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Mayor Alborn: We need to mend bridges

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Reacting to Lincoln County voters' passage of a 3/16th of a cent business retention gross receipts tax to retain Ruidoso Race Track and Casino for the next five years, Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn was optimistic.

He just left a session in Las Cruces with other mayors whose towns will be affected by a proposed electric rate increase by the Public Service Company of New Mexico, another financial impact for year-round homeowners.

"It went to the taxpayers, as it should have and they decided what they wanted to do," he said of the GRT election results. "We all need to work hard to unify the community. I think this has been very divisive.

"We have a great place to live in Ruidoso, but we still need to diversify and

find other things. We have a lot of recreational opportunities and need to work on other things as well, such as better marketing of the convention center. The people spoke and we need to mend bridges and bury the hatchet, but not in each other."

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Attorney H. John Underwood, who heads the political action committee that supported passage of the tax and paid for the special mail-in election, said his reaction, "is just lots of gratitude."

"I'm grateful it passed and grateful for the turnout and grateful for the debate,"

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3 commissioners get cozy

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When three Lincoln County commissioners ended up sitting together at a celebration party for passage of a business retention gross receipts tax late Tuesday, some eyebrows were raised.

While commissioners conversing at the same table during a social function is not illegal, the practice is not advisable, says the head of the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government.

In this case, because the

three commissioners voted in favor of conducting a special election sought by supporters of passage of a business retention tax, the image carried more punch.

A special election in September allows the tax aimed at offsetting a portion of the Ruidoso Race Track and Casino's state tax debt for five years, to take effect in January. Delaying until the general election would have moved the effective date to July 1, 2011.

According to unofficial results, voters approved the tax by a margin of 420

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Eight years ago in America's high desert, amid the tumbleweeds and roadrunners, a lanky seventh-grade boy with an affinity for sports writing eschewed lunch hour for a date with destiny. As his schoolmates skipped into the thin air of the Sierra Blanca Mountains, he remained inside to take his teacher's advice. He Googled the words "top journalism schools," and a few clicks later, he was sold. In his mind, the 13-year-old from Ruidoso was already a True Son of the University of Missouri — "Mizzou."

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BRAYING AT THE RAIN



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A donkey loudly extols his joy at the rain Thursday morning at Dr. Becky Washburn's place in Capitan.

is available to download at www.smithsonian.com/museumday. Visitors who present the official pass will gain free admission for two people to participating museums and cultural venues. One ticket is permitted per household, per email address. Listings and links to participating museums' and sponsors' sites can be found at www.smithsonian.com/museumday.

The Hubbard Museum of the American West is located at 841 Highway 70 West, and is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, and reduced admission is available for senior citizens, military personnel, and youth. Visit www.hubbardmuseum.org or call 575.378.4142 for information about other events, exhibits, and activities at the Museum.

HSLC Pot Luck

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

If you plan to attend, 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.

LCMC Board

The Lincoln County Medical Center Board of Trustees meet at 6 p.m., Monday, in the LCMC Conference Room.

LaMay fundraiser

A campaign fund-raising event is scheduled for Ruidoso Magistrate Judge Lorena LaMay at 5:30 p.m., Sept. 30, at Casa Blanca restaurant.

Forest fees waived

To support 2010 National Public Lands Day, standard recreation

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Free fishing day

Saturday is a license-free fishing day in New Mexico to celebrate National Hunting and Fishing

Day. The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish said Sept. 25 is a special day for anglers when both residents and nonresidents

can fish without a license at public waters statewide. All other fishing rules apply.

National Hunting and Fishing Day is always the fourth Saturday in September.

Blood drive

United Blood Services will conduct a blood drive today at Gateway Church of Christ, 415 Sudderth Drive, in Ruidoso.

The drive, sponsored by the Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary, will take place Thursday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Donors are asked to bring a photo ID and donor card. Free cholesterol test-

ing will be provided with each donation.

Donors will be entered into a drawing for two tickets to the Dallas Cowboys/Detroit Lions football game on Nov. 21. The package includes airfare for two from Albuquerque to Dallas and two nights of lodging. Winners must be 18 years of age or older.

To schedule a donation appointment call United Blood Services, 888-676-LIFE or online at www.unitedbloodservices.org.

Museum Day

On Saturday, the Hubbard Museum of the American West will participate in the sixth annual

Museum Day, presented by Toyota on behalf of the redesigned 2011 Avalon.

The Hubbard Museum of the American West will join participating museums and cultural institutions nationwide to open their doors free of charge to all visitors who download the Museum Day Ticket from Smithsonian.com. A journey to celebrate our world's dynamic heritage and cultural life, participating Museum Day venues emulate the free admission policy of the Smithsonian Institution's Washington, D.C.-based facilities.

Museum Day 2010 is poised to be the largest to date, outdoing last year's record-breaking event.

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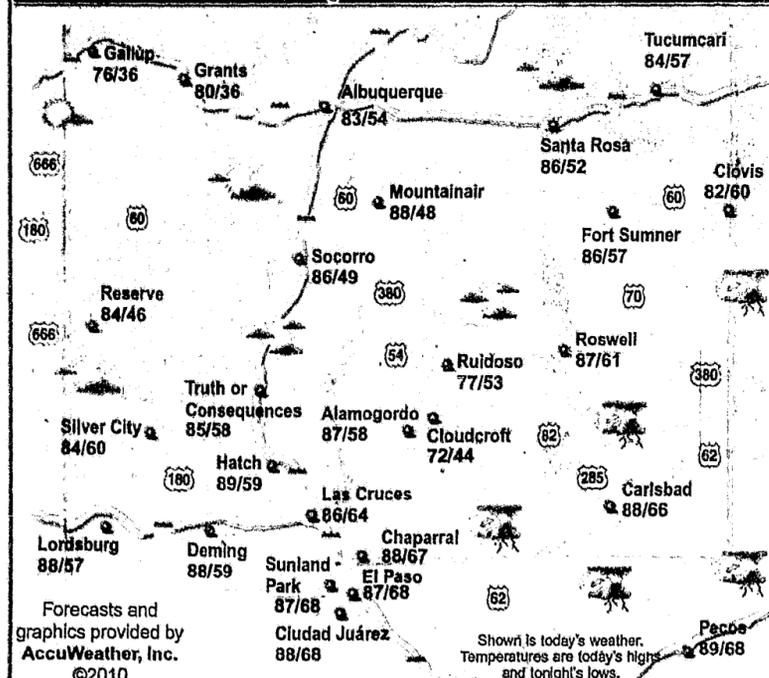
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Regional Cities



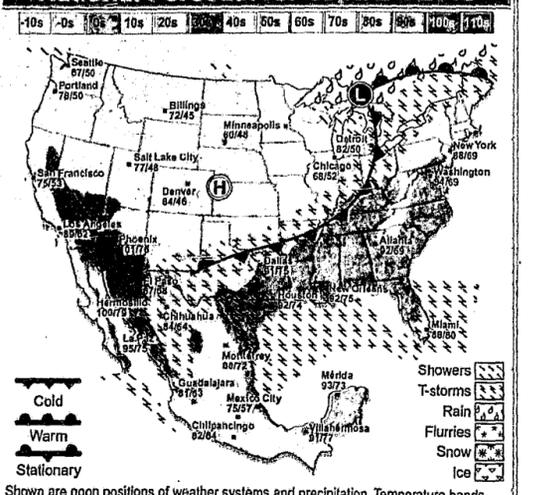
Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/low 64°/54°
Normal high 73°
Normal low 41°
Record high 85° (1948)
Record low 25° (1975)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.24"
Month to date 0.55"
Normal month to date 2.10"
Year to date 13.28"
Normal year to date 17.63"

Alamogordo
Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/low 84°/69°
Normal high 84°
Normal low 57°
Record high 97° (1953)
Record low 43° (1965)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.46"
Month to date 0.89"
Normal month to date 1.40"
Year to date 10.37"
Normal year to date 9.57"

Weather Trivia™:
Q: At what humidity does sweat fail to evaporate from your skin?
A: About 60 percent.

National Forecast for Sept. 24, 2010



National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Ablene	84/70/pc	85/65/t
Anchorage	57/40/s	54/38/s
Atlanta	92/69/s	89/68/pc
Austin	91/72/t	92/69/pc
Baltimore	92/66/s	85/57/pc
Boston	82/67/pc	79/55/pc
Chicago	68/52/t	68/52/pc
Dallas	91/75/t	89/71/t
Denver	84/46/s	83/47/s
Des Moines	70/50/pc	69/53/t
Detroit	82/50/t	67/48/s
El Paso	87/68/t	87/64/t
Las Vegas	96/70/s	99/72/s
Los Angeles	89/62/s	92/62/s
Minneapolis	60/48/r	62/50/sh
New Orleans	92/75/pc	90/73/t
New York City	88/69/s	81/59/pc
Philadelphia	92/70/s	86/66/pc
Phoenix	101/76/pc	106/77/s
Reno	85/47/s	88/48/s
San Francisco	75/53/s	76/54/pc
San Diego	80/62/pc	80/63/pc
Seattle	67/50/c	72/54/pc
Tucson	95/71/pc	99/73/s
Tulsa, OK	82/65/t	83/65/pc
Wash., DC	94/69/s	85/56/pc
Wichita	82/58/s	82/60/pc
Yuma	104/74/s	105/76/s

Regional Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Albuquerque	83/54/pc	83/58/s
Artesia	90/66/t	89/61/t
Chama	76/37/s	76/34/s
Clayton	80/56/s	81/52/s
Cloudcroft	72/44/t	71/35/t
Farmington	81/44/s	83/46/s
Hobbs	89/63/t	87/58/t
Los Alamos	76/46/s	76/43/s
Portales	86/58/t	85/56/t
Raton	81/43/s	80/41/s
Red River	71/35/s	71/35/s
Ruidoso	77/53/pc	76/55/t
Santa Fe	82/45/s	83/49/s
Silver City	84/60/pc	87/57/t
Taos	79/37/s	79/38/s

Mexican Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Acapulco	88/75/t	90/75/pc
Cancun	90/75/t	90/73/pc
Chihuahua	84/64/t	84/61/t
Ciudad Juárez	88/68/t	88/68/t
Leon	81/61/t	83/56/t
México, DF	75/57/t	73/55/t
Monterrey	88/72/t	88/72/t
Morelia	80/63/t	81/60/t
Oaxaca	82/61/t	81/59/t
Plo. Penasco	97/75/s	103/73/s
Tijuana	84/59/s	86/59/s

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fees will be waived Saturday on the Lincoln National Forest and on federal public lands nationwide.

"We encourage forest visitors of all ages to promote a healthier lifestyle and deeper appreciation for natural resources," a news release from the forest service in the counties of Otero and Lincoln stated. "Join us. It is a great time for everyone to get outdoors, hike, bike, and enjoy the adventure and splendor of the Lincoln National Forest."

On the Smokey Bear Ranger District around Ruidoso, information is available by calling 575-257-4095. Fees are waived at the Oak Grove Campground and Three Rivers Campground, as well as continuously open areas for use without fees, weather permitting at Cedar Creek Picnic Area, Schoolhouse Picnic Area, Skyline Campground, and Baca Dispersed Campground.

South Fork and Monjeau Campgrounds are closed for the season.

For the Sacramento Ranger District around Cloudcroft, call 575-682-2551 for information.

Continuously open for use without fees, weather permitting are James Canyon Campground, Upper and Lower Karr Campground and Bluff Springs.

For the Guadalupe Ranger District near Carlsbad, call 575-885-4181 for information.

Fees are waived at the Sitting Bull Falls Day Use Recreation Area and an area continuously open for use without fees, weather permitting is Last Chance Trailhead.

For more information, contact the Lincoln National Forest Supervisor's Office at 575-434-7200 or visit the Forest Service website at www.fs.fed.us/r3/lincoln.

Veterans conference

The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services is waiving the \$25 registration fee for Saturday's 2010 Women Veterans' Conference at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.

The decision was made over concerns about the economic hardship facing people not only in New Mexico, but nationwide.

"We've heard from many interested women veterans and soldiers who've said they would love to attend but that they simply couldn't afford to," said New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services Cabinet Secretary John M. Garcia. "We would really like for as many people as possible to attend, because there will be a lot of valuable information available for them about their state and VA benefits."

Garcia said anyone who has already pre-registered and pre-paid will get a refund. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and will be followed by the opening ceremonies and remarks at 8:30 a.m. Space is limited and

pre-registration is strongly advised.

A mix-and-mingle Welcome Reception is set for 6 p.m. today at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6917, at 5845 Bataan Memorial West (U.S. 70).

In addition to information about benefits and services, there will be presentations about Military Sexual Trauma, and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), which according to Veterans Administration officials has a higher incidence in women veterans than their male counterparts.

Speakers and information about G.I. Education Benefits also are planned on how to open and expand a small business.

"If you're a woman veteran or soldier, you need to attend this conference," Garcia said. "It can make a difference between struggling with life after you've served and leading a full and productive life after you've served in the military."

An informational flyer and registration form can be found on-line on the home page of the NMDVS website at www.dvs.state.nm.us or at www.women-veteransofnewmexico.org. Contact NMDVS Las Cruces Veterans' Service Officer Virginia Bell at 575-524-6124 or virginia.bell@state.nm.us for more conference and refund information.

Alto Lakes

The Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission will meet at 9 a.m., Oct. 7, in the Stag Room at the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, 1 Mulligan Drive, Alto.

The final agenda for the meeting will be published at least 24 hours before the meeting and will be posted on the bulletin board of the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club.

Band performs

Gateway Brass, the brass ensemble from the United States Air Force Band of the West, will perform for the people of Ruidoso at 7 p.m., Oct. 10,

in the Ruidoso Middle School.

The performance is free of charge and open to the public. The members of Gateway Brass bring to the United States Air Force many years of professional experience with symphony orchestras, chamber ensembles, touring shows, and today's popular artists.

The group was featured in performances at the New York Brass Conference and Boston University's Tanglewood Music Center.

Gateway Brass performs for civilian and military audiences throughout the southwestern region of the United States of America with a repertoire spanning five centuries.

Gateway Brass travels more than 20,000 miles annually and appears in more than 100 concerts and clinics. The group performs at military ceremonies, conducts educational clinics, and presents entertaining community concerts throughout Texas, Louisiana, Arizona and New Mexico.

They recently returned from a four month deployment aboard the United States Navy Ship Comfort, contributing to the mission of Continuing Promise 2009.

Continuing Promise is an annual humanitarian mission covering seven countries in 120 days, providing medical and dental care to countries in the Caribbean and Central and South America.

Continuing Promise 2009 was supported by every branch of the United States Armed Forces, along with international forces from many different countries.

For more information visit www.bandofthewest.af.mil.

Resources Fair

A Community Casework Resources Fair, to provide residents with an opportunity to meet directly with representatives of some federal and state agencies, will be held in Ruidoso next week.

Agencies that have confirmed they will be in Ruidoso for the fair are the

Small Business Development Center, COPE Incorporated (domestic violence shelter), the New Mexico Income Support Division, Social Security Administration, and New Mexico's Aging and Long-Term Services Department.

"One of the most important things our office can do is help our constituents resolve issues with federal agencies and connect people with the many resources available in their own communities," said U.S. Representative Harry Teague (D-Hobbs).

"Too often people don't know who to reach out to for help. We want to change that. These events will provide a forum to ask questions, resolve outstanding issues, and discover new resources."

Teague's office scheduled a series of the fairs across southern New Mexico.

The Ruidoso event is scheduled for Sept. 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Ruidoso senior citizens center, 501 Sudderth Dr.

Capitanian named

Former Capitan resident Ron McDaniel was recently named Division Six Engineer for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. McDaniel's new position entails overseeing all construction and maintenance operations on highways in Alfalfa, Beaver, Cimarron, Ellis, Harper, Major, Texas, Woods and Woodward counties in northwestern Oklahoma and the panhandle.

McDaniel was born in Las Cruces and graduated from Capitan High School. He graduated from New Mexico State University with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering in 1990 and became a licensed Professional Engineer in 1997.

Previously, McDaniel served as a resident engineer in Altus, Okla., from 1999 to 2005 and as the assistant division engineer in charge of maintenance operations for nine southwestern Oklahoma counties from 2005 until his recent appointment.

He and his wife, Diane,

have two children, a son Andre and a daughter Ara.



MCDANIEL

Computer class

The Ruidoso Public Library will offer a class on basic computing at 9 a.m. Saturday.

This is a small class (10 people) with time to focus on your specific skill set. Come ask your questions, learn a new skill, or just get better acquainted with a computer.

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OUR OPINION

The triumph of fear over anger

Hubbard arrives at his moment of truth

Two emotions collided in the run-up to Tuesday's vote on the Business Retention Tax to help subsidize Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino.

And fear triumphed over anger. Concern for jobs and the economy beat opposition to horse racing/gambling or a taxpayer bailout for the richest man in the territory.

Because fear is a more visceral emotion that quickly dissipates once the threat passes, and because anger fuses into a slow burn that must run its course, this Lincoln County "community" will not quickly heal after the most divisive election in its history.

We can all sing *kumbaya* and dance as one, but the divisions were revealed by the day-to-day grind of a civic "debate" steered by scare tactics and based on phantom numbers and conjecture.

Those divisions materialized in the closeness of the mail-in vote. Consider: If just one out of every 35 "Yes" voters had reversed their decision, this would have been a tied ballgame.

On paper, this David vs. Goliath match-up offered a rout for the "Yes" side.

- The political action committee (PAC) that supported the tax got the special election from the county commission it so coveted. The timing coincided with the racing season and isolated the issue from the November general election.

- The "Yes" PAC raised some \$82,000 compared to the "No" PAC's \$2,000. That's 40 bullets to one, an overwhelming advantage in advertising firepower.

- The "Yes" side rode a readymade alliance comprised of, among others, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Ruidoso Valley Economic Development Corporation, the real estate/housing industry, Rotary, ENMU-Ruidoso and the Spencer Theater (both of which stand to reap "overage" windfalls after the track cap is reached), merchants and their employees, and the far-reaching racino enterprise that attracted out-of-state support.

- The "Yes" side had a glib attorney as its spokesman who polished his arguments in numerous speaking engagements. It had in-house organs with the *Ruidoso Free Press* and KRUI radio.

- The alliance's strategy doubtlessly wrung out every last "Yes" vote on the rolls, while opponents probably left a number of "No" votes on the table through apathy and access to fewer resources.

So, what happened? Adherence to the principles of low taxes and free markets. Aversion to corporate bailouts and an arrogant sense of entitlement. The blowback was sufficient to make it a horse race. And it suggests racino owner R.D. Hubbard will undergo unparalleled scrutiny — for the condition of his facilities, for his promises made in an interview with the *Ruidoso*

News, to remain five more years should the tax pass.

As we have stressed, Hubbard is hardly bound by any legal document with the county, but we expect him to honor that pledge, unless he sells the racino to someone who would fix it up and keep it here.

Another fissure that developed in the body politic during this campaign occurred between urban and rural interests.

Consider that the three commissioners who voted in the special election — and, appearances be hanged, attended a victory party Tuesday at the track — all have Ruidoso addresses; the other two are from Carrizozo and Glencoe.

The "Yes" campaign crystallized in Ruidoso-Ruidoso Downs, papered with "Fight Back" posters up and down the street. Out in the county, the topic was placed on the back burner — always simmering but never boiling over.

It could even be argued that horseracing concerns in Texas and Colorado cared more about the result than did ranchers from Carrizozo and Corona or artists from Nogal.

This split could reopen old wounds that festered as recently as five years ago between the population center "up the hill" and far-flung areas less dependent on tourism. The resentment is fresh and palpable.

Even talk of boycotts has a rural edge, though it remains to be seen how shopping and dining habits will be altered.

This saga began in November 2009, when R.D. Hubbard made noises — again — about leaving Ruidoso Downs if he didn't achieve tax parity in the state Legislature with Indian casinos.

He didn't get parity, but he got his referendum. With this Pyrrhic victory, we feel Hubbard has exhausted his relocation threats to this community. Whatever transpires during the five-year life span of this tax, people here have lost their appetite for another such exercise.

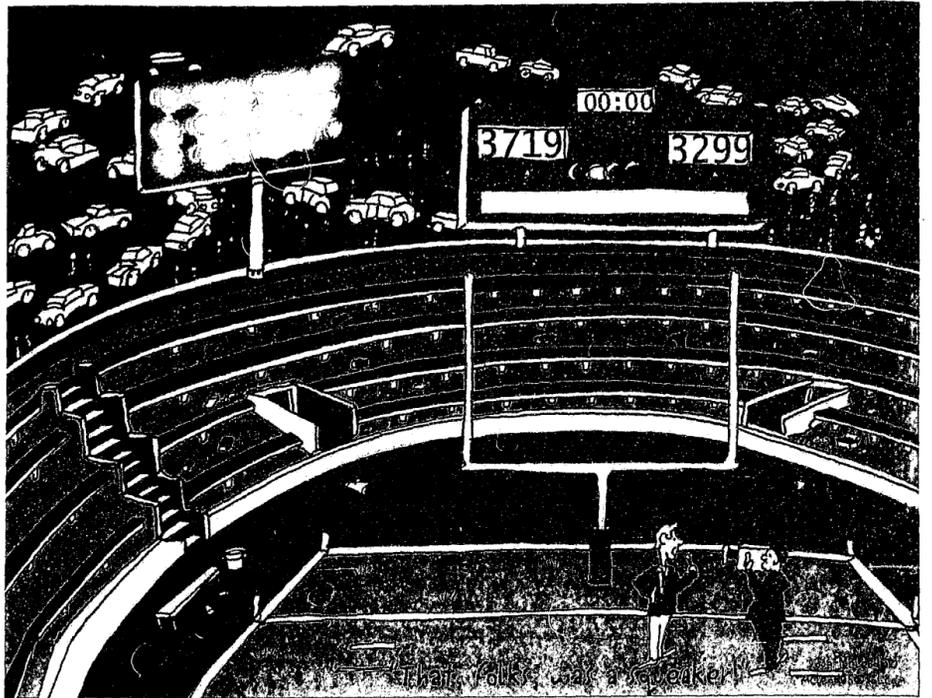
We are worn out, and maybe that's a good thing.

Perhaps we've grown up, as well. In an effort to function once more, residents, politicians, civic leaders and business people must pick up the pieces and arrange them in a new order, seeking opportunities while accepting both our liabilities and our strengths.

Never again should we be guided by insecurities that hang like loose threads from the emperor's coattails.

The people have spoken; we must buy time for our economic future, they clamored. Now, presumably, they've got it. This is their moment of truth.

And in 2015, should the track stay and tax parity with Indian casinos not be achieved, we must be vigilant that the sunset clause on this bitterly fought tax not be extended, that it bids a colorful farewell over Western skies.



YOUR OPINION

No shame in losing election

To the editor:

WELL, WE LOST. But let's hold our heads high. There's no shame in taking a position, defending it honorably and giving it your best shot.

Let's give the opposition their due. The Hubbard organization is an awesome machine. From, Commissioner Tom Battin carrying Hubbard's water at the state and county level all the way down to Tim Keithley parroting the Hubbard party line on a minute-to-minute basis behind the microphones, R.D. is able to hammer home pretty much whatever he wants.

Let's take a minute to look at the positives. By taking almost \$4 million from the taxpayers of Lincoln County, Hubbard has increased the value of his racino by a like amount. In doing so, he has made it more valuable to a potential buyer. It would be the best thing that ever happened to Lincoln County for the race track to have a new owner.

If you have ever been to a track in California, Texas or Kentucky, then you know comparatively, Ruidoso Downs is a third-rate dump. The infrastructure has been neglected for decades. The casino is a smoke pit. The food served there is barely edible and the service is worse.

Let's keep our fingers crossed [that] Hubbard uses this opportunity to sell out and allow our beloved track to be owned and managed by those capable of making it the very best it can be.

J Williams
Hubbardville (Ruidoso), NM

They sold their souls

To the editor:

SMALL TOWN America is a microcosm of Washington, D.C. It is incredible that those who profess to be conservative would advocate public funds to bail out a private enterprise. There are those who have compromised their principles and sold their souls on a future sale of their homes and voted for a serf tax.

They have drunk the Kool-Aid and now we all will pay tribute to the Lord of The Rings of the Wannabees.

Marybeth Samuels
Alto

A weird feudalism

To the editor:

So 3,719 Lincoln County voters were frightened or bamboozled into consenting to behave like vassals paying tribute to the local lord. This doesn't feel like democracy, just some weird brand of feudalism. Now Hubbard perhaps can get the gold plating renewed on the fix-

tures in his jet.

Those who opposed this extortion need to resist and see to it that the demanded \$750,000 is not generated.

The nobailouttax website should become (perhaps) www.resisttheextortion.org. Suggestions for avoiding paying the Hubbard tax could be posted, such as what items should be bought outside Lincoln County once the tax goes into effect. Business could be steered away from the lawyers and realtors behind this abomination. Since they apparently have bottomless pockets, based on the massive expenditures they used in scaring voters into supporting the tax/tribute, they don't really need the business anyway.

Definitely urge visitors not to go to the Billy the Kid Casino; friends who have gone there report that it's dirty and the food is lousy anyway.

The taxpayers of Lincoln County already subsidize horse racing. Race horses are a tax write-off for the wealthy, as are the private jets, effectively subsidized by those who don't have that option. Now that the PAC has had their way, it seems likely that all the talk about diversifying the local economy will remain just that. We'll all go back to sleep, (a little less) fat, dumb and happy, until Mr. Hubbard decides he needs to mobilize his flunkies to extract more tribute from the peasantry.

I'm up for kicking in for a legal challenge on the grounds that the tax violates the anti-donation clause of the state constitution.

Heal? How can I heal when I know I'll feel degraded every time I have to pay tribute to Hubbard? This rubbish of obligating the poor and less-well-off to subsidize the obscenely wealthy has got to stop. For greater depth of understanding how we're being ripped off, read *Free Lunch: How the wealthiest Americans enrich themselves at government expense and stick you with the bill*. (And don't worry, the author David Cay Johnston is a registered Republican.)

Joyce Westerbur
Alto

Indian casino impresses

To the editor:

I VOTED NO on the tax issue. How does anybody know what the situation at the track is if the books are closed to the public.

Governor Johnson said years ago that he thought it was a mistake for racetracks to have a casino. He thought a racetrack should be a racetrack and a casino, separate. I agree.

All this weeping and wailing

about the track leaving because they can't compete with the Mescalero Apache Tribe Casino. Has an body ever thanked the Mescalero Tribe for running a great casino and bringing in all those gamblers? I've been to the Indian casinos and the food is terrific and the casino is beautiful except for all that *ding ding* noise and cigarette smoke. Do the taxpayers of Lincoln County want to say we don't approve of the beautiful and well-managed Indian casino and want to support a crappy, failing, rundown track and casino?

I have lived here nearly 70 years and I remember winning \$60 the first day the racetrack opened. Lord, I thought that is really easy money. I love the racetrack and the horses. I would hate to think that the people of Ruidoso couldn't come up with some ideas of how to run a good racetrack with beautiful horses without asking for a handout.

A lot of good people in Lincoln County struggle along trying to keep their heads above water. Most don't have any high-falutin connections that will get them help from the Legislature or the county commission but they are surviving and looking forward to better days in Lincoln County. They're not not saying, "Help us or we're leaving."

I have never met Mr. Hubbard, even though he and his family have made tremendous contributions to Lincoln County. Nothing personal, Mr. Hubbard, but if you need help packing you can count on me.

Walt Limacher
Hondo

Overhaul voting laws

To the editor:

THE VOTING LAWS in New Mexico need to be overhauled, not next month, not next year, but now.

One of these laws is one that gives illegal immigrants rights to obtain a New Mexico driver's license. Another is a law that reads, if you have the *intent* to live in New Mexico you can register to vote.

Both of these laws open the doors for voter corruption. Voter rights in our state should be earned, not given away like a piece of Halloween candy.

I would like to thank the *Ruidoso News* for printing both fair and balanced letters about the tax issue. I would also like to thank the County Clerk's Office for being neutral on the GRT voting issue and answering the questions people of Lincoln County have been asking.

Jack Hemby
Ruidoso Downs

The J.T. Riordan murder trial: one juror's perspective

To the editor:

DURING THE week of Sept. 13, J. T. Riordan was put on trial for the murder of Jonathan Lopez. After four and a half days of hearing evidence and five and a half hours of deliberation, 11 other jurors and I found Mr. Riordan not guilty.

Since then, some of my friends and acquaintances have expressed their displeasure with our decision, none of whom shared the jury room with me while we were deliberating.

Within the framework of that context, I would like to offer my perspective of this trial, which I believe is shared with others who served on the jury during the Riordan trial.

The cast of characters

First, let me describe the cast of characters:

- J. T. Riordan, the Defendant. At the time of the death of Jonathan Lopez, Mr. Riordan was about 22 years of age. He was living with two other young men in a trailer house in Ruidoso Downs. He worked for his father on construction projects, when the work was available.

- Michael Woodall, a major witness against Mr. Riordan. Mr. Michael Woodall was one of the two men who lived with Mr. Riordan in the trailer in Ruidoso Downs. At the time of the death of Mr. Lopez, he was about 20 years of age and worked part-time for Mr. Riordan's father.

- James Woodall, a major witness against Mr. Riordan. Mr. James Woodall was the other man who lived with Mr. Riordan in the trailer in Ruidoso Downs. James Riordan is the younger brother of Michael Woodall and was about 19 years of age when Jonathan Woodall was killed. He also worked part-time for Mr. Riordan's father.

- Jonathan Lopez, the victim. Mr. Lopez was 19 years of age when he was killed. He was mentally challenged and lived in an apartment in Ruidoso Downs with the support of his aunt, Jo Ann Lopez. Mr. Lopez was of average height but only weighed about 110 pounds. He worked as a dishwasher on an irregular basis. He was taking three drugs, which were prescribed by his doctor.

- Juana Martinez, J. T. Riordan's friend. At the time of Mr.

Lopez was killed, Ms. Martinez was 13 years of age. By the time she was 14, she was serving time in a juvenile detention facility.

Events of Aug. 28, 2006

According to the testimony of the Woodall brothers, they were walking down Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso when Mr. Riordan and Mr. Lopez pulled up alongside them in the pickup truck owned by Mr. Riordan's father.

Mr. Riordan invited the Woodall brothers to join them in an impromptu party at the trailer in Ruidoso Downs. Mr. Riordan suggested that they go by Ms. Martinez's house and pick her up. They then made a stop at the Walmart store where they allegedly bought six fifths of liquor. They then drove to the trailer.

According to the testimony of the Woodall brothers, the party got underway with the smoking of marijuana, followed by some serious drinking (the brothers testified that the six bottles of liquor were passed around with all five persons present taking part).

After an hour or two, James Woodall put on a DVD and they began watching a movie. At some point, J. T. Riordan and Juana went into the bedroom. Sometime after J. T. and Juana left the living room, the brothers testified that Mr. Lopez found a rifle, which he loaded with a "suicide" clip, holding 100 rounds of ammunition. They say he pointed the rifle at James Woodall from a distance of some 18 inches and said, "I'm going to shoot you."

At this point, the testimony of the two Woodall brothers varied somewhat, which may be explained by the tension and confusion at that time. In any event, the two brothers testified with Mr. Lopez, causing the rifle to fire a bullet into the ceiling.

At this point Mr. Riordan came out of the bedroom, and one brother claims he asked what was happening, while the other claims he shouted, "Get off of him." Then, the brothers claim, Mr. Riordan put Mr. Lopez in a "choke hold" and held him until he passed out.

Next, the brothers claim, Mr. Riordan ordered them to put a gag into his (Mr. Lopez) mouth and put a bag over his head so that he would not bleed on the

floor. The body of Mr. Lopez was then stuffed into a duffel bag and carried out and put in the bed of Mr. Riordan's truck.

The intent, at this point, was to take the body of Mr. Lopez to a clandestine location on land owned by Mr. Riordan's family, which is located near Arabela, a small community about 50 miles northeast of Ruidoso Downs. According to the brothers, Michael was driving, James was sitting in the middle and Mr. Riordan was sitting on the right side of the truck, holding the rifle.

When they had driven as far as Hondo, they spotted some type of patrol car with its colored lights rotating. They panicked and drove back to the trailer in Ruidoso Downs. According to the brothers, Mr. Riordan went back into his bedroom, Michael Woodall passed out on the living room couch and James Woodall left the trailer and walked to his mother's house, some two miles distant. Moreover, he claimed to have never returned to the trailer again.

Whether James Woodall returned to the trailer the next morning is in dispute. James would have us believe that he did not; however, a witness, Marcus Hurley, a friend of another member of the Riordan family, testified that Mr. Riordan and the two Woodall brothers came to his house in Roswell on the day after Mr. Lopez died, asking if they could use his house to shower and change clothes. This tidbit was not contained in the testimony of the Woodall brothers.

Apprehension

The story of the killing of Jonathan Lopez could have ended on Aug. 29, when his body was put in the ground on a ranch near Arabela. Ms. Jo Ann Lopez did not know what had happened to her nephew except for a chance meeting in Walmart with a cashier, who also happened to live in the same apartment building as Jonathan. Ms. Lopez asked the cashier if she had heard from Jonathan, and the cashier said: "I thought you knew. Jonathan was killed."

Apparently, the cashier had heard this from Juana. Once Ms. Lopez heard about Jonathan's death, it was only a matter of time until the law enforcement authorities knew who to look for.

In early January, a deputy sheriff spotted Michael and James Woodall walking down Sudderth and they took them in for questioning. After two sessions of questioning, both brothers confessed, but did so in such a way that would suggest that J. T. Riordan was totally at fault and they were just spectators who were forced at gunpoint to go along with Mr. Riordan in disposing of Jonathan's body.

The trial

The trial proceedings began on Friday, Sept. 10, just over four years after Jonathan Lopez was killed, and three years and eight months after the Woodall brothers and J. T. Riordan were accused of the killing.

This long time span could explain why a number of witnesses had difficulty remembering some of the questions put to them. However, the most important witnesses in the case were the Woodall brothers, who testified against Mr. Riordan.

During the trial, there were more than a dozen witnesses who testified for the prosecution. None of these testified to having been a witness to the killing of Jonathan Lopez. Juana Martinez would not even admit to having been at the trailer the night of the killing, much less act as a witness.

There were several who claimed to have a recollection of J. T. Riordan saying something about a killing, but those recollections did not paint a coherent picture of the events of Aug. 28, 2006. And, perhaps the most damning aspect of the prosecution's case was that they presented not one shred of physical evidence that a crime had been committed.

And, while one could argue that physical evidence, such a DNA, can expect to have degraded over the four months from the crime to the investigation, that is faint comfort for the prosecution.

Even the prosecution's expert witnesses were of no help. One lady, a forensic expert, proclaimed that the victim died of affixia. However, upon cross examination she explained her finding was based on the fact that the victim was gagged and had a bag over his head, but she did not do any other examination of the victim's body.

In the end, the jury was sent to deliberate at noon on Friday, Sept. 17, 2010. And all we had to work with in rendering a verdict were the testimony of the two Woodall brothers, no physical evidence and some very stringent instructions from the judge.

Based on the evidence that we had, we could not determine (1) the cause of death, (2) how it happened and (3) who was responsible. Many of us on the jury suspected that there was a drunken party that had gone horribly wrong. Consider that the brothers confessed that they had all been smoking marijuana and drinking, a sure recipe for trouble. Add to the mix that Jonathan Lopez was taking three prescribed drugs as well as marijuana and liquor. Mr. Lopez was obviously not someone to be handling a firearm, much less pointing it at someone from point blank range.

The verdict

In the end, we, the jury, voted unanimously to find J. T. Riordan not guilty of murder in the death of Jonathan Lopez. Not one member of the jury thought Mr. Riordan was totally innocent of the death of Mr. Lopez, nor did we think that the Woodall brothers were either. We simply did not have enough evidence, in our collective opinion, to convict Mr. Riordan of either 2nd degree murder or voluntary manslaughter.

He was convicted of two other counts: tampering with evidence and conspiring to tamper with evidence.

The punishment

It is my understanding that J. T. Riordan has been incarcerated for most, if not all, of the time since he was arrested for the murder of Jonathan Lopez — a period of between three and four years.

The Woodall brothers were both convicted of tampering with the evidence and conspiring to tamper with the evidence. They were both sentenced to 18 months in prison, which they have served.

These sentences do not seem long enough, but it was the best we could do, given the hand we were dealt in this case.

William L. Haralson
Alto

Echoes from the motorcycle rally

Helicopter nuisance

To the editor:

I SUPPORT THE motorcycle rallies and for people to have fun. I am a motorcycle rider and have hundreds of hours riding in and flying helicopters myself.

As a 20-year military veteran, I lived near bases where we listened to the sounds of freedom on a daily basis. These sounds included jet aircraft, helicopters, artillery fire, you name it.

But, this is not a military base,

nor was it military aircraft. It was a private company making money from its student pilot and the public.

Even when I do not participate in the motorcycle rally I am willing to listen to the exhaust noise from the motorcycles for three or four days, as it brings in substantial income to the village.

But please don't tell me that the helicopter ride venue is coming back for more. We listened to that helicopter fly over our house every 20-30 minutes all day long

for two days.

While it may have been a hit with the riders, it was mind-numbing for the residents.

Much like fireworks excite animals, the helicopter noise also affected the dogs.

The pilot may have been meeting the minimum altitude standards while over the golf course, but I question his ground clearance over the ridge lines around the village.

We chose Ruidoso to retire, as it is normally a quiet village.

Events that include venues such as the helicopter rides blow that enjoyment out of the water. Additionally, I hear how bad everyone has it during this recession and they're willing to spend \$50 for 12 minutes of pleasure? Hey, it's their money.

For those in charge of the village and future events, please give consideration to the citizens who are not participating in the helicopter rides.

John Hawker
Ruidoso

Prices shocking

To the editor:

I AGREE WITH visiting biker, Rodney Fender from El Paso. I was shocked at the prices of the food, drinks and accommodations during the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally. I am not a biker, but did attend the rally and price gouging was rampant. I do not blame them if they took their rally and business elsewhere.

Rose Helmke
Part-time resident

A piece of what this place is

CATHIE R. EISEN

Nogal House, Indian Divide

Clouds and wind, cool nights, warm days. Woodcutting time, the elk bugling wakes me at night, the cool dawn wakes me in the morn, restless to seek some new adventure, grateful for the work that sends me off across the plains, the dirt tracks unwinding before me, the hills beckoning with some new vista and adventure. Elk in the hills, antelope on the flats. Let's race!

How is it that the fall always catches us off guard as it typically arrives at the same time every year yet we still exclaim, "Oh, it is already getting cold, it seems so early" and go scurrying off like all the woodland creatures to put up our stores for winter. What that instinct is the ruling

factor here in spite of the fact that as intelligent beings, we still react in the same way for are not those truck loads of firewood the equivalents of the acorns that the rats are stock piling at the same time? I for one am unafraid of acknowledging the parallels; I too shall be cutting wood from here on, having busied myself with other things all summer.

In spite of all the preparation this is our favorite time of year; gone are the hot sultry days, though few they are here in the mountains. Instead the mornings are brisk and the afternoon winds and rain cool the air and stir our spirits as they do the horses and cattle. Even my sedate little mare nearly ran me down that first cool morning, her fine sleek hair on edge in the cold and her eyes a bit wild, fly-

ing blindly in my direction. I feel the same elation, it is time to run and play, shake off the drudgery of the summer, such as it was as I love my work; time to fly! My younger days would have found me ready to leave my secure job for a month of adventure, skipping the fall race meet in Albuquerque; off to the Rockies, the Grand Tetons and then east for the fall array and back through the South for the last vestiges of the same before I settled in the Southwest for the winter. No need for firewood in El Paso, the racetrack stayed at Sunland Park all winter and there was always Rillito Downs in Tucson, Arizona.

The racetrack, shall we lose the legacy that brought so many of us to this mountain oasis? Even I, who lives so far off the beaten path and works for solid

enterprises that will survive either way, had to draw an opinion and make a choice. I have as limited an income as anyone else, yet I spend even less, an art one learns if they wish to remain here in Lincoln County for as many years as I have.

You either love or hate this place, as I was told before I came to the promise of the "cool pines" that I read about in the brochure for Ruidoso Downs racetrack while standing in the hot sun in Sunland Park. If you decide to stay it will be a struggle, but worthwhile all the same.

Win or lose, those of us who have sunk our roots deep in this place will remain. Selfishly, as I watch some of the larger developments slip back towards being ranches [because of] the real estate crisis; I could almost wish the track away, restoring the

ambience that has faded over the years as the county prospered.

What an awesome place this was 30 years ago, when Alto was as remote as Nogal feels today and there were few if any houses in the hills beyond there. I for one support the tax for I support the track and the legacy it represents.

The track is what brought me and many of my friends here, a large number who have stayed and moved on to other trades. I worked for trainers who rode races here when it was just a bush track; they are now old men. I love the track and even if the traffic is bad in the summer it brings the people who sustain our local economy.

We can and will survive without it, but if it goes we will have lost a piece of what this place is.

BUSINESS

Local businesses react to new GRT increase

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Business people generally see an increased gross receipts tax, approved by Lincoln County voters this week, as a necessary evil.

And the consensus appeared among retailers and contractors with larger ticket items that the extra 3/16 of 1 percent business retention gross receipts tax would not send local shoppers off the mountain.

And the summer tourists will keep coming to the Ruidoso area and spending money.

Effective Jan. 1, 2011, the gross receipts tax on non-food groceries and non-

medicines will be 8.6250 percent in Ruidoso, nearly the granddaddy of sales taxes in New Mexico.

The increased tax revenues will help offset the gaming tax that the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino pays to the state.

Track officials had said they would move the facility to a more lucrative location in the state without some gaming tax relief to provide parity with tribal casinos.

Nate Dunn, owner of Bonito River Services, a heating and air conditioning outfit, said he was torn with the issue.

"I feel like it was some-

thing that we definitely needed to pass," said Dunn. "I didn't like it. I know it's going to be an increase in taxes and I'm not an advocate of that."

Dunn said the business retention gross receipts tax however is a tax that could actually help his business. He rejected the idea that some homeowners would go out of Lincoln County to purchase a furnace or air conditioner because Bonito River Services has built customer loyalty.

Brenda McCracken, a co-owner at McCracken's Home Gallery, said she really struggled with what decision to make.

"But we've got to sup-

port him (R.D. Hubbard, owner of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino). I've grown up here and the track has always been here. I'm happy with the decision that was made."

McCracken noted the gross receipts tax in Ruidoso is already high. When her business opened in 2003 McCracken said the tax was about 7.1 percent and now it will get closer to 9 percent.

But she said, people are used to the high tax rate and the increase would not affect someone purchasing a high-ticket item.

"Very seldom do I have someone just step back

because of the tax."

Sears outlet owner Greg Stewart was emphatic that the increased tax would have no impact on sales.

"I think it's just some minimal amount," he said of the 3/16 of a cent tax increase. "Especially here in Ruidoso Downs, given the difference between Ruidoso's higher tax."

Mark Bickerton, manager of NSide Furniture in Ruidoso said he would do everything possible to keep shoppers buying locally instead of going out of the county.

"Anything to keep the town going, that's a good thing," he said of the retention of the racetrack and

casino in Ruidoso Downs.

The gross receipts tax on purchases is of little concern to shoppers that come into Imports, Ect. in Midtown Ruidoso, said store owner Frank Potter.

"Dealing with the people that come through here they are tourists, primarily from Texas, from places like Dallas, San Antonio and Austin," said Potter. "They don't seem to pay much attention to it. I think the Texans are used to high sales taxes and school taxes. They're acclimated to a healthy tax."

Potter said only occasionally does someone ask about the gross receipts tax rate.

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The real estate market in Lincoln County may be on the mend with prices beginning to increase.

Lincoln County home prices up

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After falling to under \$200,000 during April, May and June, the median price of a home sold in Lincoln County climbed during July and August.

A new report from the Realtors Association of New Mexico put the August median sold price at \$225,000, up \$10,000 from July. In June it had hit a low point of \$179,500.

Year-to-date, the median price of a home sold in Lincoln County is \$215,000. During 2009, the year-to-date median had been \$185,000, down slightly from the year before.

Statewide, the year-to-date median home price stands at \$174,500. In 2009 it was \$176,665. The 2008

median was \$189,000.

Both locally and statewide, the number of units sold has, however, remained soft.

Through August of this year, 249 units have been sold in Lincoln County. For the same period of 2009 sales were 252 units. During the first eight months of 2008, sales totaled 300 units.

Across New Mexico, 9,245 units have sold so far this year.

The same timeline of 2009 recorded 8,705 sales, compared with 10,386 for January through August of 2008.

"After a large drop off in the number of sales from June to July, during August New Mexico homes continued to sell at nearly the same pace as during July. Year-to-date sales

numbers are just over 6 percent ahead of 2009 year-to-date numbers and 2010 annual numbers are expected to be higher than 2009 totals," said Steven Anaya, Realtors Association of New Mexico executive vice president.

The majority of reporting counties had an increase in the number of sales in August compared to July numbers. Lincoln and San Juan counties both reported a more than 45 percent increase in activity from July to August.

Los Alamos County continued to report the highest median price - \$449,000 during August. Santa Fe County had a median over \$300,000, while Catron, Lincoln and Taos counties had medians over \$200,000 last month.

The new August figures were run by the Realtors organization on Sept. 20.

County lottery players won big

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Players in Lincoln County won about \$4.5 million from the New Mexico Lottery during fiscal year 2010.

The lottery also paid \$123,000 in commissions to 20 local retailers for selling approximately \$1.9 million in tickets and cashing prizes.

The county's big winners were Bill and Janet Swann of Ruidoso. They shared a Hot Lotto jackpot of \$3.54 million earlier this year with daughters Lisa and Stacey Swann of Austin, Texas.

Curry Reynolds of Ruidoso Downs won a \$200,000 Scratcher prize.

From Ruidoso, Scratcher players Eleanor Johnston won \$100,000 and Amy Fralick, \$5,000. Michelle Quattlander, also from Ruidoso, won \$10,000 on a Scratcher purchased in Alamogordo.

From Capitan, Scratcher player Ernie Trujillo and Mark Forlano won



COURTESY

Michelle Quattlander was one of the Ruidosians that got lucky last fiscal year with the New Mexico Lottery.

\$1,000 each, while Ann Beltran of Carrizozo won \$3,000.

While shopping in Ruidoso, Kimberly House-Kasero of Mesalero purchased a Scratcher that paid \$10,000.

"Our players enjoyed much good fortune this year and by choosing lottery games over other entertainment options, they helped enrich the state's quality of life by

making higher education available to many more students," said New Mexico Lottery CEO Tom Romero.

All lottery profits are delivered to the Legislative Lottery Scholarship program to provide tuition assistance to eligible New Mexico residents.

As of the spring 2009 semester, 620 students from Lincoln County have received \$2.6 million in lottery scholarships.

PNM fridge recycling successful

PNM is closing in on a big milestone for its Refrigerator Recycling Program. The program, which aims to take 25,000 old and inefficient fridges and freezers out of service by year's end, offers customers a \$30 rebate and free removal of an old unit that could be costing them up to \$175 a year in energy costs.

PNM could hit the 22,000 mark by for refrigerators and freezers that have been recycled or are scheduled for pick-up statewide by Oct. 3, which is the third anniversary of the program. Recycling those 22,000 units - many of which were used in

garages to store leftovers and beverages - is saving New Mexicans an estimated \$2.5 million.

PNM offers the rebate and pick-up service for working refrigerators and freezers from 10 to 27 cubic feet in size.

Customers wanting to take advantage of this opportunity to rid themselves of an energy-wasting unit simply need to call 877-643-1956 or visit PNM.com/fridge to schedule a pick-up. Residential customers can recycle up to two units per household.

PNM takes all of the units that are picked up throughout the state to an Albuquerque facility created specifically for this program. Ninety-five percent of each refrigerator or freezer is recycled, adding a significant environmental benefit that includes pre-

venting the release of five tons of CO2 into the atmosphere.

"Not only do customers reduce their energy use and help lower their own bills, by having an older refrigerator or freezer picked up for recycling, they help conserve our natural resources," said Alice Cobb, PNM Resources senior vice president and chief administrative officer. "Even the foam insulation is safely incinerated with the heat used to generate extra electricity."

Older refrigerators discarded in landfills can also leach deadly toxins into the environment, including oils, mercury and greenhouse gases from exposed foam.

Those elements are safely extracted and neutralized through the recycling process, said Cobb.

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Zia seeks expansion approval August county unemployment falls to lowest level of 2010

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Ruidoso Downs headquartered Zia Natural Gas Company will expand again in New Mexico.

The utility is seeking approval from state regulators to acquire and operate two natural gas distribution and transmission systems in Dona Ana County.

The Village of Hatch municipal gas system and the recently reorganized Rio Grande Natural Gas Association (RGNGA) serve more than 10,000 customers.

"Approval of the sale means that customers will be served as one unified system and we will bring the expertise, equipment and resources to make this a successful venture," said Leslie Graham, division manager for Zia Natural Gas.

"We have been in business for over 20 years and we excel in customer service programs, field and operational experience to meet our customers' needs, with a focus on assuring safety and reliability. I am really excited to become a business partner in such a dynamic and diverse area such as Dona Ana County."

Zia had initially been approached in 2005 about taking over RGNGA's operation.

But Zia did not respond, said Graham, because the offer was not economically attractive. The reorganization of RGNGA this year changed that.

In the RGNGA agree-

ment, Zia would purchase the Dona Ana system for \$9 million.

The utility is comprised of physical assets and associated easements, franchises, licenses and permits. The transaction would also include gas supply and transmission contracts. The Hatch part of the system would be purchased for \$1 million.

"The Hatch Board of Trustees and I feel that this is in the best interest of not only the village itself, but also the existing and future natural gas customers of the Rio Grande and Hatch systems," said Mayor Judd Nordyke. He added that he was looking forward to completion of the sale of RGNGA to Zia.

In a filing with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC), Zia said its parent company, Natural Gas Processing Company, has the funds to acquire the Dona Ana system without affecting the financial stability of Zia's current utility system.

The utility presently serves some 24,000 customers in Colfax, Lea and Lincoln counties.

Natural Gas Processing first purchased Ruidoso Gas in 1988, creating Zia Natural Gas.

Four years later Jal Gas was acquired, followed by Hobbs Gas in 1996, the Maxwell natural gas system in 1998, and both the Springer natural gas system and Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas in 2006.

Zia said in each area the utility has invested in

major system expansions, including natural gas service to residents in Cimarron and large locations around Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Alto, and the area between Alto, Capitan and Carrizozo.

When approved by the PRC, an office for the Dona Ana system would be maintained in Las Cruces.

Zia's Dona Ana County system area however would exclude inside the city limits of Las Cruces.

The city's Utilities Department includes natural gas service.

"We are looking forward to being a business partner in the community," Graham said of the Las Cruces office and equipment shop.

The unemployment rate in Lincoln County fell to its lowest level of 2010 in August.

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions Thursday reported the preliminary jobless rate for the county was 6 percent. In July the rate had been 6.5 percent, and early in the year the level had reached 8 percent.

The department said 702 Lincoln County residents were unemployed in August compared with 762 the month before.

But a year ago there had been 655 of the county's workforce listed as unemployed. The August 2009 out-of-work rate had been

5.5 percent.

In Otero County the August jobless rate was 7.5 percent. In July it had been 8 percent. August of 2009 recorded an Otero County unemployment rate of 7.1 percent.

Statewide the jobless rate rose slightly, from 8.2 percent in July to 8.3 percent last month. A year ago the New Mexico rate had been 7.6 percent. The national unemployment rate increased to 9.6 percent.

The job situation in New Mexico still included more declining industries than

gaining ones, but the extent of the losses is far less than previously reported. The department noted signs of improvements from conditions earlier this year and the negative job growth could soon turn the corner.

The construction industry continued to lose jobs over the year, though the decline was easing. The leisure and hospitality industry has added jobs during 2010. The industry group includes a large number of eating and drinking establishments as well as a recreation component.

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Underwood said. "The turnout shows there was a lot of interest in the community over the issue both pro and con. This is a great opportunity to seize upon the energy directed toward economic development, because this was not all about the track. We will have money for the next five years to move as a county and figure out what we want to be when we grow up and move in that direction."

The new tax, effective Jan. 1, may generate up to half a million dollars more than the \$750,000 cap to offset a portion of the track and casino's annual tax debt to the state. The difference can be spent for economic development and for higher education.

A prepared release by R.D. Hubbard, owner of Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino, stated, "We are very pleased by the show of support from the citizens of Lincoln County and cannot begin to thank them enough for their support of the Business Retention Plan."

The tax passed by a 420 vote margin with 3,719 in favor and 3,299 against.

"We ask them to help fix the unlevel playing field Santa Fe has created and they responded to the challenge," the statement continued. "We look forward to continuing to be part of the community and keeping the race track in Lincoln County for years to come. We also hope the energy and enthusiasm demonstrated from both sides of this debate can be taken to Santa Fe to address the

parity issue once and for all. Again, our thanks to the people of Lincoln County for voting to keep the racetrack here, where it belongs."

Kathryn Minter, who won the Republican primary for a seat on the Lincoln County Commission and faces no opposition in the November general election, opposed the tax.

Thursday she said, "This is a wake-up call for our county. People voted 'Yes' out of fear. It is a strong motivator, but it does not endear people to the perpetrators. Individuals, organizations, elected officials and business leaders have been exposed. Our county will never be the same, which is a good thing. We now understand our vulnerabilities and will make more informed decisions as we go forward to preserve and strengthen what is good about our community and change what is not."

Lincoln County Commission Chairman Tom Battin, one of three commissioners who voted for a special election on the tax, said he hopes the county community can unite now that the election is over.

"One of my reasons for having a mail-out election was to have a better vote response and I'll bet we don't have 54 percent in the November general election," he said. "I hope the lesson from this is to really become aggressive in seeking diversification."

"Anything we as a commission can do to heal the wounds, we will try. There are such good responsible people on both sides. They should not be vilified, because they didn't agree. We have so many important issues, we need to come together."

COZY

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ballots out of more than 7,100 returned in a mail-in election.

"It's not illegal on the face, but it is not advisable," FOG Director Sarah Welsh said of the three commissioners sitting together at a table in the Billy the Kid Sports Bar at the casino on election night. "The attorney general tells people that in his road show (when he visits counties to brief officials and the public on the Open Meetings Act). Your constituents assume you are talking county business. It is inadvisable to sit together any time (even at social functions). It is illegal to discuss public business, so if someone overhears such a discussion, they could file a complaint."

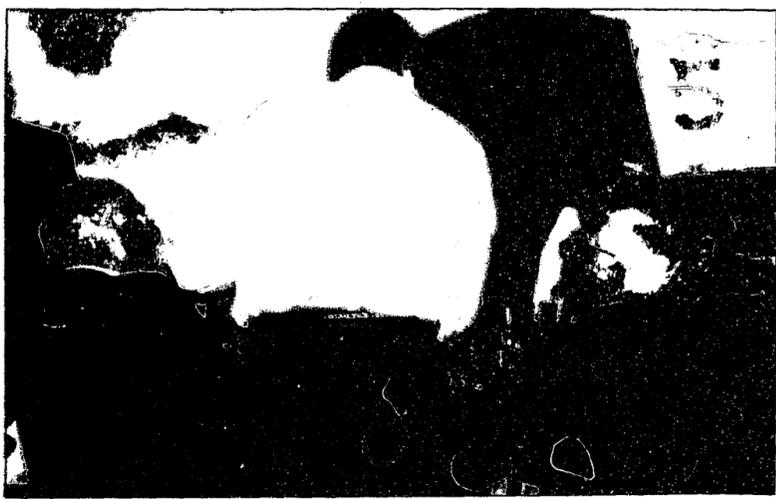
Commissioner Dave Parks said Thursday that commissioners, sometimes all five, frequently eat together during the lunch break in Carrizozo at the once-at-month commission meetings.

As for the election night party, Parks said, "We sat together part of the time and wandered around most of the time. It occurred to me after people started taking pictures (that sitting at the same table might not be a good idea). Absolutely no policy was discussed."

"We're all three good friends and we know better than to talk business."

Battin said when he saw the photograph of the three appear in the newspaper, he thought someone might object.

"I arrived about 7:45 p.m. and spent about 40 minutes going around the



In a photo published in the Ruidoso News Wednesday, county commissioners Tom Battin (seated at left), Don Williams (seated in rear) and Dave Parks (seated at right) attended a victory party after the vote.

room visiting everybody," Battin said. "Dave invited me to sit down and I did, but not for long. Unfortunately, people jump to conclusions. It would have been difficult to conduct business with four or five other people at the table. It didn't occur to me it would be offensive to anyone at the time. If I had thought that, I would not have joined him."

Commissioner Don Williams said he and wife Misti arrived at the party first.

"Dave and his friend came over and sat with us and later, Tom arrived by himself and sat down," Williams said. "Yes, it did occur to me (they should not sit together), but it wasn't planned. In my case, you can't say 'No, don't sit there,' but I wasn't that concerned. Tom spent most of the time mixing and eventually he came back and sat down. I did point out we had a quorum."

A former colleague of Williams, Michele Rebstock, who served with him

on the Ruidoso Village Council before resigning earlier this year, saw the photograph and offered her opinion based on information received during a completed Municipal Official Leadership Institute course, where she received a certification.

"Don Williams was my classmate," she said Thursday. "We were taught by an attorney to avoid being seen with any other elected official from our council or commission. A public entity is supposed to have all discussions and votes in public (to comply with New Mexico's Open Meetings Act and Government in the Sunshine law).

"To be a purist, there should not be any private meetings with developers even with one elected official. (The attorney) did state that there could be times, especially in a small town, that two or more officials could be present at a social event. I took this to mean church, theater, fund raisers and the like. He was quick to warn that one

should leave, if there was a quorum, if possible. But, at least stay far away from each other and do not speak to each other as this could lead to suspicious concerns from the public."

Rebstock said at the village's holiday parties, sometimes two councilors sat at a table, "But we always had plenty of employees and family members at the table to witness there was not any 'official' conversations going on," Rebstock said.

"The definition of a quorum for the county commission is three members present. To have three members of the county commission present at the same table at a political celebration funded by the private entity that requested a 'special election' for their private gain, which these commissioners endorsed and voted for, may be considered a violation as well as a serious breach of public trust."

"There was an appearance of impropriety, to say the least."

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Council alerted to 'contractors' casing Ruidoso neighborhoods

■ But it rejects an ordinance proposal to require vehicle signage

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Complaints about unmarked vehicles in neighborhoods and people posing as contractors to stake out seasonal homes for burglaries prompted Ruidoso village councilors to consider adoption of vehicle signage rules.

But after hearing objections from representatives of the home builders association and concern about how far the rules could be applied, village councilors last week unanimously voted to reject the proposed ordinance.

Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris explained that the intent was to require all building contractor vehicles to be marked with the company name, telephone number and New Mexico contractor identification number through the Construction Industries Division.

"This (ordinance) up for discussion (and a public hearing) tonight is the result of requests from citizens, because there were persons posing as contractors," Village Attorney Dan Bryant explained. "They really were casing houses and breaking in later."

Speaking in favor of the measure was Larry Clayton, vice president of FNF Construction. While he said he didn't realize the provision was proposed because of security issues, he thought the idea was good. But 40 different classifications exist under CID for contracting and he suggested the classification be added to the information on vehicles to help homeowners who call the state to check.

Opposing the provision, Doug Thompson, a general contractor from Alto and president of the Lincoln County Home Builders Association, called the approach "simplistic." A burglar could post a valid contractor's license belonging to someone else on his vehicle and then a homeowner who called the state to check would be told the license was in order.

"I can't tell you the number of homeowners who ask if I can work without getting a permit," Thompson said. "They don't want to bear the cost. My vehicle is full of information now, but what about the vehicles of my employees. Do I put information on them?"

He contended the proposed ordinance would not accomplish the goal, but would drive up his cost of doing business, because when a vehicle is commercial, the price of insurance coverage is higher.

"Are we going to ask all (professions) to put signs on their cars?" Councilor Gloria Sayers asked.

"A company vehicle may not even be on site," Councilor Don Williams added. "It may be back at the office."

Bart Garrison of High Country Insurance Agency said that, for many builders, their pickup trucks double as family vehicles.

"Most companies want to rate a vehicle as commercial if it has signage," he said. "The coverage is not the same as personal insurance and they lose rental car coverage."

"They can purchase endorsement (for additional coverages), but that drives up the costs of insurance."

Would employers be expected to pay the higher commercial insurance rates for their employees' vehicles or pass that cost to their workers, he asked. Commercial insurance also will not cover accidents with uninsured drivers, he said.

"There are businesses in town that help to watch these homes," Garrison said. "If a homeowner chooses not to hire them, that's their choice. It's the responsibility of the individual homeowner to help himself."

Builder John Russell, past president of the home builders group and head of the Sonora Corporation, said burglaries of vacant houses is not a new problem in Ruidoso, well-known for having unoccupied seasonal homes during certain months of the year.

He was "mildly irritated" when he heard that an ordinance was being considered.

"I don't see how I pose a clear and present danger," he told councilors, adding that building trades are regulated by the CID. He noticed Bryant was smiling at his remarks, and took a shot, "That's why we have two attorneys in town, because one would starve to death without another to argue with."

If contractors must post telephone numbers and company names, then attorneys and other professions should be required to do the same, he said.

Mayor Pro-tempore Jim

Stoddard, sitting in for Mayor Ray Alborn, who left early for another meeting, said he called the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department, and asked an official there if posting information was required in New Mexico. Stoddard said he was told the requirement was dropped about 12 years ago when rules were revised, based on recommendations from department attorneys.

Bryant said after hearing from Stoddard, he also called the department and was told requiring information on vehicles was disliked by the legal staff of CID, but the person couldn't characterize the exact problem.

The official "didn't necessarily agree" with the decision, Bryant said.

Councilor Rafael Salas said he built in a particular subdivision, because of a neighborhood watch group and cooperation among homeowners who watch for activity that doesn't fit. The signage measure would be hard to police, especially if applied to businesses such as lawn services, which often use subcontractors to handle jobs.

Williams said over the course of a year, a home being built across the street from his house saw different contractors come and go, and even more of their employees

Some want signs

Stoddard said he spoke to several contractors who said they take pride in their businesses and want their names on their vehicles.

They complained that many contractors come to Ruidoso from Texas and are not licensed in New Mexico. If the contractors who would like some identification requirement could get together, they might be able to suggest another approach to the council, he said.

Councilor Angel Shaw "strongly" encouraged the formation of neighborhood watch groups and said people should get to know their neighbors and tell each other when they are going out of town.

Recently, she received a call when a neighbor saw a car parked in her driveway with two men while Shaw was away from the house. Her sister arrived quickly to check out the situation.

Williams offered a motion to reject the proposed ordinance, which passed unanimously.



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2010 is the International Year of the Nurse

This year, 2010, has been proclaimed as the International Year of the Nurse.

It is also the 100th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's death and she is being honored around the world as the founder of modern nursing.

Here in Ruidoso, the Lincoln County Health Council joined in with the honoring of Florence Nightingale and her legacy by "relighting the lamp" and carrying the vision of nurses united in healing into the future with a proclamation from Mayor Ray Albom and the Village Council.

Governor Richardson made a similar proclamation for the state of New Mexico.

Three local nurses were awarded the Florence Nightingale Commemorative Coin in recognition for their dedicated service to this community.

Jennifer Chadwick, RN, Ruidoso Home Health and Hospice; Karen Hutchinson, RN, Parish Nurse Ministry; and Beverly Alexander, RN were recognized. These outstanding nurses carry many of the attributes of Florence Nightingale.

There have been and are still many national and international celebrations. Ruidoso has been a part of a several local, state, national, international and

global celebration of the International Year of the Nurse.

The American Holistic Nurses Association is an organization within the American Nurses Association.

The following information comes from the AHNA magazine, *Beginnings*, from an article by Deva Marie Beck, Barbara M. Dossey and Cynda H. Rushton.

"This year nursing is celebrating the 100th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's death with worldwide and local celebrations in honor of her work. Nightingale is "...the philosophical founder of modern nursing.

"Nightingale's work is clearly an epic example of advocacy and grass roots-to-global nursing. Actively engaged in one geographic area, she simultaneously shaped worldwide public opinion about health and healthy environments.

"While gathering and analyzing data from other areas of world conflict, she always envisioned what a healthy world might be." (p. 5, Beck, Dossey, Rushton.)

Like Nightingale in her time, today's nurses can be 21st century Nightingales and advocates for health and a healthy world. Our trusted voices can address many issues impacting health and nursing practice, including human con-



Three local nurses were awarded the Florence Nightingale Commemorative Coin in recognition for their dedicated service to this community along with a proclamation from Ruidoso Mayor Ray Albom.



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flict, poverty, lack of social justice, toxic environments, the loss of family and community values — as well as our own health and well being.

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Like Nightingale, we believe that partnerships are key to improving health around the world. These

can ensure that we transcend national borders, unify healthcare disciplines and create healthy communities/

The International Year of the Nurse is a collaborative, grassroots global initiative honoring nurses' voices, values and wisdom — and recognizing nurses as catalysts for achieving a healthy world.

The 2010 IY Nurse founders are the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International,

the Nightingale Initiative for Global Health and the Florence Nightingale Museum, London.

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Lincoln County Medical Center

Dennehy joins Internal Medicine Clinic

The Lincoln County Medical Center announced that Suzanne Dennehy, CFNP, has joined the Internal Medicine Associates medical clinic. Dennehy started on Monday, Sept. 13.

Dennehy returns to LCMC clinic system as she was the full time medical provider at the Carrizozo Health Center from September 2007 to September 2009.

"We're honored to have Suzanne join the Internal Medicine Associates clinic providing primary care to Lincoln County residents. We know she'll be an integral part of our medical staff and she is well versed with patient protocols and procedures," LCMC Medical Director Dr. Gary Jackson said.

Dennehy received her Bachelor of Science-Nursing degree from Eastern New Mexico University, both the Ruidoso and Portales campuses in 1999 and her Master of Science-Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner degree from the University of St. Francis in Albuquerque in 2007.

Dennehy has lived in Lincoln County for the past two decades.

Dennehy was an ICU nurse at Presbyterian Hospital in downtown Albuquerque, and the Health Coordinator and school nurse for Ruidoso Municipal Schools.

Previously at LCMC, Dennehy was an ICU manager and was deeply engaged in Nursing Administration where she simultaneously held positions including Assistant Director of Nursing and the Director of Nursing as well as Infection Control Nurse and Quality and Risk Manager.

She was the full-time medical provider at Carrizozo Health Center from 2007 to the fall of 2009.



SUZANNE DENNEHY

Most recently, she provided women's health and obstetric care for Dr. Deborah Hewitt in Ruidoso.

"Suzanne's patient interactions are incredible. Her clinical quality is paired with calm, friendly demeanor that exceeds patients' expectations," said Jackson.

Dr. Jackson said that

Dennehy would be at the Internal Medicine Associates Clinic, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dennehy will share clinical duties and will provide primary, family and women's obstetric medical care.

"We're excited to have Suzanne return to our LCMC family of dedicated providers," said Jackson.

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County defers on USFS tower County to work on forest road

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Lincoln County will not require approval of plans to reconstruct a U.S. Forest Service communications tower on Buck Mountain that collapsed in December 2009.

However, county commissioners specified in a letter to Acting Smokey Bear District Ranger Adam Mendonca that without county involvement, the USFS will assume total liability for the safety of the proposed tower or any future damage caused by another collapse. Commissioners also reserved the right to oversee construction of any new towers.

County Manager Tom Stewart told commissioners at their meeting last week that Mendonca wants the county to lay off a review of the tower because Mendonca feels the county's regulations are "duplicative" of the Forest Service's process.

Mendonca wrote in an Aug. 18 letter that in September 1986, the Lincoln National forest Plan was approved and included designated communications site locations on the Smokey Bear Ranger District. A plan to replace the collapsed tower was submitted to the Forest Service and approved by the forest supervisor in June 2010. The site already was used and the county ordinance affecting towers did not exist when the site was approved, he wrote.

Local laws and regulations cannot conflict with federal purpose, he noted, which is the continued

operation of previously approved facilities.

Stewart said the county ordinance specifically says it applies to federal, state and Indian land "to full extent permitted." However, he recommended sending the letter agreeing to allow the tower to move forward with the understanding of the USFS's liability.

Commissioner Don Williams wondered if the action would establish a precedence.

Stewart replied that some kind of control needs to be in place for tower installations, but Buck Mountain already is dominated by towers. He's more concerned about the construction quality of the tower. If it falls again, it could damage other towers and interrupt communications for county residents. He was told ice built up three inches deep on the structure and led to its collapse.

County Attorney Alan Morel said if it was a new site, the county should exert its participation. Former district ranger Buck Sanchez welcomed the county's involvement because the USFS's review primarily looks at environmental impacts, not the actual construction and if it is safe when built, he said.

"I believe this person is temporary and maybe, the next forest service district ranger may be more in line with Buck and want county involvement," the attorney said. "Since it already is permitted, he didn't want county input, but I think we could have it, if you wanted."

If the tower falls again, no one will be injured, but other towers could be damaged, he said.

Stewart said the county is budgeting \$300,000 to erect its own tower outside the falling distance of the tower in question.

"I'm a little concerned, but if the Forest Service wants to take it on, have at it," he said.

"But you're confident we have jurisdiction under our ordinance," Commission Chairman Tom Battin confirmed with Morel.

"Yes," the attorney replied. "Like the mining ordinance, the federal government has some regulations, but not the entire jurisdiction. If we want to push it, we could request a second opinion from their attorneys. We haven't done an exhaustive review as we did with the mining issue, where ours would supplement their requirements."

He suggested adding another line to the agreement saying the county won't object to this tower because it previously was approved, but, "We reserve the right to have a say in any future towers" put up by USFS.

Battin said that with the county ordinance officials can monitor the quality of construction. "Hasn't this tower fallen a couple of times in the last 20 years and we have responsibility interruption of communications. It affects county residents, so we have some stake in the quality of construction," he said.

Stewart said if the county pushed the situation, it could delay the project even more.

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Under an arrangement typical for Lincoln County, the U.S. Forest Service will buy maintenance material and county road crews will apply it on a forest service road.

County commissioners last week approved an agreement for the USFS to buy \$10,000 of aggregate to be used on County Road 015, Nogal Canyon Road, which periodically is maintained as it runs through private property.

The work is accomplished under a Cooperative Forest Road Agreement signed with the USFS in April 2007, said County Manager Tom Stewart. The area is similar to Monjeau Road and portions of Bonito Lake Road, he said, adding, "I think whenever the forest service has money available to put material on

roads and they don't have equipment, it behooves the county to help its citizens."

Commissioner Eileen Sedillo asked about complaints last year from Nogal Canyon residents about the lack of snow removal.

"I hope people understand when they move up Nogal Canyon, you're going to have road problems," Commissioner Jackie Powell said. "That's just common sense."

"Especially with a huge sign that says snow removal stops here and they move beyond it," Stewart agreed. "We had significant snows last year and on an emergency basis, I had (County Road Manager Albert Hernandez) go up beyond the residences, but they shouldn't expect that."

"There are a lot of nice (homes) about one mile up," Commissioner Dave Parks commented.

Stewart said incidents crop up where he has to

consult the county attorney before he sends road crews to help people. "We walk a fine line and I consult the attorney," he said. "Apparently, Albert impressed (homeowners who wrote a letter thanking the county for help). He knows what he can and can't do."

Powell said she couldn't resist reading a portion of the letter where a homeowner complained that a garage was increasingly full of dirt tracked in on tires from their rustic road. "Oh, my god," she said indicating little sympathy for dealing with dirt and gravel roads that are the norm throughout the county, especially in more rural areas.

"We have school roads in Corona that are only half done and need to be finished," Sedillo said.

Powell offered the successful motion to sign the agreement with USFS for the road work.

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On a wing and a prayer: Shane Hoffman finds a home

More daunting than the 950-plus miles separating his Ruidoso home from Columbia, Mo., was the financial, academic and personal odyssey before him.

With two brothers and a single mother living on government subsidies and food stamps, he would need to be resourceful to leave New Mexico after high school. He would need unshakable faith and a winning personality. He would need steadfast faith.

Fortunately for Shane Hoffman, he had all those things and more.

Most of Shane's 22 years divide neatly into thirds. The middle child of triplets (fraternal brother Cody is two minutes older; identical brother Dillon is 28 minutes younger), Shane has always shared birthday gifts, socks and bedrooms.

The Hoffmans are the only triplets in the history of Ruidoso, and they grew up somewhere between celebrity and anonymity. They sing three-part harmony, duel bitterly at rock-paper-scissors and at 6-foot-6, 6-foot-5 and 6-foot-3, form a formidable frontcourt.

"When I was pregnant, I had a sonogram, and I saw three images," says mother Dawn Hoffman. "One was dancing, one was singing, and one was on his knees like a preacher."

But the boys found out that individuality comes at a premium when you're a triplet, even when most residents in a town of about 8,000 know your name.

"It's completely unfair when people box us in and say, 'That's the athletic one,' or 'That's the academic one,'" Dillon says.

Shane discovered a gift for public speaking through the encouragement of Diorly Stierwalt, his eighth-grade English teacher and Optimist

Oratorical Competition coach. All three brothers are solid students, but for college, mom wouldn't be able to foot the bill.

"We grew four inches and three shoe sizes a year for four straight years," Shane says. "Keeping up with that would be a burden for anyone."

After graduating in 2006 from Ruidoso High School, Cody and Dillon followed scholarships to New Mexico State University in Las Cruces and Willamette University in Salem, Ore., respectively.

Shane applied to the University of Missouri — "Mizzou."

His grades were solid, and he was accepted in 2005. But his score of 26 on the ACT fell just short of qualifying him for almost every out-of-state scholarship. He could have remained in-state, but he stayed his course.

"I didn't want to apply to any other school because any other school wouldn't have been my dream school," Shane says.

Yet he had no driver's license, hadn't even visited Mizzou and might have arrived on campus sight unseen had it not been for the generosity of another teacher's husband, who purchased him a plane ticket to MU for spring break 2005.

After visiting, he loved it. The next year, his guidance counselor drove Shane cross-country to start college. He arrived with \$18,000 in loans and a new pair of black-and-gold size 16 Adidas. His shared room in Hudson Hall was the largest personal space he'd ever inhabited.

"To tell you the truth, I thought I was going to live in Jesse Hall," Shane says. "When we first drove up, I remember thinking, I really want that room in the dome where the light is."

Shane hit the ground running. After his first semester, a 4.0 GPA gave him the confidence

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to approach Brian Brooks, associate dean of the School of Journalism, and ask for financial assistance. Brooks offered Shane a scholarship with the proviso that he maintain a 3.5 GPA. He came through with a 3.8, and he landed a summer job in 2006 as a gas station attendant in Kansas City, Mo., where he lived with a high school teacher's sister and brother-in-law.

Now a Missouri resident, he applied to become a Residential Life peer adviser in Cramer Hall. Shane felt like a sultan with his room and board provided; he subtracted \$8,000 from his college expenses.

"He came here on a wing and a prayer," Brooks says. "He's been dogged in the pursuit of his degree. This is not a word I use often when it comes to students, but I admire this kid."

When Shane went home for Christmas 2008, things couldn't have been better. All three brothers were enjoying collegiate success, and Dawn was living at a Ruidoso cabin resort where she was a full-time office employee. For the first time in their lives, the Hoffman family had comfortable digs with a little legroom.

But over break, Dillon learned his mom was about to be laid off. Because the cabin was part of her compensation, the family would be homeless.

"It was a big turning point for me because I'm someone who likes to plan ahead," Shane says. "When you don't have a home to come back to, you can't think like that because there are so many questions."

Back at Mizzou, Shane continued to excel. In Professor Greeley Kyle's notoriously challenging Broadcast 2 class, Shane



earned an A+ despite being limited to Columbia without a car. Other students typically travel to Jefferson City and various Missouri locations for stories.

Several months later, another bomb dropped. Cody received a MySpace message from a woman claiming to be one of his three half-sisters — daughters from the triplets' estranged father's first marriage. With no prior knowledge of his sisters' existence, Shane called 29-year-old Jessica.

"I said, 'Hi. My name is Shane Hoffman. I'm apparently your half-brother, and I've known this for exactly 30 seconds,'" Shane says. Jessica shrieked with joy. She and 25-year-old sister



Megan had been searching for the triplets for 15 years.

When the subject of the boys' absent father inevitably came up, Jessica revealed that he had terminal liver cancer, among other health problems.

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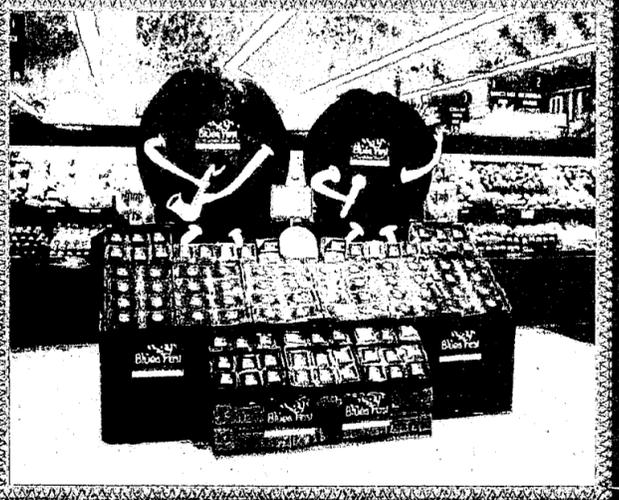
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Opposite page, bottom: The Hoffman triplets: Shane, left, and Dillon, right, are identical, while Cody, center, is a fraternal triplet.
Above left: At the KBIA studio, Mizzou's National Public Radio affiliate, Hoffman, a senior broadcast major, edits audio commentary for one of his stories.
Above: MU Chancellor Brady J. Deaton visits with Cody Hoffman (center) and Shane Hoffman (right) at the 2010 Mizzou '39 Award banquet Feb. 26, 2010.

Again, Shane wasted little time reaching out. In November 2009, he said a quick prayer and called his father, Doug Newell, for the first time.

"In a Southern drawl, he answered, 'Now why is someone calling me from New Mexico?'"

"Because this is your son, Shane."

They made awkward small talk. In subsequent conversations, the Vietnam War veteran admitted to drug use and alcoholism when the triplets were young. He explained that he initially demanded the boys take the Newell name, but with six child payments on a mailman's salary, he relented. He apologized to Shane, heaped praise on his son for his articulate manner of speech and berated himself profusely.

The son then unexpectedly thanked his father for making

what Shane calls "the right choice" back in 1990.

"We were spared from a life torn between two parents," Shane says. "To grow up in a close, loving family, we could have had all the money in the world, and I wouldn't be the same person I am today."

On the other end of the line, Doug Newell cried.

Until fall 2009, Shane had never had an out-of-town guest visit him in Columbia. So he saved up his dining hall meals, bought his mom a plane ticket and scored some Mizzou-Nebraska football tickets. He wanted to make sure she wouldn't have to spend a dime as a guest in his Mark Twain Hall double room. It was the ultimate Mizzou vacation.

"When I came here and saw that everyone knew him and all his teachers wanted to meet me,

I was the one who felt like a real celebrity," Dawn says, laughing.

But it's the relentless Shane Hoffman who has become one of the most recognizable undergraduates at MU.

On Feb. 21, 2010, he was named to the Mizzou '39, a Mizzou Alumni Association honor that recognizes outstanding seniors for their academics, leadership and talent. Five days later, Shane, his mother and Cody sat with Chancellor Brady J. Deaton at the banquet.

"The story of the university and the School of Journalism was inspiring to him," Deaton says. "He formulated a goal and remained committed to it even through circumstances that would have ordinarily led someone down a very different path."

On April 8, Shane became one of 20 McNair Scholars, a program that helps first-generation

college students pursue a post-graduate education. So far, Shane has managed to pay off more than \$16,000 in loans and has kept his bank account balance above zero.

In November 2009, Newell told Shane he had received a 100 percent disability rating from the federal government, which made his son eligible for funding that alleviated most of his remaining college debt. Now he's having second thoughts about his path toward sports journalism in favor of teaching, although he certainly appreciates having options.

"In some ways, I feel my funds in college have been like the biblical feeding of the 5,000," Shane says, referring to the New Testament story in which Jesus feeds the multitude with only seven loaves and fishes.

As for his family situation,

relationships are still forming as father, sons and sisters get to know one another. On Dec. 29, 2009, Jessica gave birth to Noah, making the triplets uncles. On July 6, 2010, in San Antonio, the boys met their father, two sisters and nephew for the first time. The family ate Mexican food, went bowling and did a lot of talking. After a five-day visit, Shane returned to Columbia with a greater appreciation for his serendipitous life at Mizzou.

Shane says he hopes his story convinces students and parents that, even in a down economy, you can pursue your dreams. With his McNair Scholarship, the post-graduate world is his oyster. But he'll probably stick close to the Columns.

"Love is the strongest word in the English language," Shane says. "But it doesn't come close to the way I feel about Mizzou."

"Everyone gets organized at some point, they just might not be around for it."

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County confronts rural addressing problems

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Incorrect site addresses a continuing issue

Residents living in unincorporated areas of Lincoln County who have not posted their accurate addresses will be receiving letters over the next few months, beginning with Spring Canyon Road off Cedar Creek Drive.

Last month, a resident contacted County Manager Tom Stewart and County Commissioner Don Williams about her neighbors not cooperating with the rural addressing efforts on that road. Homeowners were sent letters as far back as three years ago assigned addresses, but mainly part-time residents are not complying, Stewart told commissioners at their meeting last week.

The manager said his cursory examination revealed odd numbered addresses on the wrong side of the road, duplicate addresses, numbers out of sequence and dual numbers. He estimated 25 percent compliance with logical numbering on that street.

"Our ordinance clearly states that incorrect site addresses shall be removed and replaced with the correct number by the property owners within 45 days of notification," Stewart said. "Those who do not comply with these instructions, and there are many throughout the county, are inconsiderate of their neighbors, emergency services and package delivery operators. The delivery operators complained to the citizen, who brought

the issue forward."

Spring Canyon is emblematic of many areas of the county, he said. "The difficulty is that the compliance and enforcement provision of our ordinance lack a code enforcement individual capable of appearing in court to impose compliance," the manager said.

"In the interim, a suggested guidance to responders is to only trust those residences that have the county-provided placards or similar posting in accordance with the county ordinance. Those who have not properly posted their address are responsible for any confusion locating them in an emergency or for routine deliveries. Residents who have questions about the logic of their addresses are welcome to call the rural addressing office for clarification."

"I spend a lot of my time trying to inspect properties whose owners ask for insurance and Spring Canyon is a classic example," said Commissioner Dave Parks, who is an insurance agent.

"Some people have the lot number on their plat or the subdivision, some have an arbitrary number, no rhyme or reason. A great deal of the side roads in Cedar Creek are particularly bad. I would hate to be an ambulance driver trying to find a heart attack (victim) in Spring Canyon or other areas of the county."

Stewart said he frequently hears on the county sheriff's dispatch a

deputy or ambulance driver trying to find an address and someone will say the house with a red car parked in the driveway. "We could ask the sheriff to cite people who cause delay of emergency services," he said. "I lack the ability to enforce this, short of saying they are inconsiderate."

Williams asked about options other than someone knocking on doors and issuing citations.

County Attorney Alan Morel said six months ago he drafted an ordinance to provide for a code enforcement officer. It would have created a position to allow for citation without involving the sheriff's department. "I think the sheriff would argue a manpower shortage to enforce many of our ordinances," the attorney said. "You elected not to consider it."

Commissioner Jackie Powell interjected, "Especially me. I'm not going to create a whole other department. We create subdivisions out in the middle of the country and they want the amenities of the cities. I can't even find things in Albuquerque. This is a nationwide problem and I'm not willing to go there. I like the description of the driveway with the red car. That's how they find it. Turn here."

Commissioner Eileen Sedillo said the addressing department has three employees, who could manage the job.

"The three employees who work this are not able

to cite anyone," Stewart responded.

"I didn't meant to cite, but to go around to houses and hand out the correct numbers," Sedillo said.

Stewart said it would help to limit the effort just to problem areas, but he has been told by homeowners they have the numbers and don't intend to post them. Some houses are 100 numbers off.

"Unless it's an emergency, I'm not going to respond to complaints without a proper number," he said. "I'm at a loss. Should we write letters again or go around and bear the cost of posting our own signs?"

Parks suggested blitzing residents with stories in the newspaper to bring home the importance of accurate addresses in emergency situations and Williams proposed asking the electric providers to include an insert in their monthly billing.

"I think once again we'll send letters asking for compliance," Stewart said. "It takes several to get people's attention. I thought about posting ourselves, but then there's confusion with what's on a house. When you go through a neighborhood like Spring Canyon and find proper postings you can count on that, then there are others that are old and clearly not in compliance." Addresses should be in the 100s for the first mile and then enter the 200s, he said.

"I think it's mostly part

timers who aren't as cognizant," Stewart said.

Parks said it's easier with the fire department answering calls, "because at least they can look for smoke or flames. But a bunch of homes have nothing at all, no name or address. Some people (like Powell) don't want anything."

"It doesn't make sense to do nothing," Williams said.

"Our ordinance doesn't provide for the county paying for the numbers or posting them, because of the state's anti-donation clause," Morel said. "If we provide that for free because of health, safety and welfare, we have to revise the ordinance. Now we charge \$23 (for the addresses)."

"We could give legal notice of a violation of ordinance and if they don't comply, cite them through the mail and then only have someone go out and see if don't put up sign," Commission Chairman Tom Battin said. "Then, we could (post the addresses on stakes) and put a lien on their property to cover the cost."

Sedillo said if the house belongs to a seasonal resident, they may not be in Lincoln County for months at a time. They probably would not make a trip just to post the correct address.

"If we could get a list of those not in compliance, we could send letters with 30 days to comply or they will be cited," Morel said, but Sedillo said she would pre-

fer a more conciliatory tone explaining nicely that a correct address is needed for their safety and for an emergency services to reach them, or the consequences are their responsibility.

"We can figure out where to send the letters (to absentee owners) by checking property records," Stewart said. "We could target areas ourselves."

Powell still seemed dissatisfied, saying government was taking over a responsibility from the people, who moved to middle of nowhere and are hard to find.

"But if we're not addressing the problem and someone gets killed, we could be liable," Williams said.

"I would not advocate additional personnel," Stewart said. "We'll place the emphasis on areas where we have problems."

Battin asked for letters to be mailed and for commissioners to be updated at their meeting in October.

"Start with Spring Canyon and do one place at a time," Powell said.

Morel said the county could offer in the letters to install the address signs for homeowners who are elderly or live out of county. The county would have to charge extra to cover the time of staff in addition to the cost of the materials, he said.

"That's a good idea," Sedillo said. "I don't mind helping people."

Battin directed Stewart also to respond to the woman who sent in the complaint.

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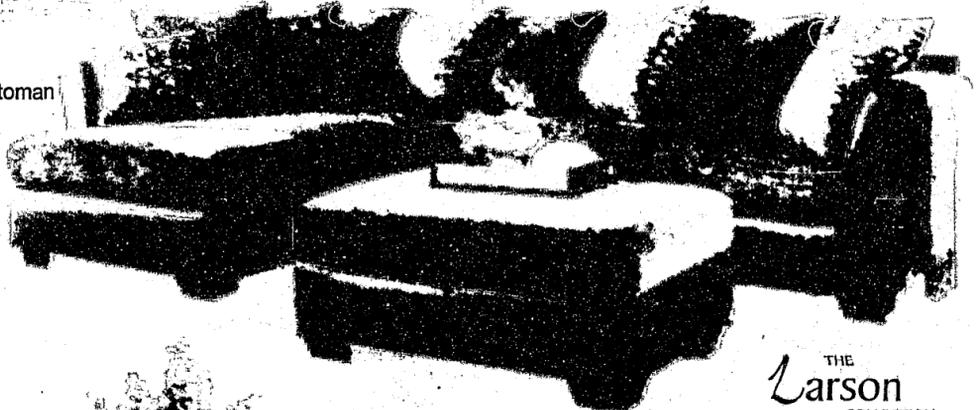
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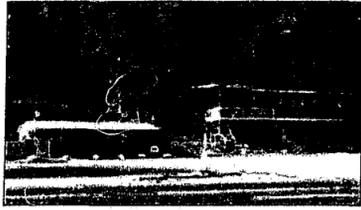
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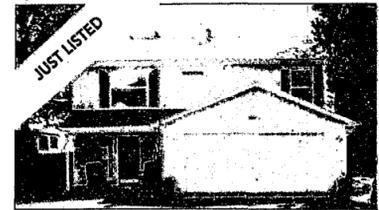
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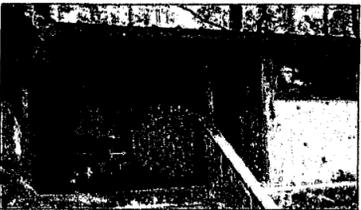
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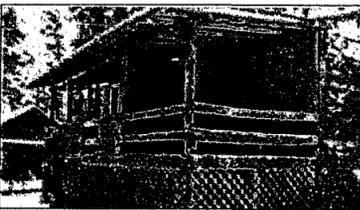
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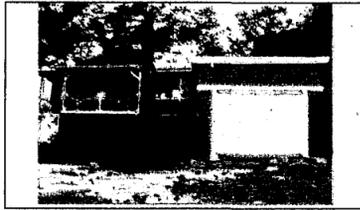
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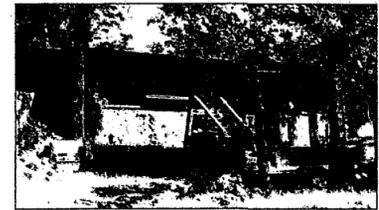
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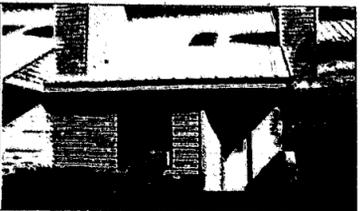
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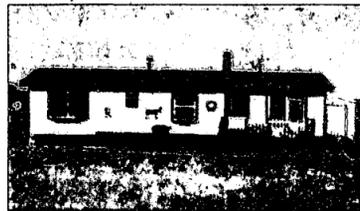
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Swimming to renown

A 10-year-old Ruidoso athlete finds success and recognition through work and devotion

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The Ruidoso area may be landlocked but that doesn't deter 10-year-old Cisco Bob, III, from slicing through swimming pool water as an efficient, well-built schooner cleaves through an ocean.

But it wasn't always so. When he was eight he joined the Ruidoso High Altitude Aquatics swimming team as a novice. His coaches - Sarah Crewe and Doug Hunsicker - started working with him and his older sister Irene.

"When they started, it wasn't pretty, but both siblings picked it up quickly, put the time in and now they both have beautiful strokes," Crewe said.

Bob has come a long way in a short amount of time. So much so he swam in the recent 2010 Western Zone Championship held in San Jose, Calif., Aug. 10-14, representing the state of New Mexico.

Only four boys in the state, for the 10-and-under age group, made the qualifying times.

Bob qualified in the

"What my son has accomplished in such a short amount of time is amazing because swimming is such a demanding and tough sport."

Cisco Bob, Jr.
Father

100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:15.05. This time is 30 seconds faster than the state qualifying time for that particular event.

The Western Zone Championship was the last long course meet of the season for Bob.

The long course season is swum in meters and the Mescalero resident competed in six single events and two relays.

He placed 12th in the 50-meter freestyle, making a zone time with a 2:38.05.

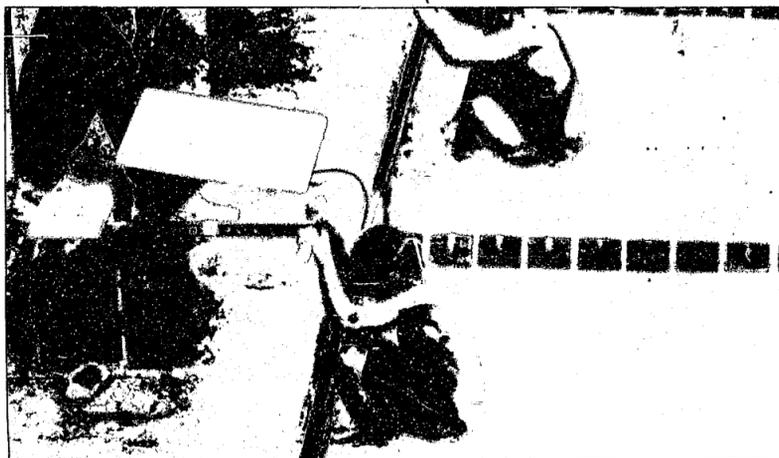
His time for the 100-meter freestyle was 1:13.83; the 50-meter backstroke, :41.12; the 100-meter backstroke, 1:27.85; and the 50-meter butterfly, :37.71.

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COURTESY

Cisco Bob as he appeared in one event at the Western Zone Championship in San Jose, Calif.



COURTESY

Mescalero's young swimmer sets up for the backstroke at the Zone competitions in California.

LITTLE LEAGUE FOOTBALL BEGINS WITH A FLOURISH



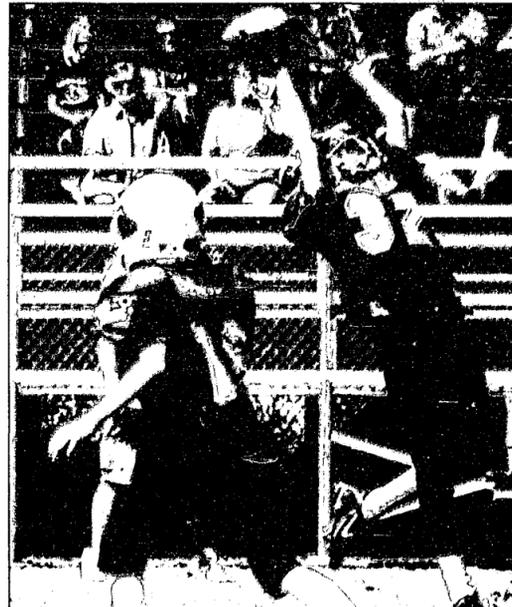
TAMARA HAAS/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

In a season opening game Saturday at Mescalero High School Stadium, the Capitan Tigers defeated the Cardinals 24-0. Shown is David Ellison scoring a TD for the Tigers.



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Grady Woodul, right, tries to stop a Capitan runner.



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Dillon Reynolds tries to haul one in for the Cardinals.

Aggies upgrade starts along defensive front

TEDDY FEINBERG
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES - Right now, wins aren't at the forefront of DeWayne Walker's plans.

Simply getting improved play from his New Mexico State Aggie football team is No. 1 on the head coach's list at the moment.

"We've got to ... talk about improving as a football team and getting ourselves ready for conference," Walker said. "I think that's probably a little bit

more important to me right now than stressing them out about we gotta win, we gotta win, we're tired of losing. I don't know if that's the right message to send to our team right now. We gotta get better as a football team and keep building this program."

Such improvement will likely start on the defensive side of the ball. More specifically, it will start on the line, where the Aggies have failed to generate a pass rush through the first two weeks of the season - losses

to San Diego State (41-21) and UTEP (42-10).

"We're just not getting it done right now up front," Walker said. "From that standpoint ... we have to get that fixed."

While college football can often be over-analyzed and over-complicated, one simple formula rings true: whoever wins the battle along the front-line typically holds the advantage. And the first two weeks, the Aggies' defensive line has come out on the short end of the stick.

Giving up 493 yards rushing and a 6.6-yards-per-carry average on the ground has hurt but, perhaps more telling, has been the team's inability to put pressure on the opposing backfield. The Aggies have zero sacks thus far and have rarely, if at all, hurried the quarterback into making a rash decision.

Not surprisingly, NMSU has forced zero turnovers as well.

Week 1 saw San Diego

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BOB

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Sixteen teams competed in the events.

The New Mexico boys relay team for the 10-and-under age category came in fifth in the 200 medley relay and sixth in the 200 freestyle relay.

This was the first time four boys from the state of New Mexico from this age group made it to the Zone Championship.

Bob was the only swimmer from the RHAA team to make the Zone qualifying times and was the first a member from the Ruidoso swim club competed in that prestigious competition.

Not too bad for some-

one who only started swimming two years ago.

The Ruidoso Intermediate School fifth-grader has worked very hard for his successes.

"I'm exceedingly proud of him," Crewe said. "He works hard, swims five days a week and loves the competition."

"You have to put the time and effort into techniques and building an aerobic base, which lays the foundation for future racing."

"As your body grows you must change your technique accordingly."

"Even the best of the best, like Michael Phelps, do drills all the time to attain a level of proficiency."

Two years ago the young competitor tried to

find a sport that suited him.

"He wasn't sure what sport he liked," his mother Elizabeth, who also coaches him, said.

"He had been in the water since he was little so he gravitated to swimming. He enjoys the competition and smiles when he does well."

"The competition in San Jose really opened his eyes as to what he has to do"

Who knows what the future will bring for the young 70-pound athlete.

"What my son has accomplished in such a short amount of time is amazing because swimming is such a demanding and tough sport," the young swimmer's father, Cisco Bob, Jr., said.

AGGIES

FROM PAGE 1B

State's Ryan Lindley - a drop-back passer - have plenty of time to take the snap, survey the field and accurately throw the ball deep.

UTEP quarterback Trevor Vittatoe had similar success last Saturday, only he also has the ability to tuck the ball and run for yardage, further complicating matters for the NMSU defensive front.

When the Aggies hit the road this weekend to take on Kansas, they'll face red-shirt freshman quarterback Jordan Webb who has a similar skill set to Vittatoe.

"Against UTEP, it's almost like you're scared to death to blitz the guy ... because of what he can do with his legs," Walker said. "We're going to have similar issues (against Kansas) trying to sack the quarterback but, at the same time, not letting him get out when we do have good coverage (in the secondary)."

It's been the perimeter of the defense that has underperformed to this point for the Aggies. Defensive ends Donte Savage and Pierre Fils combined for 13 sacks last season, but haven't produced in the early stages of

2010.

"I just think guys have to understand, just because you were good last year doesn't mean it's going to automatically happen for you this year," Walker said. "I just think, everybody else is getting better too. You gotta have the same focus and the same intensity that you had last year."

Cornerback Jonte Green had a tough outing last weekend against the Miners, getting flagged for a pass interference penalty on a 3rd-and-25 in the second quarter and getting beat on two touchdown passes, one a 68-yard bomb from Vittatoe to Kris Adams.

"The guy we've got to get going is Jonte," Walker said. "It's just confidence. He's a good player. It's our responsibility to get him back to playing at a level that we know he can play at."

Getting to the quarterback could be just what the doctor ordered for the entire defensive unit. So far, it hasn't happened.

"If you create that pressure, it will help the secondary with their success," Savage said. "And it will help us with our success."

It needs to get corrected as soon as possible.

"It's not the scheme, it's not the coaches, it's just us

being young and kind of antsy to playing out there," safety Donyae Coleman said. "We just gotta iron out a lot of wrinkles. I think we're ready."

Injury update

For the second straight week, offensive linemen Sioli Fakalata (right guard) and Dwayne Barton (left tackle) most likely won't play against Kansas, according to Walker.

Fakalata is likely out for the season with a left leg injury. Barton has been nursing a back injury that forced him out of action last week.

Ruben Escarsega will line up at guard while Davonte Wallace will play tackle for NMSU.

"I just thought our offensive line, in the passing game, we didn't give up a sack," Walker said of last week's game against the Miners. "I'll tell you what, the young fella, freshman Wallace, he's gonna be a good player."

Cornerback Davon House was hobbled with an ankle injury, although Walker said he expected him back at practice today. Safety Alphonso Powell was also banged up with an undisclosed injury, although the team is hopeful he'll play against the Jayhawks.

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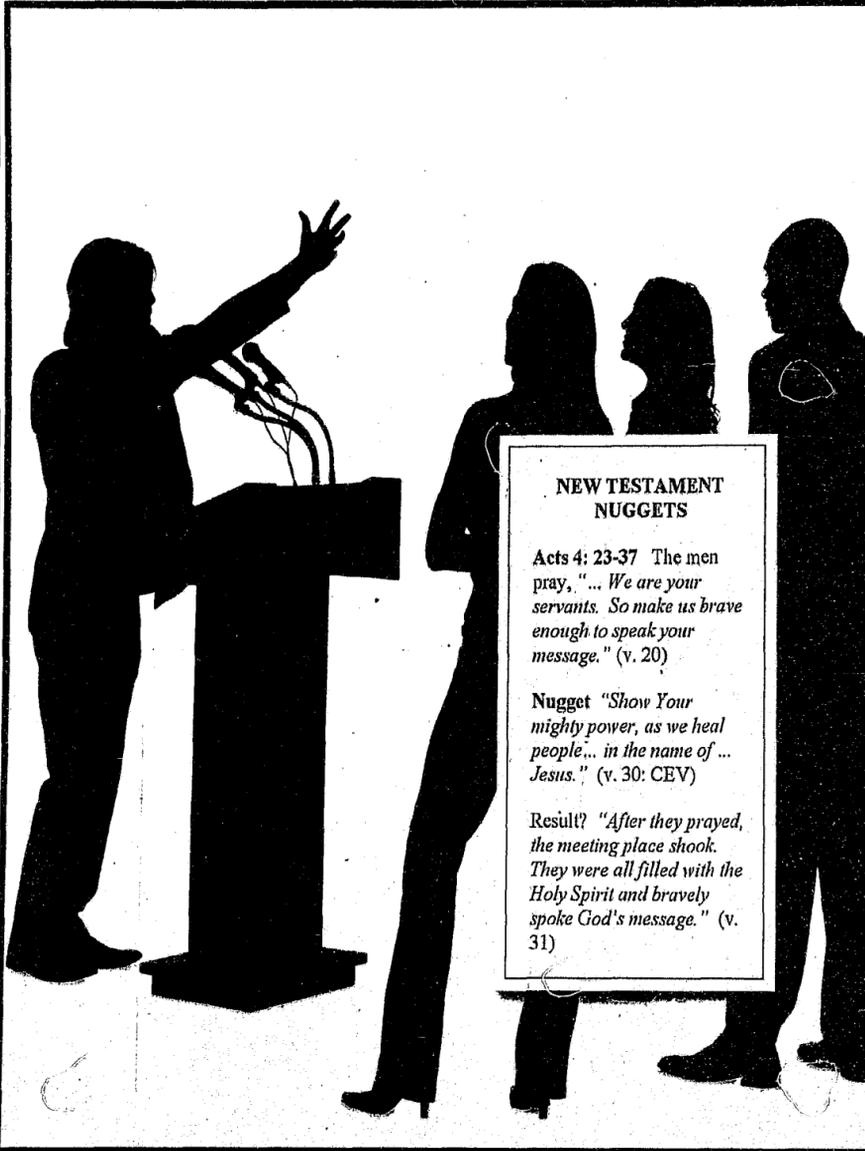
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There's just something very deep, understandable, but still tragically disturbing in us that wants the love of a parent even when all that parent offers is cruelty. The second source of your conflict is one of the Ten Commandments.

This is the commandment we read in Exodus 20:12: "Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." These two inclinations,

one from our human nature, and one from sacred scripture, conflict with the litany of abuse you suffered.

You ask how can a loving God command us to honor a parent who is "worthy of no honor"?

The first key to understanding the commandment is to read it carefully. We're not commanded by God to love our parents; we're only commanded to honor them.

Love is a gift we freely give to those who have loved us.

Honor is a different thing entirely. Honor doesn't mean "honorable." It means "minimal respect." In this case, honor is a recognition of a simple biological fact.

Without your father, you wouldn't exist, which

means you owe your life to him. Honor is the way you acknowledge that basic biological debt.

What is the content of that biological honoring? Not much more than simply fulfilling the minimal duties of a son, like, for example, providing a decent burial for your father.

Honoring your father by simply admitting that you owe him your life also can help you let go of him and the effects of his cruelty.

The alternative to calmly letting him rest in peace is for you to spend every day of your life reliving his abuse. You need to come to a place where you can see him for what he was without allowing him to continue to abuse you from beyond the grave.

If you can say, "My

father was a terrible man but somehow I survived him. I'm alive because of him, but I'm not at peace because of him. I have to find peace myself."

I think this is the meaning of the Christian teaching in Ephesians 6:2-3, "Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with a promise: 'that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.'"

Your life depends upon finding some small place to

put your gratitude for being born, and then becoming free to live a long life untortured by your father's malevolence.

You need to get away from the pain your father caused you. As I see it, this begins with repentance and only then is followed by compassionate forgiveness.

The main thing is that you don't have to love your father to honor him. You owe him your life, but not your love. You honor him now by letting him go.

A. Last week, I tried to help a father come to grips with problematic children. Your question is the reverse and is a deep and difficult one. The problem comes from two

Using time is different for us all

Well, the first day of Fall is upon us. In fact, it was Wednesday. It really doesn't require a shifting of gears.

That comes on Nov. 7, when Daylight Savings time ends. We will get an extra hour of sleep to make up for the hour we lost on last March 14 when Daylight Savings time began for the year 2010.

I am amused at man's efforts to make time fit his schedule.

The Bible tells us "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." Eccl. 3:1.

Paul writes in Eph.

5:16, "Redeem the time, because the days are evil." What Paul is saying and the Holy Spirit is

using him to tell us is this ... "We receive a certain amount of time. Don't waste it."

We have time for everything that is good, positive and profitable. But we shouldn't waste time, just like we shouldn't waste talent, money and opportunity.

To waste time is to waste a valuable, God-given asset. There are time users, time abusers and time wasters. There are different types of personalities with regard to time.

There are those who are strictly regimented with

regard to time. I have a schedule for every day, and I push to get everything done on my daily list. I have a type "A" personality.

On the other hand, My wife, Alice, has a "serendipitous" personality. She goes through life "smelling the roses," and "enjoying the trip."

But I battle to the goal, the finish line, so that I can scratch something off my list.

This may explain why I have to take blood pressure medication and she doesn't.

I really wish I could be more like her, and sometimes I wish she could be more like me.

I guess that I am like the Apostle Paul, life is a race with a finish line. Get there as quickly as you

can.

Alice, on the other hand, enjoys a pleasant jog. She will get to the finish and she will really enjoy the trip.

So I suppose we all have a certain amount of time in our lives. We have the choices to use our time selfishly or beneficially. Our days and years of life are numbered.

The days of our Lord on this earth as a human were numbered ... approximately 33 years. And look what he accomplished. He was diligent, but not hurried. He took time for the people around him and yet he accomplished his Heavenly Father's purpose.

Some of us need help in using our time, today, and others need time to have hope for tomorrow.

CDC will host open house this Sunday

First Christian Church Child Development Center (CDC) invites the community to an open house after worship at 11:45 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 26.

The CDC is located in the lower level in the Christian Education wing of FCC, and everyone is invited to stop in to meet the teachers, see the classrooms and learn more about the center.

The CDC serves some infants and young children

and has achieved level three status through the AIM HIGH, an initiative of the New Mexico Children Youth and Families Department.

CDC Director Jamie Estes and her staff are proud to uphold the AIM HIGH motto "Working toward high quality care and early childhood education for our children."

The CDC was founded by the First Christian Church, and continues to

be a major mission of the church.

Refreshments will be served in the classrooms where visitors will have a chance to meet the teachers and learn more about the curriculum used in teaching the young children as they progress through each age level in preparation for graduation as they move on to kindergarten.

For information about the CDC, call Jamie Estes at 258-1490.



Tom Jones

Memorial service for Tom Jones, 72, of Ruidoso will be Saturday, Sept. 25, at 11:00 AM in the Gateway Church of Christ in Ruidoso. Mr. Jones passed away Monday, September 20, 2010 in Ruidoso. He was born March 6, 1938 in Sannorwood, Texas.

He moved to Ruidoso in 1977 from Lubbock, Texas when he began Jones Gulf Gas Station and operated it until 1983, he owned Allen's Auto Parts from 1984 until 2000 and for the past six years he had worked for One Stop Auto Parts in Ruidoso.

He is survived by two sons, Jeffery Jones of Hood River, Oregon and Greg Allen Jones of Missoula, Montana; a daughter, Tracy Jones of Missoula, Montana; his sister, Janice Duncum; five grandchildren, Anna Clem Porter, Megan Jones, Kyle Jones, Kaleb Jones and Evan Jones.

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

George Shannon

Funeral service for George Shannon, 93, of Ruidoso will be Saturday, Sept. 25, at 2:30 PM at the Ruidoso Masonic Lodge with burial to follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Mr. Shannon passed away Monday, Sept. 20, 2010 at Mesalero. He was born September 18, 1917 at Beaumont, Texas. He moved to Ruidoso 31 years ago from Nederland, Texas. He was a member of the Ruidoso Masonic Lodge #73 and First Christian Church.

He married Fern Jefferson on November 15, 1939 at Nederland, Texas and she preceded him in death on February 16, 1993. He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Mary Coleen Fern Shannon in 2001. He is survived by a sister, Mildred Hatton of Bridge City, Texas and many nieces and nephews.

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



Elizabeth (Betty) Deal

Elizabeth (Betty) Deal, was born on February 2, 1923 in Springer, New Mexico to Gladys and Floyd Hughes. She passed away in Ruidoso, New Mexico September 20, 2010 after several months of failing health. She was preceded in death by husbands Vernon Hall and Jim Deal, her brother Floyd Hughes, his wife Peaches, and her sister Eleanor Hughes Gilmore.

During her 15 years in Ruidoso, New Mexico, Betty was an active member of the Pink Lady Thrift Shop where she was voted 'Volunteer of the Year' for 2009. To some, she was known as the Doll Lady for her tireless efforts at refurbishing soiled second hand dolls. She transformed them into bright new toys with fresh clothes to be enjoyed by a new set of children. Others knew Betty for her wonderful cooking. She enjoyed baking cookies and fudge for local blood drives. Betty was also an avid gardener and loved her flowers. Roses and sweet peas were among her favorites. Betty shared her home with her dog, Heidi, who she often took for walks around the neighborhood. Betty was an early resident of Los Alamos, New Mexico where she lived for 50 years, working as the high school registrar and later at the Central Computing Facility. She is survived by daughter Yvette Hall McFarland (Kelly), grandchildren Keldon McFarland and Suzette McFarland, son Harold Hall (Gayle), step-daughters Mary Kay Deal Prindiville (George) and Betty Ann Deal, sister Mildred Hughes Gamble (Waldo) and seven nieces and nephews. She will be deeply missed by her family and many friends who were inspired by her optimistic and vibrant outlook on life. Donations can be made to the Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary. Per her request, no funeral or memorial services will be held.



Antonia Padilla

Antonia (Ton) Padilla Otero was at home with her family when she peacefully went to be with her Lord & Savior on Friday, September 17, 2010 at 1:14 am. She was diagnosed with cancer August 2009. Antonia was the beloved wife of Herminio (Herman) Otero since September 19, 1942. They met in grade school when it was located at the current rodeo grounds on 5th Street in Capitan. Her man & Toni were soon to celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary. Their home is located at 521 Hwy 380 in Capitan, Antonia, 84, was born September 21, 1925 in her parents' adobe casa on Padilla Ranch with Tonia Chavez, midwife, assisting. Antonia was the daughter of Juan Zamora Padilla and Manuella Carabajal Padilla. Her grandparents, Eduvijen and Antonia Padilla were the original owners/homesteaders of Padilla Ranch (aka: Padilla Spring Ranch) located in the southern foothills of the Capitan Mountains. Herman & Toni raised four daughters in addition to being survived by her husband & her three daughters, Antonia is survived by 7 grandchildren & their spouses: Michelle & Phil Bob Borman, Michael & Tabatha Flanagan, Wayne Eric Flanagan, Ronnie Sanchez, Kateri & Norvel Carpenter, Ryan Wood-dell, and Heather & Bill Barclay and 15 great-grandchildren. In addition to Antonia's daughter, Kateri, and her parents, she was preceded in death by all of her siblings Eloy Padilla, Orlando Padilla, Ray Padilla, Joe Angel Padilla, and Lucille Baca.

On January 15, 1943, about four months after their wedding, Herman was drafted into the Air Force during WWII and was shipped off to Ft. Bliss, TX. Not being able to handle being separated from his precious bride, he smuggled her on a troop train when he was stationed in Mojave Desert Air Base (aka: Edwards Air Base). They shared an adventure with military life for three years. Herman always made sure he had his lovely wife with him & found places for her to live with families near the bases if she couldn't be on base. When stationed in the Mojave Desert, it took 8 months before the military family housing project was complete. A nearby family allowed them to build a shack & some furniture out of scraps in their back yard where Herman & Toni happily lived until the housing project was finished. Antonia found work at snack bars or shops on base. After his military tour was complete, February 18, 1946, they returned to Capitan and had their first daughter on December 15, 1946. Herman supported his family by furnishing Capitan residents with their first water delivery and hauling away trash before the Village of Capitan was incorporated. Herman & his father Jose Otero also began a firewood business that Herman & Toni continue to this date as El Paisano Wood Yard & Saw Shop. Toni and her Mother, Manuella, were also entrepreneurs who originally opened Capitan's own El Paisano Restaurant in 1959, which is still in existence and owned & operated within the family.

In 1961, Herman & Toni had their daughter, Kateri, who was challenged with cancer, blindness, cerebral palsy, hydrocephalus, & couldn't walk. Their precious daughter passed in 1969. This special little lady brought so many blessings, joys & richness to the lives of Herman & Toni. It was during this time, with a yearning to help others with handicapped children, Antonia was appointed chairman of March of Dimes for this area of New Mexico. Kateri Otero was a March of Dimes poster child. Antonia was involved in many village & state government organizations & functions. She spent lots of her time with church & school activities with her family. She held the office of president of Capitan PTA, worked as nurse's aide at Fort Stanton's Tuberculosis Hospital, and worked in the school cafeteria. She had been a member of the Catholic Church and taught catechism for many years. Herman & Antonia have been members of Christ Community Church in Capitan since 1985. Her prayer life and commitment to a Christian life were her cornerstones. She inspired her family with her love & devotion and leaves a legacy of goodness, faith, compassion & hope to her family & all who knew her. Toni was & is a light of faith and love for God. This beautiful lady showed her love in many ways. Antonia was a devoted wife and Mother who is appreciated, loved and cherished beyond words. Thinking about her fills our hearts with joy. All are welcome to share in a "Celebration of Her Life" in the Taylor Gym at Capitan High School at 2:30 pm on Sunday, September 26, 2010, burial will follow at the Capitan Cemetery. There will be a reception gathering at Christ Community Church following the interment. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com or the family can be reached at 575-354-2432 or 575-808-0607. Mailing address is P.O. Box 215, Capitan, NM 88316. Physical address is 521 Hwy 380, Capitan, NM, or email address: pjk@bjabb.com

LINCOLN COUNTY

Carrizozo Fire Department will host Extrication Academy

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The Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department was called to more than 25 major vehicle accidents during the past year.

That number in itself puts a focus on the department's equipment and training.

Fire Chief Walter Hill, Jr., explained the training to the trustees and requested approval to host the academy.

"We are targeting a weekend in October, the 16th and 17th, depending on how many cars they can get for the training. They order cars from manufacturers to use in the training, like a new Volvo or Mercedes Benz."

With the auto industry using new "exotic" metals in the manufacturing of cars and trucks, the technology for extrication oper-

ations is changing as well.

Hill said the cost of the academy is \$275 per fireman and with the maximum requirement of 30 enrolled, the department would get five registered for free.

Teaching at a 10 students to one instructor ratio, students can be added in increments of 10.

Many of the local county departments were interested in the academy, the first and only of its kind to be taught in New Mexico according to Hill.

Hill said Carrizozo was the logical place to host the academy as the county seat and central location.

The town's McBride Well property was suggested as the location for the training.

Five Star Extrication Academy incorporates new vehicle technology with combined firefighting and teaching experience to

instruct in most states of the union as well as several foreign countries.

The council approved the project and Hill said he would proceed with getting the details worked out with Five Star and with those departments wishing to participate.

Program fees would be handled through the Town of Carrizozo.

In other reports from the department, Hill said that they had, in the past two months, responded to five brush fires, one commercial business reporting smoke, two vehicle rollovers and one semi-truck rollover.

A grant application has been submitted for a new service/rescue truck and extra equipment and tools. Hill said the addition of the truck would help with the ongoing work to improve the town's ISO rating.

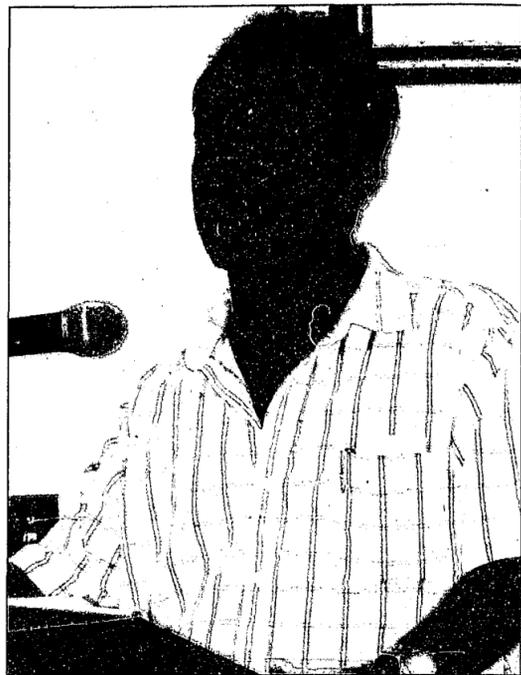
"This process will take a year but we need to replace

the old 1975 truck," he said.

"The last two wrecks we went to were head-on collisions with six people involved. Those kinds of situations require more equipment."

Hill said he would like placed on the next regular meeting agenda to talk to the council about spending some of their budgeted funds for a physical training and workout program and exercise equipment for the firefighters.

"Statistics show the high risk for volunteer firemen and heart attacks because they are put under such high stress and often are not physically fit enough to do what they need to do," said Hill. "We'd like to give our fire fighters the opportunity to not be part of that statistic and be in better shape. This also improves our ISO rating if we have this in place for the department."



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Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department Chief Walter Hill, Jr., requests permission from the town council to host a special training academy in Carrizozo.

The ultimate farmer

The realtor's invention of the 40-acre ranch brought agriculture holdings to town, so to speak. Those that dreamed of being landowners, ranchers and yes, even farmers, gained a way to fulfill that fantasy.

My recent trip to Colorado confirmed the dream is alive and well.

A well-heeled couple walked through the door of a southern Colorado tractor store and explained to the man at the counter that they were setting up a big farm and needed to buy some equipment.

Dutifully he walked them through all the sizes and styles of tractors available as well as the assorted attachments.

The missus emphasized their requirement for the "heavy duty" stuff so it would hold up to the hard use they planned to give it.

The tractor she picked out had nine steps to get up in the cab -- one of those really big monsters.

They also bought discs, hay rakes, balers, blades, plows, harrows and everything else that the dealership offered, taking advantage of the ongoing special -- "Buy one, get 3 percent off the next one." Can't be too cash conscious when you're going into farming.

The next day the couple invited the implement dealer down to see their farm and for him to bring the papers to sign for all the equipment.

Jake arrived at what he assumed to be only the headquarters of the farming operation, not knowing for sure just how far toward the horizon the borders of this "big farm" went.

He looked around and the lady came out of the house, saying, "Come on, I'll show you around the farm."

He walked with her to a brand new (still with the paper license plate) Grand Cherokee which had a trailer attached. He noticed the trailer had one 12-inch tire and one 18-inch tire on it.

She complained that the trailer was not pulling very well at all. Kindly, he explained what he thought the problem to

be.

But just as if she didn't hear him, in her next sentence she declared that since she is obviously going to have to buy a new trailer, she might as well get a new pickup too.

Rather than unhook the trailer, she suggested they just walk around the farm. The tractor dealer was a little taken aback in that he really didn't plan on spending all day hiking to look at a farm. It was then he found out the farm was 58.2 acres.

So as not to discourage the sale he was making, he indeed walked around the farm, even managing to keep a straight face.

During this stroll around the farm, the lady asked, "What do you think we should raise on our farm?"

Jake's thoughts were, "You couldn't raise hell with a jug of whiskey. This is nothing but a rock pile."

But, instead, he said nothing, just shrugged and maintained a blank look.

Before he departed, the couple set up a time with him to get some tractor driving lessons, since neither of them had ever been close to a tractor except the day they were at the implement dealership.

He secured permission from a guy he knew to use a vacant 80-acres for the tractor driving lessons.

His plan was to put the tractor and its driver square in the middle of it and let the "practice" begin.

He also promised to replace any fences that might get torn up.

Later that same day, he saw the missus driving a new Ford King Ranch pickup. He figured he could assume that she was now also a rancher.

Stay tuned next week for Part II of The Ultimate Farmer and watch this Green Acres duo put money into circulation faster than a Wall Street bailout plan. You just can't make this stuff up.

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Cougirl Sass & Savvy
BY JULIE CARTER

WHERE'S THE LIFEGUARD?



COURTESY

This large buck was found swimming around in a water storage tank in the Hondo Valley on Wednesday morning by Rio Hondo Fish and Game Wildlife Manager Troy Omness. The buck had jumped in the tank but could not get out and seemed actually relieved to see Omness show up. He let him put a rope on him and pull him out of the tank. Omness reported the buck was cold and tired and didn't struggle at all while he rescued him from the water.

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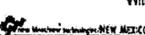
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LEADING SHOWMAN



The Lead Class at the Lincoln County Fair is held to give youth that not old enough to be in 4-H the opportunity to begin honing their showmanship skills in the show ring. With classes for two age groups, 2-5 and 6-9, the youngsters on judged on showmanship ability and another award is given for best costume.

At left top, Ibree McCorvey, 4, with Butter Cup, won her age division for showmanship. Ibree exhibited the best of all traits in self-confidence and professional "attitude." Karleigh Erramouspe, 4, bottom left, won for her costume. Karleigh was dressed as Pocohontas with her "war horse" Panco. Top right, Kate Cooper, a regular winner of the contest, won best showman with Pinkie. Her self-designed theme for this year's contest was "This is 4-H." Bottom right, Garrison Weems, 8, was selected for best costume while decked out as a Tiger football player and exhibiting his teammate, Dopey.

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COUNTY BRIEFS

First Friday

Join the community at the Capitan Public Library at 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 1, to learn how four good friends from a writers group worked together to realize their dream of publishing their pieces.

Meet Carol Keys Haussler, from Capitan, a retired Special Education teacher; Wanda Wakkinen, a teacher at NMSU in Alamogordo; Sandra Rioridan, a retired English teacher from NMSU in Alamogordo; and Shirley Foster, an author of children's mystery games.

Enjoy as the women give readings from their book, and be encouraged by their success. Learn how their book, *Sharing Moments over Tea: The Journeys of Four Women*, gave them the courage to pursue new, separate projects.

First Friday Adult Lectures are held at Capitan Public Library, 102 E Second, Capitan, and are free of charge. Following the lecture, refreshments are served. For more information, call the library at 354-3035.

Ground breaking

The public is invited to a ceremony Sept. 28, at 2:30 p.m. in Corona for the groundbreaking of a facility that, when completed, will provide a richer learning environment for New Mexico State University students through distance education, field trips and support for graduate research projects.

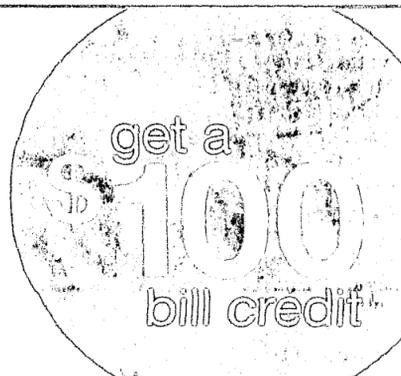
Attendees to the Southwest Center for Rangeland Sustainability ground breaking ceremony can meet at the ranch headquarters at 2:30 p.m., and then drive out to the site of the ground-breaking.

The headquarters are eight miles east of Corona on County Road A031.

For a map, go to <http://coronasc.nmsu.edu/>. For more information, call Shad Cox at 575-849-1515.

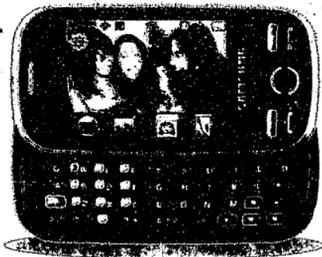
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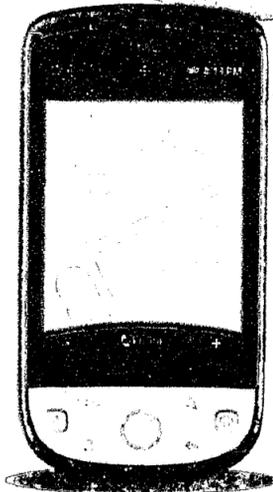
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Injunction limits Warner's parking

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The man who has complained that Ruidoso police have not thoroughly investigated the 2007 shooting death of his son will continue to be restricted in how he can express his opinion in Midtown.

A preliminary injunction, approved by 12th Judicial District Judge Jerry Ritter, will limit David Warner to one-hour per day of parking on Sudderth Drive near Eagle Drive to expound his case.

A temporary restraining order, issued last month, had expired after its 10-day run. Attorney Charles Hawthorne, who represents Midtown shop owner Carolyn Wallace, said Warner has First Amendment rights to express his opinions but that should be done in a proper form that does not interfere with the economic rights of shop owners in

Midtown. He said customers avoid the stores when Warner is there.

Wallace and two other merchants testified during a court hearing on Tuesday before Ritter. Warner represented himself during the hearing.

The judge ruled that Warner's First Amendment and free speech rights would be curtailed if he were completely barred from displaying his beliefs.

Warner will be limited to take his case to the Sudderth and Eagle Drives area to one hour per day, with no two consecutive days to have the same hours. A hearing on a request for a permanent injunction will be scheduled at a later time.

The preliminary injunction will remain in place until a ruling is made on a permanent injunction.

A police investigation of the death of Warner's son,



DAVID WARNER

Davis, began on Dec. 6, 2007, after police received a report that the younger Warner had shot himself in a car.

The investigation called the shooting accidental — a conclusion shared by then-District Attorney Scot Key, who began his own investigation of Davis Warner's death in May

2008.

The senior Warner, who two years ago established the "Davis Warner Foundation for the Truth," has said he was not just pressing for a renewed investigation into the robbery and death of his son, but also for others who have been killed and their deaths not investigated.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Sept. 14
5:28 p.m. — Police responded to a residence in the 200 block of Lookout Drive for a report of a domestic incident.

A woman said she had been pushed and grabbed by a man after she had confronted him about a missing \$8,000 watch.

Police arrested Leopoldo Tinoco, 66, of El Paso. Tinoco was taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center.

Sept. 16
1:11 p.m. — A woman went to the police station to report she had received a counterfeit \$10 bill.

She said a merchant refused to accept the phony money and she went to a bank where the fake bill was confirmed.

The police department took the counterfeit bill and will turn it over to the U.S. Secret Service.

Sept. 17
10:48 p.m. — A woman was arrested after a man contacted an officer near Mechem and Terrace drives to report he had been

struck in the back of his head by his girlfriend. He also said his cell phone had been destroyed.

Police went to a nearby cabin and found the Marisol Tavizon, 23, of El Paso intoxicated.

A police report said she kept changing her story. Tavizon was charged with assault against a household member and criminal damage to property.

Sept. 18
12:57 a.m. — Officers went to a residence in the 700 block of Center Drive where they found an agitated woman on a porch and a man inside the home.

While there had been an argument, police said they found no signs of physical violence.

What was discovered was a small amount of marijuana in the home, but both denied that the pot was theirs.

Police seized the marijuana. The man went to a hotel for the rest of the night.

Sept. 19
5:59 p.m. — Police were dispatched to McDonald's, 144 Sudderth Drive, for an unwanted man who was soliciting money from patrons.

The man was located near some dumpsters and a police report said he had been drinking.

There was a no trespass order prohibiting Michael Cooper, 52, of Mesalero from being on the McDonald's property.

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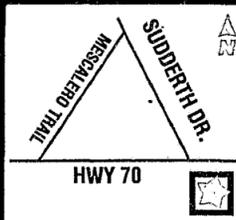
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Roadshow Comes to Roswell Next Week!

By Jason DeLong
Treasure Hunters Roadshow
STAFF WRITER

Got Gold? Next week, visitors can cash in on antiques, collectibles, gold, silver, coins or just about anything that is old.

Clean out your attics, closets and lock boxes, because the Roadshow is coming to Roswell. Roadshow experts will be in town examining antiques, collectibles, gold and silver.

While the Roadshow will accept anything that's old, they will be focusing on gold and silver coins dated 1964 and before, military items, toys and trains, musical instruments, pocket and wrist watches. Scrap gold is expected to be a popular category this week due to soaring gold prices.

"U.S. coins made before 1964 are most sought after by collectors. Coins dated 1964 and before are 90% silver and valuable because of the silver content or could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date."

Expert buyers for the Roadshow have noticed a tremendous increase in the amount of gold coming to the Roadshow and for good reason. Record gold prices have Roadshow guests cashing in on broken jewelry or jewelry they don't wear anymore with our "fair and honest" purchase offers.

The Roadshow encourages anyone planning a visit to take a minute and examine their jewelry box or their lock box at the bank and gather anything that's gold. If a guest is not sure if something is gold, bring it anyway and the Roadshow staff will test it for free.

Other gold items of interest include gold coins, gold ounces, gold proof sets and dental gold.

Other types of items Roadshow experts hope to see include old toys and train sets. Archie Davis, roadshow toy expert spoke about some of the top toys getting great offers. "Old tin windup toys from the late 1800's through the 1960's are in great demand now," said Davis, "Especially those that are character related. Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, the Flintstones or any character toys are sought. Old Buddy L toys from the 1920's to 1960's

are in demand." Basically any toys made before 1965 are wanted. Train sets made by Lionel, American Flyer, Marklin and others have the potential to fetch high prices. Davis also stressed, "Toys with boxes and in mint condition bring sensational

prices. Most of the toys that come to the Roadshow are not in perfect shape but can still bring good prices from collectors."

When expert Tom Fuller was asked what he enjoyed most about working at the Roadshow, he was quick to answer "Old

coins and paper currency. For as long as I can remember I have been fascinated with collecting coins. I would go through the change in my parents grocery store looking for rare dates and errors. Once, I found a silver quarter that I sold for \$300.00. Not bad for an 8 year old."

Fuller went on to explain that any U.S. coins dated 1964 and before are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1964 are 90% silver and



Above • A Gentleman sits with Mike DeLong with anticipation as the Roadshow Expert examines his collectibles.

"If you go to the Roadshow, you can cash-in your items for top dollar. Roadshow representatives will be available to assess and purchase your items at the La Quinta Inn & Suites, next Tuesday through Saturday, in Roswell."

valuable because of the silver content or could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date. "We help people sort through their coins for unique dates. We buy all types of coins at the Roadshow from wheat pennies to buffalo nickels, which are valuable from one coin to an entire truckload. See you at the Roadshow," said Fuller.

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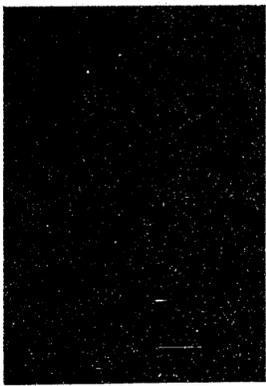
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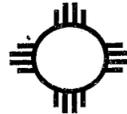


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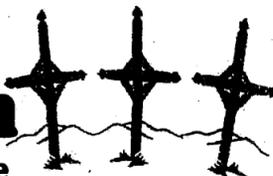
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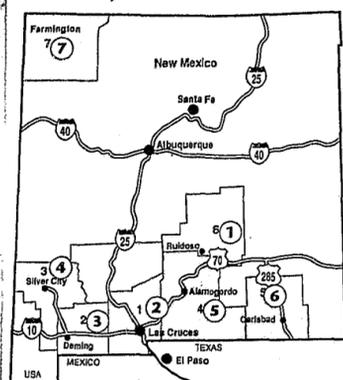
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Loans Servicing LP,
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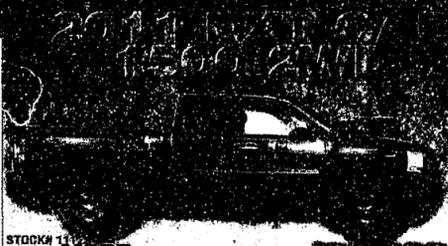
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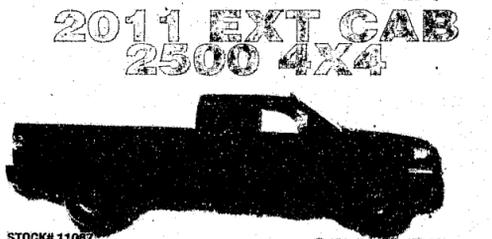
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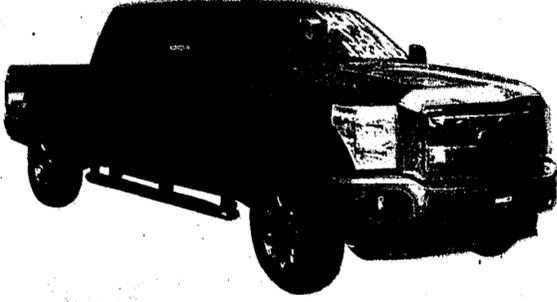


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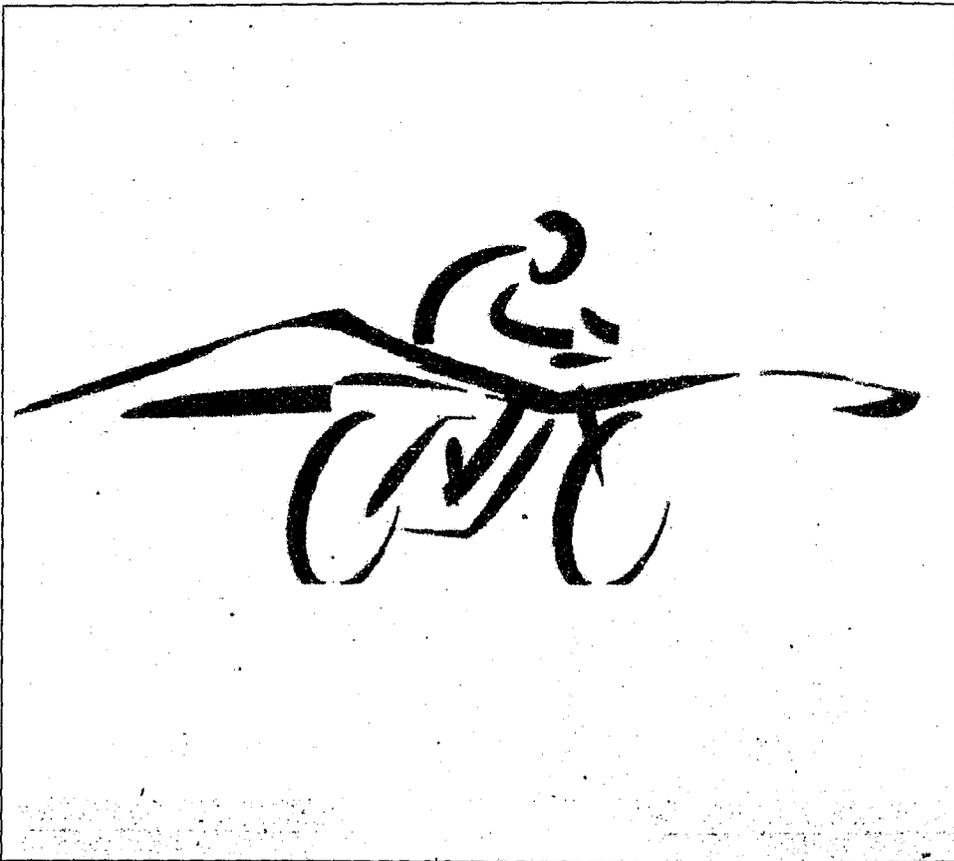
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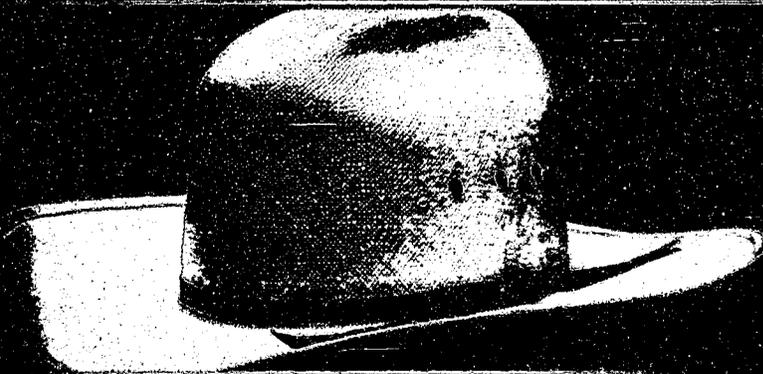
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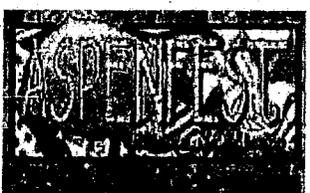
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 Sands) 9 a.m., 3-hr. ranger-
 guided tour to the playa.
 Reservations required. \$3
 adult, \$1.50 children &
 pass holders. For informa-
 tion, call 575-679-2599.

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

Shades of Pink
October 1 - 31:
 (Ruidoso) Mixed media
 miniature show sponsored
 by RRCA. Fund raiser for
 Altrusa mammogram pro-
 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 rui-
 dosonow.com/ aspenfest/.

IMG Children's Benefit
October 2: (Mescalero)
 Dance to the live music of
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 lero children's charities.
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Carrizozo Cider Festival
October 3: (Carrizozo)
 Live music, food, booths,
 kids activities, 12 - 4 p.m.
 Presented by Music in the
 Parks. For more informa-
 tion, 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 InnOfThe-
 MountainGods.com.

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

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

Vince Gill
October 13: (Mesca-
 lero) Popular country
 singing star performs at
 IMG. For information, go
 online to InnOfTheMoun-
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ONSTAGE

Live music in the clubs this weekend

FRIDAY

Billy's Sports Bar & Grill (Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino; 378-4431): Noisy River Band, 7 p.m.
Casa Blanca (501 Mechem Dr.; 257-2495): Stephen Ashbrook
Club 49 (Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino): Iron Chiwawa, 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): 2 Days Walk, 6 - 9 p.m.
Mountain Annie's (2710 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-7982): Staerkel Master Musicians; 8 p.m.
Wendell's Lounge (Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino): Doug Fuqua 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): Cowboy Mafia, 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Billy's Sports Bar (Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino; 378-431): Noisy River Band, 7 p.m.
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Texas Club (212 Metz Dr., Ruidoso; 258-3325): Skooter Jones, 7 p.m.
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SUNDAY

Club 49 (Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino): Iron Chiwawa, 8 p.m.
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): Cowboy Mafia, 8:30 p.m.
Zocca Coffee (1129 Mechem, Ruidoso; 258-1445) Mark Kashmar, acoustic guitar and vocals; 10 a.m. - noon.

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

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 crafts booths. Food, drinks and activities. Free.

8th Annual Turquoise and Silver Tea

October 17: (Alamogordo) Hosted by Flickinger Center at Willie Estrada Memorial Civic Center, 2 p.m. Fashion show, entertainment, door prizes, silent auction, tea and light refreshments. Tickets \$10. For more information, call 575-437-2202.

4th Burro Serenade Sale

Oct. 23 - Nov. 3: (Carrizozo) Gallery 408,

Mon. - Sat., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun., noon - 5 p.m. For more information, call 575-648-2598.

2nd Annual Empty Bowls Event

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

Fall Arts & Crafts Festival

Oct. 30: (Ruidoso) 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Rd. For more information, call 575-258-4250.

Annual Christmas Jubilee

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

Western Frontier Mountain Gun Show

Nov. 20 - 21: (Ruidoso) Ruidoso Evening Lions Club

event at Ruidoso Convention Center. Sat., 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For information, call 575-258-5445.

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ART MATTERS

Herb Brunell

Photographer advocates appreciation of his art form for almost five decades

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Herb Brunell has a lot to be proud of. For nearly 50 years, he has encouraged appreciation for the art of photography in Lincoln County. He is a founding member of the Photographic Society of Lincoln County. He has photographed most of the events that have happened over five decades, and he was the prime mover at the start of the annual Fall American Photography Competition and Exhibition, now in its 19th year.

"It started when Laura Doth was looking for events to build up the Labor Day weekend and the All-American Futurity," he said. "She asked me if we could organize a photo competition. A few years later, the date and name were changed and the exhibit was moved to the Museum of the Horse, now the Hubbard Museum of the American West."

This year's exhibit

opens Sept. 25, with a reception from 1 – 3 p.m. According to David Mandel of the Hubbard Museum of the American West, 316 photographs were entered this year, with 137 selected to hang in the show.

"There will be a total of \$2,700 in prize money awarded to the winners," Mandel said. "Herb will present a special award for the best black and white photography on behalf of the Photographic Society of Lincoln County."

"Herb also," he added, "has a photograph that was selected for the exhibit."

Brunell travels extensively in search of new worlds to photograph. From group trips with the photo club to photograph scenic spots in New Mexico to travels in Canada, New Zealand and the Pacific Northwest, Brunell finds that photography helps him to appreciate what he's seeing and to connect with the people he meets.

"Photography is a great icebreaker. There aren't too

many people who don't like to have their picture taken."

Brunell credits his maternal grandmother with introducing him to photography. "She was a picture-taker, so I guess that's how I first got interested."

He opened a photography studio called Timber Trail Photography back in the days of film and darkrooms, and operated it for 20 years. But he was quick to adapt to new digital technology and is always happy to answer questions.

"I'm always getting into conversations with people, a lot of them total strangers, about photography. I'm a self-taught photographer, so I'm always happy to teach and to learn."

Brunell served as photo editor for the book *Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs* with this author of this article.

"People ask me if I took all those pictures," he said. "Some of them are from the 1800s. I always ask them, 'Just how old do you think I am?'"



"Harpist on the Square in Santa Fe" by Herb Brunell (above).

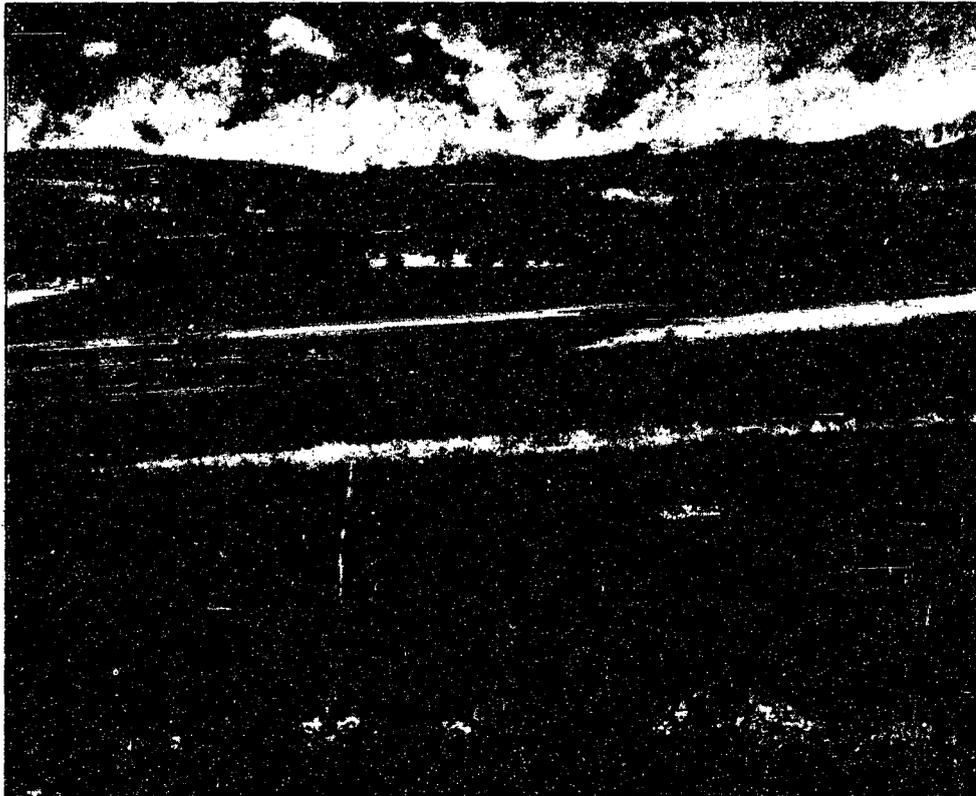
"Art Matters"

"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



Brunell captures a moment in time at the Paparora National Park on New Zealand's west coast (above) and in the stunning Moreno Valley (below) situated south of Angel Fire.



Auckland Cathedral of the Holy Trinity (above) is the site of the final service for Sir Edmund Hillary. Members of the Royal Court (below) at the Renaissance Fair in Las Cruces held the first weekend in November.



ART GALLERIES & STUDIOS

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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Chautauqua program

Notable performer portrays the life and work of highly regarded photographer Laura Gilpin

The Hubbard Museum of the American West, in association with the New Mexico Humanities Council will present a unique program starring Deborah Blanche as "Laura Gilpin, Photographer."

This accomplished performer portrays famed Southwest photographer Laura Gilpin in 1954, as she presents one her many slide lectures. The program focuses on Gilpin's photographs of the Navajo from her bestselling book titled *The Enduring Navajo*, as well as additional images of the Lumiere color prints of the Southwest.

Presented in conjunction with the opening of the 19th Fall American Photography Competition and Exhibit at the Hubbard Museum, the program will be held on Sunday, Sept. 26, at 2 p.m. There is no additional charge other

than regular museum admission fees.

"Laura Gilpin, Photographer" is sponsored in part by the New Mexico Humanities Council and is one of many cooperative efforts between the Hubbard Museum and the Humanities Council.

The Hubbard Museum of the American West is located at 841 Highway 70 West and is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Admission to the museum is \$6.00 for adults with reduced admission for senior citizens, military personnel and youth. Museum members receive free entry to both the museum and associated programming. For more information, go online to hubbardmuseum.org, or call 575-378-4142. The Hubbard Museum of the American West is owned and operated by the City of Ruidoso Downs.

~ J. Hanson, Editor



Deborah Blanche

Deborah Blanche has been working in theatre, storytelling, film, radio and TV since her teens. After completing a Master of Fine Arts degree at the University of Oklahoma, she studied in Great Britain, where a passion for original theatre production was ignited. Since that time Blanche has become best known for her one-woman plays, Chautauqua characters and storytelling programs. She researches, writes and performs locally, nationally and internationally, as well as conducting workshops, coaching sessions and lecture-demonstrations related to her performances and theatrical skills. For more information, go online to www.palomitaproductions.org/Deb_Blanche.html.

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SPECIAL EVENT ► HUBBARD MUSEUM

Photography exhibition

19th Annual Fall American Photography Competition and Exhibition

The Hubbard Museum of the American West in collaboration with the Photographic Society of Lincoln County, will once again host the Fall American Photography Competition and Exhibition, Sept. 25 – Dec. 12.

The 2010 exhibit is themed "The American West." Artists were required to submit their photos in one of four categories – People, the Natural World, the Built Environment or Ranching and Farming.

The museum has re-

ceived more than 300 submissions from 73 artists around the nation for this juried exhibition. The show will be on display through Dec. 12.

New Mexico is well represented with over half of the submitting artists residing in the state, including local area photographers Herb Brunell, Harvey Foster and David Tremblay among others.

A total of \$2,700 will be awarded for the top three entries, along with six Honorable Mentions.

One photograph will be selected to receive the special Purchase Award and placement in the museum's collection. Many photographs will be offered for sale, benefiting the museum with a portion of the sales commission.

The Hubbard Museum of the American West is located at 841 Hwy. 70 W. and is open daily from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults with reduced admission for senior citizens, military personnel and youth.

For more information, go online to www.hubbardmuseum.org, or call 575-378-4142.

~ J. Hanson, Editor



"Hopi Maiden" (above) by Kim Ashley of Albuquerque and "Despues de la Tormenta" (below) by Corey Walker of Carrizozo are two entries in Hubbard Museum's Fall American Photography Competition and Exhibition.



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SPECIAL EVENT ▶ ARTIST'S RECEPTION

Art in Carrizozo

Malkerson Modern Art Gallery will host an artist's reception on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 5 - 7 p.m. for potter Roy Brown. An exhibit of Brown's work will continue to Oct. 15.

With a masters degree in Fine Art from Southern Methodist University, Brown has been involved in the arts for more than 30 years. Although he pursues his passion for pottery, he also works in metal, which is hand forged to fit the

designs of his pottery.

All pottery is high fired to cone ten (2,300 degrees F.) and decorations are cut using found tools with everything from saw blades and porcupine quills to banding metal. The clay is either glazed, stained or both to enhance the overall image and appearance. The combination gives the overall piece a more satisfying artistic appeal.

Brown says, "It's just fun for me to make them."

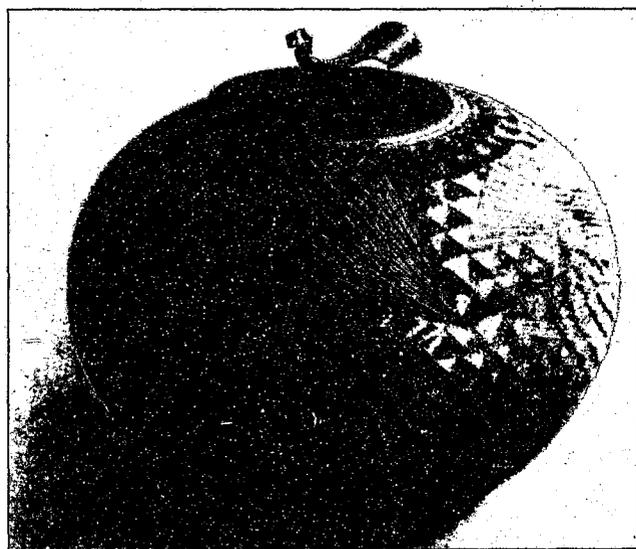
Piaki is the gallery manager of Malkerson Modern Art Gallery, but that doesn't mean that she sacrifices all of her time to the daily business of running the gallery. She is also a talented artist who focuses on wearable art.

African designs and Asian weavings have influenced Piaki's unique collection of kimonos and accessories, but her hand-crafted creations are distinctive, and reflective of her impression of ancient cultures.

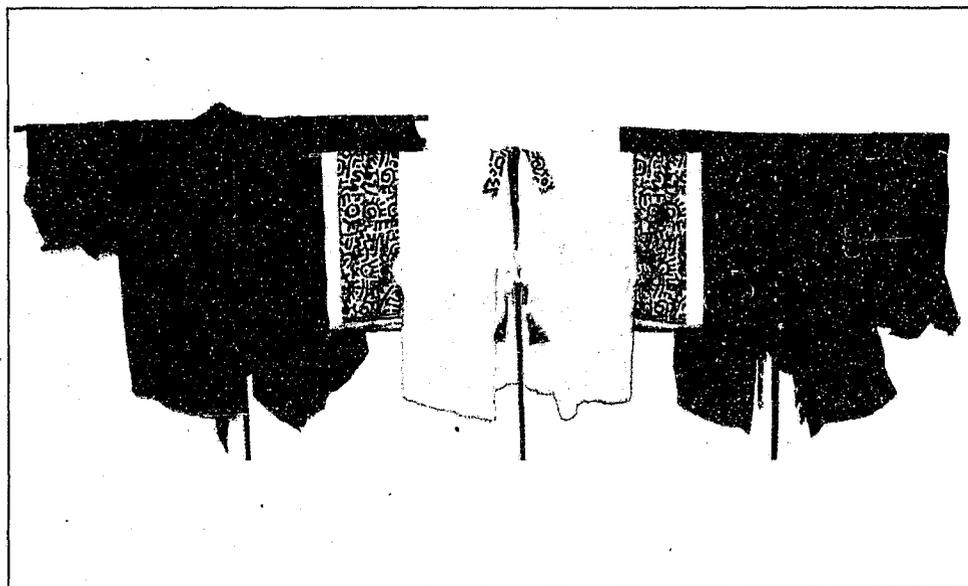
Although her work may be globally inspired, Piaki's wearable art is a sum of her many talents. The artist continues to explore many mediums, including painting, sculpture and, now, fabric. She creates and hand-crafts original designs, with exacting care given to her impressive hand-sewn and embroidered kimonos, some which feature carved wood closures.

An exhibit of Piaki's work runs from Sept. 24 - Nov. 8.

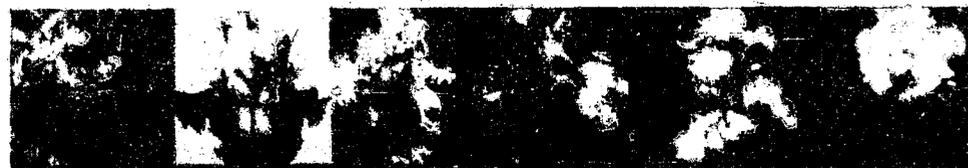
~ J. Hanson, Editor



Potter Roy Brown combines original clay and metal designs in his distinctive art work.



Piaki's wearable art is inspired by ancient global cultures. Her work can be seen at Malkerson Modern Art Gallery on 12th Street in Carrizozo, where she performs the functions of gallery manager.



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COVER STORY ▶ MUSIC

A Celebration of Jazz

Jazz comes to the mountains with world-class performers



World-class jazz musicians Joel Forbes, Eddie Erickson, Rebecca Kilgore and Dan Barrett (left-to-right) perform at A Celebration of Jazz Oct. 2, at the Spencer.

BY MICHAEL FRANCIS
FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

This year's Aspenfest weekend is set to include a special presentation of a world-class jazz concert at 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 2, at Spencer Theater for the performing Arts.

The show is titled *A Celebration of Jazz – Our American Art Form*. It will open with a solo performance by Italian piano virtuoso Rossano Sportiello, followed by the entertaining cabaret jazz group The Rebecca Kilgore Quartet. Sportiello will return to the stage and join the quartet for a grand finale.

The award-winning Sportiello was born in Vigevano, Italy, in 1974, and started performing professionally at the age of 16. With 10 years of study at the Milan Conservatory behind him, Sportiello is a master of both classical

and jazz, often performing in both genres, or sometimes combining them as in his exciting jazz rendition of Chopin's "Revolutionary Etude."

International critics consider Rossano's main influences to be pianists Ralph Sutton, Dave McKenna and Barry Harris, but the affects of other great masters can be heard in his playing, such as Fats Waller, Teddy Wilson, Art Tatum, Count Basie, Earl Hines and Bill Evans, to name a few.

"My goal is to play jazz and make it understandable to everybody. Most of all, I want to see people smiling and having fun," said Sportiello.

Rebecca Kilgore, from Portland, Ore., is one of America's premiere jazz vocalists. According to a recent *Wall Street Journal* article, "Once you hear Ms. Kilgore, you'll be hooked; With her opulent

chops, lighter-than-air style and, above all, her effortless rhythm, Ms. Kilgore is the living embodiment of the hippest singers of the big band era; like Maxine Sullivan, Mildred Bailey, and Helen Ward."

Rounding out the Rebecca Kilgore Quartet is acclaimed trombonist Dan Barrett, veteran of the Benny Goodman Orchestra, who also doubles on cornet and piano, virtuoso banjoist, guitarist and vocalist Eddie Erickson, who keeps the audience in stitches, and New York up-right bass master, Joel Forbes.

According to Spencer Theater executive director Charles Centilli, the idea for *A Celebration of Jazz* was initially revealed in a meeting with jazz pianist Michael Francis, who is music director of the Roswell Jazz Festival. Francis, also executive director of Southwestern Arts Alliance,

Inc., contacted other sponsors and the event became a collaborative effort. In addition to Spencer Theater and Southwestern Arts Alliance, Inc., official contributing sponsors include Artesia Arts Council; Ocotillo Theater for the Performing Arts; Yates Petroleum; Navajo Refining Company, LLC; Marbob Energy Corporation; Chase Foundation; Wells Fargo Bank; West Texas Jazz Society; Roswell Jazz Festival; Sierra Blanca Motors, Pine Cliff Condominiums and Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts. Centilli and Francis have both expressed the hope that this event will become an annual jazz festival.

Southwestern Arts Alliance, Inc. is also sponsoring a special preview concert for Ruidoso middle and high school students featuring the jazz performers on Friday, Oct. 1, at 2 p.m., in the Ruidoso High

School Performing Arts Center. This free concert offers students an opportunity to learn about jazz as an art form and will include a question and answer segment.

In support of *A Celebration of Jazz*, Kathy Alexander of the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce has announced plans for the theme of this year's Aspenfest parade to be "Jazzin' in Up." Jazz radio program host and operations director Dennis Woo of KTEP-FM in El Paso, has been named the parade's grand marshall. Woo's accommodations are being sponsored by David and Jenny Vigil at Ellis Bed and Breakfast in Lincoln. Alexander said this year's parade includes live jazz.

For information, contact Spencer Theatre for the Performing Arts at 575-336-4800, or go online to spencertheatre.org.

PREVIEW PERFORMANCE

On Friday, Oct. 1, from 7 – 10 p.m., Rebecca Kilgore Quartet member Eddie Erickson and local favorite Rich Chorné will perform with the Michael Francis Trio at The Cellar, 2408-B Sudderth Dr. This free event is sponsored by Southwestern Arts Alliance, Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts and The Cellar. For information, call 575-630-0037.

Roswell Jazz Festival

Twenty-four world-class jazz musicians will come to Roswell for the 5th Annual Roswell Jazz Festival Friday, Oct. 8 – Sunday, Oct. 10.

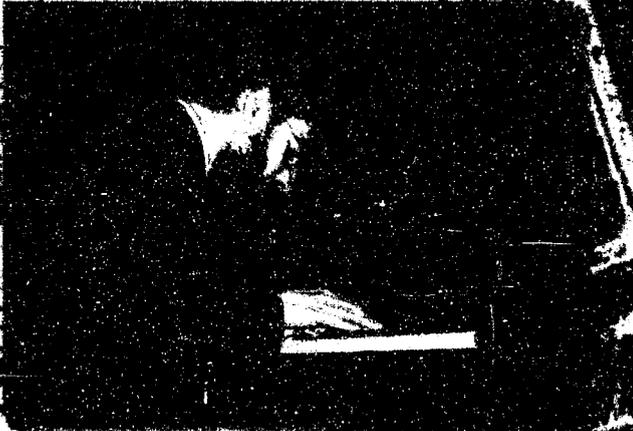
The musicians perform in seven different venues, plus there's a Sunday jazz worship service. For information, call 888-767-9355.

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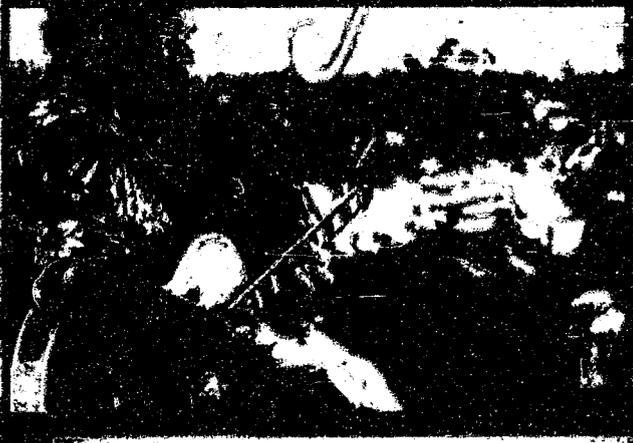
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Happy harvest moon

BY NEAL JONES
FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

The autumnal equinox and full moon gave me the idea for this week's article – harvest time in the vineyards.

One thing that has evolved with the growth of electronic communication is that fewer people are

predicting what the vintage will be like at time of the harvest. In eras past, masses of wine critics, grape growers, oenologists and vinification experts would predict how good a harvest would be in the coming wine, but those predictions have all been taken out of context. The wine maker can make wine if the grape

is harvested and predictions of good or bad year never really pan out. The winemaker knows how to use the grapes available, and certain orchards consistently produce the juice needed for a particular taste. August, September and October mark prime time for the annual grape harvest of most wineries in

Europe and North America. Late harvest ice wines are the exceptions. The grapes are typically left on the vine to increase the sugar content and may be harvested up to a few months after the traditional harvest.

In general, sparkling wine grapes are harvested first to ensure lower sugar levels (brix) with most of the white wine grapes next. Viticulturally speaking, the red wine grapes then follow, as they take a bit longer to reach full maturation. Finally, it's the ice wines that make their way to crush, after undergoing some serious dehydration on the vine to produce a raisin-like grape with highly concentrated sugars – perfect for dessert wines.

Correspondingly, the dry to sweet wine is a result largely due to the harvest time. A late harvested Riesling grape will be used in Spatlese for its sweeter qualities, while an earlier harvested Riesling will be used for Kabinett.

Traditional hand-harvesting and mechanical harvesting are the two ways that a winery can take the grapes off the vine and ready for crush. Hand-harvesting affords more precise selection and tends to do a better job of protecting the grape's juice content from oxidation due to damaged skins. Mechanical harvesters allow for a more efficient and cost-effective process, well-suited for large vineyards that lay on a flat patch of earth. The type of harvest is largely influenced by the

winemaker's final wine style goals.

For the extremely sweet Eszencia Tokay wines of Hungary the grapes are actually not crushed to get the juice, rather it is collected as it falls from harvested and stored grapes that have developed "noble rot" and almost dried to a raisin. The sugars of these grapes are more concentrated, and the natural water in the fruit is either evaporated or allowed to leave the grape.

The individual grape variety, the ripeness factor and the weather factor all have the greatest influence on when to harvest a cluster of grapes. Primarily it's the tannin, acid and sugar content that determines the ripeness and are key components for influencing a wine's future finesse and strategic presence. Weather has a tremendous impact on how the grapes will behave in a bottle of wine. During the actual harvest, wineries are praying for dry weather to bring the grapes home.

Wineries want to get the grapes to crush, where the grapes are not smashed, but gently split so that the juice starts to flow as quickly as possible. Great pains are taken to escalate the process, while keeping the grapes from becoming too warm during the transport from vineyard to the crusher. Many grape varieties are cut from the vine in the cool, early morning hours to help to keep the grapes' astringency to a minimum.

You can join in many

European vineyards to volunteer during harvest time. They are glad to have foreign help and, by law, they cannot pay you. It is not uncommon to see wine tourists helping collect grapes across France, Germany and Italy.

In the U.S., there are some noteworthy grape harvest festivals. The Sonoma Grape Camp, Sept. 27 - 29, is a full-working harvest camp, and is billed as the "Ultimate Wine and Food Adventure." For information, go online to sonomagrapecamp.com.

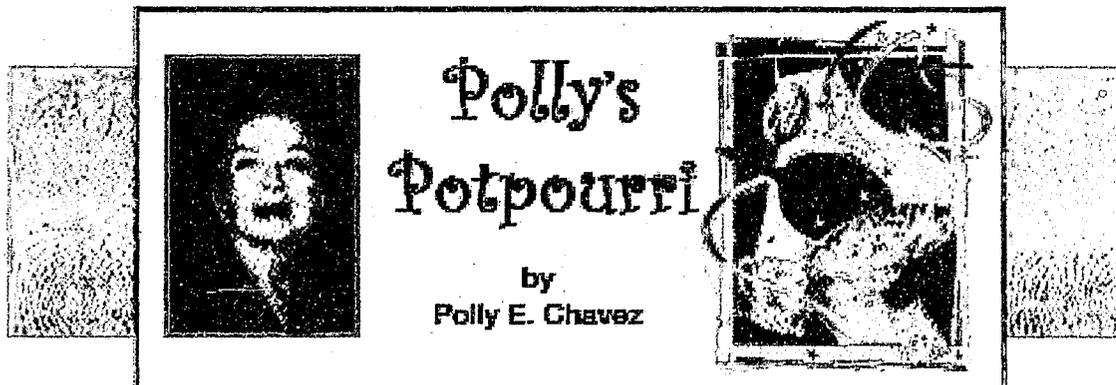
Billed as the oldest wine festival in California, Rancho Cucamonga Grape Harvest Festival dates back over 200 years, and includes as many as 60 wineries. For more information, go online to ranchochamber.org.

I couldn't find any wine harvest festivals in New Mexico, so if you hear of any please email me for an upcoming article.



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.

Famous chocolate chip cookies



Todd Wilbur shares his recipes for home clones of America's favorite brand-name foods in his book *Top Secret Recipes Unlocked*. In the laboratory (his kitchen) he subjected each recipe to an array of bakings and mixings, until the closet representation of the actual commercial product was finally achieved. The objective was to duplicate the taste and texture of the product using everyday ingredients.

Wilbur has appeared on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," "Today" and "Good Morning America." He has discussed his clones of Bisquick, Burger King Onion Rings, Carl's Jr. Six Dollar Burger, El Pollo Loco Avocado Salsa, Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing, KFC Chicken Pot Pie and even Krispy Kreme Doughnuts.

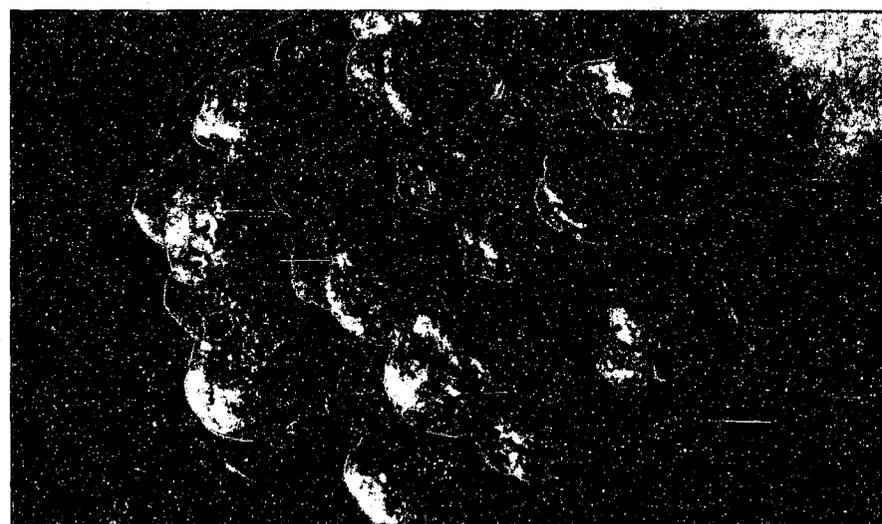
There are clone recipes for Taco Bell Chicken Quesadilla and Wendy's Mandarin Chicken Salad. His clone recipes will have you thirsting for Starbucks Carmel Macchiato, Dunkin' Donuts Coffee Coolata, Dairy Queen Moo-latté.

Wilbur's version of Famous Amos chocolate chip cookies also explains how these cookies came to be.

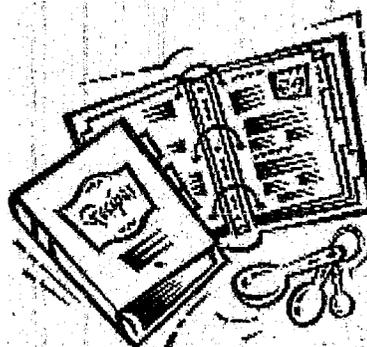
Before Wally Amos shared his soon-to-be-famous cookies with the world, he had landed a job in the mailroom at the William Morris talent agency, and soon became their first black talent agent. His unique approach of sending performers boxes of his homemade cookies, which he had developed from his aunt's secret recipe, eventually helped him land Diana Ross and the Supremes as clients.

After perfecting his cookie recipe in 1975, Wally launched his own company, and today there are several flavors of Famous Amos Cookies, including oatmeal chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin and peanut butter, however the plain chocolate chip cookies are the most popular.

I was pleased with the result of the this cookie clone recipe. With my dough, I merely scooped up heaping teaspoons of dough and placed them on a parchment paper-lined baking sheet.



Famous Chocolate Chip Cookies



- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) softened butter
- 1/2 cup dark brown sugar
- 1/2 granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 cup milk
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups mini semisweet chocolate chips

Cream together the shortening, butter, sugars, egg and vanilla. Mix in the milk. Combine flour, baking soda, and salt. Mix the dry ingredient into the wet. Add the chocolate chips.

Scoop onto a baking sheet and bake in a 325 degree oven for 18 minutes.

EATING & DRINKING GUIDE

Alamogordo

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Texas Pit Barbeque • 211 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1101.

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Airport Grille • 3500 Airport Rd., Alamogordo • 439-1093 • Open Mon-Fri, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. • Specialty sandwiches.

Amigos Bakery • 1107 10th St., Alamogordo • 437-0592. • 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Deli, daily special.

Brown Bag Deli • 900 Washington, Alamogordo • 437-9751 • Mon-Sat, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Deli, daily special.

Café 675 • 675 Tenth St. at Lowes, Alamogordo • 437-5150.

Cloudcroft Deli • 505 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-5588 • Daily, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Carry-out only.

Coffee & More • 308 Granado • Deli • Tularosa • 585-4575.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mayhill Café • Mayhill • 687-3066

Mayhill Mercantile • Mayhill • 687-3425.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Weed Café • Weed • 687-3611.

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

Casual Dining



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

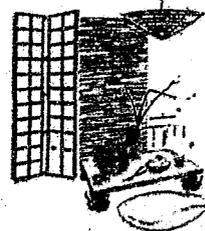
Lazy D Restaurant • 1202 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-2532.

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

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

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

Chinese / Asian



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fine Dining



Loretta's • 600 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • Mon - Fri, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Mon - Sat, 5 - 9 p.m. • 575-437-1924

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

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

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

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

Mexican



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

El Parador • 2300 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 443-6102.

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

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

Pizza/Italian



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

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

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

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

Ruidoso

Bar-B-Que



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

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

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

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

Cafés



Alto Café • Hwy. 48 & Gavilan Canyon Rd. • Home-style meals. • Mon - Sat; 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 336-1980

Blue Goose Cafe • 201 Eagle Dr. • Soups, salads, sandwiches • Mon - Sat, 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. • 257-8652

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

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

Calamity Jane's • 500 W Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Mon - Thu 7 a.m. - 3 p.m., Fri 7 a.m.-p.m., Sat 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 354-8309

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Casual Dining



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

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

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

Burger Trolley • 647 Sudderth Dr. • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. • 257-3868.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fine Dining



Ellis Store Country Inn • Hwy. 380 MM 98, Lincoln •

Gourmet dinners • Mon-Sat • By reservation only. • 800-653-6460

La Fondue • 2800 Sudderth Dr (below Elena's) • Steak, seafood, fondue, tempura. • Tues - Sun, 4 - 11 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Mexican



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

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

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

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

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

El Camino Nuevo • 1025 Mechem • 258-4312

Elena's Place • 2800 Sudderth Dr. • Tues-Sat 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

& 5 - 9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. • 630-8022

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Willie's Place • 6540 Hwy. 380, Carrizozo • Daily, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. • 575-648-4200

Pizza / Italian



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

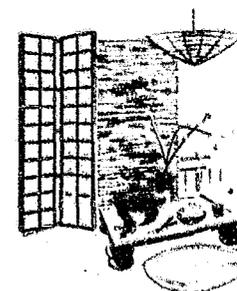
Domino's Pizza • 1717 Sudderth • Sun - Thu 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Fri & Sat 11 - 12 midnight • 257-8888

Michelena's • 2703 Sudderth • Tue-Sun 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. • 257-5753

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

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

Chinese/Asian



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

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

Dinner Theatre



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

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

Bon Appetit!

Billy the Kid and Joe Grant

By early 1880, Billy the Kid was probably New Mexico Territory's best known, and certainly most popular, outlaw. The Kid was known primarily as a stock thief, and most of the stock he took belonged to the big ranchers, especially the legendary John Chisum.

The Kid and Chisum had a history together. "Uncle" John Chisum had been the silent partner of Alexander McSween and that unfortunate Englishman, who had come so far to make his fortune and found only death, John Henry Tunstall.

McSween and Tunstall had gone head-to-head with the firm of L.G. Murphy & Co., later to be owned by James J. Dolan. They paid for this error in judgment with their lives, Tunstall being murdered on Feb. 18, 1878, in a remote canyon that now bears his name, and McSween at the wild Five Day Battle that was the climax of the Lincoln County War.

The war itself was officially over, having ended one year to the day from the death of Tunstall, with the death of Huston Chapman, the lawyer Susan McSween hired to avenge herself against Jimmy Dolan. She knew that she could never get Dolan for murder, but arson — well, that was a different story. She and Chapman had been gathering evidence against Dolan and the commander of Fort Stanton, Nathan Dudley, when Chapman met his



own untimely demise.

But it was not the death of Chapman that we are discussing today. Rather, it is the death of Joe Grant, possibly a bounty hunter from Texas, who the Kid dismissed to "a higher court" on Jan. 10, 1880.

Chisum

John Chisum was resoundingly hated by most of the small ranchers in the area of what is now Roswell. He treated the open country that he grazed his cattle on as his own, and did not care for anyone else to try and do the same. To Chisum, all of the small ranchers in the area were nothing more than rustlers and he had his cowboys and hired guns treat them that way. In fairness, it should be noted that in those days, everyone tended to "swing a wide loop," which is to say that they weren't overly picky as to whose cattle they rounded up as their own. Chisum was no exception to this rule, either.

One would think that the Kid and Chisum would be friendly, as Billy had at one point worked for Chisum and was riding for John Tunstall at the time of the

Englishman's death. But there is much that history did not record and the tale of the Kid's relationship to Chisum is one that has not yet been fully told.

When the Kid was tried for the murder of Sheriff Brady after his capture by Pat Garrett's posse in December 1880, he twice made reference to the fact that "it was John Chisum who got me into all this trouble in the first place."

What did he mean? At this point, no one is really certain, but it does appear that *something* went terribly wrong in the Kid's relationship with the cattleman. He made a point of stealing Chisum cattle, claiming that Chisum owed him \$500. It has been postulated that perhaps Chisum had offered to pay the Kid and the other assassins of Sheriff Brady, then reneged on the deal once the deed was done. Chisum was, in fact, rather notorious for not paying his debts.

Whatever the case, on Jan. 10, 1880, one of Chisum's brothers, probably James, along with some Chisum riders, had come across Billy on the range near Fort Sumner, catching the Kid in the act of "adjusting brands." Billy already had a formidable reputation as a fighter, and no one, the Kid included, was itchy to start a fight. Billy diffused the situation by suggesting that they all ride into town, get a drink, and discuss the matter.

On the way into town, one of Chisum's men, Jack

Finan, had drawn his brand new, ivory-handled pistol and fired three times at a rattlesnake. He then holstered the gun without reloading.

Bob Hargrove's Saloon

When the group arrived in Fort Sumner, they repaired to Bob Hargrove's Saloon, a local watering hole. A Texan named Joe Grant (he has occasionally been referred to as "Texas Joe" Grant) was already in the saloon and already well-lubricated with "tonsil paint." There is some indication that he and Billy might have had words earlier, but whatever the case, when the Kid, Chisum and the Chisum riders walked into the saloon, Grant's eyes went immediately to Jack Finan's pistol.

Snatching the gun from its holster, and replacing it with his own, before the owner could object (Finan wisely did not), Grant began rolling the gun in his hand.

"That's a beauty, Joe" the Kid commented, and taking the gun from Grant carefully spun the cylinder to where the next three times the hammer would strike it would fall on chambers with spent casings in them. Then, as quickly as he had taken it, the Kid returned the gun to Grant.

Grant then sneeringly told the Kid that he intended to kill a man "before you do." With the smile that had so endeared the Kid to many senioritas, Billy responded, "What do you

want to kill anybody for?" Then he suggested, just as he had with Chisum and his men, that they all have a drink.

Grant was of a more violent turn. He began smashing the glasses behind the bar, and laughing, the Kid joined him. But Grant suddenly stopped and began eyeing Jim Chisum, saying that he wanted to kill John Chisum. Billy interrupted.

"You've got the wrong sow by the ear, Joe. That's not John Chisum."

"That's a lie," screamed Grant and, taking advantage of the alleged insult of Billy calling him a liar, pointed Finan's pistol at the Kid, and pulled the trigger. Big mistake.

Joe Grant's end

As Grant recocked the weapon, probably thinking it was a misfire, the Kid drew his own pistol and opened up. Old timers used to say that you could cover the area of Grant's head where the bullets struck him with the palm of your hand. He collapsed to the floor, very dead.

Looking down at the corpse, the Kid made a comment to the effect that, "I've been there too often for you, Joe." When asked about the incident later, Billy stated simply that "it was a game of two and I got there first."

In a time when a man was only as good as how well he could back up his words with his gun, Joe Grant had vastly underestimated with whom he was

dealing. The smiling, impish young man who gazed down at Grant's corpse without a hint of regret was, after all, Billy the Kid.

Sources: *Classic Gunfights III* by Bob Boze Bell; *A Documentary History of the Lincoln County War* and *The West of Billy the Kid*, both by Frederick Nolan.

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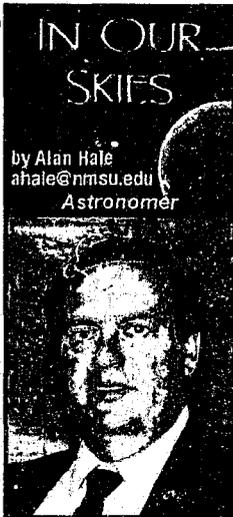
The time of the season

Anyone who has spent much time on Earth – at least, at any locations that are not too close to the Earth's Equator – will soon learn via experience that the surface conditions are not constant with regard to temperature and weather. There are times of the year that are

warm and generally sunny, and times of the year that are cold, and times that are "in between," and of course we refer to these various times of the year as "seasons."

There is a somewhat common misperception that the seasons are caused by varying distances between the Earth and the sun. It is indeed true that the Earth's orbit around the sun is not a perfect circle, and that there are times when the Earth is closer to the sun than at others, however the differences involved are pretty trivial (varying between 91.4 million miles when closest to 94.5 million miles when farthest – a difference of only 3 percent). Furthermore, the Earth is closest to the sun in early January each year and is farthest from the sun in early July – and most people reading this would probably agree that the average temperatures are not warmest in early January and coldest in early July.

The seasons are actual-



ly caused by the fact that the axis around which the Earth rotates is tilted some 23 1/2 degrees with respect to the plane of its orbit around the sun. This tilt remains constant as the Earth orbits the sun, and thus there are times of the year when one of the poles is tilted towards the sun while the opposite pole is tilted away from it; this configuration is reversed six months later, and then reversed again six months after that, and so on repeatedly.

When the North Pole is tilted towards the sun, the Earth's northern hemisphere experiences more hours with the sun being above the horizon, and furthermore the sun rides higher in the sky throughout the course of the daytime hours and thus the surface experiences more direct sunlight during those hours. The result is an increase in temperatures due to the prolonged warming of the surface, and thus the season we know as "summer." Conversely, at that same time in the southern hemisphere there are fewer hours when the sun is above the horizon, and even then it is at a lower elevation and thus the sunlight strikes the surface at a shallower angle. The result is a loss of warming and a cooling of temperatures, otherwise referred to as the

season of "winter."

There are also the "transition" seasons, when neither pole is tilted towards the sun, and both hemispheres receive roughly equal hours of sunlight at relatively similar angles. If the Earth had no atmosphere, there wouldn't be much difference between the two transition seasons, however because of the atmosphere's presence it takes time for solar heating to warm up the surface after winter, and for the accumulated surface heat to disperse after summer. Thus, despite their superficial similarities there are still some significant differences between the winter-to-summer transition season ("spring") and the summer-to-winter transition season ("fall," or autumn").

It is now easy to see why, despite the fact that the Earth is farthest from the sun in early July, we in the northern hemisphere are experiencing summer at that time – this is only two weeks after the Earth's North Pole was most strongly tilted towards the sun. Similarly, this is why we are experiencing winter in early January despite the Earth's being closest to the sun at that time. Our friends in the southern hemisphere are, of course, experiencing summer in early January and winter in early July.

It might be tempting to ask if the southern hemisphere experiences more intense seasons than does the northern hemisphere,

since the Earth is closest to the sun during their summers and farthest from the sun during their winters. All other things being equal, indeed, the southern hemisphere does experience slightly warmer summers and slightly cooler winters than does the northern hemisphere – however, all other things are not equal. The majority of the Earth's continental land mass is in the northern hemisphere, and since there is a significant difference in heat capacity between land and water the differences in weather and climate experienced by the two respective hemispheres are far more complex than what can be attributed to the relatively minor differences in solar heating.

There are also longer-term phenomena that can affect the weather and climate conditions we experience here on Earth. The Earth's rotational axis "wobbles" in a 26,000-year-long cycle called "precession," and as a result the times of the year when the Earth is nearest and farthest from the sun slowly changes. There are also (relatively minor) cyclical changes in the shape of the Earth's orbit and in the amount of tilt of its axis, as well as longer-term phenomena like the shifting of continental land masses due to continental drift and changes in atmospheric content (for example, the increase in oxygen due to plants engaging in photosynthesis and the

recent increases in carbon dioxide due to human-generated industrial activity). Finally there are pseudo-random phenomena, such as last year's El Niño that helped create near-record snowfalls last winter at this author's mountain residence, and the currently-developing La Niña which may produce the opposite effect this coming winter. All of this serves to make short-range weather prediction, and long-range climate prediction, a very complex endeavor.

In any event, the northern hemisphere's summer officially ended this past Wednesday evening at 9:09 p.m.. MDT, when the

sun was directly over the Equator. For the next three months as the Earth's northern hemisphere gradually turns away from the sun we will see the shorter daytime hours and cooler temperatures, as well as the clear nights, cool crisp temperatures – and football games – that mark this author's favorite time of the year.

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Lincoln County

Clubs/Associations

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

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

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

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

Christian Motorcyclists Assoc: Third Thursday monthly at 6:30 p.m.; 1204 Mechem, Suite 8.; online at www.CMAUSA.org; 575-336-1530 for local info. All are invited to attend.

Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, plus a 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays; Ruidoso Senior Center; Info: 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Fort Stanton Museum: Thurs. - Mon., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. For group tours call 575-336-1436, or 575-336-4015.

Insighters Book Club: 6:30 p.m. first Wednesday of each month at Insight Books, 1860 Sudderth; No charge and all are welcome; Info: 257-4625.

Lincoln County Bird Club: Monthly field trips are scheduled at various times. Info: 257-5352 or 258-3862.

Lincoln County Garden Club: Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m.; New members and visitors welcome; Info: Jordan, 378-5250.

Lincoln County Right to Life Chapter: 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday at 309 L.L. Davis Dr. All are welcome; Info: 258-5108.

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, 438-7870, 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 Schlotzkys) Call Marianne 575-257-0527.

AI-Anon: Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 1, ground floor, Ruidoso; info: 258-8885.

AI-Anon: Meets at noon every Friday at 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: 808-8859.

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 257-5078

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 Zaragoza, 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 whitemountainars@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainars.org or phone 866-596-8382.

Veterans

American Legion Jerome D. Klein Post 79: 11 a.m. every third Saturday, 101 Spring St. at Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs; Info: 257-6757.

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

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

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

Otero County

Clubs & Associations

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

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

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

Barbershop Harmony Society: The "Sounds of Enchantment" barber-shop chorus meets at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo, every Tue., 7-9 p.m. Gentlemen of all ages welcome. Info: 437-8832.

Boy Scouts: Programs open to boys first grade-age 20, girls tenth grade-age 20. Info: Suzy, 437-7640.

Chaparral Kennel Club: 6:30 p.m. every first Wednesday at various locations. Promotes purebred dogs and sponsors therapy visits, dog shows, matches and the rescue of purebred dogs. Michele, 434-5220.

The Christian Self-Employed Business Club: Breakfast meetings at 8 a.m. on Fridays. Any self-employed person and a guest are welcome to attend. Paul Collins, 437-8257.

Crochet Guild of America: The Alamogordo Touch of Class Chapter welcomes all levels. 437-3832.

Desert Basin Toastmasters: Meets 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Alamogordo Physical Therapy Center, 10th and Washington; and every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Comm. Center at Holloman AFB. Guests welcome. Visit desertbasin.freetoasthost.com or phone 921-4767.

Desert Castaways Duplicate Bridge Club: Meets 12:30 p.m. every 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.; 1212 E. 9th St., Ste. E; trained, certified "Reach to Recovery" volunteers. Free services. 575-437-6176, 430-1530, 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 Noise Recorder Consort: Every other Sunday at various locations. Seeking soprano, alto, tenor & bass recorder players. 937-2006.

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

Seniors Ping Pong: 8 - 11 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico Ave. Monty, 437-1601.

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

Political

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

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

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

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

Service Organizations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kiwanis Club of Alamogordo: Meets on first and third Thursdays at 8 a.m. at Maximino's Restaurant, 2300 N.

White Sands Blvd; 434-0923.

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

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

Veterans / Military

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1257: Open meeting/lunch-eon at 11:30 a.m. second Friday at Base Enlisted Club. Visits to area veterans in local care centers every third Saturday, starting at the Betty Dare Center on North Florida Ave. promptly at 10 a.m. Gil Isley, 434-5552.

American Legion Post 108: Meets second Tuesday at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, Ed_wishbone@hotmail.com.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 108: Meets 2nd Tuesday of month at 6:15 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; Open to spouses, daughters, sisters, mothers or granddaughters of active/former military personnel. Info: Elaine Chestnut, 446-8331, mechestnut@msn.com, Ed Summerall, 430-4322.

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

New Mexico American Legion Riders Association, Chap 8: Meets second Tuesday at 8 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, or Darrell Winfree, 430-7735.

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 108: Meets 3rd Monday of month at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; Open to sons, grandsons of active/former military personnel. Info: Brian Koutrous, 717-202-9810, or Milton Chestnut, 446-9045.

United States Submarine Veterans: Feb. 6, 12 p.m., at White Sands Missile Range. All former submariners welcome. www.ussvi.org/BaseShow. Call Shane Foraker 575 437-0665.

VFW Post 7686 and Ladies Auxiliary: Meetings are at 7 p.m. every third Tuesday at 700 U.S. 70 West in Bingo Hall; 437-0770.

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LITERA • BOOK REVIEW

Fly fishing, life and ...

Production errors distract from an otherwise delightful read

BY LYNNE DAMRON
FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

Just read *Fly Fishing, Life & Other Things I Have Tried* by Ruidoso resident Joe Pike Farr (2010) and I must say it felt less like settling down for a good read and more like sitting around the kitchen table listening to a guy tell tales. Regrettably I found myself hoping a good editor and proofreader might suddenly walk in and join us at the table.

It's not that Joe doesn't have good stories to tell, he does. Buried in the 111 pages of this self-published, illustrated and highly personal paperback are some fun and funny adventures. What kept me from focusing on the fun parts was distraction by recurring errors, like erratic capitalizing (San Juan river and Pacific ocean), misuse of *it's* and *its* and misspellings (Toltrec Railroad), all easily fixed through attentive proofreading.

Farr exhibits a delightfully wry sense of humor ("My room had both a fly swatter and a toilet plunger. I always like to go first class.") and a fond appreciation for his wife's patience and good sportsmanship in the face of several trying experiences ("She looked at me lovingly and said, 'You smell like a skunk.'").

In fact, his writing shines in a few descriptions of exceptional natural beauty which were clearly inspiring to him.

Unfortunately again, these entertaining qualities lost their impact for me, woven as they were into an often-confusing sequence of events and time frames that cried out for clearer transitions and more logical arrangement.

Anyone who has fished, camped in an RV or had their dog sprayed by a skunk, would chuckle right along with Farr and his reminiscences. However, that feeling of total immersion into a good book that many readers are looking for doesn't happen in *Fly Fishing; Life & Other Things I Have Tried*.

That's too bad because sitting around the kitchen table and telling stories with Joe and Gay Farr might be kind of fun.

Fly Fishing, Life & Other Things I Have Tried

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FILM

Agora

Swords, sandals knowledge and love

BY JESSIE HANSON
¡VAMOS! EDITOR

Fourth century Roman Egypt provides the place and time for the historical fiction drama titled *Agora*.

Directed by Alejandro Amenábar, his first film since *The Sea Inside*, and co-written by Amenábar and Mateo Gil, *Agora* was released in Spain in 2009, becoming that country's top film of the year.

Agora tells a tale of social unrest and religious turmoil during the time when Rome was moving away from polytheism toward Christianity, and the slave Davus, played by Max Minghella, who pursues his freedom, while falling in love with his female master Hypatia of Alexandria.

Alexandria was recognized as a melting pot for its diversity and famous library, which was to have contained all of the world's knowledge. Theon, portrayed by Michael Lonsdale is the head of the library. Along with his daughter Hypatia, starring

Rachel Weisz, they fight to save the wisdom of the ancient world.

Hypatia is a beautiful and brilliant woman, included within the nobility class of Alexandria. Her position as a notable mathematician, astronomer and philosophy professor offers her the respect and independence she so values.

The Greek word "agora" means an open place of assembly, which were found in city-states of ancient Greece. This area provided the ruling entity a place to address its citizens, and in later times also served as a marketplace for the selling of goods.

Enveloped within the overall story, *Agora* addresses several issues of importance, such as religious conflict, the mysteries of science, fears of the unknown and the difficulty of respecting diversity, all of which remain relevant in society today.

Agora is presented by the Mesilla Valley Film Society Sept. 24 - 30, at The Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla. For more information, call 575-524-8287.



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OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

T'aint necessarily so

Three new countries
for your 'must see' list

Where will you find a Parliament House that is the second largest building in the entire world, an Arch of Triumph, the rose capital of Europe, a boulevard nicknamed Champs Elysees, cozy sidewalk cafes snuggled near designer boutiques, black pearls and Murano glass for sale, frothy cappuccinos and cheese-filled pizzas, Roman ruins and, within five minutes' walk of each other, a magnificent Eastern Orthodox church, synagogue, Roman Catholic church and mosque?

Surprise – it's not London, Paris, Holland, Venice, Rome or Istanbul.

Follow me – to where?

Do the words "Eastern Europe" call to mind gray, dull, dirty concrete buildings populated by heavily cloaked sullen individuals who scurry from shadowed doorways, avoiding the secret police or queuing for hours waiting for loaves of bread?

Put Serbia, Bulgaria or Romania on your "must see" list and blast that perception from your Cold War era memory bank.

That Parliament building, for example

It's the second largest building in the world (the first is the U.S. Pentagon)



and you'll find it in Bucharest, Romania.

Constructed of superlatives (1.5 metric tons of marble, umpteen pairs of velvet curtains (one of which weighs 1 ton), 17 stories of which six are underground, the largest assembly hall in the world, carpets so large they had to be loomed on premises, etc., etc.), the Parliament House of Romania in Bucharest was Nicolai Ceausescu's monument to greatness – his country's or his own depending on your perspective.

An hour-long guided tour leaves you aghast at its monumental splendor or crassness, again depending upon your perspective. Gaze from Par-

liament (also known as the Palace of the People) down a wide tree-lined boulevard that ends at an Arch of Triumph, a near duplicate of Paris's. Ceausescu's idea again was to construct this splendid avenue – exactly four meters longer than the Parisian Champs Elysees – leading to his Parliament.

Visit the entire country in a day?

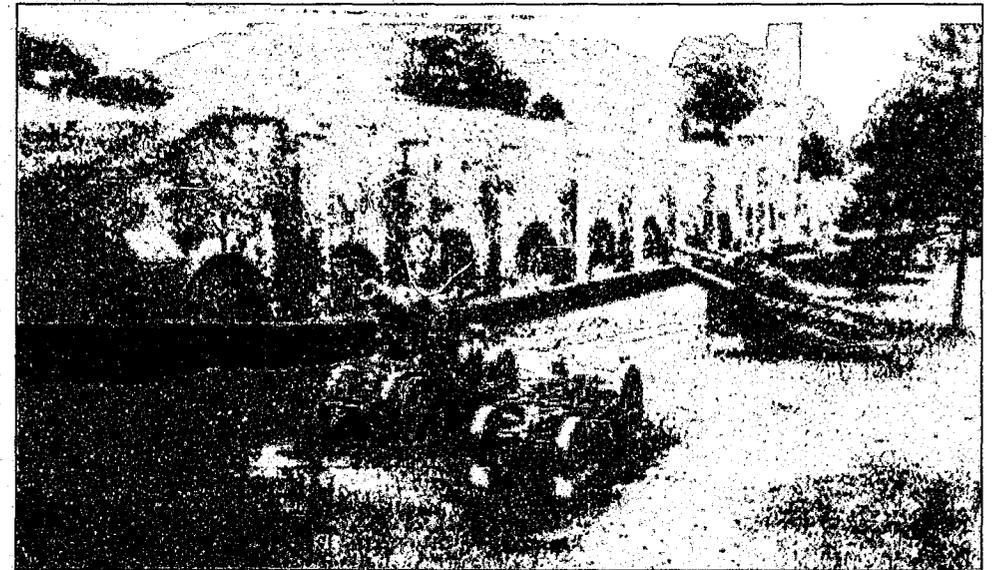
You can experience all of Romania in a day at the National Museum. This outdoor park-like museum displays re-located houses, barns, shops, chapels and other authentic buildings from around Romania.

Peek inside a Transylvanian farmhouse, pet a goat or ride a merry-go-round.

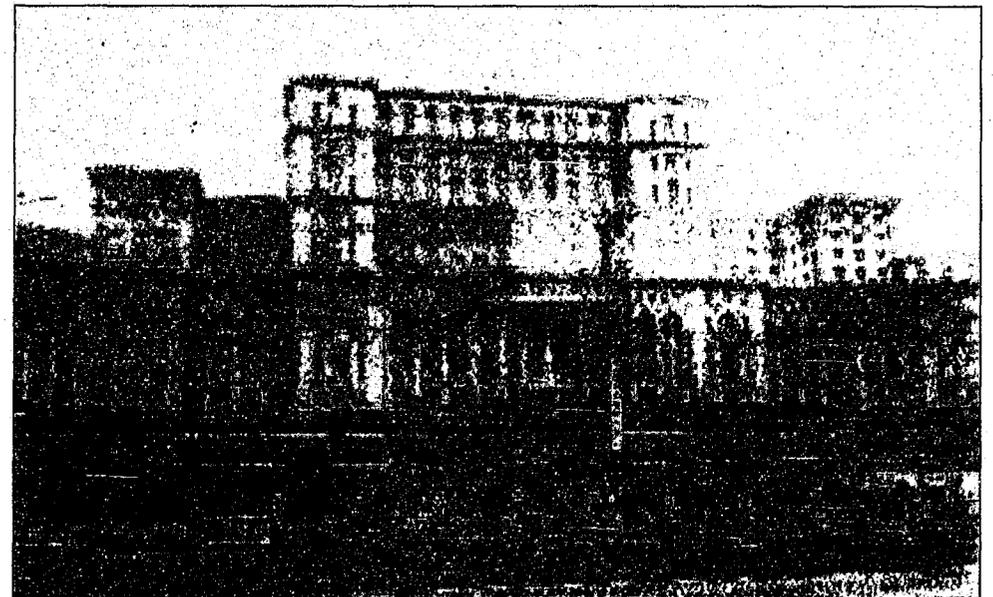
Boutiques in the Belgrade or Bulgaria

After window shopping at designer boutiques and gazing at golden-spired cathedrals, where will you slide under a table umbrella for a refreshing cappuccino? Not necessarily in Paris or Milan, but in Belgrade, Serbia.

Or purchase a freshwater black pearl necklace (not in Tahiti) and a Murano glass pendant (not in Venice), then fortify yourself for more international shopping with a hearty pizza dripping with cheese



Explore a preserved medieval fort in Rousse, Bulgaria (above), or the second largest building in the world, the "Palace of the People," built by Nicolai Ceausescu in Bucharest Romania, which exalted his greatness as much as his people's.



(not in Rome), but in Rousse, Bulgaria.

Rousse doesn't mean "rose" but it could. Bulgaria is the rose capital of Europe. Roses of every variety are grown here for export all over Europe and the world. You can also indulge yourself with rose creams, perfumes, cosmetics, even rose brandy and

rose candy. I tasted both and yes, they're delicious.

Rousse occupied a strategic location along the Danube, so not surprisingly, a strong fort guarded the city. Explore that fort yourself and imagine shooting a cannon at invaders.

Rousse's many parks and tree-shaded boulevards teem with happy

families out for a stroll on a sunny fall afternoon.

So much for gray, concrete block buildings and sullen natives. You'll never think of Eastern Europe the same way again.

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