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Dry winter forecast

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A strong La Niña forming in the Pacific replaces El Niño

The region could be setting up this coming winter for a 180-degree turnaround from last year when winter lived up to its name.

A rapidly strengthening La Niña has taken shape, the National Weather Service (NWS) office at Albuquerque said in a special briefing this week.

Many people are familiar with El Niño, and its typical increase in precipitation, often felt in southern New Mexico. The El Niño/La Niña Southern Oscillation (ENSO) describes sea surface temperatures in

the tropical Pacific Ocean, and its affects on weather.

"When we go from an El Niño to a La Niña, what's actually happening is we're getting changes in the sea surface temperatures," said NWS meteorologist Deirdre Kann. "So with this present La Niña we have temperatures that are colder than normal in the sea surface temperatures in the eastern portion of the tropical Pacific."

The temperatures are monitored by an array of buoys in the ocean. The readings show La Niña conditions are increasing.

"And what we have seen lately is that the El Niño of the winter we just came out of, 2009-2010, faded rapidly in the spring of 2010 and now we have, just as rapidly, preceded down in the La Niña portion of the ENSO cycle here in the early fall of 2010," said NWS hydrologist

Ed Polasko. "And you have to go back to about 1955 before you find a stronger La Niña condition for this early in the fall."

Nearly all the forecast models indicate that the La Niña will persist at least into the spring of 2011. Many of the models suggest the La Niña will strengthen from November 2010 until January 2011 before beginning to weaken.

"What we can see is that most of these models call for the La Niña conditions to actually strengthen a little bit as we go into the winter months and then persist into the springtime," said Kann.

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Ruidosan awarded the Purple Heart



COURTESY

Raised in Ruidoso, soldier Scott Gossett recuperates from leg wounds in a military hospital in Germany.

Scott Gossett recuperating from Afghan explosion

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Serving in Afghanistan, Spc. Scott Gossett knew he wouldn't be celebrating Labor Day like he used to in Ruidoso, where the weekend is the last hurrah for the summer tourist season.

And he knew danger was part of his job.

But on Sept. 6, while Gossett, 26, was on patrol in Afghanistan's Zabul province as an infantryman with the Vilseck, Germany-based 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, he was rocked by an explosion.

According to an account from Gossett related to a military publication, he was part of a convoy resupplying a forward operating base near dawn.

"The convoy, composed of Strykers and Afghan National Army pickup trucks, spent the morning rambling over hot, dusty roads and washed out wadis. By mid-morning, they reached an area of previous attacks."

Farther ahead in the convoy, he saw a truck explode, black smoke billowing from the burning hull. He closed his bag of Cheezits and silently prayed there was no secondary device, but one exploded, bouncing the Stryker and throwing Gossett forward.

He saw an injured buddy, but when he tried to help, Gossett realized his own legs were broken. He spent a week in bed or on a stretcher, first flying to Kandahar, then to Bagram and finally to Germany and the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, where his wife, Jennifer, joined him.

For his efforts, he was awarded the Purple Heart, and together in Germany, Scott and Jennifer participated in a Patriot Day celebration with other soldiers.

"Terrorism is designed to change the way people act," he said. "If we take this day, when a great tragedy occurred, and treat it like a funeral, then the terrorists win," he told the military publication. "If we remember it as a time when patriots came together and fought back, then we've already won."

Gossett's parents are Bobbie and Mike Gossett, who moved to Ruidoso

in 1991. Mike has owns Mike's Barber Shop for 17 years and Bobbie has been with Mountain Alarm for 16 years. "He's our only child," his mother said.

As with any devoted parent, her pride in his accomplishments and career is mixed with worry about his safety.

Scott Gossett graduated as an honor student from Ruidoso High School in 2002. He enlisted in the Army in September 2003, and spent three years active duty in the 3rd Infantry Division and one year in Iraq as a Bradley fighting vehicle driver, receiving the Combat Infantry Badge.

He was discharged in September 2006, and moved back to Ruidoso, working at City Bank. Gossett enlisted in the Army National Guard in September 2006 and reenlisted in the Army in September 2009.

He was deployed to Qalat, Afghanistan on June 23, 2010, with the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment FOB Apache. He is stationed at Rose Barrack in Vilseck, Germany, where his wife and their children, Caitlyn, Alexis and John, are with him.

Staffer files suit against village

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A former grant administrator for the village of Ruidoso is suing a previous and the current mayor, the village manager and deputy manager, asserting violation of her constitutional rights, retaliation for the exercise of protected speech, demotion as retaliation and violation of New Mexico's Whistleblower Act.

Represented by her attorney J. Robert Beauvais, Anna Gail Grassie filed an action Tuesday asking the U.S. District Court for a jury trial, for a preliminary injunction reinstating her to the position of grants administrator, a preliminary injunction to enjoin the defendants from harassing her or from further retaliation, the award of proven damages and for reasonable attorney fees.

Named as defendants individually and in their official capacities are former mayor L. Ray Nunley, Mayor Raymond G. Alborn, Village Manager Debi Lee and Deputy Village Manager William Morris.

Grassie, who is still employed by the village, contends that by answering questions truthfully in a public meeting she was demoted and harassed. She claims she spoke the truth when she told a councilor that a construction contract for the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant was signed by Nunley and Morris before full funding for the project was received.

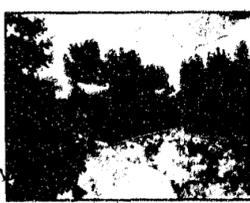
Village Attorney Dan Bryant said Thursday he had not yet received notice or a copy of the lawsuit and could not comment.

"We look forward to get-

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Marian Geronimo, Frank Lester, Candee Muniz, Justin Platta, Alexis Quinones, Zane Reynolds, Sarah Rue, Kayleen Schenk, Javier Segovia, Rylan Vega, Lea Zoller

Strong told the students, "As graduates of the 8th grade program, you have helped us enhance the quality of leadership in our area. Your enthusiasm, your willingness to participate, your frankness, your spirit, your humor - just being yourself - made this program more than we had envisioned.

"Long after we are gone, you will carry on the tradition of Leadership Lincoln. Knowing that you will face many challenges ahead, we have confidence you will meet these with integrity, gusto and a willingness to do the right thing."

Leadership Lincoln is a non-profit organization whose mission is "to identify, enlighten, encourage, and retain leaders of diverse backgrounds, occupations, and cultures for the purpose of enhancing the quality of leadership in our communities."

The concept for the 8th grade program began in 2008 and was implemented in 2009 at Ruidoso Middle School with the goals of: promoting the development and enhancement of leadership skills, defining leadership, developing leadership skills and practices and practicing leadership through service.

The initial session was held in November with subsequent sessions held each month covering a different topic and skill. Once school

ended the students committed to do at least one community service project to qualify for graduation from the program.

The school year ended on a high note for those involved with the 8th graders.

The next step is to provide this program to schools in Corona, Carrizozo, Capitan, Hondo and Mescalero as well as continue at the Ruidoso Middle School.

Leadership Lincoln alumni in each community will implement the sessions under the guidance of the Youth Leadership Committee. Eventually the hope is to expand the program to include students in the 6th and 7th grades.

First Friday lecture

The First Friday Adult Lecture Series at the Capitan Public Library presents four friends from a writers group who worked together to realize their dream of publishing their pieces.

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

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

First Friday Adult Lectures are held at Capitan Public Library, 102 E Second St. They begin at 7 p.m. and are free of charge. Following the lecture, refreshments are served.

For more information, call 354-3035.

Democrats meet

The Democratic Party of Lincoln County will meet at 5:30 p.m., Oct. 7, at the Party headquarters, 613 Sudderth Dr.

A pot luck dinner is scheduled and a working meeting will begin at 6 p.m.

Auditions held

Lincoln County Community Theater will conduct open auditions for upcoming dinner theater performances of *Christmas Shorts - An Evening of One Act Plays*.

Auditions are set for two days at Cree Meadows Country Club, 301 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso. The times are 2 p.m., Oct. 17, and 6 p.m., Oct. 18. Nine women and four men are needed for five one-act plays.

Education forum

Ruidoso Counseling & Mediation Services is hosting a free community education forum on Saturday, Oct. 9 from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Counselors will present on topics such as Spiritual/Emotional Roots of Disease; and Substances: from Use to Abuse.

The forum will be held at the Gateway Church

Fellowship Hall, 415 Sudderth Dr. Everyone is welcome. Light snacks will be provided.

Call no later than today to register. 258-8605.

DWI council

The regular meeting of the DWI Planning Council is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 3:30 p.m., at the Sheriff's Substation (next to the Library), on Kansas City Rd., Ruidoso.

Enduro race

A 100-mile-long Enduro Timed Motorcycle Event, hosted by the Prairie Dawgs Motorcycle Club of Alamogordo, will take place on the Sacramento Ranger District, Lincoln National Forest, on Sunday, Oct. 3.

This event will include approximately 150 riders traveling through the mountains neighboring NM Highway 6563, commonly known as the Sunspot Scenic Highway.

Forest officials remind the public only Enduro participants are authorized to vary from the designated roads and trails identified on the Sacramento Ranger District Motor Vehicle Use Map for this event. If you are not an Enduro event participant, please remember to practice good off-Highway Vehicle use and stay on forest designated roads and trails.

Riders will be using numerous Forest roads and crossing Sunspot Highway in two locations. Use caution and be wary as event

Leadership Lincoln

The graduating class of Leadership Lincoln's 8th grade program were honored on Monday September 27th at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. Cheryl Strong, Chairman

of Leadership Lincoln presented certificates to Frank Lester, Zane Reynolds, Lea Zoller and Rylan Vega, all of Ruidoso Middle School. The entire class includes:

Bunshry Bhakta, Harley Bonnell, Alexa Davis, Claudia Diaz, Harlynn

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AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
RealFeel 88° Humidity 30% 82° 52° Sunny and very warm Wind: WNW 4-8 mph	RealFeel 84° Humidity 35% 77° 62° Sunny Wind: E 4-8 mph	RealFeel 73° Humidity 59% 70° 52° Clouds and sun; nice, not as warm Wind: S 7-14 mph	RealFeel 71° Humidity 47% 63° 52° An afternoon thunderstorm possible Wind: S 6-16 mph	RealFeel 73° Humidity 49% 74° 43° Pleasant with clouds and sun Wind: SSW 10-20 mph	RealFeel 70° Humidity 53% 55° 44° Mostly cloudy with a thunderstorm Wind: SSE 10-20 mph	RealFeel 62° Humidity 57% 58° 42° A couple of afternoon thunderstorms Wind: SSE 6-12 mph

Regional Cities

Gallup 84/41	Grants 84/38	Albuquerque 85/57	Tucuman 87/54
Reserve 86/46	Socorro 89/48	Mountainair 88/47	Santa Rosa 90/50
Silver City 84/52	Las Cruces 87/58	Roswell 92/53	Clovis 85/53
Lordsburg 91/55	Chaparral 88/59	Fort Sumner 90/53	Carlsbad 89/54
Deming 87/49	El Paso 88/60	Ruidoso 82/52	Pecos 90/54
Sunland Park 88/60	Cloudcroft 74/43	Alamogordo 88/51	
Cludad Juárez 88/61			

Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/low 81°/50°
Normal high 72°
Normal low 39°
Record high 81° (2010)
Record low 22° (1948)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.55"
Normal month to date 1.82"
Year to date 13.28"
Normal year to date 18.14"

Alamogordo
Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/low 92°/58°
Normal high 82°
Normal low 54°
Record high 95° (1977)
Record low 40° (1965)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 1.04"
Normal month to date 1.82"
Year to date 10.52"
Normal year to date 9.99"

National Forecast for Oct. 1, 2010

City	Today	Sat.	City	Today	Sat.
Abilene	81/57/s	79/55/s	Albuquerque	85/57/s	83/58/s
Anchorage	56/48/sh	55/42/c	Artesia	91/57/s	88/57/s
Allanta	78/54/s	77/54/s	Chama	78/39/t	74/36/t
Austin	88/56/s	84/54/s	Clayton	81/51/s	71/48/pc
Baltimore	72/50/pc	67/48/s	Cloudcroft	74/43/s	72/39/s
Boston	68/55/r	65/49/s	Farmington	87/48/s	85/50/s
Chicago	69/45/s	57/42/pc	Hobbs	89/55/s	84/52/pc
Dallas	85/60/s	82/56/s	Los Alamos	78/46/s	73/46/t
Denver	82/48/s	77/48/pc	Portales	86/53/s	80/49/pc
Des Moines	73/48/s	62/40/s	Raton	84/46/s	74/43/t
Detroit	66/45/s	58/39/pc	Red River	72/36/t	67/39/t
El Paso	88/60/s	87/61/s	Ruidoso	82/52/s	77/52/s
Las Vegas	100/75/s	97/71/s	Santa Fe	84/50/s	78/49/pc
Los Angeles	88/68/t	85/67/pc	Silver City	84/52/s	80/53/s
Minneapolis	62/40/s	55/39/s	Teos	81/44/t	75/42/t
New Orleans	84/62/s	83/64/s			
New York City	70/54/r	69/52/s			
Philadelphia	74/52/r	67/50/s			
Phoenix	105/78/s	103/78/s			
Reno	91/52/s	92/53/s			
San Francisco	68/54/pc	68/53/s			
San Diego	78/65/t	74/65/pc			
Seattle	73/81/s	68/50/pc			
Tucson	99/70/s	99/69/s			
Tulsa, OK	78/54/s	77/46/s			
Wash., DC	74/51/s	69/51/s			
Wichita	78/53/s	74/47/s			
Yuma	102/78/pc	102/76/pc			

Mexican Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Acapulco	90/73/pc	90/73/pc
Cancun	88/68/pc	88/68/pc
Chihuahua	84/52/s	86/52/s
Cludad Juárez	88/61/s	80/44/s
Leon	81/50/s	80/41/s
México, DF	75/45/s	75/48/s
Monterrey	90/63/s	90/63/s
Morelia	82/50/s	82/49/s
Oaxaca	81/52/pc	82/54/pc
Pto. Penasco	95/75/s	95/74/s
Tijuana	79/63/pc	77/61/pc

Sun and Moon

Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:57 a.m./6:48 p.m.
Friday: Moonrise/Moonset none/2:33 p.m.

Moon Phases

Last New First Full
Sep 30 Oct 7 Oct 14 Oct 22

Extremes

Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 113° in Death Valley, CA
Low: 23° in Stanley, ID

Wednesday's World High/Low:
High: 113° in Death Valley, USA
Low: -7° in Summit Station, Greenland

THE COMMUNITY PAGE

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participants will be stationed at these crossings. Be prepared for minor delays that may occur due to increased traffic, so please plan accordingly.

All forest offices have the current Motor Vehicle Use Map that identifies the National Forest System roads and trails designated for motor vehicle use.

Operators of off-highway vehicles should drive cautiously and protect themselves and those under their responsibility.

For more information, call the Sacramento Ranger District Office at 575-682-2551, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Trinity Site open

The southern New Mexico site of the world's first atomic explosion, Trinity Site, will be open to the public on Saturday.

Access to Trinity Site, through the Stallion Gate, will be available from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Stallion Gate is five miles south of U.S. Highway 380, on NM Route 525. Route 525 is about 53 miles west of Carrizozo.

Because Trinity Site is on the White Sands Missile Range, visitors should have a photo identification. The driver may be asked for a vehicle registration and proof of vehicle insurance.

Another option is to join a caravan that will assemble at Tularosa High School's athletic field parking lot. The convoy will leave the parking lot at 8 a.m. and travel through the missile range. The drive is about 150 miles roundtrip and there are no gas stations. Cameras are allowed at Trinity Site but cannot be used to take photos anywhere else on White Sands Missile Range.

The world's first atomic bomb was detonated at 5:29 a.m. on July 16, 1945 at Trinity Site. At the location visitors can walk about a quarter-of-a-mile to ground zero. Visitors can also take a two-mile bus ride to the ranch house where scientists assembled the bomb.

gordo Senior Center.

Amy Krzeszewski, an occupational therapist, will share ideas to help with daily living, from bathing, dressing and yard work to house chores.

A respiratory therapist and home health providers also will be on hand to answer questions.

For more information on this meeting and others, including in Lincoln County, call Jan Lundstrom at 575-443-2499, or the Pulmonary Department at Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center at 575-443-2745.

Airport funds

Ruidoso's Sierra Blanca Regional Airport will receive \$85,290 from the Federal Aviation Administration to install airfield guidance signs at the airfield.

Funding for upgrade projects at three airports in the state will be forwarded by the FAA.

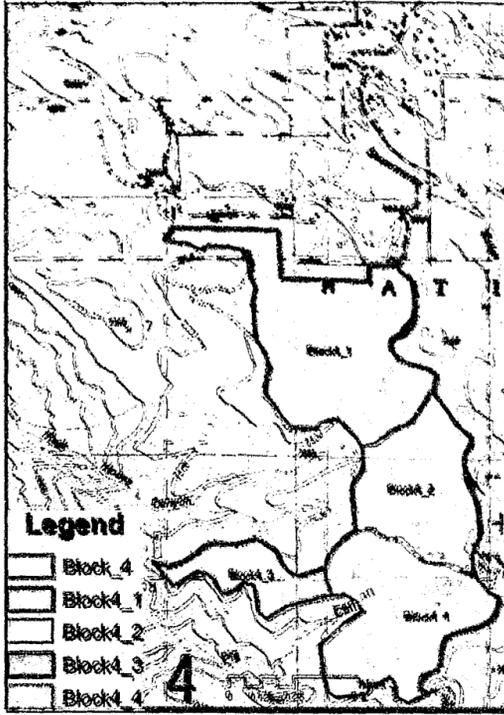
Mammograms

For the 22nd year in a row, Altrusa Club of Ruidoso will partner with Lincoln County Medical Center to offer low cost mammograms to residents of Lincoln County. The program is available Monday through Friday, from Oct. 4 through Oct. 29, at a cost of \$55.

In order to take advantage of this program, you must be between 30 and 64 years of age, and be a Lincoln County resident, or have a doctor in Lincoln County. The program offers routine mammograms only, and cannot serve patients with implants or augmentation.

The Altrusa Low Cost Mammogram Program is designed for people who are uninsured or those with high deductibles, who could not otherwise afford the cost of an annual mammogram. Since the price is deeply discounted, it is not eligible for insurance reimbursement.

Call Terri Trotter in Ruidoso at 258-4615 to schedule an appointment for this life saving procedure.



Martinez Burn

The Sacramento Ranger District will implement the Martinez Prescribed Burn beginning as early as Monday, and will continue through the end of the month, weather conditions permitting.

The Martinez burn will consist of about 629 acres and is one of the Sacramento Ranger District's components of their hazardous fuels reduction program. Fire management officials' plans are to treat small acres of land at a time.

The burn area is located about 2 miles south of the community of High Rolls. District fire crews have been preparing the burn

area, and are also closely monitoring weather forecasts and fuels conditions to ensure that objectives will be accomplished and to minimize the impacts of smoke to populated areas.

Residents of High Rolls, Cloudcroft, Alamogordo, and La Luz may see and smell smoke for the duration of the burn. Smoke is expected to be highly visible along US 82 from Alamogordo to Cloudcroft, as well as Westside Road (Forest Road 90) and the Sunspot Highway (NM State Highway 63/65).

Signs will be posted along roadways that may be affected by the smoke and motorists are urged to use caution while driving through the area.



Jim Miller and Lorena LaMay joined the Lincoln County Federation of Republican Women for lunch at their September meeting. Judge LaMay, candidate for Magistrate Division II, spoke of the responsibilities of being a Magistrate Judge. Mr. Miller gave an informative presentation on recycling.

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Alpine Village

The Alpine Village Water and Sanitation District will meet at 5:30 p.m., Oct. 4, in the District's building at 114 Alpine Meadows Trail. This meeting will cover regular business for the District, such as paying bills and reporting on the operations of the water system.

The agenda also may contain discussion regarding committees to address the Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan and Capacity Assessment.

Residents of the District are welcome to attend.

Huff n Puff

Huff n Puff, a Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease support group, will meet from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday, at the Alamo-

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There will be a potluck cook's dinner Friday evening.
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For further information, directions and parking instructions contact:
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OUR OPINION

Mescalero dog problem belongs to community

Coordinated effort needed to alleviate suffering

It sounds like a dirty little secret, but it's been commonly known that the Mescalero Apache Reservation has long had a severe problem with stray dogs.

The Apaches, of course, are not the only ones who treat dogs like, well, dogs. But we hear tale of dogs being passed among families, neither spayed nor neutered, left to roam down to Highway 70, where their corpses line the roadside.

We hear that, upon complaints of strays, animal control officers arrive and shoot them, and that their carcasses

are piled up behind a grade school, some of them beheaded, attracting flies for days.

We hear about wandering dogs so famished they eat pinecones and deer droppings. Survivors form feral packs that attack pets and wildlife.

We can only hope that Wednesday's story on a massive dog rescue will spur progressive solutions. And we thank rescuer Sunny Aris for her part in coming to the aid of these poor, suffering animals.

It will take a community effort, far beyond Mescalero's boundaries, to support her.

Didn't you hear?

The recession's over

Among the many bad communication ideas George W. Bush administration's came up with was the famous "Mission Accomplished" speech aboard the aircraft carrier USS Lincoln.

It would prove a shaker of salt in the open wound that would become the long-running conflict in Iraq.

So it was with great interest that I read the headlines declaring the "End of the Great Recession."

Experts said this. You know, like the financial experts or economic experts.

So many quarters of growth equal life is grand. In fact, according to the experts, the Great Recession wrapped up in June. Not last June, either. June 2009.

That's right. Unbeknownst to you, your family, your friends, even your enemies, the good times have been rolling for almost fifteen months. Which explains why President Barack Obama's economic experts, Lawrence Summers, Peter Orszag and Christina Romer, all philosophers who've never experienced the private sector, left with flags flying high, I suppose.

"Mission accomplished!" Save a slight unemployment problem, which doesn't factor into the measurement of the recession. Last June the Bureau of Labor Statistics said real, non-adjusted unemployment was just under 17 percent. That was June 2010.

Here in the Land of Enchantment, state unemployment, seasonally adjusted, at that, is up a tick to 8.3 percent. In Nevada unemployment is at 14.4 percent. That's a state that went for Obama in 2008. Bad karma, I guess.

Another sign the Great Recession is over: Bill Richardson holds a yard sale. Rats. I missed it.

If the Great Recession is indeed over and unemployment is still off the charts, what exactly does that say for the future of jobs coming back?

Does this mean employers — who currently have no incentive to create new jobs anyway, given the increase in health insurance costs with Obamacare

— have adjusted to making fewer of us work that much harder? And, as if the end of the Great Recession weren't enough good news, wages are stagnant.

Now that's a recovery we can believe in.

If you can find a copy of the September 21 *Albuquerque Journal* you'll find that directly above the headline, "It's Official: Great Recession Ended Last Year, Just Doesn't Feel Like It's

Over" is a story about a sadly small protest in Santa Fe over the Environmental Department's plan to impose a cap and trade "program," according to the *Journal*.

It's a tax. A big one. It's a tax on oil, gas, coal — the energy sector that has long helped New Mexico's economy inch along over the last 95-plus years.

And even though the Great Recession has ended, the sliver of private industry that New Mexico has — including our energy sector — can't absorb another tax. Taxes cost jobs.

You see, 8.4 percent unemployment in "recession proof" New Mexico is an indication of just how bad things truly are across the nation.

Technically, perhaps, the Great Recession has drawn to a close. But take a look at the polls. More than 60 percent of us feel we're headed in the wrong direction. The president's numbers are awful, but they shine in comparison to how the people feel about Congress.

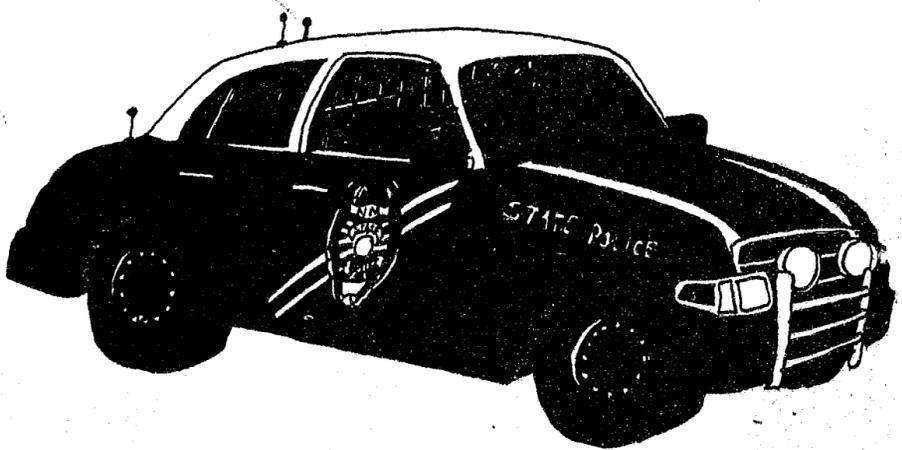
Is there anything shining from beneath the rubble of our economy?

I believe the answer is yes. It's not the fact that Congress is going to massively change in roughly 30-plus days.

It's Ford. Ford Motors stands out because its demonstrated leadership and innovation trump government management every time. Think of it as something akin to Capitalism, 1, Socialism, 0.

The private sector, not government will determine when we're truly out of this mire. As the saying goes, "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem." It's pretty clear growing government isn't part of the solution.

HIGHWAY 48 HAS A BEEFED UP PRESENCE.



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YOUR OPINION

Ramp up military visits to weekly

To the editor:

To THOSE community boosters who are working with Fort Bliss to increase military interest in our area as a recreational site, may I suggest an idea that could keep Ruidoso in the eyes and ears of the Fort Bliss community on a year-round basis rather than putting all our eggs in one basket for a once-a-year military appreciation weekend?

Most Army units, from company level up to division, have ongoing competitions to select and reward their most outstanding soldiers and NCO's, their Soldiers of the Month. My proposal is that the Ruidoso business community should insert itself into this process by further rewarding some of these outstanding soldiers by creating a Military Family of the Week Program. Each month some of those winning soldiers and their

families could be picked by lottery and treated to an expense paid weekend in our resort community.

Responsibility for room accommodations and meals could be rotated among the major hotels and restaurants to keep the financial burden on any one from becoming oppressive. Naturally, this program should only involve our larger business entities for whom it wouldn't work a hardship.

Think about how such an ongoing program could benefit our area. Part of the deal would require the Fort Bliss leadership to ensure that the post newspaper and unit bulletins and newsletters contain a blurb about the current Military Family of the Week. It might be possible to get the El Paso Times to include a mention in their military news section.

So, rather than have an annual recognition with a military appreciation week, we could have happy families returning to Fort Bliss every Sunday of the year with positive stories about our community, its generosity and all its natural wonders. Every week, military families would be exposed to favorable information about our natural treasures. This could be further enhanced by having representatives from Ruidoso making presentations at meetings of the Enlisted Wives' Clubs, the NCO Wives' Clubs and the Officers' Wives' Clubs.

Would such a program require detailed coordination between Ruidoso and Fort Bliss? You betcha, but isn't that precisely what we're trying to accomplish here?

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Ruidoso

Is water 'conservation' a hoax?

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Writers on the Range

The dirty little secret about Western water is that water conservation is a hoax, or at best a waste of time.

When we conserve water by using less, we don't save it for the health of the watershed or put it aside in any way; we simply make it available for someone else to consume, if not today, then tomorrow in the next strip mall or housing development down the road.

In this respect, water conservation is good for the short-term economy because the water it frees up keeps the real estate industry, the building trades and much else going. But it doesn't work out well for the resilience of our communities because it leads to "hardened demand." That means that the water is needed all the time, no matter what.

This is the big irony of water management: In dry times, the practice of wasting water becomes our best friend. When water has been used wastefully, it is easy to deal with drought. Once everybody stops watering the lawn or washing the car, current demand drops like a stone.

But when everybody conserves all the time — putting in low-flow toilets, xeriscaping the yard and all that other good stuff in both the public and private sectors — the demand for water "hardens." The uses that remain are essential; you can't turn them off, and sometimes you can barely pare them back.

Conservation enables a community with fixed water resources to continue growing. But the more it grows on the strength of

conservation, the more vulnerable it becomes to drought. Then when dry times inevitably come, there's no flex in the system.

One logical response is to limit growth, but I don't know of a single community that has done this without unintended consequences. Consider Bolinas, Calif. Because of limited water supplies, Bolinas put a cap on the number of water meters its utility would support. This past spring, *The New York Times* reported that one of these meters changed hands for a cool \$300,000. Outside of small, boutique communities like Bolinas, a major spike in the cost of access to water would be socially and politically unacceptable.

Environmentalists might respond by saying, "Communities will have to handle shortages the best they can. In the meantime, we enviros need to secure in-stream flows for rivers and place those water rights in a blast-proof public trust. That way we can prevent the collapse of rivers and streams that sustain the non-human environment."

The trouble is, anything can be raided. There is no such thing as a blast-proof public trust, and certainly not if whole cities face death by thirst. That kind of threat may not be far away.

Most climate-change models forecast reduced water availability in the Southwest usually on the order of 10 percent to 30 percent. Higher temperatures and faster evaporation guarantee that the region will become more arid even if precipitation remains constant. (But don't bet on precipitation remaining "normal.")

Our utilities tell us that conservation is the answer to future

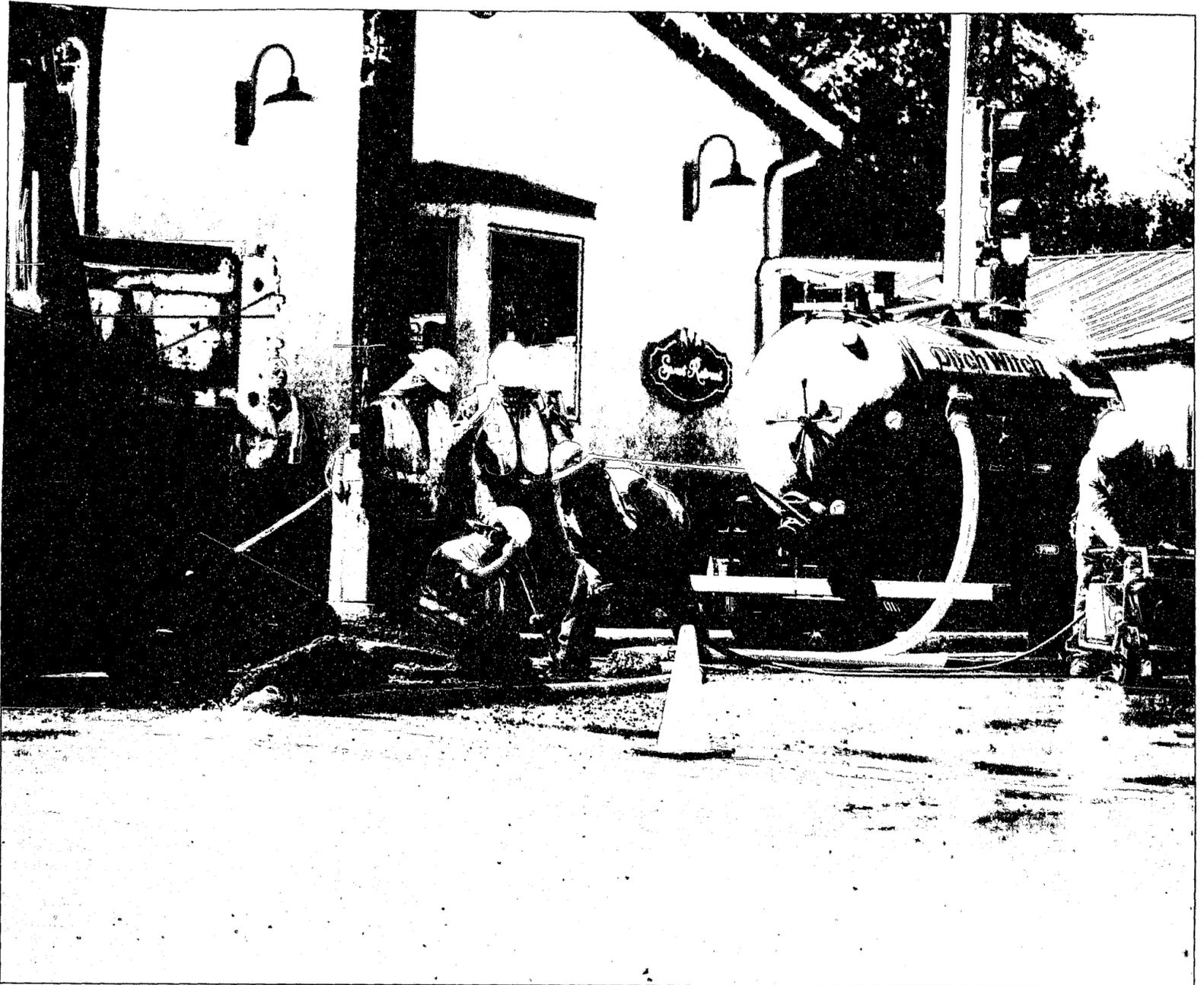
water scarcity. I think they tell us that because they don't have another answer. In a pinch, utilities will also talk about "augmentation," meaning desalination, interbasin transfers, etc., which might keep the water-supply hamster wheel spinning for another generation or so, at considerable fiscal and environmental cost. But none of these strategies will stop the wheel of increasing need and hardening demand from spinning.

And no one dares mention that, over the long term, water conservation paints us into a tighter and tighter corner. Optimists say that conservation at least buys us time by putting off the day of reckoning. This may be true, but what are we doing with the time we've bought?

Pragmatists argue that, when push comes to shove, we can always squeeze more water out of agriculture. Some water districts have already done this, partly by financing agricultural efficiencies, partly by moving the water out and dewatering valleys. Even this strategy has limits, however, and it raises other troubling issues, such as: How do we feed ourselves?

In the end we are back where we started, lacking the ability to set limits and live within them. I don't have an answer to this conundrum, but it seems to me that the sooner people start talking about it openly, the better our chances of solving it. Meanwhile, our rivers, cities, and farms remain in peril.

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A Ruidoso village crew deals with a Sudderth Drive water line break that cut water service to the Midtown area on Wednesday.

Pressure surge disrupts water service to Midtown

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Many Midtown businesses and some nearby residences were without water service Wednesday when a water line burst in the ground.

The break, at Sudderth and Eagle drives, forced the Ruidoso Water and Sewer Department to shut off the water system in the area to make repairs.

The water outage affected all of Midtown, from Sudderth Drive

south to the Wingfield area. One of the buildings affected was the Ruidoso Athletic Club, which uses water for its showers.

Village engineer Bob Decker said the decades-old line probably broke during a morning pressure surge.

Village Projects Manager Justin King confirmed, excessive pressure caused a 3.5-inch hole in a 6-inch water line.

"The problem was a PRV, a pressure relief valve," said King.

"It went wide open and that

caused a surge of water pressure."

King said a lot of water leaked, which was pumped out of the excavated hole.

The break happened at about 9:30 a.m.

Because of the need to dig through the pavement on a part of Sudderth Drive to get to the leak, eastbound Sudderth Drive traffic was rerouted for much of Wednesday onto Wingfield Street.

For a time other traffic was

detoured to Center Street, Rio Street and Country Club Drive.

The water was turned back on about 3 p.m., and the dug out part of the roadway in front of the municipal public restrooms was filled back in by 6 p.m.

"We're waiting for the area to dry out before going in with asphalt," Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris said of the street section excavated to get to the leak.

"It's too wet and we can't compact it. It's like trying to compact

Play-Do."

Morris said a graveled section of one of Sudderth Drive's eastbound lanes could have rough surface for Saturday's AspenFest parade.

But King said a village crew had dug into the location again Thursday afternoon to place Geogrid fabric into the ground. The fabric is used over soft ground to act like a bridge.

"We may pave it tomorrow so it's ready for the parade," said King.

Village adopts holiday schedule mirroring the state's

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A recommendation for a Ruidoso village holiday schedule submitted by a committee of department heads proposed eliminating float days and adding one more designated holiday to increase the number to 13 for municipal employees.

But by the time councilors finished discussing the issue Tuesday, a schedule of 10 holidays mirroring the same dates as New Mexico state employees receive, was approved in a 4-2 vote. Councilors Rafael Salas and Jim Stoddard voted against the motion by Councilor Denise Dean that was supported by Councilors Gloria Sayers, Angel Shaw and Don Williams.

Dean's motion also eliminated language that would have extended holidays to some part-time employees.

A workshop on the village personnel policy may be scheduled later this month or in November, and the issue could be revisited at that time, councilors said.

The holiday schedule originally was included on the council's consent agenda, under which no discussion occurs and several items are approved in one motion. But Dean asked to pull it off the consent and to include it as the last regular item under the business agenda for the council meeting.

Tania L. Proctor, Human Resources director, said department heads complained that trying to keep track of floating holidays is difficult and they prefer scheduling more designated holidays, eliminating floating days. They also recommended including part-time employees, who work 20 hours or more.

Under their recommendation, added to the existing list of standard holidays would be Veteran's Day, Columbus Day, President's Day and Good Friday before Easter to replace the three floating holidays and to add a 13th holiday.

The changes would take effect Jan. 1, 2011, she said.

"The reason for this resolution coming to council now is that we want to get our 2011 holiday schedule set and these are the same holiday recommendations that will be forth coming in the new personnel manual," Proctor told councilors.

Under the committee-recommended policy, holidays observed on Mondays are Martin Luther King's Birthday, Memorial Day and Labor Day. Columbus Day and Presidents Day would be added.

Holidays observed on the actual day are Thanksgiving and the Friday after Thanksgiving. Added would be Veterans Day and Good Friday before Easter.

The holidays of Independence Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas

and New Year's Day also are on the permanent list.

Proctor said the changes were not her personal preference, but that of members of the committee consisting of department heads. She sought action from the council, because employees for planning purposes want to know if they will be allocated floating days and if they will be off New Year's Day, she said. The final draft of a personnel policy won't be reviewed until later in the year.

Standardized schedule

Dean said she preferred mirroring federal and state holidays for the convenience of customers in knowing when municipal offices will be closed. If the council wants to grant two additional days beyond the 10 state holidays to stay with the current 12 for village employees, those two days could be floating days to ensure village offices won't have to close, she suggested.

Village Manager Debi Lee said because employees already saw cutbacks in overtime and stand-by pay, she did not favor cutting any current holidays. She agreed with Dean that if the state calendar is followed for office closings, the full 12 days could still be maintained.

Mayor Ray Alborn said he'd hate to cut back to 10 holidays and asked Lee if going with the new schedule would "cost us a

bunch of money."

"Yes sir," Lee replied.

Proctor said in checking, the state has 10 holidays and one personal day. The city of Las Cruces grants 11 holidays and a personal day, Española has 12 holidays and a personal day, Carrizozo employees are given 13 holidays and a personal day, the city of Alamogordo has 12 holidays and Ruidoso Downs has 12 with a personal day, she said.

Salas, who previously worked as village parks director, said the floating day approach was used because it allowed the village to offer service to visitors on holidays such as Presidents Day, Columbus Day and Veterans Day. "That was the thinking back then," he said.

"They set the holidays and added as the state added. We gave up Veterans Day for the Friday after Thanksgiving. The goal was customer service, especially during the summer for Parks and Recreation crews. I honestly liked working on days the others were off."

"It comes back to the public," Dean said. "I don't want them walking up to Village Hall when they think we should be open and finding the doors locked."

"I agree," Sayers said. "Until we are fiscally stable, I do not want to grow government."

"Customer Service is important, but we need to reward employees," Lee said. "I don't feel

comfortable taking away any days."

Dean also wanted to eliminate holidays for part-time employees.

Shaw said when people work part-time, they do not expect holidays or benefits.

"The public will be paying for those days off," Williams said. "We're spending their money to give more days off."

Lee said she preferred staying with the standardized holidays and mirroring the state schedule. She suggested forgetting Good Friday and remaining at 12 holidays, but all with specified dates.

Proctor said the schedule could be posted on boards and doors for the public.

Williams proposed beginning with the 10 state holidays and modifying the schedule at a workshop, or for the same committee to begin with state holidays and recommend 12 specific dates.

Village Clerk Irma Devine, one of the committee members, assured councilors the list was reviewed several times and didn't have to go back for another review. The recommendation was submitted and the decision lies with the council.

Proctor said while she preferred staying with 12 days, "The employees feel differently. They feel things were taken away already. Department heads want something standardized, because of floating days being hard to track."

BUSINESS

LC transit may return to Downs

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After moving its operation from Ruidoso Downs to Ruidoso exactly one year ago, Lincoln County Transit may return to Ruidoso Downs before the end of this year or early in 2011.

Funding from the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will finance security fencing to store busses and vans on municipal property that belongs to Ruidoso Downs. The city oversees Lincoln County Transit (LTC).

A secure location for the busses and vans is a federal requirement for the vehicles that were funded through a U.S. Department of Transportation program. That brought the year ago relocation to the west end of Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso.

"You have some property close down here by the Public Works Department and the plan is to move back to the city of Ruidoso Downs and be closer to the public works department and the maintenance

crew," LCT manager Patti DeSoto told city councilors. "Hopefully we'll have that fence done by the end of the year."

DeSoto said that was the reason for asking the city council to renew a rental agreement on a monthly basis for the current bus storage site and office in Ruidoso.

The rental agreement extension, with the Laura Price Reynolds Trust, increases the \$600 per month rental charge to \$700 to cover heating costs.

The heating addition is based on the average cost from the previous year. Electricity, paid by the landlord the past year, will now be the responsibility of LCT.

"She has agreed to month-to-month as long as I give her 90 days," DeSoto said.

"Can you give us some idea when that site might be ready?" asked City Councilor Dean Holman. "When will the fence be started and completed?"

DeSoto said pricing of the fence would soon be looked at and it should not

take too long. "I would think give the notice plenty early and project when the fence will be completed so that we go ahead and get that money into the Downs," said Holman.

DeSoto called that "logical thinking."

DeSoto declined to reveal the stimulus program's funding because LTC had not yet gone out for bid for the fencing project.

But she called the amount "substantial to build a decent fence."

The funding does not require a local match other than having the property.

"So there's no cost to the city," said DeSoto.

The planned bus storage property is located along U.S. Highway 70 next to the White Mountain Mobile Home Park.

"It's a relatively flat area pretty much ready to build on to house our vehicles right now," said DeSoto.

"Hopefully in the future, if Lincoln County Transit continues, I'm going to seek additional funding to build an office there."



COURTESY

Brenna Chino, originally from Mescalero, starts another day at her thriving business in Artesia.

Mescalero mom thrives in new business

A Mescalero mom is doing extremely well in business, continuing what she had done as an at home mother for 14 years.

Brenna Chino recently opened her Maids for Mom business in Artesia where she and her family moved in 2007. The business provides cleaning services to commercial and residential properties, providing services such as laundry cleaning and doing the dishes to as much as a thorough spring-cleaning.

"I have been in business

six months, but just recently went from a home business to an office because the business is doing so well," said Chino. "Right now I have two cleaning crews with myself running the office. I must admit, this transition from an at home mother for 14 years to business owner doing all the cleaning to now no cleaning and just taking care of the business end has been a challenging and exciting opportunity."

Maids for Mom serves Artesia and the surround-

ing area, from Roswell to Carlsbad. Chino said she would like to expand into the Ruidoso area.

Chino said her husband Joel, who is also from Mescalero, is her biggest supporter. "I couldn't do it without God and him," she said.

Maids for Moms offers special rates for low income households and disabled persons. Citing Philippians 2:1-11, Chino said she wants to help others. She credited God for inspiring her business and her life.

PRC wants propane sides to agree

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The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) wants the liquid propane gas industry and consumer watchdogs to reach some middle ground on regulation of the propane industry in the state.

Following a six-hour public hearing on Sept. 23, the commission extended the period for providing written public comments to the PRC by one week.

A final draft of proposed consumer protections is expected to go to the commission later this fall for either approval or back to legal counsel in the PRC.

In early 2009, the New Mexico Legislature passed a bill that gave the commission the authority to adopt rules to protect consumer rights with respect to propane services. An order beginning the process of

promulgating rules was issued by the PRC on Sept. 15, 2009, which listed the scope of the inquiry related to propane services in the state.

A working group, that included members of the propane industry, the state's Construction Industries Division, and consumer groups, held five meetings between November 2009 and April 2010.

On June 25, 2010, Prosperity Works (formerly known as Community Action New Mexico) submitted a proposed draft rule.

They called for ensuring that propane dealers in New Mexico provide "transparent, accurate and timely information to residential delivery customers."

Dealers would be required to disclose things like tank rental fees and procedures when tanks are removed. They would have

to offer payment plans to smooth out the annual cost of propane and attempt to arrange a payment agreement for past-due charges.

Residential delivery customers would not be penalized for low or minimal usage and dealers would have to fill orders for 50 gallons or more during the heating season instead of making customers fill up or purchase at least a larger minimal amount.

They would be required to make propane customers aware of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and require the dealers to accept payments from the program.

Kira Jones, Prosperity Works' director of Energy Initiatives, said the bill was passed in response to customer complaints such as different propane charges for different households, minimum fill requirements, and getting all propane vendors to accept LIHEAP.

If the regulations are eventually adopted, New Mexico would be among the first states in the U.S. to regulate propane dealers.

CORD seeks certified community status

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Ruidoso Downs will seek to maintain its Certified Communities Initiative status with the New Mexico Economic Development Department.

The city will submit their Community Business Plan to the NMEDD as part of its application to remain a certified community.

The Certified Communities Initiative Program (CCI) assists the NMEDD to encourage and support New Mexico communities in their efforts to create new jobs. The initiative emphasizes recruitment and well as retention and expansion of existing businesses.

But the Community Business Plan resolution before the city council Monday evening was unclear to at least one council member.

"My only question about the business plan, and I don't have it in front of me, I know we've gone through the process of doing this, but as a council, we have to have the information in front of us to see it before we decide," said Councilor Gary Williams.

City Clerk Carol Virden said the only change to the Community Business Plan was a required three-year plan instead of the previous two years.

"And that's the only change," said Virden.

The NMEDD's Community Development Team

worked with Ruidoso Downs several years ago toward achieving CCI status, which included passage of a Local Economic Development Act.

The city has a website dedicated to its Economic Development Board which stated the board's goal is to attract new industry to the city and diversify revenues to the city.

The website includes a link to properties that are available, information about the city and support services, and resources that are located in the area.

The NMEDD said being a Certified Community shows the world that the local government is willing to invest in the infrastructure that successful, growing businesses need.

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State animal---Black Bear
State bird---Chaparral Bird, commonly called Roadrunner
State cookie---Bizcochito
State fish---Cutthroat Trout
State flag---A field of yellow containing the ancient Pueblo of Zia sun symbol of red in the center
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State fossil---Coelophysis
State gem---Turquoise
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State insect---Tarantula Hawk Wasp (pepsis formosa)
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Nicknames---Land of Enchantment; Sunshine State
Largest cities---Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Las Cruces, Roswell, South Valley, Farmington
Celebrations---Albuquerque hosts the largest hot-air balloon event in the world the first weekend in October.

Propane out at new treatment plant

■ Facility is being plumbed for natural gas; savings expected

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The new \$36 million Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant scheduled to be completed by February will be heated and cooled by natural gas instead of propane.

Ruidoso Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris delivered the news to members of the Joint Use Board governing the plant during their meeting last week.

"We're working with Zia Natural Gas, basically re-plumbing the fuel source," Morris said. "Zia is extending its lines and we will bring them north to the plant and drop down to the other buildings."

"Long-term it will be a big savings. We know additional heat and fuel is required in sludge handling. This will require some retrofitting of appliances, but it's relatively minor. I think it's a win-win for all of us."

JUB Member and Ruidoso Councilor Angel Shaw noted her employment with Zia before speaking, then said the change should result in significant savings to both Ruidoso and the city of Ruidoso Downs, a partner in the plant.

"We (Zia) do all that

work for free to extend the lines," she said.

Ruidoso Downs City Clerk and JUB Member Carol Virden confirmed with Morris that he provided all the line design information to RMCI, the firm building this portion of the plant, and to the plant engineering firm Molzen-Corbin & Associates.

"We probably should have looked at doing this earlier," Morris acknowledged, "But it's good we caught it when we did. Natural gas will be less expensive than propane."

Under other changes at the plant, Morris said the well onsite does not meet the needs of the plant and another water containmentment will be built on the north side of the property to pump and reserve 10,000 gallons primarily to provide several days of water in case of a power outage. The money will come from the construction funds.

Ken Mosley with the city of Ruidoso Downs and former water director for the village said he and the city's public works director reviewed the calculations and it seems the new apparatus will do the job.

"That's proactive planning, instead of reactive," Shaw said.

"Four days (supply) would be better," said JUB Member and County Commissioner Dave Parks.



Morris: The interesting part will be when we turn on the switches."

Plant Director Bobby Snowden said the construction site "is very tight" and even finding a place for the 10,000 tank was difficult.

Morris said fortunately, the well is shallow and easily accessible.

IN OTHER ACTION, JUB members were given a breakdown of change order #4 to the plant construction contract that added \$47,999 to the cost.

Morris said one day was added to the contract deadline because of rain. Under additional costs, individual changes that fell under a \$25,000 cap to be handled by staff included \$23,381, to ensure some parts were American-made as required by the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Another \$19,544 was added to buy an emergency generator for wash water

pumps, also to comply with the ARRA rules; \$5,279 bought additional pipe supports; \$1,182 covered minor revisions; and \$2,341 bought a West Electric transformer pad. Changes to wall spools in a well cut \$1,485 from the contract price and water proofing at the entrance works cut \$2,243.

Morris said, "Both communities are trying to maintain costs and challenge every request. We're on schedule for the end of February for primary completion and have already submitted for a time extension (from the Dec. 1 deadline specified by the court). Start up and shake down will follow. The interesting part will be when we turn on the switches."

The plant was mandated by a court settlement over the water quality of the Rio Ruidoso, which was impacted by the plant's contaminant discharge into the river. Imposition of the strictest national quality for nitrogen and phosphorous standards by federal and state environmental agencies became part of the plant's discharge permit.

The cost of the plant was covered by rate increases, imposition of a gross receipts tax, state and federal grants and loans in Ruidoso, as well as a property tax levy in Ruidoso Downs.

Solid Waste Authority receives funds for collection sites

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The news from Greentree Solid Waste Authority was all positive last week as Operations Manager Debra Ingle delivered her monthly report to Lincoln County commissioners.

The authority received a \$18,250 grant from the New Mexico Environment Department for construction of three trash collection sites with electricity. Auralie Ashley-Marx with the NMED, wrote Ingle that only \$400,000 was available for grants, because money is tight at the state level. The department received 23 requests totaling more than \$2 million, resulting in a selection process that was "extremely competitive."

"We're waiting on State Environment Secretary Ron Curry to sign," she said. The prebid construction meeting was scheduled later that day and the bid openings were set for Friday.

"We will proceed from there," she said.

The sites are being

developed to eliminate the need for dumpsters on state highway rights of way. The sites are in Hondo, in the Buckhorn area of Glencoe and at Loma Grande. Blinder fences will be erected at Buckhorn and Loma Grande to shield the sites from drivers on New Mexico 37. At Hondo, the site will be totally enclosed for the roll-offs, but the compactors will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Ingle said

The Loma Grande collection site is at the 4-mile marker before Wolf Spring Road on NM 37, heading west from Ruidoso.

"This will replace the balance of 16 dumpsters left on NM 37. We had 32 at one time," Ingle said. "We put a compactor at Nogal Fire Station. This brings us into compliance. We're three years behind, but fighting for every dollar we can get. We've been building the Greentree (recycling facility east of Ruidoso Downs on U.S. 70) for 10 years. It will be after the first of year before we get into there. I expect

these sites to be operational before Christmas."

Compactors already were installed at San Patricio and Glencoe, she said. "Buckhorn will be the one in the middle and completes removal of all dumpsters from state highway property (in that area). There were 70 at one time, this completes removal of the last 32."

Ingle said she hasn't found any county or private property around the settlements of Tinnie and Arabela on the east side of the county.

"I'm leaving dumpsters there with permission," she said. In response to questions from Commissioner Eileen Sedillo, Ingle said while state officials have approved that move, they're not pleased. "But as long as we keep up with the illegal dumping," they will allow the dumpsters, she said. "They prefer we move them to county or private

property, but at this time, they've given us approval."

She also reported substantial progress on cleaning up and maintaining a new collection site in Salazar Canyon between U.S. 70 and Capitan off U.S. 380.

The dumpsters were relocated further into the canyon, away from where flood waters could swamp them, she said, and she has an all-woman crew keeping the area tidy to the delight of surrounding residents.

"I had a driver retire from the route that services this area and hired a woman, and I have another who does the county clean-up," Ingle said. "They're powerful. They weed eat, rake the site and paint the dumpsters, whatever is needed to keep the site in good shape."

Sedillo nodded her head, saying, "There are a lot of good men, but women don't like dirty."

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Physical inventory a first for county's property list

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Her first year on the job was spent tracking down Lincoln County property and equipment, and correcting and updating an inventory list, said Michele Caskey, fixed assets specialist.

Hired in late September 2009, she went department by department to check each item, she told county commissioners at their special meeting last week.

"We never actually had done a physical inventory before, so the list was not 100 percent accurate," she explained. "Things were added and things just were not there any more and we didn't know where they went or what happened to them."

"That took about six months to complete and now we have a list. Now every year we will go back over that list and do a physical inventory department by department."

That inventory should be completed before the end of each fiscal year, June 30, Caskey said. "So we'll probably start in the spring verifying item by

item what is there," she said. "We will know what went to (surplus) auction, because all items come through me before going to the auction house. That provides better control and we are less likely to have walk-aways, because we're paying attention."

As items are purchased by departments, she labels them, Caskey said.

"Are you aware of what's ordered?" asked Commissioner Eileen Sedillo?

"As orders are cut, we're flagging them for fixed assets if they are worth \$5,000 or more, with the exception of electronics. We tag all electronics and computer equipment even under \$5,000, as we pay for them," she said. "They are labeled and added to the inventory personally by me."

Commissioner Don Williams asked if each department head signs off on the equipment for which he's responsible.

County Manager Tom Stewart said in the past under a system criticized by county auditors, an inventory list would be prepared and sent to each department head to verify

and to sign off on. But now Caskey has a bar code gun and attaches a label to every piece of furniture and equipment. Once entered into the inventory, the computer can tell her from the code what the item is, specifications such as table size, where it is supposed to be located and if it was transferred to another department, he said.

"She can do the entire room in two to three minutes now," the manager said. "The stickers are supposed to be visible."

"I noticed them on the chairs," Williams said.

Caskey said labeling electronic equipment takes more time, but it's all part of an annual verification by physical inventory.

"I scan each thing in a department and compare the results to the inventory list of what should actually be there," she said. "There's bound to be something missing but this is a much more streamlined process by computer."

"I found in the past, it was difficult for departments, even though they were asked to verify, because there was no real process to ensure some-

thing like a new laptop was put on the inventory list. It was hard to determine extra things not put there. Now I can see what's extra and what's missing."

A physical inventory will be conducted each year and she will certify the results on-ground versus signing a list, she said.

"This will be the first year we scan everything and I need to be sure I have plenty of time," she said. "Beginning in March or April should be adequate." The inventory includes county volunteer fire stations and their equipment, which are part of the fixed assets, she said.

The difficult part this past year was actually identifying the assets, Stewart said. "Sometimes descriptions didn't match. I think now we have the terminology straight."

Caskey said many items moved from one department to another when they were no longer needed. "Now we have the department the item is associated with, so if it happens to be an item transferred, it would be labeled as such," she said.

But Williams said, "If a

person doesn't know what he is responsible for in his department, he won't know if it is transferred or swiped." Stewart replied that department heads still will be given a list for their jurisdiction to help track.

"The auditor says it gets ugly before it gets better," he said. "When we go through this for the first time, a lot of kinks will come out and I think Michele has done a good job ironing them out and working with the auditors. I'm anxious to hear what they have to say."

The process also added land and buildings to the fixed assets list, the manager said.

"Michele came in one day and asked how much the land at the Lincoln County Medical Center (in Ruidoso) is worth and I said at least \$1.3 million," Stewart said. "The auditors dinged me on that. We had to take it back to 1970. (The county assessor's office) reassessed it and came up with \$1.2 million."

Caskey said attaching value to fire trucks and similar equipment isn't much of a problem, but trying to determine the initial

evaluation for something acquire in 1972, and never put on the inventory was difficult.

Commissioners reviewed a list of surplus and obsolete items to be auctioned Nov. 6, at county warehouse in Carrizozo at the courthouse.

Two items, a dump truck and backhoe, were valued in excess of \$5,000 each, and required specific approval by commissioners and by the state Department of Finance and Administration. The State Auditor also requires a copy of the minutes of the meeting at which the surplus items were approved by commissioners for sale.

Williams, who also serves on the Ruidoso Village Council, pointed out the village is using a website to list surplus equipment for sale.

Stewart said he will look into that option, but generally, the county is successful at selling items. If they don't sell, they are put back in the warehouse and put up for sale at the next auction.

"You never know what people are looking for," he said.

Capitan dinner to benefit 2-year-old's surgery

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The 2-year-old son of a couple that graduated from Capitan High School in

2002 will undergo a third surgery to correct a heart defect.

Corbin Brockman was born on Aug. 15, 2008 with a heart defect detected sev-

eral days later. The condition was diagnosed as hypoplastic left heart syndrome (HLHS), a condition where the left ventricle of the heart is underdevel-

oped. Without several surgeries HLHS is fatal.

Corbin's grandmother in Capitan, Linda Brockman, said the infant underwent a first surgery when he was six days old at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

His next open heart procedure was performed when he was 5 months old. He and his parents, Dennis Brockman and Marley Menefee-Brockman, were allowed to return to their hometown of Carlsbad in February 2009.

Something not right

"He was born in Carlsbad and seemed to be just fine at first," said Marley Menefee-Brockman. "I was trying to breast feed him and not knowing what I was doing I asked a nurse to come help me. He was having trouble breathing and something seemed not right."

After the infant was transported to a hospital in Lubbock, the couple was told Corbin had HLHS and emergency surgery would be best performed at Texas Children's Hospital for his first open heart procedure.

"He also had during that time a blood clot that had formed after the first

surgery in the right ventricle and his lung had collapsed as well," Mrs. Brockman said. "By the grace of God they detected his lung early and were able to open it back up without surgery."

Next the now two-year old will undergo his third and what is expected to be final heart repair operation next May.

"If we didn't have the help we have received when we stayed in Houston, my husband would have had to go back to Carlsbad to work. We both were able to stay with our baby boy for the whole time we stayed in Houston because we had so much support from everyone. Our family will need this again when the next surgery comes up in May."

Blessing in disguise

One thing my husband always says about the time in Houston is that it was a blessing in disguise because how many dads get to spend every day with their son for the first six months of their kid's life."

To help with the upcoming expenses, a benefit dinner, dance and silent auction will be held in Capitan on Saturday, Oct. 2. The

benefit will be held at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds.

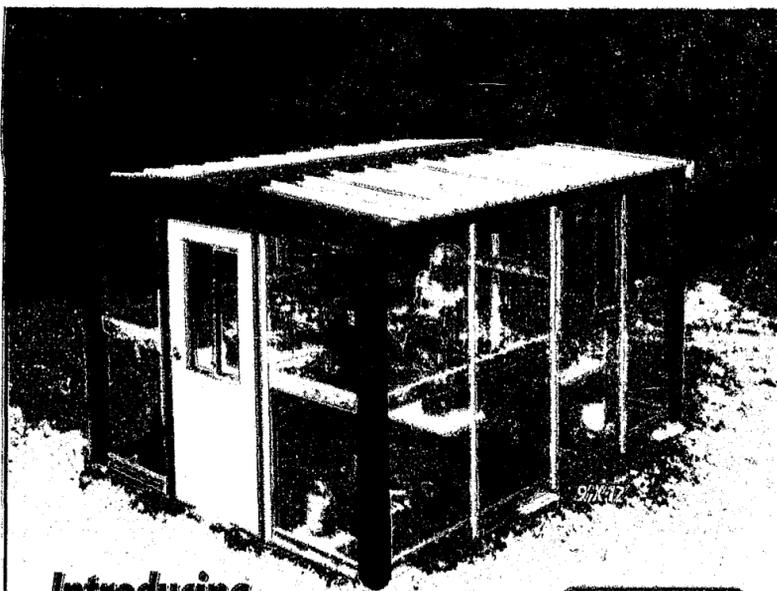
Dinner will include brisket, corn, beans, rolls and beverages, for \$8 per plate. The dinner and silent auction will take place from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. A dance will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight. The dance is \$5 per person. Donations can also be made to Corbin Brockman, HC 71 Box 1035, Capitan, N.M., 88316.

All proceeds will be used for medical costs and travel expenses.

Corbin is developmentally behind about three or four months said his mother.

"He has developmental, physical and occupational therapy here in Carlsbad four times a month. He has to take four different medications every day to regulate his internal organs and to maintain his blood pressure."

"Also, he is unable to go to high altitudes due to his blood pressure and most importantly the repairs that have been done on his heart can potentially be harmed. This is what our little baby boy has been through in his short life so far."



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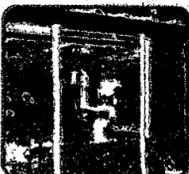
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Interest rate on Deer Park district lower than expected

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Good news for lot owners in Deer Park Valley, who decided to pay off a road improvement and drainage assessment over a period of years, instead of up front. The interest rate will be one-quarter of a percent less than anticipated.

Kevin Powers of RBC Capital Markets told Lincoln County commissioners Friday that the interest rate from the New Mexico Finance Authority to provide the loan for the project came in lower than projecting at 4.75 percent. Consultants were estimating 5 percent.

And cash prepayments by 35 lot owners were higher than anticipated, so the district that covers more than 200 lots in the Alto subdivision, will end up borrowing less.

"So the results for the assessment district came in better than expected," Powers said. "The amortization period will be about

what we discussed at a 15 year payment period. The county received almost \$500,000 of prepayments so on a \$3 million assessment, you will be borrowing a little more than \$2.8 million. That most likely will result in the assessment district being paid off earlier. We had 35 properties paid in full up front. That's a good thing."

Loan closes Oct. 18

The loan closing is scheduled for Oct. 18, "so we can keep the construction contract in tact," Powers said. "It was on a 150-day hold (ready to expire), so we had to set the terms. Any extra money that comes in up front can be accepted and applied to the first payment due on May 1, 2011.

"That's a point to make, that anybody can pay their assessments off in full on any interest payment date. They pay only interest accrued up to that point, not the full 15 year amount. They can't pay it

off in the middle of an assessment period."

"Because the New Mexico Finance Authority met yesterday, we were allowed to submit all the up-front payments, and they (lot owners) benefited from paying off without any interest costs, because the cash pay period was a week or so late," Powers said.

Duane E. Brown with the Mdrall Sperling law firm working as bond counsel on the special assessment district, said the action Friday was to adopt a supplement resolution to two ordinances adopted in August that approved a maximum amount of borrowing in excess of \$3 million. The actual amount dropped to \$2,819,028.

"We have a maximum interest rate of 3.59 percent on the loan itself that comes due May 1, 2025," Brown said. "What we provided in the debt ordinance in August was that we could go up to 12 percent, so we are well within." An 8

percent maximum interest was established on the assessment Aug. 17.

"In tax law, you can determine the overall yield, which worked out to 3.25 percent, and you are allowed to increase the amount up to 1.5 points over that to cover the administrative costs the county will incur," Brown said.

"That's how we get 4.75 percent for the assessment rate and that's what will show on claims of lien."

Signature coming

They will be back at the end of this week with all the documents for the chairman's signature for the Oct. 18 closing. Brown said he first met with county officials in June 2008 about the district.

"It takes time to work through these things and there were ordinances to pass," he said. This is one of the last official actions required by the county. The typical time period is about two years, he said, but it

can be extended when dealing with the finance authority process too.

"We don't approve the loan agreement today, because it's not final, but we authorize the execution of the loan agreement," with the resolution approval, Battin clarified.

Stewart said that, in discussions with the county Treasurer's office, he intends to expend money and then submit for reimbursement out of \$497,200 in a separate budget line item.

"We will draw on that to pay the initial costs of bond counsel and administrative items," he said. "This money will be deposited and available in (an Albuquerque bank) for me to make claims against once we have expenditures."

Battin, a retired banker, asked if the account would collect interest and Stewart said government accounts usually do.

"This is similar to what we do with fire apparatus,"

the manager said. "We pay and then I submit to be paid. I'm comfortable with processing the way this thing is set up."

Commissioners voted for the resolution that established the loan and assessment rates.

'Great addition'

"This will make a great addition to that part of the county," Battin said of the surfaced roads. He thanked lot owners for their participation during the process, which was solicited by a majority petition from owners.

A preconstruction conference is set for Oct. 4, by Wilson Engineering in the commission chambers at the county courthouse in Carrizozo. The public can attend.

Stewart said \$25,000 deposited by property owners as earnest money to cover the county in case the district fell apart and the project wasn't approved, will be released back to property owners.

County simplifies agreement

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Cutting through a "nightmare" of a document, too complicated for agreement, Lincoln County commissioners last week approved a two-page alternative for the continued operation of a local Juvenile Justice Board.

In his memorandum to commissioners last week, County Manager Tom Stewart said officials with the New Mexico Department of Children, Youth and Families developed a catch-all agreement for operation of the county's JJB. Pages one through 13 were standard and in line with last year, but pages 14 through 21 contained the amount of CYFD funding and a supplement for, "Administrative and Fiscal Standards for sole proprietor, nonprofit organizations, local bodes of government and for-profit incorporated entities."

Lincoln not alone

"The attempt to make this one document applicable to all situations is frankly a nightmare," Stewart said. "It has been apparent that many of the entities around the state, if they are paying attention to the supplement, have had problems agreeing to the arrangement.

"Accordingly, CYFD developed and the county proposed, the last two pages of

the contract, which is an exception listing that is composed to make the contract read to capture how we actually operate. Last year, we had essentially the same set of exceptions as they all were accepted."

He told commissioners that, the day before the special commission meeting, he received notice from CYF that the department received and approved the exemptions, "and now we have a purchase order for \$116,000 for LCJJB to go forward," Stewart said. "We already paid \$22,408 for the operations of the Juvenile Justice Board in July, August and September."

Contract ratified

Commissioners ratified the contract as presented by Stewart. Karen Parson, 12th Judicial District Judge, is chairman of the board and members include Stewart and representatives from the police departments, sheriff's department and probation office.

The board tried to find alternatives for incarceration for youthful offenders, such as the Citation Program, Restorative Justice and the Girl's Circle.

UNDER THE LAST item on the agenda of the special meeting, commissioners approved by resolution a final Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan for

2012-2016.

The top five projects for possible funding by the state Legislature and to be submitted to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration were \$90,000 for a water plan for the Rio Hondo Basin; \$260,000 for a new Fort Stanton Fire Station; \$260,000 for a new Loma Grande Fire Station; \$80,000 for expansion of the Nogal Fire Station and \$152,000 for expansion of the White Oaks Fire Station.

Stewart said he wanted to focus on additional fire departments as having the best chance of state funding.

Commissioner Jackie Powell noticed that, far down on the list, a new Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center and questioned why, given that the city already has one, where the county's senior meal program is conducted.

Stewart said it would give the ability of the county to participate, but is way down on the time frame of the ICP report.

"This document is provided to funding agencies, so if one is looking down there and wants to work on a senior citizens center, they can look at our list and see the county has one that they might be interested in helping," Stewart said.

Parks moved for approval and the motion passed unanimously.

State sees record high temps

■ Ruidoso, Capitan beat highs for the date, set in 1994

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Ruidoso and Capitan set some record high temperatures on two days this week.

The National Weather Service forecast office in Albuquerque reported a peak temperature of 84 degrees on Tuesday in Ruidoso.

That surpassed the previous Sept. 28 high of 84, set in 1994. The reading was reported by a Weather Service observer. Temperatures for the village's Sierra Blanca Regional Airport were unavailable.

Capitan's high temperature of 86 on Tuesday also topped the previous record by two degrees. The previous Capitan high was also set in 1994.

Ruidoso and Capitan were two of four reported locations that set new record highs in New Mexico on Tuesday. The others were the airport at Gallup

and the Albuquerque Foothills.

Then on Wednesday Ruidoso hit 86 degrees, well above the previous record of 81 degrees set in 1960. Capitan hit 88 degrees, two above the 86-degree record established in 2003. Ten locations around New Mexico set new highs on Wednesday.

The records were set as quiet and warm weather dominated the Land of Enchantment for several days. The Weather Service said high temperatures were anywhere from five to 20 degrees above normal for late September.

The average high for the last week of September in Ruidoso is 73 degrees. At

Capitan the average has been 74 to 75 degrees.

The Weather Service said high pressure that brought the record warmth began to yield to a cold front that crossed the state on Thursday. While temperatures were expected to rebound a few degrees today, another cold front would return temperatures to more seasonable levels.

The cold front was expected to bring a chance of rain Saturday, Sunday and into the coming workweek. Forecasters said with cooler temperatures and precipitation, some mountain locations in New Mexico could receive their first light snow accumulations of the season.

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Gann named 2010 New Mexico Auxilian of the Year

Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) Auxilian Virginia Gann was awarded the 2010 New Mexico Hospital Association's Outstanding Auxilian of the Year at the organization's annual banquet in Albuquerque on Sept. 16.

Gann manages the county-owned hospital's information desk and is a 12-year veteran of LCMC's Auxiliary.

During that time, she has also helped with the various mill levy campaigns.

"She has the greatest smile," said Patty Covington, LCMC 2010-11 Auxiliary president. "Virginia steps in when there's a need. She will help with anything at any time."

Covington said Gann is responsible for scheduling, staffing and training all information desk volunteers.

She also helps with the LCMC Auxiliary's regularly scheduled blood drives at Gateway Church of Christ as well as being an active member on the LCMC Auxiliary Scholarship Committee.

Besides volunteering with the LCMC Auxiliary, Gann keeps herself busy.

She plays golf in Alto's women's league and enjoys

traveling. She is also a former volunteer with the American Red Cross as well as the Friends of the Library in Ruidoso.

"Our most sincere congratulations go out to Virginia for this statewide recognition," said Al Santos, LCMC Administrator. "She is a real testament to what the LCMC Auxiliary stands for and how much they contribute to the hospital and our community."

Award criteria

Gann was awarded a floral arrangement from Austin Floral at the LCMC Auxiliary general meeting on Sept. 14, as well as being recognized on Sept. 16 at the annual state auxiliary meeting in Albuquerque.

Criteria used for award recognition included contributions to the Auxiliary, community involvement, demonstration of achievement in meeting their hospital's organizational needs and any pioneering efforts in a new area or in response to needs at their hospital.

There are 21 Auxiliary organizations affiliated with their respective hospitals in New Mexico Hospital Association.



Fifteen Auxilians were nominated, one per Auxiliary organization, for their contribution throughout the past year.

Gann was one of the 15 nominated Auxilians and ultimately was awarded the Outstanding Auxilian of the Year.

"Virginia was instrumental in developing the hospitality cart and ensures that patients have a newspaper available to them every week," said Covington.

"If you're unhappy, she's

the first person you want to see; she will make you smile and lighten your mood."

A colorful past

Gann is humble about her contributions and this recognition.

"We're a small hospital. I've done nothing more than anyone else. We just pitch in and do it," said Gann.

Gann married her late husband, D.L. "Dink" Gann in 1956 in Ruidoso.

Throughout the years,



they lived in Ruidoso, Clayton and Springer, N.M., Mesa, Ariz., and Campbell River, British Columbia before returning to Alto as a fulltime resident.

She has traveled extensively in the United States, Mexico and Europe.

She has been a rancher, rodeo announcer and bookkeeper/accountant in addition to logging several hours as a navigator and co-pilot for her late husband.

Gann loves to golf and

has hit two hole-in-one on the same hole using the same club at Alto Golf and Country Club.

She is very proud of her two daughters, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Additionally, Gann is proud to be a seven-year breast cancer survivor as well.

Community members interested in volunteering with the LCMC Auxiliary can contact Membership Committee chairwoman Sherry Taylor at 257-4333.

SHELTER NEWS

HUMANE SOCIETY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

We had our picnic last Sunday. The event combined our annual meeting of the Humane Society's membership with an appreciation party for our volunteers, who keep things going at the shelter and the resale shop.

Our thanks to Jeff Kaplan, a board member, who hovered over a hot barbecue grill, cooking hotdogs and hamburgers.

We had another good month for finding homes for our shelter dogs and cats. Through Sept. 29, we were able to adopt out 25 dogs and 12 cats. Add to that 26 dogs and cats that were returned to their owners.

Oct. 23 will mark the one-year anniversary of the opening of our dog park. To mark the occasion, we will take as many dogs as we can to the dog park for an off-site adoption.

We will only be taking as many dogs as we can transport, so this would be a good time for people to help us out.



The more dogs we can take to the dog park, the better the chances of getting out guys adopted.

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

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

Also, we still have a special on dogs:

The normal \$75 fee has

been reduced to \$50.

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

We have one dog over-5 year old. Her name is Sammy and she is an 8-year-old German Shepherd.

If you find a stray dog or cat, contact the Humane Society shelter, which is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The telephone number is 575-257-9841. If the shelter is not open, contact your police department or the sheriff department.

Valuing our greatest asset

When it comes to property, people often show "pride of ownership."

"If it is our home, we keep the yard maintained and stay on top of daily chores.

If it is our vehicle, we change the oil, get a tune-up, and wash it regularly to keep it looking sharp. So why is it that when it comes to our health, we do not invest in it with the same care?"

Looking at a recent *USA Today* article, a study by George Washington University (GWU) claims "two-thirds of Americans are either overweight or obese, and childhood obesity has tripled in the past three decades." If our body is our most valuable asset, why are we not placing pride in our own health and wellness?

Considering our body is something we must take with us everywhere we go and knowing it must last our whole life, why do we not acknowledge our health as our greatest responsibility and priority?

It may be that we do not understand our body to be

that valuable. In an era that is bogged with media selling us on material success and an educational institution focused heavily on reading and math, we have been misguided.

Let us reflect on how our quality of life is affected when we are suffering from illness or injury. Our health can affect our ability to accomplish goals such as attendance at work and completing chores. It also limits our ability to participate in activity important to us by draining us of energy and motivation.

How can ailments interfere with our activity with loved ones' such as children, grand children and friends?

In addition to the way our health impacts our goals and activity, it can be detrimental on our pocket book.

According to the GWU obesity study, obesity can cost a woman \$4,879 and a man \$2,646 annually when considering sick days, lost productivity and even extra gas. This does not include other ailments, nor the drain to the overall health

care system for any illness.

According to health and nutrition expert Antonio Valladares, in order to achieve our health goals, we must consider how health relates to our core values. If we value relationships, make time for participating in healthy activity (walking, healthy eating) with family or friends.

If we value money, keep the cost of prevention vs. health care in mind when making decisions that will negatively impact our health. If we find pleasure in music, add it as part of our physical activity and so on.

After understanding our health is necessary and how it impacts our quality of life, it is something to take pride in and worthy of "pride of ownership." It is our greatest asset.

It is time to take personal responsibility for our health through our words and our actions and being a leader through example. If so inspired, motivate others to join you.

—Andrea Reed, Lincoln County Health Council



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Lincoln County Medical Center welcomes a familiar face, Family Nurse Practitioner Suzanne Dennehy, to our growing family of providers. A long-time resident of Ruidoso, Ms. Dennehy has more than 20 years of nursing experience and is dedicated to keeping families healthy by offering preventive health care to adults and children. She is now accepting new patients.

Ms. Dennehy received her bachelor's degree in nursing from both the Ruidoso and Portales campuses of Eastern New Mexico University. She obtained her master of science in nursing and family nurse practitioner certification at the University of St. Francis in Albuquerque.

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

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Agua Fria tops infrastructure plan approved by Downs

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An Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP), which prioritizes major project hopes from 2012 to 2016, has been approved by Ruidoso Downs city councilors.

Topping the list for 2012 and 2013 are replacing water lines and extending sewer lines in the 126-acre Agua Fria Subdivision.

Street work in other parts of the city, drainage improvements, increased water storage, fire fighting needs, and an expansion of the Ruidoso Downs police station are among other visions in the overall \$11.6 million ICIP that will need outside funding.

City Councilor Gary Williams had a number of suggestions to adjust the ranking of projects.

"My question is, the older part of Agua Fria should be taken care of first before you move into the newer Agua Fria (Drive) location," Williams said of sewer line extensions. "And Griffith (Drive) is not mentioned until your phase four. Would it be possible to have that changed where Griffith would be placed in with the older part of the subdivision to be completed first since they are more in need to have a sewer system installed?"

Williams said Griffith Drive also has more residents than newer Agua Fria Drive.

Public Works Director Cleatus Richards said it could be possible.

"It depends on gravity flow. The whole system is designed on a gravity flowing except the extreme east side of the subdivision," said Richards. "But we will look into that."

Williams said it would make sense to adjust the ICIP to bring sewer lines to the streets with homes that have older septic systems.

Increased water storage is included in the ICIP for 2015. Williams questioned the later date for construction of a new water reservoir and an expanded capacity for an existing tank.

"Why so far down the road when we have an issue that was identified in this report stating that our flow from the spring is diminishing and we would need more capacity to store water if that spring continues to deteriorate with its flow? Why would we not move that up to 2013?"

The city's main water source, Griffith Spring, has seen its flow decline 45 percent over the last five years, according to a report. During the summer of 2004, a water emergency was declared by Governor Bill Richardson because of a nearly dry water system. The ICIP proposed a \$1 million water storage project be constructed in 2015.

Virden said the ICIP may be changed at anytime. She said Agua Fria needs were ranked high on the list by city staff.

"This is what we felt were the most critical projects because we need to meet the Agua Fria wastewater collection as well as the water system since the annexation," said Virden.

The Agua Fria Subdivision and some other areas along U.S. Highway 70 to the east were annexed to the city in December 2003. An annexation includes an implied promise to bring city services, such as water and sewage, within a reasonable amount of time.

Construction of a new

fire substation on DiPaolo Hill Drive, to improve fire truck access to the higher elevation area of DiPaolo Hill Drive, Wood Lane, Juniper Court and Rainbow Court during the winter, was eyed for 2012 funding. The substation was described as a "critical" need.

Williams suggested the new fire station be moved back a year so as to sooner address drainage needs in the city.

But Richards said he would like to keep the drainage project on its proposed timeline.

"We already have partial funding and I'm trying to get the major funding. So I think that's very important for the whole project," said Richards.

Williams let up on the timing switch after learning design plans for the two-bay fire station were completed in the past.

A 2014 vision of purchasing an \$800,000 aerial fire truck was also questioned by Williams.

"I'm not really fond of the ladder truck right now. I think we can use it more



Councilor Gary Williams, foreground, had plenty of input into the capital improvement discussion.

on apparatus that are more usable."

In the end Williams said the proposed rankings were fine except sewer extensions into the Agua Fria Subdivision. He said

the older section of the subdivision needs to have access to wastewater collection sooner than later.

City resident Jim Burrow questioned funding for the wish list. "I would like

to know when and how you are going about getting the money for all of these things that you have put in this. You're going to have to have financing from somewhere or another. I know

you've got it down to approve it but you haven't got the money."

City Clerk Carol Virden recognized there are needed finances to undertake the projects.

"We do have some resources that we're looking at," said Virden. "Some of them may be a Com-velopment Block Grant. Some may be local funding. And I do want to make each and every one of us aware that the state of New Mexico does not have any extra resources to fund these capital improvement projects."

Virden said the ICIP is an annual state requirement regardless of the availability of state funding.

Responding to a question by Burrows if additional grants were available, Virden said there are other resources.

Mayor Tom Armstrong said the ICIP is not cut in stone.

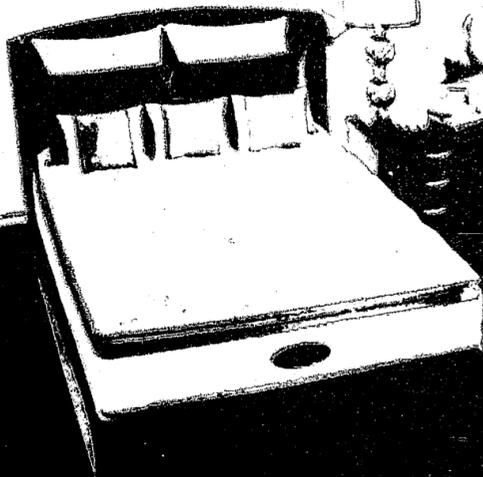
"I believe these could change. If we don't have the money for it there, where does it go?"

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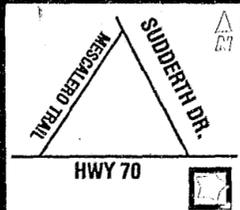
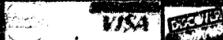
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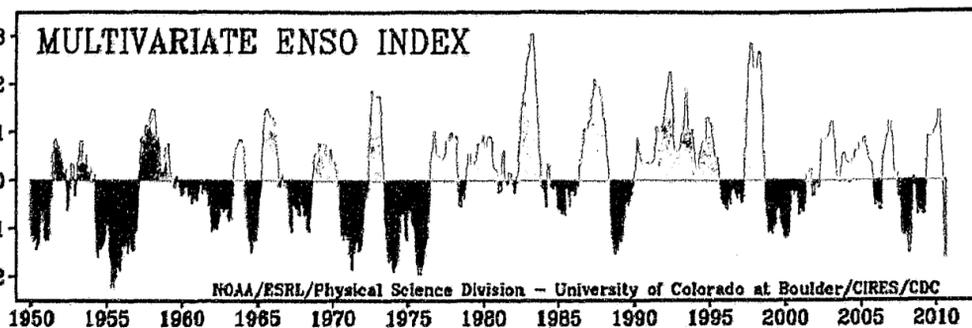


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"People are always surprised to hear that you can change the temperature of the sea surface in the tropics and that will result in a change of atmospheric circulations in the middle latitudes. But that's exactly what happens. And during La Niñas, what we often see happen is that the jet streams, both the polar jet stream and the subtropical jet stream, that's kind of the moisture transporter into the United States, these both get shifted so that the Pacific Northwest will get hammered a little more often by this storm track and end up with greater than normal precipitation. The winter

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storms seem to miss the southern tier of the country and we end up with drier conditions than normal," said Kann.

The autumn probability of precipitation is above normal for the Pacific Northwest. The driest probabilities are across the southern tier of Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.

"An interesting feature in here is the dividing line

between the near normal or equal chances of above or below normal precipitation, and the below normal precipitation, lies pretty close to and along the line of the Colorado - New Mexico border," said Polasko. "The southern tier of New Mexico is affected more so by La Niña with a percent of normal down around 75 percent. However, if you take the last seven strong

La Niña events out of these 23, the picture gets a little bit clearer in the sense that the northern part of the state is not as affected by the strong La Niña as is the southern part of the state," said Polasko.

Ruidoso's winter economy is driven in large part by snow at Ski Apache.

"They're calling for drier conditions, but depending on how hard it sets up

determines how dry it's going to be, said Justin Rowland, director of operations at Ski Apache. "It could be a La Niña that's not set up so hard and we could have snow down here. It could set up hard and we may not have snow. But I think we're a little far out to start to either be putting out 'doom and gloom' or 'boom' for how much snow we're going to

get."

Rowland said snowmaking capabilities have been improved over the years. He said the ability to make snow extends to the top of the mountain.

"So now we can make snow on Upper Moonshine and Chino. We've added two more pumps at 500 gallons a piece going up the mountain. We've added a brand new pump station. We've added new piping under the ground that feeds out of the main pump station. And we have five or six new fan guns."

Rowland said as with every year, Ski Apache is shooting for a Nov. 25, Thanksgiving Day opening.

The NWS briefing said by spring La Niña might begin to lose its grip over southern Arizona and New Mexico.

SUIT

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ting a copy and reviewing it and turning it over to our self-insurer's fund, which will hire a defense counsel," he said.

He stressed that without knowing the particulars, the village was at a disadvantage responding to allegations in a lawsuit or challenging their veracity.

According to the lawsuit, Grassie was hired on Dec. 17, 2007 as grants administrator and manager. She was a classified public employee protected by a personnel policy with substantive due process safeguards "giving rise to an implied contract of employment."

Under the village's pay classification matrix, Grassie was slotted at range 109, which establishes the salary range, all promo-

tions and other salary increments, including cost of living increases.

When the village experienced extensive flooding on the Rio Ruidoso, major infrastructure damage and was declared a disaster area in July 2008, Grassie was instrumental in acquiring and administering state and federal money for repairs and replacement after Ruidoso was declared a disaster area.

In June 2009, the village through then interim manager Morris gave notice to a contractor of a partial award for construction of a wastewater plant serving the village and the city of Ruidoso Downs. However, the funding had not been fully secured, the suit states.

Subject to the Bateman Act and to state bid and procurement laws, Deputy Manager Barbara Fleming and Grassie went to



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Morris, questioning the legitimacy of the contract.

The suit states that Morris "unequivocally" said no contract had been executed.

On June 12, 2009, Grassie called the contractor and verified a contract was signed by Nunley and Morris in violation of state law, the lawsuit states. Fleming then contacted the village police chief about the possibility of illegal activity connected with executing a binding public works con-

tract "without public notice or board action and confirmation of funding to the municipality."

Fleming also contacted the mayor pro-tempore to alert him of the illegal contract. He asked for and received a copy of the executed contract.

However, at a July 8, 2009 special council meeting called to inquire about possible contract irregularities and illegalities, "the mayor and senior appointed officials repeatedly and falsely stated the contract had not been signed," according to the suit.

"Grassie was specifically asked whether she was aware the contract had been signed and she acknowledged as such in the affirmative," the suit states.

"After the meeting, the newly hired village manager, Debi Lee, confronted Grassie and demanded to know who had revealed the

illegal contract to the mayor pro tempore."

The suit contends that subsequent to speaking out on a matter of public concern, Grassie was and continues to be subjected to an increasingly hostile work environment and retaliation by the defendants.

On April 6, 2010, she was notified that her position as grant writer/manager was being abolished. The suit claims she was constructively demoted and suffered an adverse employment act by transfer to an entry level financial clerk's position under the village finance director. It states that in actuality, the responsibilities of her position were not abolished, just transferred to another permanent employee, and the abolition was pretext to justify retaliation against Grassie.

Prior to the incident, Grassie was an above aver-

age public employee with no noted deficiencies or pending disciplinary action, the suit states. She was speaking out pursuant to her official duties. The village has an unwritten custom and practice of retaliating against employees who speak out on matters of grave public concern, the suit contends.

At the time of the contract incident, the *Ruidoso News* obtained a copy of the signed contract and wrote about the inconsistency of statements. However, the village received a letter from the Department of Finance and Administration with a written determination of village compliance with the Bateman Act.

Lee said it would be filed with the letter from Martha Torres of the U.S. Agriculture Department giving authority to proceed up to \$20.2 million.



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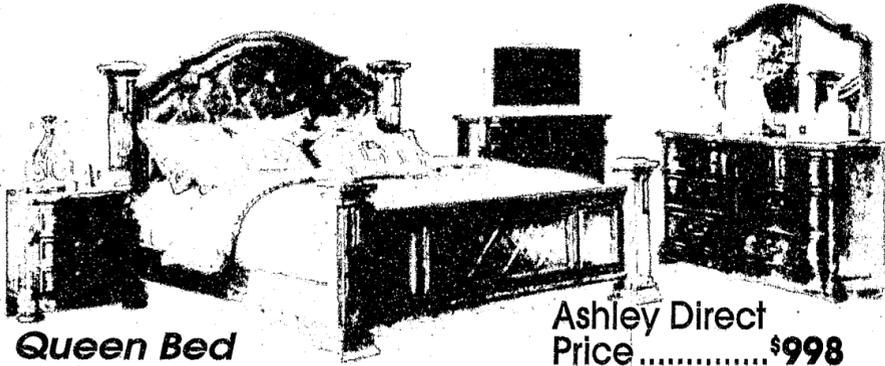
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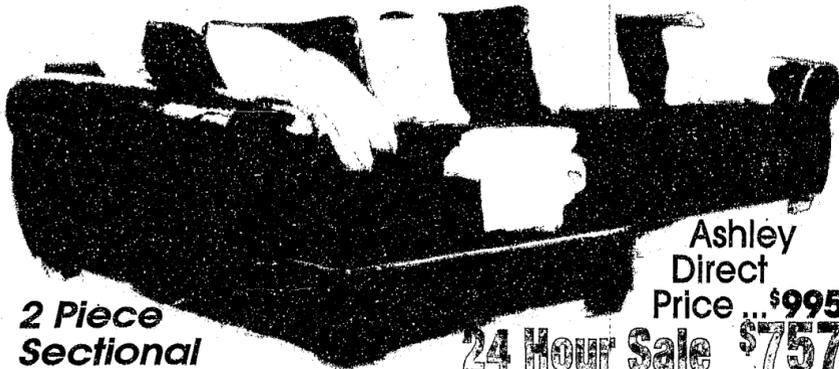


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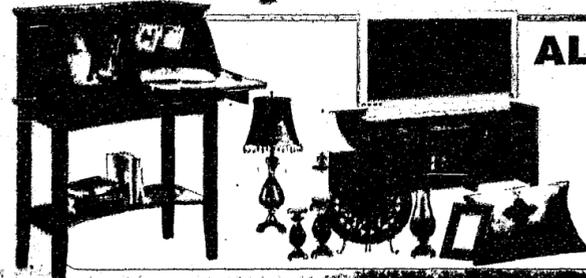


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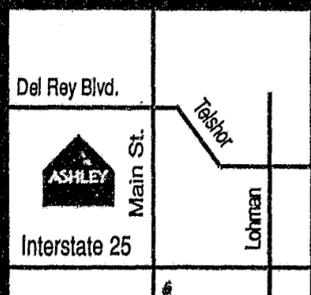
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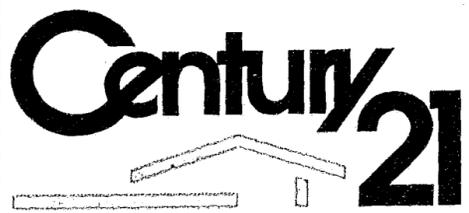
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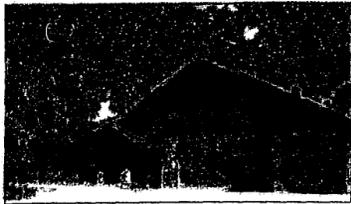
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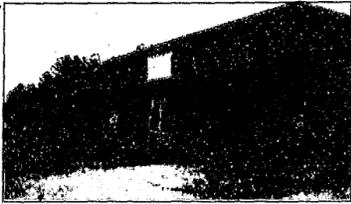
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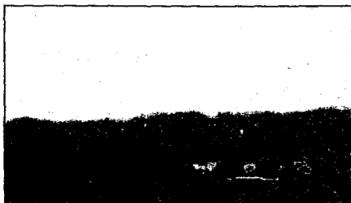
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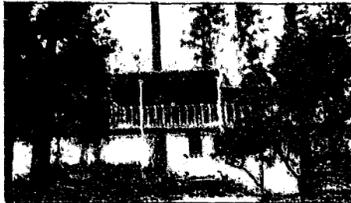
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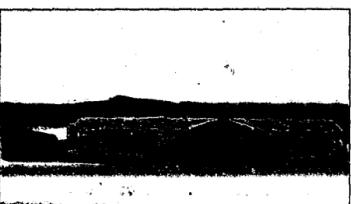
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Sports On Tap

Football
Friday, Oct. 1
Ruidoso at Robertson, 7 p.m.
NMMI at Capitan, 7 p.m.
Dora at Hondo Eagles, Homecoming, 7 p.m.
Magdalena at Carrizozo, 7 p.m.
Questa at Mescalero, Homecoming, 7 p.m.

On Deck

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

Men's Basketball
Men's League Basketball will start the season this coming Tuesday, October 5, 2010, with games being played at the auxiliary gym of the Horton Sports complex. The first ten(10) teams with the entry fee of \$225.00 will be included in the schedule. Rosters are due Monday, Oct. 4, at 2:30 p.m., in the hands of the Recreation Coordinator (phone 937-5221) or the Parks and Rec office at 801 Resort Drive. Phone 257-5030, ask for Brady.

Local baseball team endures

BILL DEMENT
For the Ruidoso News

Last Sunday the Ruidoso Regulators mixed it up with the Roswell Invasion in the cool pines of Ruidoso. Regulator's coach, Steve Frierson, had called Roswell's coach and the two teams agreed to a scrimmage.

Both teams had gone 0-4 at the Albuquerque Labor Day Tournament and needed the work. Roswell is a 3A team and Ruidoso is a 2A squad. A tremendous team, the Invasion came in 2nd place last year in the state finals.

Ruidoso starter, Jessie Tercero, gave up only two runs in the first three innings before the Invasion scored seven more runs, mostly unearned, leading the Regulators, 9-0.

Undaunted, Ruidoso battled back with key hits from 3rd baseman, Damien Quinones which led to 4 runs scored. Two clutch hits were also made by Andres Aguirre during the rally.

In the 6th inning Ruidoso closed the gap to

11-7 and in the last and final 7th inning Roswell pulled ahead and won by a score of 13-7.

Hasn't been easy

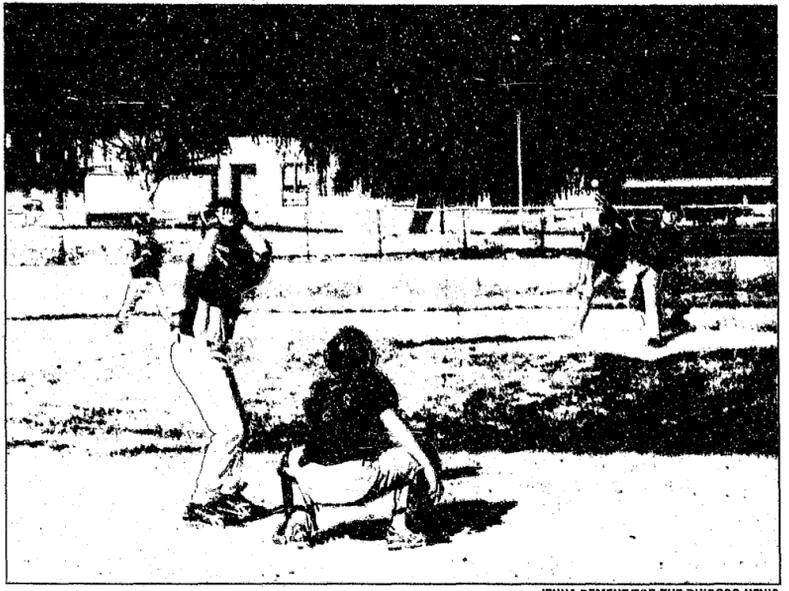
Frierson and assistant coach Gerald Tercero have worked exceedingly hard this summer trying to field a team of nine players and backup players.

Frierson has lamented "it has not been easy," putting a team together from scratch, and dealing with financial matters such as team insurance, tournament entry fees and travel costs.

The whole idea of a traveling team is to provide players with the opportunity to compete outside of their home town.

Traveling and playing up against stiff competition makes every team member a better player and enriches each of them. This is not true just for baseball.

Cal Ripken in his book "Coaching Youth Baseball the Ripken Way," states that by the age of 13, 75 percent of young athletes drop out of organized sports. That's true for all sports.



JENNA DEMENT/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Robert Lopez fires a pitch to a waiting Roswell Invasion batter in Sunday's scrimmage.

While there are myriad reasons why they drop out, such as loss of interest, bad coaching experiences, pressure, family, financial, etc., the point is once we lose them we have failed.

Communities with vibrant sports programs have less kids on the street, less juvenile delinquency, are safer, and this leads to

better, more livable communities.

Motivating athletes

We have seen the team come together, yet when we analyzed the performance gaps, we tried to look at it from the kid's perspective. Nine months of school, which include nightly baseball practices and games

throughout the spring in Little League and then our practice starts for the summer USSSA Tournaments.

For many kids, over summer vacation, a combination of too much heat, and little or nothing to do leads to monotony.

The essence of good

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Unintended consequences

The regrets we sometimes have in life can be traced back to the moments when we were about to do something on impulse and a quiet, almost inaudible voice from the twilight zone of our conscience said, "Don't do this thing." We didn't listen and continued down the road to "Mistakeville."

Emotions took over from the normally rooted logical side of our brainpan, and almost always, bad things happened.

People got hurt, scarred emotionally and sometimes seriously injured. Careers were ruined. The fallout is called "unintended consequences."

Most of those who become embroiled in such behaviors never woke up that morning and set out to purposely commit such acts.

Anger is a powerful thing. Once fully unleashed, it spirals downward into the basement of desperation. Reason is

discarded and physical and/or verbal force becomes the result.

Some of us think that worked for us as we were growing up and we use that misguided belief as empirical evidence it will once again produce a winning moment.

It's called "existential despair" - a numbness of the heart.

And before you begin to believe I'm a proselytizer of the worst kind, let me tell you - in confidence - I'm speaking from personal experience I'm sorry to say.

How I survived the first 25 years of my life is a complete mystery to me. And I bear the literal scars to prove it.

Half of the fist knuckles on my left hand are non-existent due to physical confrontations.

Some knowledge of boxing can be a powerful thing.

Nowadays, when that enigmatic voice whispers to me, "Don't do this thing," I generally listen.

Recently, at a pee wee football game in Pearland (part of

Greater Houston), Texas, fisticuffs broke out between the opposing coaches.

On a touchdown run by the Patriots, a rough block sent one of the Hurricane players flying through the air. A tussle broke out between two of the opposing players.

One of the combatants was the son of one of the coaches. Said coach, reportedly, ran on to the field, instead of letting the referees sort it out, picked up his son's adversary by his shoulder pads and "threw him a few feet" across the field.

Naturally, after seeing this, the other coach flew out onto the field and a fistfight broke out between the two adults. A full fledged brawl then ensued between coaches from both sides.

In the aftermath, Bay Area Football League officials have said the Patriots coach resigned and is now suspended from the league for life.

Several Hurricane coaches were suspended for the remainder of the season. Coaches from both sides appealed the ruling.

Unintended consequences.

Existential despair.

Desperation can be a powerful thing, too.

The injurious part of the incident is what the kids witnessed. A few may come to rely on that sort of behavior as a guide through life.

One may hope the "voice" of their inner sense of right and wrong will lead them to the correct decision.

Sorrier still, it's possible one or so of the young athletes may quit the sport because of the occurrence they witnessed on the gridiron.

When my son was 11-years-old he was fortunate to have made an elite traveling baseball team in my hometown.

For some unknown reason, the coach liked me, and one day he came to me and said, "Your kid's good, Mike. So, let his actions on the field speak to his abilities. He'll be fine. You've taught him well. He respects me and listens to my command. Go out to the right field fence and enjoy the games."

I respected the coach. From that time forth I viewed my son's baseball games from the

right field position.

Sometimes, I would sneak a Jack-and-Coke with me in a non-descript blue plastic cup.

When I disagreed with an umpiring decision no one ever heard me. Once or twice I kicked the fence in disgust.

It was OK, no one saw me. I was alone and could watch my son without interruption.

My boy thanked me on more than one occasion for not embarrassing him as one or two of his teammates were by their fathers. I'm glad I took his coach's suggestion to heart.

I guess my son and I were growing up together.

Earlier in my life, my Irish temper got me into more than one "bucket of blood." Not one good thing came from those moments.

Even when I won I lost. What no one, me included, ever saw coming were the unintended consequences that followed.

It was like a freight train that hits you from behind. You wish you had never been on that track to begin with. Reason can be a powerful thing.

CURRAN EVENTS



BY MIKE CURRAN
SPORTS EDITOR

WAC to nail down new members

TEDDY FEINBERG
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES - The Western Athletic Conference hopes to add at least two schools for the 2012 sports season within the next 30 to 60 days.

That is according to WAC Commissioner Karl Benson, fresh off his Tuesday meetings in Dallas with five possible WAC suitors and six athletics directors from WAC member schools - including New Mexico State Athletics

Director McKinley Boston.

Benson said a 30-to-60 day window has been established with five possible new members - University of Texas-San Antonio, Texas State University, University of Montana, University of Denver and Seattle University.

The hope is that invitations will be established to at least two football-playing schools - currently, Denver and Seattle are non-football entities that will be part of a "separate

assessment," according to Benson.

The WAC will drop down to a six-team conference, once Boise State departs following the 2010-11 school year, shortly followed by Nevada and Fresno State either after this year or the 2011-12 campaign.

The conference hopes to eventually realign with a minimum of eight football schools along with nine-to-10 basketball programs as well.

"As far as a 30-to-60 day

window, it's possible we could come to a decision (by then)," Benson said. "(It) could be a later date but not that much later. Our goal is to make one announcement that would send the message that the WAC will stabilize itself ... and prepare itself for the 2012 season."

All five schools made presentations to the WAC membership committee. Items of discussion were budgets, facilities, current

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Last Thursday's homecoming bonfire at the Eagle Creek Sports Complex was replete with the football team, the band, cheerleaders and, l-r, Kylee Harvey, Karina Martinez, Ashley Flack and Sierra Edmister. A huge crowd rooted the Warriors on to a 19-6 victory over the Hatch Bears the following evening.

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COURTESY COADY PHOTOGRAPHY

On Oct. 6, a viewing will begin at 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Deer Valley LDS Stake Center at 2939 W. Rose Garden Lane, Phoenix, followed by the funeral service at 1 p.m. A graveside service will follow at Phoenix Memorial Cemetery. Villa was killed at Zia Park in Hobbs on Saturday when his horse fell and he was struck by another horse.

USSSA

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sportsmanship is teamwork. We want to build esprit des corps in these young athletes by giving them wholesome experiences and this means fun.

Regulator parents will be working on organizing a plethora of fun and educational events for these kids next summer.

They are planning on taking a weekend and seeing the Isotopes play in Albuquerque followed by a day at Cliff's Amusement Park or the Science Museum.

They may take a movie in at the IMAX Space Museum in Alamogordo or a day trip to Wet and Wild

Water Park, Carlsbad Caverns, Bandelier Monument, camping and a host of other activities are on our short list.

It sure sounds like Scouting. Why re-invent the wheel?

All the things that scouting builds such as teamwork, trust, loyalty, etc. can be adapted to help make these athletes better community minded citizens.

Giving back

Regulator adults realize times are tough with a poor economy but they plan give back to the community and are planning a River Cleanup event, car washes, and other fundraising events over the holidays.

Money raised will help defray cost of equipment

and travel expenses. They endeavor to assist players who, because of financial problems, are unable to play.

Misconceptions

These athletes come from all walks of life and are not elitists in any sort of way.

The Regulators are looking for coachable kids that have the ability and desire to play baseball, to strive to improve their skills, and be an integral part of a team.

Tryouts will be held in the spring for the upcoming baseball season and will be announced to the media.

Adult involvement as well as the participation of young interested athletes, who will find this program fulfilling, should prove to be rewarding.



JENNA DEMENT/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Gavin Eldson holds a Roswell Invasion runner at second base.

WAC

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rosters, sponsorship, institutional commitment and how their individual markets would be attractive to the WAC.

"I thought it went extremely well," Boston said. "I thought the preparation and the insight that the schools provided was very good. I think we're all excited about trying to identify the next steps and put

this conversation in some sort of time frame going forward."

From a football perspective, Texas State currently plays in the Southland Conference - a member of the Football Championship Subdivision - while UT-San Antonio, another FBC team, will begin its football program in 2011.

Montana has long been considered a possible Division-I caliber program after winning Division I-AA National Titles in 1995 and 2001.

According to the Associated Press, Benson said Montana is "high on our list" and told the Missoulian that the school's academic profile and success it's had in football and men's and women's basketball would be a good fit for the WAC.

Montana athletic director Jim O'Day said he expects Montana will receive an invitation to join the WAC, and some tough decisions will have to be made about whether to move up from the FBC.

The Grizzlies are currently undergoing a feasibility study within their athletics program to evaluate the move to the Division-I level.

The university is also undergoing a change in its presidential seat in mid-October.

"We are taking that into consideration," Benson said. "We want to be able to provide ... compelling reasons why the WAC would be a good spot for the University of Montana."

Benson said the uncertain future of the WAC can be used to negatively effect the league's current schools, another viable reason to nail down the 30-to-60 day window. He also said the conference will keep an eye on future alignment shifting from other schools around the country.

"We don't want to back ourselves into corner ... (The

WAC is) going to track what is going on around us," Benson said. "We feel (the 30-to-60 day window is) necessary ... to allow our coaches to go into recruiting world to inform student athletes that this is what the WAC is going to look like in 2012.

"Negative recruiting (could take place) ... Other coaches and other conferences suggesting (the) WAC isn't going to be around in 2012 ... (A) strong message (needs to be sent) sooner or later that the WAC is going to continue to operate."

The candidates

A look at the five WAC schools vying for entry into the Western Athletic Conference for 2012 season:

University of Montana in Missoula: An intriguing member has proved its worth on the FCS level - two national titles to its

name on the football field, along with a strong fanbase.

Texas State in San Marcos: A member of the Southland Conference of the FCS seems ready to step in and play in the WAC immediately.

University of Texas-San Antonio: Infrastructure is there for competitive program to be in place. NCAA rules wouldn't allow this FCS school to enter WAC until 2013 season at the earliest.

University of Denver: Non-football entity is a member of the Sun Belt Conference, former home of the New Mexico State Aggies.

Seattle University: This non-football school competes in a primetime market. Still, questions exist if current infrastructure could support WAC blueprint, making it a longshot to make the cut.

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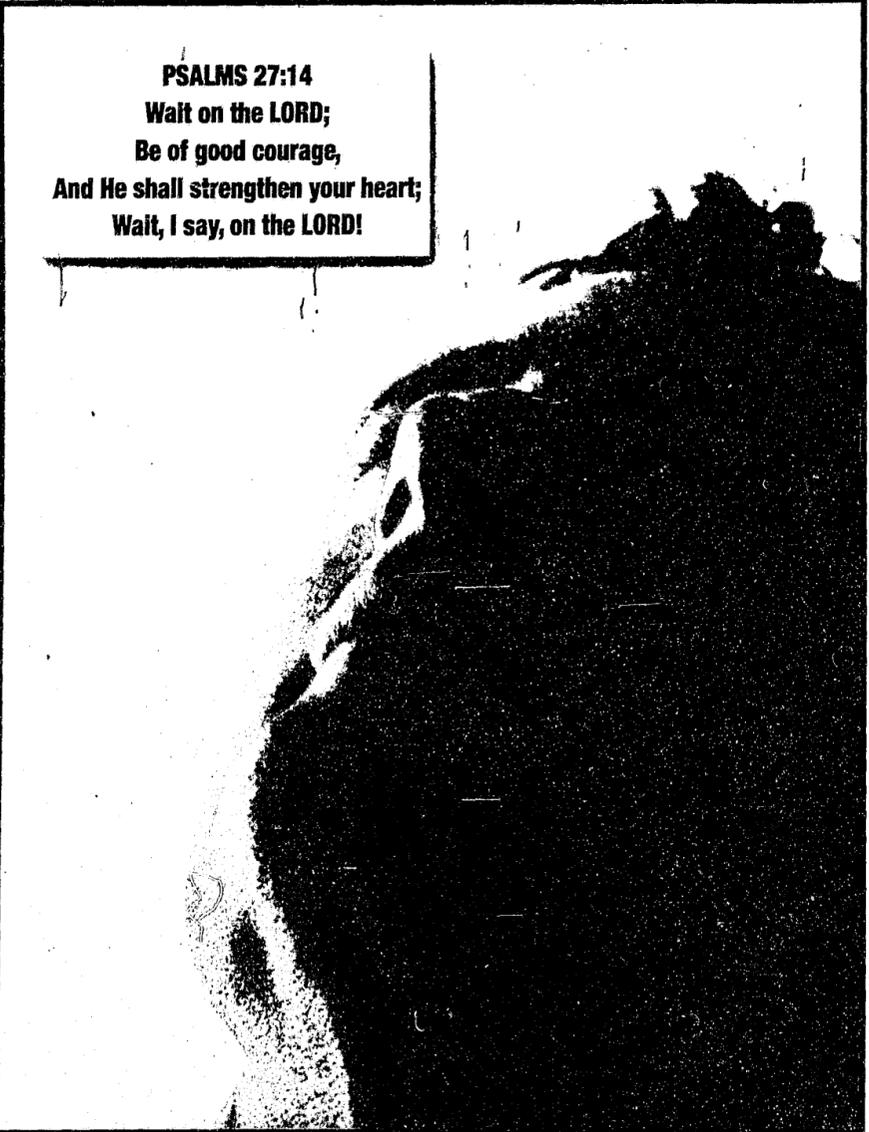
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RELIGION

Don't just watch your friend say grace; join in

Q I'm a Jewish woman and wonder if you can suggest something meaningful I can do when sitting next to a Christian silently saying grace before a meal.

A Catholic friend crosses himself after grace. So far, I just remain silent and bow my head a little. I'm accustomed to Christian friends joining hands and collectively saying grace, but I'd never saw anyone say grace individually until I moved from the North to the South.

Perhaps this is a Southern tradition.
—J., Ocala, Fla., via email



The God Squad
MARC GELLMAN

our lives; none of us should take our food for granted.

My long-time partner on The God Squad, Fr. Tom Hartman (thank you all for your prayers for him; he has good days and bad days with Parkinson's disease but his spirits remain strong), once knew a rich man with a strange habit.

Tommy told me he was once invited to dinner at the man's mansion. It was just the two of them at a huge dinner table in the formal dining room.

The butler brought the host a dinner roll on a silver plate as the first course.

The man took the roll, smelled it, pulled it apart, slowly and silently caressed it, and then ate it.

Tommy asked the man why he did this and he responded: "I'm surrounded by luxuries and it's easy to take them for granted. If I can stop and try to fully appreciate and be grateful for something as simple as bread, then I know I won't fail to appreciate all the higher blessings in my life."

If we can all ask blessings for our bread, we can ask blessings for everything else. So, I'd suggest you offer to say grace the next time you eat with your Catholic friend.

The Jewish blessing, which I believe to be spiritually congenial to people of all faiths, is simple: "You are blessed, O Lord our God, who brings forth bread from the earth."

Now, of course, God doesn't actually bring forth the bread you eat.

The farmer brings forth the wheat, the miller brings forth the flour, and the baker brings forth the bread.

However, God is the life-giving force that enables all this to happen on the life-giving earth created by God.

Saying grace is not only wise because it helps us be grateful for simple things, but it also reminds us to be thankful for all the hard-working people who produce our food.

Finally, asking God's blessing on our bread reminds us of all the people who have no bread. This reminder of the poverty around us can help us renew our efforts to aid food rescue programs, food banks and

soup kitchens in our communities.

One of my favorite stories is about a student who asked his teacher, "What's the difference between heaven and hell?"

The teacher said, "In hell, all the people are sitting around a huge table filled with every kind of wonderful food and fine wine.

They can see and touch the food but they can't bring the food to their mouths because their arms are locked in an outstretched position."

The student said, "Yes that is indeed hell, but what is heaven like?"

The teacher smiled and said, "In heaven, all the people are sitting around a huge table filled with every kind of wonderful food and fine wine.

They can see and touch the food but they can't bring the food to their mouths because their arms are locked in an outstretched position."

The bewildered student asked the teacher, "So what is the difference between heaven and hell?"

The teacher answered, "In heaven, the people are feeding each other."

Let me encourage you not to think so much about

what to do while your friend prays, but rather about how you can pray with him (without crossing yourself).

One of the ways Tommy and I became best friends was by learning to pray together.

The other way was by learning to play golf together, but that's a topic for another day!

From the mailbag

The following note is from faithful reader Ed Wood, of Connecticut, who comments on a parenthetical reference in a recent column about honoring an abusive parent.

I said the edict to honor your parents is No. 5 in the Jewish counting of the Ten Commandments, but No. 4 in the Christian counting of the "Big Ten." Ed writes:

"By the way, a reminder! Roman Catholicism doesn't encompass all of Christianity. "Honor thy father and thy mother" is actually commandment No. 5 in much of Christendom, as you can see:

- 1) I am the Lord thy God . . .
- 2) Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven images. . .
- 3) Thou shalt not take

the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

4) Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

5) Honor thy father and thy mother.

6) Thou shalt do no murder.

7) Thou shalt not commit adultery.

8) Thou shalt not steal.

9) Thou shalt not bear false witness . . .

10) Thou shalt not covet.

MG: My view is that both traditions are right. "I am the Lord..." can't be commandment No. 1 because it's not a commandment!

And dividing the coveting commandments into two (No. 9 and No. 10) also makes no sense because they're both about coveting.

So climb on the Gellman bandwagon to convince the world that God gave us only nine commandments! The way I see it, nine is way more than enough.

Send questions only to The God Squad, c/o Tribune Media Services, 2225 Kenmore Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, NY 14207, or email them to god-squadquestion@aol.com.

A. I think you're doing the right thing, but you could do more. Bowing your head is a respectful act, but you, too, should ask God's blessing on your meal. The idea of saying grace before meals is a way of inserting a measure of spiritual gratitude into

There is a time for everything

This is my favorite time of the year in the paradise of the Sacramentos.

The change of the seasons is very pronounced as the monsoons wane and the days shorten in length.

The morning temperatures drop into the forties and the highs are in the seventies.

It won't be long until the leaves began to turn and the beautiful colors of

fall are ready to burst upon us.

The crowds begin to reduce in size and the bounty of the business begins to shrink as well.

It is just us "homies" that get to enjoy the fall weather and have our village back to ourselves for a while.

Sure, we have the Cowboy

Symposium and some other weekend things, but we have wonderful weath-

er as the monsoons cease and the skies are the bluest of blues.

This is a time of wiener roasts and bar-b-q, and a time of friendly socials and family get-togethers.

The summers in the mountains are so busy and, sometimes, hectic, that we lose track with one another.

So the time is ripe to get back to the normal things of life. Get back in church. Resume community activities.

Take time for a little R&R. Clean out the garage. Prepare the yard

for winter. Now is a good time to plant trees and shrubs for the coming spring.

I don't know about you, but I will have to sit down and make a list of things that I need to accomplish. Remember . . . I am a list guy. And remember, the Bible tells us there is a time for everything.

Sometimes, my list and God's list for me don't always agree. But, it is time to be outdoors and enjoy the wonderful weather. Just remember to take a sweater or jacket in the evening.

With school going full tilt, it is difficult to get families together, but this is a very important function in the family.

When our girls were in school, I would spend an hour, for one evening each week with each of the girls.

That is not a lot of time, but it was our "date night." I would help them study, just talk, go out for a coke, or something else that they wanted to do.

Saturday was "date night" for Alice and I.

You see, if you do not plan to do things, they

won't get done.

There is an old saying, "You have to plan your work and then work your plan." Good things just don't happen, you have to make them happen.

So, the question of the week is this . . . Are you planning to spend time with your family? Are you planning to get necessary things done? Are you planning to spend time with friends? Are you planning to spend time with God?

If not, you don't have help for today and hope for tomorrow.

Healing ... is it a mystery?

NANCY LAPOINTE
For the Ruidoso News

Have you ever wondered just why God has not healed your physical condition? It's a big question that troubles many of us.

One aspect of healing that many do not stop to analyze is that our inner being is totally connected to our physical being. We are comprised of body, soul and spirit.

If one element is sick, it affects all the rest. In some cases, praying for physical healing and not seeing that come to fruition is a defi-

nite reason to examine the soul and the spirit for some clues.

Emotional issues that weigh us down over time can and do develop into physical problems.

Research has uncovered startling results that confirm that each part of us is so linked to the other parts that we cannot be unhealthy in any area and perfectly healthy in the others.

Did you know that unforgiveness and bitterness can lead to crippling arthritis? That is one of the more common maladies of

our culture.

Fear, anxiety and stress lead to a vast number of illnesses and chronic conditions people battle each day, from compromised immune systems.

Often, as a person attacks the emotional issues in life and sees them disintegrate, amazingly, the physical condition is healed.

Maybe God's strategy is more intricate and beneficial than we could ever imagine.

Maybe we need to stop stuffing down our spiritual and emotional struggles

and see if the prayers for physical healing take on a whole new realm of possibility.

For more in depth teaching on this subject, you are invited to attend a free community forum on

Saturday, Oct. 9, from 9-11:30 a.m. at Gateway Church of Christ.

Counselors from Ruidoso Counseling and Mediation will speak on "Substances: From Use to Abuse" and "Understand-

ing the Spiritual/Emotional Roots of Disease."

To register, call 258-8605 and leave your name and phone number. You may also make appointments for individual sessions.



Mark Andrew McGinness

Mark Andrew McGinness, beloved son of Dr. and Mrs. Mack Allen McGinness (Bettye), passed away on September 27, 2010. Mark of Alto, NM, has resided in the Ruidoso area for 6 years and worked as a dental technician for his father Dr. McGinness at the Children's Dental Clinic. Services are scheduled at Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mesalero Trail, for Friday, October 1, 2010 at 2 p.m. with the Reverend Judy Burgess officiating assisted by the Reverend James O. Young of Ardmore, OK.

Mark was born in Dallas, TX, November 27, 1969, and raised in Cisco, TX. He graduated from Cisco High School in 1988 where he was an outstanding athlete having lettered in 5 varsity sports. The outstanding athlete was named All-District in football, basketball and track. Mark attended Texas Tech where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and he graduated from the College of the Southwest with a degree in Psychology. Mark worked and worked in that field in Albuquerque, NM, before relocating in the Ruidoso region.

Mark is survived by his parents, his sister Amanda McGinness Hogan and her husband James Hogan of Carrollton, TX, and nephew Michael Alexander McGinness of Carrollton, TX. In addition, he is survived by two grandmothers, Mrs. Mae Allen of Ruidoso, NM, and Mrs. Jean McGinness of Richardson, TX. He is also survived by his Godparents Dr. and Mrs. John H. Cude of Dallas, TX, and Mrs. Ronald C. Gentry of Granbury, TX. He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Mr. Mack Arthur McGinness and Mr. Duane Noble Allen both of Richardson, TX, and his late Godfather Mr. Ronald C. Gentry of Granbury, TX.

Mark was devoted to his family and extended circle of friends, and treasured his beloved dog Gus. He was an avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys and collected Cowboy memorabilia. Mark was a member of The Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount and was active in various church activities included in the Brotherhood of St. Andrews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, P. O. Box 7367, Ruidoso, NM 88355 or to Hope Cottage, 4209 McKinney, Dallas, TX, 75205.

Mark loved life, his family and friends and his God. May God rest his soul in eternal peace.

Harry Lee Whipple Jr.

89 years old passed away Sept. 21, 2010 in El Paso Tx.
He was born Jan. 1, 1921 in Wichita Falls, Tx

He had Business Ventures in Ruidoso in the 1950's & 60's Whipples Cafe, The Gateway shopping Center and the Chaparral Motor Hotel. Were all successful businesses in Ruidoso. He also owned and operated the beautycraft industries, H & L Marble Co. and Whipples Spa Center in El Paso Tx. He proudly served in the US Navy in world war two. He is survived by wife Leona 61 years, sons Harry Lee Whipple the III, James Louis Whipple, and Mary Ann Whipple, Grandsons Brian and Jake. He also has Nephews Craig, Kenny and Larry Whipple.

Grave side service where held at Fort Bliss national cemetery Sept 29th in El Paso Tx

LINCOLN COUNTY

Ambassadors from the orchard

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Jim and Pat Niebaum don't think of themselves as anything but hard-working business owners making a living the best way they know how.

When in fact, their Carrizozo Cider is a sweet mode of ambassadorship throughout the state of New Mexico and beyond.

The Niebaums came to Carrizozo in 1989 from a very small town in Nebraska where they had worked on Jim's grandparents' farm selling apples, raspberries, strawberries, fresh cherries, peaches and cider.

The heat and humidity of summer and the cold winters finally became the deciding factor for the Niebaums to seek a milder climate.

The Carrizozo Orchard was a made to order for the Niebaums.

"The man that had this place for sale was happy to find someone that would actually work it as an orchard," said Jim. "We made a ridiculous offer for it and it was ours."

At 81 years of age, the Niebaums are only now beginning to make plans to "slow down."

Jim is still traveling four or five days a week to deliver cider; making trips to Carlsbad, Pojoaque, Española, Truth or Consequences and Melrose. Each trip requires eight hours of driving time plus the loading and unloading.

"I usually leave about 7 in the morning," he said, "and I get home about 7 at night. I do schedule a little nap in there, too. I just pull over and take a short one before I finish driving home."

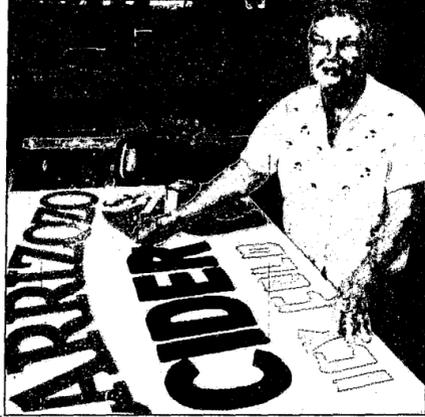
The 1979 red Ford van is a trademark for the cider business. "I don't want to get rid of it," Jim said. "Everybody knows that van and recognizes it everywhere."

The van has 604,000 miles on it and is on its third engine but is still running with the original transmission.

Tall, slender and fit, Jim is not one for sitting down for any length of time. Pat says when he's home, he's always out in the orchard or the garden doing something. A few years ago she told him he needed a hobby.

So to comply, he bought 1,000 gladiola bulbs and planted them in two-week increments so he would have fresh blooms all summer.

From July through September, he harvests beautiful mixed color gladiolas that Pat fashions into bouquets. Jim delivers those to



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Jim and Pat Niebaum are a crew of two doing all the work, marketing and delivery for Carrizozo Orchards and the Carrizozo Cider business. Jim delivers in the same van he's used for 31 years. Above right, Jim and Pat stand before a bunch of the gladiolas that Jim raises as a "hobby" and gives to his customers on his routes. Patches the Border Collie, is in charge of orchard security.

their cider customers on each of his routes as a thank-you gift.

Pat has arranged 80 vases of gladiolas over the last three months.

Ten acres of fruit trees flank the house and shop-area of Carrizozo Orchard.

Almost half the apple trees (at least 1,000) were hit with a bacterial disease a few years ago and had to be removed from the orchard.

"You can't plant apple trees back in the same place where they were before, without sterilizing the soil," Jim said. "It can be done but it's very expensive and I don't think it's worth it. You can't sell apples once you have them anyway. It's not like it used to be."

The industry has changed over the years driven by the demands of the retail outlets.

"You have to be flexible in your marketing," Jim said. "We went from a retail business in Nebraska to a wholesale business here, and now that's changed considerably. The stores don't want all the apples at once because people don't buy more than a few at a time anymore. There's a few places where you might have a niche, but not many."

The cider recipe used by the Niebaums has been in the family since 1924. Jim said when they first moved here, he saw a lot of cherry cider offered at roadside stands.

"I tasted it and thought

our product was better," he said. So the Carrizozo Orchard cider business took off from there.

The recipe is a family secret, but Jim believes one of the reasons Carrizozo Cider is superior in taste is the fact that they use pure cane sugar and not corn syrup like so many do.

The homemade cherry, raspberry and apple ciders from Carrizozo Orchards grew rapidly in popularity.

Over the years, manufacturing and bottling became a repeated challenge, with the Niebaums always seeking some place that would handle their relatively small quantities.

"The bottled-water industry really makes it difficult," said Jim. "They don't want to mess with bottling our products when they can utilize their equipment for much larger orders of water."

The cherry cider is the most popular, selling two-to-one over the raspberry. The apple cider is a fall product because, according to the Niebaums, people don't seem to think about it except in the cold months.

"You don't use just any apples for cider," he said. "It takes a blend of sweet and tart to get the right flavor and the right acidity. It's a real art to get it right."

Both Pat and Jim were born in 1929 and went to high school together in Fremont, Neb.

On their first date, Jim said he took her home, tried to get a kiss and she

quickly informed him she didn't kiss on the first date. "Our next date was 27 years later," he laughed.

They both married other people and raised families. Jim also earned a degree in fruit production at Colorado State University, then called Colorado A&M. He graduated in 1950.

Years later and both divorced, they ran into each other again.

"He was coming into town from his grandfather's farm to date me," said Pat.

"Finally he said, 'You've either got to come out here and live or marry me. I'm losing all my business coming to town.'"

So they were married and have since celebrated 31 anniversaries. They share families that include seven children, 15 grandchildren and a half-dozen great-grandchildren.

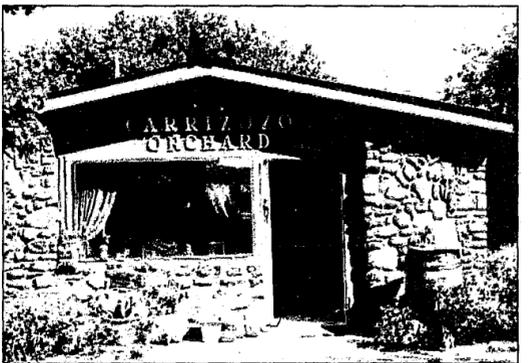
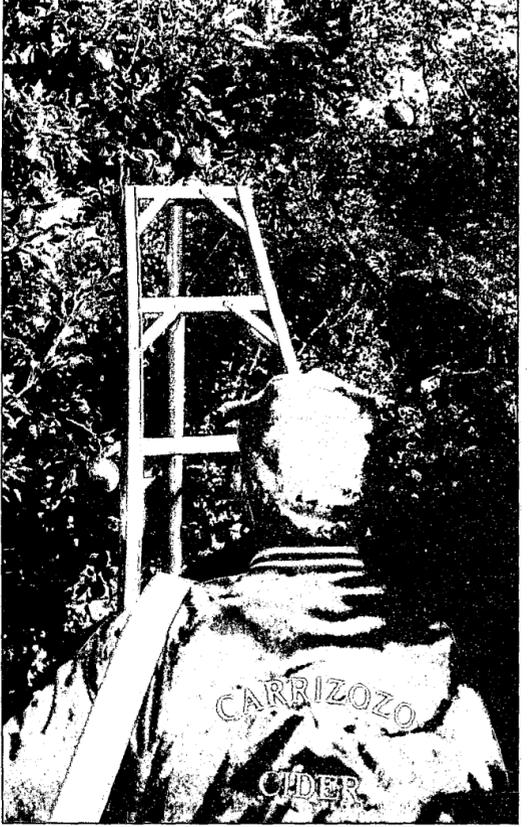
Ultimately, the couple hopes to turn the orchard over to a family member and relocate to property they have purchased near Pie Town.

Retiring isn't a word they use and obviously is not part of the plan.

The first improvement to the new property at Pie Town was building a 26-foot by 60-foot greenhouse. "I'm going to grow something," Jim said. "Probably mostly vegetables."

Visitors to Carrizozo Orchard can get a tour of the grounds and all the information they want about raising fruit trees.

Apples and cider is for



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The ultimate farmer continued

Farming wasn't their first choice for a new "retirement" career. You will recall, this couple moved from the city to the country, purchased a farm (something less than 60 acres) and were buying every farm implement available, ready to go to work.

The farming plan was initiated by health issues suffered by Dr. Hicks, a pediatric surgeon. He graduated valedictorian from medical school in Ohio, migrated to a big hospital in Denver and until recently, enjoyed a lucrative successful career.

Now in his mid-50s, he had some sort of come-apart nervous wreck. The verdict was that he should retire, not be allowed around sharp objects and should take up a hobby.

Fishing was Dr. Hick's first choice. That went very well through the gearing up and making plans phase.

However, when he actu-

ally got in his newly purchased boat, he just as quickly fell out of the boat, taking with him any delusion that this was the sport for him.

Next, Mrs. Hicks decided that he should take up hunting. He couldn't be trusted with a knife, so she got him a gun. Makes perfect sense to me.

She bought him a canned hunt on a high-fence game ranch and he shot one little doe. In his delight, he agreed that, indeed, this was the hobby for him.

He had bagged this marvel with a .223 and promptly decided he needed a bigger gun. So he bought a .30-30 which seemed to be more appropriate for him.

Mrs. Hicks didn't want him having all the fun, so she opted to go along on the hunts.

In preparation, she bought a .45-70, which is a genuine buffalo gun and

certainly adequate for your average size elephant, should you encounter one.

If she actually managed ever to hit anything she was hunting, it would need picked up with a stick and a spoon.

Beyond that, guaranteed, it would knock her on her cuffed rear and dislocate her shoulder in the process.

Details aside, they now had a hobby.

Next they needed some place to shoot. That would explain their purchase of the rocky 58.2 acres. It came with a small herd of deer that called it home.

Immediately they planned to high fence the new farm, trap all the deer inside and shoot them, said Mrs. Hicks.

It had not yet occurred to them that because of the high fence, once those deer were gone, no others would be able to access the farm.

They bought bundle after bundle of 15-foot T-posts for the high fence, making sure they had plenty.

A quick use of a calculator, which they did not,

indicated that if all the posts they bought were used, they would be about 9-1/2 inches apart around the entire perimeter of the 58.2 acres.

Jake, the man from the tractor store, had so impressed them with his knowledge of farming, fencing, tractors and all things necessary to their new life, they offered to hire him as their farm foreman.

He told them that as attractive as that sounded, he was pretty well tied to the tractor store.

The first tractor driving lesson went exactly as suspected.

Jake put Mrs. Hicks in the tractor in the middle of the borrowed 80-acre hay field.

He reported that at one point, he and Mr. Hicks were running as fast as they could.

When asked if they were trying to rescue the Mrs., he said, "Hell no, we were running for our lives. She was about to run over us."

After the lesson, Mrs. Hicks asked Jake if there was any good place nearby

to eat. Noting that Mr. Hicks was looking kind of pale and needed nourishment, he recommended a Mexican restaurant not far away.

Mr. Hicks got a happy look to his face just before Mrs. Hicks said, "You can't have Mexican food, it gives you gas."

Jake, thinking it would be OK for Mr. Hicks to pass gas on his own farm, didn't say so, but suggested a greasy spoon place on the square in town. "The hamburgers are pretty good," he said.

Mrs. Hicks asked how to get to the square and

Jake told her to drive to the center of town where the big courthouse was and it would be right there.

When they didn't return after lunch, Jake wondered if perhaps he should have given the return directions as well.

The need for more tractor driving lessons was quite evident, but unfortunately Jake deduced that he is booked solid for at least the next year and is very unavailable.

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Cougirl Sass & Savvy
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BearWatch urges resistance bear hunt changes

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An advocate for the protection of New Mexico's bear population is urging state residents to oppose a proposed expansion of the state's annual bear hunt.

"There is still a month for New Mexico residents to respond by letter, email or phone to the Commissioners and the Governor," said Jan Hayes, founder of Sandia Mountain Bear-Watch, New Mexico Bear-Watch.

The Game Commission postponed a scheduled September decision-making on Big Game Regulations meeting after vocal public opposition about the proposed increase in bear and cougar hunting limits for 2011 to 2014.

The next meeting to consider revisions is set for Oct. 28, at the Inn of the Mountain Gods on the Mescalero Apache Reservation near Ruidoso.

"The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish just listed their revised proposal for future bear hunts to be voted on by the NM Game Commission," Hayes said. "There are no positive changes from their original proposal. In fact, in some respects it is worse."

Game officials have cited the need to reduce the predator population for reasons of public safety, trophy herd management and livestock protection. Hayes listed the following specifics:

- The NMG&F Department stayed with a 686 total bears, including 303 female bears to be killed each year, a 69 percent overall increase over this year's hunt with a 72 percent increase for females. This is a 104 percent increase over the 2004 to 2008 annual hunts, she said.

- The NMG&F proposes eliminating stopping the hunt in each zone when the kills reach 90 percent of the limit, and have gone back to 100 percent, which means more bears will be killed over the zone limits before the hunt is closed as occurred in previous years.

The NMG&F proposes to do away with 'dogs only'

hunts in Zone 4, which means that more hunters can kill more bears.

- The NMG&F proposes expanding hound hunting for bears in Game Management Units during elk and deer hunting.

- The NMG&F still proposes a 15 percent 'reduction' hunt including 50 percent female mortality in

five zones each year. In the Sandias, they propose a 15 percent reduction hunt including 57 percent females.

- The NMG&F eliminated the mechanical bear calling device.

"There is still time to stop this destructive hunt, that is, if enough people all over New Mexico respond,"

Hayes said. "The NMG&F wants the non-bear hunting public to shut up, give up and go away. But we have asked our BearWatch members to continue to write the Game Commissioners and Governor (Bill) Richardson to stop this travesty of the NMG&F's so-called 'hunter opportunity'."

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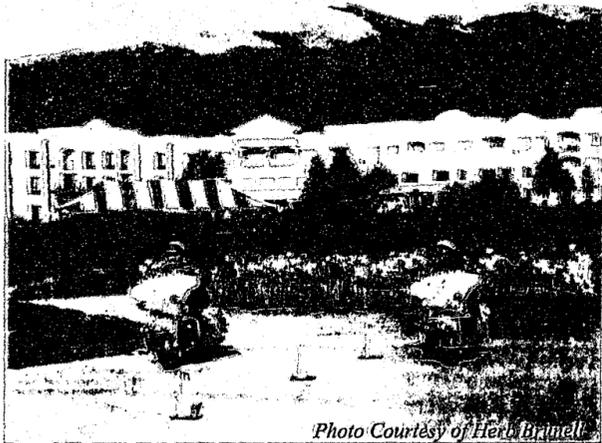


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Civil suits filed to recuse Capitan municipal judge

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Nine civil suits have been filed in District Court in Carrizozo requesting the recusal of Capitan Municipal Judge J.D. Roehrig from particular traffic citation hearings.

The recusal request center around Roehrig's refusal to recuse himself from hearing traffic citation cases brought before him by Capitan police officer Sean McGarry.

Controversy surrounding Roehrig's ability to be impartial began when last year he testified, without being subpoenaed, on behalf of McGarry at a hearing in Santa Fe where



JUDGE J.D. ROEHRIG

McGarry's accreditation was being scrutinized by the State Police Academy.

The civil suits were filed by Jeff Dale, Traci Dale and their minor son, Gary Sweat and his minor son, and Melanie Dean.

Dean's and the Sweats' cases will be heard at 9 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 6 before District Judge Karen Parsons.

The Dales' initial three suits will be heard on Oct. 12 and the three that were most recently filed on Sept. 30, have not yet been scheduled for court.

Jeff Dale said he and his family have received a total of 10 traffic citations from McGarry since June 11. Dean has been stopped three times and ticketed twice.

Formal complaint letters referencing McGarry have been filed with the Village of Capitan by those requesting Roehrig's recusal.

Bomb-squad call a false alarm in Capitan

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A late afternoon call to law enforcement from the Brewer Shell Station on SmokeyBear Boulevard resulted in a two-hour lock down of the business.

According to Capitan Chief of Police Randy Spear, five or possibly six people from Roswell were shoplifting in the store section of the business.

One suspect fled on foot

but was apprehended by a Lincoln County Sheriff's Office deputy.

A search of the vehicle the suspects arrived in revealed drug paraphernalia as well as an item suspected to be a pipe bomb.

The New Mexico State Police Bomb Squad was called in and the area was secured and the business closed.

The makeshift device in question was determined to be "unarmed" but became

part of an ongoing investigation through the Capitan Police Department and another law enforcement agency, Spear said. "It could be tied to other parts of the state."

One suspect, Christopher Tuckness, was arrested and charged with shoplifting and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Spear confirmed that the group was allegedly shoplifting ice cream from the business.



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Fire investigators were on the scene Wednesday morning to determine the cause of a blaze that broke out the night before in Midtown Ruidoso.

Electrical fire hits Village Plaza

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Fire damaged a portion of a Midtown Ruidoso business building Tuesday night.

The blaze, in a part of the Village Plaza at 2306 Sudderth Drive, was called in shortly after 8 p.m. Flames were reported to be exiting part of the roof facade in the front of the building at lengths of 12 to 15 feet.

Assistant Ruidoso Fire Chief Harlan Vincent said his investigation, begun Tuesday night, pointed to

an electrical fire.

New Mexico Fire Marshall Mike Ward agreed. He said there was a need for the owner of the building to upgrade the electrical system.

On the recommendation of the fire marshal, the village ordered that electricity not be turned back on to the plaza that contains about 10 businesses.

"The building was declared unfit for occupancy because of an antiquated electrical system," said Ruidoso Deputy Manager Bill Morris. "It has what is called knob and tube

wiring which has not been used for decades. If you have a problem you have to take care of it. They can't power up the panel because we really can't have fires like that."

Morris noted there had been another fire in the Village Plaza earlier this year.

An electrical contractor was being talked with about replacement of the system, Morris added.

"I called in the fire marshal because of the complexity," said Vincent. "I like to have the fire marshal look at it too to see if we're in agreement."

A total of 10 firefighters, six paid and four volunteers, responded to the fire.

"I've never seen firefighters come so fast," said Carl Johnson, who went to the location at the request of the owner of Hosanna's Glass Works. "Everything (in the shop) was intact. Nothing looked damaged," he said after the fire was extinguished.

Vincent said the first responders were at the location in four minutes. To enter one of the shops, a pane of glass in the entrance door was broken to unlock the door instead of kicking in the door. Once inside firefighters covered merchandise with tarps to protect the items.

"There was tons of beautiful stuff and they took care of it," said Vincent.

The flames were mostly restricted to an attic area above Hosanna's and Mustard Seed Gifts.

"The stop of the fire on the building was top notch," said Ward. "This is one of the best fire departments I've seen. It was an aggressive attack with good protection."

A crew remained at the location overnight to make sure the flames did not rekindle. The investigation resumed Wednesday morning.

Ortiz arrested

Carrizozo Police Chief Rachel Weiser said John L. Ortiz, 39, was arrested by the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety on Wednesday night, Sept. 29.

Ortiz was a fugitive for a week after a warrant for his arrest was issued for charges filed after he attempted to assault Carrizozo Police officer Gary Lindsey on Sept. 21. Police were dispatched when a call to 9-1-1 reported Ortiz breaking windows in a home on D Avenue.

Weiser said ADPS contacted her when he was arrested but the details of his apprehension and his return to Lincoln County were not yet known.

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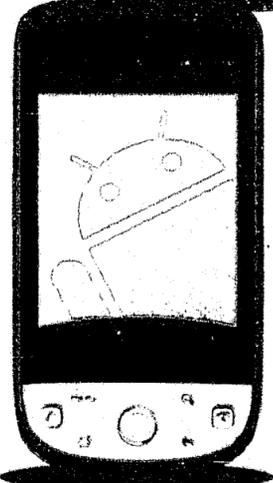
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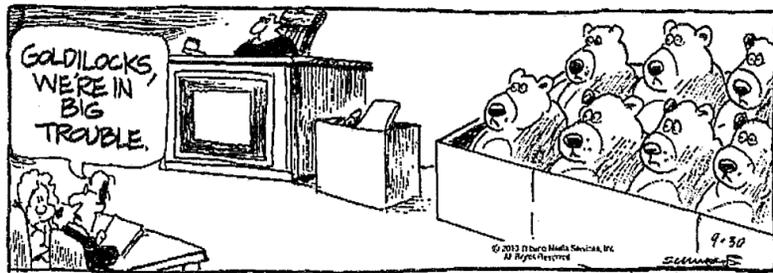
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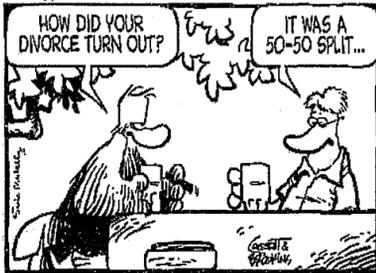
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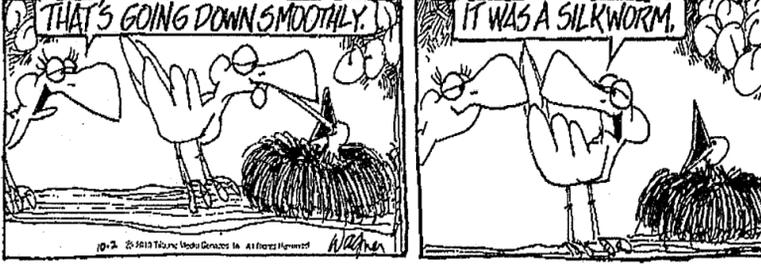
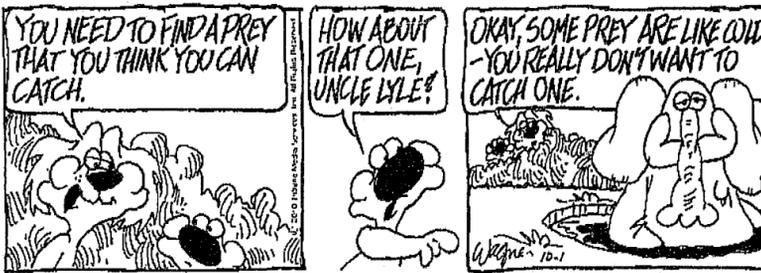
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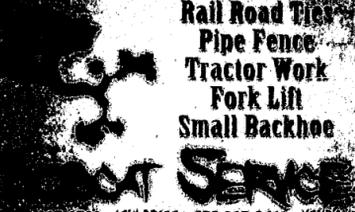
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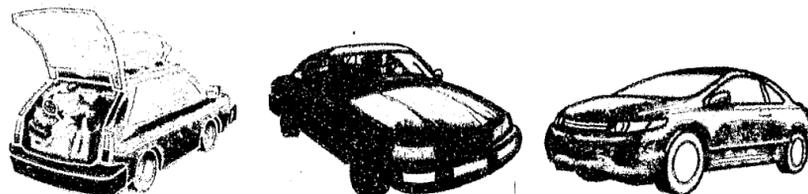
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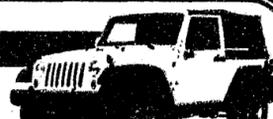
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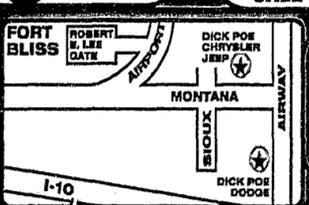
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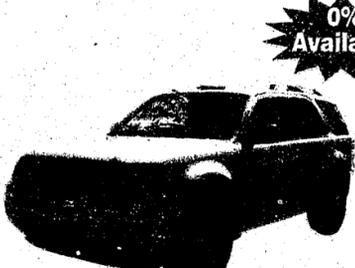
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5634	10 FORD MUSTANG HARD TOP	\$269/MON
5624	06 LINCOLN ZEPHYR FWD CERTIFIED	\$269/MON
5626	10 FORD MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE CERTIFIED	\$299/MON
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5631	10 LINCOLN TOWN CAR CERTIFIED	\$439/MON
5635	10 LINCOLN TOWN CAR	\$449/MON
544031	04 SATURN ION	\$8,500
55391	05 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS CERTIFIED	WAS \$15,270 NOW \$10,727
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5584	06 VW BEETLE TURBO DIESEL	\$199/MON
5620	08 NISSAN ALTIMA 2.5 S	\$229/MON
5616	08 MAZDA MIATA CONVERTIBLE	\$279/MON
5621	08 HYUNDAI ELANTRA	WAS \$13,850 NOW \$10,995
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56061	04 JEEP WRANGLER 4X4	\$229/MON
5619	09 FORD ESCAPE 4X4 CERTIFIED	\$269/MON
5632	09 FORD ESCAPE 4X4	\$276/MON
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5630	08 MERCURY MARINER AWD	\$295/MON
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5603	10 EXPEDITION 4X4 CERTIFIED	\$459/MON
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5609	07 DODGE DAKOTA LARAMIE	\$278/MON
8J0711	06 HONDA RIDGELINE 4X4	\$279/MON
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9J0255	07 F-150 4X4 CREW CAB	\$364/MON
5321	99 TOYOTA TACOMA	WAS \$8,680 NOW \$7,747
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The tradition of AspenFest continues on Oct. 2 and 3 by giving the community the time to take a breath of fresh air, behold the mountain and remind everyone of the splendor of Ruidoso.

Friends and family are invited to leisurely stroll through outdoor fairs, gaze at awesome cars and taste come incredible chili.

Bring the lawn chairs and line the streets of Midtown for the annual parade beginning at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 2. "Jazzin' It Up in Ruidoso" is the theme this year and is a tribute to the nationally renowned jazz groups playing at the Spencer Theater.

Parade Marshall Dennis Woo, KTEP-FM opera-

tions director and host of NPR Morning Jazz Show in El Paso, will be leading the parade. Woo was thrilled with this honor as he knows how music is core to the Ruidoso spirit and is not one to pass up an opportunity for a weekend in the Sierra Blanca mountains.

An arts and crafts show hosted by the Ruidoso Gymnastics Club will be held on Saturday and Sunday in Midtown next to McGary Studios from 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. each day. River Rendezvous will also host an outdoor fair at their location on Sudderth Drive.

The New Mexico Open Chili Cook-off will be held at Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino on Satur-

day, Oct. 2, with the Ruidoso Chili Society Pod Cookoff scheduled for noon on Sunday.

The Rod Run to Ruidoso Car Show will also take place at Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday and is free to the public.

Spencer Theater presents jazz musicians Rossano Sportiello and the Rebecca Kilgore Quartet on Oct. 2, with a gumbo dinner starting things off at 5 p.m.

For a complete listing of AspenFest events, go online to RuidosoNow.com.

~ J. Hanson, Editor
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Cover Story



"Shades of Pink" art exhibition at Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts is a collaborative effort with Altrusa International of Ruidoso. Cover story on page 12.

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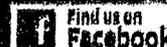
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Aspenfest Weekend

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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 information, call 575-648-2757 or 575-648-2279.

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Book Signing

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

Vince Gill

October 13: (Mescalero)
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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)
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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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Casa Blanca (501 Mechem Dr.; 257-2495): 2 Days Walk, 6 - 7:15 p.m.; Los Mustangs with Roy Rogers; 7:30 - 9 p.m.; ARL with Jackie Chan, 9 p.m.

Club 49 (Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino): Johnny & The Crashers, 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.; 257-9559): Tomas Vigil, 6 p.m.

Mountain Annie's (2710 Sudderth Dr.; 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): The Mixx, 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Billy's Sports Bar (Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino; 378-431): Sam I Am (funk, soul and dance 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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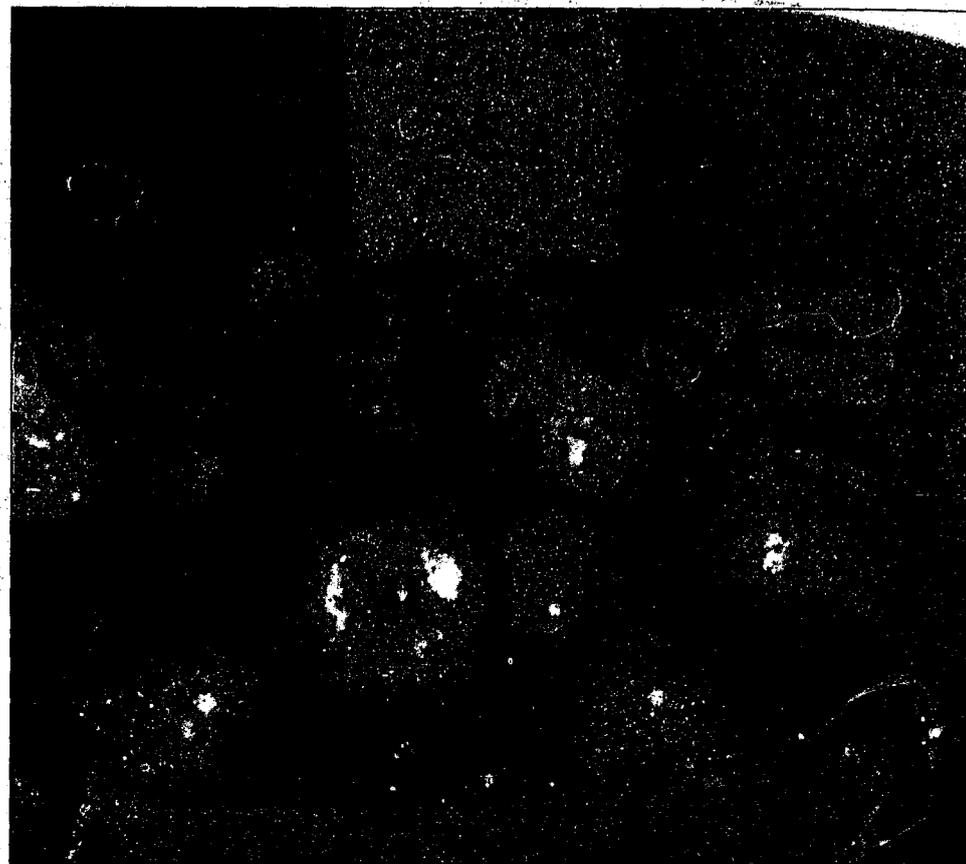
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Festivities will take place from noon – 5 p.m.,



The Carrizozo Cider Festival offers something for everyone. Food, games, art and more will fill Historic 12th Street this Sunday afternoon. All photos by Julie Carter.

on Historic 12th Street. There is no charge for admission. The street will be closed to traffic and the galleries and shops will be open for browsing and shopping.

Entertainment scheduled to perform includes:

- RPM – acoustic guitar and vocal duet of Rachel and Paul Mysza from Roswell playing a mixture of reggae, jazz, rock;
- Aurora Project – Lanny Maddox (guitar and vocals) and Vince Scarpa on keyboards playing contemporary, jazz, country and pop;
- DJ CJ Beltran fills between live music with live-

ly Spanish music.

Carrizozo Cider will be available by the glass, bottle or gallon jug.

Grilled hot dogs and soda will be sold by Little League to earn money for ball park improvements, as well as having a cake walk.

New Horizon will sell water and candy to generate money to benefit the Special Olympics.

Music in the Parks will sell homemade desserts by the piece, coffee, tea and hot chocolate at its newly named Quarter Note Café.

There will be demonstrations of use of a pottery wheel, wood carving, tile,

mandela, spinning, iron works and more.

Booths offering pottery, honey, paintings, woodcrafts, and jewelry for purchase will also be there. A flea market area is also provided.

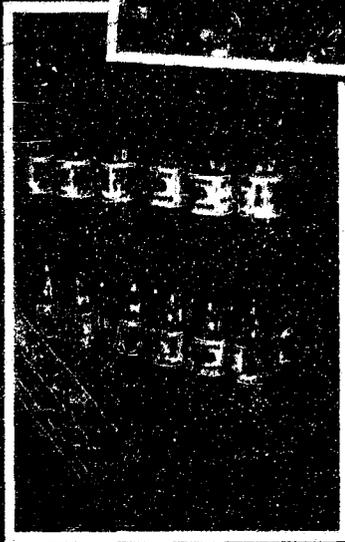
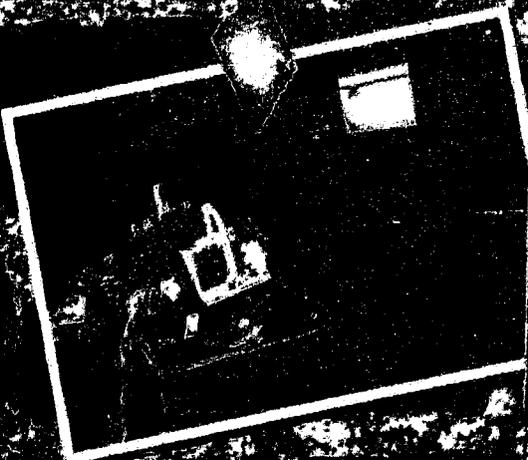
There are plenty of activities for kids, such as a climbing wall, jumping balloons and games.

For more information, contact Elaine Brannan at 575-648-2757 or by emailing ebrannan@gmail.com, or call Barbara at 575-648-2279.

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BY JESSIE HANSON
¡VAMOS! EDITOR

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For more information, contact the Hubbard Museum of the American West by calling Jeannine



"A Moment to Reflect" (above) by Zane Mead is an 18" x 24" rendered in oil. It will be available for viewing at the discussion.

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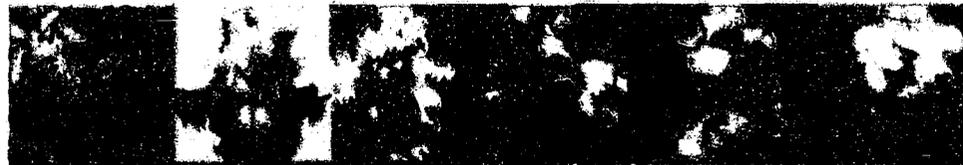
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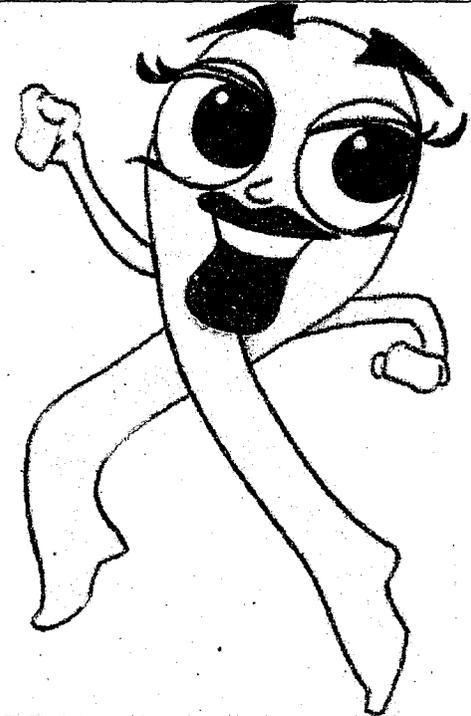
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This October marks the 25th anniversary of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This well-recognized organization is a partnership of national public service organizations, professional medical associations and government agencies all working together to promote breast cancer awareness, share information on the disease and provide greater access to screening services. This year, two Ruidoso groups are working in conjunction to support this noble effort.

The Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts and Altrusa of Ruidoso have joined together to raise awareness and funding for Altrusa's annual low-cost mammogram program.

Shades of Pink is the

name of the art exhibit at the RRCA located at 1712 Sudderth Dr., which will hang through the end of this month. The show features small works of art from 35 New Mexico artists and includes mixed media, fiber, jewelry, metal and photography. Regular gallery hours are Wednesday - Saturday, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. A public reception will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 5 - 7 p.m.

For more information on the RRCA Shades of Pink art exhibit, call 575-257-7272.

All art is available for purchase with a portion of the monies earned going to benefit the Ruidoso chapter of Altrusa International.

Altrusa offers an annual opportunity for residents of Lincoln County who are between the ages of 35 - 64 to receive a mammo-

gram at the reduced cost of \$55.

As partners with Lincoln County Medical Center, Altrusa volunteers work during the entire month of October to perform many tasks, which are normally performed by hospital personnel.

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For more information on Altrusa International, Inc., call 312-427-4410, or go online to altrusa.com, or email altrusa@altrusa.com.

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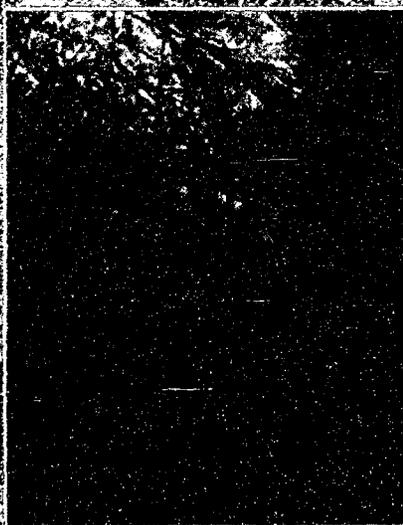
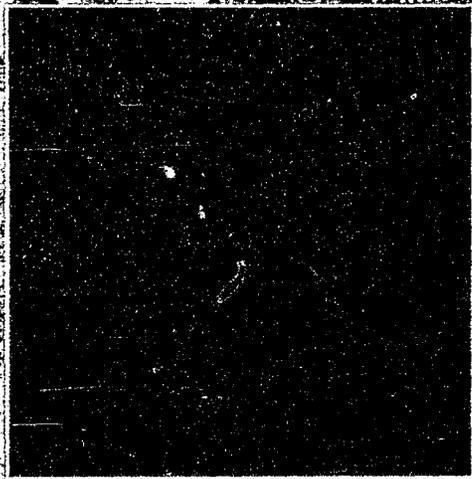
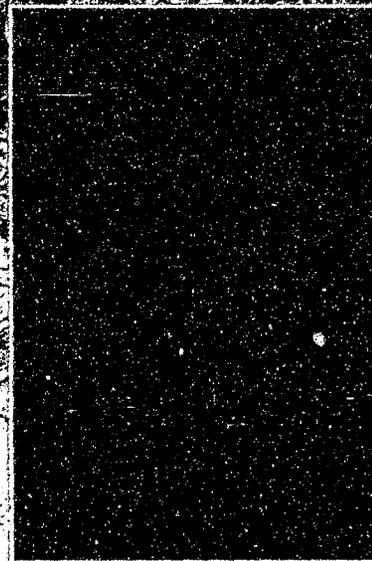
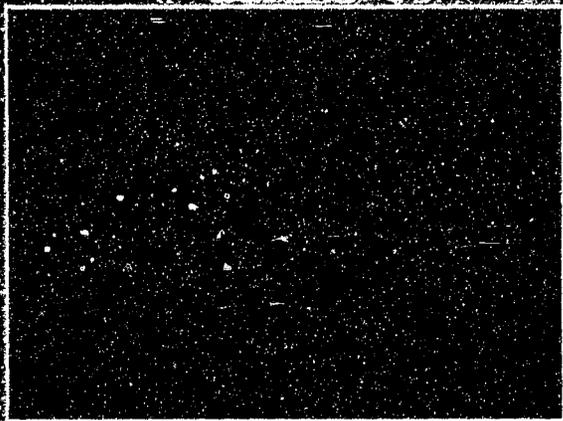
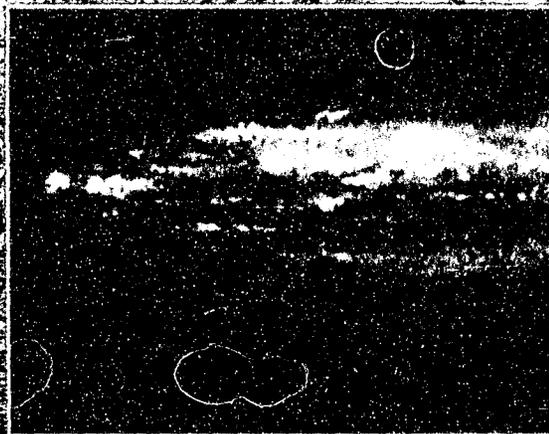
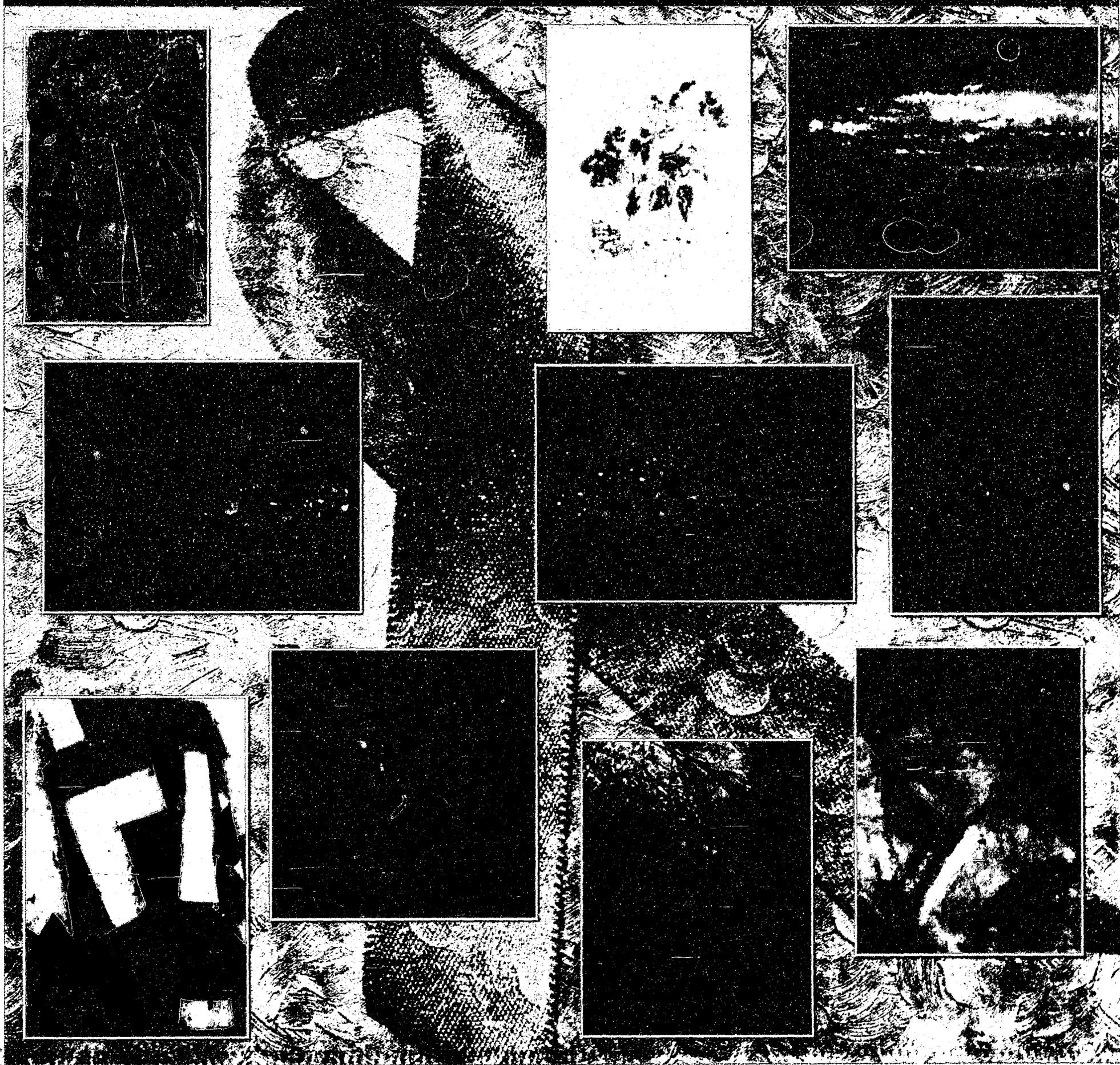
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Côte de Nuits

BY NEAL JONES
FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

First of all, when I speak of Côte de Nuits (Coat duh Nwee'), I want to make a distinction within the rules that are within the appellation laws in France. It is a little complicated, but it should help you with label reading and

choosing some absolutely fabulous wines.

As authorized by the laws of Appellation Contrôlée, the usage of the term "Grand Cru" varies in the fine wine regions of France. In Burgundy, a Grand Cru is the very highest rating applying only to rare and distinguished wines. In Bordeaux, there

are several different categories of Grand Cru, depending on the region. In the Médoc district, Grand Cru applies only to those vineyards classified in 1855, which are divided into five groups of crus.

The Grand Cru rules differ in Saint Émilion in the eastern parts of France. North in Alsace, the rules

changed in 1975 and in Champagne a Grand Cru rating applies to only vineyard fetching the best price for grapes. It depends on which French district the wine is from when we use Grand Cru classification, making my next statement even stronger. In all of the Burgundy growing region of France, 22 of the 23 Grand Cru wines come from Côte de Nuits.

The northern half of Burgundy's Côte d'Or, the Côte de Nuits is celebrated for producing the best of the French burgundies. These wines, year after year, set the standard for the finest Pinot Noir red wines. The district does have some Chardonnay planted, but is really the Pinot Noir of Côte de Nuits that is world famous.

Côte de Nuits takes its name from the medieval town of Nuits, the largest on the Côte. (Allow me to digress because reading the French label is half the issue when choosing a wine.) A Côte is French for "hill" or "slope." In the wine regions, vineyards are likely to be located on slopes for the proper drainage to make the vine work for fruit and the slope allows for optimum exposure to sunshine. There are many Côtes in France and there are appellation rules that change with location.

But, when you think of the standard of fine wine from Burgundy, Côte de Nuits is the starting place to look on the label. The largest town is Nuits-St. Georges; you won't find "Grand Cru" here, but it is



the commerce center of the area. As I mentioned, under French law, Appellation Contrôlée varies from region to region. The Grand Cru wines are always the best – meaning "great growth." As an indication of the excellence of Côte de Nuits vineyards, all but one of the 23 Grand Cru Burgundies are from this region. The next level of appellation is Premier Cru (first growth) and will be some of the best values you can find at the wine shop. Premier Cru from Côte de Nuits will sometimes combine growing areas on the label. You may find Gevrey-Chambertin instead of the Grand Cru of Chambertin. These excellent reds are made of specific vineyards in a blend of grapes coming from the specific district of Côte de Nuits.

The unclassified vineyards in the Côte de Nuits produce wine entitled to a communal appellation, which is so renowned, and it is hard to go wrong with a choice from this area. These unclassified Burgundies will have just the place name without any Premier Cru or Grand Cru on the label. Then there are declassified wines, called Bourgogne, but from Côte de Nuits, you'll never see those sold in the U.S. and they are very rare.

The communes and villages from Côte de Nuits to look for include Gevrey-Chambertin, Morey-St. Denis, Chambolle-Musigny, Vougeot, Flagey-Échezeaux, Vosne-Romanée, Nuits-St. Georges and Prémeaux. The secondary wine communes of Côte de Nuits, located at the northern and southern extremes of the Côte, include Fixin, Brochon, Prissy, Comblanchien and Corgoloin. You'll find wines of these secondary areas labeled "Côte de Nuits-Villages" and they are quite good. The other secondary appellation, not used much any longer, is "Vins Fins de la Côte de Nuits."

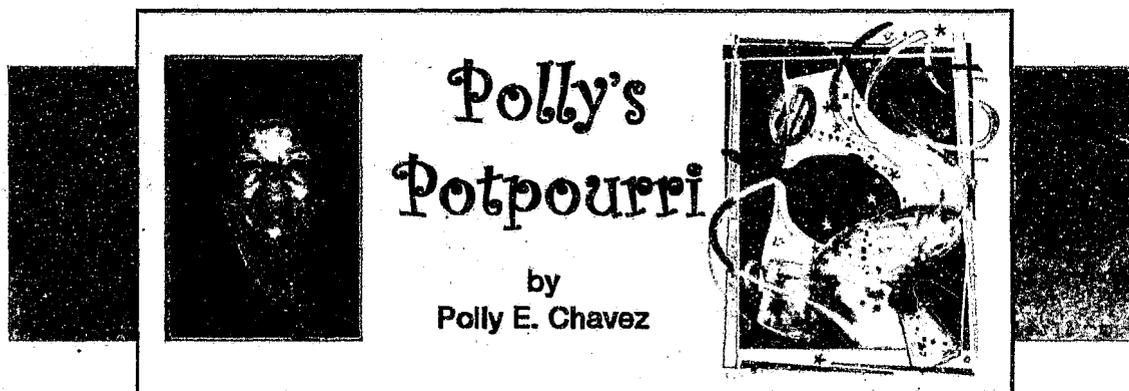
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Migas



Migas are frequently confused with chilaquiles as each dish uses left-over corn tortillas and is served primarily in the morning. In English, I suppose that migas could be translated as tortilla egg scramble.

A column reader wanted to know how the egg topping an enchilada came about. The reader suggested perhaps this dish was served at breakfast.

Red chile, cheese and onion layered, or "stacked," enchilada is topped with a fried egg, then a spoonful of chile goes over the egg.

An enchilada topped with a fried egg is called enchilada montada. The egg is mounted on top. I could find no information as to why an egg was first used on an enchilada.

Enchilada comes from the Spanish verb *enchilar* meaning "to add chile to." Enchilada literally means "in chile." The traditional enchilada sauce is dried red chile peppers soaked and made into a sauce.

An enchilada made with bean sauce rather than chile is called an *enfrijolada* (frijoles or beans).

Since this a very simple bean dish to prepare the phrase, "Estas no son enchiladas" (these are not enchiladas) is used, tongue in cheek, in Mexico City when referring to something that is not simple, and is commonly used in response to complaints.

The enchilada also has its place in English slang with the phrase "the whole enchilada," which means "everything."

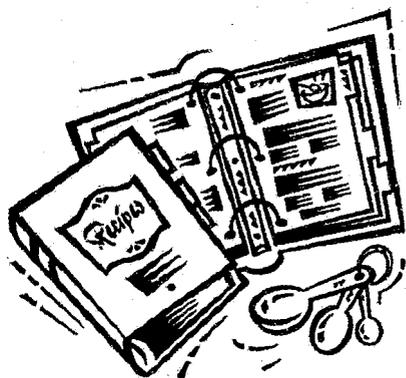
Migas requires eggs and is not a choice. Migas is a Mexican dish and is not known to many of us Hispanics in Otero and Lincoln counties whose ancestors have been here "forever."

After talking to some cooks who have roots in Mexico, I came up with a migas recipe.

I served my migas with a side of High Mesa Salsa from La Luz, a town located immediately north of Alamogordo. The salsa is available in different strengths, including Red Hot, Medium and Hazardous and can be found at Walmart. I learned that the company also makes a green chile salsa.



Migas



- 2 tablespoons oil
- 2 corn tortillas
- 1 tablespoon onion
- 3 eggs, beaten
- salt as desired
- Grated cheese

Pour the oil into a frying pan and heat over medium heat until hot. Cut the tortillas into strips. Fry a few strips at a time in the oil, remove and set aside. When all the strips are fried place them back into the pan. Add chopped onion, salt and beaten eggs. Stir gently until eggs set. Top with grated cheese on each serving.

Serve with your favorite salsa.

CULINARY DINING GUIDE

Alamogordo

Bar-B-Que



Spring Mountain Chuck Wagon BBQ • 1187 Hwy. 82, High Rolls • Open Fri-Sun; Lunch and dinner • 682-4550

Sunset Run Restaurant • 54 McDonald Rd. • Ribs, brisket, pork, sausage, chicken, fish • Tue-Sat, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. • 434-9000.

Texas Pit Barbeque • 211 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1101.

Cafés



Airport Grille • 3500 Airport Rd., Alamogordo • 439-1093 • Open Mon-Fri, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. • Specialty sandwiches.

Amigos Bakery • 1107 10th St., Alamogordo • 437-0592. • 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Deli, daily special.

Brown Bag Deli • 900 Washington, Alamogordo • 437-9751 • Mon-Sat, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Deli, daily special.

Café 675 • 675 Tenth St. at Lowes, Alamogordo • 437-5150.

Cloudcroft Deli • 505 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-5588 • Daily, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Carry-out only.

Coffee & More • 308 Granado • Deli • Tularosa • 585-4575.

Dave's Café • 300 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thu, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri-Sat; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. • Hamburgers

Front Porch Eatery Café • 94 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-7492 • Open Mon-Thu, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sun, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

High Country Lounge & Grill • 90 Pleasant Valley Dr., Timberon • 987-2580.

High Rolls General Store Deli • 845 Hwy. 82 • 682-2855.

Jamocha 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 (GCRMC), 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.-4 p.m.

Plateau Espresso • 2724 N. Scenic, Alamogordo • 434-4466 • Open Sun-Thu, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-11 p.m.

Sweet Shop • 300 Burro Street • Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thu, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-8 a.m. • Smoothies, ice cream, fudge & truffles.

Weed Café • Weed • 687-3611.

Western Bar & Café • 304 Burro St. • 682-2445 • Cloudcroft • Open 7 days 6 a.m.-9 p.m. (café), 7 days 9 a.m.-12 a.m.

Casual Dining



Al-O-Mar • 7400 U.S. 54/70, Tularosa • 585-2129

Applebee's Bar & Grill • 1355 White Sands Blvd. • casual dining, friendly staff, full bar, carside to go • Open Sun-Thu 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fri-Sat until midnight. • 434-2616.

Aspen Restaurant • 1315 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1031 • Open Mon-Sat, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Big Daddy's Diner • 1705 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1224 • Open Tue-Thu, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Chili's Grill & Bar • 202 Panorama, Alamogordo • 437-5903.

Denny's • 930 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-6106.

Gallo's Red Rooster Café • 306 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2448 • Sun-Thu, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat-Sun, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

La Rosa Steakhouse • 21 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa (inside Travel Center) • 585-3339 • Open daily: 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

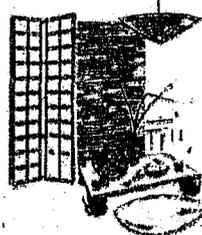
Lazy D Restaurant • 1202 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-2532.

Mom's Home Cooking • 604 First St., Alamogordo • 439-0288.

Mustard's Last Stand • 1920 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-2333 • Fri-Sat, 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

Palm Side • 905 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-8644.

Chinese / Asian



Bamboo Garden Restaurant • 2617F N. White Sands • 437-5552

Chinese Express • 3199 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-8880.

Golden Palace • 700 E. 1st St., Alamogordo • 434-2136.

Jimmy's Quality Food • 1115 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-7423.

Rocket National Buffet • 607 White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • Authentic Chinese and American cuisine. • 437-5905.

Taiwan Kitchen • 110 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-4337.

The Spicy Thai • 915 Texas, Alamogordo • 434-0650.

The Wok Inn • 1010 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-4388 • Buffet, carry-out/ dine in • 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

Fine Dining



Loretta's • 600 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • Mon - Fri, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Mon - Sat, 5 - 9 p.m. • 575-437-1924

Memories Restaurant • 1223 N. New York Ave., Alamogordo • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • 437-0077.

Pepper's Grill • 3200 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9717.

Rebecca's at The Lodge • Cloudcroft • Breakfast, 7-10:30 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., dinner 5:30-10 p.m. • 800-395-6343, 575-682-2566.

Stella Vita Restaurant • 902 New York Ave., Alamogordo • Mon-Fri, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Fri-Sat, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. • 575-434-4444.

Mexican



Alfredo's • 801 Delaware, Alamogordo • 437-1745.

Casa de Sueños New Mexican Restaurant • 35 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-3494 • Fax 585-3496.

Eddie's Burrito Express • 750 E. First St., Alamogordo • 437-0266.

El Camino Restaurant • 1022 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-8809.

Juan's Cactus Café • 3199 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-2368.

La Hacienda • 800 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo.

Margo's Mexican Food • 504 E. First Street, Alamogordo • 434-0689.

Maria's Mexican Food • 604 E. Tenth St., Alamogordo • 434-4549.

El Parador • 2300 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 443-6102.

Si Señor Restaurant • 1480 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-7879.

Tia Lupe's Authentic Mexican Restaurant • 1200 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-0820 • Daily; 10 am-8 pm.

Pizza/Italian



Gigi's Pizza • 600 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-5811.

Pizza Hut • 120 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9785.

Pizza Mill & Sub Factory • 1315 E. Tenth St., Alamogordo • 434-1313.

Pizza Patio • 2203 1st St., Alamogordo • 434-9633.

Ruidoso/Lincoln

Bar-B-Que



Apache Tee • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IMG Pro Shop • 464-7695

Can't Stop Smokin' • 418 Mechem • Bar-B-Que to go. Beef, poultry & pork. • Sun, Mon, Wed, Thu, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri & Sat 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • 630-0000

Circle J Barbecue • 1825 Sudderth • Sun-Thu, 11 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-9:00 p.m. • 257-4105

Tom's Barbeque • 435 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Spare ribs, brisket, pork, sausage, green chile burgers. • Dine in/carry out • Tues - Sat 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. • 937-1515

Cafés



Alto Café • Hwy. 48 & Gavilan Canyon Rd. • Home-style meals. • Mon - Sat; 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 336-1980

Blue Goose 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. - 2:30 p.m., 5 - 9 p.m. • 575-937-9419

Cafe Z • 103 Lincoln, Capitán • 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., Capitán • 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., Capitán • 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.

Schlitzsky'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.

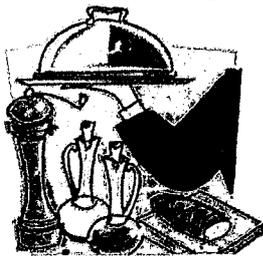
Smokey Bear Restaurant • 310 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán • Daily; 6a.m.-8p.m. • 354-2557

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., Capitán • Specialty sandwiches, burgers, BBQ, bratwurst, homemade fries, homebaked cheesecake. • Tue - Fri 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Sat 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 354-1395

Fine Dining



Ellis Store Country Inn • Hwy. 380 MM 98, Lincoln •

Gourmet dinners • Mon-Sat • By reservation only. • 800-653-6460

La Fondue • 2800 Sudderth Dr (below Elena's) • Steak, seafood, fondue, tempura. • Tues - Sun, 4 - 11 p.m.

Laughing Sheep Farm • 1 mi west of Lincoln at MM96 • Locally grown produce & meats. • Lunch, Wed - Sun, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Dinner, Fri & Sat 5 - 8 p.m. • 653-4041

Texas Club Bar & Grill • 212 Metz Dr. • Steak & seafood • 258-3325.

Tinnie Silver Dollar • 28 mi east of Ruidoso on Hwy. 70 in Tinnie • Steakhouse and saloon; Sat 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Daily dinner 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.; Sun champagne brunch 10 a.m.-3 p.m. • 653-4425.

Wendell's • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IMG • Steaks, seafood, desserts • Daily, 5 p.m. - 11 p.m. • 464-7842

Willmon's Prime Grille • 2523 Sudderth Dr. • Prime steaks, seafood, wines • Reservations accepted; Mon-Sat, 5:30-9 p.m. • 257-2954

Mexican



Casa Blanca • 501 Mechem • Sun-Thu 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri & Sat 11 a.m.-10 p.m. • New Mexican cuisine; lounge. • 257-2495

Chef Lupe's • 1101 Sudderth • Sun-Thu, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-12 a.m • 257-4687

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

Chileo's • 135 W. Hwy. 70 • Sun-Thu, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri & Sat, 7a.m-9 p.m. • 378-4033

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

El Camino Nuevo • 1025 Mechem • 258-4312

Elena's Place • 2800 Sudderth Dr. • Tues-Sat 11 a.m. -2 p.m.

& 5 - 9 p.m., Sun 11a.m. - 2p.m. • 630-8022

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

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

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

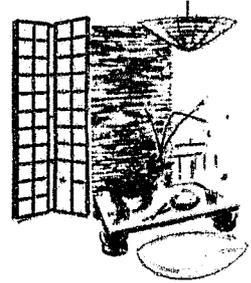
Domino's Pizza • 1717 Sudderth • Sun - Thu 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Fri & Sat 11 - 12 midnight • 257-8888

Michelenas • 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, Midtown • Live show & music. No cover • Dinner & Bar • Fri & Sat, 7 p.m., open 2 p.m. • 257-7982.

Bon Appetit!

The Fourth Horseman

John Henry Tunstall had come to America to make his fortune. It was a common tale, then and now. The Land of Opportunity beckoned and Tunstall heeded its call.

After working for his wealthy father's branch store in Canada, John had ventured south eventually ending up in what master historian Frederick Nolan has described as "The Violent Paradise" – Lincoln County, New Mexico Territory.

Things had been less than wonderful for young Tunstall in Canada. He had found that he was resented, perhaps with some cause, but that was not why he left Vancouver. It was his driving ambition that drove him southward to his destiny in New Mexico. After deciding that there were not enough opportunities for him in California, Tunstall had gone east to New Mexico. It was a fateful, and fatal, decision.

The House

Tunstall entered a partnership, of sorts, with attorney Alexander McSween who, along with his wife Susan, had his own ambitions. McSween saw Tunstall, with his family backing, as a means to an end. Despite warnings from numerous locals, Tunstall opened up his own store in Lincoln, in direct competition with the store that was founded by former Army officer L.G. Murphy.

Murphy's store, known as The House, had a stran-



glehold on the local economy. There were other stores in Lincoln, but none of them had ever been even remotely in a position to challenge The House. By the time of Tunstall's arrival, ambitious James J. "Jimmy" Dolan was running The House. Murphy had been convivial, although ruthless, but Jimmy was a horse of a different color. Determined to make his own fortune, Dolan saw Tunstall standing squarely in his way. Dolan was a businessman too, but he was also a cold-blooded killer.

No one had ever successfully challenged The House, but Tunstall had the courage and, probably more importantly, the means to do it. Dolan was many things, but not a fool and he knew that Tunstall would have to be removed from his path – one way or the other.

Among those employed by Dolan were a group of local outlaws known as The Boys. Essentially, they were thugs for hire. For Murphy, and then Dolan, they had stolen stock, and on occasion killed for their employer.

The Boys

Tunstall was no fool either, but he naively thought that perhaps he could gain The Boys' friendship and perhaps even bring them over to his side. This was akin to trying to swim with sharks after giving yourself a nasty cut. At one point, John Henry had visited The Boys when they were incarcerated in Lincoln's "pit carcel" (basically, it was a hole in the ground that served as the local jail). Tunstall had brought them a bottle of whiskey and seems to have been under the mistaken impression that they were now his friends – far from it.

After a series of legal maneuverings, Sheriff Brady, who was firmly in the pocket of Dolan, organized a posse to seize some horses that Tunstall was driving to Lincoln from his Penasco ranch. For the record, Sheriff Brady was deeply in debt to Dolan and, with eight children and another on the way, he had little choice but to do Dolan's bidding.

Clearly trying to distance himself from what he knew was about to happen, Brady organized a posse to seize the horses and arrest Tunstall, but made a point of not riding with these men, who included known members of The Boys, as they rode out to find Tunstall.

The posse consisted of about 40 men. With Tunstall were all of four cowboys, one of whom was a youthful cowhand known

as Kid Antrim. Today, we know him as Billy the Kid.

Death in the canyon

On Feb. 18, 1878, the posse caught up with Tunstall and his cowhands at a place known now as "Tunstall Canyon." It was about 5:30 in the afternoon and Kid Antrim was riding drag. He was the first to see the posse crest the hill and galloped ahead to shout a warning.

Tunstall had a long ride the previous few days. He had ridden from his ranch to Lincoln, seeking rancher John Chisum. It was a good 60 miles, and finding that Chisum had left for his own ranch at Roswell (another 60 miles), he had then ridden there only to be disappointed again. Riding back to his Penasco ranch, Tunstall had then set out for Lincoln with the horses. He was exhausted, which had a lot to do with what happened that day.

When the posse crested the hill they began shooting. Tunstall was dozing in his saddle, but was awakened by the shouts of his employee John Middleton, calling for him to flee. But the dozing Tunstall was taken unawares and awoke confused, shouting back "What John, what?" His hesitance was to prove fatal.

As the main group of the posse pursued Tunstall's men, John saw a group of three or four men break off from the main group and begin approaching him. He recognized some of them as being

members of The Boys. By all accounts they were Jessie Evans (leader of The Boys), Frank Baker, Tom Hill and Billy Morton.

Tunstall, thinking that these thugs were his friends, actually began approaching them. One of them even said, "Wait until he gets a little closer." When he did, John Tunstall was blasted out of the saddle and one of them, never identified, dismounted, walked over to the fallen Englishman and administered a coup de grace to the head. It was as cold-blooded a killing as ever there was. Then, out of sheer meanness, and because they knew Tunstall loved horses, they shot his horse.

Tunstall's death touched off a dance macabre that would last for a full six months and became known as "The Lincoln County War."

The present

Fast forward to 2010. In July 2010, the WWHA (Wild West History Association) held its annual rendezvous at Ruidoso. In attendance were descendants of Tunstall and it was my great honor, along with Fred Nolan, who is the Western historians' Western historian, and my wife and colleague Elise Gomber, to guide members of the Tunstall family to the murder site. It was an emotional event for the family, needless to say. But this time, it was different. Again, there were Tunstalls present, but there was one

notable absence. *This* time, the fourth horseman was not present. My Bible studies are a bit rusty, but I believe that there are Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. Most notably, it was the absence of the fourth horseman, who rode a pale horse, "and he that sat upon him was Death."

Sources: *A Documentary History of the Lincoln County War* and *The West of Billy the Kid* both by Frederick Nolan.

Contact Drew

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Drew has recently completed *Wolf Story*, the incredible tale of his 10-year adventure with a 160-lb., 33-inches-at-the-shoulder gray wolf.

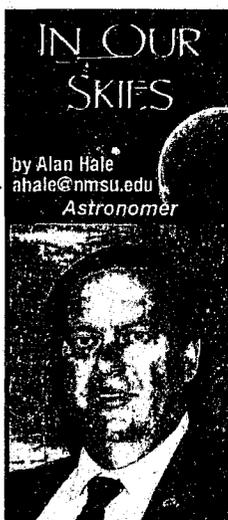
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Icy comet encounters

A common perception of comets is that of a bright, long-tailed object majestically glowing in the nighttime sky. While such objects do indeed appear from time to time, they are fairly rare, and in actuality such an object will only come by about once a decade or

so. Dimmer, less spectacular comets come more frequently, and occasionally we might have one that is bright enough to see with the unaided eye if someone is located at a dark rural site and knows precisely where to look; we in fact had such a comet about three months ago (Comet McNaught), which exhibited a moderately decent tail when viewed through binoculars or a small telescope. Most comets, of which two or three or more are visible in moderate-sized backyard telescopes on any given night, are even less spectacular than that and in general will appear as little more than fuzzy "blobs" even through a telescope.

A fairly large number of comets are in what is called Jupiter's "comet family." These are objects that have been "captured" by Jupiter's immense gravity into orbits that keep them within the inner to intermediate solar system, and most of these have orbital periods in the vicinity of five to



eight years. Most of these are also relatively small and dim objects, and at best may occasionally become bright enough to see in binoculars, if one knows where to look.

Every once in a while, however, one of these comets might pass fairly close to Earth, and

thus become reasonably bright for at least a little while. Such is the case with a comet known as Hartley 2, which was originally discovered in 1986 by astronomer Malcolm Hartley, who worked at the Siding Spring Observatory in New South Wales, Australia. Hartley's comet currently has an orbital period of close to six and a half years, and not too long before Hartley's discovery it had been in a more distant orbit which kept it fairly far from the sun and Earth, but it had passed close to Jupiter and was thus "captured" into the smaller orbit that it occupies today.

Comet Hartley 2 is nearest the sun this coming Oct. 28, when it will be located 98 1/2 million miles from our parent star. Eight days prior to that, i.e. on Wednesday, Oct. 20, the comet passes only 11.3 million miles from Earth — one of the closest cometary approaches to Earth during recent decades. At that time it should be bright enough to be visible

with the unaided eye (at least, as seen from dark rural sites), although it will likely appear as little more than a large fuzzy "blob" that will probably best be viewed through binoculars. Furthermore, this takes place only a couple of nights before the full moon and the bright background sky will probably make this a rather difficult scene to view in any event.

Right now Comet Hartley 2 can be viewed in our northeastern sky during the evening hours, just below the western part of the "W"-shaped grouping of moderately bright stars that define the constellation of Cassiopeia. It is already bright enough to see with binoculars, although it is still somewhat dim and one needs to know exactly where to look in order to see it. Over the coming several days it tracks eastward across the "bottom" of the "W" of Cassiopeia and within a week it enters the constellation of Perseus (and passes just south of the "Double Cluster" — a close pair of two bright clusters of stars that can be seen with the unaided eye) on Thursday night/Friday morning Oct. 7-8. During the next couple of weeks it continues its eastward trek across Perseus before entering the constellation of Auriga, and just a couple of days before its closest approach to Earth will be located just to the south of the bright star Capella. By the time Comet Hartley 2 is nearest the sun it will be in Gemini and heading

southward; it should be fading by then but may be bright enough to see in backyard telescopes until sometime around the end of this year.

The Earth — and those of us who live upon it — will not be the only visitors that Comet Hartley 2 has this time around. The *Deep Impact* spacecraft, which was launched back in January 2005, will also be making a close visit. Six months after its launch *Deep Impact* made a close flyby of another Jupiter-family comet known as Tempel 1 and fired a projectile at it with the intent of dredging up some of the subsurface material that presumably had been left unchanged since the early days of the solar system.

After its encounter with Temple 1 *Deep Impact* was given a new mission — actually, two of them — and a new name as well. It has spent time during the intervening years examining planets around other stars, as part of a mission dubbed Extrasolar Planet Observation and Characterization (EPOCh), and in the meantime was targeted toward a second comet (initially, a comet known as Boethin, but later changed to Hartley 2) as part of a mission dubbed Deep Impact eXtended Investigation (DIXI). These two mission names have been combined into a single moniker of EPOXI.

On Thursday, Nov. 4, EPOXI is scheduled to pass just 435 miles from Comet Hartley 2's nucleus. It is

already taking photographs of the comet, but obviously these will become much better and more detailed as it makes its approach. By the time EPOXI will have completed its flyby of the comet, Hartley 2 will have become only the seventh comet to have been visited by a spacecraft — and only the fifth comet to have been visited by a spacecraft with functioning cameras — and this event should help us a lot in our quest to understand these (in many ways) still-enigmatic visitors to the inner solar system, and that played such a crucial role in the formation of this Earth upon which we live.

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Clubs/Associations

Alto Women's Association: 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards. Business meeting every first Tuesday.

Angus Wood Carvers: 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, junction Hwys. 48 and 37; 336-9161.

Art Connection: Last Wednesday of each month. Innsbruck Club House. Info: Pat, 258-3602.

Carrizozo Women's Club: Second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse at 11th and D Avenue; Info: Tona Macken, 354-0769.

Christian Motorcyclists Assoc: Third Thursday monthly at 6:30 p.m.; 1204 Mechem, Suite 8; online at www.CMAUSA.org; 575-336-1530 for local info. All are invited to attend.

Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, plus a 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays; Ruidoso Senior Center; Info: 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Fort Stanton Museum: Thurs. - Mon. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. For group tours call 575-336-1436, or 575-336-4015.

Insighters Book Club: 6:30 p.m. first Wednesday of each month at Insight Books, 1860 Sudderth; No charge and all are welcome; Info: 257-4625.

Lincoln County Bird Club: Monthly field trips are scheduled at various times. Info: 257-5352 or 258-3862.

Lincoln County Garden Club: Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m.; New members and visitors welcome; Info: Jordan, 378-5250.

Lincoln County Right to Life Chapter: 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday at 309 L.L. Davis Dr. All are welcome; Info: 258-5108.

Mountaintop Turners: Woodturning club, 10 a.m. every third Saturday at the woodshop of Steve and Madeleine Sabo. Info: 354-0201.

Party Bridge Group: 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Center; 336-4808.

Photographic Society of Lincoln County: 7 p.m. every second Thursday in the conference room at the Region IX office at 1400 Sudderth Dr.; 258-4003.

Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

Ruidoso Area Singles: Meet new friends for social activities - dining out, parties, potlucks, outings, etc.? New group is forming. Info: Judy, 436-7870, or Martha, 430-9808.

Ruidoso Book Review/Discussion Group: First Wednesday monthly at 10 a.m.; Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. Public is welcome.

Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club: Meets every Monday; program varies. Potluck and bridge/card games. Second Monday (Sept.-May) includes program, business meeting, potluck, bridge/card games at 116 S. Evergreen.

Ruidoso Masonic Lodge No. 73: Meets first Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., except national holidays, then moves to second Monday. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Info: 258-3598.

Ruidoso Mommies Group: Want to meet other moms in the area through playdates or Mom's night out? Call Natasha, 640-7076, or Alice, 258-3331, or Ruidoso Moms on Facebook

Ruidoso Ridge Runners 4-Wheel Drive Club: Meets 1st Wed. monthly at K-BOB's. Dinner 6 p.m. and meeting at 7. Info: 336-2714 or 378-4853.

Education

ESL classes: English as a Second Language classes sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Thu, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.; Mon, Tue, Thu, 6-8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church; Spanish language GED Mon, 6-8 p.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.

First Friday Adult Lecture Series: Monthly, Capitan Public Library, free. Info: 354-3035.

GED classes: Sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Fri, 9-11 and Mon-Tues, 5:30-7:30, at NM Workforce Connection in Compass Bank Bldg., 707 Mechem.

La Junta F.C.E.: 10:45 a.m. every 3rd Wednesday at San Patricio Senior Citizens building. Info: 653-4718.

Help & Healing

A Course in Miracles/Attitudinal Healing study group: Each Tuesday; 5:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

A Course in Miracles study group: Wednesdays, 6:45 - 8 p.m. Free. Drop-ins welcome. The Wisdom Study Group. At The Yoga Studio, 2810 Sudderth Dr., #207, (upstairs to right of and above Schlotzky's) Call Marianne 575-257-0527.

Al-Anon: Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 1, ground floor, Ruidoso; Info: 258-8885.

Al-Anon: Meets at noon every Friday at Methodist church in Carrizozo. Come to back door; bring your lunch.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Ruidoso Arid Group. Daily 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m.; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Fri, Sat, Sun, 8 p.m. 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 1, (ground fl) Ruidoso. Info: 258-8885.

Bereavement or Grief Support: For the community. Call Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation. Info: 258-0028.

Co-Dependents Anonymous: 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Holy Mount Episcopal Church, Ruidoso. Info: 808-2959.

Gamblers Anonymous: Meets at 7:15 p.m., Thursdays at the Mesalero 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 Mesalero Trail. Info: 575-201-4203.

Stretch & Tone Class: For men and women of all ages, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Senior Center, 501 Sudderth; Emese, 258-0003, or Terry Franklin, 257-4565.

Temple Builders Weight Loss Support Group: Thursdays at 6-6:30 p.m. at Angus Church; no dues or

food purchase, just friendly support and accountability; weigh-in followed by short devotional. Info: 336-8032.

Working Disabled Health Insurance: State of N.M. Working Disabled Individuals Medicaid Program; call Jeanie White at 575-622-4169

Political

Democratic Party of Lincoln County: Monthly meetings 6 p.m. first Thursday of each month except Jan., July and Sept. Info: 973-7505, or Maria, 937-8394.

Democratic Women Sacramento Mountain Area: third Saturday at K-BOB's at 12:00 noon. For more information call 808-1133 or 257-6078

Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County: Regular meetings. For information, call 653-4379.

Republican Party of Lincoln County: Meetings at Cree Meadows Country Club; info, 336-7038.

Service Organizations

Aitrusa Club: 5 p.m. every third Tuesday, First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Rd. Info: Deb 336-1486 or www.aitrusaruidoso.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: Raynene, 354-3046 or library, 354-3035.

Humane Society of Lincoln County: Gavilan Canyon Rd. shelter open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat 11-2; ReSale Shop at the Y open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon-Sat; Info: 378-1040.

Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at K-BOB's; Rutalee, 258-1431.

Laughing Eyes Kennels: Nonprofit breeder and trainer of Service Dogs in Nogal seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling & puppy socialization, bookkeeping, fundraising and kennel

upkeep/management. Call 575-354-4342, or www.lekennels.org.

Lincoln County Community Health Council: 8 a.m. first Tuesday of each month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. New members welcome. Info: 973-1829.

Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary: 9:30 a.m. second Tuesday of each month in the hospital conference room. New volunteers welcome. Info: 630-4250.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse: Meets first Sunday each month at 2 p.m. at the Posse building, Hwy. 54, in Carrizozo. Groups needing their volunteer security services, notify by mail one month (but not less than two weeks) prior to the monthly meeting. Send to P.O. Box 1284, Capitan, NM 88316. Info: 575-354-8007.

OES Ruidoso Chapter 65: Meeting every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 144 Nob Hill Dr. Info: 257-5313.

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): Noon every Wednesday at K-BOB's. Info: 257-5938 or 258-9218.

PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Chapter AR: Meeting every second and fourth Tuesdays. Info: Jennie Powell, 258-3896.

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club: 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: Barbara, 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555, or Greg, 257-1255.

Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary: 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center off East Highway 70; Info: 378-8099 or 378-8316.

Ruidoso Evening Lions: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Evening Lions Club House, 106 S. Overlook (behind Chef Lupe's). New members always welcome. Info: Mike Zaragosa, 937-0768 or Harold Oakes, 937-7618.

Ruidoso Shrine Club: 6:30 p.m. every fourth Wednesday at Cree Meadows Restaurant; Info: 258-5860.

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club: Meets at noon every Wednesday for lunch and meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club; Info: 258-1345.

Sierra Blanca Daughters of the American Revolution: Third Thursday of each month. Info: 258-3045.

Zia Girl Scout Council: 6 p.m. every third Thursday at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Info: 437-2921.

White Mountain Search & Rescue: 7 p.m. every third Monday at First Christian Church near the intersection of Hull and Gavilan Canyon Roads. Info: email whitemountainar@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainar.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 Delliah 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 paintedladies64@yahoo.com.

Child Health Care: No or low cost for children under 19. Apply at the Otero County Public Health Office. 437-9340, 437-9899, or 437-9093.

Divorced & Widowed Adjustment Group: Meets at 6:30 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Alamogordo Church, 2826 Indian Wells Rd. Non-sectarian self-help group dedicated to assisting men and women of all ages through the loss of a partner through divorce, separation or death. Info: Ben, 682-3621.

HIBAC: Counselors are available in the Nutrition Office at the 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, Alamosa, Tularosa and Mesalero. 439-4971.

Zia Thrift Store: Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 816 E. Ninth St., Monday - Saturday; Proceeds support the programs at Zia Therapy Center for children and adults with developmental disabilities; Donations appreciated; Fridays are Military Discount Day; 437-0144.

Zia Transportation Services: Offered for work, work-related activities, education, training and child-care. Contact an Income Support Division caseworker, New Mexico Works caseworker or Zia Therapy Center at 437-4222.

Ongoing Activities

Bingo: 7 p.m. Wed., 12:30 and 3 p.m. Sun., 1 and 7 p.m. Mon. at the Eagles Lodge, 471 24th St. Ages 8 and up welcome with adult. 575-437-1302.

Bingo: 7 p.m. Wed.-Fri. and Sun., 2 p.m. Sat. at the VFW, 700 U.S. 70 West. Ages 16 and over welcome with an adult. 437-0770.

Coffee Club: 7:30 - 9 a.m., third Wednesday; Edward Jones Investments, 1106 E. 10th St. Current events, identity theft & Soc. Sec. Breakfast provided. 443-1900.

Joyful Noyse Recorder Consort: Every other Sunday at various locations. Seeking soprano, alto, tenor & bass recorder players. 937-2006.

Meditation Group: Every Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon at 1010 16th St., Alamogordo. Music-guided meditation. 443-1075.

Seniors Ping Pong: 8 - 11 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico Ave. Monty, 437-1601.

Yoga for Seniors: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday at First Presbyterian Church, 14th Street and Oregon Avenue. 437-0559

Political

Democratic Party of Otero County: Meets first Tuesday at a local restaurant at 5:30 p.m., with 6 p.m. meeting start. Call 437-8590 for location.

Mountain Democrats: Meet second Wednesday at Big Daddy's Restaurant on U.S. 82, Cloudcroft, at noon. Info: Ellen Wedum, 682-2464 or email doteller@gmail.com.

Republican Party of Otero County: Fourth Thursday meeting each month. Info: Sassy Tinning, 443-1195.

Tularosa Democrats: Meet at Coffee & More, 308 Granada, 5 p.m. sharp second Thursday of each month. Info: Charles Murrell at 585-8153.

Service Organizations

Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club: Meets at 7 a.m. every Saturday at Maximino's, 2300 White Sands Blvd. The public is welcome. Jeanette or Chuck, 434-6296.

Alamogordo Noon Kiwanis: Meets at Margo's Mexican Restaurant every Wednesday, except the fifth. 434-6417.

Alamogordo Public Library Foundation: Raises money and awareness for Alamogordo Public Library. Flori, 437-6616 or Allen, 434-2349.

Altrusa International: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. at 19th Hole golf course restaurant. Jan Wafful, 491-0713 or Marty Poitra, 921-1144.

Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority: Focusing on cultural, social and service activities. Lynn 585-5516.

Big Brothers Big Sisters: Accepting applications for children ages 6 - 17 and volunteers 18 years or older. 434-3388.

Daughters of the American Revolution: Meets monthly on third Saturday at time and place TBA. 437-7200.

Downtown Lions Club: Meets on second and fourth Mondays at Mariscos Costa Azul, 415 S. White Sands Blvd. Public welcome. Terry Reed at 434-3968 or Martha 437-7515.

Flickinger Guild: Supporting the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts, Guild members sell tickets in the box office, work the door for performances, usher, hand out programs and work concessions. Contact chairman Flori McElderry at 437-6616.

Kiwanis Club of Alamogordo: Meets on first and third Thursdays at 8 a.m. at Maximino's Restaurant, 2300 N.

White Sands Blvd; 434-0923.

Order of the Eastern Star: Tularosa Basin Chapter No. 72 meets at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday at 409 Higuera St., Tularosa. 434-1456.

Special Olympics NM - Otero: Sports training and competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities; track and field practice at 9 a.m. at NMSBVI in Alamogordo. Info: Anthony Bradway, 575-430-8902 or Sally Bradway at 479-2958.

Veterans / Military

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1257: Open meeting/lunch 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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October 6

Travel with Judy Pekels-

ma, M.F.A. and her Art 293 class to Amsterdam, Delft (Holland), Brussels, Paris and London as they explore the Art of Impressionists by touring museums, viewing statues, drawing and keeping daily journals.

Previews will also be shown of this year's upcoming art class trip to Spain, including Barcelona, Madrid, Seville and Bilbao.

October 20

Herb Brunell guides his guests through New Zealand via stunning photos captured through Brunell's experienced eye. He shares his insights into this interesting part of our world, along with what he *should* have learned during his time there.

November 3

From Garmisch to Zugspitze, you'll climb the

Alps in Bavaria and Austria, as guests join Jennifer A.W. Stubbs, M.S., while she was working in Europe.

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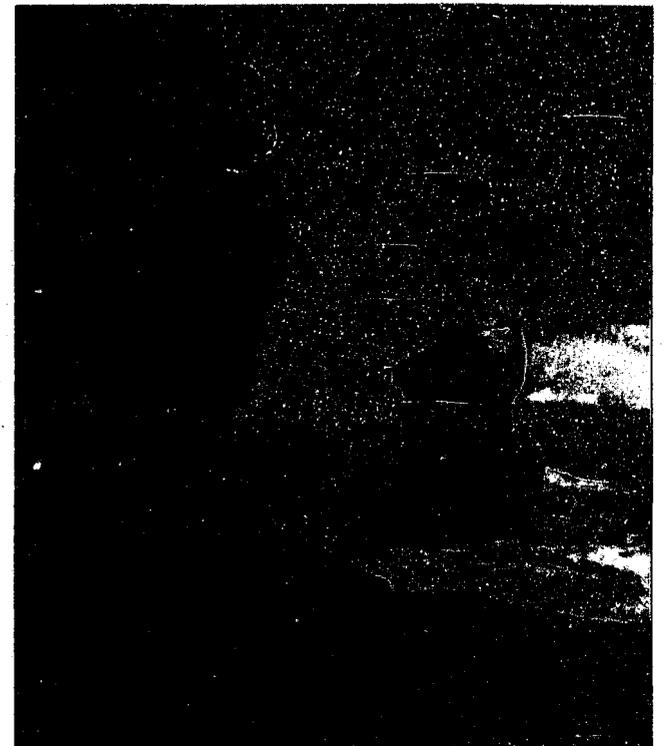
November 17

Take a tour of western Turkey, including Troy, Istanbul, Ankara, the Aegean Sea, Antalya, and the King Midas Tomb when you travel with Paul Durham, M.A., a retired educator.

Group discussion on current events and the area's history are encouraged during the presentation.

For more information, stop by the Village of Ruidoso Public Library at 107 Kansas City Road, or call 575-258-3704.

~ J. Hanson, Editor



Along the beach of the Tasman Sea, a most colorful area with many beautiful sights to photograph. Photo courtesy Herb Brunell.

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Black-and-white and color photography will be judged separately. Best in Category and Honorable Mention prizes will be awarded in each category. In addition, there will be one special Otero County Subject award given to the piece best representing Otero County. A People's Choice award will also be announced on Nov. 19.

The competition is open to all photographers 18 years of age and over. Entries must be hand-delivered, no shipments will be accepted.

All pieces must be for sale and suitable for family viewing. Photos must be matted and bagged for presentation. Framing is optional.

A non-refundable fee of \$10.74 per entry is required with each entry, and there is no limit to the number of entries per individual. Event management retains the right to jury out some entries due to space limitations or other factors as they deem necessary.

Sara Irving, a photography instructor at New Mexico State University at Alamogordo is the featured artist and juror of awards.

The awards reception will take place on Saturday, Oct. 16, from 5 - 7 p.m.

For more information, go online to studio54at70.com, or call 575-585-5470. ~ J. Hanson, Editor



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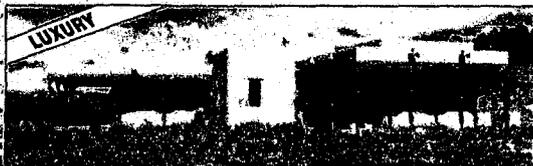
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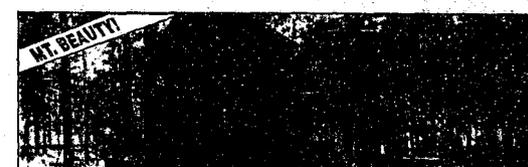
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