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Lincoln County Medical Center unveils ambitious expansion plans; County Commission approves phase 1

A nearly \$47 million plan to upgrade and expand the county-owned hospital in Ruidoso was presented to the Lincoln County Commission Tuesday.

Commissioners unanimously approved the first of four proposed stages, 4-0, with one commissioner absent.

The proposal followed a study that developed a Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) Master Plan last year.

"The Harke Study created a master plan recommendation for

future growth of health care within the county," said Lincoln County Medical Center Administrator Al Santos. "It was determined in that study that LCMC would need to expand over time to accommodate health care demands."

Santos said just with this year's health care reforms, the local hospital could see 10,000 patients that currently do not access the health

care services at LCMC.

The study had suggested a minimum of four to six acres of land be acquired for an expansion.

"Surrounding the campus today for what we could acquire, there is adequate space to expand," Santos told the county commissioners.

A four-phased proposal would include construction of a 15,000 square foot professional office

building on new property as Phase 1.

"What that represents is replacing the White Mountain Family Practice Clinic. It also requires replacing the internal medicine and surgery clinics in order to house our physicians in new building. Part of the problem we have today with physician office space is aging facilities."

In addition, Santos said currently doctors have, at the best, two exam rooms per physician. He said that limits the ability to see patients. The proposal for doctor offices would increase the number

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Lorrie Morgan
at the Spencer

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ballparks?



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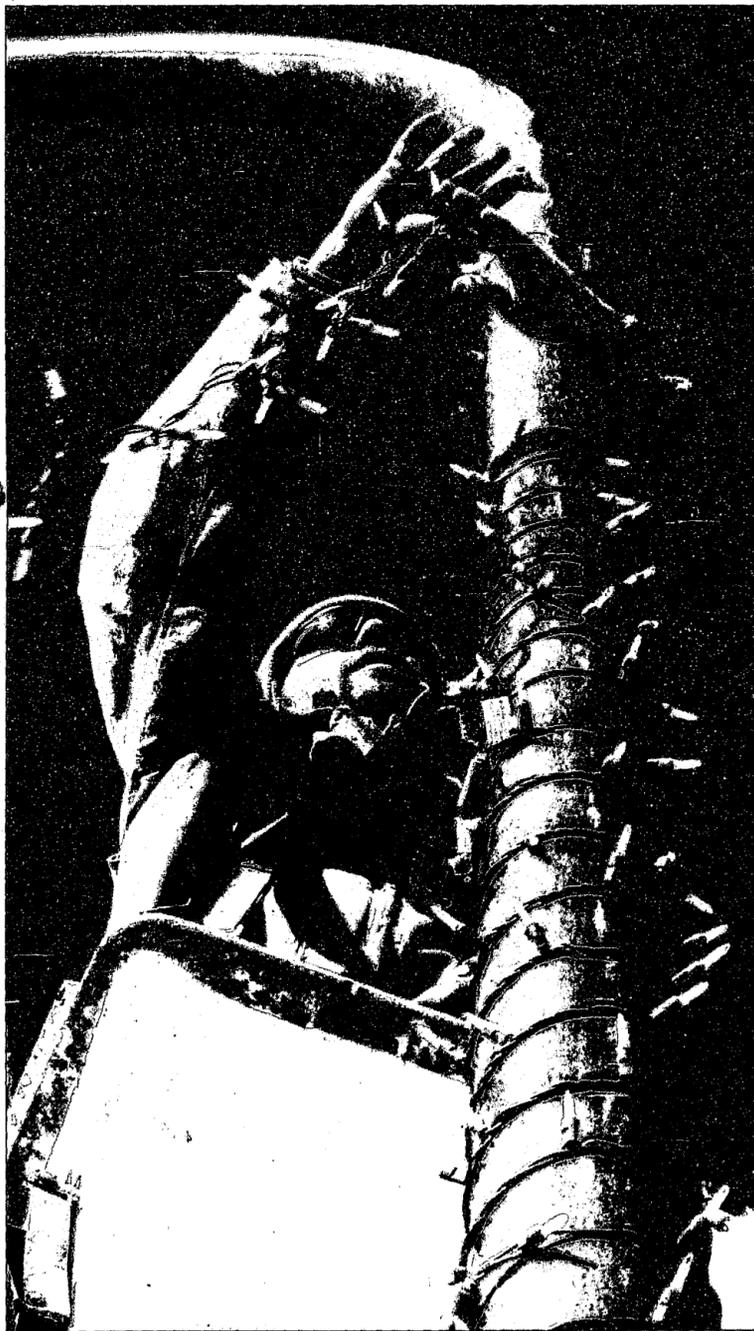
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HIGH-WIRE ACT



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Greeting ready for the holidays: Ruidoso employee Ryan Benson strings Christmas lights on the west end of Sudderth Drive on Wednesday.

Suspicious package nothing but a radio

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A suspicious package that brought the New Mexico State Police bomb squad to a Ruidoso business Wednesday morning, turned out to contain an XM Radio. The radio was

destroyed in the bomb squad's response.

Ruidoso police were notified of the box at The Title Company, 508 Mech-em Dr., shortly after 11 a.m.

"It was a suspicious package," said Sgt. Robert Eshom, a member of the

bomb squad. "It had no address. It had no return address. It just showed up. We followed protocol."

Police evacuated employees of The Title Company, as well as workers at other businesses within

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Thanks, but no thanks

■ County declines to submit capital outlay request to the state

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While a number of local government and other entities that traditionally seek funding each year from the state legislature attended a Thursday workshop on the capital outlay process, missing was a representative from Lincoln County government.

Two days earlier the county commission declined to submit a list of projects for state funding.

"The manager recommends that if we decide to go forward with a request that it be for the Fort Stanton fire department's station, on state property," said Tom Stewart, the county's manager.

"The (county board) chairman and I were talking and I've started to compose a letter and I'll run this by you and see what you think," Stewart told the board of commissioners.

"Dear legislators and governor, given the \$450 million plus deficit in the state, the county of Lincoln will not add to the burden, and therefore submits no capital outlay project requests for the 2011 legislative session.

"The county would, however, like to request a program that would continue burials at the veterans' cemetery at Fort Stanton."

Stewart said the request was "short and sweet."

That received a "Yes, very good" response from Commissioner Jackie Powell.

The state said last week that the cemetery at Fort Stanton was established for Merchant Marines and their spouses, and for those who had worked at the fort's former tuberculosis hospital that closed in

1954. The county denounced the stand.

"I just feel terrible about requesting anything (monetary) from the state when they're in this situation," Stewart said.

The county has an Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan with several millions of dollars on the top five. The ICIP is typically the foundation for making capital outlay requests.

"These are all things that are within our capability of doing, I think," said commission chair Tom Battin. "I think the county has made some very amenable progress under the leadership of Mr. Stewart to anticipate needs, roads, fire protection, fire stations, various areas. I think we don't want to get complacent by any means, but I think we are in pretty good shape both with capital assets and financially."

Battin said Lincoln County would likely get "a two-inch headline" in the *Albuquerque Journal* for the non-capital outlay request stand which he added may be historic for New Mexico.

At Thursday's capital outlay meeting, Hubert Quintana, the executive director of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District/Council of Governments, echoed the bleak prospect for capital outlay funding from the state next year.

Noting a \$450 million to \$500 million state shortfall, Quintana said he doubted there would be any funding from New Mexico's general fund.

Quintana told local government attendees that there are two other sources of capital outlay money, general obligation bonds issued by the state after approval by voters at the fall general elections, and

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JAKOB'S TREE

In August a tree was planted at Sierra Vista Primary in memory of Jakob Yeager, an SVP student who passed away over the summer. Recently, family, friends and classmates all gathered around Jakob's Tree to install a permanent sign in his memory. Tanner Chavez, a Ruidoso High School student, was asked by his high school welding instructor if he would like to create a sign in Jakob's memory. "Tanner gladly accepted the honor and poured his heart into it," said David Mader RHS welding Instructor. Jakob's family and the Sierra Vista Primary family would like to thank Tanner for his kindness and caring.



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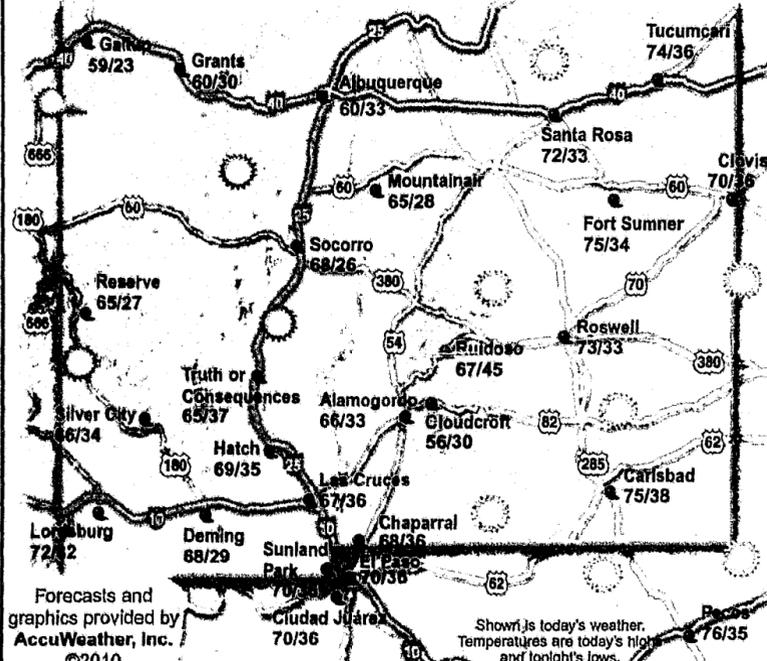
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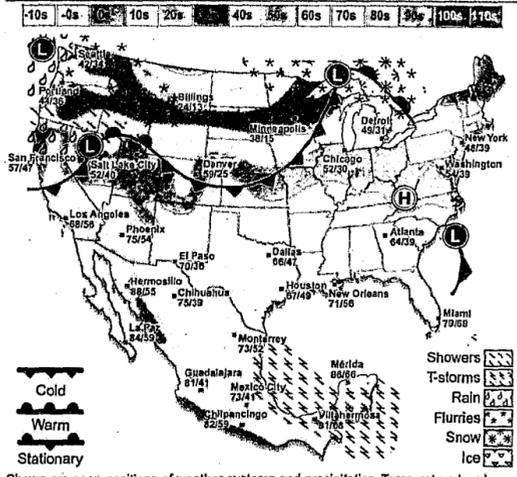
Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/low 50°/30°
Normal high 55°
Normal low 24°
Record high 72° (1981)
Record low 6° (1980)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date Trace
Normal month to date 0.56"
Year to date 20.65"
Normal year to date 20.57"
Pollen:
Grass Absent
Trees Absent
Weeds Low
Mold Low
Predominant Ragweed
Source: Eddie L. Gaines, MD, of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic

Alamogordo
Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/low 63°/33°
Normal high 63°
Normal low 35°
Record high 84° (1966)
Record low 20° (2009)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.01"
Normal month to date 0.45"
Year to date 12.39"
Normal year to date 11.89"

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Q: What causes lake-effect snow?
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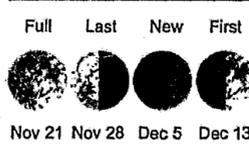
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Anchorage	27/8/s	28/11/pc	Artesia	75/43/s	85/49/s
Arlington	64/39/s	66/48/s	Chama	54/20/s	50/27/pc
Austin	68/43/s	74/60/pc	Clayton	68/31/s	69/33/s
Baltimore	52/33/s	58/34/s	Cloudcroft	58/30/s	58/23/s
Boston	46/36/s	54/30/pc	Farmington	57/26/s	59/36/pc
Chicago	52/30/pc	45/40/pc	Hobbs	74/38/s	78/38/s
Dallas	66/47/s	71/59/s	Los Alamos	57/28/s	54/27/pc
Denver	59/25/s	57/32/pc	Portales	73/34/s	73/35/s
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Detroit	49/31/pc	43/33/pc	Red River	52/18/s	48/23/pc
El Paso	70/36/s	72/42/s	Ruidoso	67/45/s	64/46/s
Las Vegas	68/51/s	62/50/pc	Santa Fe	60/26/s	59/29/pc
Los Angeles	68/56/pc	64/52/r	Silver City	66/34/s	66/36/s
Minneapolis	38/15/pc	31/28/c	Taos	56/18/s	55/26/pc
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Phoenix	75/54/s	75/54/s			
Reno	54/34/pc	42/29/sn			
San Francisco	57/47/pc	55/45/r			
San Diego	64/57/pc	64/55/r			
Seattle	42/34/r	41/31/sh			
Tucson	80/50/s	80/48/pc			
Tulsa, OK	63/42/s	67/53/pc			
Wash., DC	54/39/s	60/40/s			
Wichita	58/33/s	58/38/s			
Yuma	80/56/s	73/54/pc			

Sun and Moon

Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:37 a.m./4:59 p.m.
Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 3:30 p.m./4:39 a.m.

Moon Phases



Extremes

Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 89° in Edinburg, TX
Low: -2° in Pinedale, WY

Wednesday's World High/Low:
High: 109° in Fitzroy Crossing, Australia
Low: -67° in Summit Station, Greenland



COURTESY LISA MAUE

Dr. Clayton Alred, left, accepts a check for the ENMU-Ruidoso President's Scholarship Fund from Curtis Williamson and Schlotzsky's.

Christmas trees

The smell of a fresh cut pine tree is an aroma that stays in your mind. Venturing into the forest to choose and cut a Christmas tree has been part of family traditions for many years and the center piece of the holiday season celebration.

The Lincoln National Forest is issuing Christmas Tree permits for \$5 each, one per household. The permits can be purchased through Dec. 24, or by mail until Dec. 11.

Any live evergreen tree up to 10 feet in height can be cut down or dug-up, in the Smokey Bear, Sacramento, or Guadalupe Ranger Districts, as designated by a map accompanying the permit.

Do not cut trees on private lands, within Wilderness areas or District Ranger Office locations.

Permits may be purchased at:

- All Lincoln National Forest Offices in Alamogordo, Cloudercroft, Ruidoso, and Carlsbad
 - Chamber of Commerce offices in Alamogordo, Cloudercroft, Ruidoso and Roswell
 - Walmart Stores in Alamogordo, Las Cruces, Carlsbad, and Ruidoso Downs at the customer service department
 - Smokey Bear Historical State Park - Capitan
 - Mountain Top Mercantile in Cloudercroft
 - Queen Store - Queen
- Mail-in applications are available among other places at the same forest service offices, at Chamber of Commerce Offices in Alamogordo, Cloudercroft, Ruidoso, Carlsbad, Artesia, Clouis, Hobbs, Jal, Las Cruces, Lovington, Portales, Roswell and, in Texas, El Paso, Lubbock, Midland, and Odessa.
- U.S. Post Offices in Alamogordo, Tularosa, Carrizozo and El Paso.
 - Holloman Air Force Base - Outdoor Recreation
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agement Offices - Las Cruces and Roswell

Visit any Lincoln National Forest Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, to purchase a permit. Maps and specific instructions are provided with the mail-in or in-person permit purchase. Visitors are urged to call ahead for the latest travel and weather conditions. All sales are final.

For more information on the Christmas Tree permit program, call the Smokey Bear Ranger District at 575-257-4095.

Giving thanks

Everyone is invited to join in service of Thanksgiving sponsored by the Lincoln County Mescalero Ministerial Alliance, at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Rd., in Ruidoso.

The special service will include music by the J Bar J Gospel Praise Band and the First Christian Church Chancel Choir. The message will be offered by John Duncan, minister at Gateway Church of Christ.

Worshippers are encouraged to bring donations of non-perishable foods for the Lincoln County Food Bank.

After the service everyone is invited to stay for fellowship during a reception.

Tree recycling

Keep Ruidoso Beautiful, the Village of Ruidoso Parks and Recreation and Solid Waste Departments, and Sierra Contracting will host the annual Christmas tree recycling program at School House Park in Ruidoso between Dec. 26 and Jan. 16.

The School House Park drop-off location is in the temporary orange fenced area between the swimming pool and the recycling dumpsters. Both green and flocked trees (fake snow) are accepted. All tree stands, lights, ornaments and other tree decorations must be removed for the safety of the crews and machinery.

Please do not illegally dump Christmas trees at other trash disposal dumpsters or compactors locations.

County residents with trees cut into pieces four feet or less may also place in their normal yard waste location. Carrizozo residents can drop discarded trees by Town Hall for proper disposal. Capitan residents should drop discarded trees off at the town equipment yard. Corona area residents should drop off Christmas trees to be recycled at the Corona waste disposal and recycling center near the railroad tracks.

Any county resident can also take trees to the School House Park recycling area.

There are many uses for discarded Christmas trees instead of burying them in the landfill. Other uses for trees discarded on private property include

- Erosion control and soil stabilization in ravines and arroyos
- Compost and mulch
- Habitat for birds and other small animals
- Firewood

Trees discarded at the School House Park site will be converted into mulch and made available to County residents at the White Mountain School and Schoolhouse Park sites.

Nationally, approxi-

mately 93 percent of the real Christmas trees are recycled through community programs. A good rule of thumb is to take your tree to the drop off location in the same condition as you would find it naturally in the forest.

For more information on Christmas tree recycling, contact Ruidoso Parks and Recreation at 257-5030 or the Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697, toll free, 1-877-548-8772 or via email at gswa@greentreeswa.org. Christmas tree recycling information is available on the Authority website at www.greentreeswa.org.

Penmanship

Joel Hamilton, President of the Pen Collectors of America, will discuss pens of the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries Saturday at Coffee & More on Granada Street in Tularosa.

Hamilton will touch on the major manufacturers of the Golden Age of Fountain Pens, talk about filling systems and show examples of some of the most popular pens and filing systems of the time.

He will also have some modern and vintage pens and ephemera for sale and will appraise pens. Joel has been repairing and selling pens for more than 15 years.

Festival of Lights

The Festival of Lights season, which began last weekend with the annual Christmas Jubilee, continues into Thanksgiving week next week.

Midtown will be a festive shopping area with white sparkling lights and snowflakes, while skiing and tubing areas are scheduled to open in late November.

"Snowy with a Chance of Sparkle" is the theme of the 10th annual Parade of

Lights held on Dec. 4. Parade Marshal will be Steve Stucker, KOB-TV weatherman. The parade has been voted one of the Top USA Events by the American Bus Association.

Local organizations are invited to be a part of the parade providing a sense of community, fun entertainment and a unique way to advertise. Applications are available at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce or at www.Ruidoso-Festivals.com. They must be received by Nov. 20.

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OUR OPINION

Airport searches erode civil rights

"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."
— Benjamin Franklin

They've been called profane, degrading, intrusive and indecent. We call the new airport security tactics a violation of the 4th Amendment — "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures..."

Forcing Americans to undergo a virtual strip-search or physical groping in order to board an airplane is a slippery

slope of vanishing civil liberties. What's next? Body scans at the workplace? Train stations? Subways? Ballparks? Sidewalks? Gas stations?

And from what we understand, these X-rays do not detect the type of plastic explosives we should be seeking. The Transportation Security Administration conducting these searches is a bloated federal bureaucracy. They can't possibly care as much about airplane safety as the airlines, themselves, which should be hiring private firms to protect their flying customers.

Use profiling, psychology, our intelligence network. Use some common sense.

Heinrich unafraid to run on his record

Remember two years ago at this time? Remember how every pundit, talking head and high profile political reporter not employed by Rupert Murdoch and/or Fox "News" (and a few who were) busied themselves with the task of burying the remains of the Republican Party?

Democrats had swept everything: the presidency, Senate and Congressional races, even in Republican strongholds, along with gubernatorial contests galore.

A major party realignment is underway, we were assured.

It was balderdash, pure and simple, just as it's nonsense now to think the GOP sweep this year signals the demise of the Democratic Party, as the current conventional wisdom contends.

To be sure, it was a big win for Republicans. But when you get past the hyperbole and hysterics, many of those Congressional seats which contributed to that big win were in the very same Republican "strongholds" Democrats cracked in 2008.

Just look at what happened here in New Mexico.

Democrat Harry Teague surprised not a few two years ago by pulling off a win in the state's 2nd Congressional District. Since that victory, however, the congressman has been running uphill, precisely because this is a district that had been firmly in GOP hands since August of 1980, when the late Democratic U.S. Rep. Harold Runnels died.

Come Election Day 2010, it returned to GOP hands, after one of the nastiest Congressional campaigns in state history. Steve Pearce may have mud on his feet when he walks through the Capitol Rotunda to reclaim his old seat, but reclaim it he will.

It was an altogether different story in the state's 1st Congressional District.

Here is a seat which, until two years ago, had been in the GOP column since its inception in 1969, when Republican Manuel Lujan Jr. made it his own. After Lujan came

Republican Steve Schiff, followed by another Republican, Heather Wilson. For nearly 40 years, the District 1 House seat belonged to the GOP.

There had been close calls. In 2006, Wilson eked out a win with barely 800 votes out of the more than 21,000 cast. But until two years ago, when a youngish former Albuquerque city councilor, Martin Heinrich, chalked up an impressive victory, no Democrat ever went to Congress from District 1.

So come 2010 even some state Democrats wondered if Heinrich could make it two in a row by holding on to the central New Mexico district. He did, with just short of 52 percent of the vote, after a hard-



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fought campaign in which his Republican rival, Albuquerque school board member Jonathan Barela, posted a controversial negative TV ad loaded with demonstrably untrue accusations against Heinrich.

That particular ad, which hit the air just as polls began showing Barela pulling slightly ahead, may actually have backfired on the GOP candidate when news reports started focusing on its shocking disregard for accuracy and truthfulness. Certainly, it fired up the strong, volunteer-driven Heinrich get-out-the-vote push as Election Day neared.

Perhaps more important, throughout his campaign Heinrich never flinched in defending his and his party's record over the past two years — the historic health insurance reforms, tightened regulations on Wall Street and an economic stimulus package that stemmed the slide into what loomed as a full-scale depression.

After the election Heinrich offered supporters his own take on the outcome. "Those of us who won," he said, "did so by having the courage to stand by our legislative decisions — to run on, and not away, from our records."

What a novel idea — a candidate campaigning on his record and winning!

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YOUR OPINION

Why does Larry Holt make the rules?

To the editor:

I WOULD LIKE to respond to Larry Holt's references in the article about closing the Fort Stanton Cemetery.

The lady "stirring things up" in the article has a name. My name is Mary Ann O'Dell. I retired from teaching school in Ruidoso in 2009. My husband is a retired Ruidoso Downs postmaster.

After we retired we took Doris Dixon, my husband's mother, out of a nursing home. We were told that she had approximately six months to live. As my mother is buried at Fort Stanton, we decided to bury my mother-in-law there, also. That is when I was told by Mr. Larry Holt that Fort Stanton is a veterans' cemetery and my mother-in-law could not be buried there.

Fort Stanton and its cemetery are supposed to be administered by the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs. Mr. Holt is not employed by the state of New Mexico. Inexplicably though, he does decide who is allowed to be interred there. The Fort Stanton Cemetery is not a veterans' cemetery, and I have been told by a representative of the Department of Veterans Services that it never was under their jurisdiction. Mr. Holt and Fort Stanton, Inc., a private company, have decided they can make it into a veterans' cemetery. Our veterans' cemeteries in New Mexico are in Santa Fe and Fort Baird.

I have outrageously been accused of being against veterans! Those of you who know me also know my precious, 35-year-old, baby daughter is a disabled veteran. You know my husband, Thomas O'Dell, is a Vietnam veteran.

My brother, Eddie Fitzpatrick, was a member of the 101st Airborne in Vietnam. My brother, Bill Fitzpatrick, is a veteran

of the Korean War. My Uncle Walker Leslie lost a leg at Pearl Harbor. My husband's father was a WWII vet left for dead on a German battlefield.

As far as I am concerned, the use of the Fort Stanton Cemetery is not about veterans. Initially, my concern was about trying to keep my loved ones together. Now it is the use of public lands and public funds.

Your article states that a \$3 million grant was turned down by the State of New Mexico. One million dollars was to be used to restore a building at Fort Stanton, and the \$2 million remainder was to purchase 13 acres and upgrade the cemetery. Do the math. And as Arsenio Hall says, "Things that make you go, 'Hm?' It was probably a fiscally responsible decision to turn down the grant.

Afterwards, the State of New Mexico went ahead and spent \$1 million to upgrade the building into a museum, anyway. Fort Stanton, Incorporated, a private company, runs the museum at Fort Stanton. Fort Stanton is not a whirlwind of tourist activity. One wonders how long until the State of New Mexico will break even on its investment.

Fort Stanton, Incorporated also rents out at least one, and possibly more, of the old houses at Fort Stanton. To me, it seems that the state should be in charge of renting or leasing out its property.

An article written by Anne Constable for the *Santa Fe New Mexican* titled, "N.M. Budget Crunch Puts Exempt Hires In Spotlight," is quite informative. In particular, Ms. Constable spotlights the Department of Cultural Affairs. I quote, "But the spotlight is on the exempt employees who do not hold positions authorized under state statute. Some are paid more

than \$80,000 a year."

In addition to their big salaries, exempt employees who manage to hang on to their government jobs for five years can qualify for a pension at age 65 equal to 15 percent of their final average salary, which is based on their highest-paid 36 consecutive months. If you want more information about this article, it is online. Just Google "N.M. budget crunch puts exempt hires in spotlight." You can contact Anne Constable at 505-986-3022 or aconstable@sfnmexican.com.

Based on a \$450 million projected budget deficit, New Mexico has to face reality when it comes to expenditures. I do not want teachers' positions cut. I do not want the students in New Mexico to get a second-rate education.

However, as a former educator I know from where the budget cuts will likely come. We do not need our tax dollars spent on behalf of a private company like Ft. Stanton, Inc. Preserving the fort is a noble endeavor, but use private funds, not state or federal monies.

We also do not need our tax dollars spent on a governor appointing friends to cabinet level positions to repay political favors.

Please contact our new governor Susana Martinez and tell her not to give Fort Stanton, Inc. any more money. Tell her to do away with the Department of Cultural Affairs; the New Mexico State Parks Division should be able to absorb the seven monuments, seven museums and a cultural center from Cultural Affairs. I have two email addresses to use. www.infoCdSusannamartinez2@OIO.com or www.martineztransition.com. We have to be prudent with our tax dollars.

Mary Ann O'Dell Nogal

Hospital presentation felt like rush job

To the editor:

REGARDING THE very professional presentation of the Lincoln County Medical Center Master Plan by Mr. Al Santos, Administrator, at the Tuesday, Nov. 16 meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners:

In view of the fiscal significance of the commitment to the plan being requested of the Commissioners, it would have been helpful to increased public understanding if Mr. Santos had:

- Indicated the expected economic development impacts of the plan over all four phases in terms of jobs created by the construction activities as well as enhancement of the attractive-

ness of Lincoln County to new residents and business expansion.

- Shown the demographic trend projections which are the foundations of the plan. Mr. Santos' presentation focused on the physical elements of the plan and how they are proposed to be implemented over time.

It would also have been helpful to the taxpayers to get a look at the research which was done on trends in population and household growth, age, income, household size, education, employment and occupations in the service area over the plan's time horizon.

Presumably, this type of

research formed the basis for the decision-making on the elements and timetable for the plan's implementation.

Additionally, it would have been helpful if the Commissioners had discussed with Mr. Santos the issue of whether and how the proposed Medical Center Master Plan is consistent with the Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan.

It is hoped that all of the above issues will be addressed in future public discussions of this very ambitious plan for an important healthcare resource here.

Robert A. Moeller Nogal

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'Ruidoso News' captures three awards in state contest

The *Ruidoso News* again shined in the annual "Better Newspaper Contest" held by the New Mexico Press Association. On Saturday in Albuquerque, The *News* took home three awards in the Weekly Class I division: County reporter Julie Carter won second place in Columns; sports editor Mike Curran won first place in Sports Columns; editor Marty Racine won first place in Editorials. This is Carter's second award in the statewide competition, Curran's first and Racine's third. Below are the winning entries, published July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010, and comments from the judges, participating this year from the Montana Newspaper Association.

Julie Carter



God bless the country folk

July 24, 2009

Judge: "Neat treatment, Julie. Dancing is good for the body and mind and you've made a good point."
(Bob Gilluly, *Great Falls Tribune*)

Is dancing on a dirt floor and laughing in the rain a sign that, maybe, perhaps, we the people are headed back to some basics in life?

Through my job, I've paid pretty close attention to rural trends and traditions for the past decade, hot on the trail of fun with a camera and keyboard. I recorded, documented, cussed, discussed and inquired myself through event after event throughout the years.

In the beginning, the families that had young children they watched and worried over, have now seen them off on their first date followed too soon, by seeing them off to college.

Those who had toddlers that crawled in the dirt under the bleachers at the 4th of July rodeo and dug in the sand pile at the county fair are now waiting late for them at the rodeo dance.

Year after year, it was the same, sometimes a few new faces, but life moved through its paces like a filmstrip on a steadily turning reel.

Country folk have always been able to find a way to enjoy life using what was at hand. All it took was family and friends with a dose of food and some music. Ingredients for happy moments.

None of that has changed much. Even this far into the age of high-tech living where those same kids own iPods, cell phones and laptop computers, the basics of rural family entertainment still remain.

Those boot-scootin' teens will happily show up at a country dance - hats on, belt buckles shining and smiles that light up a barn.

It started when they were barely big enough to walk. Momma or Daddy took them out on the dance floor and danced with them. By the time they were in the fourth grade, they were finding their own dancing partners, usually someone they had played with in the mud under the bleachers

when they were toddlers.

A huge part of this country is living in situations and circumstances that are far from entertaining or uplifting. Fear and worry feed the stress they wear on their faces.

I believe the majority of people in those places have forgotten how to have fun. They have no way to fight it except with what ends up as addictions and a boiling rage at life in general.

I know people have been dancing in barns on dirt floors since they invented barns. They've laughed and smiled in the rain since the beginning of rain, except for, maybe, those folks stuck on the shore while the ark floated off over the horizon.

However, what I see now, and I could just be all dusty and/or wet, is a new levity of spirit as folks gather to celebrate something worthwhile, something simple.

It seems to me the smiles come easier, folks laugh more readily and there is an elevated appreciation for friendships and the freedom to be happy.

A joyful spirit is a generous spirit and when there is a need, even the poor will pull out their pockets and empty them for a cause. That fuels even more joy. Pie auctions and passing the hat are two of the original bailout plans.

Is this the upside of a disastrous economy and uncertainty for tomorrow? Are we, the people, finally realizing that what we have right here in front of us is precious and that simple things can bring great pleasure?

I'm just saying, I'm convinced those folks dancing in the barn and smiling in the rain have something figured out. The recipe isn't new, but the enthusiasm is renewed.

I'm all for passing a little more of that around.

Julie, who never did learn the Cotton-eyed Joe, can be reached for comment at jcarter@ruidosonews.com.

Mike Curran



'Who is that vagrant?'

June 4, 2010

Judge: "Well-written and funny. Ties together a personal story with a topic of public interest. Offers a rare look into the personal life of a MLB manager."
(Joe Nowakowski, *Montana Standard*, Butte)

Life can sometimes be hideous and unnerving - especially during the downside moments of life's roller-coaster ride.

Not possessed of any intellectual gifts I sometimes envy those who seemingly never forget a fact, a face or an experience.

I don't know about you but when I see people out of their element or at an event where you wouldn't expect to see them I don't always recognize who they are immediately. Sometimes, I never do. It's embarrassing, causes me mental discomfort and is worrisome.

I've always had this affliction and on occasion it has made me look somewhat less than intelligent, or worse, aloof.

Many years ago, I took to the habit of calling men "sport" and women "kid" so as not to seem uncaring or inattentive. I just could not recall their names in a respectful matter of time.

Let me tell you a story about one of my more disquieting experiences, but one, which, in the end, proved to be pleasantly memorable.

My son was 9-years-old and had been committed to baseball, year-round, for two years. When not playing, he practiced pitching and hitting, outside when he could and inside when weather forced him to - four times a week.

He and I had grown tired of the politics of Little League in our area so we thought we would see if he could make the Beaver Valley Reds team - an elite traveling USSSA/AAU squad in the city.

I knew the Reds were comprised of some of the more talented athletes around town but I also knew my son had been taught to hit by one of the finest hitting instructors in the U.S. - Frank Porco. Maybe the boy had a chance, even if it was a slim one.

I called the manager of the Reds three times

before he finally returned my calls and when he did he seemed dismissive.

"Look, Mr. Curran, this is January and my roster is tentatively full for the coming season," he said. "What's your kid's name? Where are you guys from?"

When I answered he replied, "Yeah, we've heard of him. I tell you what; you guys come down to our indoor facilities. I'll give him three nights to make a believer out of me."

I knew the coach was only giving my son a "shot" out of respect and didn't believe anything would come of it. But still, it was an opportunity and we were quick to take it.

The appointed evening came and we made the 1 1/2-hour drive without much conversation. We were both highly nervous and I didn't want to confuse the issue by reminding him of everything he already knew.

"Look on the bright side son, after you're finished we'll get a bunch of hot dogs at the Brighton Grill. They're the very best in the country and it's right up the street from the Reds training center."

"Are they really the best, dad?" the 9-year-old asked.

"When you bite into one you'll see ... and that will be the proof," I confidently answered him.

When we arrived to the hitting facility the only admonishment I gave him was, "Remember, you represent Mr. Porco. Just do what he's taught you." "Yes, dad," he said. After introducing ourselves to the manager we went to the fastball-hitting cage as instructed and waited our turn.

I was apprehensive to say the least but I stood off to the side, against a wall, and kept my mouth shut as I promised the 9-year-old I would.

When my son entered the cage he didn't seem agitated at all. It was second nature to him and he

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Marty Racine



Capitan: A village divided

Feb. 24, 2010

Judge: "An old-time, kick-butt type of editorial - with a clear endorsement of several candidates and a clear condemnation of others. Well laid-out arguments to remove city officials - point by point. A tradition political editorial at its finest."
(John Barrows, Montana Newspaper Association)

These are trying times for Capitan, a village divided by four years of Sam Hammons' administration.

Hammons, who's seeking a second term, asserted during a recent candidates forum that his door is always open. Tell that to those he belittles publicly and privately.

Tell that to concerned citizens he berates and insults in his monthly report mailed with the water bill.

In 2006, Hammons removed a popular, effective police chief, Robert Bird, over citizens' wishes. He furnished a "letter of complaint" against Bird fabricated by Lilly Wood, whom he had appointed to the board of trustees.

Some allege that today's police department, under Chief Randy Spear, is conducting a "reign of terror" on the citizenry; many feel targeted for harassment with minor traffic violations.

Capitan has become so identified as a speed trap that residents and visitors are steering clear of the city limits, denting the local economy. The town is perceived as an unfriendly destination.

In 2008, Village Clerk Kay Strickland, a Hammons' pick, mishandled the municipal election, submitting 86 unsigned early votes. The village has incurred exorbitant attorney fees due to procedure.

There is a feeling that the mayor is accountable only to a select few - a perception toxic to any sense of community. Therefore, the *Ruidoso News* supports George Tippin for mayor and Dennis Haskell and Ricky LaMay for the two trustee seats.

Tippin cares about his community. He brings experience and institutional memory to Village Hall, having served as a trustee from 2002-06. He knows the lay of the land.

Named the 2008 Chamber of Commerce "Volunteer of the Year," Tippin is

active in civic affairs. He founded the Capitan Farmers Market and he and his father sponsor anti-litter campaigns. His wife is a well-known shopkeeper. And residing in the downtown core, Tippin is visible and engaged.

Conversely, the third mayoral candidate, Bernie Reimann, has not been involved in community business for years.

His platform is centered on ousting Spear, Strickland and the traffic cop, Sean McGarry. But it is irresponsible for a candidate to preemptively fire village personnel. Not to mention - he couldn't, as mayor, summarily replace employees without ratification by the board of trustees.

Tippin is prudent to wait until he's in office, then take the police department under advisement after consulting the chief, the board of trustees and concerned citizens.

Because Officer McGarry is not necessarily the problem.

Police Chief Spear is not necessarily the problem.

And for that matter, Clerk Strickland is not necessarily the problem.

The problem - an attitude - stems from the top: from the mayor. Just by treating folks with dignity, Tippin will immediately improve the atmosphere at Village Hall and make possible more substantive progress.

He'll need a fresh board of trustees. LaMay, a fourth-generation county resident, and Haskell both have the town's interest at heart. Both are calling for unity and open government; for managed growth and a cleaner image. Both have extensive business backgrounds and will promote Capitan's better side.

In December, a broad contingent of Capitan citizens gathered to dis-

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BUSINESS

Changes are proposed for VOR Lodgers Tax spending

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Some changes to the way the Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee decides funding for special events advertising are being pondered by the committee.

One of the proposed adjustments would affect advertising funding for first year events.

"It didn't do what was intended," said committee chair Cindi Clayton-Davis.

She told the committee the procedure before a village council change in August 2009 should be brought back. Previously first year event organizations had to match 20 percent of the lodgers tax funding allocated for advertising with a limit of up to \$10,000 per event. The 2009 change on first year events required a 20 percent match by the organization up to the first \$5,000 of lodgers tax funding. Additional funding, up to the \$10,000 limit, was on a dollar for dollar match.

"Of all the first year events that were awarded, none of them had been able to get to the \$10,000," said Clayton-Davis. No one's every going to afford that."

She suggested big events could be considered for funding on a case-by-

case basis.

"If the national something-something came to us and said if you'll help us with 'X,' we'll bring that event to town, then we could look within our budget and say that would be great. If you're bringing 80,000 Corvettes into town, yeah, we'll help out on that."

Discussion by the committee then turned to what organizers expect will be the attendance at their event. Clayton-Davis said the anticipated number of attendees should be visitors from outside the "immediate area."

"Why wouldn't we consider a finite figure like 75 miles?" committee member Brad Treptow asked of the "immediate area" designation.

Media consultant Brad Cooper, who sits on Lincoln County's Lodgers Tax Committee, said the county commission did not like the 75-mile rule and the wide circle was not adopted on the county level.

He said the mileage range of expected attendees was left to the discretion of the county's lodgers tax panel.

To receive advertising help from the state, the organizer must show New Mexico's Tourism

Department that attendees will come from beyond 75 miles.

"You can still have someone come up from Roswell and spend the night," Clayton-Davis said of the immediate area designation. "Our purpose is to put heads-in-beds."

Committee member Tom Wood said the panel would have some flexibility in not having the 75-mile requirement.

Funding to help special events draw people to Ruidoso is about 8 percent of the village lodgers tax budget, or \$75,000.

Treptow said the committee should look at how the Ruidoso Valley Greeters promote their annual Christmas Jubilee, reaching out effectively well beyond 75 miles.

"They do it right for a small amount," Treptow said. "They've got it down."

Cooper said if the committee "really wants to become hardcore," cut out funding for events during the summer.

"Put a \$10,000 bounty on some weekends like Halloween."

No amendments were recommended for village council consideration.

"Jell on it. Think about it," Clayton-Davis told the committee.

AAA predicts more holiday traveling, less spending

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More New Mexicans will travel next week for the Thanksgiving Day holiday compared to a year ago.

And they may take of a trip of at least 50 miles during the Christmas to New Years holiday as well.

But holiday gift spending probably will not increase, according to a poll conducted by AAA New Mexico.

The motoring organization in the state said this week that they expected more than 3 million travelers to take a trip of 50 miles or more in the Mountain States region during the Thanksgiving weekend.

That would be an almost 11 percent increase over 2009.

Nationally, next week's holiday was predicted to bring a more than 11 percent increase from 2009.

The overwhelming majority of travelers will use automobiles.

The poll, taken online last month by more than 200 AAA New Mexico members, indicated local residents plan to take more holiday trips and spend slightly more on travel this month and next, but won't

increase their holiday gift budgets compared to 2009.

The second annual AAA New Mexico Winter Holiday Shopping and Travel Poll revealed that consumers in the Land of Enchantment intend to slightly increase their budgets for at least one trip over the Thanksgiving-Christmas holidays.

They are more likely to sightsee or shop on their trips, and are planning to spend slightly less on holiday gifts as they did last year.

Forty-eight percent of surveyed New Mexicans said they plan to take at least one holiday trip this year, compared to 39 percent last year, while 41 percent said they would definitely not travel.

That is a five percent decline from last year's non-travelers in the survey.

When they answered the survey last month, the AAA New Mexico said 11 percent said they were still undecided about taking a holiday getaway compared to 15 percent who were undecided in 2009.

Among those planning to take a trip, 70 percent said they plan to spend at least \$500 on the trip, compared to 66 percent of trav-

elers a year ago.

"While consumers are still feeling the effects of the recession in many areas of discretionary spending, members coming into our branches have been more willing this year to book formal vacations," said Ana Gonzalez, AAA New Mexico regional manager.

More holiday trips will be to locations outside New Mexico (29 percent this year versus 10 percent last year.)

During holiday shopping, 38 percent of New Mexico who took part in the poll said they plan to spend at least \$500 on gifts for Christmas, compared to 34 percent last year.

They also plan to shop around more for gifts, with 74 percent planning to shop at discount stores compared to 67 percent last year, and 57 percent planning to shop at department stores compared to 49 percent in 2009.

Shoppers are more likely to buy books (63 percent versus 54 percent) or flowers and cards (18 percent versus 12 percent) as holiday gifts, but don't plan to change their shopping habits in other product categories.

TACO TIME



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Robeltaco's opened Nov. 6 in the former Morsels location at 2919 Sudderth Dr., near the entrance to the Upper Canyon. It is part of a well-known taco chain with restaurants in Las Vegas, Nev. and San Diego. The new eatery touts real, fresh Mexican food. A Robeltaco's also opened recently in Socorro with another expected to open in Elephant Butte in early December, said Elisha Lopez. The Ruidoso restaurant is open seven days a week, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. The breakfast menu is served all day, said Lopez. Orders to go are available. Pictured are, l-r, Angel Lopez, Elisha Lopez and Heliodoro Lopez-Orozco.

NM food insecurity improved

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New Mexico's food insecurity ranking has improved. But almost 15 percent of families in the state still had difficulty providing enough food during 2009.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently released its Household Food Security in the United States report for 2009, which found New Mexico moving up seven spots from the previous year to 12th in the country for food insecurity at 14.7 percent compared to 16.1 percent in 2008.

The USDA ranked New Mexico 32nd in the nation for families with "very low" food security.

"There are still far too many families having difficulty providing enough food for all of their family members," said Katie Falls, New Mexico's Human Services Department Secretary.

"But it is nice to see an improvement from the previous year. The Human Services Department has been working diligently over the past eight years with our community partners and sister agencies to find solutions to end hunger in New Mexico and

the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) has been an instrumental part of the solution."

The number of SNAP participants has grown over the past year by 22 percent and is currently serving 167,968 eligible families in the state. During the month of October more than \$50 million in SNAP benefits were distributed to New Mexico families.

In Lincoln County, 15.1 percent, or 3,183 people, were helped with SNAP in August.

Families with incomes up to 165 percent of the federal poverty level qualify to apply for the program previously known as Food Stamps.

For example, a family of four with a monthly income below \$3,032 would likely qualify.

Other programs that are instrumental in serving low-income families include the Emergency Food Assistance Program, the Woman, Infant and Child Program, the School Lunch Program, the Summer Lunch Program, the Senior Meals Program, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Many of the programs are available in

Lincoln County.

The Ruidoso Municipal School District has the Summer Lunch Program in place.

In addition, New Mexico has a strong food bank network through the New Mexico Association of Food Banks.

"The USDA study found that nationally 57 percent of all food insecure households participated in one or more of the three largest federal food and nutrition assistance programs during the month prior to the 2009 survey," said Nancy Pope, director of the NM Collaboration to End Hunger.

"As the collaboration finalizes the next five year plan, all of our 80-plus partners will continue to focus our efforts in helping our hungry neighbors access these programs."

The Human Services Department has a local office at 26387 U.S. Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs for questions about and to apply for assistance.

The Lincoln County Food Bank is located at the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs.

The food pantry's hours are 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Scholarships

After recently presenting a check for scholarships to ENMU-Ruidoso President Clayton Alred, Schlotsky's will do it

again. The restaurant's Lotz Better fundraiser will provide 15 percent of its sales next Tuesday evening to Phi Theta Kappa at ENMU-Ruidoso.

The donations will apply

from 4 p.m. until closing on Nov. 23.

Schlotsky's, at 2812 Sudderth Dr., in Ruidoso, periodically holds the fundraisers for organizations in the community.

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Texas-New Mexico Partnership papers win awards

ALBUQUERQUE — The Texas-New Mexico Newspapers Partnership, of which the *Ruidoso News* is a member, fared well in The New Mexico Press Association's 2010 Better Newspapers Contest at their annual meeting Saturday.

The *Alamogordo Daily News* won 10 awards in its category, in addition to The Associated Press Member of the Year award. The award is presented each year to the AP member

newspaper that best exhibits the news-sharing spirit of the AP cooperative.

Other Partnership winners included the *Ruidoso News* (three awards), *Carlsbad Current-Argus* (three), *Farmington Daily Times* (four), *Las Cruces Sun-News* (three) and the *Deming Headlight* (two).

The *Albuquerque Journal* and *Clovis News-Journal* won the overall General Excellence awards for daily newspaper divisions. The *Taos News* and

El Defensor Chieftain in Socorro received General Excellence awards in the weekly newspaper divisions.

Jason Auslander of the *Santa Fe New Mexican* won Story of the Year honors for his investigation of problems at Santa Fe County's magistrate court.

The Journalist of the Year award went to Mike Gallagher of the *Albuquerque Journal* for his investigative series on a scandal involving New Mexico gov-

ernment pension investments.

The winners of those awards were selected from first-place winners in the news writing categories.

"I'm proud of the staff of the *Daily News* for their professional and ethical approach to providing the information our readers deserve," said *Alamogordo Daily News* publisher Mike Bell. "We have a great staff and I'm proud to be associated with each and every one of them."

CURRAN

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was probably thinking of those ambrosia-described, guaranteed hot dogs afterward.

It was a workmanlike effort on his part from the beginning.

After a few hits a man came over, stood immediately behind the cage, and watched each hit ball with focused interest.

The bystander was poorly dressed ... to say the least. A badly needed-to-be-washed nondescript pea-coat hat was pulled far down over the head but long unkempt salt-and-pepper hair was overtly revealed from beneath it.

The growth of a matching colored beard hadn't been on friendly terms with a razor for weeks.

A rumpled black sweat-shirt, which looked as though it had been wadded-up and stored in the trunk of an abandoned car, passed as top clothing.

It appeared to have traces of spaghetti sauce high on the left chest area.

The dark pants had not known a crease in some time — if ever, and had not had an intimate relationship with a washing machine in the recent past.

His haggard, slight frame looked as though it had experienced one too few meals at sometimes-visited soup kitchens.

I momentarily forgot the vagabond and watched my son.

After a while the street-looking person reached up and shut off the pitching machine.

"Who on earth is this guy?" I asked myself. "What am I getting us into?"

When my son came out of the cage the suspicious man put his right arm around the shoulders of my son and said, "Nice job, kid. Who taught you to hit?"

"Frank Porco, sir," my son answered.

"I thought so," the itinerant said. "I know Frank. Lets take a little stroll down to the curveball cage and see if he instructed you how to hold on a 'spinner.'"

And off they went. To say I was concerned about this individual would be an understatement.

Some time later I went outside to have a cigarette. I was happy with my son's effort, and whatever the outcome, I believed he did the best he could.

I heard a sound from against the poorly illuminated wall of the building.

There this guy was again, lingering surreptitiously in the semi-darkness ... only this time he had a lighted cigarette cupped in his right hand. He nodded and I did likewise.

He finished first and returned to the warmth of

the interior.

When I, too, re-entered, I saw the curious fellow deep in conversation with my son.

Obviously, from their arm and hand gestures it was about hitting mechanics. I was troubled.

I saw the manager at his desk, off to one side, and I quickly approached it.

"Sir, who is that vagrant talking to my son across the way?"

"Mr. Curran, I don't have time now to mess around," he said. "I've got two teams here with 27 kids and I need to pay attention to them."

"No, I'm not kidding," I pressed on. "Just tell me who he is, that is if you know him, and I'll leave."

"Alright, I'll play your game. That's Jim Leyland, former manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates and World Series winning skipper of the Florida Marlins. His kid is the catcher on the team your son just made. He's helping me out this year. There, are you happy now?"

"I'm happy for my son

but a little distressed about the other thing," I sheepishly replied. "I'll be leaving your presence now. Let's talk again."

For a few minutes I stood around and watched my son finish a conversation with Leyland.

As we got into the car for the ride to hot dog heaven my son asked me, "Hey dad, I'm sure glad I made the team ... but who was that older man who kept talking to me?"

I gave my boy a look of feigned disbelief and replied, "Are you kidding me? You don't know who that was?"

Minutes later, while downing the as-promised hot dogs at the Brighton Grill I told him the truth.

It was a glorious evening. He had a new team to play for, we ate the best hot dogs on this planet, or any other, and we laughed most of the way home.

Memories like that, between a father and son, could very well be the last thing a dad thinks of when he draws his final earthly breath.

RACINE

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cuss strategy for the March 2 municipal election — specifically how to unite against the incumbent.

For mayor, most supported Tippin, who independently had announced his candidacy months earlier. A few wanted Haskell, who, in the name of unity, opted instead to run for trustee.

With that decision, one disgruntled member of the

group found another man willing to do her bidding — Reimann. So much for a unified front.

A history lesson: In the 2006 Capitan election, Hammons won with less than 50 percent of the vote.

The totals in that race: Sam Hammons, 216 votes.

Ed Davis, 185 votes. Mary Brothers, 69 votes.

It's said that those who neglect history are doomed to repeat it. Let's hope Capitan gets it.

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Tribe receives mental health grant

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The Mescalero Apache Tribe was one of two tribal organizations to be awarded grants from the federal government's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

The tribe will receive \$999,163 to prevent substance abuse and mental illness.

Seven other grantees were non-tribal entities.

"Systems of care projects have consistently demonstrated improvements in emotional health and well-being of children and the ability of families to manage difficult health conditions," said SAMHSA Administrator Pamela S. Hyde.

"Systems of care bring to bear the full force of com-

munity resources on supporting families and meeting the needs of children with mental health challenges."

Half of all lifetime cases of mental and substance use disorders begin by age 14 and three-fourths by age 24.

Children's grants

To improve mental health services for children, SAMHSA awarded the nine new grants on Nov. 12 for a total of up to \$70.9 million over the next six years to expand care for children and youth with serious mental health issues.

The Mescalero Apache Tribe applied for the grant early this year. Testifying before the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in March, Mescalero student Coloradas Mangas

said tribal administrators had come to understand a need to meet the challenges of children and youth with serious mental health issues and applied for the grant.

Mangas' testimony on Capitol Hill came during a committee meeting on youth suicides in Indian Country.

The new grants are the latest to be awarded from SAMHSA's Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and their Families Program. In future years funding for individual grantees may range from up to \$760,297 to \$2 million.

The actual award amounts may vary, depending on the availability of funds and the progress made by the grantees.

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RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Nov. 10

10:55 p.m. — An officer responded to a home in the 200 block of Forest Lane. The property owner said dirty dishes were found in the sink. Pizza boxes and beer bottles were discovered in the trash. An electric toothbrush and Internet modem were missing.

The part-time resident said the last time he was at the home was in September. Police retrieved a beer bottle to check for fingerprints.

Nov. 11

9:11 a.m. — Two wooden carved bears disappeared from a residence in the 300 block of Mockingbird Ln. The items were valued at \$230. The homeowner said he had not been at the residence since late August.

9:25 p.m. — A woman went to the police station to report she believed she was taken by a hearing aid company.

She said she had purchased a pair of hearing aids—on Sept. 9 from Southwest Hearing Associates, which had had a location at 1311 Mechem Drive.

She said the company's Shane Jaramillo took a check for \$2,900 and she signed a contract. Hearing aids were never delivered

and she was unable to contact Southwest Hearing Associates.

The business had officers in Albuquerque, Ruidoso, Socorro and Truth or Consequences. A police report noted other potential victims had gone to Ruidoso Police and New Mexico State Police. The case was turned over to the department's Criminal Investigation Division.

Nov. 12

9:43 a.m. — Officer Jon Lund responded to a report of a possible counterfeit \$100 bill given to a business.

Lund took the bill to Lawrence Brothers IGA and used their machine to determine that the bill was real. He returned the bill to the owners.

Nov. 14

11:14 a.m. — Officer Tyrel Tyson responded to a report of a larceny in the 200 block of Cree Meadows Drive. The victim reported a chainsaw stolen from his truck the previous night.

4:30 p.m. — Police were called to The Backdoor, 2801 Sudderth Dr. on a report of an apparently drunk person causing damage. Skylar Reed, 18, of Ruidoso was arrested for being a minor who had consumed alcohol. His blood alcohol level was .15, according to a report. He was transported to the Lincoln County Medical Center.

4:52 p.m. — A victim came to the Police Department to report cash missing from her wallet while she was at work. The victim reported suspecting a co-worker who was parked next to her and left prior to her leaving. Her car was reportedly unlocked.

Nov. 15

7:55 a.m. — Officer Tyrel Tyson responded to a report of a burglary at Coffee Pronto on Mechem Drive. The door had been pried open and cash, a cell phone and a Leatherman tool were reportedly taken.

8:28 a.m. — A doctor at Lincoln County Medical Center reported his stethoscope missing. He said he remembered using it when examining a patient but was unable to locate it in that patient's room.

Officer Tyrel Tyson contacted the patient, who reportedly said that she had checked and could not find the stethoscope in her belongings she had brought home from the hospital. Tyson reports the woman called back a short time later to report that her

friend that had brought her home from the hospital found the stethoscope in the floorboard of her car and was returning it to the hospital. No charges were filed.

9:08 a.m. — Corporal Aaron Frost responded to a report of a violent domestic on Robin Road.

Frost reports that the argument was between a brother and sister about the sister and her boyfriend living with the siblings mother and was not physical. Frost did not issue any citations.

11:59 a.m. — Police received a report of a larceny from a home in the 100 block of Cree Meadows Drive. The home owner reported a watch, Indian head nickel and pendant were taken while she was away.

Nov. 16

2 a.m. — Corporal Mike Weaver responded to a report of a domestic in the 200 block of Cambridge Way. Weaver reports that it was a family argument and no charges have been filed yet.

10:47 p.m. Corporal Mike Weaver responded to a report of a fight in the parking lot of The Quarters. Weaver reports finding a male victim in the

parking lot with a cut in the back of his head. The victim was reportedly unable to tell Weaver what happened and was transported to Lincoln County Medical Center.

The bartender reportedly told Weaver that the victim had been drinking with a couple and she saw the man punch the victim in the face in the parking lot. Weaver interviewed the woman, who reportedly said she and her boyfriend, Rex Debord, 40, of Clovis, met the victim at the bar and were talking to him.

Debord then reportedly started singing Karaoke and became upset that the victim was talking to the girl while he was singing. In the parking lot, the victim reportedly asked Debord to come back inside and have another drink. Debord allegedly punched him in the face, knocking him to the ground, then dragged him from the side of the car to the front of the car.

When the girlfriend started to back the car away to leave, Debord reportedly grabbed the steering wheel.

She said she stopped the car and Debord got out and ran away. Police located Debord on Weldon Avenue and took him into custody.

Debord reportedly said his girlfriend was a flirt. Weaver contacted Magistrate Judge Lorena LaMay.

LaMay said Debord was on parole and ordered him held on a "no bond" hold. Weaver charged Debord with public affray, aggravated battery and violating the conditions of his parole.

Weaver said the victim was admitted to the hospital for further treatment and was still unresponsive when he checked on him later that evening.

Nov. 17

9:17 a.m. — Officer Chris Bryant responded to a request for assistance from Bureau of Indian Affairs officer Joshua Garcia.

Bryant reported that Garcia had information that Edgar Smith had sold firewood from the Mescalero Apache Reservation to an employee at Cooper Mountain Auto Body.

Garcia said Smith did not have a permit to cut and sell firewood from the Reservation. The employee agreed to relinquish the wood to Bryant, who signed it over to Garcia to be held in evidence at the BIA office in Mescalero. Garcia reportedly said charges would be filed against Smith.

Carrizozo chief of police files personal injury suit

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The Carrizozo chief of police has filed a civil suit in district court as a result of injuries sustained during the arrest of a Carrizozo man last March.

Chief Rachel Weiser is seeking compensatory and punitive damages from Gary Joe Lovelace and Lovelace's company, Carrizozo Ready Mix LLC. The injury incurred on the premises of the company.

The suit and a jury

demand were filed in the 12th District Court on Oct. 29 by Weiser's attorney Adam Rafkin.

Lovelace has 30 days to respond.

On March 4, 2010, Chief Weiser attempted to arrest Gary Lovelace, 50, as he was climbing into a piece of heavy equipment.

He turned and kicked Weiser in the face, causing her to fall to the ground, rendering her semi-unconscious and suffering from deep bruising and facial trauma.

Prior to sentencing in late September, Lovelace changed his plea from not guilty to no contest on the one count of aggravated battery peace officer involving great bodily harm and one count of aggravated battery upon a peace officer with a deadly weapon, both third degree felonies.

As part of sentencing, Lovelace was ordered to make reasonable restitution for medical expenses that are not settled in Civil Court proceedings.

He was also placed on

five years of supervised probation in lieu of six years of incarceration.

The suit alleges that "Lovelace negligently struck Weiser in the face with his foot."

The suit also claims that Lovelace's actions were "wanton or reckless and therefore warrant the imposition of punitive damages."

A peremptory excusal of

District Judge Karen Parsons was filed at the same time as the suit.

No court dates for the case have been set at this time.

RUIDOSO MAGISTRATE COURT

Nov. 10

Josef King appeared in Magistrate Court and pled no contest to charges of battery on a household member, assault on a household member and disorderly conduct under a plea and disposition agreement reached by defense attorney Gary Mitchell and Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman.

Under the agreement, the State dismissed three counts of child abuse and

aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

As per the agreement, Judge Lorena LaMay sentenced King to 364 days in jail, with 342 days suspended and credit for 22 days served in Lincoln County Detention Center, two years supervised probation and a \$1,000 fine, with \$800 suspended, on the battery on a household member charge.

LaMay suspended a 364 day sentence and \$900 of a

\$1,000 fine on the assault on a household member and placed King on 364 days of consecutive probation.

On the charge of disorderly conduct, LaMay suspended a 182 day jail sentence and a \$500 fine and ordered King to serve another 182 days of supervised probation concurrent with count one.

LaMay also ordered King to pay \$179 in court costs.

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Open letter to supporters of sexual assault prevention

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Dear Supporter of Sexual Assault Prevention:

There is no domain of crime and violence as fraught with misunderstanding and misconception as that of sexual violence.

Our local Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) and prevention and awareness activists promote the message that sexual assault is an extremely serious crime; however, the number of rapes that are actually prosecuted is a tiny fraction of the number committed in any year.

National statistics report that 83 percent of sexual assaults are never reported to the criminal justice system.

Ultimately, only a

handful of rapists ever serve time for rape, a shocking outcome given that rape typically ranks only second to homicide in the hierarchy of violent crimes.

The 2007 results of sexual assault reports for New Mexico are published in the New Mexico Interpersonal Violence Data Central Repository by Betty Caponera, Ph.D.

Dr. Caponera writes, "The data on lifetime prevalence and annual incidents of sexual assault crimes are quite discouraging. The rape of children and adolescents is out of proportion among rape victims and must be a primary focus of prevention, identification, investigation, and

prosecution efforts."

The negative effects of sexual violation during childhood cannot be overstated.

Indeed, the data shows that more than half (58 percent) of adults who seek treatment experienced a prior abuse in their childhood or adolescence.

Sexual assault prevention of the young is an extremely challenging and uphill battle as most of it happens under their own roofs (48 percent) or in the residences of other family members and friends (31 percent).

In 2009, there were 59 sexual assault exams performed by the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) of Otero and Lincoln County at

Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center.

Of those exams, 10 were ages 10 and under, 17 exams were of ages 11 through 19, 20 exams were ages 20 through 29.

There were 4 male victims. There were only six "stranger" suspects, only one suspect was female.

In 20 cases, alcohol was used to incapacitate. Fifty-four of these victims reported to local law enforcement.

National statistics report that 17 percent of victims will come forward to report the crime.

Of the 59 exams, 57 patients received a physical exam, 35 received pregnancy prevention medication, 46 received antibiotics to prevent

sexually transmitted infections.

Rape crisis counselors were with the patient at the time to begin the process of mental health assessment/treatment.

The two February 2010 performances of the award winning "Vagina Monologues" in Otero County brought in more than 450 people.

It raised \$3,713.80 to support four local organizations that serve victims of sexual assault and violence: the SANE Program, Kids Inc., Peace and Justice of La Luz, and COPE.

This event led to the performance of "The Vagina Monologues" in Lincoln County, attended by more than 400 people and doubling the

fund raising efforts.

Please join us in our continued efforts to end sexual violence and participate in the upcoming Feb. 4, 5, and 6, 2011 performances of "The Vagina Monologues" at the Rohovec Theatre and the April 9, 2011, "Take Back the Night" event at the Tays Center both on the NMSU-Alamogordo campus.

Thank you, Tina Godby-Ware, RN, BSN, SANE-A For more information, call 575-491-1557.

Tina Godby-Ware is the Coordinator of the SANE Program of Otero and Lincoln County.

There is a primary weapon for handling depression

JAMES D. MARTIN
For the Ruidoso News

The holidays are upon us and many of us will have mixed emotions to contend with during this time of the year.

As Milton Berle used to say, "We had a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. He sat on my right."

For many this time of the year can become quite formidable emotionally.

Emotional pain caused by significant losses of a loved one, loss of a job, a divorce, a debilitating illness - all of these bring grief to our lives.

As a result of these losses, our holiday traditions, that once brought us joy, become painful reminders of unanticipated changes

that seemingly have been forced upon us.

The feeling of separation becomes painfully poignant during the holidays.

I have found that those who are caught in a depressive cycle tend to identify the holidays as a time to raise the white flag and surrender to depression's sinister control.

It's as if all the shutters within your heart close up preventing any possibility of light.

Black moods and periods of doubt control you until this particular depressive cycle leaves.

Then you are relegated to wait until the next cycle begins.

But what if you changed the cycle? Believe it or not, it is within your power to

do so. Again, you may not be able to stop depression from descending upon you, but you can choose how you will respond to it.

As a kid, one of my favorite Christmas presents was a boxing clown.

This was an inflatable toy shaped and painted like a clown that had a round bottom with sand that caused it to stand upright.

The idea was to hit it as often as you wanted. It was a pushover - literally.

It never tried to fight back, never defended itself, never got mad at me.

Always smiling and standing still, it presented as a beautiful target I could pummel at my heart's content.

As a result, I lost every

fight I had with it!

You would think that since I was doing all the punching and the knocking down, I was the one who should have won.

But the clown had the advantage. Because of its round bottom, it never stayed knocked over.

No matter how many times I punched the clown's lights out, it always came back upright.

By the end of the fight, I was exhausted and worn out.

But my opponent, the clown, still stood there, smiling all the while.

Thus the perfect illustration of the weapon that actually is the most effective in fighting against depression's debilitating effects.

What is that weapon? The answer is perseverance. It's the choice you make to never give up or give in to your enemy called depression.

One of the most difficult tasks facing those who are attempting to help others who are in the throes of depression or grief is to convince that friend or patient to resist the temptation to raise that white flag of surrender.

The most important battle available to the depressed is finding the wherewithal to break depression's cycle that relies upon the surrender of one's will.

The process of deciding to fight depression, even when you don't feel like doing so, will give you more

control over your emotions and help you no longer feel like a victim.

If you are fighting depression my advice is to open your eyes to those around you who are available to help and let them assist in arming you with the perseverance necessary to break depression's deadly cycle.

JAMES D. MARTIN is the program manager of the Heritage Program for Senior Adults at the Lincoln County Medical Center. Heritage is a program designed to improve the quality of life for the older adult. Confidential screenings are available by appointment. If interested please call 575-257-6283.

Friendships provide a therapeutic touch to lives

JAMES D. MARTIN
For the Ruidoso News

"I never try to get even with my enemies. I just treat my friends a little better!"
Milton Berle

Usually when I think of getting 'therapy,' my thoughts immediately turn to my need for a 'safe friend.'

The characteristics of friendship are nearly identical to the qualities found in a good therapist.

Here are three qualities in friendship that mirror those of a good therapist:

1. A Good Therapist is a

Mentor: Being a mentor involves care, concern, constructive criticism, and compassion.

A good mentor is someone who has the good intuition to nudge us toward healing with an 'edge' that says, "I care."

2. A Good Therapist Has a Healthy Stubborn Streak: At times when you want to give up, it's a therapist's job to refute that notion with encouragement that says, "Oh no, you don't!"

A truly dysfunctional situation is like the movie 'Antz' where the main ant character bemoans to his therapist, "I feel so insignificant!"

His ant therapist then responds, "Congratulations! You've got it! You are insignificant!"

A good therapist (as opposed to an 'ant' therapist) has the education and understanding that can help us make sense of our emotions, thoughts and life experiences.

3. A Good Therapist Helps You Reframe Your Perspectives: Usually when you're depressed you will have a tendency to see the 'underside' of the tapestry of life (like looking at the knots and threads underneath a knitted garment).

When you're depressed

you need someone to help you see the 'upside' of life. It's like Shel Silverstein's prose entitled, "Falling Up"

*I tripped on my shoe lace - and fell up
Up to the rooftops - up over the town -
Up past the treetops - up over the mountains
Up where the colors blend into the sounds
But it got me so dizzy - when I looked around,
I got sick to my stomach. And I threw down!*

Admit it! Aren't there times when you need someone in your life who can help you "fall up and throw down?"

Life is about companionship. We are created to walk alongside others in this life.

Even though there are "down" times when we are convinced it is best to make life a "solo run" the truth is there's more value in a kind word and a kick in the rump from a friend than with only a kind word.

There is absolutely nothing in this world that can replace loving, accepting human contact.

Don't get me wrong, there is no antidote that will ever completely free us from the pain of loss or the 'bumps and bruises' that accompany life's journey.

However, the broken

road of life is also populated by fellow travelers willing to lend a listening ear and lift a heavy heart.

Why not give someone a chance to lend a helping hand to you?

Don't you need a friend who's willing to walk in when it seems everybody else is walking out?

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Lincoln County Medical Center Administrator Al Santos, foreground at podium, pitches a possible \$47 million dollar hospital improvement plan to the Lincoln County Commission Tuesday.

PLAN

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of examination rooms to three or four per doctor office.

Santos said the increase would allow doctors to see more patients per day.

"You find that when you call for a new appointment, you might have a thirty-plus day wait. That's conservative. It can even be worse."

The professional office building was estimated at \$6,271,197. Santos said it could be built without debt or tax increases.

"What we're looking for effectively in the four-phased plan is to immediately proceed to Phase 1. We can do Phase 1 certainly with the cash that we have both between Lincoln County Medical Center and Presbyterian."

Albuquerque-headquartered Presbyterian Healthcare Services (PHS) leases the county-owned facility in Ruidoso and operates the facility.

Phases 2, 3 and 4 would demolish the oldest part of the hospital and replace that section with a two story addition. The addition would eventually house new patient care areas, as well as surgery, imaging and laboratory facilities. A 25-bed long-term care unit would be part of the improvements. A new emergency room, double the size of the current ER, would also be included.

The current hospital is about 55,000 square feet. The upgrade would provide 88,000 square feet of space, excluding the new doctors' offices building.

Phase 2 was estimated at \$24,870,453, Phase 3 at \$11,806,111, and Phase 4 at \$3,978,653.

Detailing funding sources for the overall proposal, Santos told the commission that the county has \$5 million in cash. PHS has \$6 million and philanthropy would represent \$1 million.

"These are funds that both the county and we, Lincoln County Medical Center - Presbyterian, have anticipated as capital needs," Santo said. "It's kind of like when we built the physical therapy center. That is a debt-free institution that was purchased with cash reserves that were accumulated at the time."

A \$30 million revenue bond would be sold to complete financing the vision.

"It would be paid by way of the mill levy as well as the lease payment from Presbyterian," Santos said. "There would be no increase in the mill levy."

PHS pays the county \$850,000 annually on the lease. The property tax levy brings in approximately \$2 million a year.

"So no increase in costs to what we have today and living within our means. And that doesn't take into account the revenues we might generate through long-term care by the conversion of the existing facility."

Santos said a cost-benefit analysis of the proposal also backs the improvements.

"When we look at the cost of maintaining the existing space, the existing 55,000 square feet that we have today, it's approximately \$1 million a year with another \$4.5 million in additional capital upgrades that need to take place."

Santos estimated paying off a \$30 million bond over 30 years would cost about \$2 million per year.

"It a question similar to the family car. Do you continue to pour more into maintenance or do you replace it? We're kind of at that crunch point of making those kind of decisions."

Santos said the hospital is ready to proceed, "Both with the physician office building as well as for phases two, three and four. It would require some property acquisition. In the meantime we've already been in exploration for land. We have all the necessary plans to begin work

Minter: "You just rushed through this."



if this were to be approved."

Questioned by Lincoln County Commission Chair Tom Battin, Santos said he would like to proceed with Phase 1 and then explore borrowing the \$30 million.

Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart told the commission he did not see a problem with moving into Phase 1.

"When we go beyond Phase 1 and start talking about a \$30 million revenue bond, we have to bring in (a bonding company)," Stewart said. "And generally you have to consider going for the costs of issuance, the bond counsel, and the facilitator."

Commissioner Don Williams wondered about a timeline for the proposal.

Santos estimated much of 2011 would be needed for architectural work on a new physicians office building. Groundbreaking could be late in the year. Completion of the building could be the fall of 2012.

Noting Phase 1 would require buying property adjacent to the hospital, County Attorney Alan Morel said time is needed for negotiations.

Santos noted the \$6.2 million cost of Phase 1 included money for a property purchase.

Listed on the commission's agenda as a presentation on the Lincoln County Medical Center Master Plan, Battin asked Morel if commissioners could take action to initiate

Phase 1.

"It's on the agenda," replied Morel. "I think there needs to be a commitment by the commission one way or the other as to whether they're going to proceed or not and then we could look more at that process."

With Commissioner Eileen Sedillo absent, the remaining four commissioners were unanimous to initiating Phase 1.

Santos said he would undertake additional research into phases two, three and four.

During the separate public comment session of the commission's meeting, two county residents balked at the quick move.

"I'm a little concerned that you voted on this without allowing for public comment," said Ruidoso resident Andrea Reed. "We're seeing an increase in more and more citizens concerns about where taxpayer dollars go. We have a trend of believing that if it's education, it must be good. If it's health care, it must be good, without looking at the whole perspective. Is this the right project, and is this the right time?"

Reed noted issuing a bond means going into debt, a burden she said she

would bear.

Lincoln County Commissioner-elect Kathryn Minter, who will take office at the start of 2011, said she agreed with Reed.

"I wish you would have waited until Eileen (Sedillo) was back. You just rushed through this and maybe you had meetings beforehand so you had all

the details, said Minter. "I've seen you discuss issues that were maybe one one-hundredth of this for hours. But this one you didn't even ask a few questions. I'm just kind of amazed at that because phases two through four may be on my watch."

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Thistle must wait on status

A plant found in the Sacramento Mountains has been named as a candidate for federal endangered or threatened status but listing Wright's marsh thistle is not possible at present.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) found the thistle warranted a listing, but was precluded by higher priority actions to amend the lists of endangered and threatened wild-life and plants.

Cost is cited a major factor. The service said there is a Congressionally imposed cap on funding that can be spent on the Endangered Species Act's Listing Program.

The thistle has been added to a candidate list and action will take place as priorities allow, the notice said. The FWS added that the plant faces a moderate threat that does not rise to a high level for immediate action.

The thistle is a plant that completes development in two years, flowering in its second year. After flowering the thistle, which is in the sunflower family, disbursts seeds and dies. The plant is prickly with short black spines and a 3- to 8-foot single stalk with leaves. In the Sacramento Mountains its flowers are white to pale pink.

Eight Wright's marsh thistle locations were identified in New Mexico, with four clustered along the west slope of the Sacramento Mountains. Two locations are on the Lincoln National Forest, one on the Mescalero Apache Reservation and another on private property.

The thistle grows in marshes and wetlands with saturated soils. The FWS said the most significant threat is degradation to the plant's wetland habitat because of land and water management practices, including agricultural uses and development, diversion of springs, and drought.

— Jim Kalvelage

OUTLAY

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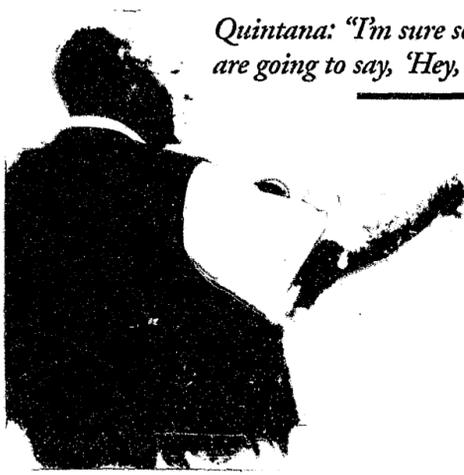
severance tax revenue bonds.

The general obligation bond monies were unavailable for most local governments.

“Those are for things like universities, public libraries, public schools, senior citizen centers across the state, prisons, all those kind of things that the state really has to take care of.”

Quintana said there was, in reality, just one pool of money that could be tapped for capital outlay projects next year, the state's severance tax.

“What that is, New Mexico collects taxes on anything that's taken off of the land. Gas, coal, uranium, logging, things removed from the land. And that goes into a pool of money and by law those monies cannot be used for the general operations of government. Those monies can only be used for capital expenditures.”



Quintana: “I'm sure some of the legislators are going to say, 'Hey, wait, wait, wait, wait.'”

But Quintana said he believe the severance tax pool will provide just “a little” capital outlay money.

“I'm pretty sure that the state is going to look at that real hard and they're going to look at some of the needs that they have with universities and public buildings first and they're going to take some of that. But I'm sure that some of the legislators are going to say 'Hey, wait, wait, wait, wait. We

still have some needs in our communities.”

Probed about how much might be available by a person at the capital outlay workshop, Quintana said he had no idea. He reiterated that there would not be a lot of money.

The workshop was held at Ruidoso Village Hall. Representatives of Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Capitán, the Ruidoso Municipal School District and Greentree Solid Waste Authority were among attendees.

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JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Above, Sgt. Robert Eshom (left) and Officer Lance Bateman, members of the bomb squad with New Mexico State Police, study X-rays taken of the package at The Title Company. Left, Eshom returns with X-rays from the suspicious box

by the front door and noticed the box. I asked, ‘Did you know there was a package at the front door?’ I picked it up and brought it in.”

About the same time a U.S. Postal Service mail carrier delivered mail.

“She said if that happened to us, we'd call the law. You really should call. We looked at each other and I said I hope it doesn't

have anthrax or ricin.”

Thomas said he thoroughly cleaned his hands.

That's when Ruidoso police called and told the employees to evacuate the building.

Police requested the bomb squad respond. The first member of the squad was Eshom, who arrived about 11:30 a.m. He questioned employees about the package.

“He asked us if any of us had any threats within the last 30 days,” said Thomas.

After suiting up, Eshom approached the front entrance of The Title Company to take X-rays of the sealed box that was a little larger than a shoebox. Eshom, and New Mexico State Police officer Lance Bateman, who is also a member of the bomb squad, reviewed the X-rays on a computer.

A decision was made to remotely shoot the box, which brought the phrase “Fire in the hole. Fire in the hole. Fire in the hole,” before a soft blast and a puff of smoke. What appeared to possibly be paper, perhaps packing material, and other debris

were seen scattered in and around the covered entrance to the company. Some materials flew 20 or so feet.

Eshom suited up again to review the remains and picked up some pieces.

Detectives from the Ruidoso Police Department then entered the location to begin their investigation.

Employees were allowed to return to work shortly after 1:45 p.m. and the highway was reopened.

Ruidoso police said people should clearly mark packages they want shipped and the packages should be dropped off the packages at appropriate shipping locations.

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RADIO

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300 feet. Traffic along a section of Mechem Drive was

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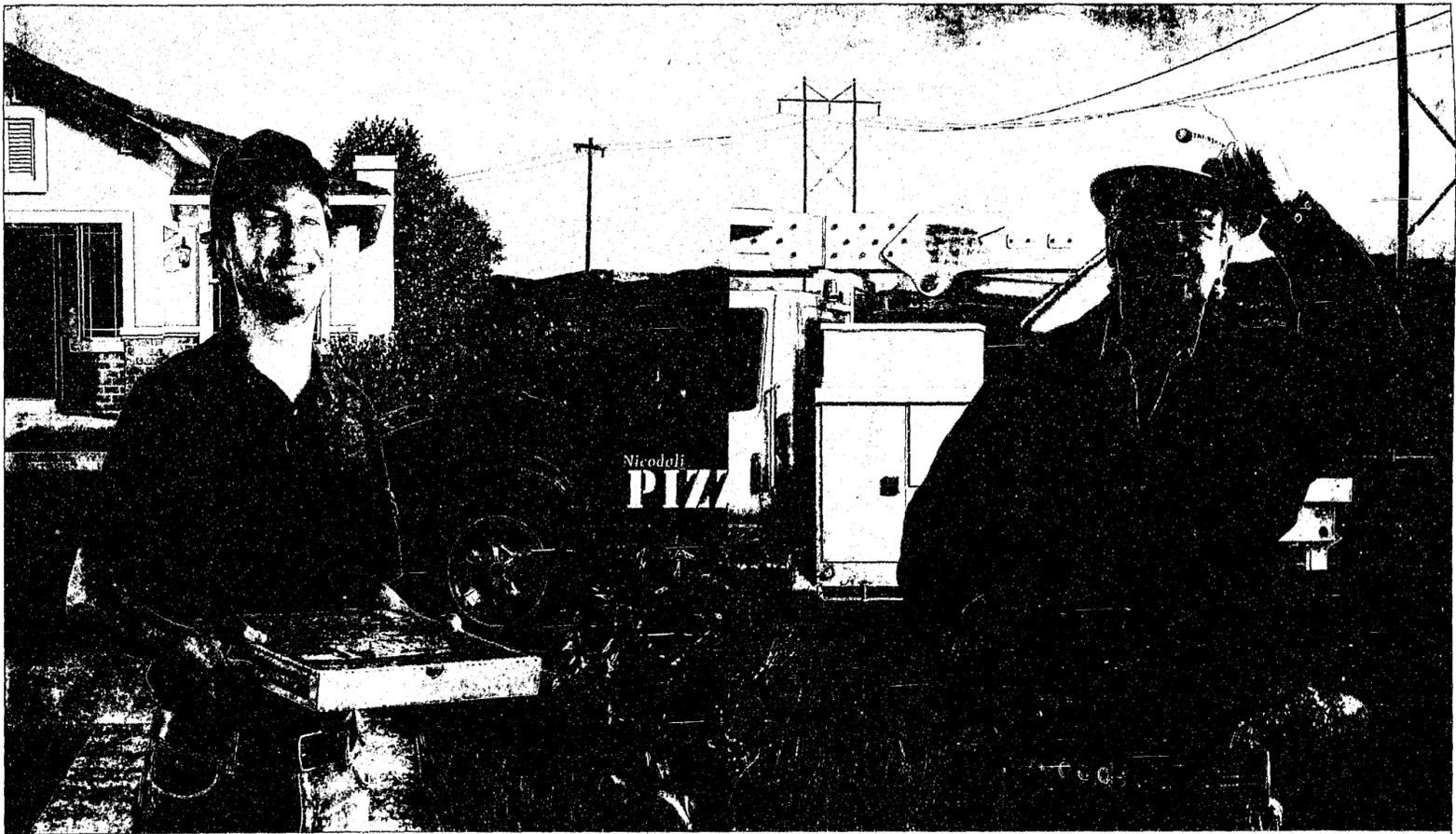
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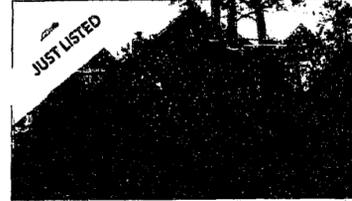
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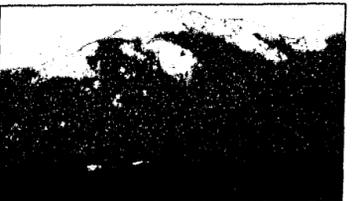
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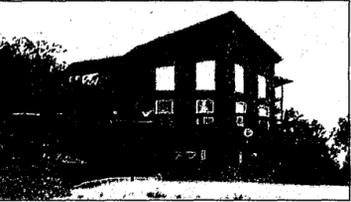
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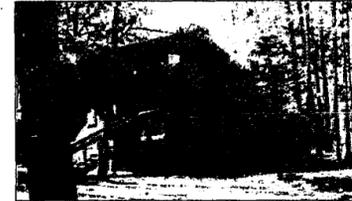
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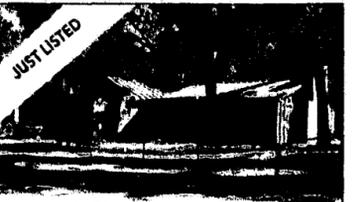
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Youth rumble in Ruidoso

Rocks Boxing Club to present a 20-bout fight card Saturday

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The First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs will stage its third boxing extravaganza Saturday night at the well-known religious landmark. The Rocks Boxing Club, which is sponsored by the church, will host the event. The local fight club held their last tournament at the First Baptist Church on Saturday, July 17, to the delight of a packed house and featured a 14-bout fight card.

This Saturday's card has 20 intended fights scheduled from the 55-pound class to the 170-pound division and will include ages from eight to 30.

Five local fighters from the Rocks club will be in contention, including 11-

year-old Destiny Romero who will compete in the 60-pound weight class and face off against another young female pugilist from the Las Cruces PAL (Police Athletic League).

Eight or nine fight clubs from as far away as El Paso, Lubbock, Albuquerque and Odessa will be in Saturday's competition.

This will be the second such event on the club's new \$6,500, red-white-and-blue boxing ring, which was installed in the church on May 15. The ring's measurements are 18-feet between the ropes.

First Baptist Church Youth Director George Romero praises the efforts of his church and pastor, Randy Widener.

"If it weren't for Pastor Widener and the church we wouldn't be able to hold

these fights, which help to keep kids off the streets and give them a sense of purpose," Romero said.

Currently, the fight club has 15 fighters in training and invites all who are interested to join.

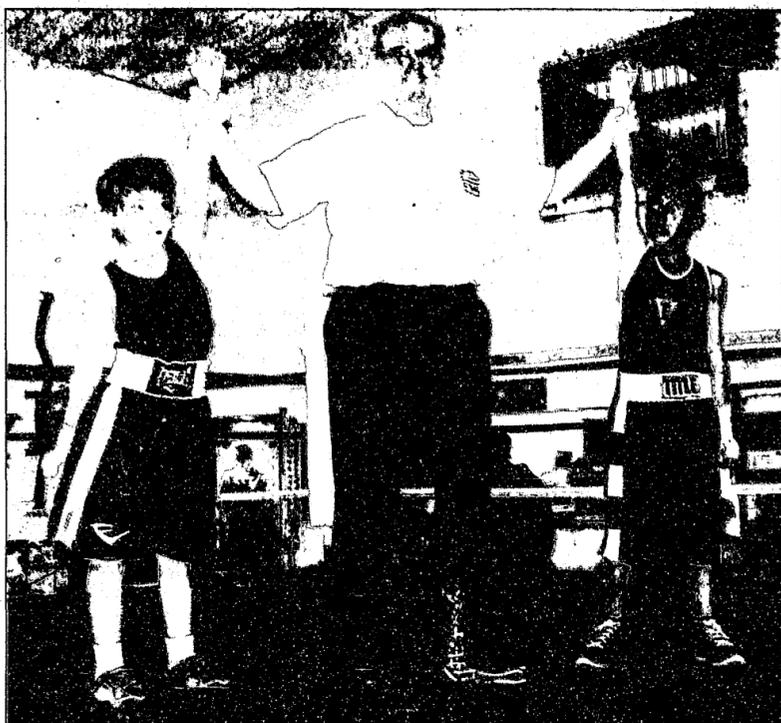
Since its July church-sponsored tournament in Ruidoso the club has competed in three travel events outside of town.

The upcoming fight card will be billed as "Saturday Night at the Fights" and the judges, officials, referees, as well as the attending physician, are all volunteers.

The doors will open for the event at 5:30 p.m. sharp and the first bout will get under way shortly thereafter.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for 12-and-under children.

The church's spacious kitchen will be in full operation with abundant offerings of beverages and foods.



Aaron Berbiglia, left, of the Rocks Boxing Club, and Lazaro Estrada of Double D Boxing, await the judges decision in the July 17 fights at the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs.

Confessions of a sports gambler

Recently, a close friend of mine found out he had cancer and went "under the knife" to save his life.

As he lay down upon the operating table he asked the surgeon if he had a "good" or "bad" cancer.

"Don't know for sure, yet," the doctor honestly answered him.

"It's OK," my friend replied. "I've seen and done things most people could never perceive."

For a few seconds a silence fell upon the operating room. The attending nurse looked down on the patient wondering exactly what my friend meant.

My compatriot didn't mean anything arrogant by his statement. He was merely reflecting on his life and how lucky he had been to have traveled down some of the roads the Universe had put him on. In short, he was mostly thankful.

How could you ever explain the screams of jaguars in the middle of the night on the Guatemala/Belize border, voodoo-chanting Khran tribesmen in Liberia or eating "Thousand-Year-Old" eggs in

Asia? And that's only the tip of the iceberg.

A few years ago an acquaintance of his seriously wanted to buy the rights to his life. He laughed it off as he usually did to things of this nature. He just never considered his adventures to be that interesting.

They were only memories for him to keep private and reflect on from time to time. Some experiences he's not overly proud of and keeps them hidden in a sealed box somewhere deep in a dark room of his psyche never to be re-visited.

He's mostly self-taught and when something attracts his interest he goes after it 100 percent until he grows tired of it, or it, him, and moves on to something else.

As near as I can figure he's had three careers so far in his life as well as special interests and/or hobbies within each of his occupations.

In the early 80's he grew fond of betting on baseball, football and basketball. When he first started he was terrible. He lost big-time. Suddenly, from out of the Twilight Zone, a man

stepped forward and offered to teach him the rudiments of sports wagering. The individual who offered his expertise was a seasoned bookmaker with discipline, a love for wagering and ... a shady past.

For a year, the neophyte gambler did as he was instructed and never deviated from the rules as they were laid out to him.

He was first told, "Always have a limit to win. Most people have a limit to lose, but few have a winning limit. That's what trips them up. They're winning and then get greedy and try to break the bank. When the final bell of the day rings you only want to be on the plus side, whether it's \$50, \$500 or \$5,000. Tomorrow's another day. And if you stray from my advice I will drop you like a short putt."

Upon "graduation" the fledgling sports gamester set out on his own. He did well and soon acquired a reputation in certain circles as a practiced pro. His mild ego kept him under the radar for a while but as time went on word got out about him. That's the one thing he never anticipated.

Friends would call him at all hours of the day and night for his daily picks and asked him

his opinion on certain games they liked. He tried to keep a low profile by not answering the phone, deflecting questions about his sojourns to Vegas, Atlantic City and the Bahamas, and associating with non-gamblers most of the time. For a while, the plan worked.

Then, one day he received a certified letter for which he had to sign.

Upon opening it he was informed his phones had been tapped for the preceding six months by state investigators. But worse was yet to come. Two months after that he got another certified letter duly ordering him to appear in front a state grand jury.

The prosecutors were not necessarily after the gambler; they were after the bookmaker to whom he was betting with. The state didn't like competition and they were out to close the bookie down. The gambler quietly met with the bookmaker and told him about the summons.

"Tell them what they want to know," the bookie said. "They're going to get me nevertheless. I know you're a stand-up guy but why go down when I'm gone anyway."

The gambler reflected on that for a while, and in the end,

opted not to rat the bookie out to save his skin. They were friends. Besides, he trusted the bookie but not his higher-ups.

On the day of his scheduled appearance before the grand jury he kissed his wife goodbye ... possibly the last kiss for months to come. He didn't expect a home-cooked meal for quite a while. He waited most of the day in a witness room and then was finally informed his testimony would not be needed and that he was dismissed. He couldn't believe his good fortune and vowed not to let it go to waste. When he returned to his tearful wife he told her, "That's it. I'm finished with the whole thing."

"I know you, you'll get bored quickly," she said. What will you replace it with?"

"Well, you know honey, I've been thinking about that on the way home," he answered. "I'll find something else to obsess on. And if it's not important I'll make it important. What do you think about the stock market? It's legal and above board most of the time. What's the difference between that and sports gambling? You're betting on the best performers in both cases, I seriously doubt stocks would go south on us like the 1964 Philadelphia Phillies did."

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Mixed martial arts (MMA) powerhouse King of the Cage returns to the Inn of the Mountain Gods Saturday, Nov. 27, at 7 p.m. for a night rich with past champions and local talent.

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champions and a wealth of local talent from Alamo-gordo, Artesia and Mes-calero taking part in no-holds-barrel fighting show-down.

Returning to the ring, Ruidoso crowd favorite Javier Rubio steps back inside the ropes after taking down Jerome Sierra last August during King of the Cage's "Imminent

Threat" show at the Inn.

Stepping up to take on Rubio is El Paso boxing sensation Patrick Dixon. James Flores of Ruidoso also prepares to heat things up as he makes his way back to the Inn after competing in previous amateur bouts and a win by technical knockout against Fernando Motley last spring. Past amateurs bout winner Grant Hobbs faces Flores in what is set to be one of the hottest showdowns of the night.

Continue through the night and catch all the action as past professional bout champion Isaque Martinez goes head-to-head against Andrew McCallion, past champion Gerald Sedillo dukes it out against Donnie Frye and past champion Boy Morgan takes on Gabe Vasquez.

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RUIDOSO FOOTBALL SENIORS



Warrior football seniors pose together one last time at the conclusion of their playing year. Front, l-r, Forrest Sanchez, Ascencion Orasco and Dakota Buurma. Back, Jacob Rodriguez, Daniel Salazar, Jesse Scarafioti, Gage Whipple and Brendan Flack.

Two of a kind: Aoelua, Adolpho lead NMSU linebacking corps

TEDDY FEINBERG
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES - When Boyblue Aoelua scored a touchdown last weekend, he took a low-keyed approach.

The junior middle linebacker's big play got the New Mexico State Aggies back into the football game, cutting Louisiana Tech's 24-10 lead in half.

It also marked the first touchdown in Aoelua's football-playing career.

"A touchdown's a touchdown," Aoelua said. "That's the main celebration. If we ever make a play ... First thing, you gotta go back to your teammates and celebrate with them."

Aoelua was covering Louisiana Tech wide receiver Andrew Guillot on the play. Quarterback Ross Jenkins' pass over the middle deflected off Guillot's

body and was scooped up by Aoelua, who returned the interception 41 yards for the score.

While Aoelua simply high-fived his teammates, fellow linebacker B.J. Adolpho was up-in-arms following the play.

"That's what's up," Adolpho said. "The linebackers finally scored on defense. I was really excited for that."

The truth is that the forced turnover - and the touchdown - were both a long time coming for the Aggies.

It was just the third interception of the year for NMSU, and the first defensive touchdown of the season for the team.

"I'm used to that," Aggie head coach DeWayne Walker said. "You score touchdowns on defense ... Every defense I've been around, two-to-three touch-

downs (a season) ... It was good to see. At least we've got one so far."

NMSU eventually lost the contest 41-20 to Louisiana Tech, as the Bulldogs score 14 points in the final five minutes of play to break things open.

Still, at times the NMSU defense showed flashes of promise, holding Louisiana Tech to a scoreless third quarter, while getting arguably the most solid all-around performance from the linebacking unit.

While Aoelua had the pick-six, he also made five tackles, two of which went for a loss.

Adolpho led the Aggies with 13 tackles on the evening while Frank Padilla was third on the team with seven take-downs, despite playing essentially three quarters, as NMSU started the game

with five defensive backs on the field and just two linebackers - Aoelua and Adolpho.

While Padilla, a senior, will depart the program following this year, Aoelua and Adolpho, who is a sophomore, will return. Both will come back with experience under their belts, after taking virtually every snap in 2010.

"If you look at the linebacker corps, all together, I think they've improved," Walker said.

"I think with defense, you have to have veterans. It's hard to just throw new guys in there. You've got to build with older guys."

With 67 and 66 tackles on the season, Aoelua and Adolpho rank second and third on the Aggies, respectively, in the category.

"Me and Boyblue, we're comfortable playing with each other," Adolpho said.



New Mexico State sophomore Boyblue Aoelua, left, practices Tuesday at Aggie Memorial Stadium with fellow linebacker Frank Padilla.

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from Mescalero and surrounding areas including Ruidoso, Alamogordo and Artesia are set to bring the heat.

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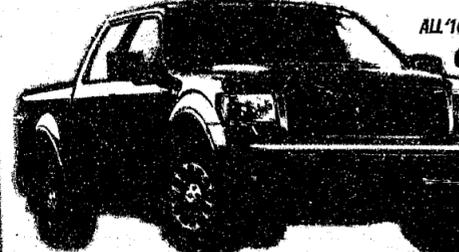
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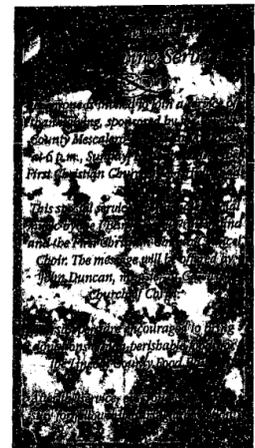
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 Independent-Fundamental KJV. 145 E. Grandview - Capitan - (505) 937-4019
CATHOLIC
 Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 Capitan, 354-9102.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Capitan - Highway 48. Les Earwood, Minister.
EPISCOPAL
 Episcopal Chapel of San Juan in Lincoln
FOURSQUARE
 Capitan Foursquare Church Highway 48, Capitan. Harold W. Perry, Pastor.

METHODIST
 Capitan United Methodist Church
 Pastor Jean Riley and the congregation of Capitan United Methodist. White Oaks and Third in Capitan. 505-648-2846.
NAZARENE
 Angus Church of the Nazarene Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Rick Hutchison Pastor.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
 Christ Community Fellowship Capitan, Highway 380 West, 354-2458. Ed Vinson, Pastor.
QUAKER WORSHIP GROUP - Quaker Unprogrammed meeting at the Anderson-Freeman Visitor's Center in Lincoln. For details of this and other Quaker activities contact Sandra Smith at 505-653-4951

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 Carrizo Community Church (A/G)
 Barbara Bradley, pastor. Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth.
BAPTIST
 First Baptist Church Hayden Smith, Pastor.
CATHOLIC
 Santa Rita Catholic Church
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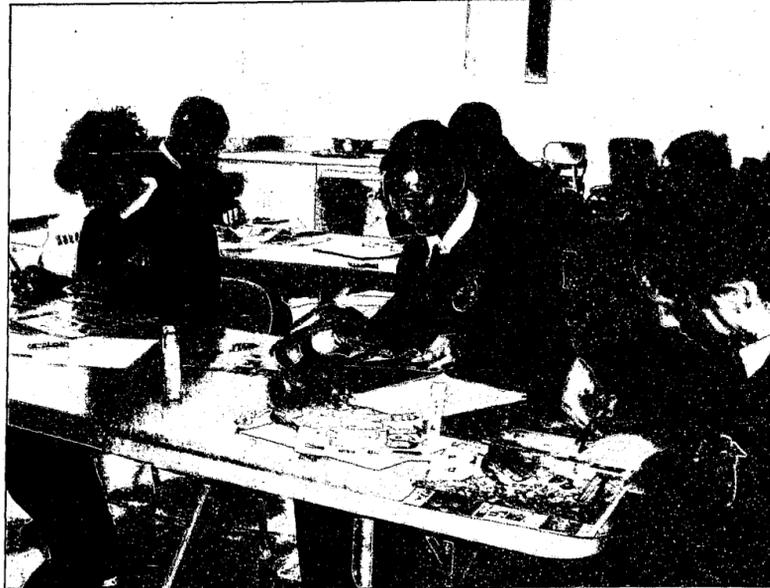
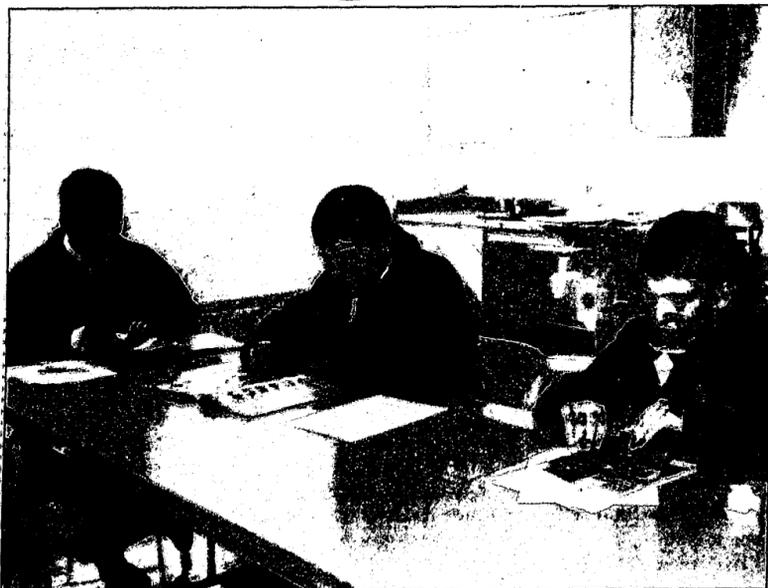
CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Perry Zumwalt, minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizo, NM.
EPISCOPAL
 St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel
 Carrizo, 6th & E Street.
METHODIST
 United Methodist Church Parish
 Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846, Carrizo. Johanna Anderson, pastor.

CARRIZO CHURCHES

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 Rev. Chuck Fulton, pastor/648-2339. 711 'E' Ave., Carrizo, NM. Affiliated w/the Evangelistic Assembly Church.
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LANE CARTER/CAPITAN FFA CHAPTER REPORTER

FFA chapter officers from Alamogordo, Tularosa, Carrizozo, Capitan and Corona Schools attended a Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) hosted by the Corona FFA Chapter in Corona on Friday, Nov. 12. There were approximately 66 FFA members in attendance. The Creed, Quiz and Public Speaking Contest for junior high members will be held at 9:30 a.m., Dec. 10, at Hondo Schools. The Parliamentary Procedure Contest will be hosted by Capitan FFA on Jan. 14 at 9 a.m.

Letters from the ropers' road

The roping "season" for 2010 is skidding into the final stretch with one big set of finals done and over in Oklahoma City and another record payoff event coming up in Las Vegas.

Ropers have plodded along one roping at a time throughout the year and whether they make the big time or not, their day-to-day living remains the same. My mail box often reveals the mood of a long, weary season.

"sparkling spring water" in the silver can, thinking it would sterilize the food he ate.

Signed: Mrs. Pepto-Bismol



Cowgirl Sass & Savvy
BY JULIE CARTER

Dear Sass & Savvy,

I hate, hate, hate my husband's rope horse. Besides being on the far side of ugly, he has no handle to him.

He is now wearing a new contraption on his head because he sometimes runs off. (the horse, not the husband)

It does not make any difference what he has on his head - it's about like putting a snaffle bit on a road grader when it comes to stopping or turning him.

And did I mention he is really ugly?

This is the husband's more-or-less new horse. The old one kicked in the door on the back of my trailer, so I sold him one day while the husband was not home.

Signed: Back to the sale barn

Dear Sass & Savvy,

It's the same tale of woe. My favorite header was again defeated by his heelers.

Both of his partners are numbered higher than he is so you would think that if he spun a steer for them, it would be a sure bet for a paycheck.

Never works out that way.

One of his partners has been roping since Noah landed, but this time he only caught one heel in the short round and they

ended up one hole out of the money.

However, I've lowered my standards - they can have penalties if they just catch anything at all.

Signed: Bleacher Butt

Dear Sass & Savvy,

Because mostly everybody is still worn plumb out from the last roping, the only funny stuff that happened at this week's roping was that the guy that won \$49,000 in Oklahoma City has now managed to run through \$220 of it.

He gave the friend that hauled him and his horse up there \$20 for gas money. Seemed like a fair amount for a 540 mile trip.

And then he up and bought a replacement horse for his 20-plus-year-old roping horse.

This \$200 colt should be ready any time in the next five years.

His theory is that horses, by golly, do not have to cost as much as everybody else is paying for them.

Signed: Frugal, not cheap

One would think that with all the woes that go with the sport of team roping, it would be doing anything but gaining in popularity.

Instead, it gets bigger, better and as a sport, is continually aspiring for improvement, even if it is sometimes hard to see that side of it through the road-weary eyes of a dedicated spouse.

Julie, not on the rodeo road anymore, can be reached for comment at jcarter@ruidosonews.com.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Corona Craft Show

The 3rd Annual Craft Show sponsored by the Senior citizens of Corona will be at 9 a.m., Nov. 20 at Corona Zia Senior Center in Corona.

Some of the things available will be a Posole Dinner offered for \$5/plate, knitted, crocheted and tatted items, candles, jewelry, candy, and much more.

Artists of 'Zozo

Gallery 408's second annual "Artists of Carrizozo Exhibition" will be Nov. 20 through Dec. 20.

The opening reception will be Saturday, Nov. 20, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information and/or to register, call Sherry Savas at Gallery 408 at 648-2598 or email Gallery408@tularosa.net.

Holiday Hoedown

Artists or a crafters interested in selling their creations or goods at the Holiday Hoedown need to call Sharon Hefker at 648-2219 to reserve a table.

The Carrizozo Woman's Club Holiday Hoedown will be Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the

Woman's Club Building in Carrizozo. The table rental fee is \$25.

Christmas Store

The Capitan PTA is planning their annual Christmas store at to be housed at Capitan Schools and open during school hours.

The store will be open Nov. 29-Dec. 18.

The PTA will also be conducting a food drive in the elementary during those same dates. All donations are welcome. Food drive items must be non-perishables. December calendar

Capitan Bazaar

The annual Capitan Public Library Holiday Bazaar will begin at 8 a.m., Dec. 4.

Come early for the best selection. This year will find many of the old favorites in addition to some exciting new creations. Volunteers have been busy for months getting ready for this event.

You will certainly be pleased to find special gifts for friends and family.

Also available will be See's Candy and delicious

baked goods.

Santa Parade

Santa will be in Capitan Dec. 11. Come and participate in the annual Cowboy Santa Parade sponsored by the Capitan Public Library.

Entry forms will be available at the library and the Capitan Chamber. This parade is non-motorized so get out your wagons and horses, your goats and dogs, your kids and plan to participate in this special event.

The parade will begin at the west end of Capitan at 12:30 p.m. and proceed east on Smokey Bear Blvd. arriving at the Library at approximately 1:00 p.m. Santa will visit with the little children and hand out gift bags.

Cindy Foglesong and students will provide musical entertainment.

Refreshments will be provided for all.

Library closures

The Capitan Public Library will be closed on the following dates:

Nov. 24 and 25;
Dec. 24, 25 and 31 and the afternoon of Dec. 23
Jan. 1, 2011.

Capitan business in short order

JULIE CARTER
jcarter@ruidosonews.com

The Village of Capitan board of trustees and mayor took care of village business in another short meeting Nov. 9.

As was the October meeting, this regularly scheduled meeting lasted less than 30 minutes including an executive session that was longer than the open part of the meeting.

The request to address the trustees about the scheduled executive session was denied. Jeff Dale was told it would not be allowed because it was a personnel issue. Dale left the meeting.

Approval of the consent agenda was followed by the of an ordinance for a state environmental loan in the amount of \$205,000.

The funding is part of the money needed to complete Wastewater Treat-

ment Plant Project.

Attesting to discussing only limited personnel matters regarding the water, police and administrative departments, the trustees then approved evaluations and raises for Dana Johnson, Randy Spear and Shirley Pavlovic. Johnson received a 25-cent an hour raise and Spear and Pavlovic were given 2 percent raises.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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10th Grade: Jayda Silva, Sidni Hughes, Cade Haynes, Julia Bertrand
11th Grade: Garret Schultz, Colorado Romero; Ashley Reynolds, Colby Preciado, Christopher Olmstead, Maritza Nava, Aurora Haret, Jamie

Fields, Kersti Davis;
12th Grade: Scheryiah Romero, Chase Morel, Logan Eshom, Monique Quiroz
AB Honor Roll
9th Grade: Alexis

Trost, Megan Runnels, Ruben Mendoza Jr., Jake LaMay, Zachery Kredler, Makala Hopkins, Tara Herrera, Joshua Hernandez, Thomas Fields, Walker Bymoan, Jordan Burch, Madson Buechter, Nathaniel Berryhill;

10th Grade: BobbyRay Serna, Alejandro Rueda, Alyssa Miller-Juarez, Sean Imperato, Cory Everett, Tim Dickinson, Kirsten Creighton-Wilson, Royce Black, William Berryhill;
11th grade: Steven Zamora, Tyler Neill, Leslie

Lofton, Dustee Rae Eldridge, Cali Archibeque;
12th grade: Caleb Uzzell, Zachary Shearer, Linda Montoya, Joshua Bellin-Gallagher, Jessica Bailey.
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Lane, Ruidoso Downs, NM, of Lot 10, 33183, 493, and Lot 11, 33183, 493, and Lot 12, 33183, 493, and Lot 13, 33183, 493, and Lot 14, 33183, 493, and Lot 15, 33183, 493, and Lot 16, 33183, 493, and Lot 17, 33183, 493, and Lot 18, 33183, 493, and Lot 19, 33183, 493, and Lot 20, 33183, 493, and Lot 21, 33183, 493, and Lot 22, 33183, 493, and Lot 23, 33183, 493, and Lot 24, 33183, 493, and Lot 25, 33183, 493, and Lot 26, 33183, 493, and Lot 27, 33183, 493, and Lot 28, 33183, 493, and Lot 29, 33183, 493, and Lot 30, 33183, 493, and Lot 31, 33183, 493, and Lot 32, 33183, 493, and Lot 33, 33183, 493, and Lot 34, 33183, 493, and Lot 35, 33183, 493, and Lot 36, 33183, 493, and Lot 37, 33183, 493, and Lot 38, 33183, 493, and Lot 39, 33183, 493, and Lot 40, 33183, 493, and Lot 41, 33183, 493, and Lot 42, 33183, 493, and Lot 43, 33183, 493, and Lot 44, 33183, 493, and Lot 45, 33183, 493, and Lot 46, 33183, 493, and Lot 47, 33183, 493, and Lot 48, 33183, 493, and Lot 49, 33183, 493, and Lot 50, 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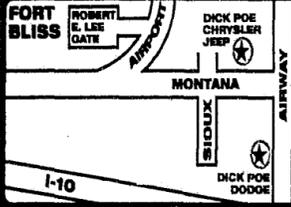
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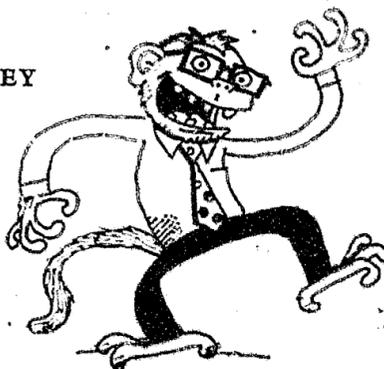
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3600, or go online to www.skiapache.com.

Winter Park Opening

Nov. 25 (Alto) Winter recreation begins at the base of Ski Run Road.

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.

Open House and Art Show

Nov. 27, Dec. 11, Dec. 18: (Ruidoso Downs) Artists Victoria Mauldin and Rory Combs winter show on Camelot Mountain. For information, call 575-937-7250 or 630-8065.

King of the Cage Fights

Nov. 27: (Mescalero) Inn of the Mountain Gods; 7 p.m. For information, call 1-877-277-4577, or go online to ticketmaster.com.

Christmas in the Parks

Dec. 2: (Ruidoso) The Festival of Lights kicks off with this annual event in Schoolhouse Park.

LCCT Dinner Show

Dec. 2 - 4, 9 - 11: (Ruidoso) *Christmas Shorts - An Evening of One Act Plays*; 6 p.m.; \$27.50; Cree Meadows Country Club. For information, call 575-336-1530.

Parade of Lights

Dec. 4: (Ruidoso) The famous annual parade, noted nationally, winds down Sudderth Dr. through Midtown. For information, call 575-257-7395.

Holiday Bazaar

Dec. 4: (Capitan) Baked goods, crafts, candies and more. Capitan Public Library, 8 a.m.

George Thorogood and The Destroyers

Dec. 9: (Mescalero) Legendary rock and blues band performs at Inn of the Mountain Gods; 8 p.m. For information, call 1-877-277-4577, or go online to ticketmaster.com.

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.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy

Dec. 11: (Mescalero) performs at Inn of the Mountain Gods; 8 p.m. For information, call 1-877-277-4577, or go online to ticketmaster.com.

Cowboy Santa Parade

Dec. 11: (Capitan) 12:30 p.m., refreshments, music; Santa gives gift bags to the kids at the library, 1 p.m.

Ski Apache Torch Light Parade

Dec. 18: (Alto) A spectacular run down Sierra Blanca.

Dummy Gelunde

Dec. 18: (Alto) Teams construct and race snow-riding dummies at Ski Apache. For information, call 575-464-3600, or go online to skiapache.com.

Santa Land

Dec. 18: (Cloudcroft) Bring the kids to join Santa and Mrs. Claus around the bon fire in Zenith Park. For information, call 575-682-2733, or go online to cloudcroft.net.

The Artists of Carrizozo Reception

Nov. 20 (Carrizozo) Opening reception at Gallery 408, 5 - 7 p.m. For information, go online to carrizozoart.com.

Western Frontier Mountain Gun Show

Nov. 20 - 21: (Ruidoso) Ruidoso Evening Lions Club event at Ruidoso Convention Center. Sat., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. For information, call 575-258-5445.

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

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): Sawyer Ward, 6 p.m.
Mountain Annie's (2710 Sudderth Dr.; 257-7982): Staerkel Master Musicians; 8 p.m.

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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SUNDAY

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

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

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

At the Spencer Theatre



Ricky Nelson Remembered pays tribute to the life and music of performer Ricky Nelson who perished 25 years ago. The show, featuring his identical twin sons Matthew and Gunner, is tomorrow evening at the Spencer Theatre.

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ART MATTERS

Student art exhibit

ENMU – Ruidoso art students show and sell their fall semester works

BY JULIE GILLILAND
FOR ¡VAMOS!

ENMU-R continues to be a wonderful contribution to this village, and right now the Fall Student Art Exhibit is going on. Opening day was Nov. 9, and it will continue until Dec. 6.

The opportunities through Eastern New Mexico University for the arts are classes such as drawing, design, human figure, art appreciation, digital imaging and photography, painting, ceramics, masters painting and many others. Bruce DeFoor teaches painting, masters painting, drawing and human figure. Judy Pekelsma teaches art appreciation and ceramics. Miranda Howe teaches tile texture and Lynette Watkins teaches digital photography. Ed Barlow teaches design.

I interviewed three students who submitted their art and here is what they had to say.

Peggy Alford is almost 90 years of age. This is her second semester of art classes at ENMU-R. She has the title of most "distinguished student" at the college and inspires others to keep up with her.

Peggy said taking classes at ENMU has changed her life. Her children wanted her to come be with them, but she is staying here because of ENMU. All of the students get along and are encouraging and happy – largely due to Bruce DeFoor, department chair of the fine arts department.

Peggy submitted a figure drawing on charcoal for this semester's art exhibit. Art classes are good for anyone depressed or needing a shot in the arm and she recommends it for any-

one. The way the older and younger work together and get along and the opportunities this university offers are wonderful for our community.

Nora Midkiff has lived in Ruidoso for 11 years and is a native of New Mexico. She submitted a painting of two boys fishing along a bank for this year's art exhibit. Her love is pastels, but points out the foundations of art education are so important for anyone interested in art. She took drawing as a foundation and it gave her exposure to all the other areas. She encourages anyone in a craft or artistic work to apply the advantages of the foundations of art.

There is such good talent in Ruidoso and these art classes help one develop an artistic eye. ENMU offers encouragement for every artist and the profes-



Student artist Cody Jones (above) submitted numerous works in the ENMU art show and sale.

sionals who will teach you what you need to know.

Nora is inspired by the confidence that came when she submitted her work and knows that has given her the skills she needs to go to the next level.

Cody Jones grew up in Ruidoso and is a sophomore at ENMU. He submitted six paintings in the art exhibit this semester. He has two acrylics from design class, two linoleum cut prints from art appreci-

ation and two oil paintings from painting. Asked if he had a favorite, Cody said the two acrylics are because they show his style of painting. This show gives students the opportu-

nity to sell their work, he pointed out.

If you are interested in purchasing anything you see at the art exhibit, just talk to someone in the art department.

"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 Sud-
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Cloudcroft

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

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

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Call for artists

The Chamber Music Festival in Ruidoso is looking for artwork to be used for the 2011 Chamber Music Festival to be held on July 30.

The artwork, which can be in any medium, will be used for the program book cover art, brochures, posters, notecards and other items to promote the festival.

Artists need to submit an Intent to Submit by Dec. 20. There is no entry fee. The winning artwork will be selected in January and the winning artist will receive \$250 and a pair of tickets to the two concerts of the festival. The work becomes the property of the Chamber Music Festival and is displayed during the event.

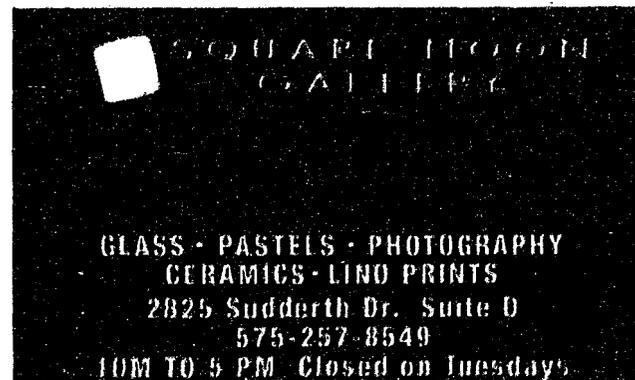
Committee member Peg Usrey said, "The subject matter doesn't need to be strictly musical and the work doesn't need to be matted or framed. We've never had a piece of three-dimensional art submitted, that would be nice."

For more information, call 575-808-1181 or email to answers@studio_w.com.

J. Hanson, Editor



"The Color of Music" created by Mary Lea Lane was the 2010 winning art submission for the Chamber Music Festival.



*One of a kind jewelry by Monroe Jackson
see collections in Ruidoso*

The Adobe - 2905 Sudderth Dr. - 688 Carrizo Canyon Blvd

New exhibit

The Artists of Carrizozo exhibit opens tomorrow

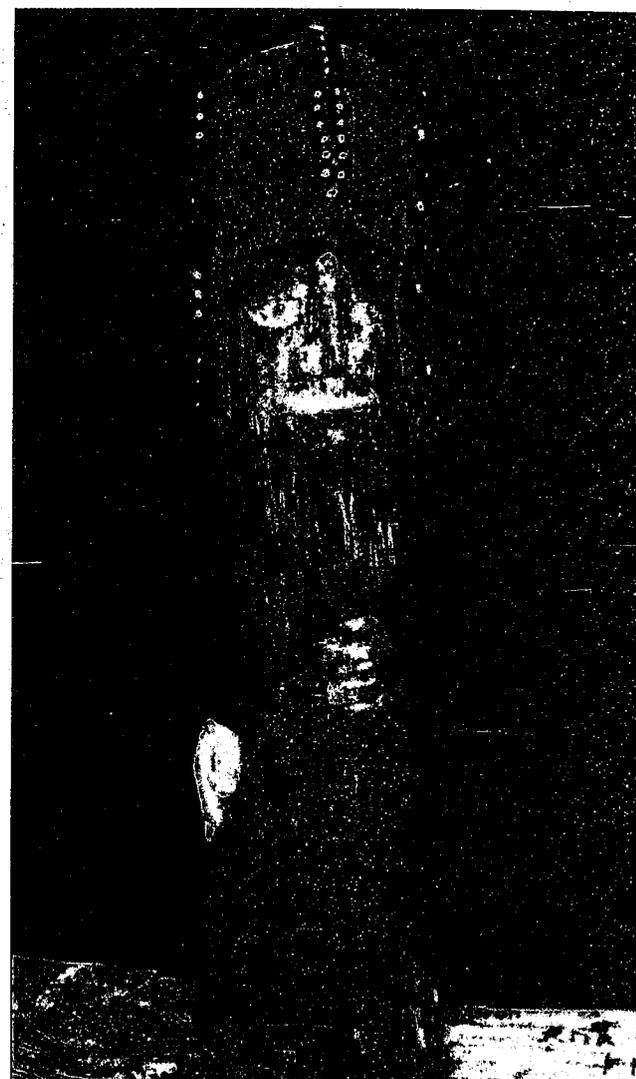
Artists who reside in the greater Carrizozo area will be featured in a special annual showing from Nov. 20 – Dec. 20.

The event was originally established in 2009, with 25 artists participating. This year, the number has grown to 36 artists, who will be featuring a variety of works in assorted mediums.

An opening reception with refreshments takes place Saturday, Nov. 20, from 5 – 7 p.m., at both Gallery 408 and Malkerson Modern Art Gallery on Historic 12th Street, in Carrizozo. Many of the artists included in the show will be in attendance, offering guests an opportunity to discuss their works with them.

Gallery hours are Friday, Saturday and Monday, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sunday, 12 – 5 p.m.

For more information, call 575-648-2598, or email gallery408@tularosa.net, or go online to www.carrizozoart.com.



Artist Mike Gieb is one of the many talented individuals participating in the new Carrizozo exhibit.

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THEATRE

Lend Me A Tenor

Final weekend before the curtain closes on this comedy



BY J. D. DRODDY
FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

Uproarious laughter permeated the Rohovec Fine Arts Center at New Mexico State University-Alamogordo during last weekend's opening of *Lend Me A Tenor*, a remarkably funny show. The final three performances are scheduled for tonight and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee wrapping up the run on Sunday at 2 p.m.

The story is set in 1934, and revolves around a famous Italian tenor, Tito Merelli. Known to his fans as *Il Stupendo*, he is scheduled to appear at an opera celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company.

When he arrives with his wife Maria, he is feeling ill from having over-eaten. Maria and Tito bicker loudly and animatedly

throughout the show, and Maria tries to get him to take his sleeping pills. After an argument the singer downs many pills, just to spite his wife.

Maria suspects that Tito is having affairs with other women and writes him a Dear John letter. Subsequently, she finds Maggie Saunders hiding in Tito's closet, where she was actually waiting to ambush Tito for an autograph. Of course, Maria suspects the worst, collects her luggage and departs leaving the letter on the bed. When Tito finds it he becomes distraught and attempts to kill himself. He is ultimately dissuaded from the act by Max, who (not knowing that Tito has already downed many sleeping pills) spikes Merelli's wine with more pills. Sooner or later the pills take effect, after which Max and Saunders find Tito and erroneously

believe he is dead.

Saunders is furious at the selfish act of Tito (suicide) and becomes enraged. Unwilling to lose money by canceling the opera, he hatches a plot for Max to impersonate Merelli. Thereafter follows a hilariously funny series of events involving mistaken identity, farcical plot twists, innuendoes, double enten-

dres and a barrage of entrances and exits through several doors.

Tickets for the show will be available at the door. Advance tickets are available from TLC Portraits in the White Sands Mall and The Blue Stone on South White Sands Boulevard. Admission is \$8 for adults and high school students and \$4 for children. NMSU-A students with a valid ID may purchase two tickets at the door for \$2.

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COVER STORY

Lorrie Morgan*Grand Ole Opry star
and CMA winner
goes acoustic at
The Spencer Theatre*

BY KATHLEEN McDONALD
FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

With her sweetly arresting voice and captivating stage presence Lorrie Morgan is one of the biggest names on the country music scene, carving out a career that has garnered 14 Top 10 hits, 13 albums (seven of which have gone gold and platinum) and four Female Vocalist of the Year awards.

Morgan was barely a teenager when she made her first major appearance in 1975, singing "Paper Roses" with her dad, country star George Morgan on the Grand Ole Opry. Since that time, particularly in 1984, when she became the youngest person in history to become a member

of the Opry, and in the '90s after scoring a string of major country hits, she has built a reputation as an artist who knows a great song when she hears one and how to deliver it in memorable fashion.

Her trophy room is adorned with reminders of milestones, above all for her hit recordings "Five Minutes," "Something in Red," "Watch Me" and "What Part of No," and for duets with the likes of Frank Sinatra, The Beach Boys, George Jones and Sammy Kershaw.

Morgan's latest offering, "I Walk Alone," is a labor of love that has been a lifetime in the making. The CD has 12 songs, which she co-wrote and co-produced, including "Mirror, Mirror," "Woman Thing,"

and the title cut "I Walk Alone." The reflective compilation shares her lessons and yearnings with a deeply held reverence for lost loves and new possibilities. It is her most introspective work to date, one of which she is particularly proud. "I went through a lot to get here."

Morgan will share her tunes and "evergreen" classics at the Spencer on Saturday, Nov. 27, at 7 p.m., in an acoustic concert featuring herself on guitar and vocals, Marcia Ware on background vocals, Mark Oliverius on keyboards and Todd Woosly on guitar. Ticket prices are \$69 and \$66, and are available by calling the Spencer box office at 575-336-4800, or online at spencertheater.com.



COVER STORY



LORRIE MORGAN

The Color of Roses

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Oh Sherry!

BY NEAL JONES
FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

Sherry is a fortified wine that gets a boost from brandy. The name Sherry is derived from Jerez de la Frontera, a southwestern Spanish seaport of the wine's origin. Made with the Palomino grape, wines produced in

this area are world-famous and quite different from Sherry produced in other places around the world.

Spanish Sherry was the first wine in Spain to get legal protection and regulations in the Denominación de Origen classifications in 1933. The official seal reading DO Jerez-Xeres-Sherry is affixed to

the bottle or label. The laws have delimited the classic production zone according to the soil, with Those having a high chalk content, called albarizas, being particularly well-suited for making the finest Sherries.

There are unique characteristics in the making of Sherry. At time of harvest,



grapes are crushed in large troughs or lagares. The entire mixture of crushed grapes and juice, or the "must," is allowed to ferment. During the winter, the wines are stored in criaderas, or nurseries, where they are watched carefully. Each cask is individually graded by means of chalk marks. The grading will help keep the blends consistent each year for the maker. Some of the casks will develop a white natural yeast called flor. Flor occurs spontaneously and only in certain casks. When a cask develops flor yeast, a fine, light pale wine results and will be used as the base in Sherry. Wines that don't produce the flor will be used in other full-bodied wines. This yeast is only native to a few wine regions and most of the Sherry producers around the world import it.

The blending process in making Sherry is known as the Solera system. Every fall the new wines are brought to the warehouses, or bodegas, where they are set aside to age. In the solera system the casks are stacked in tiers so that their contents are gradually blended with wines of dif-

ferent vintages. The solera system ensures that each grade of Sherry is consistent every year. This means there is no "vintage" with Sherry, because the casks of the solera system are being replenished by younger wines as the whole system of casks ages. A year may be specified on the bottle, which notes when the solera was established, but it is not a vintage.

There are five types of Sherry. Manzanilla is the driest and palest Sherry, and comes from San-lúcar de Barrameda, northwest of Jerez. Fino is the next driest Sherry. Both are produced from the flor yeast and are among the few wines whose alcoholic strength actually increases slightly as they age in cask — mainly due to evaporation and because they only receive a small amount of brandy. They are particularly fragrant and delicate.

The next is Amontillado, which is darker than Fino and slightly sweeter with a nutty characteristic. Fuller still is the Oloroso, which has not developed the flor yeast. These are naturally dry when fermented. The sweetness is added later with a grape

concentrate called dulce. Dulce is a partially fermented grape must with brandy. Some of these sweeter Sherries will have the juice of the Pedro Ximénez grape. The sweetest Sherry is the cream Sherry and have PX denoted on the label, meaning they used the Pedro Ximénez grape.

California produces over four times as much Sherry as Spain, although very little American Sherry is made with the flor yeast and aged by the solera system. Inexpensive Sherry produced from table or raisin grapes is "baked" artificially at high temperatures to give it a sherry-like flavor and straw color. The new technique of "submerged-culture flor process" agitates wine and yeast, instead of allowing it to settle on the surface reducing the time dramatically.

A true Spanish Sherry is worth a try and not too expensive. For his world exploration in 1519, Ferdinand Magellan spent more on Sherry than he did on ammunition and weapons. Oh those explorers, they had their priorities set.



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

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Germ factories



Polly's Potpourri

by
Polly E. Chavez



We are now in the midst of the cold and flu season.

Hands are unquestionable germ factories, no matter how clean they may be. Keep your hands away from your nose, mouth and tear ducts.

My kitchen doesn't always look like it does in the photograph. After I finish my recipe experiments, the counters, table and stove top are a mess, but that is not a reflection that I do not follow sanitation rules in preparation, cooking and serving.

Some people call me paranoid about proper hand washing. If hand washing is not feasible and no hand sanitizer is available, I eat with a fork or hold a sandwich (or burrito) with a paper towel around it.

Does this scene at a restaurant sound familiar? I arrive at a restaurant, where a waitress or waiter hands me a menu. Was this menu previously held by a diner who had a cold or the flu? While I look over the items on the

menu my wait person goes about "busy" work. She, or he, clears several tables where diners have eaten.

The tip money is pocketed and four fingers are used to lift four used glasses to place on the dirty dish cart. She, or he, picks up several used napkins smeared with food, lipstick and no telling what else. The soiled napkins are stacked on dirty plates that also are placed and rearranged on the cart.

The wait person proceeds to wrap clean silverware around clean napkins. Lemon slices are prepared for tea. A customer is ready to pay at the cash register. There was no visible sign that any hand washing occurred before or after the table clearing, money exchange and other chores.

My order is taken.

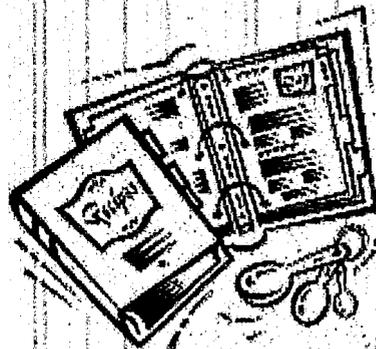
Another customer is at the cash register, where money is handled, after which the wait person places a bun on a plate and brings my food.

"Enjoy," my wait person says.



Germ Facts

- Colds and flu are caused by viruses, which can easily pass from person to person, or from surface to person.
- Computer keyboards, telephones, and pens harbor germs.
- Restroom sink faucets, towel holder and door knobs are infected with germs.
- Make a habit of keeping on hand alcohol-based cleaners or antiseptic wipes.



Many places now provide liquid hand sanitizer for their customers.

Warm water and soap will kill germs, but don't rush. Wash for 20 seconds.

Use a paper towel for turning the faucet off and on, also to turn the door knob when you leave the restroom.

If you are a woman, do not place your purse on the restroom floor.

CULINARY DINING GUIDE

Alamogordo

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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.

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Amigos Bakery • 1107 10th St., Alamogordo • 437-0592. • 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Deli, daily special.

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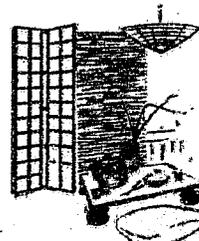
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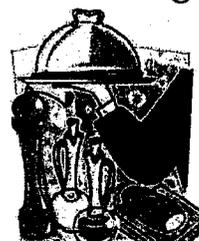
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The Wild Herb Market • 1715 Sudderth • Deli, organic and natural foods • Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • 257-0138

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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.

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Churrasco Flats Grill & Bar • 1451 Mechem (inside Swiss Chalet) • 258-3152

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

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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, 11a-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.

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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

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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.

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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

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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

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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

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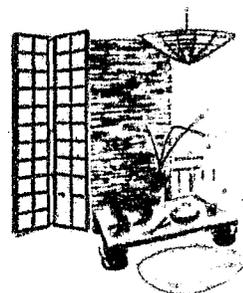
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Michelenas • 2703 Sudderth • Tue-Sun 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • 257-5753

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

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

Chinese/Asian



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

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

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

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

Bon Appetit!

The death of Jesse James

Some time ago, I traveled to Missouri to investigate the death of Jesse James. Jesse was shot by Bob Ford on the morning of April 3, 1882, in St. Joseph, Mo. But there are a number of problems with the story. In the company of famed criminologist Tom Lange (who gathered evidence for the O.J. trial and was the chief investigating officer in the Wonderland murders), I had the privilege of traveling to some of the key locations in Jesse's story and examining evidence first-hand. Some of what we found was startling.

Beginnings

Jesse had a brother, Frank, and a sister, Susan. His father, Robert, journeyed to the California gold fields, where he died when the children were quite young. Jesse's mother Zerelda was remarried to a doctor named Reuben Samuel.

They were a well-to-do family who owned seven slaves. But keep in mind that the Civil War erupted in Missouri years before 1861, and it was more vicious, almost exclusively a guerrilla war, fought between the Yankee "Jayhawkers" and Rebel "Bushwhackers."

Frank James joined the guerrillas under William Clarke Quantrill. When the Jayhawkers came to the James farm at Kearney, looking for Frank, all they found was little brother Jesse and their stepfather Reuben.

Jesse was working in



the fields. When he refused to divulge Frank's location, the 16-year-old was viciously beaten. Reuben Samuel was repeatedly hanged and then let down so that he might point out Frank's location. When he finally did, they simply left him dangling. Had Jesse not gotten to his stepfather in time, he would have strangled. As it was, oxygen was cut off from his brain long enough to cause irreversible brain damage.

Jesse became quite anxious to join the fight against the Yankee "aggressors." Quantrill wouldn't take him because he was too young, but Bloody Bill Anderson had no such qualms about taking him. As far as the aptly named Bloody Bill was concerned, if you were big enough to hold a pistol you were big enough to fight. Anderson later described Jesse as "the keenest fighter in my command."

At war's end in 1865, carrying a white flag and trying to surrender, Jesse was shot, almost fatally, in the chest.

Liberty

On Feb. 13, 1866, 14 heavily armed men rode

into Liberty, Mo., and robbed the bank. It was the first peacetime, daylight bank robbery in the history of the United States and for the next 15 years, the nation was spellbound by the activities of the James/Younger gang. While it is doubtful that Jesse was present at Liberty, there is little doubt that he helped plan the audacious crime.

January, 1875 -

September, 1876

On the night of Jan. 26, 1875, "eight or nine" Pinkerton operatives crept up to the James farm in the darkness. They tossed what they claimed was a "smoker" into the house. Someone in the house pushed the "smoker" into the fireplace and it exploded.

Tom and I were both permitted to examine the remains of the "smoker" and we reached identical conclusions. It was a bomb, and that fits well with a note in the letters of Allen Pinkerton, instructing his operatives to "blow them up." The "smoker" exploded, nearly severing Zerelda's arm, which was amputated the next day. Their little 8-year-old, mentally retarded brother Archie was killed.

This was a major blunder for the Pinkertons, creating an enormous amount of sympathy for the James family.

A year-and-a-half later, in September 1876, the James/Younger gang rode into the shootout of their lives in Northfield, Minn. It is not our purpose to examine that legendary battle

at this time. Suffice to say that Jesse and Frank were the only members of the gang to escape back to Missouri. Everyone else was killed or captured.

The battle of Northfield forever broke the gang's power and reliable recruits became more difficult to find. As Frank was understandably losing interest in banditry, Jesse recruited the Ford brothers, Bob and Charlie. It was a terminal mistake.

The end

In late 1881, Jesse and his family moved to St. Joseph, to a cottage that conveniently afforded the legendary bandit a view of the city in all directions. And it was there, on April 3, 1882, that the worst fears of Jesse's wife finally came true.

About nine in the morning, Bob and Charlie Ford, who had been staying with the James' as their guests, retired with Jesse to the living room after breakfast. Zee and the children were in the adjoining kitchen when a shot reverberated through the house.

Zee ran to the living room just in time to see Bob and Charlie racing from her home. Jesse lay in a pool of blood, on his back. The panicked Fords told her, as they ran, that "a pistol had accidentally gone off." "I guess it went off on purpose," she replied. She held her dying husband's head in her lap, and in a minute or two he was dead.

The Fords testified that Jesse took off his coat and

guns and laid them on a day bed, something they had never seen him do before. He stepped up onto a chair to either dust or straighten an old sampler. It was then that Bob raised his pistol and accomplished what many thought was impossible.

Seems pretty cut and dried, but there are some problems: For starters, Jesse stood about five-foot-ten and there was no need for him to stand on a chair to "dust." There is also a bullet hole in the wall. It is mentioned in the *St. Joseph Daily Gazette*, two days after the shooting, as being made by the bullet that "passed through" Jesse's head. At some point, someone removed the bullet, deeply gouging the wall.

Aside from Jesse standing on a chair when it wasn't necessary, there is a major problem with the bullet hole story, too. For over a century, it was assumed that this *had* to have been correct, that it was the hole made by the bullet that killed Jesse James. But in 1995, Jesse's body was exhumed, and it was discovered that the bullet that killed him had never exited his skull.

So where did this hole come from? It was there when the first reporter arrived on the scene and wasn't added years later by some enterprising person for the benefit of tourists. Charley Ford claimed that he did not fire, but the only possible reason for that hole to be there is that Charley fired and missed.

But why would he lie?

In the end, it makes no difference. While Jesse did not need to stand on a chair and there is irrefutably a second bullet hole in the wall, all that really matters is that on April 3, 1882, Bob Ford killed Jesse James. As Tom Lange pointed out, even in the most open-and-shut cases, there is always something that *just doesn't fit*.

In the case of Jesse James, it is impossible to tell anything definitively at this late date. The contradictions of his death will probably always be with us. After all, it's pretty tough to investigate a crime scene when the whole house has been moved twice.

Sources: "Extra" Edition of the *St. Joseph Daily Gazette*; *Frank and Jesse James, The Story Behind the Legend* by Ted Yeatman and personal research of the author.

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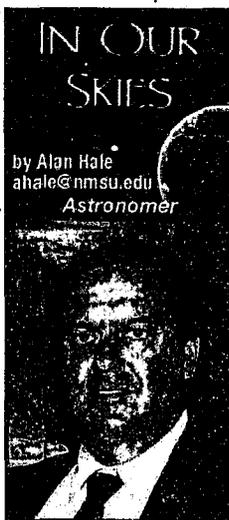
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The ever-changing solar system

Those of us who have been

around for a while may recall that we were taught of the solar system as being a quiet, stately, orderly place with the sun, around which orbited the four terrestrial planets (Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars), then the asteroid belt, then the four gas giant planets (Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune), followed by the distant world Pluto all alone in the solar system's outer reaches. The various moons of the planets, and an occasional comet that would whisk through the inner solar system, essentially completed this picture.

Due in large part to discoveries that have been made within the past few decades, we now know that this picture of the solar system is hopelessly simplistic and incomplete. For one thing, we know that while the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter may contain the majority of the solar system's asteroids, we in fact find them throughout the solar system, even within Earth's orbit. The outer solar system beyond Neptune's orbit, which in the simplistic picture we were taught was essentially the sole domain of Pluto, has now been found to contain an entire population of objects, of which Pluto is



merely one of the largest.

Five years ago came the announced discovery of the distant world since named Eris, which orbits the sun some distance beyond Pluto. Since Eris has a moon (named Dysnomia) it is possible to utilize

Newton's law of gravity to determine its mass – as is also possible for Pluto due to its three known moons – and this, combined with Eris' brightness, led to the conclusion that Eris is slightly larger than Pluto. It was this discovery, together with the discoveries of several other distant worlds that are close to Pluto's size, that led to the "demotion" of Pluto from "planet" status.

Earlier this month Eris passed directly in front of a distant star, as seen from a path that crossed South America. Precise timings of such "occultation" events have been used in the past to determine the sizes of numerous asteroids – and even Pluto – and in this case the timings from three separate sites in Chile have allowed an accurate size to be computed for Eris. The somewhat surprising result is that Eris appears to be about the same size as, in fact slightly smaller than, Pluto – reversing the order of sizes that we had previously thought.

We nevertheless know

that Eris is more massive than Pluto, so if this result holds up, Eris must then have an average density quite a bit greater than Pluto, i.e., it must be made of heavier materials. Furthermore, Eris must be quite a bit more reflective than Pluto, in fact, its surface would have to be covered with something as white as very white snow in order to be as bright as it is, while being as small as it now seems to be. This entire episode is showing us how little we know about the distant worlds in our solar system, and while we should hopefully learn much more about Pluto when the *New Horizons* spacecraft arrives there in 2015, it may be a long time before we are able to gather any comparable information about Eris.

Other recent discoveries, including the almost 500 worlds that have now been detected orbiting around other stars, are telling us how much we have yet to learn about how our solar system formed, and how it arrived in the condition in which we see it today. It is now widely accepted that the planets formed from a thick "disk" of material that surrounded the very early sun, and in fact we have detected disks of this nature around numerous very young stars. However, getting from that disk, to the planets we see today at the distances from the sun they have, has proven to be a very difficult task when we careful-

ly examine the various physical processes involved.

For example, Uranus and Neptune shouldn't exist, since they are much larger than the available disk material in that part of the solar system to form worlds of their size. This "problem" has now been solved by realizing that they formed quite a bit closer to the sun than where they are now, but that gravitational interactions between the four giant planets billions of years ago flung Uranus and Neptune out to their present locations.

Another "problem" is that the relative sizes of the four terrestrial planets didn't seem to make any sense, considering what material was present in this region of the solar system. A few years ago it was announced that what we see can be achieved by arbitrarily assuming that the disk in the inner solar system was smaller than had been previously believed, but such ad hoc explanations are unsatisfactory from a scientific point of view. However, very recent calculations indicate that if Jupiter had formed somewhat closer to the sun than it is now, it would have "migrated" inward over time, keeping the inner part of the disk small enough to produce what we now see.

The "hot Jupiter" planets we see around some stars indicate that large planets like Jupiter can indeed migrate inward like

this. However, the gravitational influence of Saturn put a brake on this process, and helped pull both large worlds out of the inner solar system, and at the same time allowed for the terrestrial planets to form. It would appear, then, that we owe our existence to the planet Saturn – the celestial counterpart to the Greek and Roman god of time.

For the past few billion years the solar system has been a fairly stable place, but over time built-up gravitational interactions between the planets could throw things out of whack again. At the same time, changes in our sun will

eventually make the inner solar system unlivable for us. We're thus fortunate to be alive at a time when we can understand, and appreciate, the temporary stability of our present surroundings.

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Angus Wood Carvers: 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, Junction Hwys. 48 and 37; 336-9161.

Art Connection: Last Wednesday of each month. Innsbruck Club House. Info: Pat, 258-3602.

Carrizozo Women's Club: Second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse at 11th and D Avenue; Info: Tona Macken, 354-0769.

Christian Motorcyclists Assoc: Third Thursday monthly at 6:30 p.m.; 1204 Mechem, Suite 8.; online at www.CMAUSA.org; 575-336-1530 for local info. All are invited to attend.

Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, plus a 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays; Ruidoso Senior Center; Info: 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Fort Stanton Museum: Thurs. - Mon., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. For group tours call 575-336-1436, or 575-336-4015.

Insighters Book Club: 6:30 p.m. first Wednesday of each month at Insight Books, 1860 Sudderth; No charge and all are welcome; Info: 257-4625.

Lincoln County Bird Club: Monthly field trips are scheduled at various times. Info: 257-5352 or 258-3862.

Lincoln County Garden Club: Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m.; New members and visitors welcome; Info: Jordan, 378-5250.

Lincoln County Right to Life Chapter: 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday at 309 L.L. Davis Dr. All are welcome; Info: 258-5108.

Mountaintop Turners: Woodturning club, 10 a.m. every third Saturday at the woodshop of Steve and Madeleine Sabo. Info: 354-0201.

Party Bridge Group: 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Center; 336-4808.

Photographic Society of Lincoln County: 7 p.m. every second Thursday in the conference room at the Region IX office at 1400 Sudderth Dr.; 258-4003.

Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

Ruidoso Area Singles: Meet new friends for social activities - dining out, parties, potlucks, outings, etc.? New group is forming. Info: Judy, 430-7870, or Martha, 430-9808.

Ruidoso Book Review/Discussion Group: First Wednesday monthly at 10 a.m.; Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. Public is welcome.

Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club: Meets every Monday; program varies. Potluck and bridge/card games. Second Monday (Sept.-May) includes program, business meeting, potluck, bridge/card games at 116 S. Evergreen.

Ruidoso Masonic Lodge No. 73: Meets first Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., except national holidays, then moves to second Monday. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Info: 258-3598.

Ruidoso Mommies Group: Want to meet other moms in the area through playdates or Mom's night out? Call Natasha, 640-7076, or Alice, 258-3331, or Ruidoso Moms on Facebook

Ruidoso Ridge Runners 4-Wheel Drive Club: Meets 1st Wed. monthly at K-BOB's. Dinner 6 p.m. and meeting at 7. Info: 336-2714 or 378-4853.

Education

ESL classes: English as a Second Language classes sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Thu, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.; Mon, Tue, Thu, 6-8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church; Spanish language GED Mon, 6-8 p.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.

First Friday Adult Lecture Series: Monthly, Capitan Public Library, free. Info: 354-3035.

GED classes: Sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Fri, 9-11 and Mon-Tues, 5:30-7:30, at NM Workforce Connection in Compass Bank Bldg., 707 Mechem..

La Junta F.C.E.: 10:45 a.m. every 3rd Wednesday at San Patricio Senior Citizens building. Info: 653-4718.

Help & Healing

A Course in Miracles/Attitudinal Healing study group: Each Tuesday; 5:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

A Course in Miracles study group: Wednesdays, 6:45 - 8 p.m. Free. Drop-ins welcome. The Wisdom Study Group. At The Yoga Studio, 2810 Sudderth Dr., #207, (upstairs to right of and above 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.

Holiday Grief Support: Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - noon, Ruidoso Public Library conference room. Sponsored by Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation, 575-258-0028.

Meditation Practice: First Wednesday of each month; 6:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Mountain High Recovery Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 7 p.m. at Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church, 361 Highway 70 East.

Open Circle: Each Sunday; 9:30 a.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Parenting Classes: Counseling Center Prevention Program facilitates all parents seeking to enhance parenting skills, resolve issues and prevent substance use. Families with children ages 5-17 years of age that complete all requirements of the class qualify for a \$150 stipend. Qualifications and info: Brenda Motley-Lopez or Salli Mason at 257-0520.

Parents of Addicted Children: New Name Ministry offers help for parents of addicted children. For appointment, phone 802-0263 in Ruidoso and leave a message. Payment of free-will offering appreciated.

Prepared Childbirth Classes: Meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Lincoln County Medical Center's conference room. Six classes per session with qualified, certified instructors; Info: 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.).

Science of Mind Study Group: Each second and fourth Saturday; 10:30 a.m.-noon; High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Sex Addicts Anonymous: 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall meeting room, 121 Mescalero Trail. Info: 575-201-4203.

Stretch & Tone Class: For men and women of all ages, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Senior Center, 501 Sudderth; Emese, 258-

0003, or Terry Franklin, 257-4565.

Temple Builders Weight Loss Support Group: Thursdays at 6-6:30 p.m. at Angus Church; no dues or food purchase, just friendly support and accountability; weigh-in followed by short devotional. Info: 336-8032.

Working Disabled Health Insurance: State of N.M. Working Disabled Individuals Medicaid Program; call Jeanie White at 575-622-4169

Political

Democratic Party of Lincoln County: Monthly meetings 6 p.m. first Thursday of each month except Jan., July and Sept. Info: 973-7505, or Maria, 937-8394.

Democratic Women Sacramento Mountain Area: Third Saturday at K-BOB's at 12:00 noon. For more information call 808-1133 or 257-6078.

Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County: Regular meetings. For information, call 653-4379.

Republican Party of Lincoln County: Meetings at Cree Meadows Country Club; info, 336-7038.

Service Organizations

Altrusa Club: 5 p.m. every third Tuesday, First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Rd. Info: Deb 336-1486 or www.altrusaruidoso.com.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 52: 6:20 p.m. every other Wednesday; Angus Church of the Nazarene. Info: 808-1172.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59: 6 p.m. every Monday, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Info: Mark, 378-5623.

B.P.O. Elks No. 2086: 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70; Info: 257-2607.

B.P.O. Does: Noon, second and fourth Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. Highway 70.

Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program: 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso. For children age 4 to 6th grade; Info: 257-2081, www.fbcruaidoso.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 Needle Crafters Club: Every Sunday at Books, Etc., 2340 Sudderth Dr., 2-4 p.m. 575-257-1594.

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 Mosler, 437-8260.

Alamogordo Mustang Club: Meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at Vision Ford. Daurian Orchard, 491-7952.

Barbershop Harmony Society: The "Sounds of Enchantment" barber-shop chorus meets at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo, every Tue., 7-9 p.m. Gentlemen of all ages welcome. Info: 437-8832.

Boy Scouts: Programs open to boys first grade-age 20, girls tenth grade-age 20. Info: Suzy, 437-7640.

Chaparral Kennel Club: 6:30 p.m. every first Wednesday at various locations. Promotes purebred dogs and sponsors therapy visits, dog shows, matches and the rescue of purebred dogs. Michele, 434-5220.

The Christian Self-Employed Business Club: Breakfast meetings at 8 a.m. on Fridays. Any self-employed person and a guest are welcome to attend. Paul Collins, 437-8257.

Crochet Guild of America: The Alamogordo Touch of Class Chapter welcomes all levels. 437-3832.

Desert Basin Toastmasters: Meets 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Alamogordo Physical Therapy Center, 10th and Washington; and every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Comm. Center at Holloman AFB. Guests welcome. Visit desertbasin.freetoasthost.com or phone 921-4767.

Desert Castaways Duplicate Bridge Club: Meets 12:30 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday & Friday at the Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico. 437-2822.

Desert Mountain 4-Wheel Drive Club: Meets third Tue. of each month at Wok Inn. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7. Info: 491-4257 or 430-3608.

Enchanted Quilters Guild: Meets 7 - 9 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 1300 Hawaii Ave. All are welcome. Info: 434-5162 after 4 p.m..

Experimental Aircraft Association: Meets at 7 p.m. every second Tuesday in the pilots lounge at Alamogordo-White Sands Regional Airport. Open to all, including non-pilots.

Girl Scouts: Open to girls ages 5-17. Nancy, 437-2921.

Golden Gears Car Club: Meets at 7 p.m. every first Thursday at the VFW annex building. Cruise-ins are on the last Saturday of each month at Sonic on the north end of town on White Sands Blvd. 434-0200.

Historic Vehicle Association of Alamogordo: Anyone with an interest in old cars is welcome to join. John Douglas, 437-5318 or Gale Ortiz, 434-5242.

The New Horizon Band: Rehearsals 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Alamogordo Senior Center. 434-4281.

Noel Southard Chapter of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation: Meets at 7 p.m. first Monday at the Aristocrat Assisted Living Center on Robert Bailey Drive. 434-8356 or 434-1467.

Otero County Association of Educational Retirees: Meets 11:30 a.m. every third Tuesday at Margo's Restaurant, Alamogordo. Lincoln and Otero County educational retirees welcome. For info: Barbara, 585-5564 or Dave, 437-6948.

Singles of Otero County: Weekly activities to provide a social network for singles in the area. 18 & over welcome. 437-4035.

Solar Energy Association: Meets 6 p.m., every third Thursday (except summer) at Alamogordo Public Library. Public welcome. 682-6027.

Tularosa Basin Rockhounds: Meets every second Tuesday at First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St. Field trips every fourth Saturday, annual camps and picnic. 437-3377.

White Sands Dart Association: Double team open tournaments 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Fraternal Order of Eagles Club, 471 24th St. Join to play or learn. Contact Delilah at 442-8750.

Education

ESL: English as a second language class, 9 a.m. each Monday, 1328

Scenic Dr. \$15 for workbook. Class sponsored by Mountain Valley Baptist Association; 437-9987.

H.E.L.P. Head Start: Accepting applications for pre-school children with or without disabilities. Free meals. Alamogordo Center: Maria Gallegos, 434-6313; La Luz Center: Martina Travis, 437-4485; Tularosa Center: Annette Chavez, 585-4818.

Integrated Instructional Services Department: Monthly Parent/Staff Advisory Committee meeting, 4 - 6 p.m. every second Tuesday at the IIS Building, Dr. Doug Householder, 439-3200.

Lacy Simms: Governing council meets at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at First National Bank Building Atrium. Regular meetings are at 7:15 p.m.; 437-4011.

Help & Healing

Al-Anon: New Day Al-Anon group meets noon Thursdays at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo.

Alamogordo City Disability Council: Meets at 2 p.m. every third Wednesday at the Sgt. Willie Estrada Memorial Civic Center. Disability Resource Center, 439-1112, or Ann French at 439-4227 or 439-4889.

American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center: Mon. & Tues., 1 - 4 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Hats, wigs, scarves, bras, prostheses; "Look Good - Feel Better" make-up sessions by appt.; 1212 E. 9th St., Ste. E; trained, certified "Reach to Recovery" volunteers. Free services. 575-437-6176, 430-1530, 437-0690.

Blood Pressure Screening: 9 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Red Cross office. Free; 700 E. First St., No. 765. 437-4421.

Calvary Baptist Clothes Closet: Open 2 - 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 1200 Indian Wells Rd.; Clothing is free; Donations accepted. 437-0110.

Celiac Disease/Gluten Intolerance Support Group: Meets second and fourth Sundays, 2-3:30 p.m., in the conference room of ERA-Simmons Real Estate, 918 10th St., Alamogordo. Info: Kathie at 437-0603, Robin at 442-9419, or email paintedladies64@yahoo.com.

Child Health Care: No or low cost for children under 19. Apply at the Otero County Public Health Office. 437-9340, 437-9899, or 437-9093.

Divorced & Widowed Adjustment Group: Meets at 6:30 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Alamogordo Church, 2826 Indian Wells Rd. Non-sectarian self-help group dedicated to assisting men and women of all ages through the loss of a partner through divorce, separation or death. Info: Ben, 682-3621.

HIBAC: Counselors are available in the Nutrition Office at the Alamo Senior Center, 9 a.m.-noon, Monday & Wednesday to assist with supplemental insurance for Medicare.

Low Income Housing: Applications are accepted 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Alamogordo Housing Authority, located at 104 Amigo Ave. Laura, 437-5621 ext. 11.

New Life Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Sun. 6 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 8 p.m. First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St.

Salvation Army Social Services: Open 10 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 10 a.m.-noon Friday; 443-0845.

Salvation Army Thrift Store: Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. 443-0845.

Search and Rescue: Meets every second and fourth Thursday at the National Guard Armory, 1600 S. Florida Ave. Leroy Lewis, 430-2987 or Dan Josetosky, 437-4813.

St. John's Community Kitchen: Free meals. 5-6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 437-3891.

ZTrans: Public transportation for \$1. Serves Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, La Luz, Alamogosa, 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.

Altusa International: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. at 19th Hole golf course restaurant. Jan Wafful, 491-0713 or Marty Polka, 921-1144.

Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority: Focusing on cultural, social and service activities. Lynn 585-5516.

Big Brothers Big Sisters: Accepting applications for children ages 6 - 17 and volunteers 18 years or older. 434-3388.

Daughters of the American Revolution: Meets monthly on third Saturday at time and place TBA. 437-7200.

Downtown Lions Club: Meets on second and fourth Mondays at Mariscos Costa Azul, 415 S. White Sands Blvd. Public welcome. Terry Reed at 434-3968 or Martha 437-7515.

Flickinger Guild: Supporting the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts, Guild members sell tickets in the box office, work the door for performances, usher, hand out programs and work concessions. Contact chairman Flori McElderry at 437-6616.

Kiwanis Club of Alamogordo: Meets on first and third Thursdays at 8 a.m.

at Maximino's Restaurant, 2300 N. White Sands Blvd; 434-0923.

Order of the Eastern Star: Tularosa Basin Chapter No. 72 meets at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday at 409 Higuera St., Tularosa. 434-1456.

Special Olympics NM - Otero: Sports training and competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities; track and field practice at 9 a.m. at NMSBVI in Alamogordo. Info: Anthony Bradway, 575-430-8902 or Sally Bradway at 479-2958.

Veterans / Military

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1257: Open meeting/lunch-eon at 11:30 a.m. second Friday at Base Enlisted Club. Visits to area veterans in local care centers every third Saturday, starting at the Betty Dare Center on North Florida Ave. promptly at 10 a.m. Gil Isley, 434-5552.

American Legion Post 108: Meets second Tuesday at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, Ed_wishbone@hotmail.com.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 108: Meets 2nd Tuesday of month at 6:15 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; Open to spouses, daughters, sisters, mothers or granddaughters of active/former military personnel. Info: Elaine Chestnut, 446-8331, mechestnut@msn.com, Ed Summerall, 430-4322.

Disabled American Veterans, Chap. 14: Meet first Monday of month at 821 Alaska, 6 p.m. Info: 434-8976.

New Mexico American Legion Riders Association, Chap 8: Meets second Tuesday at 8 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, or Darrell Winfree, 430-7735.

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 108: Meets 3rd Monday of month at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; Open to sons, grandsons of active/former military personnel. Info: Brian Koutrous, 717-202-9810, or Milton Chestnut, 446-9045.

United States Submarine Veterans: Feb. 6, 12 p.m., at White Sands Missile Range. All former submariners welcome. www.ussvl.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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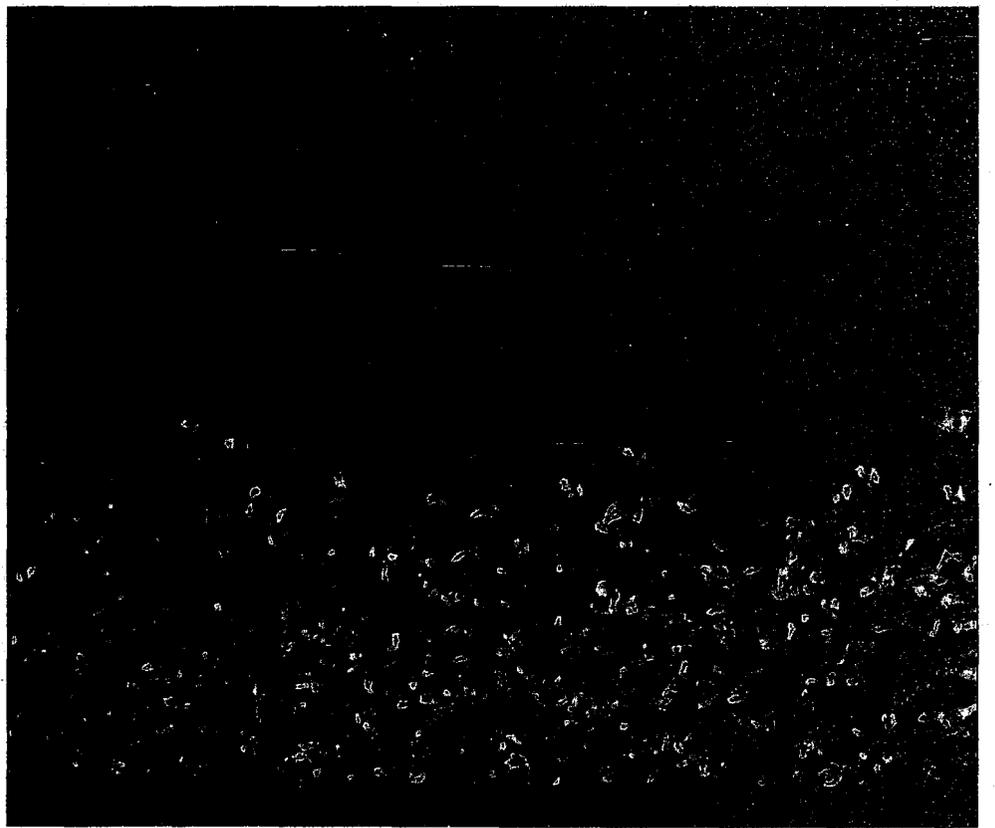
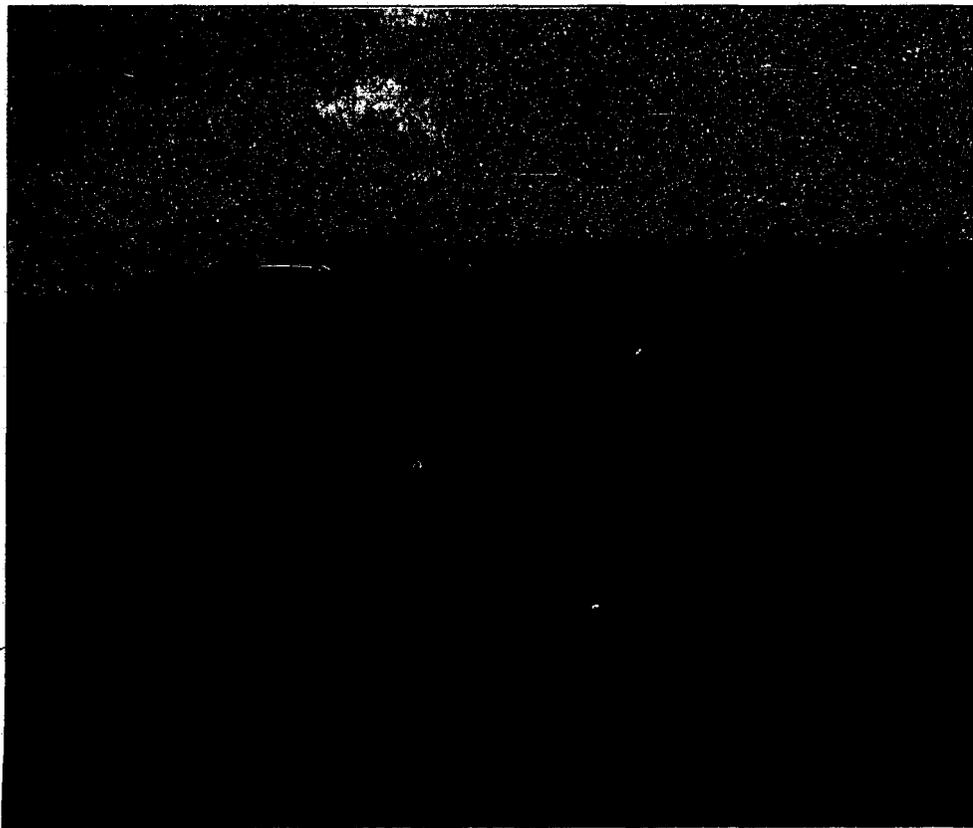
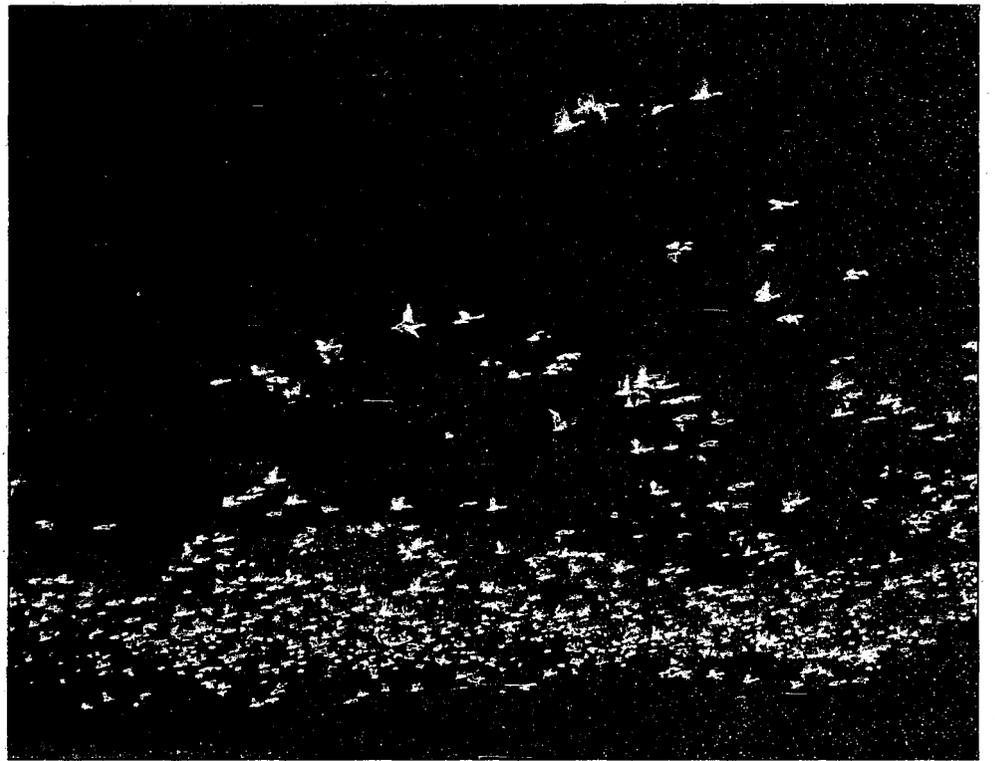
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Festival of the Cranes

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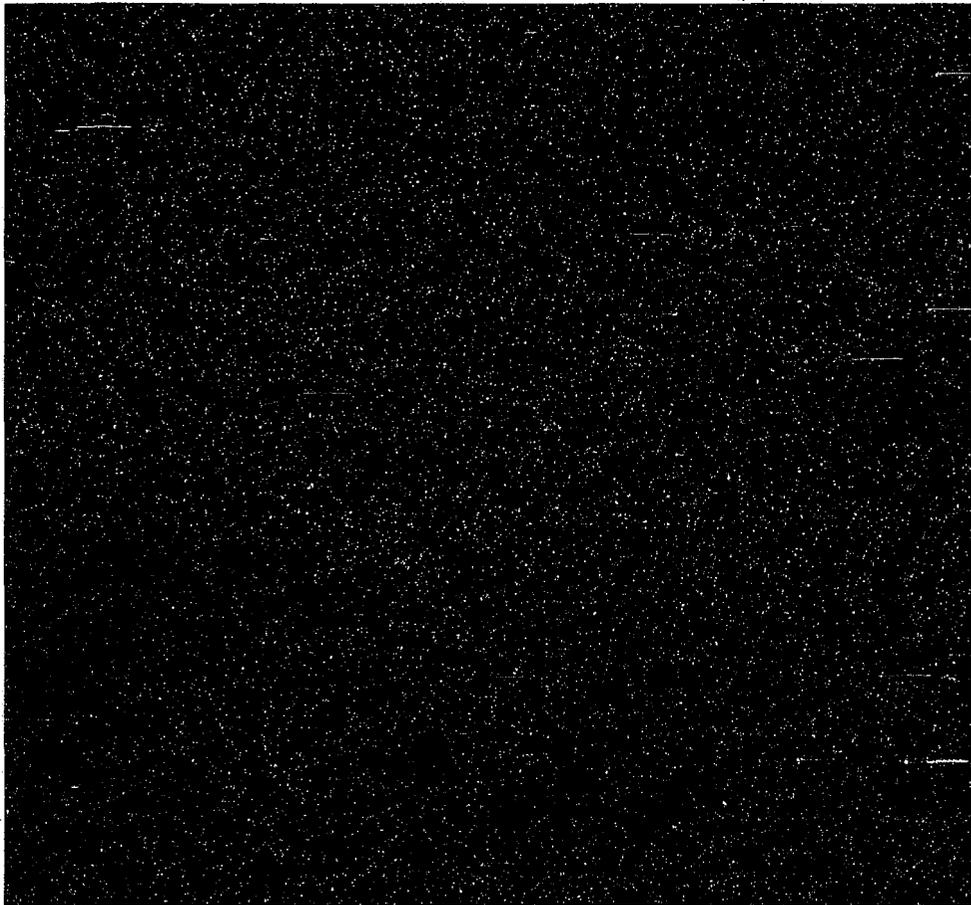
*The festival takes place
this weekend at
Bosque del Apache National
Wildlife Refuge.*



Long lens at the ready, a photographer focuses on a flock of Canadian snow geese and cranes in the marshes of Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge.

Framed by the Chupadera Mountains a flock of Canadian snow geese erupts in the morning fly out (top). Canadian snow geese lift off at sunrise (above).

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Three snow geese loft into the late afternoon sky (top left), while Sandhill cranes are silhouetted in a dusky dawn (above). A photographer bundles up as he waits for snow geese to fly out in their daily chilly dawn ritual (top right). Sandhill cranes poke the marshes in the early dawn (right). All photos by Yvonne Lanelli.

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