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— Mescalero strays —

13 of 17 abandoned dogs adopted



COURTESY SUNNY ARIS

Kelley Owen from All 4 Pets Grooming Shop in Ruidoso volunteered free grooming for eight flea- and tick-covered Mescalero rescue-pups.

Busy rescuer finds hope on the reservation

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In the week following publication of the story about mother dogs Cinnamon and Spice, their rescue from being shot and the delivery of surviving 17 puppies, 13 of the wiggly and adorable young mixed breeds were adopted.

Rescuer Sunny Aris of P.A.W. Partnership for Animal Welfare Low-Cost Spay-Neuter and Kitty City No-Kill House-cat Adoption Center, said home and veterinarian checks were completed before the puppies were released to ensure each will be in a loving, responsible home. The final destinations ranged from Santa Fe to Arizona.

Only four are left. Aris is especially careful about placement of pups or adults with pit bull characteristics to ensure they only will be family dogs, not "yard dogs," guard dogs, or something worse.

The tireless rescuer was on her way back to the Mescalero Apache Reservation, from which the strays Cinnamon and Spice were saved. She returned with many more dogs

after being alerted by concerned residents.

"I have not been able to meet with potential adopters since Sunday, due to non-stop rescues on the reservation," she said. "I made two trips to Mescalero, and two trips to Capitan just yesterday and again today, securing and transporting dogs from the reservation to Becky Washburn's clinic for shots, spay/neuter, and medical care. However, I have several 'puppy-calls' to return and will begin that process again tomorrow. At this time, Pimento, Nutmeg, Caraway and Nettles still are available.

On her trip to Mescalero, "I took 6 six-week old border collie/heeler pups from the dump," Aris said. "They were living off an elk carcass, and two newborn pups from a porch, who Spice is nursing. I was led to them by a humane tribal member. A three-legged Australian shepherd is safe and warm tonight after a four-day rescue effort successfully ended, and a homeless starving Labrador-mix mother was found with one surviving six-week-old puppy yesterday at the tribal

center. The mother was spayed and is now in a loving new home."

One of six mixed Chihuahua pups, about four months old, were brought to Aris and also are available. They were born to a tribal member's Chihuahua male and a stray female.

"All in all, there are now 32 dogs who have been rescued from life-endangering situations on the reservation in the last several weeks, and 11 in the last 4 days," she said. "Perhaps more important in the long run, was a great conversation with the director of the Conservation Office, Mark Brusuelas. Director Brusuelas is very supportive of spay/neuter."

Aris said he enlightened her about recent approval of reservation animal ordinances that, although inclusive of chaining dogs, a major factor in most reported dog bites, may portend well for progress.

"Director Brusuelas also has been very instrumental, as have his very professional and supportive conservation officers, in helping to

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Veteran 'voice' Keithley leaving

■ New Mexico in the Morning host was a fixture on KRUI

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A long-time voice on local radio will be leaving.

Tim Keithley has hosted New Mexico in the Morning for 10 years, after coming to Ruidoso in October 1999 to build MTD Inc., two radio stations acquired by Ruidoso Downs Race Track owner RD Hubbard.

Keithley has been with the Hubbard organization for more than 21 years, starting at The Woodlands in Kansas City, a now-closed racetrack.

Added over the Keithley years to KRUI-AM at Ruidoso and KWMW-FM in Mahjamar were KIDX-FM in Ruidoso, KTUM-FM at Tatum and KNMB-FM at Cloudcroft.

Keithley said the premise of building MTD, Inc. was to promote Ruidoso tourism to southeast New Mexico and West Texas.

New Mexico in the Morning is one of the longest-tenured radio talk shows in the state and has won awards including Best Talk Show for 2009 by the New Mexico Broadcasters

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Annexed land goes to P&Z

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Ruidoso Planning and Zoning commissioners are charged with the job of recommending zoning designations for three tracts of land annexed into the village of Ruidoso over the past two years.

Because Lincoln County lacks zoning, the land doesn't have any land use assignment and commissioners must determine what zoning is appropriate and send their input to the Village Council for action, said Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris.

The process involves public notice, letters to property owners, conducting several public hearings, considering input and submitting recommendations, he said at a meeting Tuesday, noting, "The area is huge."

Commissioners should expect some opposition, no

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Memorial procession to honor Bonito volunteer Don Zeitelhack

Don Zeitelhack, Bonito Volunteer Fire Fighter (above, right) will be honored with a memorial procession on Friday beginning at 2 p.m. at the Gateway Church, through Midtown and then to the Sun Valley Station.

Don Z, as he was known to his friends, lost his battle with esophageal cancer

early Tuesday morning. Don, a veteran of nine years, was a deputy chief, in charge of the Sun Valley Station. His truck, Attack 122, will lead the procession.

A memorial procession is a Fire Service tradition. Twenty-five to 50 trucks and their crews from many of the Southern New Mexi-

co fire departments are expected to participate. All 12 Bonito fire apparatus and personnel will participate. Treat the procession as you would a funeral service. Pull over and stop. Pay your respects by removing your hat, saluting or with other forms of acknowledgement.

Fire Service personnel

are invited to a reception at the Sun Valley Station following the procession.

Above photo: Best friends and deputy chiefs Chuck French (left) and Zeitelhack at the 2009 Annual Awards Banquet for the Bonito Volunteer Fire Department at Kokopelli (courtesy Kathryn Minter).

without health insurance. The shots provide coverage for both the seasonal flu and the H1N1 strain.

For more information about the vaccination clinics, contact the Ruidoso Public Health Office at 575-258-3252.

Midtown Halloween

Little goblins and ghouls, super heroes and vampires will parade down the sidewalks in Ruidoso's midtown shopping area Friday, Oct. 29, for the annual Trick or Treat sponsored by local merchants.

From 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., businesses along that portion of Sudderth Drive will be open to pass out treats for the young visitors.

The timing should allow students ample opportunity to arrive home, put on their costumes, grab their treat bags and head to midtown, organizers say.

A Fall Fun Fest also is planned from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Homeowners may see trick or treaters that night in their neighborhoods and more may show up on actual Halloween, Sunday.

KRBC cancels

The Keep Ruidoso Beautiful Committee's regular meeting scheduled for 5 p.m., Monday, is canceled. Meetings of the KRBC are open to the public.

Downs change

Next week's city council meeting at Ruidoso Downs will be conducted on Tues-

day due to Columbus Day. Normally council meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

Rental applications

Applications to comply with new rules under the Village of Ruidoso Short-Term Rental Ordinance 2009-06 are pouring into Village Hall now that summer is over and many visitors are home planning their next trip to Ruidoso.

The Village Council passed the ordinance, creating a "Residential Rental Overlay Zone."

The ordinance can be found on the Village of Ruidoso's home page. Go to www.ruidoso-nm.gov. Applications are available on-line and can be filled out and e-mailed to STR@ruidoso-nm.gov. Applications also are available at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

Once an application is received, Planning and Zoning Department staff will input the information. The Ruidoso Fire Department will receive the application and contact the applicant to schedule a fire inspection.

Many Ruidoso property management companies have submitted their applications and inspections are being conducted as quickly as possible. Those properties will be booked for the holidays with friends, family and visitors to the area.

Most applicants are signing up for the three-year agreement. The fee is \$35 per year or \$70 for

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Council workshop Flu shots

A Ruidoso Council workshop is scheduled from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday, at Ruidoso Village Hall to discuss requests for proposals for the position of village director of tourism.

Village Hall is located at 313 Cree Meadows Dr.

Flu vaccination clinics in Lincoln County, offering free shots, will be conducted next week by the New Mexico Department of Health.

The first, on Oct. 12 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., will be held at the Ruidoso Sen-

ior Center at 501 Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso.

Three other clinics will take place around the county on Oct. 13.

- The Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center will have the vaccinations available from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- The Cummins Gym at the Capitan Schools cam-

pus will provide the shots from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- The Ruidoso Health Office will then administer the flu vaccinations from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The department provides the free flu vaccines to people who are at high risk for serious illness or death and to those who are

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AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso AccuWeather.com

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
RealFeel 79°	RealFeel 77°	RealFeel 74°	RealFeel 76°	RealFeel 76°	RealFeel 75°	RealFeel 78°
Humidity 38%	Humidity 27%	Humidity 26%	Humidity 29%	Humidity 33%	Humidity 48%	Humidity 43%
A full day of sunshine	A full day of sunshine	Bright and sunny	Plenty of sunshine	Nice with bright sunshine	Sunshine	Plenty of sunshine
Wind: SW 7-14 mph	Wind: NW 6-12 mph	Wind: WNW 7-14 mph	Wind: NW 7-14 mph	Wind: SSE 6-12 mph	Wind: SSW 7-14 mph	Wind: SW 4-8 mph

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Regional Cities

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Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:

High/low 68°/46°
Normal high 70°
Normal low 37°
Record high 79° (1975)
Record low 19° (1953)

Precipitation:

Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.53"
Normal month to date 0.42"
Year to date 13.81"
Normal year to date 18.63"

Pollen:

Grass Moderate
Trees Low
Weeds High
Mold Low
Predominant Ragweed

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

Alamogordo
Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:

High/low 85°/51°
Normal high 80°
Normal low 52°
Record high 93° (1979)
Record low 35° (1953)

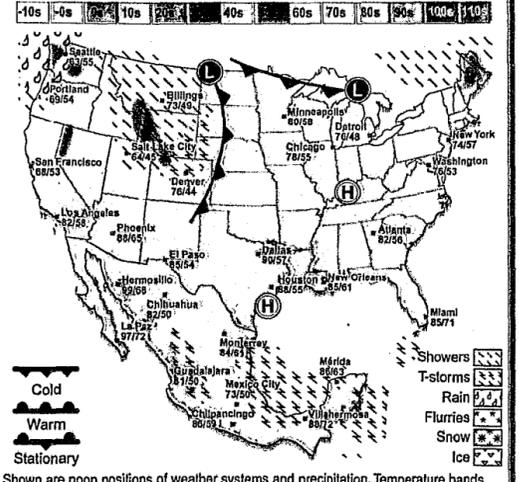
Precipitation:

Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.13"
Normal month to date 0.31"
Year to date 10.65"
Normal year to date 10.35"

Weather Trivia™:

Q: What machine is sometimes used to disperse fog at airports?

National Forecast for Oct. 8, 2010



National Cities			Regional Cities		
City	Today	Sat.	City	Today	Sat.
Abilene	84/54/s	87/57/s	Albuquerque	74/46/s	74/47/s
Anchorage	47/35/pc	48/37/pc	Artesia	90/54/s	87/50/s
Atlanta	82/56/s	83/59/s	Chama	62/29/s	65/27/s
Austin	86/50/s	88/58/s	Clayton	83/44/s	74/43/s
Baltimore	75/50/s	78/50/s	Cloudcroft	67/38/s	66/25/s
Boston	70/51/s	66/44/s	Farmington	65/37/s	68/38/s
Chicago	78/55/s	80/58/s	Hobbs	88/50/s	89/47/s
Dallas	90/57/s	89/62/s	Los Alamos	66/37/s	69/32/s
Denver	76/44/r	74/42/pc	Portales	84/49/s	83/46/s
Des Moines	82/56/s	82/54/pc	Raton	78/34/s	72/33/s
Detroit	76/48/s	76/53/s	Red River	59/25/s	61/25/s
El Paso	85/54/s	84/53/s	Ruidoso	75/54/s	70/49/s
Las Vegas	80/61/s	84/65/s	Santa Fe	71/39/s	72/38/s
Los Angeles	82/58/s	86/62/s	Silver City	79/47/s	77/45/s
Minneapolis	80/58/s	80/56/pc	Taos	69/29/s	69/28/s
New Orleans	85/61/s	87/62/s			
New York City	74/57/s	73/53/s	Mexican Cities		
Philadelphia	74/53/s	78/52/s	City	Today	Sat.
Phoenix	88/65/s	90/65/s	Acapulco	90/75/s	90/75/s
Reno	69/41/s	75/48/s	Cancun	84/66/pc	84/68/pc
San Francisco	68/53/s	73/57/s	Chihuahua	82/50/s	86/52/s
San Diego	70/61/s	78/61/s	Ciudad Juárez	84/54/s	84/54/s
Seattle	63/55/r	63/57/r	León	79/46/s	82/50/s
Tucson	86/55/s	86/56/s	Mexico, DF	73/50/pc	75/48/pc
Tulsa, OK	88/55/s	85/57/s	Monterrey	84/61/s	88/64/s
Wash., DC	76/53/s	79/56/s	Morelia	80/54/pc	82/53/pc
Wichita	88/53/s	83/52/s	Oaxaca	79/54/pc	82/52/pc
Yuma	87/65/s	91/66/s	Pto. Penasco	88/66/s	88/66/s
			Tijuana	73/54/pc	79/57/s

Sun and Moon

Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 7:02 a.m./6:39 p.m.

Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 8:03 a.m./7:03 p.m.

Moon Phases

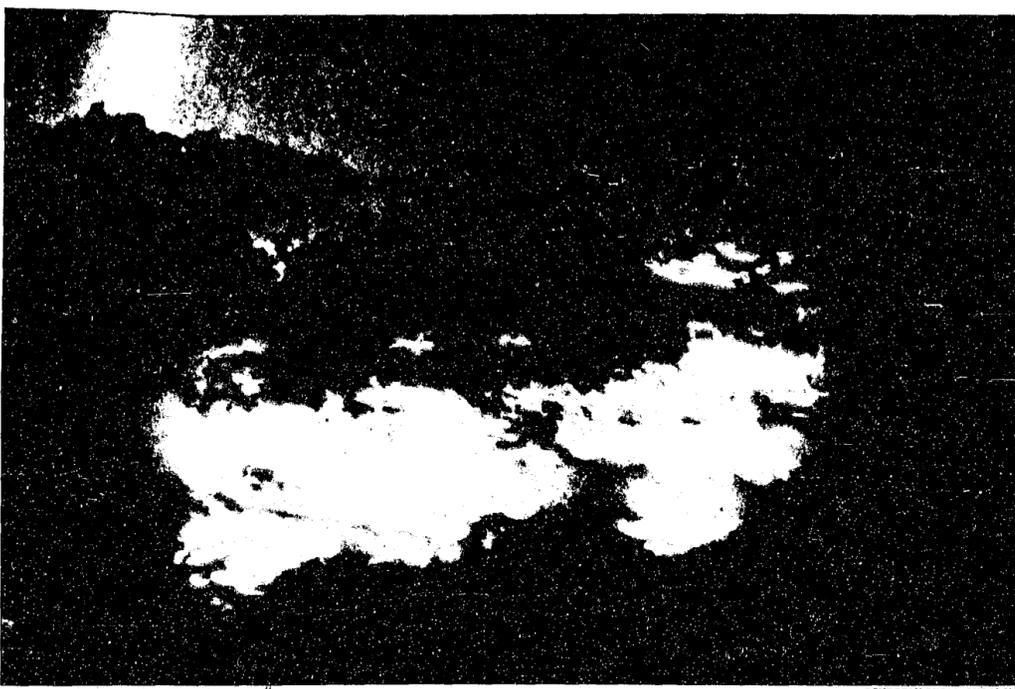
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Oct 7 Oct 14 Oct 22 Oct 30

Extremes

Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 91° in Chandler, AZ
Low: 24° in Bodie State Park, CA

Wednesday's World High/Low:
High: 112° in Dongola, Sudan
Low: -44° in Summit Station, Greenland



COURTESY SUSAN ANGOLANI

A ragged sky near sunset Wednesday brought clear skies and some rain at the same time to the Ruidoso area.

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three years, amounting to one year free.

The Ruidoso Fire Department will assess a fee of \$25 per unit for their inspection. Therefore, a three-year agreement at \$70 and \$25 for the inspection is \$95, less than 9 cents a day to be in compliance with the Village ordinance.

If you have a property that is rented at some time during the year for a short duration, an application needs to be filed and we would be happy to help you.

The compliance deadline is March 10, 2011. Ordinance 2009-06 does not apply to commercial business enterprises such as hotels, motels or commercial cabin rentals or properties outside the Village.

Fall cleanup

The annual fall cleanup in Ruidoso Downs has been set for Saturday, Oct. 16, from 8 a.m. until noon.

Put together by the Keep Ruidoso Downs Beautiful Committee, the event coincides with Trek for Trash activities this month around the state.

Participants are asked to gather at All American Park by 8 a.m. Safety vests,

gloves and bags will be provided. Water, juice and energy snacks will be available throughout the event. Call 378-4422 for more information.

Landscape forum

The Southwest may be known for its miles of desert landscape dotted with cactus and tumbleweeds. But, that does not mean people cannot enjoy large, shady trees or lush grasses in their yards.

It merely takes a bit more savvy planning, and a conference Oct. 19-21 in Ruidoso aims to give people the tools they need to maintain a healthy landscape, whether it is a homeowner or a golf course manager.

The event is sponsored by New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service, the Southwest Turfgrass Association and vendors who will be at the conference for a trade show.

The conference starts on Oct. 19 with a fundraiser golf tournament at 1 p.m. at Rainmakers. All proceeds will support research projects and students in NMSU's turfgrass program.

Discussions and classes start Oct. 20 at 8:30 a.m. at the Ruidoso Convention

Center. For more information, contact Leinauer at 575-646-1715 or leinauer@nmsu.edu.

In memory of Line

Altrusa of Ruidoso is dedicating the 23rd annual Low-Cost Mammogram Program to the memory of Judge Mike Line, who died in May after a 17-year battle with cancer.

Line was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1993, after discovering a lump the size of a marble in the breast tissue.

A lawyer for over 20 years, he decided after his diagnosis to quit litigating and in 1994 was elected Ruidoso Municipal Judge. He continued to serve in that position until his resignation in March.

Village residents remember Judge Line as fair, honest and compassionate.

Although breast cancer in men is rare, there are about 2,000 cases diagnosed in the United States each year.

Men and women both should do a periodic self exam to check for lumps. Generally, a breast cancer lump is not painful.

With October designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month,

Altrusa reminds women to schedule an appointment for their annual mammogram. Women aged 30 to 39 should have a baseline mammogram to be used as a comparison to later testing. Women 40 and older should have one every year.

Patients between the ages of 30 and 64, who are residents of Lincoln County or have a doctor in Lincoln County, are eligible for the mammogram program. The program offers routine mammograms only, and cannot serve patients with implants or augmentation.

Appointments are available through Oct. 29. Call Terri at 258-4615, Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to schedule an appointment.

Auditions held

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

Auditions will be held at Cree Meadows Country Club, 301 Country Club Dr., on Sunday, Oct. 17, at 2 p.m. and Monday, Oct. 18, at 6 p.m. Nine women and four men are needed for five one-act plays.

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OUR OPINION

Our heritage, by an almost effortless grace

Cowboy Symposium brings it home

Forget the autumnal equinox – the Cowboy Symposium, held annually at Ruidoso Downs Race Track, unofficially marks the end of our mountain summer. The weather should be moderate and relatively rain-free for this year's installment, which began last night and continues into Sunday. Perhaps more than any event, the symposium captures our Western heritage with almost effortless grace: chuckwagon cookouts, period dress, various feats of horsemanship – all set to a sound-

track of Western music with roots in campfire songs and Panhandle swing. As we aim for authenticity in dress and procedure, we romanticize a period of American history that softens the edges of modern times – the dizzying pace; the beeping, buzzing belches of technological gadgetry; our dependence, even vulnerability, to the grid; an overbearing complexity. Yes, we yearn for the “simple” things, but don't take away our electricity or medical advances. Whiskey just doesn't cut it for a pulled tooth.

On Nov. 3, I should be all politicked out

Excuse me, go lightly about my presence this morning: I'm hung over. No, no – not *that*. I'm washed out from the recent Business Retention Tax. Yes-No-Yes-No. Fight Back! What? Huh? Politically speaking, however you voted, don't you feel drained? Now we jump into the fire: More elections loom for all manner of offices and issues near and far. In fact, I've ridden a political roller coaster ever since February 2008, when the person I live with decided to run for trustee in Capitán. You might know the story: unsigned votes, a legal challenge, letters and phone calls to the Secretary of State and Attorney General.



MARTY RACINE

ON SECOND THOUGHT

down the sidewalks, letters to the editor. Meanwhile, the major parties across New Mexico held their caucuses and state conventions in advance of November. In January, another big time national race – Scott Brown. In June, the primaries: County commission, state offices. Meanwhile, the months-long track tax issue was heating up, and it mutated into a divisive campaign culminating in a narrow victory for supporters. And when the dust cleared, it was on to governor and lieutenant governor, to public land commissioner and attorney general, to state auditor, state treasurer, public regulatory commissioners, secretary of state and legislators. To U.S. Representatives,

judges and county commissioners. To constitutional amendments and bond issues.

Amidst it all, we're inundated with mostly negative campaigning. On the Albuquerque news, a Martinez ad is followed by a Danish clip. They go on the attack. Martin Heinrich and Steve Pearce and Harry Teague flicker across the screen in unflattering light. They're all corrupt, incompetent. They're all *not out for you*. A volley of press releases from candidates crosses my computer, one contradicting the other.

On TV it's all about polls and predictions, about trends and strategy and analysis. It's like sports: We desperately turn to “experts” for the final score before they even play the game.

On the night of Nov. 2, win or lose, I'm going to kick back, watch the talking heads, consider it all and go to bed.

On the morning of Nov. 3, the ads and the press releases will cease, the speeches will be history, the losers will go home, the nightly yakity-yak will be throttled back, and all will be quiet across the land – except for an unresolved race or two and the drone of commentators telling us what it all meant.

In the aftermath, the usual suspects and a few rising stars will survey the scene and line up for a run at 2012.

Rest up. The campaigning begins two years in advance.



YOUR OPINION

So, why is Ben Hall running?

To the editor:

ETHICS? YOU SAY the Public Regulatory Commission (PRC) race is all about ethics?

With 2 of the 5 Commissioners indicted for felonies or embezzlement(!), another losing a suit for sexual harassment, and the Supreme Court of New Mexico chiding the PRC to do their duty, this is definitely the issue.

So why is Mr. Ben Hall in the race for PRC, District 5? Is it because he fits the *modus operandi*?

It is hard to imagine a worse candidate for the Public Regulatory Commission given this situation than Ben Hall. This individual has a stunning number of liens on record at the Lincoln County Courthouse from 1983 to 2007 and has been sued multiple times from 1983 to 2009 for “Unpaid Labor,” “Breach of Contract” and “Debt and Money Due.”

On record in Carrizozo, there are 14 tax liens and seven individual liens on Mr. Hall or his construction company. (Lawsuits against Ben Hall can be verified through the case lookup application at ww2.nmcourts.com/caselookup)

How to explain it? Laziness? Disorganization? Dishonesty? Are any of these traits desirable in someone aspiring to the Public Regulatory Commission, making decisions on PNM and other rate

hikes? How on earth did someone with this appalling record come out on top in the primary election?

Furthermore, in his time as a State House Representative, Mr. Hall voted against HB 561, 1987-SB 598, and 1988-SB 33, involving penalties for contractors failing to pay subcontractors. His votes amount to a clear conflict of interest, given that his subcontractors and others had to sue him to get the money that he owed them.

One of the issues looming before the PRC for electricity customers is the 22 percent rate hike being sought by PNM, a rate hike that will be granted or denied by the PRC. PNM has held eight public relations meetings in their service district to argue for the rate hike. Mr. Hall has not bothered to attend any meetings, even the two that were held in Ruidoso, close to where he lives. It would seem that a candidate truly interested in conscientious, aggressive representation of his constituents' interests would take every opportunity to attend and be as informed as possible.

Apparently Mr. Hall's notion of preparing himself for office is to blanket the PRC district with large signs.

With his extensive record of financial and ethical irresponsibility, Ben Hall would seem to fit

right in with the recent crop of dysfunctional officials on the Public Regulatory Commission. That is not what New Mexicans need from anyone aspiring to this position of power and responsibility.

Before you rush out to vote, ask yourself if an individual with such a dubious record is the candidate capable of representing your best interests in regulating PNM, insurance, communication, transportation and pipeline companies and a host of other responsibilities.

Liens on Mr. Hall may be verified through the Lincoln County Clerk's Office in Carrizozo. Lawsuits against Ben Hall can be verified through case lookup application at ww2.nmcourts.com/caselookup. Some examples: Marshall Peebles v. Ben Hall, for Debt and Money Due; Sierra Bank v. Ben Hall, for Debt and Money Due; Simons, Evelyn v. T&P Investments et al, for Breach of Contract; Aquatic Pools Inco v. Hall, B, for Breach of Contract; Melton and Puccini v. Hall, B, for Debt and Money Due; Gunter and Bewley v. Hall, in Ruidoso Magistrate Court for \$761.25 GC complaint; Sauerman v. Hall in Ruidoso Magistrate Court for \$3,316 in Unpaid Labor.

Joyce Westerbur
Alto

Track tax supporters faced uphill battle

To the editor:

THIS LETTER IS in response to the editorial Mr. Racine wrote in your newspaper on Friday, Sept. 24, regarding the outcome of the BRT vote.

I was hopeful Mr. Racine would use his “bully-pulpit” to help begin to bring this community together after a long election process. The title of his editorial, “The Triumph of Fear Over Anger,” was the first indication that his motive was just the opposite.

I was fortunate enough to be a member of the PAC steering committee that helped direct the campaign in favor of the BRT and I would like to set the record straight regarding some of Mr. Racine's comments and accusations.

First and foremost, the outcome of this election was not bought or stolen. When our committee was first formed, a telephone survey had just been completed and the results were staggering to us. The results of the poll showed 61 percent of Lincoln County residents to be against the BRT and only 31 percent were in favor.

In addition, we were informed by an expert that our chances of

winning this election were practically impossible as this was the most “toxic” environment for raising taxes he had ever witnessed. The mood of the electorate in the country and Lincoln County was extremely negative toward any increase in taxes and everyone was concerned with more government intervention.

All of this negative news might have deterred a less dedicated group of individuals. It was decided that a grassroots campaign that focused on voter education of the issues was the best and only chance of winning the election.

The grassroots campaign took hold. As people became aware of the true facts of the issues, they joined in the campaign. They joined in and they volunteered their time and they contributed financially to the effort.

Mr. Racine is quick to point out that we had some large financial contributors but he fails to mention that we, in fact, had many more contributors that were able to give less than \$10. These individuals were committed to the cause and were willing to invest financially in their community.

In my opinion, the real story

here is not that we were able to raise so much, but that the opposition to the BRT raised so little. Were they not equally committed to their cause?

Mr. Racine is right about one thing. This was a battle of David vs. Goliath. I submit to you that the supporters of the BRT were actually David. We prevailed when the odds were totally against us. We were 30 points down and warned we likely would not win.

And yet, through the tireless effort and dedication of many in this community, the grass roots effort prevailed. I resent the implication from Mr. Racine that this was easy and we should have won by more votes. The fact is, facing all our obstacles, we were very fortunate to win.

I hope in his future commentary, Mr. Racine will use his voice to actually help bring this community back together.

There has been passion on both sides of this issue, but the time has come for us to put that aside and move forward as a united community. We must work together in the future to ensure our economic viability.

Ron Hanna
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Another Ruidosan awarded the Purple Heart

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Another member of the military from Ruidoso has been awarded the Purple Heart after being wounded in Afghanistan.

Staff Sgt. Ryan Hendrickson was seriously injured on Sept. 11, "of all days," his sister Chrissy Chavez said. He was injured when he stepped on a "pressure plate" improvised explosive device.

Family has been with Hendrickson at the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio for weeks.

Chavez said her brother has had nearly a dozen surgeries and doctors are optimistic that they will be able to save his leg and foot. He is expected to be in rehabilitation at Brooke Army Medical Center for as long as two years, depending on whether amputation is needed.

"He is so ready to get up and get back to his team, and is only looking for the quickest way to get back out with his team in Afghanistan," said Chavez. "We are so proud of him, not just because he is our brother, but because of the ultimate sacrifice he and others have made for us. Not many of the injured soldiers seem to really be talked about, just the fatalities. And believe me when I tell you, there are so many brave men and women who have sacrificed limbs for all of us, and it seems as though they are



Pinned with the Purple Heart, Staff Sgt. Ryan Hendrickson receives a handshake from Command Army Sgt. Maj. Jeff Wright while Col. Don Bolduc looks on. Hendrickson was awarded the honor on Sept. 13 in Bagram, Afghanistan.

forgotten."

Hendrickson graduated from Green Beret training in April after one-and-a-half years of Special Forces schooling. His most recent deployment in July was his first as a Green Beret, though he had served two previous tours in the Middle East.

Hendrickson received the Purple Heart, the military's decoration awarded in the name of the president to those wounded or

killed in service, on Sept. 13 in Bagram, Afghanistan.

While the 32-year-old Hendrickson did not go to Ruidoso High School (his family moved to Ruidoso in August 1989), sisters Chrissy and Paula did. They, along with another sister Wendy, all live in Ruidoso as do nieces and nephews.

Hendrickson started his military career with four years in the Navy. He left

the service for two years and then moved over to the Air Force for six years where he trained as a combat controller. He was deployed to Iraq twice while in the Air Force. From there he switched to the Army and where he took the Green Beret training.

Chavez, who owns Chavez Pawn and Sales in Ruidoso, said her brother's care at Brooke Army Medical Center has been

awesome.

"We are lucky to have our brother alive here to visit and we know there are some who cannot visit the loved ones. It would be so nice if people would write the soldiers who have put their lives on the line for all of us. Ryan is so thankful for all the thoughts and prayers he had received from so many and his biggest wish is for his team, who is still there, to be prayed for. They are still

over in harm's way."

Just days before Hendrickson was injured, another local soldier was hurt in Afghanistan and received the Purple Heart. Army Spc. Scott Gossett's Stryker vehicle had been rocked by an explosive device resulting in leg wounds. He had been deployed to Afghanistan in June. Gossett was a 2002 graduate of Ruidoso High School.

A Ruidoso News exclusive

Village approves fee changes

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Changes in deposit fees for water meters and a service charge for using credit cards to pay utility bills were approved last week by Ruidoso village councilors.

Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris said as part of a review of the cost of providing services to village residents, department directors looked at their fee structures.

Based on that review, new language was recommended to the service charge for using a credit card to pay for a utility bill, as well as modifications to the deposit for new water meters between 3/4th of an inch and 1 1/2 inch in size, he said.

The deposit was increased from \$100 for 3/4th of an inch, \$200 for an inch meter and \$400 for a 1 1/2-inch meter to a flat \$300 for the range of sizes. Morris said the deposit protects the owner of a property in case a business leaves without paying the last utility bill.

"We had to do the same with (residential) renters," Morris said.

The additional language for use of credit cards specifies that any service fee will be covered by the customer using the card, not by the village.

The changes were approved unanimously.

In another matter, councilors approved a modified list of Infrastructure Capital Improvement Projects by priority to submit to the state.

Councilor Denise Dean voted against the motion for approval by Councilor Jim Stoddard, which passed 5-1.

Randy Camp, director of Capital Projects, reviewed the list, but told councilors

with little money expected from the state this year, the 5-year capital projects list will be used more for grant applications and other sources of money that might become available, instead of expecting dollars from the New Mexico State Legislature.

By the time councilors were finished discussing the projects, the list was rearranged to show repair and improvements at Grindstone Dam and Alto Lake reservoir at the top.

Infrastructure replacement, including water lines and sewer line, as well as sewer line extensions ranked in second place, followed by a master plan for village parks and recreation, with a new swimming pool.

Municipal vehicle replacement came in fourth and building improvements and consolidation, upgrading roads and other infrastructure as fifth. Information Technology system renovations was sixth on the list.

"In the past, we would submit this for ICIP and when we received money, we would see which we could complete with that amount of money," Camp said. "We would come back to the council to recommend projects. We listed six so there are some in the lower-dollar range if some crumbs are available."

"It's worked too," Councilor Don Williams said of the "crumbs" approach.

Councilor Rafael Salas proposed moving Grindstone and Alto Lake to the top of the list after reviewing the staff's proposal for priority with IT as number one, building improvements as number two, infrastructure upgrades as number three, parks and recreation master plan as four, water system im-

provements as five and equipment/vehicle replacement as six.

The two dams were included in a general heading for water and sewer improvements, which also cover a \$25 million sewer line relocation.

"I know that the Airport West subdivision has been waiting and waiting for a water line replacement and I advocate for Parks and Recreation, but water and sewer has to be number one," Salas said. He would like to see more details under the general heading to know what's proposed, the councilor said.

Camp referred to the general descriptions as "just a high flyover."

"We left the phrasing broad enough that we could pull from other projects, if we get any money at all," he said. The list was due to the state by Sept. 30.

Williams pointed out that the council can change the ranking at any time after more information on the dams is available.

Camp said a consultant initially estimated the needed repairs at Grindstone as \$1.8 million, but staff upped the budget to \$3 million. He explained that the Federal Emergency Management Agency will pay for 75 percent of the sewer line replacement project, necessitated after a July 2008 flood on the Rio Ruidoso ripped out many of the lines. The village will be responsible for 7 percent, between \$1.4 million and \$1,750,000. The state will pick up 18 percent of the relocation project. The design will take up the rest of this fiscal year and actual contractor work probably won't begin on the sewer line project for three years, Camp said.

A Ruidoso News exclusive

Village considers preservation

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The village needs money, true.

But at least a few Ruidoso village councilors are weighing the advantages of preserving the natural scenery around Grindstone Lake for future generations versus selling 69 surplus lots there.

During a council meeting Tuesday, Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris presented a list of properties totaling more than 45.6 acres owned by the village and currently not being used. The list includes a cabin in Upper Canyon on a tiny lot, land near the Street Department off Close Street and three designated, but difficult, small park areas. The most valuable land consists of 9 acres in Sun Valley behind TR's Market and the 69 lots in Grindstone Canyon Resort subdivision.

The tract perpetually leased to The Woman's Club for its meeting headquarters, previously was removed.

Morris asked for the council to declare the property on the list surplus and to authorize the staff to develop a request for proposals for real estate service to market and sell all of the lots and tracts.

But Councilor Denise Dean said not so fast.

"At first (when she saw the list), I thought, 'Oh Wow.' That represents a lot of money," Dean said. "But every time I go out to Grindstone, I try to visualize what it would look like. Now it is so pristine. Since it is not costing us anything, I think we maybe should visualize what it would look like, if left alone. We drove up and walked around quite a bit. If there were houses there,

it would take away."

Councilor Angel Shaw joined Dean's concern, but for a different reason. She worried about the potential danger of selling lots around Grindstone Dam, slated for as much as \$3 million in repairs after "soft spots" were detected in the dam's cement material.

"Water tends to roll downhill," she said. "If something happens, they would be hard to insure. I'm concerned until we know where we stand."

Councilor Gloria Sayers said she also would like to see the lots remain undeveloped, but more in line with Dean's reasoning. She would like the area to remain pristine.

"There are other places for housing that are not around a lake," she said.

Mayor Ray Alborn said he also thought about possible contamination of the reservoir, a main source of water for the village.

Morris said the lots would be sold as a group and not developed individually, because no infrastructure currently exists such as roads, water or sewer lines.

Shaw recalled that the area was considered as a site for an affordable housing complex at one time.

Morris said any plan to develop would have to come through the village Planning and Zoning Department and Commission. A plat was filed many years ago, but no infrastructure was approved by the village, he said.

"The purpose of selling is to raise money?" Councilor Don Williams clarified.

"Yes and to take property with no future use and put it back on the public tax roll," Morris replied. "There are 60 lots that are going to just sit there."

Councilor Jim Stoddard liked the idea and said the village needs affordable housing. Selling in a block would give the village control of their development and that makes sense, he said. "I hate to put it off. I respect (Councilor Shaw's) worry about Grindstone Dam," but the report on the dam has been delayed for the past two months.

"I strongly feel the village needs to sell these. So I'm a little stymied and frustrated at this point."

Williams said the village can donate property to a developer to build affordable housing, if it has an opportunity to encourage a project. Alborn said he received an e-mail that day, telling him about an affordable housing project turned down by the Eastern Regional VI Housing Authority that oversees 12 counties, including Lincoln, Chaves and Otero, working with the New Mexico Finance Authority.

Village Manager Debi Lee said she serves on a housing advisory committee and to donate land; first, a study must define the local need and an affordable housing plan must be adopted. She will find out why the latest submission was turned down, Lee told councilors.

Morris said if councilors don't have problems with the other tracts, the lots can be removed for now and staff can proceed with the remaining property. The Sun Valley land is valuable, even with a gas line easement mentioned at previous meetings, he said.

On a motion by Shaw, councilors voted 5-1 to adopt the surplus list for disposal, excluding Grindstone Canyon Resort properties. Voting against was Councilor Rafael Salas.

BUSINESS

Sending excess electricity back to OCEC

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Otero County Electric Cooperative's program that puts excess electricity produced by residential renewable energy systems onto the coop's system was explained Wednesday before the Lincoln County Planning Commission.

The utility's manager of engineering, Mario Romero, said two years ago the state enacted rules for connecting smaller electric generating facilities, such as residential units, to a utility system.

"Our REC (Renewable Energy Credit) contract is a contract between us and anyone with a renewable project that wants to sell us the renewable energy credits that are associated with renewable production," said Romero.

He said the coop gets members who come into the office and are unsure how the process works.

"The point of connection between the utility and the customer is at the meter," Romero explained while he pointed to a schematic drawn on a white board.

"This is the same meter that each of you have on your homes that registers the amount of energy that traditional is going from us to you.

"That changes whenever we have renewable projects because now there's the capability of power going from the customer to us when they are generating more than they are using."

When that happens the

meter will spin backwards.

Because photovoltaic and other green systems at homes mostly produced direct current, an inverter changes the electricity to alternating current, which is the power delivered by utilities.

Romero said customers looking at a green system, such panel that turn sunlight into electricity, should talk with their utility.

Romero said there is a real safety concern when a residential system is connected into the utility's grid.

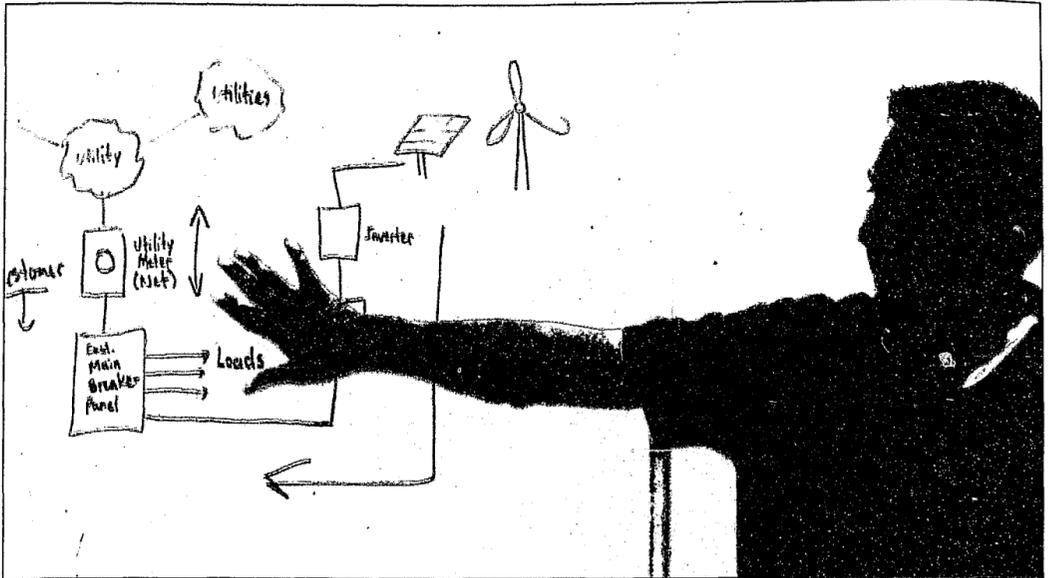
"If you're producing power and you do not disconnect whenever we have an outage, you could be back-feeding our lines. If we have a line crew out there assuming the power line is dead, you could be energizing it because there's a generator out on the system that we may or may not know about."

The inverter is supposed to shut down the home generation equipment to prevent electricity from entering the utility grid. It means that during a power outage the residential electric generating system is not a backup system.

Romero said it is imperative that homes with cogeneration notify their utility.

A separate meter, the REC meter, keeps track of how much electricity was produced by the home system.

"For every 1,000 kilowatt hours (kWh) of renewable energy that's generated, it creates one REC, on renewable energy credit.



Mario Romero, Otero County Electric Cooperative, explains the intricacies of residential electricity production and tying onto a utility's grid.

Those RECs are proof that renewable energy was produced at that location. For utilities, we are starting to get into requirements for buying or generating a certain percentage of renewable energy."

New rules coming

In 2015 electric coops in New Mexico will be required to show that 5 percent of their electricity was produced through renewable sources. Each subsequent year another 1 percent is required until 2020, when 10 percent of the coop's electricity comes from renewables.

"When we purchase direct from the customer we can use that credit to apply towards our requirements. Since we buy all of

our power from Tri-State (Generation and Transmission Association) they will meet that requirement for us. One of the means that they are going use to meet that requirement is they're going to buy RECs from our customers that are interconnected with us. They can either buy renewable energy on the market, they can install their own renewables like a wind farm or a solar farm, or they can buy RECs."

For those thinking about solar panels on their roofs, Romero said there are federal and state tax credits available. But the cost of a photovoltaic system is up there.

"The typical residential system that I've seen is about \$30,000. So even

with the REC incentive and offsetting energy, the payback is 15 to 20 years."

Excess electricity that goes into the Otero County Electric Coop grid is purchased by the utility for less than 3 cents per kWh. The coop's residential electric rate is 11 cents to 12 cents per kWh. The low purchase price is based on the cost of fuel at the traditional generation plants.

"It's the average cost of fuel that you're avoiding," said Carroll Waggoner, the general manager of Otero County Electric. "That's the only thing you're avoiding. You're not avoiding any of the other expenses. You still have maintenance. You still have to have the same line crews. You still have the generation facility. You

still have to have billing staff and all that is still there."

In the coop's service area, which covers parts of Chaves, Lincoln, Otero and Socorro counties, 26 cogeneration systems are in operation with 24 of them residential. Two of the residential systems are wind. The others are photovoltaic.

"It seems like the people that are putting them in, most of them are not putting them in because they plan on making money," said Romero. "It's because they're environmentally conscious and they're wanting to do their part. They know it will pay itself off in 20 years and they're willing to put up the money for that."

CAFÉ RENDEZ VOUS



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Owner Savanna Webb cuts the ribbon Thursday for her Café Rendez Vous in River Rendezvous. With Webb are consulting chef Richard Girot and 20 members of the Ruidoso Valley Greeters. River Rendezvous is at 522 Sudderth Drive.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Zerboni passes

A well-known Ruidoso area custom homebuilder and developer died last month in El Paso. Mario Zerboni was 57 when he died suddenly on Sept. 19.

Zerboni was born in Mexico City and immigrated to the United States. He became a US citizen in 1995. During the past decade he had appeared before the Ruidoso Village Council and Planning and Zoning Commission, sometimes pressing for affordable housing in the village.

Zerboni was a hunter and competitive marksman, an avid skier, golfer, yoga aficionado, domino player and loved to travel,

enjoy great cuisine, and the arts. He was survived by his wife Margaret Hart Zerboni, three children, his mother, two sisters, two brothers, and other extended family members.

Tax-exempt deadline

Tax-exempt organizations in New Mexico are being alerted about a quickly approaching deadline that, if missed, could cost them their federal tax-exempt status.

The New Mexico Attorney General's office's Charities Unit said the Pension Protection Act of 2006 made two key changes affecting tax-exempt organizations.

First, all tax-exempt groups must file an annual return with the Internal Revenue Service. Churches and church-related organizations are not affected.

Additionally, the law mandates that any tax-exempt entity that fails to file for three consecutive years will automatically lose its federal tax-exempt classification.

Postcard-size Form 990-N was created by the IRS for small tax-exempt organizations that have not been required to file in the past. Organizations have until Oct. 15 to file required documents or the group would be in danger of losing its federal tax-exempt status.

Ruidoso gas prices on the rise

Pump prices at some gas stations in the Ruidoso area began rising on Thursday, crossing into the \$2.80s per gallon.

The New Mexico AAA, in their Fuel Gauge report for Thursday, said the average price for regular unleaded in the state was \$2.782, up almost a penny from Wednesday, and 3.4 cents higher than one week ago.

A year ago the average New Mexico price was \$2.481.

The price of crude oil has been on the rise for several weeks, climbing over the \$80 level last week.

But crude prices began to fall on Thursday.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) reported Wednesday that the nationwide average price for a gallon of gasoline rose 4 cents in a week to \$2.73 per gallon.

Prices were generally up across the country except in the Rocky Mountain region where the price declined by

a penny.

The agency said the supply of crude remains high, with inventories 7 percent ahead of a year ago.

Demand for oil was not expected to increase significantly.

Diesel prices in New Mexico jumped up 6 cents over the past week to \$3.067 per gallon. The national average moved up by a nickel, to \$3, said the EIA.

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Alto Lakes golf super recertified

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Glenn Denney, the Golf Court Superintendents Association of American (GCSAA) certified superintendent at the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club at Alto, has completed the renewal process for maintaining his Certified Golf Court Superintendent (CGCS) status.

Denney has been at Alto Lakes since 2003. A 15-year GCSAA member, he initially achieved his certification in 2005.

Approximately 1,700 golf course superintendents worldwide currently hold the certified status.

"Twenty-five percent of GCSAA's class A members have elected to earn the highest level of recognition through the professional designation CGCS by completion of the GCSAA certification program," said James R. Fitzroy, president of the GCSAA. "This program requires their demonstration of a higher set of competencies in golf course management through testing and practical application."

To qualify for the new competency-based certification program, a candidate must have at least three years experience as a golf course superintendent, be employed in that capacity,

and meet post-secondary educational requirements and/or continuing education points.

The candidate's knowledge, skills and abilities are validated through the development of a portfolio consisting of their responses to skill statements, work samples, an on-site inspection of their golf facility, a six-hour examination, rules of golf, and other business aspects.

Maintaining certified status requires renewal every five years.

To fulfill certification renewal, a candidate must participate in 150 hours of continuing education and professional development.

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Court orders one recusal for Capitan judge

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One of three requests for the recusal of Capitan Municipal Judge J.D. Roehrig was granted by 12th District Judge Karen Parsons Wednesday.

The civil suits filed were centered on 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 last year when the judge voluntarily testified at a hearing in Santa Fe where McGarry's accreditation was being scrutinized by the State Police Academy.

The court granted the one recusal Wednesday based not on the Santa Fe hearing but on Roehrig's demeanor during questioning by Sweat.

Sweat questioned Roehrig about the judge's reason for being at the hearing and about his testimony, reading from the transcript of the hearing.

At the Santa Fe hearing, Roehrig stated that he did

not testify to McGarry's character but to the differences in military law and civilian law, as his experience in both gave him knowledge to do so.

Roehrig informed the court that a complaint about his testimony had been before the Judicial Standards Commission but had been dismissed with no action taken.

Sweat asked Roehrig if he had ever recused himself before in any case since he been judge.

After some sharp-toned requests from Roehrig for specifics as to which case Sweat was referring to and what the circumstances were, Sweat told him it was the case filed by Ray Seidel, represented by attorney Tim Rose.

"Can you tell us why you decided to recuse yourself in that matter?" Sweat asked.

Roehrig answered with a sharp, "Yes."

"Could you elaborate on that?" Sweat asked.

"Yes. So we could go ahead and finish the trial," Roehrig said. "There had been four continuations on it and a motion had been

proposed for recusal. I denied the motion. The motion's basis and weight was that I had been a character witness in that hearing and I had not been a character witness. I denied the motion but then I recused myself so we could go forward."

"I do have some concern in reference to the judge hearing Gary Sweat's case, because of the witness's demeanor and his defensiveness on the stand," Judge Parsons said. "The judge was obviously, in my opinion, very defensive with respect to Gary Sweat and the questions he was being asked. His demeanor indicated he was upset with the questions and because of that, I grant the motion for the judge to recuse himself with respect to the case with Mr. Sweat, but not in respect to the other two."

The requests for recusal of Judge Roehrig in traffic citation cases filed on behalf of Sweat's teenage son and another filed by Melanie Dean were denied.

"Unfortunately, these cases are lacking in evidence that the judge acted

as a character witness for the officer and he has already answered to a process with no action from the Judicial Standards," Parsons said.

"I don't want to cast any aspersions on these other cases as far as the judge's ability for impartiality," Parsons said. "That will be determined when you have your day in court. It is just that, today, I didn't get the evidence that the judge shouldn't hear the other cases."

Gary Sweat and Dean appeared pro se while Roehrig was defended by the Village of Capitan's attorney Zack Cook. Gary Sweat spoke for his son and for Dean in the evidentiary and arguments portion of the hearing to save having the same questions repeated in all three cases.

Civil suits with the same request for recusal have been filed by Jeff Dale, Traci Dale and their minor son. Those cases will be heard by Judge Parsons on Oct. 12. Jeff Dale said he and his family have received a total of 10 traffic citations from McGarry since June 11.

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Mescalero opposes casino

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The Mescalero Apache Tribe, owners of the Inn of the Mountain Gods, which includes a resort hotel, golf course and full-service casino, has officially voiced its opposition to a proposal by Jemez Pueblo to build a hotel and casino just north of Anthony.

The Mescaleros and Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino issued a joint statement Wednesday that said Jemez's proposed facility could hurt their businesses. The Mescaleros also claimed that Jemez's proposed casino and hotel would be within their ancestral homelands.

"The Mescalero Apache Tribe recognizes the right of every tribe to chart its own destiny and exercise sovereignty over its own tribal lands," a portion of the statement said. "In fact, Mescalero has been at the forefront of the fight for sovereignty over many decades.

"However, such sovereignty must be exercised in a way that comports with federal law and does not impinge on the rights and sovereignty of other tribes."

Use of metal structures clarified

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Metal buildings are prohibited in most of Ruidoso's land use zones, but some projects that meet size restrictions and include a stucco or wood facade to disguise the metal can be approved.

The issue comes up often in the Planning and Zoning Department, Planning Director Bill Morris said Tuesday.

"In some areas of town there is a need for garages, but metal-sided are not allowed in the code," he told Planning & Zoning commissioners. "One individual asked about putting up a two-car garage, which is relatively inexpensive compared to stick-built."

Metal buildings are allowed in Industrial and Commercial 4 zones only. The village has one industrial parcel on Close Drive, where FNF Construction is located, and no C4 zones, Morris said.

Under village code, four commercial zones are designated: C1, neighborhood commercial is light commercial surrounded by residential and includes the cabins in Upper Canyon; C2 is community commercial and 95 percent of the commercial property in the village falls under that zone from Two Scoops on

north Mechem Drive to the intersection of Sudderth Drive and U.S. 70; C3, midtown commercial from Grindstone Drive to Country Club Drive; and C4, heavy-duty transportation arterial, intended for around U.S. 70.

Metal buildings also are allowed with conditions attached in the residential district designated for mobile homes, he said. They cannot be corrugated "ribbed" metal and cannot exceed 120 square feet in size.

"That allows storage sheds essentially," Morris said.

The remedy for those seeking a less expensive understructure is to apply for permission to build and cover the building in wood or stucco, he said. He understands the confusion about the issue, because the code has changed several times, the last in 1999, he said.

A homeowner sees a neighbor with a metal building and can't figure out why he can't do the same. It may be that the building was put up under different rules or falls in an unincorporated pocket of

the county, which has no zoning code, he said.

Unless the code changes again, a homeowner can seek a conditional use for a metal understructure and facade, can build a detached garage no larger than 120 square feet within a designated distance from a house. If the garage is attached to the house, it can be larger, he said. However, on undersized lots found all over the village, meeting setback requirements can be a problem.

Commissioner John Cornelius, a builder, said one issue he's encountered working with metal roofs is reflectivity and often a protective coating is required to reduce glare. He was told it depended on whether the code enforcement noticed the shine.

"That's not a code," Cornelius said. "I think we need a number. We do 'in Alto.' Dark colors are preferred to reduce reflection and with age, it also decreases, he said.

Commissioners referred the issue to Village Building Official Shawn Fort to look at the possibility of a specific code dealing with metal reflection.



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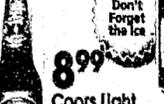
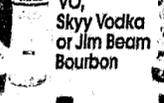
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matter what they propose, he said, but "most should be pretty easy."

The parcels cover 246 acres north and south along Gavilan Canyon Road, 140 acres south on U.S. 70 at the entry into the Mescalero Apache Reservation and 40 acres around Perk Canyon. The Gavilan and Perk acreage would appear to suit residential zoning, increasing the area for housing in the village, Morris said.

The land on U.S. 70 is surrounded by a mix of mobile home, residential and commercial, and would lend itself to commercial use, he said. However, some owners might object, because property taxes would be higher on commercial land or they may want to develop their parcel.

"Certainly, that will be the area of highest discussion," he said.

Commissioners agreed to tackle the issue in their first meeting in November during a regular session.

Commission Chairman Beth Hood asked that maps showing the locations

of businesses and homes in the area be ready for their review.

Part of an initial update of the village land use ordinance will deal with six topics, leading off with minimum lot size.

Hood pointed out an inconsistency in the ordinance for residential lots, especially in language dealing with previously subdivided lots being reconfigured.

As the ordinance now reads, the minimum lot size is 10,000 square feet, but it also specified that replats cannot be approved, if lots are less than one acre. That wording precludes someone from taking two smaller lots and combining them into a larger lot, if the lot would not meet the one acre minimum, Morris said. Yet, the council encourages eliminating undersized lots.

A fix for the situation previously was submitted to the council by a former commissioner and was rejected, he said.

Being able to develop on smaller lots that are not undersized allows construction of less expensive housing, he said.

"What's the character of the area?" he asked commissioners to consider. "Is

Cornelius: "We're not making more lots. The way it is worded, we couldn't do it."



it to be filled only with one acre lots. I'm not sure what the reasoning is. We have many old lots on the south side of town that are non-conforming and were subdivided many years ago that are smaller than a quarter acre."

Residential zoning comprises about 80 percent of all of the zoning in the village, Morris said.

Commissioner John Cornelius, a builder, said his aim is to replat lots to make them more buildable and usable. "We're not making more lots," he said. "The way it is worded, we couldn't do it. There are 25-foot-wide lots and we combine two, but the way the ordinance reads restricts to no less than one acre."

Village Building Official Shawn Fort said, "The problem in town is that there are few areas when

doing this," she said.

Morris said the public hearings could wait until all changes to the ordinance are ready instead of doing one section or topic at a time.

Other issues to be covered in the update include a review of parking standards and zone parking requirements. In the Midtown commercial zone, C3, no requirement for parking exists for new development. For large parking lots, drainage and landscape islands rules may need revamping, Morris said.

Hood said she hopes revisiting that issue may lead to the formation of a Parking Authority, which could result in insurance being available to owners of private lots in town to allow them to open the lots up to the public.

"I hear they don't do it now, because (of liability issues) in the C3 zone," she said.

Hood and Commissioners Mark Flack and Fred Cowan volunteered to serve on a committee to tackle parking.

"It's one of the biggest problems in the village," Hood said.

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Association.

Keithley has also been a marketing consultant for the Ruidoso Downs Race Track, involved in all aspects of operation including promotions, concerts, handicapping, host of daily television simulcast programs before the races, tip-sheet author, and as Keithley said, "general guy who answers horse race questions."

His wife Melanie, who worked at MTD, has left the stations to be with her new baby TJ. Tim will be leaving in mid-November.

"Melanie and I are very grateful and blessed for the many friends we have made in Ruidoso. Those friendships and business associates will always be in our fondest memories of living here, along with having a winning ticket on a horse race or two," said Keithley.

He has been active in the community in a number of ways. Keithley is a member of the Ruidoso Rotary Club, a board member of Santa's Helpers, and a former member of the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts board.

ADOPT

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secure these dogs in the last few days. It has been an eye-opening experience to see just how horrendous the number of feral and stray dogs has grown, and how dangerous it has become for pets and especially children," Aris said. "I also was told that dead animals seen by dumpsters are not placed there by conservation officers, but are possibly the results of acts of animal cruelty. Naturally, this all stems from the biggest problem, the lack of mandatory, enforced spay and neuter."

Passing and enforcing mandatory spay and neuter laws is a challenge across the state, Aris said.

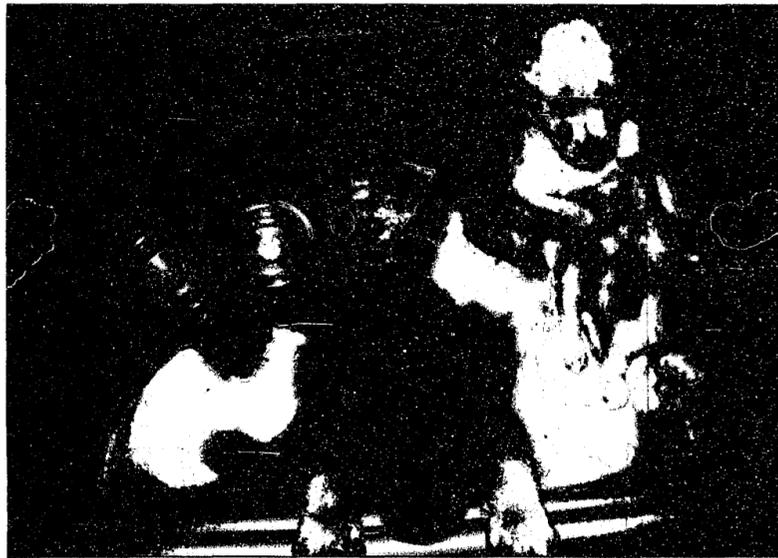
"We all know that mandatory spay and neuter has been on the books in Ruidoso for many years, but when was the last time you heard of someone who actually suffered consequences for having an intact animal older than six months, which is prohibited by law?" she asked. "With the money available in Lincoln County and the comparative affluence, there is simply no excuse for this ordinance not being enforced. When officers are on a call and can easily see whether a dog has tags or not, is neutered or not, why not cite the irresponsible 'guardians of the dog or cat?' When an ACO picks up a tagless, intact stray, subsequently claimed by

the guardian, why isn't that person ordered to appear in court automatically? It's pretty obvious that unwanted litters have already been born from these unsupervised, unsterilized dogs and cats, so the crime has already been committed, and the cost already borne by the taxpayers, either by paying for euthanasia or care at the pound. And of course the animals have already paid the ultimate price, in suffering, and probable death."

While the problem may be more egregious on the reservation, Aris said she has hope that positive changes lie ahead for companion animals in Mescalero, leading to a more humane life for animals, and a safer, healthier life for people of the tribe.

"There is a chance, with enough volunteer help, enough cooperation from the tribal council, enough willingness from the tribal members, to make a huge difference for companion animals, and for the tribe also," she said.

"As Ruidoso News Editor Marty Racine wrote in last week's editorial, it will take a lot more people to get involved, to make the world better for these animals. I have had an offer of donation to cover one of the Spice Girl's spay surgery, and several offers from those wishing to help with rescues now and in the future. When I was at the reservation today, folks came up to me to ask about PAW's spay and neuter program. Not only



Above: A caring Mescalero resident alerted Sunny Aris about six border collie/heelers puppies living in tires at the dump. All have been vaccinated, groomed and are available for adoption.

Right: Martha Watson adopted Sage, one of the 17 puppies from the Cinnamon and Spice litters.

COURTESY SUNNY ARIS

did they ask about it, they made arrangements for spay and neuter surgeries there on the spot.

"I am so grateful for all those who have helped in these rescues. Robie Depalma, Starbucks manager, has gone on some wild adventures with me, and has been of immeasurable fostering help. Nancy Berg has donated food and money for support and care, as well as veterinary care when necessary, all performed at humane rates by Becky Washburn,



who has made herself available sometimes at a moment's notice, to give

her heart and care to the rescued dogs of Mescalero." Friends and strangers

sent donations after reading the article to sponsor spay-neuter surgeries, Aris said.

"And let's not forget the fabulous adopters of the puppies," she said. "All adoptions were concluded only after vet/home checks, to ensure pups will have wonderful, committed humans to care for them."

She's planning a puppython this weekend, and was invited today to spread the word to Bingo players at the Mescalero Senior Center about PAW's spay-neuter services, including free pet food to food bank recipients throughout Lincoln County.

"These invitations and invaluable support from directors of various agencies on the Mescalero Reservation are more encouraging than I can adequately share," Aris said. "Heartwarming and also hugely encouraging is the burgeoning number of requests for much-needed help from tribal members themselves, who truly want to give good care to their pets."

For more information about the available puppies or the PAW program, call Aris at 575-257-2555. Check out Facebook for updates on the puppies at: www.facebook.com/pages/17-Puppies-Tragedy-to-Triumphs/159463654080450?ref=ts.

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Young man with brain tumor sees the hunt of a lifetime

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Many young people would jump at a chance to go on a hunting trip in New Mexico, and several sportsmen and other organizations help provide that opportunity.

But for a special group of youngsters, those diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses, that dream has a heightened sense of importance and urgency.

A unique organization called Hunt of a Lifetime, and Inn of the Mountain Gods came together to help one young man, Casey Bahn, 20, of York County, Pa., realize his dream Sept. 25-29, at Mesalero Big Game Hunts.

Bahn trekked through New Mexico's wild forests, his rifle at the ready, on the hunt for a bull elk.

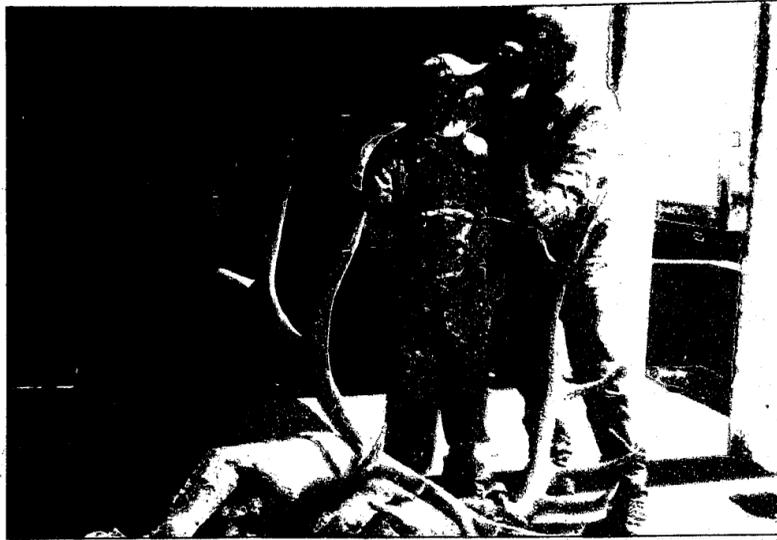
Diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumor at

the age of 3, which eventually took his eyesight, Bahn has battled the disease off and on for the majority of his childhood having gone through multiply surgeries and endured several rounds of chemotherapy and radiation therapy at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, Md. He's been in remission for several years.

"Growing up, I spent a lot of time going along on hunts with my dad, but never actually hunting myself," Bahn said before the hunt.

"The opportunity to go on this hunt and experience it for myself is almost too good to be true. It's not really going to hit me until I'm out there among the trees and hear the bugling of an elk."

A non-profit organization started in Harborcreek, Pa., by Tina Pattison, who lost her son to cancer at a young age,



Casey Bahn (left) is congratulated by Patrick Hiles, a guide with Mesalero Big Game Hunts, for bagging a bull elk Sept. 26.

Hunt of a Lifetime has organized Bahn's hunt along with Inn of the Mountain Gods donating the elk tag and accommo-

dations for the visit. Guided elk hunts are \$13,500. In addition, local taxidermist Woodberry Taxidermy has donated its

services. "When you see the amazing courage these kids have in dealing with adversity, it is truly inspira-

tional," said Matt Minshall, program ambassador for Hunt of a Lifetime in New Mexico and Arizona. "Seeing the smiles on those young faces when they go on their hunts touches everyone involved."

When a youngster is accepted into the program, they receive a total hunt package including equipment, transportation (air and car), a guide/outfitter, lodging, meat processing and delivery, as well as taxidermy and delivery of their mount at no cost.

They are allowed to bring one parent along on their hunt. Bahn brought along his father, Kenneth.

"Casey's missed a lot during his childhood," Kenneth said prior to the hunt.

"So I'm really looking forward to experiencing this special opportunity with him and serving as his eyes during the hunt."

Village eyes farm animals

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Village code in Ruidoso only covers keeping dogs and cats, but many households own horses or farm animals, says Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris.

"We don't have criteria on the amount of space to be allocated, if they are kept on a lot," he said. "We need a standard for keeping other critters. We have preexisting situations with corrals and pastures. There's a home on Hull Drive with plenty of space, but other situations come up, such as a bull that was tied up."

That turned out to be a student's project, said Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Beth Hood.

No prohibitions exist for chickens or pigs, Commissioner Larry Wimbrow said.

"It goes to nuisance and odor," Morris said. "Space also is needed for animals like pot-bellied pigs. That was the big thing in Florida, how many and what conditions."

Hood said she recalled a neighbor protesting when another homeowner wanted to keep birds, but that

worked out all right.

"There was no way this commission could deny it," she said. "There was no prohibition against it."

Morris asked commissioners to compile a list of issues and problems they see when they read the section on animals. The compilation would be useful for staff in coming up with some new wording, he said. Two other issues could be infectious diseases and the handling and disposal of waste from larger animals.

Hood said one goal in the village's Comprehensive Plan is to look at the section for farm animals by November, so they are right on time.

"We can accept it as is, include rules for larger animals or for things like keeping chickens and pigs. Any volunteers?" she asked.

Commissioner Art Hinz stepped up, as did Commissioner Angie Schneider-Cook. Hinz said he will meet with a neighbor involved in horse breeding and discuss the space needed.

Hood said she'd like to discuss possible changes at the commission's second meeting in November.

Meeting on bear hunting rescheduled for Ruidoso

■ Game and Fish wants to increase harvest from 7 to 10 percent of population

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A New Mexico Game Commission meeting to potentially increase hunting bounties for bear and cougar has been rescheduled for Oct. 28 at Inn of the Mountain Gods.

The Game and Fish Department wants to increase the maximum bear harvest limits from seven percent of the bear population to 10 percent in a number of parts of New Mexico. Department staff said that would help stabilize the population.

In several management zones, including game management unit 36, which includes the Ruidoso area, the hope is to decrease bear numbers. In the unit the department has proposed increasing the maximum harvest limits from seven percent to 15 percent of the population.

In zones or units where the objective is to decrease bear numbers, a spring bear hunting opportunity

would be established during the first two weeks of April. The spring season would target males and would exclude the use of dogs.

The department said the proposed changes aim to address human safety, deal with depredation and nuisance issues in some areas, and slow down the high elk calf predation.

The proposed rule changes would also increase hunting of cougars in New Mexico.

Charlotte Salazar founded the group New Mexicans for Proactive Wildlife Predator Management after her son was attacked by a cougar. She said the new rules would help to restore balance to the ecosystem while addressing public safety.

"One month after my son's attack in the Sandia Mountains, a man was killed and eaten by a cougar near Silver City and yet again, the following month a third victim was attacked by a cougar in Taos.

Also, there have been five bear attacks in the past two months, most notably a woman being dragged from

her tent in the Sandia Mountains, in an area where Salazar's son had been attacked. The attack on Salazar's son occurred in 2008.

Locally, a cougar had stocked a hunter near Alto last year, forcing him to take action and kill the animal.

The New Mexico Cattle Growers Association also supports the proposed changes.

Groups oppose

But Animal Protection of New Mexico and some other groups oppose an increase in bear and cougar hunting.

"The department is proposing to roll back cougar management not just by a decade but seemingly by a century, to the senseless predator hunts in the early days of New Mexico statehood," Animal Protection of New Mexico wrote.

"The department has recently recommended a 140 percent increase in cougar hunting for the next four years. As outlined in the bear and cougar rule, up to 1,180 lions may be killed per year with no sci-

entific justification provided by the department.

"Despite evidence that female cougars are the main driver of population stability, the department proposal increases the female kill quota by 263 percent."

The group warned that New Mexico's bears cannot survive the "unsustainable" hunt proposal by the Game and Fish department.

Jan Hayes, the founder of New Mexico BearWatch said more bear hunting would not solve the human/bear interaction problem. She said wherever food is easily available a mother bear will teach her cubs to forage in human garbage and birdfeeders.

The department has held 16 public meetings on the rule amendments for the 2011-2014 hunting seasons. A final recommendation is scheduled to go before the commission when it meets at IMG.

Originally the commission had been set to consider the measure on Sept. 30 at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs, but that meeting was cancelled.

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Forest officials hope to control non-native invasive plants

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The Lincoln National Forest will look at ways to control the spread of non-native invasive plants across the forest.

A Sept. 30 notice in the Federal Register stated

that the a strategy to deal with undesirable weeds is necessary "to protect and restore the resilience, abundance and biological diversity of desired native plant communities."

The proposal would use several management tools, including herbicides, biological agents, controlled grazing, manual as well as mechanical methods, and adaptive management. Invasive plants designated by the state as noxious

weeds would be the primary focus of the project. Officials with the Lincoln National Forest said infestations of invasive plants had continued to spread unchecked.

Budgetary and geographic limits have kept the Forest Service from keeping pace with the encroachment of non-native invasive plants, officials said.

An integrated weed management strategy

would likely include an awareness and education component to attempt to prevent new infestations. Early detection and a rapid response would deal with newly discovered infestations.

On Sept. 17, the Lincoln National Forest asked 61 other entities if they would like to be cooperating agencies on the planning.

Several analysis efforts related to the treatment of unwanted plants on national forests in Arizona and New Mexico have been completed or are currently underway.

Comments concerning the scope of analysis must be received by forest officials by Nov. 29. A draft environmental impact statement is expected during January 2011 and the final environmental impact statement in April 2011.

In addition to taking written comments, the Lincoln National Forest will consider holding a series of public meetings over the coming months to ensure that those who are interested have every opportunity to provide information or comments about the proposed activity.

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Top right: Director of Solid Waste Jeff Kaplan

Bottom right: Airport Manager Justin King and Village Engineer Bob Decker

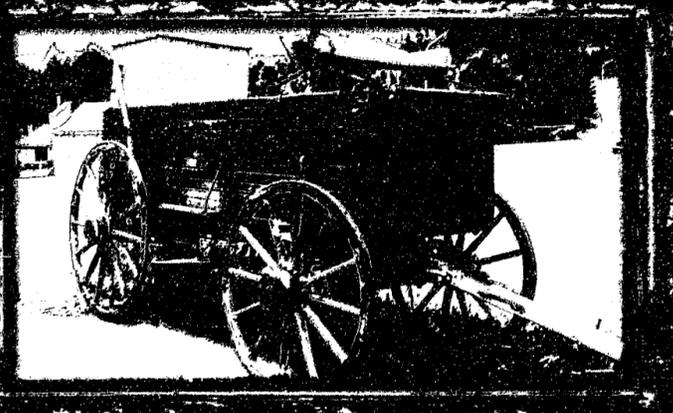
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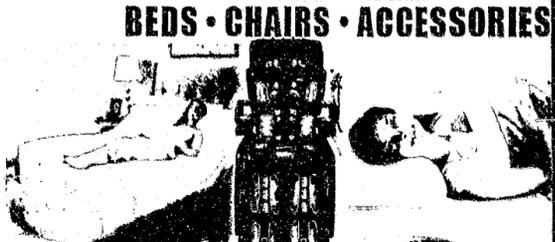
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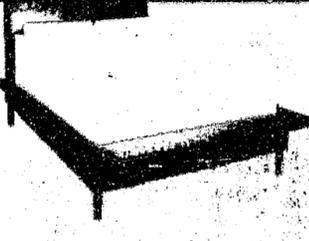
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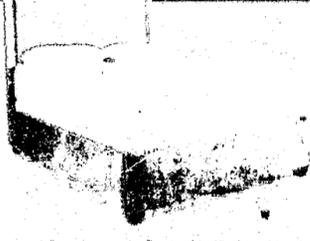
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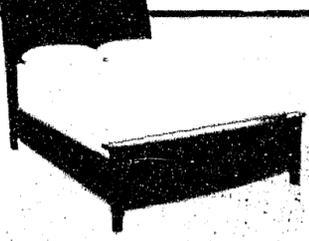
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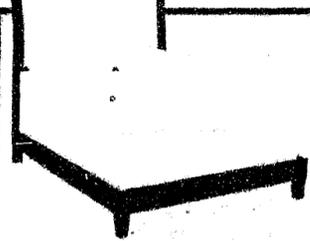
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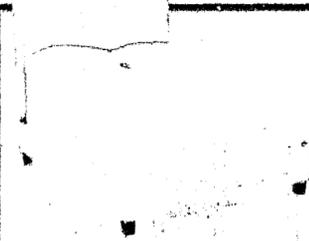
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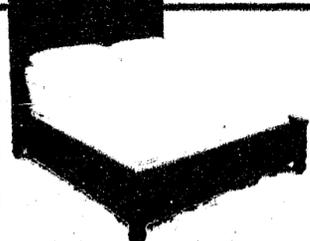
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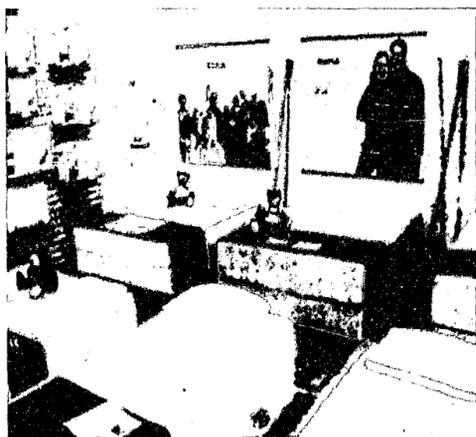
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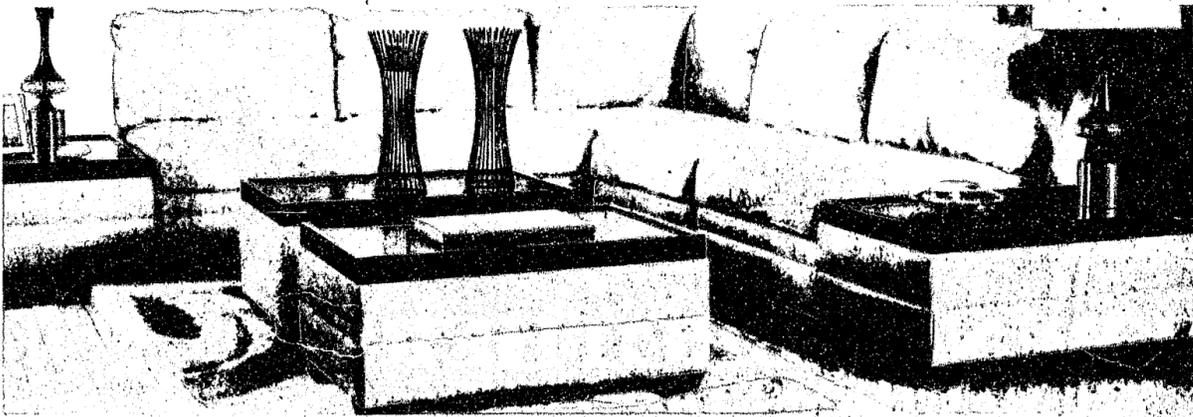
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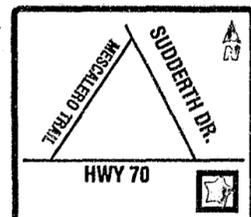
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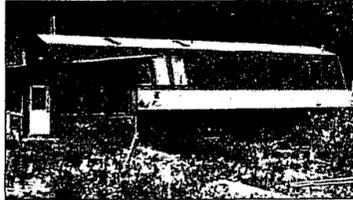
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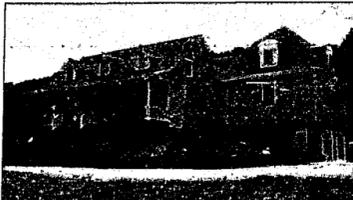
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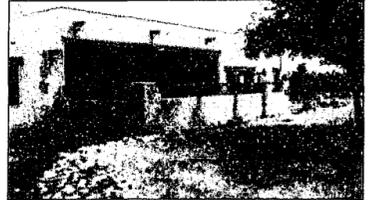
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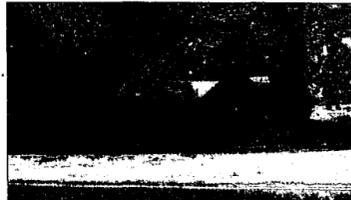
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Sports On Tap

Football

Friday, Oct. 8
Ruidoso at Lordsburg, 7 p.m.
Loving at Carrizozo, 7 p.m.
Hondo at Valley Christian Academy, 7 p.m.
Mescalero at Magdalena, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 9
Capitan at Mesilla Valley, 2 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.

Prep football forecast

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Predictions are always dangerous – in any venue. Too many variables come in to play. Young sports players are the toughest to figure out.

How well does a football squad consistently come together as a team? What's the injury situation? How do they play after traveling four hours? How many players respond accordingly in the face of adversity? Are the majority of the athletes able to focus for most of the 48 minutes? With those queries, and others in mind, here is a dauntless prognosis on this weekend's local gridiron contests.

Mescalero

This Friday's contest with Magdalena should be the Chiefs third win of the season. When is the last time Mescalero has won three or more games in a season – or two-in-a-row for that matter?

Last Friday's 27-24 victory over visiting Questa was a telltale sign. The Wildcats may be a 2-3 team but they have some talent – speed, receivers and a good



CAROLE WILSON/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Grizzlies will take their three-game win streak to Loving Friday. Zozo's Marshal Wilson is seen here stopping a Roswell JV runner in their Aug. 28 game at Roswell.

passing quarterback. And they didn't quit until the final gun.

The Chiefs are young and that showed in the Questa victory. Mescalero mishandled two snaps from center in the first half which cost them field advantage at the time and committed a fumble at the end of the contest that

could have cost them the game.

On the other side of the coin, the 2010 version of the Apache Chiefs has size and coaching. Head coach Godfrey Cordova realized his team lacked speed and he installed the Santa Rosa Wing-T, replete with misdirection plays, which fit well with the personality and

attributes of the players he had on hand. And he did not incorporate the Wing-T for the entire night. He chose to introduce them to that style of offense in small doses. That decision worked out well.

The only "fly in the ointment" Friday, is the Chiefs have to travel around three hours to get to Magdalena.

Oh well, that's New Mexico high school football. Nearly every team has to.

In the meantime, the Steers are winless in six games.

So, home field advantage doesn't mean that much in this game.

See PIGSKIN, page 2B

Aggies, Lobos come into game as cellar dwellers

TEDDY FEINBERG
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES – In some cases, numbers lie.

In other scenarios, they're dead on.

For the New Mexico State Aggies and New Mexico Lobos football teams, who meet at 6 p.m. Saturday at Aggie Memorial Stadium, the truth may hurt.

Neither team has a win on the young season, with the Aggies at 0-4 and the Lobos at 0-5.

Out of 120 Division-I football programs, both teams are near the bottom in the following key statistical categories:

NMSU – Total offense, ranks 116th; passing,

118th; rushing, 96th. Total defense, 120th – dead last; pass defense, 115th; rushing defense, 118th.

UNM – Total offense, 118th; passing, 117th; rushing, 113th. Total defense, 116th; pass defense, 110th; rushing defense, 110th.

The Aggies have recorded zero sacks on the season and have forced zero turnovers.

While NMSU lost last weekend to Boise State – currently the No. 4 team in the country – 59-0, the Lobos fell in Week 1 to current No. 3 team Oregon, 72-0.

"I haven't seen enough football," UNM head coach Mike Locksley said when asked if this Saturday's

game was a contest between two of the worst programs in the country. "I haven't been happy with the outcomes of our games ... I've seen enough in our program to know we're headed in the right direction."

Aggies head coach DeWayne Walker said simply judging a team by its record wouldn't be accurate.

"I don't know if it's fair to say. You got to factor in (the schedule)," Walker said. "We're only four games in. If it were Week 9, 10, 11, I'd probably agree."

Both programs brought in new coaches – Walker and Locksley – prior to last season.

While Walker took over

a program with virtually no football history to speak of, Locksley came to a Lobo team that was a consistent bowl contender under previous coach Rocky Long.

While NMSU went 3-10 last year – including a 20-17 win over UNM in Albuquerque – the Lobos finished with a 1-11 mark.

"UNM has probably had more of a football tradition than New Mexico State," Walker said. "I'm pretty sure they're pretty upset where (they) are and we're not very happy with where we are either."

"But, we're trying to build a program here and our focus is on what we need to do at New Mexico State to try to get this program going."

Locksley has also endured his fair share of off-field controversy as well, which has led to speculation that his job could be in jeopardy in the not-to-distant future.

That, and the fact that the Lobos have been blown out in every game this season has not been a recipe for success.

"The losses are definitely frustrating," Locksley said. "I have to say that ... it will take a little time. The thing we got to do is continue to bring our guys along ... If we really focus on things we really can control, get each player ... prepared to play ... the wins (will) start to come."

Both programs could definitely use a win on

Saturday night.

"I think both teams are (desperate for a win)," NMSU cornerback Jonte Green said. "Two losing teams. I think we're both dying for a win."

Walker said it's too early to hit the panic button, and that his team will continue to work hard.

"With eight games left, it's kind of hard to say desperate," he said. "I still think there's other winnable games on our schedule."

"I know both teams want to win this week ... Both teams, we don't have any wins and it is a rival game."

"That piece of it alone should get both teams fired up, despite the records."

Philanthropist Simpson dead at 95

S. DERRICKSON MOORE
Las Cruces Sun-News

MESILLA – Billie Ruth Ritter Simpson, whose community service and sense of style, history and hospitality left a mark from the Cloudcroft Lodge, which she once owned, to New Mexico State University and the racetracks of Ruidoso and Sunland Park, died Wednesday in her Mesilla Park home. She was 95.

"It is truly the loss of a grand lady," said her son C.W. "Buddy" Ritter, owner

of the Double Eagle restaurant in Mesilla, who remembered that his mother often offered tips on the landmark restaurant's decor.

"Billie Ruth has truly been a grand dame of Las Cruces, and a consummate hostess. Her many friends are grateful to have known and loved her, often joking that Billie would go to heaven while planning a party," her longtime friend Margaret Campbell said.

Artist Sallie Ritter said her mother remained active in the community and her

joie de vivre was still fully evident on a 2009 family cruise around the world.

"She planned a Pirates of the Baltic party on the cruise and got us all patches and costumes. Mom was queen of the pirates. Her outfit included a black feather boa and diamonds and when she came in, everybody applauded," said Ritter, who added that her mom "was a fantastic business woman. Nothing was ever just handed to us. When we kids wanted anything, we had to make a detailed business plan. I

made one when I wanted to study art in Scotland."

Ritter Simpson was born in Joplin, Mo., on Dec. 3, 1914, the only child of Carter and Estella Mae "Becky" Fox. The family moved to El Paso when she was 3.

She graduated from El Paso High School and received her teaching certificate from the Texas College of Mines, now the University of Texas-El Paso.

In 1933, she married

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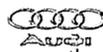
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PIGSKIN

FROM PAGE 1B

Cloudcroft beat Magdalena 20-12 on Sept. 25. Mescalero won an opening season thriller at Cloudcroft on Aug. 27, 6-0.

All the more important, the Steers/Chiefs clash is a district game and 0-1 Mescalero needs this win. Unless the Chiefs implode, this game shouldn't be as close as their two previous wins.

Ruidoso

The 2-4 Warriors just came off a four-hour road loss at Robertson, 41-21. Friday they have a three-hour trek to 3-2 Lordsburg. Travel games can be mentally tough on young players.

Of their common opponents - Hot Springs, Hatch Valley and Cobre - Ruidoso beat Cobre, 22-14, before having to forfeit the game, beat Hatch Valley, 19-6, and lost to Hot Springs, 18-15.

Lordsburg took down

Hatch, 35-15, Hot Springs, 7-0, and Cobre, 19-6.

Home field, in this case, is important here. Lordsburg has had two and won them both (Hatch and Cobre).

Lordsburg may be 2A but they have a deep roster and they were runners-up in state play last year.

After the Ruidoso game, Lordsburg has a big district battle at home with Laguna Acoma the following week. If they look ahead to that game Lordsburg could give an opening to the Warriors.

RHS won initially at Cobre by eight and Lordsburg beat the same team at home by 13. All things even, this could be a key.

Here's another thought: Lordsburg has scored 74 points in five games but they have given up 83 (most of those points were at away games).

Nevertheless, the Mavericks' coach should be concerned about that.

Conversely, the Warriors have yielded 121 points but scored 147 in six games.

Both teams know each

other from scrimmages in the past five years.

To win, the Warriors will have to keep their penalties and turnovers down to a minimum and utilize their speed - all night long.

If they do, they could win. If not ...

Capitan

Now the secret can be told. Yes, the Tigers lost to 1-4 NMMI (at the time) last Friday at home, 29-20 - but Capitan was missing three linemen on both sides of the ball in the contest.

That could seriously hurt a 4A team, let alone a 1A squad.

The Tigers found out that moving is not always a good beginning experience. This season they relocated from 2A to 1A.

The only problem with that is they had to face off against two powerhouses - Hagerman and Fort Sumner. Yes, they have three losses but none of those are to district foes. With Capitan's 60-6 win over Mescalero they are 1-0 in that department. Saturday's 2 p.m. game

at Mesilla Valley (3-2, 0-0) is a district competition and the Tigers need this win.

In the five games each team has played, they have one common opponent - Cloudcroft.

The Tigers won at home against the Bears, 41-0, while Mesilla Valley whiffed the same team at Cloudcroft, 51-0.

Injuries aside, if the Tigers expect to bring home a win they'll have to go all out from the opening gun.

Not decide to start playing in the second quarter ... or so. Some younger Tigers may have to step up and fill the holes.

Mesilla Valley won both their home games but both were close - 14-13 over McCurdy and 34-32 over Jal. Saturday's contest should be a close one, too. But the injury problem with Capitan is a big question mark.

Carrizozo

After opening their season with two consecutive losses, the Grizzlies have ripped off three straight wins (all at home) and stand

at 3-2, 1-0. Friday's tilt at 3-3 Loving is a non-district affair but the next week's battle with Mesilla Valley is and it's always nice to cruise into an important game with a fresh victory under your belt - not to mention a 4-0 streak.

Of the games each team has played they have one common opponent - Fort Sumner.

Loving lost to the Foxes 20-7 at home while the Grizzlies lost to the same team at Fort Sumner, 20-6.

Head coach Pat Ventura has a small roster and has been moving personnel around due to injuries. But he's got some tough talented athletes like Marshall Ventura, Marshal Wilson and Mark Vigil, among others.

Since beating Jal, 45-18, at Jal on Sept. 17, the Falcons have lost two in a row.

There's an old saying: "The more you win the closer you come to losing." On the flip side, losing streaks have a nasty mind of their own. And the Falcons haven't lost enough yet. Lets

go with the Grizzlies in a close one.

Hondo

The 3-2 Hondo Eagles are a team in the making. They're young and that's where they get themselves in trouble.

Last Friday's big 52-6 homecoming win over Dora should be a confidence builder.

Friday's game at the Valley Christian Academy Lions should be a win for the Eagles - unless of course they read this and get lackadaisical.

The Lions are 1-4 overall and 0-2 in district action, while the Eagles are 2-0 in district.

Yes, this is an away game for Hondo but it's only a hop-ski-and-a-jump to Roswell for them.

Of their common opponent, Hondo blasted San Jon on Sept. 3, 66-39, while the same team beat Valley Christian Academy (albeit, in a close one), 49-47.

If the Eagles don't win this one it's because they just don't want to.

SIMPSON

FROM PAGE 1B

John Barnes Ritter, founder of the J. B. Ritter Distributing Co. which marketed Texaco products here. The couple honeymooned at the Amador Hotel in Las Cruces.

The pueblo-style home they built in Mesilla Park was recognized as a "building of historical significance for adhering to local architecture" by the Do-a Ana Historical Society.

In 1953, they purchased

the historic Cloudcroft Lodge in Cloudcroft, N.M., and she supervised lodge renovations and the extension to 18 holes of the golf course now known as one of the six highest-elevation golf courses in the world.

The couple, both avid golfers, also helped found the Las Cruces Country Club and Ritter Simpson served as president of the Southwest Women's Golf Association and the Las Cruces Country Club Women's Golf Association.

She was also a founding member of the Ruidoso Jockey Club, a partner in

Temulac Stables and the owner of racehorse Winsham Lad, the speed record holder at Sunland Park Racetrack.

John Ritter's 1954 death in a traffic crash left her a 39-year-old widow with four children. In 1957, she married W. K. "Ajax" Simpson, a Marfa, Texas, rancher and banker. They were enthusiastic world travelers until his death in 1997.

As benefactor to NMSU, she established a graduate fellowship in business administration and was a member of the President's

Associates, the University Ambassadors and Aggie Boosters. She actively oversaw the Charles R. and Dorothy S. Carter Chair in Business Administration, established at UTEP in memory of her father.

She was a board member of Planned Parenthood, served as a volunteer candy striper at Memorial General Hospital and was president of the Las Cruces Garden Club. For 75 years, she was a member of St. James Episcopal Church, which was founded by John Ritter's great-grandfather, Dr. Edwin Burt, a surgeon

in Mesilla.

Her children revealed that she was also an accomplished ballet dancer, who once contemplated a professional dancing career.

She was preceded in death by her first husband of 21 years, John B. Ritter, by her husband of 41 years, W. K. Ajax Simpson, by her son, John C. Ritter, and by her granddaughter, Peggy Ritter.

She is survived by her son Charles W. "Buddy" Ritter and his wife, Margaret, of Mesilla Park; daughter Sallie Ritter Jacobs and her husband,

Dr. Kent F. Jacobs, of Las Cruces; daughter Terri Ritter Finley and husband Dan, of Boulder, Colo.; and daughter-in-law Nancy Ritter Galter of Dallas, Texas; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at St. James Episcopal Church in Mesilla Park. The family requests memorials be made to the Billie Ruth Simpson Memorial Fund at St. James Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 2427, Mesilla Park, NM, 88047.



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What about honoring abusive children?

Q. I'm sure the reader found your recent response to the question, "Must we honor an abusive parent?" very helpful. I hope you can do the same for those of us faced with the question, "Must we honor an abusive child?"

I refer to cases where the abuse is not physical but emotional: continuous lying, neglect followed by promises to change behaviors, not showing up for holidays, creating scenes at family gatherings, etc. The child is an adult,

early 30s and very successful professionally. The parents are in their 60s.



The God Squad
MARC GELLMAN

When, if ever, do parents have the right to wish a child well but to say, "Enough. Live your life well, but don't include me in the drama"? How many tries are sufficient before giving up?

Having professional and personal experience with parents who've lost children, I struggle with saying good-bye to my child when so many parents would give anything to have one more

moment with their lost children. Is it written that God will punish someone who disowns a child?

-L., via email

A. When I teach the Ten Commandments to older children and we get to the 4th/5th commandment about honoring your father and mother, some kid is usually ready with the snarky question, "Rabbi, why shouldn't our parents honor us?"

This question is not full of the pain and sorrow of your agonizing one; the child is just trying to get a laugh, while you're seeking spiritual advice. Still, the question reflects the self-centered arrogance of many children today.

Too many kids are being raised permissively, spoiled unremittingly, and ignorantly sheltered from the cost and extent of their parent's sacrifices on their behalf.

This doesn't mean the child's insolence is your fault; it just means that if you allowed your child to be disrespectful for the first 30 years of life, it's unlikely you'll see a change now.

I must say I'm surprised you're prepared to cut off your child for not showing up at family gatherings and lying.

I encourage you to seek family therapy for you and your child together.

The point would be to help both of you hear and feel the other's pain and

frustration.

You need to do this in the presence of a professional therapist who could try to keep you from giving up on each other. If your child's behaviors are due to mental illness, the sessions might encourage your child to seek professional help. Suspending family gatherings until you make progress seems like a good idea.

Your responsibilities for your child are over. You fed, educated and nurtured this child, and now it's time for your child to live his or her own life.

You must make it clear that the behaviors you describe are unacceptable. I wouldn't use the term "abusive," however, since your child has no power

over you, and abuse is an abuse of power.

There's no good way out of that family hostage drama. The Bible doesn't have much patience with insolent children. In Romans 1:30, a list of the spiritually-flawed people includes those who are "slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents."

The theological point about insolent children is bracing and real. Not respecting parental authority leads to the undermining of God's authority over us all.

My basic rule is that if you wouldn't let a stranger treat you this way, why would you allow your child to do so?

J Bar J is jammin' at the Symposium

Not only is October my favorite month of the year, but this is also my favorite weekend of the year.

Western Swing is my favorite music, right after Country Gospel. Several years ago, I purchased every song that Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys ever recorded. I have them on my iPod and my computer.

Larry Scott and his crew do a wonderful job of staging this tribute to the Cowboy and Western ways. I haven't attended all of the Cowboy Symposiums, but I have made most of them.

With Leon Rausch, Tommy Allsup, and the Texas Playboys, Asleep at the Wheel, Jody Nix, and the Gatlin Brothers, you just can't beat the line up.

At 9 a.m., Larry Scott has Jimmy Burson leading the singing, the Good News Band from the J Bar J Country Church,

Tom-my Allsup, Lucy Dean Record, Belinda Gail, Tony Booth, Mona McCall, Justin Trevino, Monte Jones, the Wright Family, and Jack and Deb Stone, on board for a cram-packed Gospel worship time. It runs till noon. Someone told me,

"That's too long!" Well, neighbor, if you can't stand Gospel music for three hours, you sure won't like Heaven. For the last few years, we have been playing and singing to a packed house, more than 600 or so, and bringing in more chairs.

Ray Reed sure knew what he was doing when he started the Cowboy Symposium 20 years ago.

The J Bar J Country Church will not meet at the church house on Sunday, but join with other believers at the Cowboy Symposium worship service.

The only preaching done on Sunday is through the Gospel music and we don't take an offering.

And, by the way, this is not a performance. We gather together to worship our Lord Jesus with hearts joined with his love, mercy, and grace. We sing His praise. We are the band and the choir. He is the audience. It is all about Him, to Him, and for Him.

I love to hear Lucy Dean play the piano. And it looks good on my resume to note that I played with Tommy Allsup. Come and join in the singing as we praise the Lord.



Clary-fications
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

The red sun on New Mexico's state flag is an ancient symbol of a Native American people called the Zia. It is a symbol that the giver of all good things gave them gifts in groups of four, hence the four rays on the four sides of the sun.

George McCasland, 76, passed away Wednesday, October 05, 2010.

Arrangements are pending with Hamilton O'Neil Funeral Home.

To sign the online register, click, please visit www.hamiltononeil.com

On behalf of the family of Eileen Montes, we would like to extend our gratitude to everybody who helped us put together a lovely service and reception. The outpouring of love was wonderful. We would also like to thank everybody for the beautiful flowers, plants, cards and prayers for our family. In addition we would also like to thank everybody who prepared or brought food to the reception and for all the heartfelt condolences.

Bless you all.

BILLIE RUTH RITTER SIMPSON

Billie Ruth Ritter Simpson, 95, of Las Cruces passed away on October 8, 2010 at her Mesilla Park home. She was the only child of Charles R. Carter and Estella Mae "Becky" Fox of El Paso, TX. She was born in Joplin, MO, on December 3, 1914. At the age of three she moved to El Paso with her parents and grandmother, Mamie Begley Carter, and husband Hans Waldman.

In 1933 she married John Barnes Ritter, the son of Winfield F. Ritter and Margaret Barnes of El Paso, TX. They spent their honeymoon at the Amador Hotel in Las Cruces. In 1932 John founded the J. B. Ritter Distributing Company serving the Mesilla Valley farmers and numerous service stations with Texaco products. The pueblo-style home they built in Mesilla Park was recognized as a "Building of historical significance for adhering to local architecture" by the Dona Ana Historical Society.

Both avid golfers, John and Billie Ruth were among the founders of the Las Cruces Country Club. Billie Ruth served as president of the Southwest Women's Golf Association and President of the Las Cruces Country Club Women's Golf Association.

Billie Ruth and John purchased the historic Cloudcroft Lodge in Cloudcroft, NM, in 1953, and began renovations to the landmark hotel. She would later oversee the extension of the golf course to eighteen holes. The following year, Billie Ruth and John became founding members of the Ruidoso Jockey Club. Billie Ruth's love of horse racing would lead to her partnership in Temulac Stables and the ownership of Sunland Park Race Track speed record holder, Winsham Lad.

In 1954 John was killed in a tragic auto accident, leaving Billie Ruth as a 39-year-old widow with four children. On February 6, 1957, she married W. K. "Ajax" Simpson, a Marfa, TX rancher and banker that she met on a blind date arranged by El Paso friends. The marriage provided Billie Ruth with some of the happiest memories of her life. They traveled throughout the world, enjoying the art, music and culture of the many countries they visited.

Billie Ruth was preceded in death by her first husband of 21 years, John B. Ritter, by her dear husband of 41 years, W. K. Ajax Simpson, by her son, John C. Ritter, and by her granddaughter, Peggy Ritter.

She is survived by her three children, son Charles W. "Buddy" Ritter and his wife, Margaret of Mesilla Park, daughter Sallie Ritter Jacobs and her husband, Dr. Kent F. Jacobs of Las Cruces, and daughter Terri Ritter Finley and husband Dan, of Boulder, CO, and daughter-in-law, Nancy Ritter Galter of Dallas, TX.

Billie Ruth is survived by Buddy's children, John F. Ritter of Dallas, Texas, C. Winfield "Win" Ritter of Las Cruces, and Elizabeth Ritter of Las Vegas, NV, and Terri's children, Ryan Beavers (Holly) of Vail, CO, and Megan Beavers of Boulder, CO, John C. Ritter's sons, Ron Ritter (Tina) of Ruidoso, and Don (Kerry) of Fort Worth, TX. She was adored by seven great grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren.

Billie Ruth graduated from El Paso High School and received her teaching certificate from the Texas College of Mines, now the University of Texas at El Paso. She was an accomplished baller dancer and considered a professional dancing career.

She was a prodigious benefactor to New Mexico State University, having established a graduate Fellowship in Business Administration. She was a member of the President's Associates, the University Ambassadors, and Aggie Boosters. Billie Ruth was active in the oversight of the Charles R. and Dorothy S. Carter Chair in Business Administration, established at the University of Texas at El Paso in memory of her father.

Billie Ruth was a board member of Planned Parenthood, served as a volunteer Candy Stripper at Memorial General Hospital, and was president of the Las Cruces Garden Club. She was a member of St. James Episcopal Church for seventy-five years, which was her spiritual home in Towson, MD, a surgeon in Mesilla.

Billie Ruth was a member of the Las Cruces Garden Club, and a consummate hostess. Her many friends are grateful to have known and loved her, often joking that Billie would go to Heaven while planning a party. She will be remembered by all as a kind, generous and loving grand mother.

Funeral services will be held at 4:00 P.M., Friday, October 8 at St. James Episcopal Church in Mesilla Park, NM. The family requests memorials be made to the Mesilla Park Cemetery Fund at St. James Episcopal Church, P O Box 2427, Mesilla Park, NM 88047.

Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home, Las Cruces, NM 828-2410. To sign the local obituary book go to www.getzcare.com • http://www.getzcare.com

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POLLY CHAVEZ/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Carrizozo Mayor Mike Petty, above center, proclaims Oct. 3, 2010, Jim and Patti Niebaum Day. The Niebaums (pictured with Petty) own Carrizozo Orchard and distribute Carrizozo Cider statewide. They were also given the proverbial "key to the city."



COUNTY BRIEFS

Free flu shots

The Rose Clinic in Capitan will hold their free flu shot clinic on Friday, Oct. 15, from 8 a.m. to noon or until vaccine is gone.

The Carrizozo Health Center in Carrizozo will hold their free flu shot clinic on Saturday, Oct. 16, from 8 a.m. to noon or until vaccine is gone.

The 2010-11 flu vaccine will protect against the influenza A H3N2 virus and the influenza B virus. It will also provide protection from the 2009 H1N1 virus that caused so much illness last season.

The virus used to produce the flu vaccine is grown in eggs. People who are severely allergic to eggs should not get a flu shot.

PFK fundraiser

Could you put an announcement in the paper about the PFK Fall Fundraiser with QSP, a Time Inc. company.

Carrizozo Schools students in grades K-8 will sell catalog gift items and gift wrap.

The fundraiser began Oct. 7 and will for two weeks, ending on Oct. 21.

The money earned is used for the BRAVO! program, scholarships, field trips, Accelerated Reader

program rewards, A-Honor Roll rewards, the Elementary Christmas Book Exchange and more. For more information, contact Kellie Gallacher or Cathy Barela at the school 648-2346.

Silent auction

The Capitan Public Library is hosting an Open House and the 10-10-10 Silent Auction on Sunday, Oct. 10 at 2 p.m. Bid, buy and bargain for items that will be available at the auction.

Don't miss the chance to buy great items at bargain prices. Refreshments available. For more information, call the library at 354-3055.

'Zozo Homecoming

Carrizozo Homecoming events begin at 10 a.m., in the Old Gym at the school with the presentation of the Homecoming court and a Pep Rally.

School will be dismissed at 12:30. The parade begins at 1 p.m.

Students must have a permission slip signed by a parent in order to participate in the parade.

An Enchilada Dinner will be served from 4:30-7 p.m. for \$6.50 a plate.

The football game begins at 7 p.m. against Loving.

Bits and pieces from the boot box

As short, funny stories fly through my life, I latch on to them and save them in a boot box to be shared with the world at some point. Boot boxes are the perfect place to store about everything.

Destination weddings

Missy and Randy planned to get married just as soon as she finished her Finance final at college. They had a "destination wedding" planned. Their destination was the local courthouse.

As they were leaving the courthouse, the deed done, signed and sealed, Randy told Missy she needed to drive, he was tired. New-wife dutiful, she obliged.

About a block away from the courthouse he said to her, "You know, I don't have a big old money tree like your daddy."

Missy slammed on the brakes bringing the pickup to an abrupt halt. "My God Randy, couldn't we have had this conversation about 10 minutes ago? I'm already married to you now."

Women get the last word in every argument.

Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument. Missy has proved that to Randy for 38 years now.

Happily ever after

Not long ago a Southern Belle barrel racer was given her Senior Association Gold Card for being 75-plus years old and still competing.

She thanked the committee for their recognition and told them how much she appreciated the gesture.

The association president assured her it was their pleasure. He mentioned how much they enjoyed seeing her and wished they could catch up with her a little more often.

She replied, "Hopefully I'm going to be able to go to more rodeos now, because last week I put my husband in a rest home."

The president nodded and thought, "This lady makes team ropers look human."

Turning blue

Cleverness abounds when it comes to cowboys. Team ropers, contrary to common misconception, are no exception.

Tim had "had it." Every

time he went to a roping, someone stole his roping gloves out of the back of his pickup.

Standing before his washing machine, he dumped an entire bundle of new white cotton gloves into the tub along with a box of blue Rit dye.

Quite pleased with himself and this grand idea, he said, "Now I'll know immediately who's stealing my gloves."

Soon after, he called his girlfriend up and asked if she'd like to come along to a roping. He suggested she could sit in the grandstands where she could easily spot those who were wearing blue roping gloves. He'd appreciate her help and the information.

Situating herself with a good viewpoint, it wasn't long before she was nearly rolling off the bleacher seats with uncontrollable laughter. Everybody that rode in the arena was wearing blue roping gloves.

No one would admit to stealing his gloves, even when Tim waved around the empty box and pointed out everyone had on blue gloves.

Nope, no siree, didn't steal them, they told him with conviction. Bought them at the feed store right there locally. Didn't he know? Blue was the new fashion color.

Tim rode away muttering something about "I swear to Jesus, next time I'm dying them pink!"

The blue story wasn't over. Soon after the blue-glove roping, Tim called up his girlfriend in some distress. He didn't know that the blue dye would stay in his washer and he now had all blue shirts, all blue socks and all blue underwear.

In complete sympathy, sort of, she laughed and asked if there was any chance he thought someone was stealing his underwear? She suggested a Saturday night at the local honky tonk, checking to see who else might have blue underwear.

He was not as amused at the idea as she thought he should be.

Priorities

Reminiscing about his rodeo career, a handsome 40ish cowboy stated, "I started riding bareback horses and bulls when I was 15. I rode both until I turned 22. Quit the bulls because I was a little better at the horses. And besides, I didn't like waiting around after the bareback riding to ride a bull at 10 p.m. I had to get to the dance!"

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



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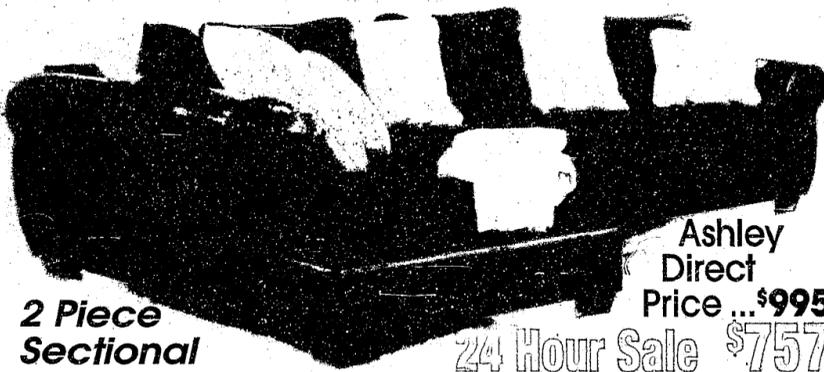


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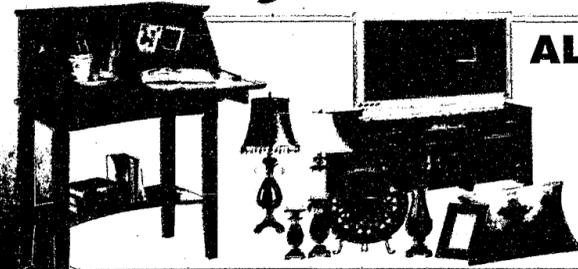


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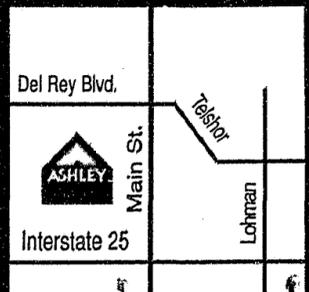
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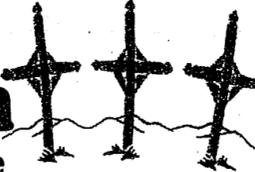
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. **SHORT TITLE.**—This act may be cited as the "2010 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act."

Section 2. **PURPOSE.**—For the purpose of providing funds for capital expenditures as authorized in the 2010 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act, general obligation indebtedness of the state is authorized for the purpose and in the amounts set forth in Section 10 of this act.

Section 3. **BOND TERMS.**—

A. The state board of finance, except as limited by the 2010 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act, shall determine the terms, covenants and conditions of bonds issued pursuant to that act, including but not limited to:

- (1) date or dates of issue, denominations and maturities;
 - (2) principal amounts;
 - (3) rate or rates of interest; and
 - (4) provisions for redemption, including premiums, registration and refundability, whether the bonds are issued in one or more series and other covenants relating to the bonds and the issuance thereof.
- B. The bonds shall be in such form as the state board of finance determines with an appropriate series designation and shall bear interest payable as set forth in the resolution of the state board of finance.
- C. Payment of the principal of the bonds shall begin not more than two years after the date of their issuance, and the bonds shall mature not later than ten years after the date of their issuance. Both principal and interest shall be payable in lawful money of the United States at the office of the paying agent within or without the state as the state board of finance may direct.
- D. The bonds shall be executed with the manual or facsimile signature of the governor or the state treasurer, and the seal of a facsimile of the seal of the state shall be placed on each bond, except for any series of bonds issued in book entry or similar form without the delivery of physical securities.
- E. The bonds shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of the 2010 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act, the Supplemental Public Securities Act and the Uniform Facsimile Signature of Public Officials Act and may be issued in accordance with the Public Securities Short-Term Interest Rate Act.

F. The full faith and credit of the state is pledged for the prompt payment when due of the principal of and interest on all bonds issued and sold pursuant to the 2010 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act.

Section 4. **EXPENDITURES.**—The proceeds from the sale of the bonds shall be expended solely for providing money to be distributed for the purposes and in amounts not to exceed the amounts set forth in Section 10 of the 2010 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act and to pay expenses incurred under Section 6 of that act. Any proceeds from the sale of the bonds that are not required for the purposes set forth in Sections 6 and 10 of that act shall be used for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the bonds.

Section 5. **SALE.**—The bonds authorized under the 2010 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act shall be sold by the state board of finance at such time and in such manner and amounts as the board may elect. The bonds may be sold at private sale or at public sale, in either case at not less than par plus accrued interest to the date of delivery. If sold at

public sale, the state board of finance shall publish a notice of the time and place of sale in a newspaper of general circulation in the state and may also publish the notice in a recognized financial journal outside the state. The required publications shall be made once each week for two consecutive weeks prior to the date fixed for the sale, the last publication thereof to be at least five days prior to the date of the sale. The notice shall specify the amount, denomination, maturity and description of the bonds to be offered for sale and the place, date and hour at which the sealed bids shall be received. At the time and place specified in the notice, the state board of finance shall open the bids in public and shall award the bonds to the bidder or bidders offering the best price for the bonds. The state board of finance may reject any or all bids and re-advertise and may waive any irregularity in a bid. All bids, except that of the state, shall be accompanied by a deposit of two percent of the principal amount of the bonds in a form acceptable to the state board of finance. The deposit of an unsuccessful bidder shall be returned upon rejection of the bid. The state board of finance may also sell the bonds or any part of the bonds to the state treasurer or state investment officer. The state treasurer or state investment officer shall be authorized to purchase any of the bonds for investment. The bonds are legal investments for any person or board charged with the investment of any public funds and may be accepted as security for any deposit of public money.

Section 6. **EXPENSES.**—The expenses incurred by the state board of finance in or relating to the preparation and sale of the bonds shall be paid out of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds, and all bonds, penalties, interest and other obligations of the state relating to the bonds and bond proceeds under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall be paid from earnings on bond proceeds or other money of the state, equally available for such payments.

Section 7. **TAX LEVY.**—To provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds issued and sold pursuant to the provisions of the 2010 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act, there shall be levied and collected during each year in which any of the bonds are outstanding an ad valorem tax on all property in the state subject to property taxation for state purposes sufficient to pay the interest as it becomes due on the bonds, together with an amount sufficient to provide a sinking fund to pay the principal of the bonds as it becomes due and, if permitted by law, ad valorem taxes may be collected to pay administrative costs incident to the collection of such taxes. The taxes shall be imposed, levied, assessed and collected at the times and in the manner that other property taxes for state purposes are imposed, levied, assessed and collected. It is the duty of all tax officials and authorities to cause these taxes to be imposed, levied, assessed and collected.

Section 8. **TREASURER—DUTIES.**—The state treasurer shall keep separate accounts of all money collected pursuant to the taxes imposed and levied pursuant to the provisions of the 2010 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act and shall use this money only for the purposes of paying the principal of and interest on the bonds as they become due and any expenses relating thereto.

Section 9. **IRREPEALABLE CONTRACT—AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE.**—An owner of bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of the 2010 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action or mandamus, enforce and compel the performance of the duties required by that act of any officer or entity mentioned in that act. The provisions of that act constitute an irrevocable contract with the owners of any of the bonds issued pursuant to that act for the faithful performance of which the full faith and credit of the state is pledged. Without reference to any other act of the legislature, the 2010 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act is full authority for the issuance and sale of the bonds authorized in that act, and such bonds shall have all the qualities of investment securities under the Uniform Commercial Code, shall not be invalid for any irregularity or defect in

the proceedings for the issuance and sale of the bonds and shall be enforceable in the hands of bona fide purchasers or holders thereof for value. All bonds issued under the provisions of that act, and the interest thereon, are exempt from taxation by the state and any subdivision or public body thereof.

Section 10. **PROJECTS.** The proceeds from the sale of bonds issued under the provisions of the 2010 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act shall be distributed as follows for the purposes and in the amounts specified:

A. For senior citizen facility improvements, construction and equipment acquisition projects, to the aging and long term services department:

- (1) three hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$370,000) to plan, design, renovate and equip the Bear Canyon senior center in Albuquerque;
- (2) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to plan, design, construct, equip and furnish the Highland senior center in Albuquerque;
- (3) five hundred thirty-four thousand dollars (\$534,000) to plan, design, construct, equip and furnish the North Valley senior center in Albuquerque;
- (4) one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to make improvements for building code compliance, including purchase and installation of equipment, to the Rio Bravo meal site in Bernalillo county;
- (5) fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) to make improvements for building code compliance, including purchase and installation of equipment, to the Rio Bravo meal site in Bernalillo county;
- (6) one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to plan, design, construct, equip and furnish the Hagerman senior center in Chavez county;
- (7) twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to purchase and equip vehicles for the Quemado senior center in Catron county;
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- (9) one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) to purchase and equip vehicles for the Roswell-Hagerman senior centers in Chavez county;
- (10) one hundred twenty thousand six hundred dollars (\$120,600) to purchase and equip vehicles for the Roswell-Hagerman senior centers in Chavez county;
- (11) thirty-five thousand one hundred dollars (\$35,100) to make improvements for building code compliance, including purchase and installation of equipment, to the Grants senior center in Cibola county;
- (12) one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to purchase and install meals equipment at the Grady senior center in Curry county;
- (13) seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) to plan, design, renovate and equip the Eagle Nest senior center in Colfax county;
- (14) twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to make improvements for building code compliance, including purchase and installation of equipment, to the Raton senior center in Colfax county;
- (15) five thousand two hundred dollars (\$5,200) to purchase and install meals equipment at the Grady senior center in Curry county;
- (16) nine thousand two hundred dollars (\$9,200) to purchase and install meals equipment at the Fort Sumner senior center in De Baca county;
- (17) one hundred eighty-eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$188,500) to make improvements for building code compliance, including purchase and installation of equipment, to the Munson senior center in Las Cruces in Dona Ana county;
- (18) seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to make improvements for building code compliance, including purchase and installation of equipment, to the Mesilla Park senior center in Las Cruces in Dona Ana county;
- (19) fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to purchase and equip vehicles for the Artesia senior center in Eddy county;
- (20) seventy-eight thousand three hundred dollars (\$78,300) to purchase and equip vehicles for the Eddy county senior centers in Eddy county;
- (21) twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to purchase and install meals equipment at the Tucuman senior center in Quay county;
- (22) one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) to purchase and equip vehicles for the Grant county senior centers in Grant county;
- (23) ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to make improvements for building code compliance, including purchase and installation of equipment, to the Santa Clara senior center in Grant county;
- (24) fifty-one thousand dollars (\$51,000) to plan, design, renovate and equip La Loma senior center in Guadalupe county;
- (25) one thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,100) to purchase and install meals equipment at the Eunice senior center in Lea county;
- (26) one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to purchase and install meals equipment at the Hobbs senior center in Lea county;
- (27) ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to purchase and install meals equipment at the Jal senior center in Lea county;
- (28) fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to plan, design, construct, equip and furnish the Carrizozo senior center in Lincoln county;
- (29) four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500) to make improvements for building code compliance, including purchase and installation of equipment, to the Honcho Valley senior center in Lincoln county;
- (30) eighteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$18,500) to purchase and install meals equipment at Lincoln countywide senior centers in Lincoln county;
- (31) thirteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$13,500) to plan, design, renovate and equip the Ruidoso senior center in Lincoln county;
- (32) eighty-nine thousand dollars (\$89,000) to purchase and equip vehicles for the Rio Arriba countywide senior centers in Rio Arriba county;
- (33) fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to plan, design, renovate and equip the Boca chapter senior center on the Navajo Nation in McKinley county;
- (34) eighteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$18,500) to purchase and install equipment at the Gallup citywide senior centers in McKinley county;
- (35) sixty-three thousand dollars (\$63,000) to purchase and equip vehicles for the Gallup citywide senior centers in McKinley county;
- (36) thirty-six thousand dollars (\$36,000) to make improvements for building code compliance, including purchase and installation of equipment, to the Ford Canyon senior center in Gallup in McKinley county;
- (37) thirty-six thousand dollars (\$36,000) to purchase and install meals equipment at the Nahodishigh chapter senior center on the Navajo Nation in McKinley county;
- (38) forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to make improvements for building code compliance, including purchase and installation of equipment, to the Pinedale chapter senior center on the Navajo Nation in McKinley county;
- (39) eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to make improvements for building code compliance, including purchase and installation of equipment, to the Corrales senior center in Sandoval county;
- (40) ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500) to plan, design, renovate and equip the Piacitas senior center in Sandoval county;
- (41) three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to plan, design, construct, equip and furnish the Whitehorse Lake chapter senior center on the Navajo Nation in Sandoval county;
- (42) one hundred eighty-five thousand seven hundred dollars (\$185,700) to make improvements for building code compliance, including purchase and installation of equipment, to the Cuba senior center in Sandoval county;
- (43) ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500) to plan, design, renovate and equip the Piacitas senior center in Sandoval county;
- (44) twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$27,500) to make improvements for building code compliance, including purchase and installation of equipment, to the Pueblo of Zuni senior center in McKinley county;
- (45) seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500) to purchase and install meals equipment at the Mora and Wagon Mound senior centers in Mora county;
- (46) forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000) to purchase and equip vehicles for the Mescalero Apache senior center in Otero county;
- (47) seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) to purchase and install equipment at the Tucuman senior center in Quay county;
- (48) twenty-two thousand five hundred

dollars (\$22,500) to plan, design, renovate and equip the Tucuman senior center in Quay county;

(49) ten thousand two hundred dollars (\$10,200) to purchase and install meals equipment at the Chama senior center in Rio Arriba county;

(50) nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) to make improvements for building code compliance, including purchase and installation of equipment, to the Pueblo of San Felipe senior center in Sandoval county;

(51) seven thousand three hundred dollars (\$7,300) to purchase and install equipment at the Pueblo of Zia senior center in Sandoval county;

(52) two hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$270,000) to make improvements for building code compliance, including purchase and installation of equipment, to the Pueblo of Nambe senior center in Santa Fe county;

(53) five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to purchase and install meals equipment at the Pueblo of San Ildefonso senior center in Santa Fe county;

(54) two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to purchase and install meals equipment at the Pueblo of Pojoaque senior center in Santa Fe county;

(55) one hundred twenty-four thousand dollars (\$124,000) to purchase and equip vehicles for the Rio Arriba countywide senior centers in Rio Arriba county;

(56) ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to plan, design, renovate and equip the Mary Esther Gonzales senior center in Santa Fe in Santa Fe county;

(57) one hundred twenty-six thousand dollars (\$126,000) to purchase and equip vehicles for the Sierra joint office of aging in Sierra county;

(58) ten thousand two hundred dollars (\$10,200) to purchase and install meals equipment at the Truth or Consequences senior center in Sierra county;

(59) two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to plan, design, construct, equip and furnish the Alamo chapter senior center on the Navajo Nation in Socorro county;

(60) twenty-six thousand dollars (\$26,000) to purchase and install meals equipment at the Truth or Consequences senior center in Sierra county;

(61) fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to make improvements for building code compliance, including purchase and installation of equipment, to the Lake Valley chapter senior center on the Navajo Nation in San Juan county;

(62) seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to make improvements for building code compliance, including purchase and installation of equipment, to the Shiprock chapter senior center on the Navajo Nation in San Juan county;

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(64) ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500) to plan, design, renovate and equip the Piacitas senior center in Sandoval county;

(65) three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to plan, design, construct, equip and furnish the Rio Rancho senior center in Sandoval county;

(66) eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) to purchase and install meals equipment at the Pueblo of Sandia senior center in Sandoval county;

(67) one hundred seventy-seven thousand dollars (\$177,000) to make improvements for building code compliance, including purchase and installation of equipment, to the Pueblo of Sandia senior center in Sandoval county;

(68) three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to purchase and install meals equipment at the Pueblo of Sandia senior center in Sandoval county;

(69) three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to plan, design, construct, equip and furnish the Belen senior center in Valencia county;

B. For library acquisitions and capital improvements at public libraries, public school libraries, academic libraries and tribal libraries statewide:

- (1) to the cultural affairs department: (a) two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to acquire library books, equipment and library resources for public libraries statewide; and (b) one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for supplemental library resource acquisitions, including books and equipment and planning, designing and constructing capital improvements, at library facilities for tribal libraries statewide;
- (2) to the higher education department, two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to acquire library books, equipment and library resources for academic libraries statewide; and (3) to the public education department, two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to acquire library books, equipment and library resources for public schools statewide;
- (4) to the board of regents of northern New Mexico state school, five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to construct and equip the Sarpa program building for a solar engineering and research park and academy at northern New Mexico state school in Espanola in Rio Arriba county;
- (5) to the board of regents of the New Mexico school for the blind and visually impaired, three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) for renovating walking education center and installing a modular building, at the Roswell branch campus of eastern New Mexico university in Chavez county;
- (6) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for renovations and infrastructure improvements, including energy efficiency and campus safety, at the Ruidoso branch campus of eastern New Mexico university in Lincoln county; and (7) seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) for renovations and infrastructure improvements, including the razing of closed facilities, at eastern New Mexico university in Portales in Roosevelt county;
- (8) to the higher education department: (a) sixteen million dollars (\$16,000,000) to renovate Jeanette Stomberg Hall at central New Mexico community college in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county; (b) one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to renovate the former allied health facilities for use as computer labs and classrooms at Clovis community college in Clovis in Curry county; (c) two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to plan, design and construct a facility for the renewable energy program and to purchase and install equipment for the school of trades and technology at San Juan college in San Juan county;
- (9) to the board of regents of New Mexico highlands university, seven million one hundred thousand dollars (\$7,100,000) to plan, design, renovate, construct, improve the site, furnish and equip the historic Trolley building at New Mexico highlands university in Las Vegas in San Miguel county;
- (10) to the board of regents of the New Mexico military institute, five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for renovations, including improvements related to code compliance, at Lusk hall at New Mexico military institute in Las Vegas in Chavez county;
- (11) to the board of regents of New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) to plan, design, construct, equip and furnish phase 1 of the geology facility at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology in Socorro county;
- (12) to the board of

regents of New Mexico state university: (a) one million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,750,000) for infrastructure renovation and improvements, including pool repairs, safety, classrooms, labs, heating and drainage, at the Grants branch campus of New Mexico state university in Cibola county; (b) eighteen million dollars (\$18,000,000) to plan, design, construct, conduct necessary demolition, renovate, furnish, expand and equip the Henshel Zohn theater and Branson library to house the institute for public policy at New Mexico state university in Las Cruces in Dona Ana county; (c) five million six hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$5,650,000) to plan, design, construct, equip and furnish an addition to the Gadsden center at the Dona Ana community college branch of New Mexico state university in Dona Ana county; (d) one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,250,000) for infrastructure renovation, including improving ventilation and air conditioning systems, classrooms, energy management systems, hot water systems and transportation and parking, at the Carlsbad branch campus of New Mexico state university in Eddy county; (e) one million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,750,000) for infrastructure renovation, including improvements to energy management and lighting systems and restroom upgrades to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, at the Alamogordo branch campus of New Mexico state university in Otero county; (f) to the board of regents of northern New Mexico state school, five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to construct and equip the Sarpa program building for a solar engineering and research park and academy at northern New Mexico state school in Espanola in Rio Arriba county; (g) to the board of regents of the New Mexico school for the blind and visually impaired, three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) for renovating walking education center and installing a modular building, at the Roswell branch campus of eastern New Mexico university in Chavez county; (h) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for renovations and infrastructure improvements, including energy efficiency and campus safety, at the Ruidoso branch campus of eastern New Mexico university in Lincoln county; and (i) seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) for renovations and infrastructure improvements, including the razing of closed facilities, at eastern New Mexico university in Portales in Roosevelt county;

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The class will be held on Thursdays from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., Oct. 13 – Dec. 15. The fee is \$93 for individuals within the district and \$120 for those persons outside of the district. There is a special tuition rate for senior New Mexico students aged 65 and over of \$5 per credit hour. This is a three-credit class and may be audited for no credit.

For more information, call student services at ENMU-Ruidoso at 575-257-3007, or stop by the campus at 709 Mechem Dr.

J. Hanson, Editor



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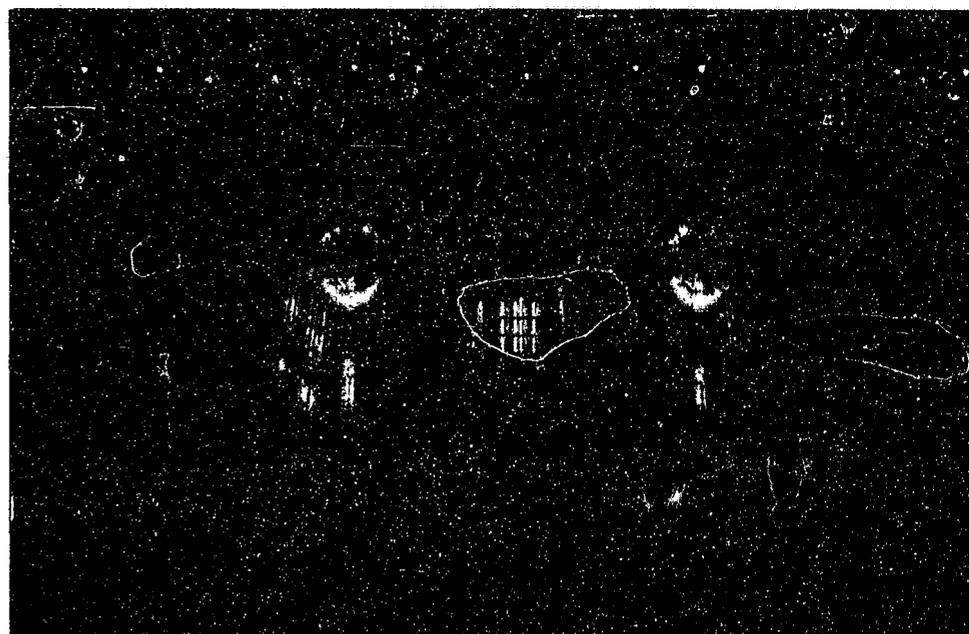
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Cover Story



Benise and The Gitanas will present *The Spanish Guitar* on stage of the Spencer Theatre Monday, Oct. 8.

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Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium

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

Book Signing

Oct. 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.

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Oct. 13: (Mescalero) Popular country singing star performs at IMG. For information, go online to InnOfTheMountain-Gods.com.

MAW Heroes Weekend

Oct. 15 - 16: (Ruidoso) For information, call 575-336-2828, or go online to ruidosomaw.org.

Ruidoso Oktoberfest

Oct. 15 - 16: (Ruidoso) Live German music bands, dancing, beer, wine, foods, arts & crafts; Ruidoso Convention Center; Fri., 5 - 11 p.m., Sat., noon - 11 p.m. For information, call 575-257-6171, or go online to trekwest.com/oktoberfest.

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

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Ski Run Road Challenge

Oct. 16: (Ruidoso) Fundraiser for Ski Apache Skier Program; 8 a.m.; solo or teams; 20K. For more information, go online to www.skirunroadchallenge.com, or call 575-937-7106

High Rolls Apple Festival

Oct. 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

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

Auditions

Oct. 17 - 18: (Ruidoso) Lincoln County Community Theater will hold auditions for *Christmas Shorts - An Evening of One Act Plays*. For information, call 575-336-1530.

**2nd Annual Empty Bowls Event**

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

Fall Arts & Crafts Festival

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

Miss Ruidoso Pageant

Nov. 6: (Ruidoso) 2011 winner will be crowned at 8 p.m., following a dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations required. Call Mountain Annie's Dinner Theatre at 575-257-7982.

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.

Ski Apache Opening Day

Nov. 25: (Alto) For more information, call 575-464-3600, or go online to www.skiapache.com.

Annual Lighting of the Village

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

Mescalero Arts & Crafts Show

Nov. 27 - 28: (Mescalero) Inn of the Mountain Gods; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Local arts and crafts. For information, call 1-877-277-4577.

LCCT performances

Dec. 2 - 4, 9 - 11: (Ruidoso) *Christmas Shorts - An Evening of One Act Plays* at Cree Meadows Country Club. For information, call 575-336-1530.

Cowboy Christmas Ball

Dec. 11: (Ruidoso) Dinner 6 p.m. followed by dancing to the music of Jody Nix & The Texas Cowboys, 8 - 11 p.m. Sponsored by The Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse. For more information, call 575-257-7982.

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Nov. 27
7 p.m.
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Dec. 3, 7 p.m.
Dec. 4, 1 p.m.
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The Nutcracker

Dec. 18, 2 & 7 p.m.
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Dec. 21, 7 p.m.
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ON STAGE

Live music in the clubs this weekend

FRIDAY

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

Casa Blanca (501 Mechem Dr.; 257-2495): 2 Days Walk, 6 – 7:15 p.m.; Los Mustangs, 7:30 – 9 p.m.; ARL, 9 p.m.

Club 49 (Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino): Tijerina, 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 Fuqu 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.

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

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covering, which is also available at the gate. The park closes to the general public at 11:30 p.m.

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For more information on the 11th annual White Sands Star Party, go online to www.zianet.com/wssp, or call toll free 1-877-333-6589.

The New Mexico Museum of Space History is a division of the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs.

Although there is no charge to attend the 11th annual White Sands Star Party, normal monument admission fees apply (\$6 for adults; \$5 for seniors and military personnel; \$4 for children 4 – 12 years of age; under age 4 free).

For information on the New Mexico Museum of Space History, call 877-333-6589.

The public is invited to tour the universe at White Sands tonight and tomorrow night, Oct. 8 – 9. An incredible night of sky viewing is in store for astronomy buffs at the 11th annual White Sands Star Party held on the glistening dunes of White Sands National Monument, near Alamogordo.

Friday, Oct. 8, is reserved for registered astronomers and their families with Saturday, Oct. 9, open to the public.

Registered astronomers will have camping privileges in the dunes for two nights, be able to attend mini-workshops and listen to a keynote speaker. Saturday evening, astronomers share their knowledge of the skies with the public.

A special presentation on star party etiquette will be held at 7 p.m., in the amphitheater followed by a Tour of the Night Sky constellation talk presented by John Pijawka at 8 p.m. After that, the public is invit-

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ART MATTERS

Kathleen Cotton

'I love to paint – that's all I want to do.'

BY LYN KIDDER
FOR ¡VAMONOS!

Kathleen Cotton sees her whole life as introductory work for her painting.

"I grew up in San Francisco in a colorful Mexican-Italian family," she said. "I traveled through most of California and the rest of the country in a VW Beetle. I've traveled in almost all of Mexico, especially the Yucatan. We climbed Mayan pyramids, slept in hammocks in the jungle – it was quite an adventure."

She moved to Ruidoso in 1991, and was one of the original owners of what is now Café Rio. She has operated her business The Sanctuary Skincare in Midtown for 11 years.

In the fall of 2009, she decided "on the spur of the moment" to see what classes ENMU was offering.

"I was open to just about anything – pottery, yoga, exercise. There happened to be an opening in the Beginning Painting

class, which was starting that very night. Three hours later I was in class."

She credits instructor Bruce Defoor for her progress. "He has the ability to direct each student on their own path to self-expression," she said. "He has really helped me to be free with my paintbrush."

Cotton was unable to take classes during the spring semester, but she continued to paint and then brought her work to Defoor for a critique. "He looked at one of my paintings and said, 'This is your soul.' It was his idea that I do the City of Lights series.

"My ideas for this series come from what I call contemplations; some people call them meditations or dreams. Sometimes I'll see what to paint. Sometimes I have dreams of vivid colors of paint all blending together. So without really thinking about it, I just pick up a brush and start painting. Recently I've been having so many visions of what to paint that I've had to start draw-

ing them out. The drawings are very primitive since I'd never had any drawing classes."

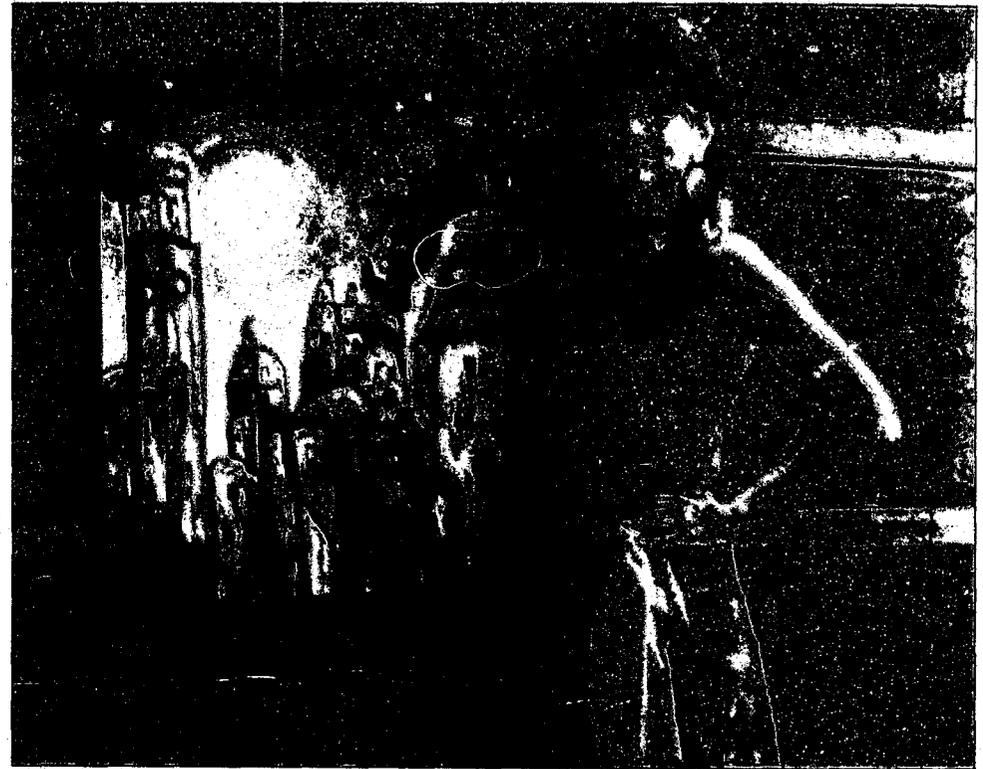
Cotton hopes that the emotional and mystical elements in her work come across to the viewer. "I hope to inspire the viewer to reach beyond the sun, moon and stars – the Light – to the divine melody or *soul* that resides in each of us."

So a chance visit to ENMU has led to a new passion. Or was it chance?

"Things always fall into place," she said. "That's how my life has been. 'You take that step and find your way. I love to paint – that's all I want to do.'"

"Art Matters"

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



Artist Kathleen Cotton (above) hopes that the emotional and mystical elements in her work come across to the viewer. Photos Mike E. Curran/Ruidoso News.



ART MATTERS



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Call for artists

Lincoln County Community Theatre to hold auditions

The Lincoln County Community Theater (LCCT) will hold open auditions for their upcoming dinner theater performances titled *Christmas Shorts - An Evening of One Act Plays*.

Auditions will be held at Cree Meadows Country Club, 301 Country Club Dr., on Sunday, Oct. 17, at

2 p.m., and Monday, Oct. 18, at 6 p.m. A total of nine women and four men are needed for the five one-act plays.

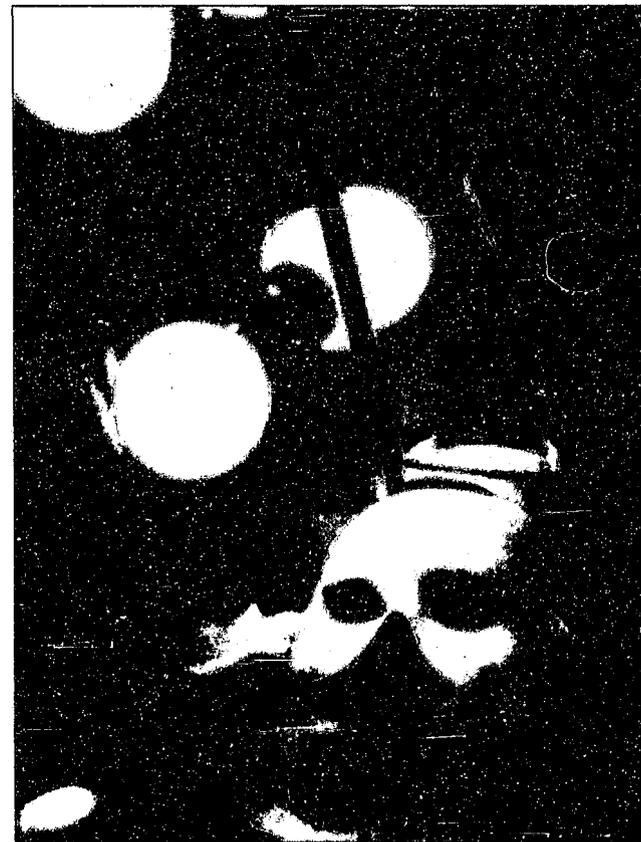
Local actor Jason Johnson will direct *Laundry & Bourbon* by James McLure. Making their directing debut are Marne Modine and Pam Witte with *Quiet Please, Can't You See*

Theatre Workshop

Paul Adamian will teach a theater workshop titled "Learning to Make it Real" at The Dance Gallery located in Sierra Mall, on Monday evenings from 7 - 9 p.m. The cost is \$25 per month.

This workshop includes acting techniques, scene study and monologues. No previous experience is necessary and participants must be 18 years of age or older.

"Artists who work in most other media can work independently," Adamian said. "Theater almost by definition requires other people. This workshop is a way for actors to practice their craft and keep up their skills even if they aren't currently involved in a production." For information, call 575-257-8757.



We're Actin? written by Carl L. Williams.

Local writer, actor and director Lyn Kidder will direct her three original pieces of *Halftime*, *Sisters* and *Innkeeper*.

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ances are scheduled for Dec. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11, at Cree Meadows Country Club.

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Tijerina

Blues-rock New Mexico style

BY JESSIE HANSON
¡VAMOS! EDITOR

Todd Tijerina has been making a living doing what he loves for over a decade now, as a songwriter, singer and guitarist with his band called Tijerina (pronounced Tee-her-ee-na).

Known for his intense style of blues-rock, Tijerina has gained in popularity throughout the Southwest and in the upper Midwest, as well.

While honing his craft in the greater Chicago area from 1997 – 2000, he was offered opportunities to work as guitarist for such

artists as the internationally revered bluesman Byther Smith, the legendary Harmonica Hinds and BB's daughter Shirley King.

It was during this time in the Windy City that Tijerina and his band won Chicagoland's Rory's Blues Talent Competition, which included 35 acts from across the nation. This victory funded recording expenses for the group's 2000 release titled *The Lowdown*. Since then, the band has released two more albums titled *Welcome Home* (2004) and *Now* (2006), which have had radio play in the U.S., Australia and Europe.

Infusing funk, rock and jazz elements into his blues stylings, Tijerina has always worked to be as unique of a songwriter as he is a guitarist.

The Promised Land, an entertainment magazine, states, "Todd Tijerina's funk and jazz-tinged, high-energy blues guitar playing is instantly recognizable in an era inundated with oh-so-familiar-sounding blues guitarists. His thick guitar tone and fervent phrasing compliment his blues-soaked voice and help explain his popularity."

Tijerina performs at Club 49 at the Inn of the Mountain Gods on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 8 – 9, from 8 p.m. – 1 a.m. Admission is free. For information, call 644-7777, or go online to www.innofthemountain gods.com.



(Left-to-right) Dave Heidt (bass and vocals), Todd Tijerina (guitar and vocals) and Chuck Lucero (drums) create Tijerina's distinct sound.

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Gateway Brass

U.S. Air Force musicians to perform free concert at the Flickinger Center

Gateway Brass, the brass ensemble from the United States Air Force Band of the West, will be performing for audiences in both Alamogordo and Ruidoso.

The group will perform at the Flickinger Center in Alamogordo on Saturday, Oct. 9, at 7:30 p.m.

On Sunday, Oct. 10, they'll be at the Ruidoso Middle School for a 7 p.m. concert. Monday, Oct. 11, finds the band at Gateway Church of Christ at 10 a.m., and at the Ruidoso Convention Center at 7 p.m. These events are free and open to the public.

The members of Gateway Brass bring to the Uni-

ted States Air Force many years of professional experience with symphony orchestras, chamber ensembles, touring shows and today's popular artists. The group has been featured in performances at the New York Brass Conference and Boston University's Tanglewood Music Center.

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

The group travels more than 20,000 miles annually appearing in more than 100 concerts and clinics.

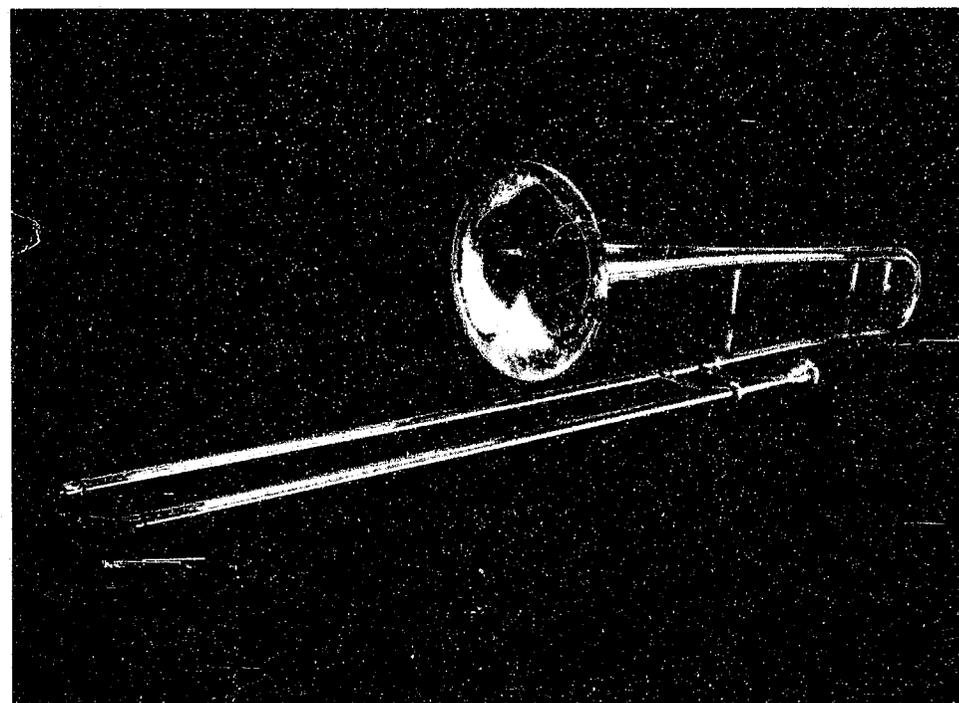
Recently the band returned from a four-month

deployment aboard the United States Navy Ship *Comfort*, contributing to the mission of Continuing Promise 2009.

Continuing Promise is an annual humanitarian mission covering seven countries in 120 days, providing medical and dental care to countries in the Caribbean and Central and South America. This effort was supported by every branch of the U. S. Armed Forces, along with international forces.

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J. Hanson, Editor



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Benise

Nouveau Flamenco guitarist presents 'The Spanish Guitar' at the Spencer

BY KATHLEEN McDONALD
FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

If you don't know Roni Benise's name or his music, check him out on YouTube. This electrifying artist of Midwestern and Czech stock plays Spanish-style instrumental guitar music with passion and fire. His highly acclaimed compositions, which fuse Latin-flavored rhythms such as flamenco, salsa, tango and samba with an undercurrent of African tribal rhythms and the thrusting power of rock, are deeply emotive and intensely intricate works.

This performer's many fans became familiar with Benise (pronounced Buh-ness-see) through his Emmy Award-winning PBS production "Nights of Fire" in which his world-class band, orchestra and wonderfully choreographed dance group The Gitanas set many a heart on fire. Critics aptly dubbed the dazzling work as "The Latin Riverdance" and

"The Prince of Latin Guitar," forever casting his sultry image in stone.

"I wanted to push the boundaries of traditional flamenco/Spanish guitar, while combining the elements of dance and theater," the artist says.

Now Benise launches his all new work "The Spanish Guitar." The production is to have a similar flavor to his Nights of Fire work, but with a story line that features his guitar as the protagonist, a magical instrument that's the keeper of stories through times and worlds gone by. The guitar, crafted by a gypsy, has the power to transport Benise to the far ends of the Earth and also through time on his passionate quest for lost love.

The enchanted "Spanish Guitar" becomes a treasure chest of inspiration and propels Benise into his role as troubadour for the ages. Brilliantly choreographed dance and musical pieces accompany the artist's quest through cobblestone streets of Old

Havana, the Arabian Desert, the canals of Venice, a bullring in Spain, a Paris Cafe and an ancient Buddhist temple in India.

Benise is a Nebraska native who began his career playing rock in Los Angeles, but switched to his signature Spanish style a few years later after hearing nouveau flamenco on the radio. He immediately set about mastering the style.

Starting off with street performances, the artist eventually added the vibrant theatrical elements of costuming, dancers and sets to his music and soon made a massive mark on PBS audiences throughout the country. Today, Benise is filling concert halls around the world.

Benise and The Gitanas will be performing at the Spencer Theater on Monday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m.

For more information and to purchase tickets, call the Spencer Theater box office at 575-336-4800, or go online to spencentheater.com.



Benise brings his newest production titled "The Spanish Guitar" to the stage of the Spencer Theatre for the Performing Arts on Monday, Oct. 11.



COVER STORY



Roni Bernice - The Spanish Guitar



Nebbiolo

BY NEAL JONES
FOR ¡VAMONOS!

Just as an artist learns from other artists, a great wine is art passed on from winemaker to winemaker. If you ever get to tour winemaking areas you'll find this enclave of wine makers like artist's communes. They share

growing, harvesting and fermenting to promote and preserve the best of the area's wines, as the area in Italy called Piemonte.

Piemonte is Italian for *piedmont*, a wine region in northwestern Italy at the foot of the Italian Alps with an annual wine production that exceeds 45 million cases.

The hilly region of Piemonte has two principal centers of wine production. The main production area is east of Torino, its principal city, in an area around Monferrato Hills. The other area is Novara Hills, closer to Milan to the north as the Alps begin their rise toward the border with Switzerland.

The principal grape of this area is the Nebbiolo grape, which derives its name from the fog of the Piemonte during harvest time. In Italian, fog is called *nebbia*.

The biggest and best-known red wines from Italy use the Nebbiolo grape, not to take away from the Barbera, which is a world-class wine itself.

Two distinct wines are made with Nebbiolo, both of the Piemonte, Barbaresco and Barolo regions. Nebbiolo is a late ripening fruit of average size, dark purple, high acidity level and tannins that require a long ripening season. They also do better with longer aging periods and will improve while bottled in your cellar for many years.

Both Barbaresco and Barolo wines are made with the Nebbiolo. Many available in the U.S., will be 100 percent Nebbiolo grape and the very best wines will be all Nebbiolo.

The Barbaresco is typically lighter, matures sooner than the Barolo and is full-bodied. These wines get most of their grapes near the city of Alba, along the River Tanaro. According to Italian wine law, the Demominazione Di Origine Controllata (D.O.C.), the Barbaresco wine must have a minimum alcoholic strength of 12.5 percent and must be aged for a minimum of two years before release. If aged three years or more before release it can be sold as Riserva. This distinction is important when choosing the Italian wine off the



strength of 13 percent and be aged at least three years prior to release, with at least two years in a cask. Barolo Riserva is aged four years or more.

In the Piemonte, there are 24,700 acres of Nebbiolo vines strictly grown for Barolo. The area produces over 300,000 cases each year – an advantage to you and your cellar.

Barolo wines are a great value. These big robust reds will do very well in the cellar for decades.

You can purchase an average Barolo that will age into a very fine big red wine. The finer Barolos with a D.O.C. rating will be quite affordable and drinkable now, especially the Riserva.

If you are ready to purchase the best now, look for the D.O.C. category of Controllata e Garantita on the label. Sometimes that will be listed just by the initials D.O.C.G. Those big Italian reds are some of the best in the world.

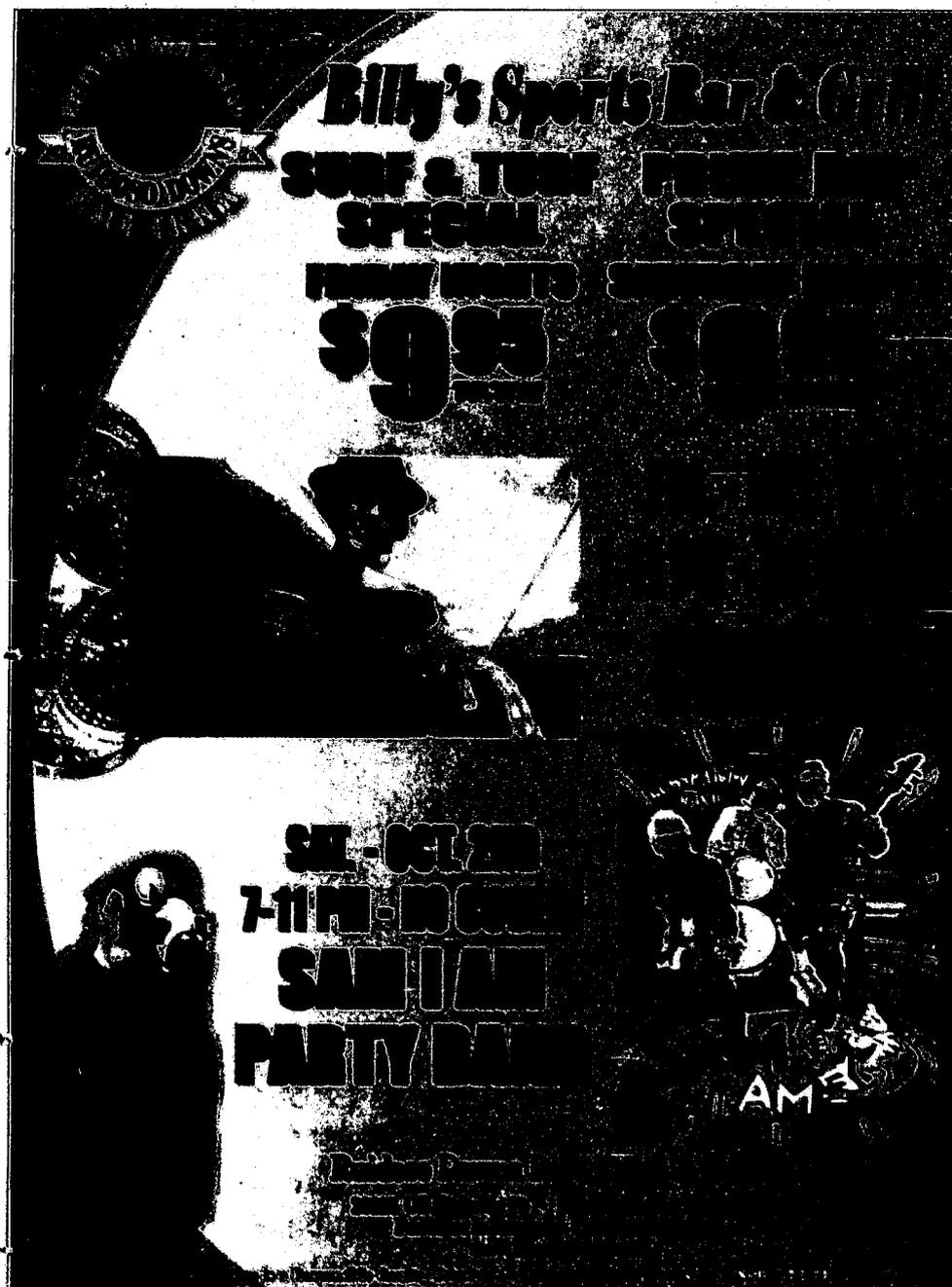
Barbaresco production is quite a bit less than the Barolo, around 11,000 cases annually. This limited production makes the best Barbaresco wines very rare and usually quite expensive in the U.S.

You'll have better luck finding Barolo on the shelf locally. These outstanding reds will be bigger and more robust than Barbaresco, but being the same grape and usually unblended not very different.

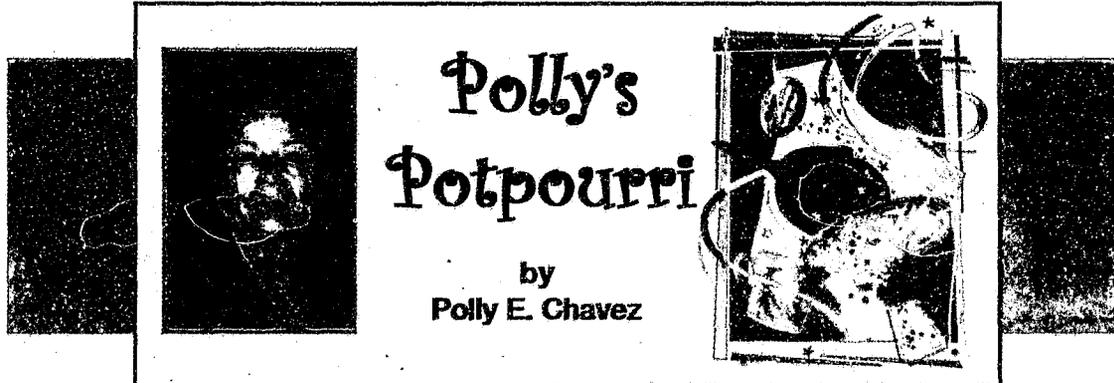
Barolo grapes come from different vineyards that are specifically grown for Barolo wine. They ripen slower and are harvested later. Barolo wines come from Castiglione Falletto, Serralunga d'Alba and the village of Barolo. You might also find some from the province of Cuneo in the southern part of the Piemonte.



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Cabbage Tacos



Cabbage Tacos

The cuisine of New Mexico represents a diverse blend of Pueblo, Spanish Colonial, Mexican and American frontier cooking.

Across the state chile is consumed at every meal. Chile is celebrated in songs and festivals. New Mexico is known for the official state question: "Red or green?" The question refers to the color of chile you want on your food. If you say "Christmas," you will get both red and green.

Is it possible to get addicted to chile? Yes. If I do not have red or green chile handy I will eat the pickled variety.

When I made cabbage tacos I chose Mezzetta Sweet Wax Peppers. I enjoyed the chile made by an Italian in tacos that had a filling which reminded me of Irish food.

Mezzetta is the leading producer of glass-packed peppers, olives and specialty foods in the United States. In 1913, Giuseppe Luigi Mezzetta immigrated to America from Italy to

start a new life. With an eye and talent for finding the rare and delicious Mediterranean food products and a desire to share his culinary heritage, Giuseppe and son Daniel started their own business.

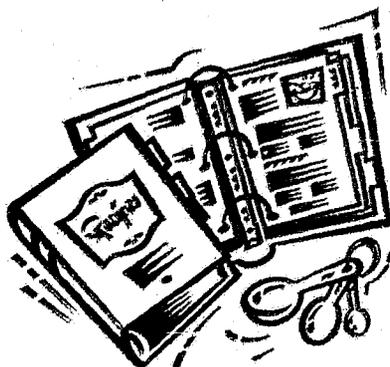
The Irish are known for corned beef and cabbage, stuffed cabbage heads and cabbage rolls. I put a ground beef and cabbage mixture in corn tortillas and called the dish cabbage tacos. My mother made cabbage tacos and she is not Irish.

In Carrizozo, we say "col" for cabbage. A Spanish word for cabbage is *repollo*. Not many people had heard of cabbage tacos, but I had not known of fish tacos or tortilla soup.

I have heard of Tex-Mex food and Cal-Mex food, and now I learn that chimichangas were invented in Tucson, Ariz.

A fajita (girdle), first known as tacos al carbon, refers to skirt steak.

So are chicken fajitas made from chicken steak?



- Cooking oil
- Cabbage, half head
- 1 pound hamburger meat
- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- Garlic salt
- Cheese, grated
- Corn tortillas

Chop the cabbage, medium fine and sauté in oil. Set aside. Fry and brown the hamburger meat. Drain the fat off the meat and combine with the cabbage. Add chopped onion and garlic salt. Deep fry the corn tortillas and fill with the cabbage mixture adding grated cheese last. Serve with pickled chile.

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Alamogordo / Cloud County

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. • 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 (CCRM), 2669 Scenic Dr., Alamogordo • 443-7456 (Mountainview) / 443-7457 (Bistro).

Nature's Pantry • 2909 White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-3037 • Deli/bar open Mon-Fri, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. • Organic.

Nut House • 32 Ivy Ln • La Luz • 437-6889.

Olive Branch Coffee & Deli • 123 N. White Sands • Alamogordo • 443-8151 • Open Mon-Sat, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun, 7 a.m.-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. •

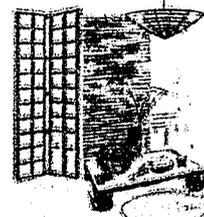
Lazy D Restaurant • 1202 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-2532.

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, Capitan • Southwestern • Thu - Sat 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • 354-0977

Calamity Jane's • 500 W Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Mon - Thu 7 a.m. - 3 p.m., Fri 7 a.m.-p.m., Sat 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 354-8309

Cornerstone Bakery Café • 359 Sudderth • 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. daily • 257-1842

Dreamcatcher Café • 2629 Sudderth • Tue - Thu 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Fri - Sun 11 a.m.-11 p.m. • Live music Fri & Sat • 802-2222

Hummingbird Tearoom • 2306 Sudderth in The Plaza • Soup & sandwiches. • Mon - Sat, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 257-5100

River's Edge • 2404 Sudderth Mon-Sat, 10:30-5; Sun, 11:00-5; Custom-made sandwich wraps, freshly made desserts. • 630-5394

Roy's Ice Cream Parlour • 1200 Avenue E, Carrizozo • Ice cream sodas, milkshakes, malts, banana splits • Tue-Fri, 9 a.m.-6 p.m (closed 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.) • 648-2921

Sacred Grounds Coffee and Tea House • 2825 Sudderth • Sandwiches, quiches, organic coffee, espresso bar. • Mon-Sat, 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. • 257-2273

The Village Buttery • 2107 Sudderth • Soups, sandwiches, salads; pies and cookies; patio. • Mon-Sat, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. • 257-9251

The Wild Herb Market • 1715 Sudderth • Deli, organic and natural foods • Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • 257-0138

Zocca Coffee & Tea • 1129 Mechem Dr. • Sun, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Mon-Thu, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.; 258-1445.

Casual Dining



All American Diner • 390 Sudderth Dr. • Mexican and American specialties • Daily, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. • 257-8625.

Big Game Bar & Grill • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd., Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero • 464-7880.

Billy's Sports Bar & Grill • at Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino • 378-4431.

Burger Trolley • 647 Sudderth Dr. • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. • 257-3868.

Cattle Baron • 657 Sudderth • Steak, seafood, lounge • Mon-Thu, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. • 257-9355

Cree Meadows Restaurant & Bar • 301 Country Club • Breakfast all day. Friday night catfish buffet • Daily; 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 257-2733

Denny's • 2219 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • Open 24/7 • 378-1389

Elsie's Charbroiled Burgers • Hwy. 54 at Hwy. 380 • Carrizozo • Tue-Sat 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. • Patio seating. • 648-4200

Farley's Food Fun & Pub • 1200 Mechem • Burgers, pizza, pub fare, lounge, pool tables, patio. • 7 days, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. • 258-5676

Four Winds Restaurant • 111 Central Ave., Carrizozo • American variety, Mexican, freshly baked goods. • Daily, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. • 648-2964

Gathering of Nations Buffet • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IMG • 464-7872

Hall of Flame • 2500 Sudderth • Burgers, salads • Sun & Mon 11am - 2pm; Tues-Thu 11am-8pm; Fri & Sat 11am-3pm • 257-9987

Horsemen's Grill • 321 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Tues - Sat 5 p.m. - 9 pm; Sun. brunch 10 am - 3 p.m. • 354-1447.

K-BOB's • 157 W. Hwy. 70 • Mon-Thu 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sat 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • 378-0025.

Landlocked • 441 Mechem 257-9559 • Mon-Sat, 11 a-9p

Lincoln County Grill • 2717 Sudderth • Daily; 7 a.m.-9 p.m. • 257-7669

Log Cabin • 1074 Mechem • Wed-Mon; 7 a.m.-1:45 p.m. • 258-5029.

Lucy & Ethel's • 1009 Mechem • Gourmet deli & daily soup • 8 a.m.-5 p.m. • 630-1221.

Outpost Bar & Grill • 415 Central, Carrizozo • Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Sun 12n - 8 p.m. • 648-9994.

Schlotzsky's Deli • 2812 Sudderth • Sun - Thu 10:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Fri, Sat 10:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. • 257-7811

7 Mares Seafood • 340 Sudderth Dr. • 257-8534

Shrimpy's Shrimp & Wing Shack • 2501 Sudderth • Shrimp, fish & chips. • Thu-Mon, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. • Dine in or carry out • 257-8881.

Smokey B's Grill • 2584 Hwy. 70, Mescalero • Sun-Thu, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., Fri-Sat, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. • 464-7928.

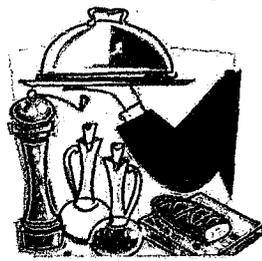
Smokey Bear Restaurant • 310 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Daily; 6a.m.-8p.m. • 354-2557

The Dolan House • 826 Calle la Placita, Lincoln • Fri - Tues; 9:30 a.m. - 3:30; Fri. 5 - 8 p.m. • Reservations Required 575-653-4670

The Quarters • 2535 Sudderth • Steaks, burgers, barbecue. • Mon - Sat 11 a.m. - 2 a.m.; Sun noon - 12a.m. • 257-9535.

Windy City • 115 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Specialty sandwiches, burgers, BBQ, bratwurst, homemade fries, 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

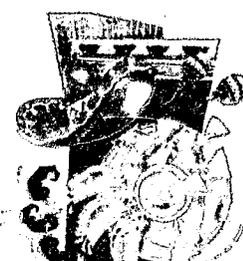
Texas Club Bar & Grill • 212 Metz Dr. • Steak & seafood • 258-3325.

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 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. • 630-8022

El Paisano • 442 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Tue - Sat, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • 354-2206

El Paraiso Mexican Restaurant • 721 Mechem • Mon-Sat, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. • 257-0279

Jorge's Café • 2064 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • Daily, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. • 378-9804.

La Sierra • 100 Lake Shore • Authentic Mexican and seafood specialties • Daily, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. • 336-4673.

Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant • 2408 Sudderth • Mexican & American cuisine • Thurs - Sun. music; Sat. Ladies Nite • Sun-Sat, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; 257-8754.

Peña's Place • 2963 Sudderth • Thu-Mon, 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sun 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. • 257-4135

Old Road Restaurant • 692 Old Road, Mescalero • Tue-Sun, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. • 464-4674

Olé Tacos • 319 Sudderth • Sun - Th 11 a.m. - 11:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 11 a.m.-1:30 a.m. • 257-5040

Willie's Place • 6540 Hwy. 380, Carrizozo • Daily, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. • 575-648-4200

Pizza / Italian



Café Rio • 2547 Sudderth Dr. • Mon - Sat, 11:20 a.m. - 7:50 p.m.; Sun 12n - 7:50 p.m. • 257-7746

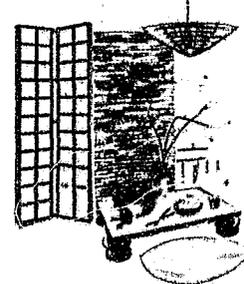
Domino's Pizza • 1717 Sudderth • Sun - Thu 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Fri & Sat 11 - 12 midnight • 257-8888

Michelena's • 2703 Sudderth • Tue-Sun 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • 257-5753

Pizza Hut • 725 Sudderth Dr. • 1201 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso • 258-3033

Santino's Italian Restaurant • 2823 Sudderth • Lounge 4:30-9 p.m., restaurant 5-9 p.m. • 257-7540.

Chinese/Asian



The Great Wall of China • 2913 Sudderth Dr. • Sushi Bar • Tue-Sun 11:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. • 257-2522.

Yee's • 633 Sudderth • eat in or take out • Daily, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. • 257-5888

Dinner Theatre



Flying J Ranch • Chuckwagon Supper and Western Show • Hwy 48, Alto • Gates open 5:30 p.m.; dinner 7 p.m. \$24 13+; \$14 ages 4-12, incl. tax & gratuity. 888-458-3595, 575-336-4330

Mountain Annie's • 2710 Sudderth, Midtown • Live show & music. No cover • Dinner & Bar • Fri & Sat. 7 p.m., open 2 p.m. • 257-7982.

Bon Appetit!

The brother in the shadow

Many Earp historians – and there are a lot of them – have called Wyatt Earp's younger brother Morgan "the brother in the shadow," and that seems to be the one and only thing they all agree on.

It seems that less is known about Morgan Earp than either Wyatt or Virgil. (I am not including half-brother Newton, older brother James or youngest brother Warren, as it seems the focus has always been on Wyatt, Virgil and Morgan, undoubtedly because they were the three involved in the legendary gunfight near the O.K. Corral).

What is commonly known about Morgan Earp is that he was the youngest of the three brothers present on Oct. 26, 1881, at about 2:30 in the afternoon, and for the average person, that seems to be about it. Thanks to Hollywood he has usually been represented as a sort of naive buffoon (see Bill Paxton's portrayal in the film *Tombstone*).

Beginnings

Morgan Seth Earp was born in Pella, Iowa on April 24, 1851. In the words of expert Lee Silva he was a "spirited, fearless adventurer." The three brothers were later described as being "trim and muscular, fair-haired six-footers who looked so much alike it was difficult to tell them apart."

Wyatt and Morgan became buffalo hunters in the Texas Panhandle. Both were also fined a year or



so later in Peoria, Ill. for being found "in a house of ill fame," where they were apparently living. Wyatt simply expanded their time as buffalo hunters to cover this naughtiness when he dictated his memoirs, years later. Who can blame him? His wife, the feisty Josephine was standing right there. Wyatt may have been fearless, but he wasn't stupid enough to mention his presence in a bordello in front of his wife. It must be remembered by the modern reader that, in those days, working in the prostitution business was "no less moral, than say, the banking business."

While Morgan has often been portrayed as being a deputy, along with Wyatt, in Wichita, no record has ever been found to corroborate this. However, there is evidence that Morgan was working as a Ford County deputy sheriff in Dodge City in 1875, before Wyatt even got there. According to Earp biographer Stuart Lake, Morgan resigned as a Ford County deputy and headed, along with Wyatt, to Montana Territory in late 1877.

Prior to this, while still in Dodge, Morgan met the

beautiful Louisa Houston, who is usually referred to as his wife, although no documentation exists that they ever married. She may have been with him when Morgan was employed as a policeman in Butte City, Mont., in late 1879. He collected his last paycheck, dated Mar. 10, 1880, and allegedly killed badman Billy Brooks there in a gunfight.

Tombstone

In late July of 1880, Morgan joined his brothers in Tombstone, just in time for the beginning of the Earp-Cowboy feud. In those days, the word "cowboy" was synonymous with "outlaw" in Tombstone. The complex reasons for this feud are another story entirely, one that historians have been arguing about for over a century. The feud finally reached flashpoint on Oct. 26, 1881. The Cowboys had been threatening the Earps for some time and finally the Earps, along with their friend Doc Holliday, had enough.

Hearing that there were members of the Cowboys, number unknown, in a vacant lot near the O.K. Corral, armed and swigging whiskey, the Earps and Holliday set out to arrest them. They did not march down the middle of the street four abreast, as in Hollywood portrayals, but rather, they walked two-by-two down the sidewalk, with Wyatt and Virgil in the lead, and Morgan and Doc (who were carousing buddies) bringing up the

rear. When they turned onto Fremont St., they *did* spread out across the street trying to see what they were up against in the lot, now less than 100 yards away. However, before they broke the two-by-two formation, eyewitnesses heard Morgan say to Doc, "Let them have it," to which the Deadly Dentist replied "Alright." These words would come back to haunt them at the hearing afterwards.

The gunfight

As the Earp group swung into the lot they spread across it, effectively blocking any exit the Cowboys might want to make onto Fremont St. Virgil shouted, "Throw up your hands. I want your guns." It was a poor choice of words, because the Cowboys – Ike and Billy Clanton and Tom and Frank McLaury, immediately reached for their guns – and they *weren't* intending to surrender them.

No one knows for certain who fired the first round, but it may have been Morgan, who was described as the most amiable of the Earps. He and his pal Doc had no business interests in Tombstone, unlike Wyatt and Virgil who wanted to avoid violence. Whatever the case, when the shooting started, Ike Clanton, whose big mouth was largely responsible for the confrontation in the first place, ran toward Wyatt, screaming that "I didn't want this." Wyatt simply shoved him away, stating "The fight has

commenced. Get to fighting or get out." Ike chose the latter course, rocketing away from the scene and not stopping until he was a full two blocks away.

When the gunsmoke cleared, Tom McLaury was breathing his last, Billy Clanton was screaming in agony, soon to die, and Frank McLaury was already very dead. Morgan, who took a bullet through the shoulder blades, had "amiably" shot Frank in the head as Frank was aiming his pistol at Doc Holliday, telling him that "I've got you now, you son-of-a-bitch." Frank was wrong. Firing from a semi-prone position, Morgan's bullet hit him in the head, killing him instantly and causing him to nearly do a backflip when the bullet hit him.

The end

After the shootout, the Earps and Holliday stood trial and were acquitted, but the Cowboys weren't through quite yet. On Dec. 28, 1881, Virgil was ambushed on the street in Tombstone. He wasn't killed, but after the doctor removed an inch-and-a-half of bone from his left arm, he was crippled for life.

On the night of Mar. 18, 1882, after attending a play with Wyatt and Doc, Morgan was shooting billiards at Campbell and Hatch's Saloon as brother Wyatt watched from a raised kibitzer's chair up against the wall. Shortly before midnight two bullets shattered the silence from the alley behind the place. Morgan pitched for-

ward, one of the bullets having shattered his spine.

As far as last words go, Morgan's are among my favorite. He told Wyatt that, contrary to the discussions they had in the past concerning one's life passing before one's eyes at the end, "it ain't so Wyatt." He also commented, Rodney Dangerfield-like, "That's the last game of pool I'll ever play." And with that, the youngest, and the most mysterious of the "fighting Earps," passed into history.

Sources: *The Mysterious Morgan Earp* by Lee Silva and *Morgan Earp, Brother in the Shadow* by Glenn Boyer.

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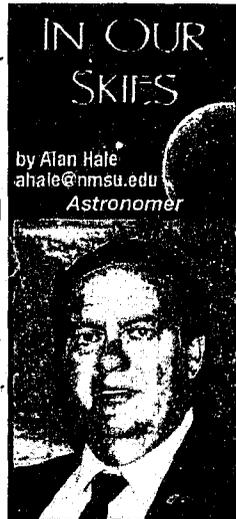
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The restless stars

The ancient Greek astronomers – and, presumably, the sky-watchers of many ancient cultures – divided the stars they saw at night into two broad categories: the so-called “fixed” stars, that remained constant in their relationship with each other over days, months, and years; and the “wanderers,” which shifted their locations against the “fixed” stars over time. These “wanderers,” of course, we now know are our fellow planets in our solar system, and indeed, the word “planet” itself comes from the Greek word for “wanderer.” The “fixed” stars, meanwhile, remained “fixed,” and over time it essentially became established dogma that the stars were eternal and unchanging, being “fixed” in terms of location, brightness and everything else. True, they were believed to rotate (as a unit) around the Earth each day in the Earth-centered worldview that was prevalent for so many centuries, but even when this began to be replaced by a sun-centered worldview after the early 17th century, the notion that the stars were “fixed” and unchanging remained.

In 1718, the British astronomer Edmund Halley (of comet fame) was comparing the positions of some stars he was observ-



ing with their positions that had been catalogued by the Greek astronomer Hipparchus in the 2nd century B.C. In particular, he noticed that the bright stars Sirius, Arcturus and Aldebaran (all three of which are visible in our early October nighttime skies,

Arcturus in the early evening and the other two in the morning) were each about half a degree (the full moon's apparent diameter) away from their respective catalogued positions. Studies of these and other stars over subsequent years and decades revealed that they are indeed shifting their positions over time, and thus that the “fixed” star are not so “fixed” after all.

The so-called “proper motions” we see of stars are due to both their own independent motions through the galaxy, as well as a reflection of the sun's motion. The rate and direction of these motions have now been determined and catalogued for many thousands of stars. The star with the fastest-known proper motion is a small star in the constellation Ophiuchus known as Barnard's Star (named after the American astronomer who first called attention to it in the early 20th century), and with the exception of the three stars of the

Alpha Centauri system it is the closest star to our solar system. The location of Barnard's Star changes by the apparent width of the full moon every 90 years, and this author was able to detect its motion against the background stars with an ordinary backyard telescope in as short an interval as six months.

In addition to being “fixed” in location, the stars were also believed to be “fixed” in brightness. True, there were the occasional novae and supernovae that were recorded over the centuries, but these were essentially considered as one-time phenomena. However, in the late 16th and early 17th centuries a Dutch amateur astronomer, David Fabricius, noticed that a star in the constellation Cetus (the sea monster) seemed to disappear and then reappear on a regular basis, in a period eventually determined to be about 11 months. This star is now known as “Mira” (from the Latin word for “wonderful”), a name taken from a study published by the Polish astronomer Johannes Hevelius in 1662.

In the late 18th century a young British amateur astronomer, John Goodricke, noticed that the bright star Algol in the constellation Perseus underwent a distinct fading and then re-brightening in a period of just under three days. Over time, many, many more so-called “variable” stars came to be discovered and today they

number in the many thousands; at some level, almost all stars are variable to some extent, even our sun (due to the varying number of sunspots). The causes for stars' changing in brightness are numerous; in Algol's case it is due to being eclipsed by an orbiting companion star, whereas in Mira's case it is caused by regular changes in size and brightness that the star itself undergoes.

Finally, stars undergo changes in their physical structure as they age. Our sun, well-behaved right now (fortunately for us), will start to expand into a type of star known as a “red giant” in a few billion years after it exhausts its supply of hydrogen “fuel,” and in the process will engulf the Earth. Mira, in fact, appears to have undergone this transition in the not-too-distant past and is at the point in its “life” when it is shedding a lot of excess material. Images taken a few years ago by the GALEX satellite (which is sensitive to ultraviolet light) show that Mira is accompanied by a large cloud of gas that has an overall comet-like shape caused by Mira's shedding of this material as it travels through space.

It so happens that Mira, which currently rises in the east during the mid-evening hours, is near the brightest point of its 11-month brightness cycle. It is easily visible to the unaided eye (slightly dimmer than the Big Dipper stars)

and it should retain this brightness for perhaps another month before it begins fading, back to the level at which it disappears from naked-eye view.

Meanwhile, sky-watchers who want to catch Algol (visible in the northeast during the evening hours) during the times when it is dim, can do so on Oct. 18 (near 4:30 a.m.), and 21 (around 1:20 a.m.), and on the evening of Oct. 23 (near 10:10 p.m.).

We thus can see for ourselves that our galaxy, and our universe, is a dynamic, restless place, far from being the “fixed” place that our ancestors saw it.

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Lincoln County

Clubs/Associations

Alto Women's Association: 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards. Business meeting every first Tuesday.

Angus Wood Carvers: 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, Junction Hwys. 48 and 97; 336-9161.

Art Connection: Last Wednesday of each month. Innsbruck Club House. Info: Pat, 258-3602.

Carrizozo Women's Club: Second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse at 11th and D Avenue; Info: Tona Macken, 354-0769.

Christian Motorcyclists Assoc: Third Thursday monthly at 6:30 p.m.; 1204 Mechem, Suite 8.; online at www.CMAUSA.org; 575-336-1530 for local info. All are invited to attend.

Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, plus a 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays; Ruidoso Senior Center; Info: 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Fort Stanton Museum: Thurs. - Mon., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. For group tours call 575-336-1436, or 575-336-4015.

Insighters Book Club: 6:30 p.m. first Wednesday of each month at Insight Books, 1860 Sudderth; No charge and all are welcome; Info: 257-4625.

Lincoln County Bird Club: Monthly field trips are scheduled at various times. Info: 257-5352 or 258-3862.

Lincoln County Garden Club: Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m.; New members and visitors welcome; Info: Jordan, 378-5250.

Lincoln County Right to Life Chapter: 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday at 309 L.L. Davis Dr. All are welcome; Info: 258-5108.

Mountaintop Turners: Woodturning club, 10 a.m. every third Saturday at the woodshop of Steve and Madeleine Sabo. Info: 354-0201.

Party Bridge Group: 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Center; 336-4808.

Photographic Society of Lincoln County: 7 p.m. every second Thursday in the conference room at the Region IX office at 1400 Sudderth Dr.; 258-4003.

Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

Ruidoso Area Singles: Meet new friends for social activities - dining out, parties, potlucks, outings, etc.? New group is forming. Info: Judy, 430-7870, or Martha, 430-9808.

Ruidoso Book Review/Discussion Group: First Wednesday monthly at 10 a.m.; Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. Public is welcome.

Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club: Meets every Monday; program varies. Potluck and bridge/card games. Second Monday (Sept.-May) includes program, business meeting, potluck, bridge/card games at 116 S. Evergreen.

Ruidoso Masonic Lodge No. 73: Meets first Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., except national holidays, then moves to second Monday. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Info: 258-3598.

Ruidoso Mommies Group: Want to meet other moms in the area through playdates or Mom's night out? Call Natasha, 640-7076, or Alice, 258-3331, or Ruidoso Moms on Facebook

Ruidoso Ridge Runners 4-Wheel Drive Club: Meets 1st Wed. monthly at K-BOB's. Dinner 6 p.m. and meeting at 7. Info: 336-2714 or 378-4853.

Education

ESL classes: English as a Second Language classes sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Thu, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.; Mon, Tue, Thu, 6-8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church; Spanish language GED Mon, 6-8 p.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.

First Friday Adult Lecture Series: Monthly, Capitan Public Library, free. Info: 354-3035.

GED classes: Sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Fri, 9-11 and Mon-Tues, 5:30-7:30, at NM Workforce Connection in Compass Bank Bldg., 707 Mechem..

La Junta F.C.E.: 10:45 a.m. every 3rd Wednesday at San Patricio Senior Citizens building. Info: 653-4718.

Help & Healing

A Course in Miracles/Attitudinal Healing study group: Each Tuesday; 5:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

A Course in Miracles study group: Wednesdays, 6:45 - 8 p.m. Free. Drop-ins welcome. The Wisdom Study Group. At The Yoga Studio, 2810 Sudderth Dr., #207, (upstairs to right of and above Schlotzkys) Call Marianne 575-257-0527.

AI-Anon: Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 1, ground floor, Ruidoso; info: 258-8885.

AI-Anon: Meets at noon every Friday at Methodist church in Carrizozo. Come to back door; bring your lunch.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Ruidoso Arid Group. Daily 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m.; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Fri, Sat, Sun, 8 p.m. 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 1, (ground fl) Ruidoso. Info: 258-8885.

Bereavement or Grief Support: For the community. Call Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation. Info: 258-0028.

Co-Dependents Anonymous: 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Holy Mount Episcopal Church, Ruidoso. Info: 808-2959.

Gamblers Anonymous: Meets at 7:15 p.m., Thursdays at the Mescalero Reformed Church, 336 Wardlaw Dr. For more information, contact Mike at 575-682-6200.

H.E.A.L. (Help End Abuse for Life): Domestic violence shelter and hotline: 1-866-378-6378.

Meditation Practice: First Wednesday of each month; 6:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Mountain High Recovery Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 7 p.m. at Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church, 361 Highway 70 East.

Open Circle: Each Sunday; 9:30 a.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Parenting Classes: Counseling Center Prevention Program facilitates all parents seeking to enhance parenting skills, resolve issues and prevent substance use. Families with children ages 5-17 years of age that complete all requirements of the class qualify for a \$150 stipend. Qualifications and info: Brenda Motley-Lopez or Salli Mason at 257-0520.

Parents of Addicted Children: New Name Ministry offers help for parents of addicted children. For appointment, phone 802-0263 in Ruidoso and leave a message. Payment of free-will offering appreciated.

Prepared Childbirth Classes: Meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Lincoln County Medical Center's conference room. Six classes per session with qualified, certified instructors; Info: 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.).

Science of Mind Study Group: Each second and fourth Saturday; 10:30 a.m.-noon; High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Sex Addicts Anonymous: 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall meeting room, 121 Mescalero Trail. Info: 575-201-4203.

Stretch & Tone Class: For men and women of all ages, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Senior Center, 501 Sudderth; Emese, 258-0003, or Terry Franklin, 257-4565.

Temple Builders Weight Loss Support Group: Thursdays at 6-6:30 p.m. at Angus Church; no dues or

food purchase, just friendly support and accountability; weigh-in followed by short devotional. Info: 336-8032.

Working Disabled Health Insurance: State of N.M. Working Disabled Individuals Medicaid Program; call Jeanie White at 575-622-4169

Political

Democratic Party of Lincoln County: Monthly meetings 6 p.m. first Thursday of each month except Jan., July and Sept. Info: 973-7505, or Maria, 937-8394.

Democratic Women Sacramento Mountain Area: third Saturday at K-BOB's at 12:00 noon. For more information call 808-1133 or 257-6078

Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County: Regular meetings. For information, call 653-4379.

Republican Party of Lincoln County: Meetings at Cree Meadows Country Club; info, 336-7038.

Service Organizations

Altirusa Club: 5 p.m. every third Tuesday, First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Rd. Info: Deb 336-1486 or www.altirusaruidoso.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.fbcruuidoso.com.

Friends of Capitan Library: Call for volunteers for Not 2 Shabby Thrift Shop. Info: Raylene, 354-3046 or library, 354-3035.

Humane Society of Lincoln County: Gavilan Canyon Rd. shelter open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat 11-2; ReSale Shop at the Y open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon-Sat; Info: 378-1040.

Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at K-BOB's; Rutalee, 258-1431.

Laughing Eyes Kennels: Nonprofit breeder and trainer of Service Dogs in Nogal seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling & puppy socialization, bookkeeping, fundraising and kennel

upkeep/management. Call 575-354-4342, or www.lekennels.org.

Lincoln County Community Health Council: 8 a.m. first Tuesday of each month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. New members welcome. Info: 973-1829.

Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary: 9:30 a.m. second Tuesday of each month in the hospital conference room. New volunteers welcome. Info: 630-4250.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse: Meets first Sunday each month at 2 p.m. at the Posse building, Hwy. 54, in Carrizozo. Groups needing their volunteer security services, notify by mail one month (but not less than two weeks) prior to the monthly meeting. Send to P.O. Box 1284, Capitan, NM 88316. Info: 575-354-8007.

OES Ruidoso Chapter 65: Meeting every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 144 Nob Hill Dr. Info: 257-5313.

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): Noon every Wednesday at K-BOB's. Info: 257-5938 or 258-9218.

PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Chapter AR: Meeting every second and fourth Tuesdays. Info: Jennie Powell, 258-3896.

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club: 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: Barbara, 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555, or Greg, 257-1255.

Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary: 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center off East Highway 70; Info: 378-8099 or 378-8316.

Ruidoso Evening Lions: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Evening Lions Club House, 106 S. Overlook (behind Chef Lupe's). New members always welcome. Info: Mike Zaragosa, 937-0768 or Harold Oakes, 937-7618.

Ruidoso Shrine Club: 6:30 p.m. every fourth Wednesday at Cree Meadows Restaurant; Info: 258-5860.

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club: Meets at noon every Wednesday for lunch and meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club; Info: 258-1345.

Sierra Blanca Daughters of the American Revolution: Third Thursday of each month. Info: 258-3045.

Zia Girl Scout Council: 6 p.m. every third Thursday at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Info: 437-2921.

White Mountain Search & Rescue: 7 p.m. every third Monday at First Christian Church near the intersection of Hull and Gavilan Canyon Roads. Info: email whitemountainsar@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainsar.org or phone 866-596-8382.

Veterans

American Legion Jerome D. Klein Post 79: 11 a.m. every third Saturday, 101 Spring St. at Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs; Info: 257-6757.

American Legion James A Hipp, Post 57: First Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. Sr.Citizens Center, Capitan. 575-336-2194

VFW Post 12071 meets the third Monday of each month at La Junta Lodge in Alto at 7 p.m. All eligible veterans are invited to attend.

VFW Post 12071 Ladies Auxiliary meets third Monday of each month at La Junta Lodge in Alto at 7 p.m. All eligible spouses, mothers, daughters and widows of veterans of foreign wars are invited to attend and join.

Otero County

Clubs & Associations

Alamo Squares: Square dancing on 2nd and 4th Saturdays. 8 p.m. Info: 437-3043, 434-2618 or 437-5474.

Alamogordo Astronomy Club: Meets every third Friday. Mike Mosier, 437-8260.

Alamogordo Mustang Club: Meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at Vision Ford. Daurian Orchard, 491-7952.

Barbershop Harmony Society: The "Sounds of Enchantment" 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 Wednesday 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-

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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, 300 Hawaii Ave. All are welcome. Info: 434-5162 after 4 p.m..

Experimental Aircraft Association: Meets at 7 p.m. every second Tuesday in the pilots lounge at Alamogordo-White Sands Regional Airport. Open to all, including non-pilots.

Girl Scouts: Open to girls ages 5-17. Info: 437-2921.

Golden Gears Car Club: Meets at 7 p.m. every first Thursday at the VFW Annex building. Cruise-ins are on the 1st Saturday of each month at Sonic in 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, 34-5242.

The New Horizon Band: Rehearsals 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Alamogordo Senior Center. 434-4281.

Orchard South 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 34-1467.

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 impouts and picnic. 437-3377.

White Sands Dart Association: Public team open tournaments 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Fraternal Order of Eagles Club, 471 24th St. Open to play or learn. Contact Delilah 442-8750.

Education

ESL: English as a second language class, 9 a.m. each Monday, 1328 Benic Dr. \$15 for workbook. Class sponsored by Mountain Valley Baptist

Association; 437-9987.

H.E.L.P. Head Start: Accepting applications for pre-school children with or without disabilities. Free meals. Alamogordo Center: Maria Gallegos, 434-6313; La Luz Center: Martina Travis, 437-4485; Tularosa Center: Annette Chavez, 585-4818.

Integrated Instructional Services Department: Monthly Parent/Staff Advisory Committee meeting, 4 - 6 p.m. every second Tuesday at the IIS Building. Dr. Doug Householder, 439-3200.

Lacy Simms: Governing council meets at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at First National Bank Building Atrium. Regular meetings are at 7:15 p.m.; 437-4011.

Help & Healing

Al-Anon: New Day Al-Anon group meets noon Thursdays at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo.

Alamogordo City Disability Council: Meets at 2 p.m. every third Wednesday at the Sgt. Willie Estrada Memorial Civic Center. Disability Resource Center, 439-1112, or Ann French at 439-4227 or 439-4889.

American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center: Mon. & Tues., 1 - 4 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Hats, wigs, scarves, bras, prostheses; "Look Good - Feel Better" make-up sessions by appt.; 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 Arnigo 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 dotellen@gmail.com.

Republican Party of Otero County: Fourth Thursday meeting each month. Info: Sassy Tinling, 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.usssvi.org/BaseShow. Call Shane Foraker 575 437-0665.

VFW Post 7686 and Ladies Auxiliary: Meetings are at 7 p.m. every third Tuesday at 700 U.S. 70 West in Bingo Hall; 437-0770.

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SPECIAL EVENT

Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium

Cowboys, music, art, food and all things Western

It's fall in the mountains of southern New Mexico and that means it's time for one of the nation's premier cowboy events, the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium. Now in its 21st year, the symposium welcomes more than

20,000 visitors annually to this celebration of all things Western.

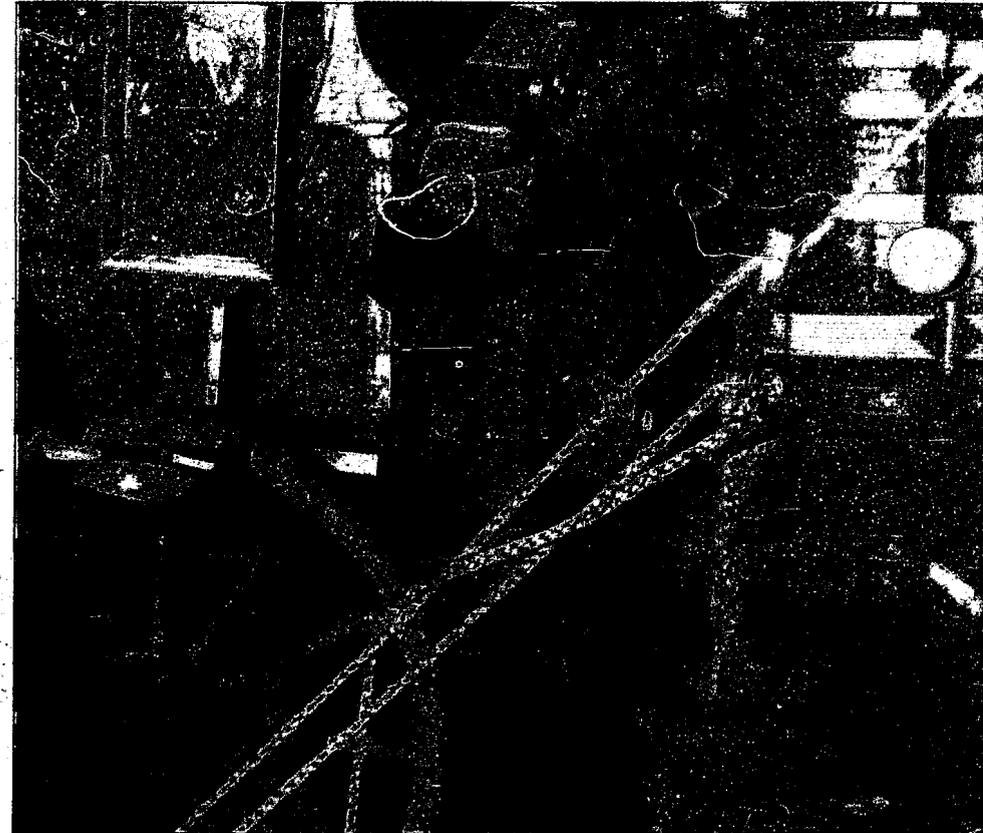
Based at Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino this cowboy gathering brings together the country's best cowboy poets, musicians, chuckwagon

cooks, Western artists and vendors. The celebration boasts special events and activities for the kids, along with horsemanship demonstrations and the popular Chuckwagon Cook-Off.

"Small-town festivals represent family heritage throughout New Mexico," said Michael Cerletti, secretary of the New Mexico Tourism Department, "and the Lincoln County Symposium is one of our state's most popular events, entertaining both family and friends year after year. What a great time to be in New Mexico."

The fun starts early on Friday, Oct. 8, and continues throughout the weekend. From 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., visitors can enjoy live music, cowboy poets and storytellers as they perform on several stages throughout the grounds, watch cooking demonstrations, enjoy an authentic Old West town and on Sunday listen to gospel music.

Concerts are a large part of the symposium and this year offers some of the



Art and artifacts, food and fun, music and memories are just part of the fun-filled family oriented festivities at the 21st annual Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium. Photos courtesy Mark Doth.

best sounds in the West. "Western swing is still the king" and nowhere is that more evident than tonight's concert and dance, with an entertainment line-up that includes Leon Rausch, The Texas Playboys, Tommy Allsup, Floyd Domino, Billy Mata, Ginny Mac and The All Stars great entertainers. A special performance by area favorite Jody Nix tops off the amazing musical talent.

On Saturday night, Oct. 9, Larry Gatlin returns to the Cowboy Symposium stage, and this time he's bringing his brothers. The Grammy-award-winning

Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers have already gone down in the country music history books for their 33 Top 40 hits, a feat that most artists only dream of achieving. Natives of Seminole, Texas, the Gatlin brothers are coming home for an encore performance.

One of the highlights of the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium is the Chuckwagon Cook-off. All of the wagons competing in the cook-off are judged on authenticity, as well as on their delicious grub. Wander through the campsites and visit with the wagon crews. Due to the

popularity of the chuckwagon lunches a special cowboy biscuits and gravy competition has been added for Sunday morning. Folks can gather 'round the campfire and soak up delicious rib-stickin' gravy with a homemade biscuit.

Each year the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium features some of the finest craftsmen and vendors in the West, where visitors will find Western art, saddles, tack, bits, furniture and more.

Once again this year, "horse whisperer" Craig Cameron returns to educate and amaze. Called the

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"public defender of the horse," Cameron dedicates himself to those who educate their horses by first educating themselves with a program that builds confidence and trust between man and horse.

The Kid's Rodeo events are always a crowd pleaser

and a great way to get the youngsters involved with events such as dummy roping, stick horse barrel racing, stick horse pole bending, goat roping and a goat and sheep scramble.

Sunday admission is free and features performances by gospel artists The

Good News Band, Jimmy Burson, Rev. Charles Clary and more. Music continues on all stages and demonstration areas remain open. Experience awesome scenery and God's word on the free Sunday Saddle Sermon Trail Ride. Riders are invited to bring their own

horse or rent one. To register, call 575-808-1769.

For more information on the 21st annual Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, call 575-378-4431 or go online to www.cowboysymposium.org.

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Csikos and paprika surprises in the Puzsta

A land of surprises with cowboys and spices

What do Zsa Zsa Gabor, paprika and the U.S. president have in common? And what is a csikos?

Follow me to Puzsta

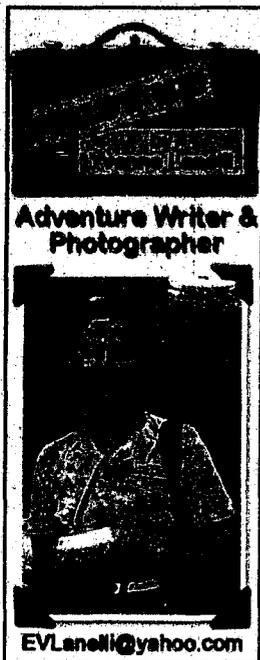
On the sunflower-filled Puzsta, the great plains of Hungary, Hungarian cowboys called "csikos" (pronounced "cheek-osh") carry on a centuries-old equestrian tradition.

Outside the town of Kalocsa (pronounced "ka-lo-cha") on a working cattle ranch in the heart of the vast Puzsta, you'll be spellbound by their demonstration of horsemanship.

Instead of blue jeans, csikos wear flowing blue cloaks over high black boots. Wide black belts studded with silver and black hats with upturned brims complete their elegant ensemble.

Instead of a lasso, the bare-back riding csikos snaps a leather whip to herd his long-horned gray cattle native to Hungary.

Csikos and horses perform Puzsta (countryside)-style dressage maneuvers and drive old-style carts and carriages ridden by peasants and nobles a hundred years ago.



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But it is the horseback skills and games, such as Snatch the Scarf, a sort of horseback tag, and the whip demonstration, which fill your memory card and leave you breathless. Standing bareback on his horse, the csikos snaps the whip loudly around its head. The horse doesn't move or even blink.

But the best demonstration is a csikos riding eight horses – bareback. The unharnessed horses are lined up as follows: three in front, three in the middle and two behind. The csikos stands astride the hips

of the final two holding reins of all eight, and trots into the corral. When the trot increases to a canter, you'll gasp. When they gallop, you can't breathe. The galloping team circles the arena twice then stops to thunderous applause. Bet they'd love that at the Capitan rodeo.

A Hungarian treat – paprika 101

Paprika is synonymous with Hungary, but did you know it is not native?

Paprika, the national spice whose 200 varieties symbolize and characterize Hungarian cuisine, came from Mexico. European explorers brought peppers, tomatoes, tobacco, chocolate and potatoes from the New World to the Old. The Ottomans, who occupied much of Europe in the Middle Ages, introduced paprika to Hungary, then part of the Ottoman Empire.

You, too, can learn Paprika 101 in Kalocsa, the paprika capital of Hungary, "and therefore the paprika capital of the world," reminds Istvan, your local guide as you peruse some of the 200 varieties of sweet and hot



You'll gasp in amazement as a Hungarian cowboy, called csikos, gallops eight horses simultaneously. Photo by Yvonne Lanelli.

capsicums hanging to dry in red ristras, exactly as at home.

Hungarian chefs buy paprika powdered as we have in our groceries, or paprika paste.

Do you know the correct way to cook with paprika? First, melt butter in a sauté pan and brown the meat, onions, etc. Then, remove the pan from the fire. Now add the paprika, stirring to combine. If you add paprika when the pan is on the fire, it will burn and be harsh.

Once the paprika is combined thoroughly, add the liquid and return the

pan to the fire. Simmer the dish, covered, on a low flame. Paprika flavors Hungary's famous goulash, a beef stew or soup, chicken, fish, salads or vegetables, even paprika brandy and paprika ice cream. Try it, you'll be surprised, it's good.

(Hungary's yummy paprika is so varied that you'll want samples, so bring an extra bag.)

So what do Zsa Zsa Gabor, paprika and the U.S. president all have in common?

Zsa Zsa is a Hungarian who emigrated to America. Paprika emigrated from

America to Hungary. And the U.S. president? The Hungarian word for apricot is "barack." You'll find barack brandy and other apricot treats all over Hungary – more yummy things to sample.

Next time: Discover more Hungarian surprises in Budapest.

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