10 percent badminton, 5 percent raquetball and 5 percent dodgeball. Local pickleball organizer Gary Beatty calls it "ping pong on steroids" and less stressful and more social than tennis. It resembles tennis, but is played on a badminton sized court, four courts fit on one tennis court. The net is 2 inches lower, uses bigger plastic balls and is played with a paddle instead of a racquet.

Pickleball is an ever growing sport all over the country played by all ages from school age to seniors. The Ruidoso/Alto club play Mondays through Wednesdays and Saturday mornings starting at 9 a.m. They also play Thursday evenings at 5 p.m. We are getting pickleball started at Alto Lakes Country Club on a trial period the month of September. Before



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

A foursome enjoys a Saturday doubles match of pickleball.

Beatty and his wife head back to Arizona for the winter they hope to also get some indoor courts.

Beatty tried to bring pickleball to this area four or five years ago with not much success. Last year they had a regular group of 12-15 players thanks to Ora Marie Templeton who found a court to use due to

her friendship with Margaret DuPont.

Mrs. DuPont was a world-class tennis player with many titles in singles, mixed doubles and ladies doubles in all the majors at the French and U.S. Open then it was called Forrest Hills and also Wimbledon. Her husband wouldn't let her go to the Australian, he

said it was too far away. She played from the late 1930's until the early '60's. She moved to our area in the mid 1960s and built the first tennis court in Ruidoso. She was given a long over-due award this year at the U.S. Open honoring she and Ken Rosewall. "Thanks to our members who have spread

the word, we are up to 60 members this year," Beatty said. "The two main problems with getting pickleball started is finding a place to play and then getting people to try it. Once they try it, they're 'hooked.'" The name 'pick-

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Payment due for Derbies

TY WYANT
Ruidoso Downs Track Publicist

A sustaining payment of \$300 is due on October 1 for the 2011 runnings of the Grade 1, \$600,000 (est.) Ruidoso Derby, the Grade 1, \$850,000 (est.) Rainbow Derby and the Grade 1, \$1,200,000 (est.) All American Derby.

A separate \$300 payment must be made for each of the derbies by Oct. 1 to maintain eligibility to the derbies that each had record purses in 2010.

The Ruidoso Derby and the Rainbow Derby each had purses exceeding their futurity coun-

terpart in 2010.

The 2010 running of the All American Derby, won by quarter horse racing's top-ranked older horse Double Down Special, had a purse of \$1,548,000 and is the year's richest derby.

It is the all-time richest derby in quarter horse racing history.

The 2010 runnings of the Ruidoso Derby and the Rainbow Derby also had record purses.

The Rainbow Derby at \$873,000 was the third-richest 2010 derby while the Ruidoso Derby at \$569,000 checked in as the sport's fourth-richest 2010 quarter horse derby.

A year ago, Vanessa Bartoo's Ruidoso Derby and All American Derby winner Double Down Special had only a maiden win from seven starts.

Now he is the number-one older horse in the weekly AQHA/Horseplayer.com national poll and used his All American Derby and Ruidoso Derby wins to propel him to the top spot.

Double Down Special has earned \$1,147,067 in 2010 on the strength of his All American Derby and Ruidoso Derby wins.

He earned a record \$774,322 in the All

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Zia Park starts

TY WYANT
Zia Park Track Publicist

HOBBS - The quarter horse stakes program at Zia Park starts on Saturday afternoon with a deep field of stakes-tested older horses competing in the Grade 2, \$50,000 James Isaac Hobbs Stakes.

The 350-yard Hobbs Stakes is the first of 14 quarter horse stakes offered this fall at Zia Park.

The Hobbs winner becomes a top prospect for the Grade 1, \$150,000 Zia Park Quarter Horse Championship on Dec. 5.

Racing at Zia Park runs on a Saturday through Tuesday schedule with a

12:15 p.m. first post time daily. There is always free parking and free general admission.

The top contenders in the deep Hobbs Stakes field are Jess Dellaree, Double Out, Strike It Quick and Anywhere Bully.

They all come into the Hobbs with recent stakes success.

The ultra-consistent Jess Dellaree has finished in the top three in each of his seven career starts and comes off his first stakes win.

Maria Gonzalez's gelding won the \$50,000 La

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Stuck in a moment

Intransigence can sometimes

lead to ruination. Refusing to see the obvious handwriting on the wall and make necessary changes when circumstances clearly dictate a compromise, or a different path, invariably yield a predictable negative outcome.

Most of us are guilty of such oversights from time to time.

U2's 2000 song, "Stuck in a Moment You Can't Get Out Of," makes me think of mates and

people I knew back in my hometown. Mainly boxers. Many of them never changed their lives one iota even though they endured incarceration, drugs, alcohol, financial hardships and disastrous romantic relationships.

They never altered the "pattern dynamics" of their lives ... nor ever wanted to. I guess they were comfortable with the existing conditions.

For a while I ran with boxing personalities around town and

liked the excitement, laughs and unpredictable evenings when I was out and about.

I always knew, in the dusty recesses of my mind, it was going to be a short whistle stop on the "train ride" of my life. I was merely an observer. And so, I guess that made it OK.

Others I knew, got off the train at "Halfwayville" and never got back on for the full ride.

Welterweight, Jimmy Scanlon, was shot down on a barroom floor, super lightweight, Jerry Bodish

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WAC names Nevada and Fresno State in lawsuit

JASON GROVES
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES – A lack of communication between a college athletic conference and two of its members has turned into a legal matter.

On Tuesday, Western Athletic Conference Commissioner Karl Benson said the league filed a complaint in a Colorado District Court last week against Fresno State and Nevada. The Mountain West Conference was also named in the lawsuit, which seeks to prevent the MWC from scheduling current WAC members until after the 2012 season.

"We are seeking the court to inform Fresno State and Nevada of their termination date," Benson said. "I have done so and

have yet to get a response." Benson said Fresno State and Nevada have not committed to participate in the WAC through the 2011-12 season, as required by WAC bylaws.

"Our position has been, and will continue to be, that they have obligation to the WAC for the 2011-12 season," Benson said. "We just need assurance that they will participate in 2011, is the motive behind this. We needed assurance and protection to make sure that occurred."

Fresno State and Nevada have each expressed their desire to terminate their WAC membership on June 30, 2011 after both schools accepted invitations to join the Mountain West last month.

Unlike WAC member Boise State, which announced its intention to leave for the Mountain West prior to the WAC deadline of July 1, Benson informed Nevada and Fresno State on Aug. 26 in writing that the WAC bylaws prohibited either school from departing until June 30, 2012.

Boise State will compete in the WAC through July 1, 2011.

Benson said neither university has yet to respond to that letter. The WAC, based in Denver, filed a complaint Thursday.

"Since I had no communication with Fresno State or Nevada, (the) WAC legal counsel recommended legal action," Benson said.

Benson said legal action was taken after representa-

tives from the six remaining WAC members voted to go that route.

"I was very supportive," NMSU athletics director McKinley Boston said. "I think they have an obligation to operate consistent with the bylaws."

Fresno State and Nevada have 30 days to respond to the WAC's legal action. Benson said he believes once they answer the complaint, a ruling will come in the following 30 days rather than moving to the federal level.

Benson said the WAC's relationship with ESPN and the Bowl Championship Series both remain intact. He also said the WAC's \$5 million buyout is a separate matter from the legal action announced

Tuesday.

"We have declared consistently that the football schedule for 2011 would be drastically changing if we lost two members less than a year away," Benson said. "There are myriad reasons the Fresno and Nevada have to fulfill their commitment. The conference needs time to prepare for departures. It's not something that we haven't faced and other conferences haven't faced before."

Boston said the loss of Boise State has been addressed with the addition of a home-and-away football series with BYU.

"Scheduling football games and creating home-and-away is one of the most difficult tasks an athletic director and athletic

department have to do," Boston said. "We replaced Boise with BYU. If we would have to replace Nevada and Fresno, that might not get done in less than a year."

Benson said the WAC has remained firm throughout the past three months regarding its intention to protect its interests. He also acknowledged the awkward nature of maintaining a league despite two members that clearly want out.

Boston said the committee has met twice via teleconference in the past two weeks. The committee is scheduled to meet on Sept. 27 in Dallas.

Benson said the goal is to have a minimum of eight football-playing schools prior to the 2012 season.

PICKLE

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'leball' sounds kind of silly or stupid."

The game is best played on a tennis court surface.

This presents problems due to the fact that the lines on tennis courts are different than pickleball lines and tennis players for the most part don't want to share the courts.

Beatty would like to see tennis courts being used more and sharing them with pickleball would keep those facilities busy and more people active. Multiple lines don't seem to bother people who use

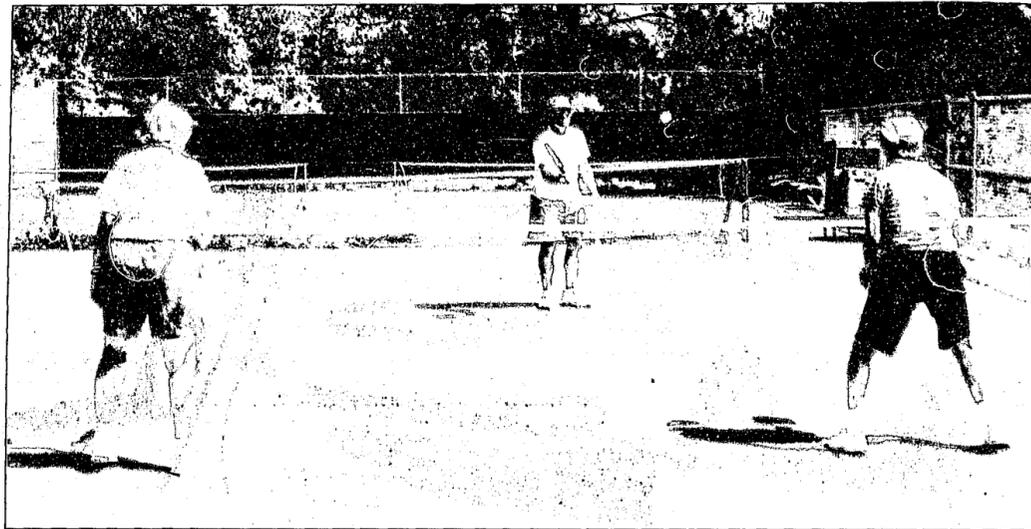
gymnasiums with lines for basketball, volleyball, badminton, etc.

Beatty's main goal is to get lots of people active with a sport that can be played at a variety of levels, with a fun and social atmosphere.

"Exercise is so important and to also be fun is a 'win-win' situation," he said. "Well spent leisure time can lead to great leaps in happiness."

"Activities that combine socializing and physical activity and require some moderate skills are the best."

For more information you can contact Gary Beatty at ioisnei@hotmail.com.



Local pickleball aficionado Gary Beatty shares his expertise with two fans of the sport.

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DERBIES

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American Derby and \$284,572 in the Ruidoso Derby for a total of

\$1,058,894 from those two derby wins.

The John Stinebaugh-trained gelding is the leading money-earning quarter horse this year and would hold that distinction with only his

earnings from the All American Derby and the Ruidoso Derby. He also earned an invitation to the Grade 1, \$750,000 Champion Of Champions by virtue of his All American Derby win.

Likewise, Debra Gotovac's Swingin Daddy has become a Grade 1 winner in the past year.

He was a maiden who had qualified for two Ruidoso Downs futurities at this time in 2009.

In 2010, Swingin Daddy has earned \$540,759 with \$436,721 of that total coming in the Rainbow Derby.

The Bradley Bolentrained gelding is the third-highest money

earner of 2010, ranked behind Double Down Special and All American Futurity winner Mr Pilot.

For further information or make a payment, call 575-973-0576.

ZIA

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Plata Stakes at SunRay Park in his latest start as the 7-5 favorite.

Alejandro Medellin rides Jess Dellaree with the third post position.

Double Out showed Grade 1 class at Los Alamitos by qualifying for three Grade 1 derbies at the Southern California

track. In his most recent start, he was the third-place finisher in the Grade 3 All American Gold Cup behind champion Noconi and stakes winner Shy Ann Jess.

Double Out starts from

the second post position with Esgar Ramirez aboard. Strike It Quick has finished in the top three in each of his four most recent starts and was second to Shy Ann Jess in the Grade 3 Higheasterjet

Handicap on July 3 at Ruidoso Downs.

Freddie Martinez will be up on Strike It Quick with the eighth post position.

Anywhere Bully finished fourth in the Higheasterjet and then

came back to race to a third-place finish in the Grade 3 Mr Jet Moore Handicap at Ruidoso Downs.

Anywhere Bully drew the sixth post position and Oscar Rincon rides.

STUCK

FROM PAGE 1B

met a similar fate and former undefeated IBF Lightweight champion,

Paul Spadafora, did a stint in the slammer for shooting his girlfriend in 2003. When he got out of prison he resumed his career in the welterweight division. To date, the last I heard, the 35-year-old southpaw

was still undefeated with a 44-0-1 record.

At boxing he was/is as talented as they come. At life ... well, lets just say he hasn't done very well.

My friend, Baldy Regan, sports promoter and for-

mer county detective, died from a massive heart attack before he was 50. Baldy always kept late hours and liked his pasta and alcohol. He never wanted to change. He told me so.

Right about now, I know what you must be thinking. Why associate with such ignoble personalities?

I'll tell you why. Most of them were honest with me, treated me as one of them and were there for me when I needed a favor.

They were not boring, either. And none of them

tried to tell me how to live my life. Nor I, theirs.

Besides, how are they any different than baseball's Denny McClain, Orlando Cepeda, Hiroshi Ogawa, Mel Hall or Hank Thompson? Or football's Rae Carruth, Thomas Henderson, O.J. Simpson, Michael Vick or "Mercury" Morris? Or basketball's Tom Payne, Jack Molinas, "Sly" Williams, "Fast" Eddie Johnson or Charles E. Smith?

Boxing, to me, is full of pathos, unrealized dreams, misfortune and hardship.

From a writing standpoint, there's always an interesting, personal story.

You might feel the same about your favorite sport.

I've often wondered why multiple athletes in boxing come to tragic ends or lead such troubled lives.

Even my sports hero, Rocky Marciano, died one day short of his 46th birthday in a plane crash.

Does it go with the territory? Is that just their mindset? Or is it because, like many of us, they're stuck in a moment they can't get out of.

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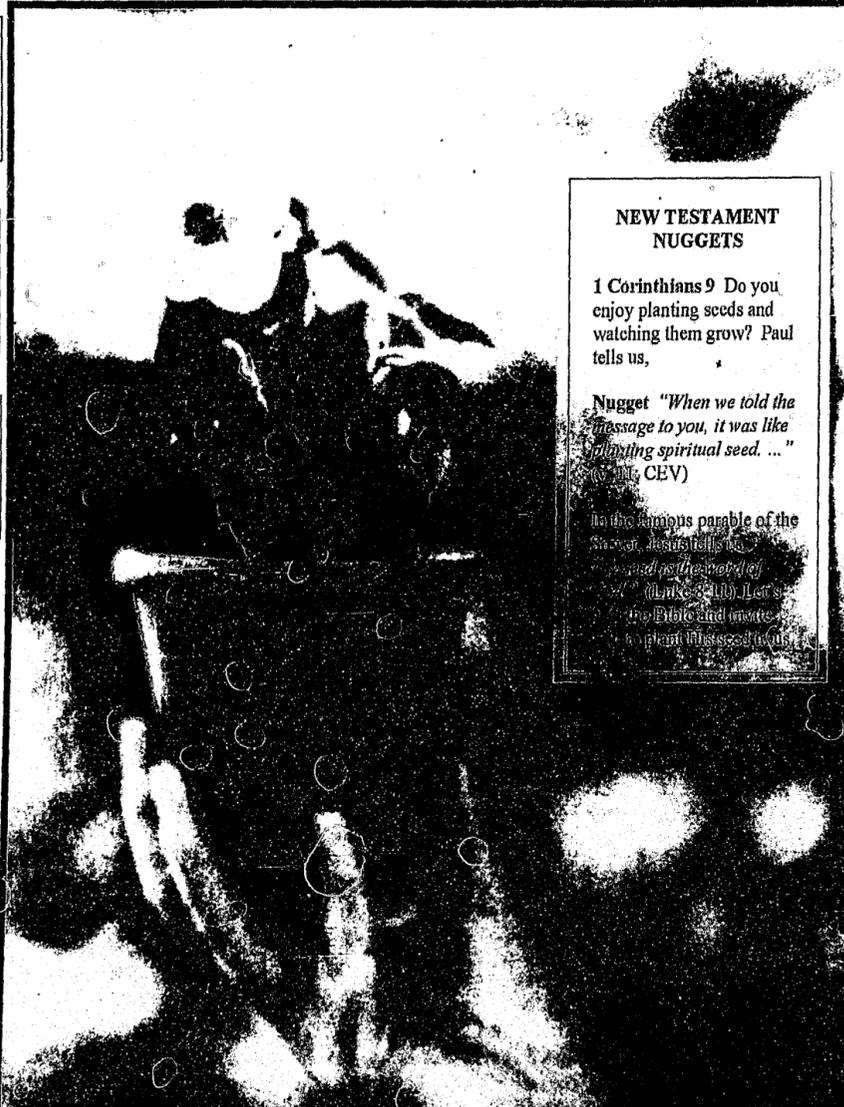
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American Missionary Fellowship Rick Smith, 682-2999. E-mail: RickS@americanmissionary.org</p> <p>Calvary Chapel 127 Vision, next to Cable Co., 257-5915. Pastor John Marshall.</p> <p>Casa de Oracion Comunidad Cristiana, Ruidoso 304 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345 (505) 257-6075. Pastor: Carlos & Gabby Carreon. *All Services are Bilingual* ~ Translators Available ~</p> <p>Centro Familiar Destino 304 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345, (575) 257-0447. Services are bilingual.</p> <p>Christ Church in the</p> | <p>Downs Ruidoso Downs, 378-8464. Al and Marty Lane, Pastors.</p> <p>Church Out of Church Meeting at the Flying J Ranch, 1028 Hwy. 48, Alto. Pastors: Tim & Julie Gilliland. Mailing Address: 1009 Mechem #11 Ruidoso 88345. Phone 575-258-1388. Please check the website for additional information: www.churchoutofchurch.com. Keepin' it simple... Keepin' it real!</p> <p>Cornerstone Church Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth Drive, 257-9265. John & Joy Wyatt, Pastors.</p> <p>Cowboy Church Preacher Buster Reed of Amarillo. Call 378-4840 for more info.</p> <p>Foot of the Cross Christian Ministries 2812 Sudderth (Pine Tree Shopping Center) Pastor, Phil Appel. For more info please call 937-8677 or visit our website at www.thefootofthecross.org</p> <p>Grace Harvest Church 1108 Gavilan Canyon Rd, 336-4213. Iglesia Bautista "Vida Eterna" Pastor Rev. Ramon Robledo. 207 East Circle, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346, 361 E. Hwy. 70, (505) 378-8108. Email: revrobledo@lycos.com</p> <p>J Bar J Church 40 Hwy 70W, 575-257-6899 Pastor</p> | <p>Charles W. Clary. E-mail: jbarcountrychurch@ruidoso.net</p> <p>Miracle Life Ministry Center Ron Rice & Catherine Callahan, Ministers Available 24 hours for healing prayer. 354-0255 e-mail miraclelife@ruidoso-online.com</p> <p>Peace Chapel Interdenominational (ULC)
Alto North, 336-7075. Jeamsie Price, Pastor.</p> <p>Racetrack Chapel
Horseman's Entrance, Hwy 70, 505-378-7264. Chaplain Darrell Winter.</p> <p>NON-SECTARIAN Spiritual Awareness Study Group Minister: George N. Brown, Ph.D. U.L.C. 257-1569</p> <p>Men's Bible Study, Band Of Brothers Call 937-0071 For Times And Location</p> <p>The 1st Iglesia Apostolica de la Fe en Cristo
Jesus in Ruidoso NM, Located at: 613 Sudderth Dr. Suite D Phone: (575) 937-7957 • (575) 973-5413</p> <p>Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church 1120 Hull Rd. 258-4191, 257-5296 Kevin L Krohn Pastor</p> |
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CAPITAN & LINCOLN CHURCHES

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| <p>BAPTIST
Trinity Southern Baptist Church (south on Highway 48) Mt. Capitan Rd. 354-2044. Mel Gnatkowski, pastor 808-0607</p> <p>Mountain Baptist Church
Independent-Fundamental K-145 E. Grandview - Capitan - (505) 937-4019</p> <p>CATHOLIC
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Capitan, 354-9102.</p> | <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST
Capitan - Highway 48. Les Earwood, Minister.</p> <p>EPISCOPAL
Episcopal Chapel of San Juan in Lincoln</p> <p>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.</p> <p>NAZARENE
Angus Church of the Nazarene Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Rick Hutchison Pastor.</p> | <p>NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Christ Community Fellowship Capitan, Highway 380 West, 354-2458. Ed Vinson, Pastor.</p> <p>QUAKER WORSHIP GROUP - Quaker Unprogrammed meeting at the Anderson-Freeman Visitor's Center in Lincoln. For details of this and other Quaker activities contact Sandra Smith at 505-653-4951.</p> |
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CARRIZOZO CHURCHES

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| <p>ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)
Barbara Bradley, pastor. Corner of C Ave. & Thirtieth.</p> <p>BAPTIST
First Baptist Church Hayden Smith, Pastor.</p> <p>CATHOLIC
Santa Rita Catholic Church
648-2853. Father Franklin Eichhorst.</p> | <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST
Perry Zumwalt, minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM.</p> <p>EPISCOPAL
St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel
Carrizozo, 6th & E Street.</p> <p>METHODIST
United Methodist Church Parish
Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846, Carrizozo. Johanna Anderson, pastor.</p> | <p>NON-DENOMINATIONAL
The Word of Life Church
Rev. Chuck Fulton, pastor/648-2339. 711 'E' Ave., Carrizozo, NM. Affiliated w/the Evangelistic Assembly Church.</p> |
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MESCALERO

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

RELIGION

It is 'weird' to feel you know the mind of God

Q: I am Catholic and I believe in reincarnation. Friends and family think I'm "weird" for my belief that we are literally born again after we die. A Hindu friend of mine did agree with me, but he was the only one.

I've believed in reincarnation of a "soul" or some internal essence for a number of years. First hints were through deja vu episodes in the U.S. and in Greece. Currently, my feelings are that reincarnation is entirely appropriate for a "good" God, whereby this God would be "tidy" and "green."



The God Squad
MARC GELLMAN

My Tidy God is efficient in recycling souls to their next reincarnation; no wasting of souls letting them float around all day in a heaven or a hell after death. Is the number of souls that God has created infinite or static? A Tidy God would have a set manageable number of souls and not continue to create others. But, with the world's population increasing, how can the number of souls be static and not increasing?

Animal species seem to be in decline as population growth and civilization infringe on their habitat. Therefore, animal souls

are being recycled into humans. Maybe at age 62 I should start a cult around the belief in a Tidy God. What do you think? - G., via godsqquadquestion@aol.com

A: The first problem I have with your theories, dear G, is common to many letters I receive. I have trouble when ordinary people who are not prophets or messiahs tell me, without any shred of humility, that they know God's mind. They quote selected passages from Scripture and then conclude that their opinions are not personal, subjective, or even possibly incorrect. They imagine that they have God's direct line.

The Greeks (you may remember them from one of your previous lives) call

this intellectual arrogance hubris. Jews call it hutzpah. I just call it spiritual overreaching and usually quote offenders the definitive biblical verse on the subject from Deuteronomy 29:29: "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law."

What the Bible is trying to teach us here on earth is not that there is or is not reincarnation, heaven or hell, or anything else in which we may choose to believe. The Bible is lovingly scolding us to retain an appropriate level of spiritual humility when we pretend to know the will and workings of God. God wants us to remember and

respect the enormous difference between what God knows and what we can know.

God has indeed revealed to us some of God's knowledge in Scripture but only a piece of it, and often in obscure and contradictory passages. The point is for us to respect the domain of the secret things which will become clear to us after we die, and in the meantime keep slogging along trying to do God's work in our broken world.

The second problem I have with your beliefs and your proposed cult is that, try as I may, I just can't utter the prayer, "O Lord our God, Thou art indeed Tidy."

Q: I was baptized Catholic at age 20. I was never bap-

tized as an infant and chose to become Catholic. My Mom was a baptized Protestant. I just learned that her Dad was Jewish. What does that make me and my son, who was baptized Catholic as an infant? Our family continues to go to Catholic Mass on Sundays and we've received all the Sacraments. - G., via godsqquadquestion@aol.com

A: Mazal Tov! You are definitely, positively, thoroughly, indubitably a Catholic! Jewish identity comes through the mother, and even for those parts of Judaism that accept patrilineal descent, it must be accompanied by raising the child of a Jewish father and a Christian mother in a Jewish way.

Theology and politics

There is a philosophical battle going on today in America. It is being waged on at least two fronts... theological and political. There may be more, but these are the two that I will address in today's column.

Let us first look at the theological. There are conservative theologians that look at the Bible and today's culture. The conservative viewpoint examines today's culture in the light of God's Word.

For example, the Bible condemns adultery, lying, stealing, murder, and other misdeeds, calling them sins. That comes from the

Old Testament's Ten Commandments. In the New Testament, the words of Jesus tell us that lusting, deceiving, hating, and coveting are sins as well.

The Ten Commandments condemn ungodly acts. Jesus goes further when he condemns ungodly thoughts.

Conservative theologians interpret today's culture in the light of the Bible. By the way, there is not a one of us who has not violated some of the Ten Commandments and some of Jesus' statements.

There is a liberal theology called situational ethics that excuses stealing, mur-

der, adultery and lying, in deed and in thought. Joseph Fletcher was the first prominent theologian that espoused this view. In his theology, under certain situations, the above four actions and thoughts about them are acceptable.

Joseph Fletcher and his followers interpret the Bible in the light of today's culture. They want a changing "Bible".

Moving into the political philosophy, the same kind of dialectical exists. Conservative politicians use the Constitution and the Bill of Rights the basis for governmental conduct. They evaluate governmental actions in the light of those documents.

Liberal politicians, on the other hand, look at the circumstances in our nation

and evaluate those two documents in the light of today's national circumstances. Some say the Constitution and the Bill of Rights are outmoded and in need of change or replacement.

Whether in politics or theology, either there are absolutes or there are none. Some folks establish "absolutes" and then change them when it is convenient. I know that this is an oversimplified presentation with regard to the way that conservatives and liberals think. But not much more can be done in column of this length. Besides, I am not much of a philosopher.

I suppose that conservatism gives us help for today, I'm comfortable with that...status quo. And lib-

eralism gives us hope for tomorrow. That makes me

nervous...change can be positive or negative.



Clary-fications
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

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Cousin needs compassion and tough love

Q: How do you know if you're actually helping someone or if they're just taking advantage of you? My cousin is an alcoholic, and last year she moved in with us after her family threw her out. But nothing has changed and I'm not sure we're doing her any good. - Mrs. J. McD.

A: To be honest, it may not be clear at the time if we're actually helping someone or if they're just taking advantage of us. Not everyone wants to change; some people only want to stay the

way they are. But what is clear is that they have a need, and God has put them across our path to do what we can to help them. Jesus once healed 10 lepers but only one came back to thank Him; the others were simply taking advantage of Him (see Luke 17:11-18). But did that mean Jesus shouldn't have bothered with them? No, of course not; one man was changed, both in body and in soul.

At the same time, your cousin is on a dead-end road, and simply providing

her with food and shelter isn't solving her problem. She needs help, and you are in the best position to get her to it; she won't find it on her own. Ask your pastor, doctor, or other knowledgeable person what resources are available in your community to help her -- and then give her a deadline to get connected to them. You've probably heard the expression "tough love," and the time has come for you to practice it -- both for her sake and yours.

Most of all, pray for her, and ask God to help you point her to Christ. The Bible's words are true: "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).



Billy Graham
MY ANSWER
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

Patricia Ann McGovney Kille
was born on December 17, 1927 and died on August 8, 2010. She was born in Harper County, Kansas to KG and Anna Marie Schmidt McGovney - their cherished only child. Pat was raised in Free port, Kansas and graduated from the University of Kansas where she was a proud JAYHAWK. She had a career as a Medical Technician until she married Robert John Kille on November 5, 1950. Pat is survived by her two children in law Alan (Phoenix, AZ) and Barbara (Dallas, TX), four grandchildren Michelle, Brent and John David Kille, Sarah Manning and Sasha - her diva dog. She is preceded in death by her husband Robert and their firstborn daughter Patricia Lynn. Pat loved golf, travel and socializing. She and her husband had a career in banking in Hardtner, Kansas. They were 2nd and 3rd generation bankers in southern Kansas. They retired to the Texas Hill Country and Ruidoso, New Mexico where they enjoyed the outdoors and entertaining friends. Pat moved to Dallas several years ago to be close to her daughter and was a resident of Arden Courts.



Visitation for Michael "Boy" Sundayman, 45 of Mescalero
will be Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2010, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the La Paz Family Cemetery.

The funeral mass will be on Thursday, Sept. 16, at 9:00 AM in St. Joseph's Mission with burial to follow at the La Paz Family Cemetery.

Mr. Sundayman passed Sunday, September 12, 2010, at Mescalero. He was born January 15, 1965 at Alamogordo, NM and lived at Mescalero all of his life. He was a security dispatcher at the Inn of the Mountain God and had also worked in maintenance and forestry and had been a welder for the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

He is survived by his mother, Audrey Sundayman; sisters, Jennifer Byers, and her husband, Doug, Franches Cochise, and Louise LaPaz; 3 nieces, Christina Byers, Megan Byers, and Melanie Bell; 4 nephews, Zane LaPaz, Forrest Cochise, Wacey Cochise, and Dilloin Cochise; aunt, Amy Sundayman and an uncle, Lewis LaPaz.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com

Mary Sue Blalock Cunningham

Mary Sue was born on July 10, 1920 in Galveston, Texas and went to New Mexico's heavenly choir, at 90 years of age, on September 13, 2010 in Capitan, New Mexico. She was preceded in death by her husband, W. B. (Buck) Cunningham in 1994; parents J. T. and Mary Eleanor Blalock; in-laws Will & Sallie Cunningham, and one son, Jack Preston Cunningham.

Mary Sue's living siblings are Jack Blalock, Federal Way, Washington, Norma Blalock, Duke, Utopia, Texas; Bill & Norma Blalock, Poteet, Texas; and Nancy Blalock, Federal Way, Washington.

Her surviving children and children-in-laws are: Mary Jane Tate, Ruth Blalock, David & Jean Cunningham, all of Capitan, New Mexico; Margaret Blalock, Bryan, Texas; and her daughter-in-law, Carol Cunningham, Cleveland, Texas. Her Grandchildren are Rusty and Yari Tate of Carpinteria, California; Bonnie Sue and Russell Shearer of Capitan, New Mexico; Judson & Christine Heartsill of Sallis, Texas; Eacey Roger Penny of Dalzell, South Carolina; Laurie Torrell and fiancee, Donovan Smith of Levelland, Texas; Jason Cunningham of Houston, Texas; Casey & Smartt Graham of Tatum, New Mexico; Jessica & Mike Sanchez and family Cunningham of Austin, Texas.

She is also survived by 12 great grand children. She leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews who knew her as Aunt Mary Sue Blalock.

Mary Sue was raised in the Sabinal Canyon, reared her children and grandchildren until 1970 she and Buck having an early retirement moved to the South Side Children's Home in Pettus, Texas. After they retired, they eventually moved to Galveston on High Street. There they quickly became known as the "tomato queen" and "pickles queen" and Mary Sue sold tomatoes. She was a devoted member of the Baptist Temple Church where she served as a Sunday School teacher. In 1994 she moved to Capitan, New Mexico where she lived until the present. She loved to travel and enjoyed making crocheted snowflakes as Christmas gifts. She was a devoted member of the church and a group of friends. She was a devoted member of the church and a group of friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, September 20, at 4:00 PM at Wareville Cemetery in Utopia, TX. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Estes Knowles Mortuary in Sabinal, TX. The family will be holding a memorial service at the Ruidoso Home Health and Hospice, Ruidoso, N.M., on Wednesday, September 22, 2010, at 10:00 AM. Contributions may be made to the Ruidoso Home Health and Hospice, or a children's charity of one's choice. Burial arrangements will be with LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso and condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com.

LINCOLN COUNTY

Carrizozo's Vega, Voss ask for trustee's resignation; blast local rumor mill

JULIE CARTER
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Closing Monday's council meeting with comments from the Carrizozo mayor and trustees, two councilors used the opportunity to scold the public and another trustee for the "rumor mill" in the town.

"I got a letter; it was while I was attending a meeting at the annual conference and it seems Trustee (Lee) Gross embarrassed the town of Carrizozo, I believe," said Vega. "And it seems that he has a special agenda that consists of 200 constituents when he should be working for the whole town."

"Your agenda consists of living in the past," Vega said to Gross. "You should have done your homework and not made such a comment at the workshop. I did my homework, I try to do my homework, and I don't work for 200 constituents, I work for the town of Carrizozo."

Vega said when he was elected, he believed his job to be for the entire town. He said he was tired of living in the past and tired of being embarrassed about what people think are facts and are not.

Lifting a file folder up, Vegas said, "Here are the facts, with a comment. It took me an hour to get that."

Referencing a letter in the file, he said to Gross, "In my letter I have, 'Because of your inconsistency and distrust of the administration to make the

right decision and want to move forward in these hard times, I would request your resignation from the council. I'm just tired of going backwards. If we can't have a council that wants to move forward, to make Carrizozo better, I would like to have the administration, such as that. And that's what I have to say."

Trustee Dusty Voss said when he and Vega ran for council (elected March 2008), the promises they made were to do the best they could for the people of Carrizozo.

"We promised to be honest, straight forward and do the best job we could," he said. "We promised to go to training and understand and be fact-finders. Not the people that listen to rumors and read all that bull on the blogs about people. It's disruptive."

"They are mindless people that can't come up to our face and tell us what they think. They know we would take them to court and the judge and we would tell the truth. We'd win."

Voss said those people that participate in that have no business in Carrizozo and they need to leave. "That's my stance on it and it will be forever," he said.

"This town has got to go forward. Any elected official, before they start going to meetings and spreading these vicious rumors and asking stupid questions about something that happened four years ago that has been resolved, didn't do

their fact finding mission. They didn't ask questions of the people that have been here on the council. It was ridiculous. Everything that was brought up were rumors about some of our staff and were unfounded and found to be so by audits and by the district attorney. Everybody was pointing fingers, including me. I've apologized to those people because I was led down a terrible road of mistruth. We started looking to find the truth, and we did," Voss said.

Voss said they found that the employee manual had some weak points and those were changed where needed. "Manuals are a work in progress, when they need something changed, we change it," he explained.

The truth is there for the asking, Voss said. "Have the guts to come down to city hall and ask. If it weren't for Leann and her staff, we would not have had the two audits that we've had, with no findings. You can't get any better than that."

Voss questioned why people preferred to live on rumors and innuendos instead of getting the facts. "The bloggers will have a field day with this, but that's OK. I know the truth. I'll speak the truth. I've had it. Enough."

With that, the council concluded the regular session of the meeting and went into executive session with Town Attorney JulieAnne Leonard in attendance.

HOG SALSA IN 'ZOZO



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Carrizozo Market, with Peter and Suzi Wolfe, this week became the proud retailer of HOG Salsa, marketed and distributed by the Ruidoso Optimists Club as a fundraiser. The Ruidoso Optimists give scholarships and financially promotes area youth in a variety of programs. The salsa is professionally manufactured and jarred in Albuquerque at Comfort Foods but is made from the recipe of the Optimists and was specially created by Tom McElligott a few years ago. The salsa was first made to appeal to the motorcyclists during the Golden Aspen Rally. Today, it is marketed year-round in Ruidoso, Capitan, and now Carrizozo.

Cowboy loving ways

They weren't newlyweds by any stretch of the imagination. In fact, just days after this birthday event I'm going to tell you about, they celebrated their 35th anniversary.

Keeping that in mind, this tale will give a glimpse of the depth of love and tolerance honed over that period of longevity.

It was his bride's birthday and since her favorite thing was to go somewhere and see something notable, preferably historical, he offered a blank check in the "travel" department.

"Where would you like to go?" he asked, knowing she understood that didn't include destinations that required travel agents or airports.

She wasn't caught off guard with the request but truly didn't have a burning desire to visit anywhere in particular. So he decided for her. Also not a surprise.

"We'll go to East Texas," he announced helpfully. "Pick a town in East Texas."

The only town she could think of was Jefferson, selected because it had a rich history and would not require six months of travel time.

They loaded up and headed east, getting as far as Fort Worth. It was lunch time and since Joe T. Garcia's is, according to her, the best place in the world to eat, they stopped and did just that.

A \$7 margarita for the birthday girl, reportedly with plenty of kick to it, sufficed as dessert and they soon were back on the road.

"Any place in Fort Worth you'd like to see?" he asked her.

She remembered the Fort Worth Water Gardens downtown and suggested that she would like to see that again.

"It is truly beautiful," she recalled. "A waterfall, a river, a stream, a pond, a cascade and anything else you can imagine doing with water."

It takes up an entire city block and you walk around in it and look at all the ways that water is distributed. It is fascinating."

Aiming to please, the cowboy headed the pickup that way.

He drove around the block a half dozen times looking for a place to park and finding none, he quickly lost interest in this particular destination.

His bride heard it coming as much as saw it. Knowing that when he's about to turn to a "silver-tongued devil," the timbre of his voice changes. So she takes a deep seat because what is next is always a "suggestion."

"You know baby, you have this wonderful memory, actually an amazing memory," he said with a glib smoothness to his words. "Since you have already seen this water display once before, how about you just remember it."

Parking problem solved, the loving couple is once again headed east.

"The east side of Fort Worth does not need seeing," she recalls. "The good news is that it was still daylight and we were relatively safe as long as we kept moving."

The redeeming factor for the trip through the seedier side of Fort Worth was summed up by the birthday girl.

Always looking for the positive aspect of things she said, "If we hadn't gone that way, I would never have known where the Bloody Knuckles Bar was."

Realizing that by now they were way in the hell on the other side of Fort Worth, they finally located the freeway. At first opportunity, they got back on it and began driving at freeway speeds to escape the adventure of the Bloody Knuckles neighborhood.

True to country-folk navigation, they ended up on the west side of Fort Worth again, at about the same point of arrival earlier in the day.

Taking matters into his own hands, the cowboy decided they'd just go on home. If he didn't tarry too long, he could still rope that evening.

Being married to a cowboy for 35 years will teach a gal how to say with a straight face, "It was a wonderful birthday."

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



Cowgirl Sass & Savvy
BY JULIE CARTER



Wade Sultemeier, Capitan 4-H and Carrizozo FFA, with his Overall Grand Champion Dairy Goat at the Lincoln County Fair is shown at left and Kate Ward, Capitan 4-H, with her Overall Reserved Champion Dairy Goat is at right.



JULIE CARTER PHOTOS

LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR DAIRY GOAT RESULTS

Showmanship
Novice: Maggie Rich
Senior: Wade Sultemeier
Champion Standard Dairy Goat: Kate Ward
Reserve Champion Dairy Goat: Kate Ward
Champion Miniature Dairy Goat: Kate Ward
Reserve Champion Miniature Dairy Goat: Kate Ward
Champion Nigerian Dwarf Junior Goat: Wade Sultemeier

Reserve Champion Nigerian Dwarf Dairy Goat: Wade Sultemeier
Champion Standard Senior Dairy Goat: Kate Ward
Reserve Champion Standard Senior Dairy Goat: Kate Ward
Champion Miniature Senior Dairy Goat: Wade Sultemeier
Reserve Champion Miniature Senior Dairy Goat: Wade Sultemeier

Grand Champion Senior Dairy Goat: Wade Sultemeier
Best Udder in Show: Kate Ward
Overall Grand Champion Dairy Goat: Wade Sultemeier
Overall Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Goat: Kate Ward
Judge: Linda Grilli;
Supt.: Velma Ward;
Student Supt.: Wade Sultemeier.

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Join us for our next meeting:
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http://www.sacmntvillage.org
(575)258-2120

COUNTY BRIEFS

Call for artists

The Carrizozo Cider Festival is providing space for artists, vendors and groups at no cost. The festival will be Sunday, Oct. 3, from noon to 4 p.m., and will be held on historic 12th St.

For more information contact Elaine at 575-648-2757, or ebrannen@gmail.com.

gmail.com.

Birthday wishes

Annie Withers will be 94 on Sept. 21. The family is hosting a come-and-go birthday celebration at Annie's home in Carrizozo on that day from 1-3 p.m.

Cards are welcome but no gifts please.

Home burglary prevention tips

JIM KALVELAGE
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Ruidoso, with many of its dwellings seasonal homes, normally reports an above average number of houses that are broken into and burglarized.

Crime statistics indicate those addicted to drugs or alcohol are looking for easy targets to support their habits. A recently Lincoln County convicted, former residential burglar, in his own words, offered some ways for property owners to avoid becoming victims.

"Obviously your best defense is to install a professional alarm system by a professional. Here are some deterrent tips to help when you cannot afford an alarm system.

"Motion lights need to cover all sides of a property and be placed out of reach if at all possible. If they are

only on one side or can be reached from ground level, you have defeated your purpose. If they cannot be placed out of reach, you need to use an impact resistant cover of some sort.

"Artificial security cameras are an excellent form of deterrent. Most thieves will not take a chance on whether a camera is real or not. Some are motion activated and range from \$3 to \$35 and can be purchased online or at your local home improvement center.

"Security doors and window covers are a very good form of defense if you can afford it.

"Magnetic window and door alarms are a good line of defense. They make a very loud sound when tripped and anything that will draw attention will scare off a burglar.

"Residences should look lived in at all times.

"Curtains and blinds should be left partially opened, as if you were there, for two reasons. Thieves will drive by several times a day and night to check out the home. If they do enter the home they will have to use a flashlight and will therefore have to shut the curtains and blinds in fear of being seen.

"The use of light timers, is a very good idea but need to be set for normal hours such as 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. or 11 p.m. in the summer and earlier in the winter. They should be used in multiple rooms and set for varying times. Running a TV on a timer, for a few hours each night, works even better.

"The same light on every night could have the opposite effect, so try to vary the rooms and lights as much as possible.

"Grass, weeds, pine needles and leaves need to be

maintained in driveways especially if there is a garage. Grass or weeds growing in front of a garage door says there is no one pulling in or out of the garage.

"Remove newspapers, phone books and flyers from the door knobs.

"When it snows, have someone pull in and out of your drive to make it look as if someone is there.

"Chains in front of your driveway says 'no one is home and no one is going to be home!' For a \$10 set of bolt cutters, the chain is gone.

"Unfortunately, even with all of these preventions, there is still the possibility of a burglary. This brings us to the last category of identity and recovery.

"Statistics show that 80 percent of recovered stolen property never makes it back to its owner for the

lack of being able to identify the proper owner.

"Keep receipts and document serial numbers.

"Engrave personal information, such as name, address and phone number, on expensive items when possible.

"Ground off spots where your info used to be is more helpful than no markings at all.

"Hand and power tools can be pawned in bulk, but not with someone else's information on it.

"Use of wildlife game cameras outside the home can be used to help identify thieves or burglary. They are battery operated, motion activated and designed to take pictures at night with a wide range of view. The downside to the use of these is they are easily removed so they must be well concealed.

"Wireless webcams can

be used inside the home. They are also motion activated. I suggest the type that sends images to an email account so if the camera and/or computer gets stolen, the images can be accessed from another location such as the police department."

Yesterday Todd Dentler entered a treatment program. He was convicted in Lincoln County District Court earlier this year for his involvement with stolen property and offered his perspective on ways to mitigate becoming a burglary victim.

"I felt moved by God to help people from becoming victims. I am in recovery, and am turning my life around."

The 40-year old said his motivation for offering the tips was of his own volition and not a condition of his sentencing.

King files stipulated supplemental judgment

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New Mexico Attorney General Gary King Thursday joined 32 other state attorneys general in the filing of a stipulated supplemental judgment with sweepstakes company Publishers Clearing House, of Port Washington, New

The "Stipulated Supplemental Judgment" was filed in Santa Fe district court and modifies the terms of a prior judgment filed on August 21, 2000.

Earlier settlements with PCH filed by numerous states in separate state actions in 2000 and 2001 included specific conditions aimed at resolving the

states' allegations that PCH engaged in deceptive marketing practices by mailing promotional materials designed to mislead consumers into believing that purchases would increase their odds of winning.

The states' recent investigation raised concerns that PCH was not fully

complying with the prior agreement and that consumers could still be confused by the nature and language of some of the company's subsequent sweepstakes promotional mailings.

"This agreement helps ensure that New Mexico consumers are not duped into believing that buying

more magazines will help them win the big sweepstakes prize," King said.

The supplemental judgment includes stronger provisions than the prior agreement and also includes additional conditions to help ensure that consumers are not further misled or confused by the company's sweepstakes promotions.

The terms of the new settlement also greatly increases consumer surveys to ensure that consumers understand that purchasing does not increase their chances of winning a sweepstakes prize. In addition, the company agreed to pay 3.5 million dollars to cover the cost of the states' investigation.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Aug. 30

2:06 p.m. - Police responded to a residence in the 200 block of Oxford Road for a possible verbal domestic situation. At the location a man said he had a pistol under a mattress and that he was a convicted felon.

After conferring with an assistant district attorney, the man was arrested. But during booking an officer noticed the New Mexico statute only applied if a felony conviction happened within the past 10 years.

The assistant district attorney said the man should be released, but the possibility of having a federal prosecutor look at the case might be tried.

Sept. 4

2:25 p.m. - An officer was dispatched to a parking lot on Sudderth Drive for a man who wanted to file a fraud report. He ended up with a criminal damage to property report after the right front time of his 1982 Oldsmobile was cut.

6:39 p.m. - A broken window on a home in the 100 block of Ebarb Drive

was reported to police.

The back window measured about eight-by-eight inches and had been broken with a rock.

It was unknown when the window was broken at the seasonally occupied residence.

Sept. 5

6:28 p.m. - An altercation at a convenience store could lead to charges. A clerk at the Allsup's, 311 Sudderth Drive, said a customer threw a soda at her.

The verbal altercation began when the clerk told the customer that her bankcard did not work. Asked to try the card again, the clerk reportedly said, "Well you could say 'please.'"

When the customer declined to state "please" she was told to leave. The customer said she did not throw anything and that the clerk pushed her out and hit her with a gallon container of milk.

The customer later admitted to police she spilled a Coca Cola. Police will review store surveillance to determine if anyone is charged.



Colgan - Hood

Kelly Marie Colgan of San Diego will marry Cory Dean Hood of Roswell, N.M., on Oct. 2 at St. Matthew's Church in Farmington, N.M. Deacon Gary Schultz will perform the ceremony. Her parents are Ken and Cheryl Colgan of 1210 N. Geocogold Road, Hanna City, Ill. His parents are Dean and Patsy Hood of Ruidoso, N.M.

The future bride, a graduate of Farmington High School, Farmington, Ill. received bachelor's and master's degrees in law enforcement and justice administration from Western Illinois University.

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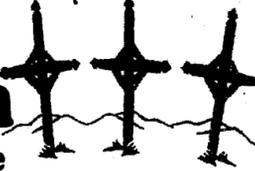
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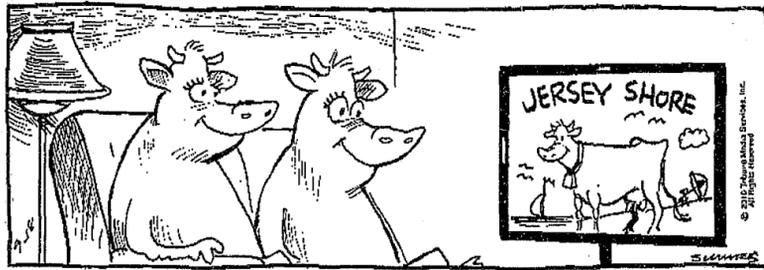
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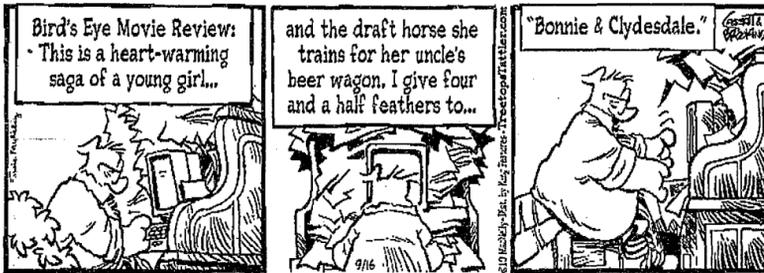
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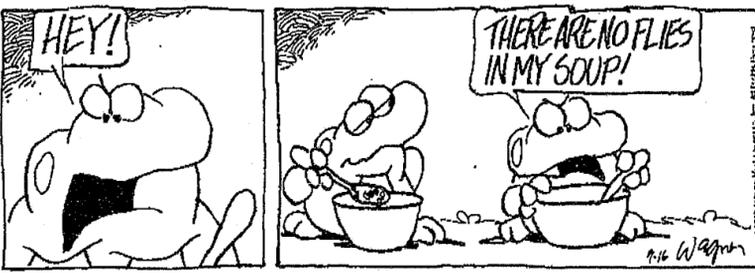
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23 Place to park a parka
25 Wiring woes?
27 Like Humpty Dumpty, ultimately
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33 British pop singer
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37 Denali et al.: Abbr.
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49 Fruity medication?
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56 Hideous
58 Foot specialist?
59 Toll rd.
61 Black, goopy knolls near Charlotte?
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70 "Emile, or On Education" author
71 Lieu
75 Cap'n's crew member
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77 Ten percenters: Abbr.
78 Factories with good morale?
81 State Broncos: Western Athletic Conf. team
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83 1975 Pure Prairie League hit

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84 Apple with tunes
85 Soldier, in slang
86 Red Fort
88 Math proof
89 Sweat spot
90 Support gp. created in 1942
91 River's refuge
92 Disney's middle name
94 Moonshine equipment that's frozen solid?
100 North Carolina fort
101 Doughnut shapes
102 Chosen one
103 Documents bequeathing tiny exercise devices?
106 Rocky address
107 Justice since 2006
108 "Mas Que Nada" bandleader
109 Vietnam Veterans Memorial architect
110 One way to store data
111 Eponymous scout Chisholm
112 Elusive big Scot?
113 Calculus prereq.
114 Ken of "Wiseguy"
1 Mining magnate
2 Triatomic pollutant
3 Bounded
4 Old guild member
5 Rail amenity
6 "Eight Days ..."
7 Skeln filers
8 It's usually disregarded when
9 "I puritan" composer
10 Fútbol shout
11 Williamson of "Excalibur"
12 Things to connect
13 Kazakhstan, once: Abbr.
14 Football party munchies
15 Winged, perhaps
16 Yitzhak Rabin's predecessor
17 Has a cold
18 Jerry Rizzo's 203, briefly
24 Offer chocolates to, as a dieter
26 Bygone deliverers
31 In "Rent," it starts with "Seasons of Love"
32 "Aw, phooey!"
33 Hot flower
36 Tug
38 Rash protection
39 D-Day target city
40 Simulate
41 Rocket opening
42 Come to pass
43 Original
44 Basel-born mathematician
45 Movie fish
46 New Age music player, often
48 Voting groups
49 "I'd go out with women my age, but there are no women my age"
50 Egyptian crosses
52 Filed (up)
54 Scott's tot
57 Like groves
58 Euphoria
59 One looking for the way?
60 Compo fruit
62 From way back when
63 Prepare for a run
64 Metaphor words
65 By the book
66 Gate fastener
67 It's often served with ginger and wasabi
71 Calt since 8/4/2010
72 Lacking spice
73 Skin graft material
74 Galoot
75 Karate chop, e.g.
76 Speak (for) Desert illusion
78 NYSE events
81 Thin nail
85 Pisa airport nmo
86 Took two pills, say
87 Have humble pie
88 Hallelu
89 Fair
90 "Constant Craving" vocalist
93 Endures
94 Fountain contains, often
95 Sanctuaries
96 Try to quiet, as a persistent squeak
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98 Percolate
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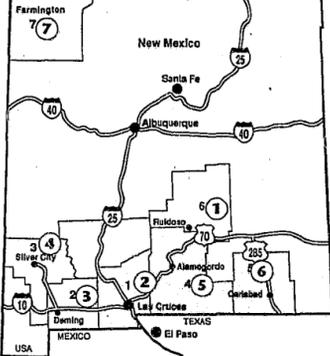
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No. CV-09-422

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vs.

LEMIRE MAPEL, and JOHN DOE (true names unknown), her spouse, and JOHN DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

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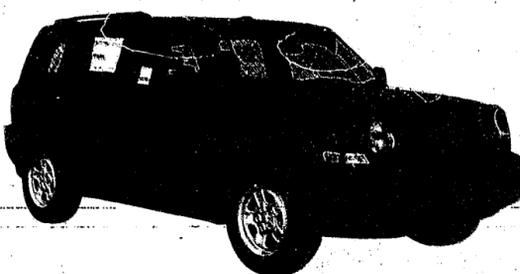
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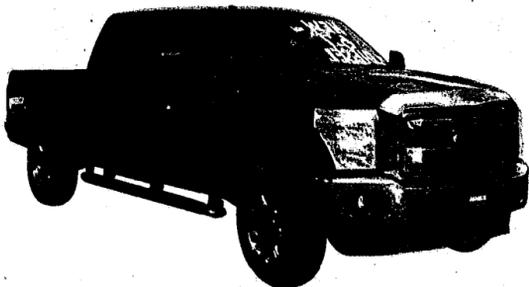


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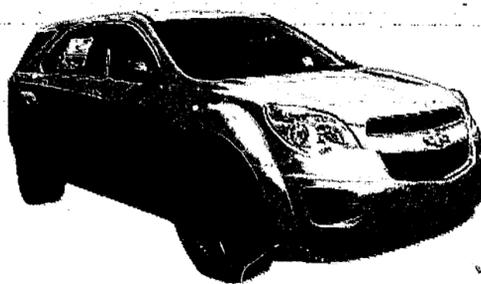


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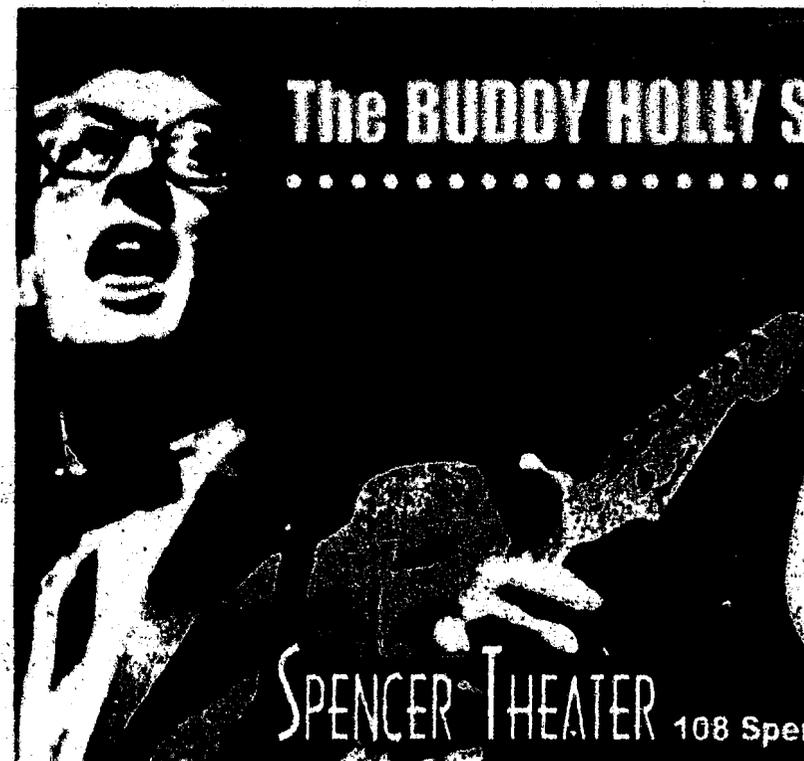


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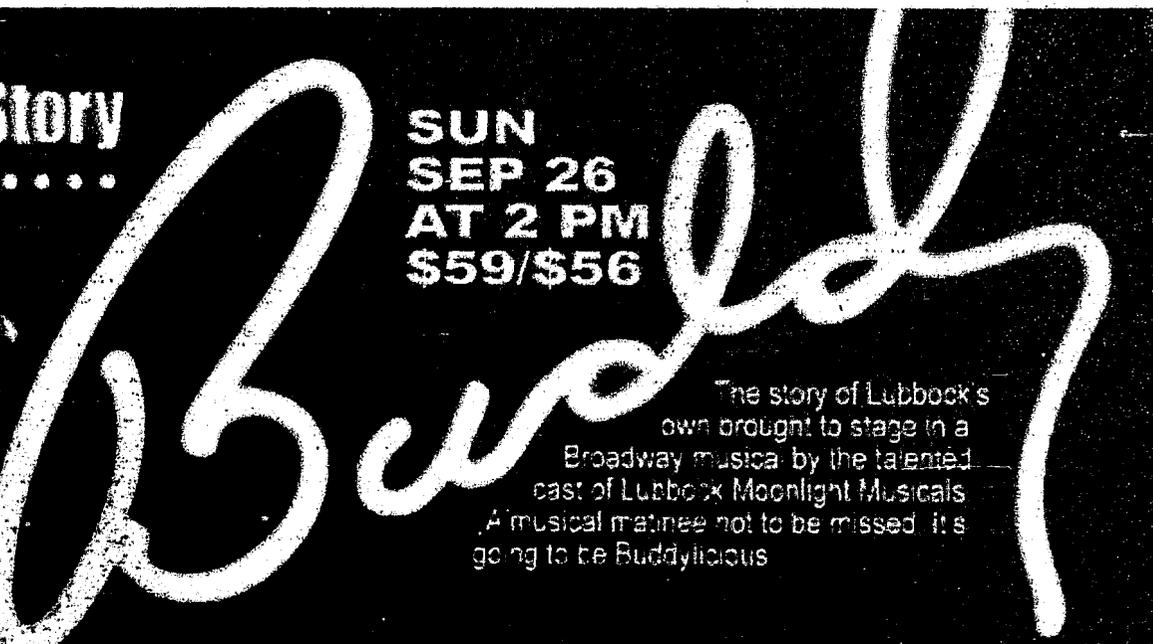
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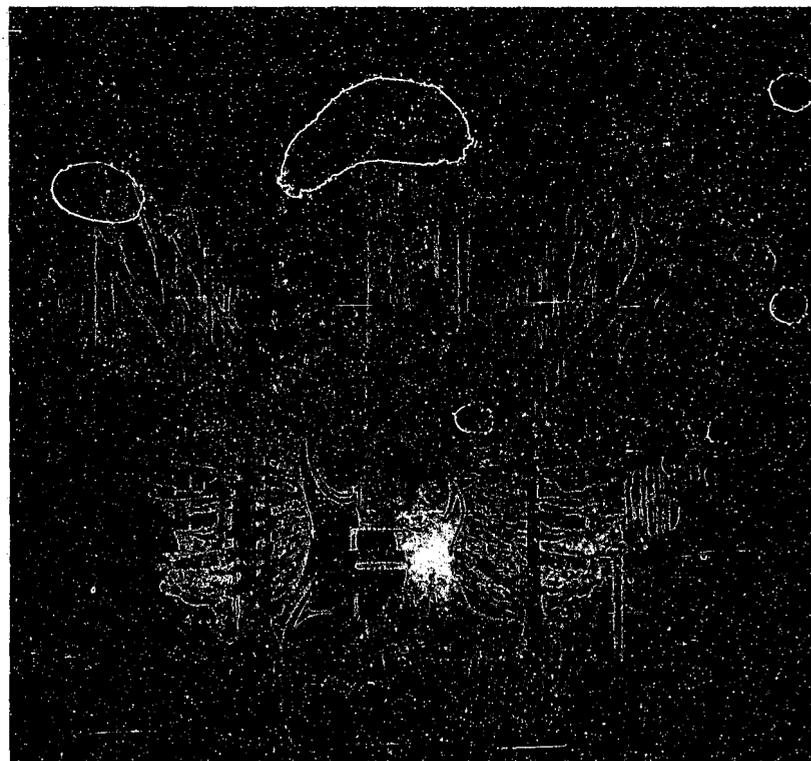
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Taking it to the Streets and the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally are just two of the many events happening in Ruidoso this weekend. Cover story on page 12.

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gram 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/.

IMG Children's Benefit
October 2: (Mescalero) Dance to the live music of country singer TG Shepard, 7 - 10:30 p.m., \$20. Proceeds benefit Mescalero children's charities. Raffle and auction. For information, call 888-262-0478.

Carrizozo Cider Festival
October 3: (Carrizozo) Live music, food, booths, kids activities, 12 - 4 p.m. Presented by Music in the Parks. For more information, call 575-648-2757 or 575-648-2279.

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

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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.

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

Ski Run Road Challenge
October 16: (Ruidoso) Fundraiser for Ski Apache Skier Program; 8 a.m.; solo 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

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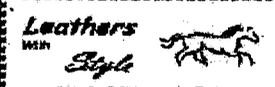
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Billy's Sports Bar & Grill (Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino; 378-4431): Burnin' Bridges Classic Rock Band, 7 p.m.

Blue Goose Cafe (201 Eagle Dr., 257-8652): LIV, 12 - 3 p.m.

Casa Blanca (501 Mechem Dr.; 257-2495): 2 Days Walk, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Los Mustangs, 8 p.m.

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

Cree Meadows Country Club (301 Country Club Dr.; 257-CREE): Terry Bullard Band

Elena's Place (2800 Sudderth Dr., 630-8022): Brad & Ruth Barnum, 7:30 p.m.(downstairs)

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.

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

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

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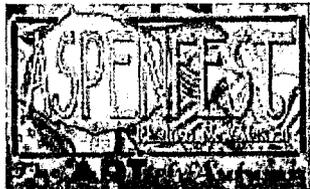
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gordo) Hosted by Flickinger Center at Willie Estrada Memorial Civic Center, 2 p.m.: Fashion show, entertainment, door prizes, silent auction, tea and light refreshments. Tickets \$10. For more information, call 575-437-2202.

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.

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

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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): Steve Anderson & The Stray Bullet Band, 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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Michele "Misha" Malpica

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Artist Michele Malpica – known to her many fans and collectors as "Misha" – first came to New Mexico more than 20 years ago.

"I visited my father's birthplace and my grandfather's grave in Roswell," she said. "I felt as if I'd lived here all my life. I remember the smell of the piñon, the starkness of White Sands, the beautiful turquoise on display. I went back to the East Coast, packed my things and moved to the mountains of southern New Mexico. I've never looked back."

Misha is known for her one-of-a-kind Native American figures with faces and hands sculpted in fine polymer clay and clothing meticulously created from leather, fur, cloth and beads. Moccasins are beaded with real beads; leather is aged with washes and patinas that make the clothing appear to

have been worn for a lifetime. The figures stand on wooden bases that are often inlaid with turquoise – the work of Misha's husband Anthony Malpica, a sculptor in wood.

Many of her pieces are commissioned works, like the 14 figures of children of all nationalities commissioned by actress Demi Moore. One of her pieces was purchased by a Saudi prince from a gallery in Scottsdale.

"The gallery people told me that the chauffeur carried it out to the car," she said. Another client commissioned a Kokopelli figure, and then had the room that it stood in completely redecorated to match the figure's colors.

Changes in the economy have led Misha to create smaller, more affordable pieces.

"I've developed my Little People and the Spirit of the Southwest horses," she said.

"They are sculpted from New Mexico clay and kiln-fired. The Little People have turquoise

necklaces – each one has a Native American name and is signed and dated. They've been very popular."

Misha continues to promote her work and stay in the public eye. She is one of the artists whose work appears on the Museum of New Mexico Foundation's website called New Mexico Creates.

Her work has been selected by the El Paso Museum to be displayed at the El Paso International Airport from December 2010 – February 2011. Los Artesanos Galleria in Old Mesilla will exhibit her work from Oct. 9 – Nov. 9.

Locally, Misha's work can be seen at the Avalon Gallery in Ruidoso Downs.

This year, she joins six other local artists who will open their studios for the Holiday Treasure Tour, held on weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

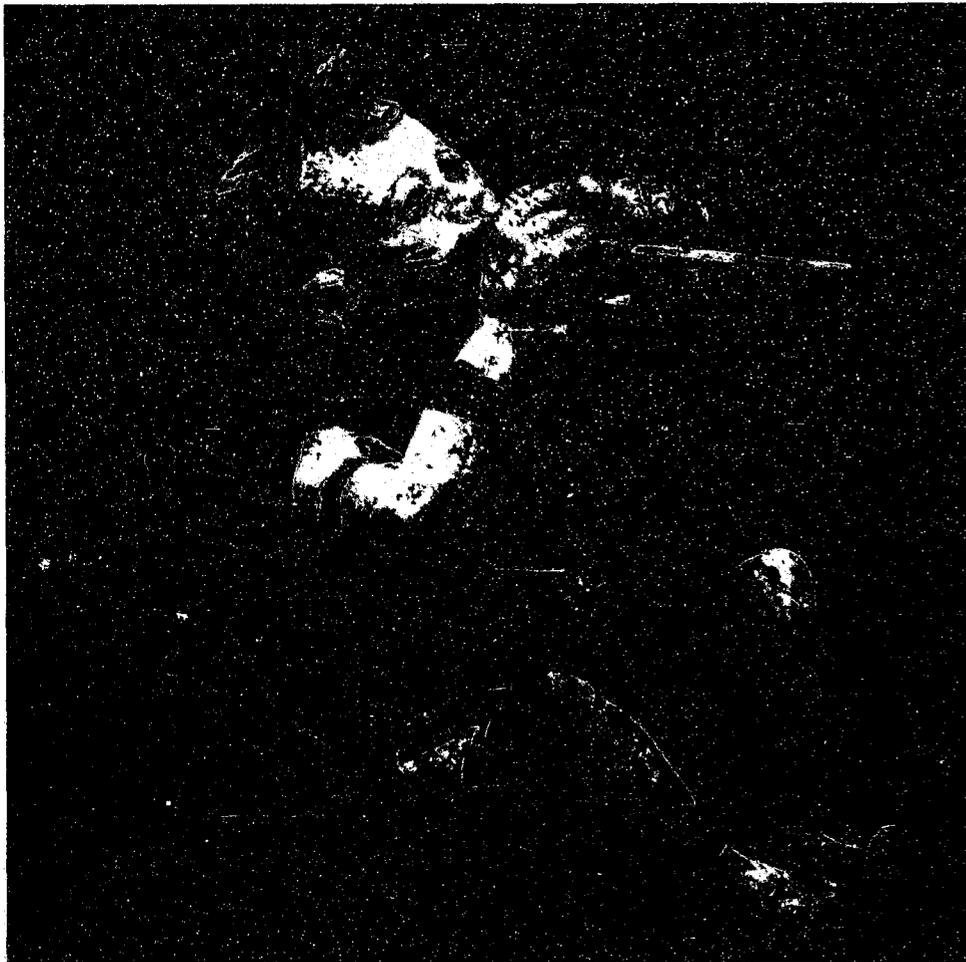
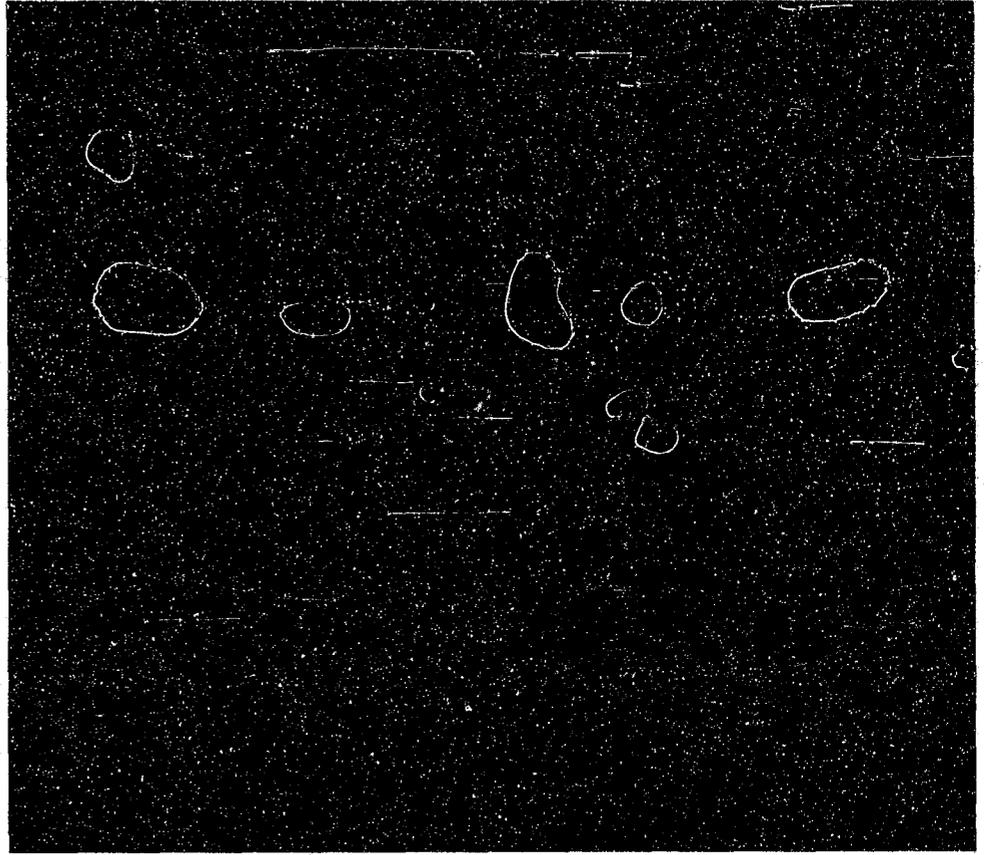
For more information on Misha and her art, go online to mishasart.com, or email her at misha@zia-net.com.



"Art Matters"

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

ART MATTERS



ART GALLERIES & STUDIOS

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

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

Earthy Greens & Ran La Roca Glass • Lincoln, NM • Open 10-6 daily • 800-386-7258 • Fine art fused glass "paintings."

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

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

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

Gallery 408 • 408 12th St., Carrizozo • Fine art, home of Painted Burros; 2nd floor studios; artist in residence program • Mon., 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.

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

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

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

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The Art Gallery • 1712 Sudderth • 257-7272 • Featuring original works by regional independent artists. Home of the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts office.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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

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

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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.

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Luke Fargo often likes to say, "I'm a good painter." His understated proclamation notwithstanding, Fargo is probably the best spray paint artist in the world.

Fargo is the older brother of sculptor David Best. Best is world-famous for building large wooden temples used in the Burning Man celebrations, an annual art event held in the Black Rock desert of Nevada, attended by up to 50,000 people.

The brothers began life



in San Francisco, Calif., in the Haight-Ashbury district. They were in the same art class during their middle school years.

After serving time in the U.S. Armed Forces they each returned to school



Luke Fargo's (left) 1953 Oldsmobile Rocket 88 provides the backdrop for this photo with his brother David Best. Fargo's "Two-Headed Bug" (below left) is an example of the type of art he creates from Krylon spray paint and Plexiglass.

ed rolling sculptures in the form of art cars.

Fargo developed and honed his technique for painting with Krylon spray paint on Plexiglass. This painstaking technique requires great precision. As he points out, "It's not like painting on canvas. If I mess it up, I can't paint over it and start over."

Fargo is truly one of America's great undiscovered painters. He may be compared to artists like Robert Indiana and Rich-

ard Diebenkorn, but in the end, comparing him to any artist is a difficult task. His art is completely original and defies comparison.

A reception for Fargo will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 7 - 9 p.m., at The Hidden Artist Gallery, 501 Granado St., in Tularosa.

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Wine and music

4th annual Tularosa Wine and Music Festival benefits community

BY JESSIE HANSON
¡VAMOS! EDITOR

The Tularosa Basin has much to offer local residents and tourists alike, and this weekend there is yet another reason to head down the hill.

Wine tasting, arts and crafts, food vendors and live music entice visitors to the 2010 Tularosa Basin Wine and Music Festival.

This two-day event features local Tularosa Basin

vineyards, including Tularosa Vineyards, Dos Viejos and Heart of the Desert, as well as some from out of the area such as, Luna Rosa Winery, St. Clair, Blue Teal, San Felipe, DH Lescombes, Matheson Wine Company, Santa Fe Vineyards and Black Mesa Vineyards.

Vendor booths include: Creative Touch Woodcrafts, A&J Family Farms, Wendy's Art, Creative Touch Woodcrafts, Artesanias Quintana, Pro Sand-

blasting, Designs by Globug, Beauti Control, Hollingsworth Creations, Lavendar and Lace, Kool Caps and T-shirts Novelities, Hollingsworth Creations, Scentsy, Bee Chama Honey, Kathy Morrow Studio, The Truck Farm, Fortunes Told, Pepper Springs Out West, The Glass Pipeline, Texas Ride 'Em, New Age Psychic, Phill's Knife Sharpening, Buffalo Gal Art, The Pampered Chef, PastaMore, Sarongs & More, Silver Attitudes, Clayworks, Plasmacut Silhouettes, Hobby Horse Creations, Saraha Fund, Inc., Plasmacut Silhouettes, Valon LLC,



Kathy Lawitz Jewelry, The Salsa King, Jon's Treasures, Uma's Deep Massage and Cowboy Candles.

The Tularosa Basin is fast-becoming known for its flourishing arts community. This event offers many local and visiting artists an opportunity to present their works, which will be made available for purchase.

Local artist Ernie Lee Miller has created a painting that celebrates the his-

tory of art in the Tularosa Basin. The piece will be auctioned live on Sunday, Sept. 19, at 4 p.m.

The festival will be held at Alameda Park. Gates open on both Saturday and Sunday at noon with activities continuing until 6 p.m.

Proceeds from the Tularosa Wine and Music Festival go to benefit the Rotary Clubs of Alamogordo, Tularosa and White Sands.

The Tularosa Basin Wine and Music Festival takes place over the same days as the White Sands Balloon Invitational, making for a fun-filled weekend for the entire family.

For more information, go online to tularosabasin-winefest.com and white-sands-new-mexico.com/hot_air_balloon_invitational.htm.

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TG Sheppard

Country music star performs for local Mescalero children's charities

BY JESSIE HANSON
¡VAMOS! EDITOR

Ask any successful musician and they'll tell you that it takes true passion and unyielding dedication to reach critical acclaim in the music industry. It takes even more to last.

Country music boasts just such an individual in TJ Sheppard. Since the age of 15, this remarkable performer has persevered, reaching the highest level of achievement.

In 1976, he was named "Best New Male Artist" by *Cash Box* due, in part, to the fact that he had scored 10 consecutive No. 1 hits,

including "Only One You," "Party Time" and "War Is Hell (On The Homefront)."

Sheppard's sound is a unique blend of country, pop and R&B, and one that his fans can count on hit after hit, such as "Fooled Around and Fell In Love," "Strong Heart," and "One For The Money."

In the recording studio or on the road, Sheppard continues to contribute to country music. He also makes the time to support the efforts of many charitable organizations, such as Cerebral Palsy, Inc., St. Jude Children's Hospital, The Alzheimer's Association, United Way and ChildHelp USA. And that

is what brings him to the stage at Inn of the Mountain Gods on Saturday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m.

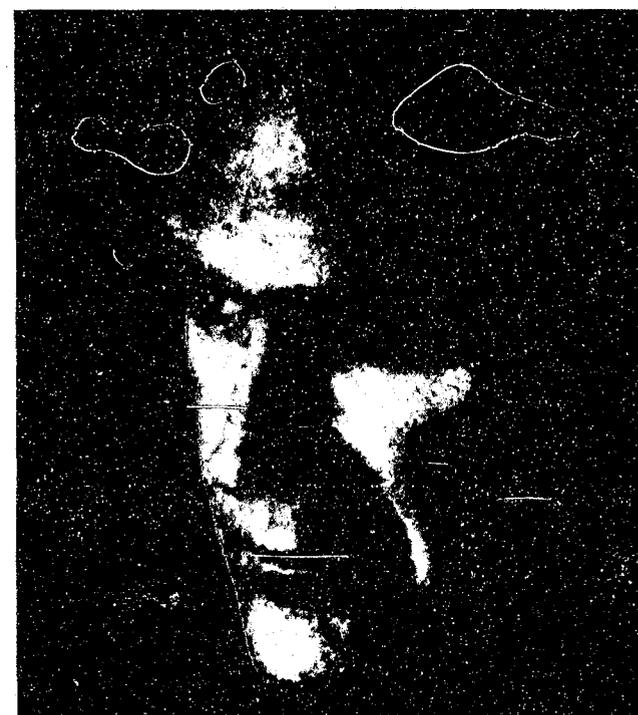
Proceeds from Sheppard's performance will benefit the local community and Mescalero children's charities.

General admission tickets priced at \$20 are available for purchase in advance at the concierge desk or at the box office on the day of the event. The ticket price includes the concert, as well as a raffle ticket for the chance to win one of more than \$2,000 worth of prizes, including items such as family weekend stay packages and Spirit Play at the

Inn, dinner packages for two at Wendell's and Smokey B's, comedy show admissions, concert tickets with entertainer meet-and-greets, and golf with cart rentals for two.

There will also be live and silent auctions featuring autographed guitars from Josh Turner, Rodney Carrington, The Black Crowes and Gary Allan, as well as other autographed posters and CDs from recent concert performances at the Inn.

For more information, go online to InnOfTheMountainGods.com, or call 575-464-7777 or 1-888-262-0478.



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Entry fee Saturday \$25.00, turn in 2:00 P.M.
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There will be a potluck cook's dinner Friday evening.

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Sept. 17 - 23, 2010

Taking it to the streets

There's something about how good music and free food make for a great weekend. That has been true at Wingfield Park during the months of May, June, July and August. If you missed it, listen for the music and smell the burgers after the Biker parade downtown this Saturday around noon and again Sunday around 10AM with more great music and the free food will again be served around noon.

Sponsored by KEDU 102.3 and Church out of Church, the outside event during the summer months will culminate this coming weekend. Mayor Ray Alborn has commented "this is great for the community."

Many resort destinations have outside music and this is a way to bring that to our village. Saturday September 18th Noon to around 4:00 and Sunday 10:00 to Noon at Wingfield Park Event Plaza, 501 Wingfield

Submitted by:
Julie Gilliland



COVER STORY • EVENT

Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally



Friday, September 17th

8am HOSPITALITY AREA OPENS
Free coffee and doughnuts
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REGISTRATION and 50/50 BOOTH OPENS
RUN SHEETS available for Friday's TOUR
and POKER RUN and SATURDAY'S TOUR

9am CMA NON DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH
SERVICES for everyone Stage area.

10am TRADE SHOW OPENS. Closes at 7pm
AMA BOOTH OPENS in Vendor Area
LAST BIKE out for Friday's TOUR

1pm Last bike out for Friday's POKER RUN

2pm FIELD EVENTS GAMES. Line up Events Area

3pm to 5pm Finish Line for Friday's TOUR and POKER
RUN Stage area.

4pm CONTINGENCY PRIZE WINNERS POSTED

5:15 pm BEST BIKER BUDDY Alive Non Human Class.

5:30pm Awards, Bike Judging, Tour Poker Run

7pm FLYING J. Chuckwagon Dinner Show.

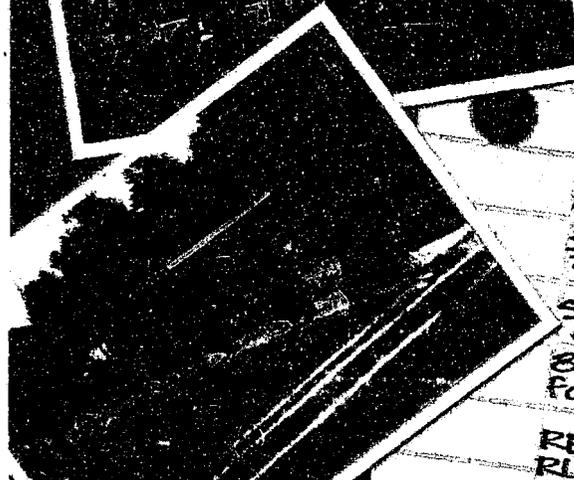
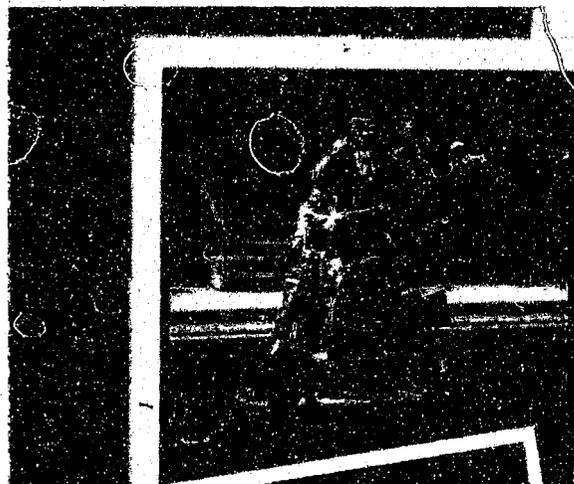
Saturday, September 18th

8am CMA NON DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES
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TOUR
Last bike out Noon

9am Awards for Parade Line Up
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9:30 am Parade Participation Line Up
Lawrence Bros/AGA parking lot on
Mechem (Hwy. 48).
No fee required.



Malbec

BY NEAL JONES
FOR VAMONOS!

Malbec is a red grape that has origins in the Bordeaux region of France. It has been described as having some of the traits of a Cabernet, as well as some traits of a Merlot. I would give a general saying that

Malbec is in between Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Both Malbec and Merlot are used to soften the Cabernet in French blends.

Malbec is considered a traditional French wine. A popular, but unconfirmed theory claims that it is named after a Hungarian peasant who first spread the grape variety through-

out France. However, the French wine historian and viticulturist Pierre Galet, notes that most evidence suggests that Côt was the variety's original name and that it probably originated in northern Burgundy. Despite a similar name, the grape Malbec argenté is not Malbec, but rather a variety of the southwestern

French grape Abouriou.

The Malbec grape is a thin-skinned grape and needs more sun and heat than either Cabernet Sauvignon or Merlot to mature. It ripens mid-season and can produce deep color, ample tannin and a plum-like flavor component, which adds complexity to Bordeaux clarets.

Malbec grapes are susceptible to frost, coulure (also called shatter), Downy Mildew and rot. The development of new Malbec clones and vineyard management techniques have helped control some of these potential problems. When it is not afflicted with these various ailments Malbec does have the potential to produce high yields, although with too high of a yield the wines become more simplistic and lacking in flavor. It seems to be able to produce well in a variety of soils, but in the limestone based soils of Cahors it seems to produce its most dark and tannic manifestation.

There are distinct plant differences in the Malbec clones found in France and in Argentina, but the grape, and more importantly the wine, is very close to being identical and is available at amazingly affordable prices.

The Malbec grape was first introduced to the Mendoza region of Argentina in the mid-19th century when Miguel Pouget brought grapevine cuttings from France, some of which were the very first vines to be planted in the country.



The grape was rediscovered in the late 20th century as the Argentine wine industry shifted its focus to premium wine production for export. As the industry discovered the unique quality of wine that could be made from the grape, Malbec arose to greater prominence and is today the most widely planted red grape variety in the Argentina.

Deep color and intense fruity flavors with a velvety texture characterize the Argentine Malbec wines. You'll find a fruity plum flavor and it is typically a medium to full-bodied red wine. It is described as being earthy with a wood-like aroma, which makes Malbec a sort of rustic wine. Malbec's distinctive flavor characteristics include blackberry, cherry and plum. Like other wines with fuller bodies, Malbec is typically served with foods that have bold fla-

vors, such as Indian and Mexican cuisine or BBQ.

In my opinion, Argentine Malbec makers make the best, non-blended, wine in the world today, and for less than \$30. They age well and improve for 10 - 12 years after vintage. Purchase a bottle now and you will one day end up serving a \$400 French claret.



Neal Jones is a former sommelier and wine judge. He is an independent wine consultant. Email him at coyotecliffs@yahoo.com, or go online to wineshop-at-home.com/nealjones.

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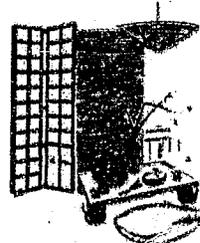
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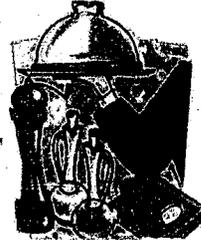
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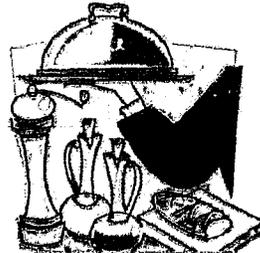
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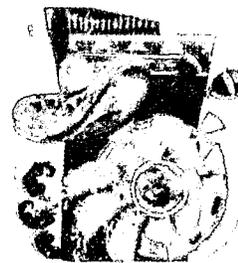
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Comal • 2117 Sudderth • Daily, 11a - 8 p • 258-1397

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

El Camino Nuevo • 1025 Mechem • 258-4312

Elena's Place • 2800 Sudderth Dr. • Tues-Sat 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

& 5 - 9 p.m., Sun 11a.m. - 2p.m. • 630-8022

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

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

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

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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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Willie's Place • 6540 Hwy. 380, Carrizozo • Daily, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. • 575-648-4200

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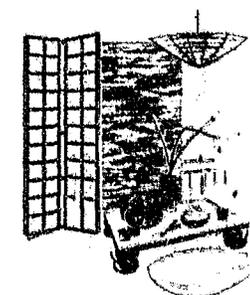
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Michelena's • 2703 Sudderth • Tue-Sun 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • 257-5753

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

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Bon Appetit!

The legend of Black Bart

I have never, for some reason, been able to interest myself in California outlaws during the American Reconstruction. Perhaps it is that none of them seemed to have any sort of charisma. In fact, in their photos, they look like thugs—nothing more. (Sincere apologies to my friend John Boessenecker, who writes about these fellows.)

However, if you should have an interest in them, you can't go wrong by reading John's work. His research is invariably impeccable. In any case, for today's column, we are going to tackle the man who was (arguably) the most famous of all the California outlaws—Black Bart.

Beginnings, real and otherwise

According to several movies I had the misfortune to see as a kid, Black Bart roamed the West robbing stagecoaches at will. Usually manhandling women and just being a general bad guy, he is easy to hate. This is a long way from the real Black Bart.

Little is known of Charles Bolton's (his prison name) or perhaps Boles' (his real name) early years. He apparently worked in obscurity for many years before turning, apparently in frustration, to a life of crime.

There are many legends surrounding this colorfully named bandit, the first being that he never intended to be an outlaw at all. One day, he playfully



waved a stick at a stagecoach, demanding they stop. The driver was a friend of his and instead of stopping, he mistook the stick for a weapon, threw the gold bullion they were carrying off the coach and kept going, never recognizing Boles.

With the bullion lying at his feet, an idea began to form in the mind of Charles Boles, who had spent his life being a clerk for various companies. He was in his 50s, not getting any younger, or at his meager salary, any richer.

The next time he waylaid a coach, it was for real. He carried a real shotgun, albeit empty. He didn't really want to hurt anyone, which tends to endear outlaws to the public, and Black Bart was no exception.

His style was also a tad odd for the time. In an era when bandits almost always rode horses, Bart walked. Also, he always acted alone, which is actually kind of an amazing feat. Alone, he had to control the driver and passengers, as well as the horses and anyone who might be coming down the road.

Wells Fargo eventually admitted that this middle-aged man, acting alone, had managed to pull off those 28 successful robberies. No one knows for certain how much money he managed to get away with.

Black Bart also had a unique practice of leaving little bits of written doggerel (well, actually he only did this twice) in the form of rhymes at the scenes of his crimes. Giving himself his famous nickname, the following is one of his "poems:"

"Here I lay me down to sleep;

To wait the coming morrow.

Perhaps success, perhaps defeat;

And everlasting sorrow. Let come what will, I'll try it on;

My condition can't be worse,

But if there's money on the box;

It's money in my

purse."

Black Bart, The P O 8.

Black Bart becomes infamous

From July 26, 1875, until his last disastrous robbery, Black Bart successfully pulled off 28 robberies (not counting the last one, of course). The robberies became more difficult as time went along and his infamy rose. The last robbery was Nov. 3, 1883.

It was a Saturday morning as the Sonora-Milton stage rattled along, empty except for the driver and \$4,200 worth of amalga-

mated gold, \$500 in gold coin and \$64 in raw gold. At driver Reason E. McConnell's last stop, he had picked up an unexpected passenger, 19-year-old Jimmy Roller, looking to bum a ride up the hill on the opposite side of the river. Roller boarded the coach carrying a .44 Henry Rifle.

Halfway up "Funk Hill" on the other side of the river, Roller jumped off and vanished into the brush to hunt deer. As the stage reached the top of Yaqui Gulch the lead horses shied when a man, alone, hooded and carrying a shotgun stepped out into the road. Wearing a duster and flour sack over his head with eyeholes cut in it the bandit demanded the box be thrown down, but McConnell informed him the box was bolted to the stage.

Telling McConnell to unhitch the team, the robber himself propped rocks behind the wheels so that the stage would not roll back down the hill. Then, he told the driver to walk the team on and to "not come back or even look back unless you want to get shot."

Two hundred yards away McConnell spotted Roller, still hunting deer and ignorant of what was going on with the stagecoach. The pair then courageously headed back, with the intent of catching or killing the bandit.

About 100 yards from the coach, they were surprised to see the bandit

suddenly emerge from inside the vehicle. Seeing them, the outlaw slung the sack he was carrying over his shoulder and began running.

Shooting

Borrowing Roller's rifle, McConnell took two shots at the fleeing bandit, but missed both times. At that point, Jimmy Roller said, "Here, let me shoot. I'll get him and I won't kill him, either." When Roller fired, the outlaw stumbled, indicating he had probably been hit, and then vanished into the underbrush.

When detectives for Wells Fargo arrived on the scene they found that the bandit had dropped a derby hat, a pair of opera glasses (of all things) and a silk handkerchief. The handkerchief had a laundry mark on it, which read "F.X.O.7."

California's legendary lawman, Harry Morse, was one of the detectives assigned to the case. Another was crafty Jim Hume of Wells Fargo, who had captured many an outlaw. They eventually traced the laundry mark on the handkerchief to one Charles Boles.

Boles was taken without a struggle and eventually pled guilty to only a single charge of robbery. Ultimately, Boles was tried and convicted and sentenced to "a remarkably light" term of six years in San Quentin.

However, by the summer of 1888, after his release, he was back in the

news, when three more stagecoach holdups were attributed to him.

Jim Hume announced that Charles Boles, aka "Black Bart," was the main suspect in the case. That did it. Boles vanished from history into the mists of time and legend and as author Bob Boze Bell has stated, "Even his long-suffering wife never heard from him again."

Black Bart was probably not a true badman, just a frustrated man, like so many, both then and now.

Now, however, there is no chivalry amongst outlaws and in fact, there really aren't any outlaws left—just criminals. Just for the record, the difference between the two is that outlaws are created by the times and social conditions and criminals—well, like cockroaches—they're always around.

Sources: *Classic Gunfights III* by Bob Boze Bell; *Lawman, The Life and Times of Harry Morse* by John Boessnecker and *The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters* by Bill O'Neal.

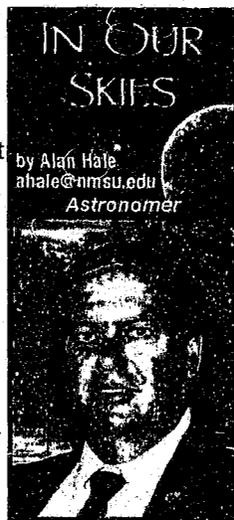
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Happy birthday, Neptune

The basic laws of nature that are so widely accepted today have not always been so accepted, but have had to earn their way via the normal scientific method, i.e., they were proposed to explain certain natural phenomena, then they had to be tested, and in particular had to be successful in predicting future observations.

An example is the law of gravity, originally proposed by the British physicist Isaac Newton in the late 17th century, which states that the attractive force between two objects varies as the inverse square of the distance between them, i.e., if the distance between two objects is doubled, the attractive gravitational force between them is decreased by a factor of four. Newton's law of gravity has successfully predicted a wide range of phenomena, and while today we know (thanks to Albert Einstein) that it breaks down under extreme conditions of speed or mass, it is entirely applicable in all "real world" situations that we normally encounter.

Newton's law of gravity successfully passed its biggest test in the middle of the 19th century. For years astronomers had been tracking the planet Uranus (which had been discovered in 1781) and were



finding that it wouldn't quite follow the path that Newton's law predicted for it. While it was possible that the law of gravity as proposed by Newton might be incorrect in some fashion, it occurred to some scientists of that era, most notably a French mathematician

named Urbain Le Verrier, as well as a young British student named John Adams, that Newton's law was in fact correct and that the deviations in Uranus' orbital motion were being caused by an unknown perturbing object, i.e., another planet.

Le Verrier, in particular, used the discrepancies in Uranus' motion to calculate just where this unknown planet might be and sent these predictions to the Berlin Observatory in Germany. These predictions were received on Sept. 23, 1846, and that very night one of the astronomers there, Johann Galle, together with an assistant named Heinrich d'Arrest, began to search for the unknown object. Within about half an hour they found it only about one degree (twice the moon's apparent diameter) from Le Verrier's prediction. Thus was discovered the planet we now know as Neptune, and in the process Newton's law of gravity was firmly estab-

lished as one of the basic laws of nature.

Calculations soon established that Neptune's orbital period is a shade over 164 years. 164 years after 1846 brings us, of course, to the present year of 2010, although because of that "shade over" Neptune's actual "birthday" doesn't come until July 12 of next year. One thing this means, though, is that Neptune has now returned to the same part of the sky that it occupied on the night of its discovery. Like all the planets beyond Earth's orbit, Neptune's apparent path through our skies is described by a series of annual "loops" (a reflection of Earth's orbital motion around the sun), and as a result there are actually five dates scattered over this year and next year when Neptune is almost precisely in the same spot it occupied on that fateful night. Two of these have already passed (including one in mid-July); the other three are all in 2011, i.e. Feb. 11 (when Neptune will be on the far side of the sun as seen from Earth and thus invisible), Oct. 27, and Nov. 22.

But because Neptune is so far away it moves slowly, and thus doesn't stray very far from that spot any time during these two years; anyone who decides to observe Neptune on the anniversary night of its discovery will find it quite close to its discovery location.

That location, incidentally, is between the con-

stellations of Capricornus and Aquarius, well to the east of the prominent "teapot" shape of the constellation Sagittarius and moderately high in our southern sky during the evening hours. Neptune can be detected with an ordinary pair of binoculars, but even in a moderate-sized backyard telescope won't appear as much more than a "star."

Because Neptune is so distant, it has been slow to give up its secrets. It is one of the "gas giant" planets, although smaller than Jupiter and Saturn, and in fact it is almost a twin of Uranus in terms of size. From detailed studies we know that it has a rocky core that is about the size of Earth, surrounded by a mantle of highly compressed water and ammonia, this being surrounded by a thick heavy atmosphere of mainly hydrogen and helium. Much of what we know about Neptune came from the flyby of the *Voyager 2* spacecraft in 1989, the cameras of which revealed a strikingly dark blue world with darker blue storms and thin, wispy, white methane clouds.

Neptune's first-known moon, Triton, was discovered by British astronomer William Lassell less than three weeks after Neptune itself was discovered. It's a pretty big world, slightly smaller than our own moon and also geologically active; *Voyager 2* detected several active geysers on its surface (similar to the water geysers we have

here on Earth, although those on Triton probably erupt nitrogen). A second, much smaller moon, Nereid, was discovered in 1949, and meanwhile six small inner moons were detected by *Voyager 2* during its 1989 flyby and five very small, distant outer moons were found in the course of deliberate searches for such objects less than a decade ago.

Neptune also possesses a thin system of rings, initially suspected in the early 1980s as a result of briefly passing over stars as seen from Earth, and confirmed in *Voyager 2* images.

This, in a nutshell, is what we've learned about

Neptune during its first "year." There obviously remains much more to learn, and perhaps by the time its second birthday rolls around we'll have unlocked some more of the secrets of – and perhaps will have even visited – this remarkable world at the frontier of our solar system.

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Clubs/Associations

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

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

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

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

Christian Motorcyclists Assoc: Third Thursday monthly at 6:30 p.m.; 1204 Mechem, Suite 8; online at www.CMAUSA.org; 575-336-1530 for local info. All are invited to attend.

Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, plus a 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays; Ruidoso Senior Center; Info: 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Fort Stanton Museum: Thurs. - Mon., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. For group tours call 575-336-1436, or 575-336-4015.

Insighters Book Club: 6:30 p.m. first Wednesday of each month at Insight Books, 1860 Sudderth; No charge and all are welcome; Info: 257-4625.

Lincoln County Bird Club: Monthly field trips are scheduled at various times. Info: 257-5352 or 258-3862.

Lincoln County Garden Club: Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m.; New members and visitors welcome; Info: Jordan, 378-5250.

Lincoln County Right to Life Chapter: 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday at 309 L.L. Davis Dr. All are welcome; Info: 258-5108.

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

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

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

Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

Ruidoso Area Singles: Meet new 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.

Al-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.

Al-Anon: Meets at noon every Friday at Methodist church in Carrizozo. Come to back door; bring your 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

Altrusa Club: 5 p.m. every third Tuesday, First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Rd. Info: Deb 336-1486 or www.altrusaruidoso.com.

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.fbcuidoso.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 noon every Wednesday for lunch and meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club; Info: 258-1345.

Sierra Blanca Daughters of the American Revolution: Third Thursday of each month. Info: 258-3045.

Zia Girl Scout Council: 6 p.m. every third Thursday at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Info: 437-2921.

White Mountain Search & Rescue: 7 p.m. every third Monday at First Christian Church near the intersection of Hull and Gavilan Canyon Roads. Info: email whitemountainsar@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainsar.org or phone 866-596-8382.

Veterans

American Legion Jerome D. Klein Post 79: 11 a.m. every third Saturday, 101 Spring St. at Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs; Info: 257-6757.

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

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

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

Otero County

Clubs & Associations

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

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

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

Barbershop Harmony Society: The "Sounds of Enchantment" barbershop 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 Mon-

day, Tuesday & Friday at the Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico. 437-2822.

Desert Mountain 4-Wheel Drive Club: Meets third Tue. of each month at Wok Inn. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7. Info: 491-4257 or 430-3608.

Enchanted Quilters Guild: Meets 7 - 9 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 1300 Hawaii Ave. All are welcome. Info: 434-5162 after 4 p.m..

Experimental Aircraft Association: Meets at 7 p.m. every second Tuesday in the pilots lounge at Alamogordo-White Sands Regional Airport. Open to all, including non-pilots.

Girl Scouts: Open to girls ages 5-17. Nancy, 437-2921.

Golden Gears Car Club: Meets at 7 p.m. every first Thursday at the VFW annex building. Cruise-ins are on the last Saturday of each month at Sonic on the north end of town on White Sands Blvd. 434-0200.

Historic Vehicle Association of Alamogordo: Anyone with an interest in old cars is welcome to join. John Douglas, 437-5318 or Gale Ortiz, 434-5242.

The New Horizon Band: Rehearsals 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Alamogordo Senior Center. 434-4281.

Noel Southard Chapter of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation: Meets at 7 p.m. first Monday at the Aristocrat Assisted Living Center on Robert Bailey Drive. 434-8356 or 434-1467.

Otero County Association of Educational Retirees: Meets 11:30 a.m. every third Tuesday at Margo's Restaurant, Alamogordo. Lincoln and Otero County educational retirees welcome. For info: Barbara, 585-5564 or Dave, 437-6948.

Singles of Otero County: Weekly activities to provide a social network for singles in the area. 18 & over welcome. 437-4035.

Solar Energy Association: Meets 6 p.m., every third Thursday (except summer) at Alamogordo Public Library. Public welcome. 682-6027.

Tularosa Basin Rockhounds: Meets every second Tuesday at First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St. Field trips every fourth Saturday, annual 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

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

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

American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center: Mon. & Tues., 1 - 4 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Hats, wigs, scarves, bras, prostheses; "Look Good - Feel Better" make-up sessions by appt.; 2689 N. Scenic Dr.; trained, certified "Reach to Recovery" volunteers. All services are free. 575-437-6176, 443-0303, 437-0690.

Blood Pressure Screening: 9 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Red Cross office. Free; 700 E. First St., No. 765. 437-4421.

Calvary Baptist Clothes Closet: Open 2 - 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 1200 Indian Wells Rd.; Clothing is free; Donations accepted. 437-0110.

Celiac Disease/Gluten Intolerance Support Group: Meets second and fourth Sundays, 2-3:30 p.m., in the conference room of ERA-Simmons Real Estate, 918 10th St., Alamogordo. Info: Kathie at 437-0603, Robin at 442-9419, or email 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 Mescalero. 439-4971.

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

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

Ongoing Activities

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

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

Coffee Club: 7:30 - 9 a.m., third Wednesday; Edward Jones Investments, 1106 E. 10th St. Current events, identity theft & Soc. Sec. Breakfast provided. 443-1900.

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

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

Seniors Ping Pong: 8 - 11 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico Ave. Monty, 437-1601.

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

Political

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

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

Republican Party of Otero County: Fourth Thursday meeting each month. Info: Sassy Tilling, 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 Poltra, 921-1144.

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

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

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

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

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

Kiwanis Club of Alamogordo: Meets on first and third Thursdays at 8 a.m. at Maximino's Restaurant, 2300 N.

White Sands Blvd; 434-0923.

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

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

Veterans / Military

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1257: Open meeting/lunch on at 11:30 a.m. second Friday at Base Enlisted Club. Visits to area veterans in local care centers every third Saturday, starting at the Betty Dare Center on North Florida Ave. promptly at 10 a.m. Gil Isley, 434-5552.

American Legion Post 108: Meets second Tuesday at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, Ed_wishbone@hotmail.com.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 108: Meets 2nd Tuesday of month at 6:15 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; Open to spouses; daughters, sisters, mothers or granddaughters of active/former military personnel. Info: Elaine Chestnut, 446-8331, mechestnut@msn.com, Ed Summerall, 430-4322.

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

New Mexico American Legion Riders Association, Chap 8: Meets second Tuesday at 8 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans; retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, or Darrell Winfree, 430-7735.

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 108: Meets 3rd Monday of month at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; Open to sons, grandsons of active/former military personnel. Info: Brian Koutrous, 717-202-9810, or Milton Chestnut, 446-9045.

United States Submarine Veterans: Feb. 6, 12 p.m., at White Sands Missile Range. All former submariners welcome. www.usssvi.org/BaseShow. Call Shane Foraker 575 437-0665.

VFW Post 7686 and Ladies Auxiliary: Meetings are at 7 p.m. every third Tuesday at 700 U.S. 70 West in Bingo Hall; 437-0770.

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Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story

On Feb. 3, 1959, the man who changed the face of popular music tragically died in a plane crash at the age of 22.

Charles Hardin Holley, known professionally as Buddy Holly, has been described by critic Bruce Elder as "the single most influential creative force in early rock and roll."

Holly's profound influence on popular music contributed significantly to the works of later musical groups, including The Beatles, Bob Dylan, Don McLean and even The Rolling Stones.

Although this talented musician's life was cut short, audiences today can appreciate his vitality and contributions in a special tribute to Holly's legendary musical achievements.

Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story is a dramatic jukebox musical which will perform on stage at the Spencer Theater on Sunday, Sept. 26, at 2 p.m.

The show tells the story of the young Lubbock, Texas, man in horn-rimmed glasses who became the world's top recording artist. It features over 20 of Buddy Holly's greatest hits, including "Peggy Sue,"

"That'll Be The Day," "Oh Boy," "Maybe Baby," Ritchie Valens' "La Bamba" and the Big Bopper's "Chantilly Lace."

This two-act musical drama, which took off in London's West End in 1989, before moving on to Broadway for a successful run, charts the three years that took Holly to his heights of fame and influence before his death.

Starring a talented cast from the west Texas area, the tale features Holly as he begins to carve out his career as a country and Western singer with The Crickets in Lubbock, Texas;

finds his true love with Maria Elena Santiago, the Puerto Rican receptionist of his music publisher; his split from the Crickets and pursuit of a solo career; his famous Winter Dance Party 1959 Midwestern rock and roll tour; and his final performance at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa.

Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story is presented by Lubbock's Moonlight Musicals with direction by John Banister of London.

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Gary Allan

BY JESSIE FLANSON
DIAMONDS EDITOR

With seven studio albums and 22 singles that have reached *Billboard's* Hot Country Songs chart, including three No. 1 hits, Gary Allan has left his indelible imprint on today's country-music scene.

Allan appears at Inn of the Mountain Gods on Sunday, Sept. 18, at 8 p.m.

His latest album titled *Get off the Pain* offers the style of music that this interesting singer/songwriter is known for — a sound that is a confident mixture of genres and one that won't pigeon-hole his creative abilities.

Allan has commented that "the songs have got to have soul, have real meaning. Country music is what happens during the week, rock 'n' roll is about what happens at the weekend."

Born as Gary Herzberg on Dec. 5, 1967, in Montebello, Calif., Allan began to play honky-tonks as a teenager. He was offered a record deal while still in high school, which he declined, but eventually signed on with Decca Records in 1996.

His two singles "Her Man" and "It Would Be You" reached the Top 10. Allan stayed with the label when Decca was absorbed by MCA Nashville, and released *Smoke Rings in the Dark* in 1999. The album's title track "Right Where I Need to Be" jumped the album to platinum status.

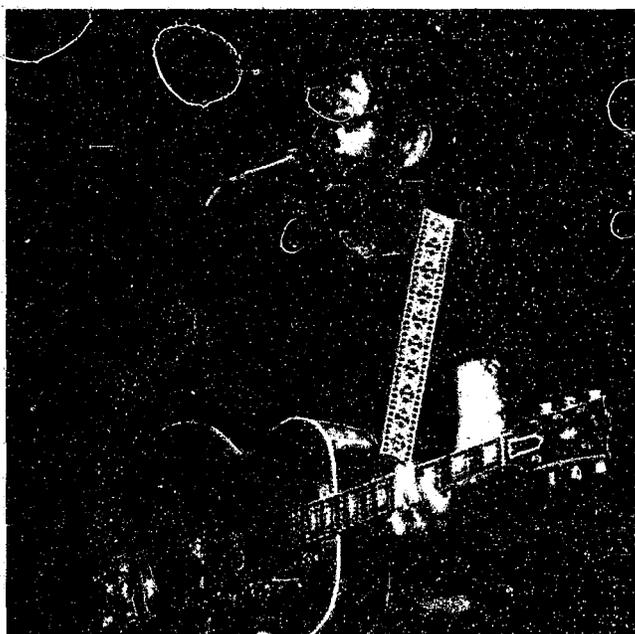
In 2001, Allan released the album *Alright Guy*,

which included the hits "The One" and "Man to Man."

In 2003, he also released the album *See If I Care*, which featured the soon-to-be hits "Tough Little Boys" and "Songs About Rain."

After his wife passed away in 2004, Allan healed through his work and in 2005, came out with the album called *Tough All Over*, which includes the Top 10 hit "Best I Ever Had." It earned him some of the best reviews of his career.

And he's not done yet.



For more information on the Gary Allan concert, call 575-464-7777 or 1-800-545-9011, or go online to innothemountain-gods.com or ticketmaster.com.

Gary Allan (left) performs at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville on Feb. 24. Photo Credit: Rick Diamond/Getty Images



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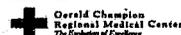
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Blue Goose Cafe

BY JESSIE HANSON
¡VAMOS! EDITOR

As you open the door and step inside, you are struck by the inviting ambiance of the Blue Goose Cafe. Furnishings more akin to those found in a friend's home, rather than those you might expect in a public restaurant, fill the limited seating area inside. Modern-style accent lighting compliments the urban chic decor, as natural light streams through walls of windows. A patio beckons to those who enjoy dining outdoors, with the sound of the nearby Rio Ruidoso adding to the delightful experience.

An affable server welcomes you and guides you to a table. There's a feeling of relaxed comfort here. This is nice. But will the food be disappointing? It doesn't.

The menu offers a number of appetizers, sandwiches, salads, soups and desserts. Prices are affordable. The decision of which item to order is not so easy. Glancing around to see what the other diners have ordered doesn't help much. Everything looks delicious.

The food arrives, beautifully presented, in portions that may require a take-home box for the less than famished. At first bite, you become conscious of the wonderful freshness, flavors and textures that are crossing your palate. Whichever dish you select it was the right choice.

Prickly pear ice tea is popular, along with regular

ice tea and soft drinks. A wine and beer license should be on its way soon.

And be forewarned—the mostly homemade desserts may create a temptation that you won't want to resist.

If you have lived in or been a visitor to Ruidoso for some time, you might get a feeling of déjà vu at the Blue Goose Cafe. Although it is now in a new location at 201 Eagle Dr., this wonderful restaurant is owned and operated by Bill Scott, who has reopened it after a 13-year hiatus.

Accompanied by his partner Brian, whom he met in California in 2002, the pair returned to Ruidoso in 2008, and opened Copper Bear Gallery at 2546 Sudderth Dr., a home decor and gift shop. In July this year, they re-established the Blue Goose Cafe, featuring many of the same menu items that were previously well-liked.

Bill Scott is a restaurateur by trade. He has worked for nationally acclaimed P.F. Chang's China Bistro, managed the local Cattle Baron and was responsible for the re-opening of the the K-Bob restaurants in both Ruidoso and Socorro. But it was always his dream to once again own and operate his own place.

"He always wanted his own restaurant again," said Brian. "After his father passed away, he decided to return to the mountains."

Bill adds, "It was time for me to work for myself again."

With Bill assuming responsibilities for recipes and kitchen functions, Brian took charge of the restaurant's layout, decor and marketing. When asked about his past experience, he comments, "I spent time as a graphic design manager for Gannett magazines in Palm Springs. After moving here, I became involved in karaoke and won the 2009 local and state competitions. Then I went on to Ohio, where I won the national event. Part of the prize was a trip to the world competition in Finland, where I came in sixth."

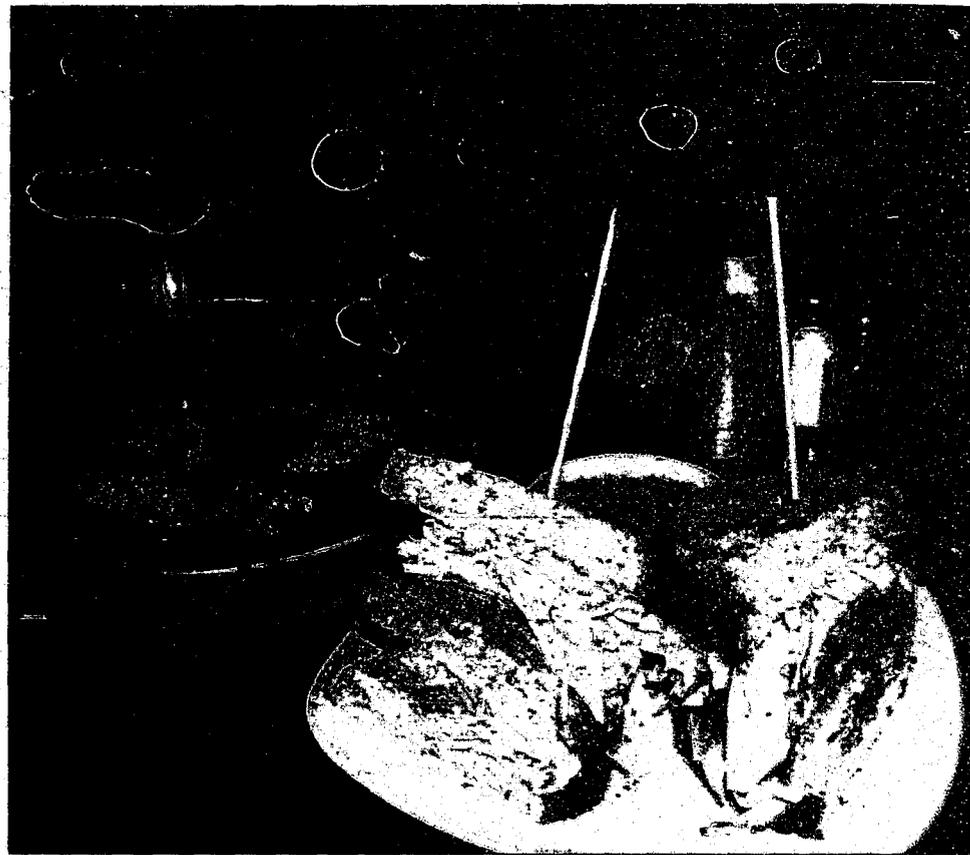
Brian's creativity doesn't stop there. He also writes and records his own original material, including the CD titled *My Heart Knows*. All of this musical talent begs the question of whether Brian plans on doing some entertaining at the Blue Goose Cafe.

"There's that possibility," he replies with a smile. "We will have some live musical entertainment from time-to-time. This weekend LIV will be performing, while we grill gourmet Angus burgers outside on the patio."

The Blue Goose Cafe is open Monday – Saturday, 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., and can be reserved evenings for private parties. Carry-out and catering is also offered. For information, call 575-257-8652.

"Our goal is to create a relaxed atmosphere. We wanted to create a place with a little sophistication and the comfort of home," Bill commented.

It is.



The Sierra Sloppy (above) is a favorite sandwich selection. Brian Scott (left) and his partner Bill Scott (right) create fresh and delicious meals, which are served in a relaxed, inviting atmosphere. Photos Ross Barrett/Ruidoso News.



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