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Putting us 'in peril'

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In Chamber of Commerce event Tuesday, local leaders lobby legislators for share of state funds

The future of Eastern New Mexico University's Ruidoso campus could be "in peril."

That was the message from the school's president, Clayton Alred, when he urged several state lawmakers to maintain the community college during an "Evening with Our Legislators" Tuesday at the Cree Meadows Country Club in Ruidoso.

The event, sponsored by the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, provided business owners, community leaders and residents one-on-one access to Sen. Rod Adair (R-Roswell), Rep. Zach Cook (R-Ruidoso), Rep.-elect Ricky Little (R-Chaparral), and Rep.-elect Yvette Herrell (R-

Alamogordo).

Alred said if the college were to close, the community would be unserved because 66 percent of ENMU-Ruidoso students receive financial aid and likely are without the ability to commute to another institution.

"The investment in the community goes well beyond just Ruidoso in that we have employees that live throughout the county. If we're not here, those lost jobs would be dramatically devastating."

Alred said an assessment by the Rio Grande Foundation, a research and education organiza-

tion that studies public policy, recommended cutting half of the branch campuses in New Mexico.

"That puts us in peril. The legislative finance committee talked about eliminating duplication. There is no duplication in Lincoln County. ENMU serves the population with GEDs, with certificates, with associate degrees. Last May, as part of a system, we were part of the awards of bachelor degrees and masters degrees. There is no other entity that would offer those services."

Chamber executive director Sandi Aguilar told the lawmakers that ENMU-Ruidoso provides

much to Lincoln County, especially job skill training to employees.

"They're keeping our businesses up to date and competitive," Aguilar said. "We're a tourism destination and so we have to make sure we're providing the proper services and the proper facilities to keep us abreast of everything that's going on. And ENMU-Ruidoso, with their services, does that."

Adair said with 25 colleges in the state, New Mexico has one of the highest percentages of its population within 45 minutes of a



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State Representative-elect Ricky Little (center) responds to Charles Centilli of the Spencer Theatre for the Performing Arts (left) and Clayton Alred of ENMU-Ruidoso (right).

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WRONG TREE



COURTESY JOEL RUTTEN

Real estate broker Joel Rutten spotted this Christmas Deer in Flume Canyon Tuesday afternoon. Almost every Christmas season, it seems, a deer's antlers get entangled with strings of holiday lights.

Caught in a pickle...

Debate over court game embroils Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club

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A racquet sport that swept the nation in recent years has some in Alto Lakes crying fault.

The Concerned Citizens of the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club sued the club last month over pickleball playing on one of the club's tennis courts.

Pickleball incorporates elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis. It is played with a paddle and a plastic

whiffle ball.

"The bylaws for the club, the way we interpret them, do not allow pickleball to be played on the tennis courts," said a member of the concerned citizens group who did not want to be identified. "The (country club) board evidently feels differently."

Members of the group are not named in the petition for declaratory judgment because of what the document said is a "reasonable fear" that the petitioners will be retaliated

against in their use of membership privileges by the club.

"We feel that if pickleball is going to be allowed on the tennis courts the bylaws have to be changed. The reason that we're concerned is our tennis courts are a concrete slab but then we have a certain topping on it. It's quite expensive."

The anonymous member said the group has nothing against pickleball as long as it is played on a separate

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Deputy manager Morris submits his resignation

Mayor Alborn expresses regret

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News that Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris, who also heads the Ruidoso Planning Department, submitted a letter of resignation, effective in February, disappointed Mayor Ray Alborn.

"I regret it," he said Thursday. "I think Bill is a very smart guy. I had the

"To me, Bill was looking for a change of scenery," the mayor said. "I enjoyed being around him and working with him, and at the proper time, I will tell him that personally."

Morris was hired in January 2006, as director of planning and later became deputy village manager and at times, acting manager. He frequently juggled multiple duties.

Recruited from Delray Beach, Fla., Morris served as community development



MORRIS

opportunity to work with him (when Alborn served) on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Did we agree every time, no. But we agreed to disagree.

"I think he's done a good job working with (Commission Chairman Beth Hood) and what he has accomplished with this P & Z board. I wish him the best."

Morris could not be reached for comment, but Alborn said he thought Morris would be staying in the state.

department director from October 2001 until he accepted the job in Ruidoso. Previously, he was planning director for the city of Green Acres, Fla., from August 1998 to October 2001, and senior planner and zoning director for the city of Jupiter in West Palm Beach for two years ending in 1996. He graduated with a master's degree in public administration from Florida Atlantic University in 1994.

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Hamming it up backstage at the Spencer before the Ruidoso Municipal Schools & Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso's Winter Concert on Monday night were Hannah Proctor, Anna Birdsong, Lauren Yuso, Kody Rowe, Kora Godac, Melissa Ortega and Briana Stoddard. The excited youths were among 106 singers in the Christmas concert, which was directed by Danny Flores and Waynta Wirth. Various musicians helped lead the vocalists, including James Horne & Evan Stubbs on Cornet, Ed Spurr on French Horn, Brenda Berryhill on trombone and James Miller on euphonium.

Downs Christmas

The annual All American Christmas in the Park, organized by the Ruidoso Downs Beautification Committee, takes place Saturday, Dec. 18, in Ruidoso Downs.

The event will be held inside the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center at All American Park from 4 - 6 p.m.

Mayor Tom Armstrong is scheduled to open the festivities, and Santa Claus will arrive on a fire truck.

RMS choir

The Ruidoso Middle School's sixth grade choir, directed by Waynta Wirth and Danny Flores, will be singing Christmas songs at the Ruidoso Federated

Women's Club on Dec. 13. Please join us at 11 a.m. for this celebration. The Ruidoso Federated Women's Club is located at 116 Evergreen Rd. in Ruidoso.

Tuesday workshop

A Ruidoso Village Council workshop is set for Tuesday covering an overview of bond refunding, of

current debt and of debt refunding opportunities for the village.

The session, which will include a presentation by Mark Valenzuela of George K. Baum & Company, will run from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr.

The regular council meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m., instead of 4:30 p.m.

GOP party

Republicans of Lincoln County will celebrate the Christmas holiday from 6:30 - 9 p.m., Dec. 17, at Cree Meadows Golf and Country Club, 301 Country Club Rd. in Ruidoso.

The menu will include baked ham and turkey with buns, vegetable and cheese trays, and for those

who prefer Southwestern fare, enchiladas and queso. The cost is \$20 per person with reservations or \$25 at the door. No host bar.

Call 575-258-2750 to reserve a spot at a table and save a few dollars, or call Karen Clontz at 336-1360.

Walker retires



Help End Abuse for Life & the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter invite the community to attend a retirement party for Nest Operations Director Kathryn Walker, Monday, Dec. 13, from 5 - 7 p.m. at the new "Sanctuary on the River," 207 Eagle Dr. in Ruidoso, across from Ruidoso River Resort.

Walker was originally hired as a resident advocate at the Nest in October 2007. She was promoted to Chief Operations Director in March 2009.

According to Executive Director Coleen Widell, "Kathryn has brought a wealth of skills and experience to our shelter. Her contribution has made a significant impact in the

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RealFeel 67° Humidity 24%	RealFeel 63° Humidity 24%	RealFeel 64° Humidity 30%	RealFeel 65° Humidity 29%	RealFeel 61° Humidity 20%	RealFeel 56° Humidity 29%	RealFeel 55° Humidity 29%
66° 46° Mostly sunny Wind: WNW 8-16 mph	62° 44° Mostly sunny Wind: WNW 8-16 mph	64° 46° Mostly sunny Wind: W 7-14 mph	63° 45° Bright sunshine and mild Wind: NNW 6-12 mph	64° 45° Sunny, breezy and mild Wind: WSW 10-20 mph	60° 38° Sunny Wind: WSW 12-25 mph	56° 17° Considerable cloudiness Wind: NNW 7-14 mph

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National Forecast for Dec. 10, 2010

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

Regional Cities

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Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:
High/low 54°/27°
Normal high 51°
Normal low 20°
Record high 68° (1981)
Record low 0° (2005)

Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.38"
Year to date 20.65"
Normal year to date 21.41"

Pollen:
Grass Absent
Trees Low
Weeds Low
Mold Low
Predominant Ascospores

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

Alamogordo
Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:
High/low 59°/22°
Normal high 57°
Normal low 29°
Record high 75° (1981)
Record low 13° (2005)

Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.24"
Year to date 12.39"
Normal year to date 12.45"

Weather Trivia:
Q: Where is the coldest place on Earth?
A: The South Pole. The annual mean temperature is -72°F.

Sun and Moon

Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:55 a.m./4:57 p.m.
Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 10:32 a.m./9:53 p.m.

Moon Phases

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Dec 13 Dec 21 Dec 27 Jan 4

Extremes

Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 83° in Rialto, CA
Low: -18° in Orr, MN

Wednesday's World High/Low:
High: 111° in Marble Bar, Australia
Low: -59° in Sholontsy, Russia

National Cities

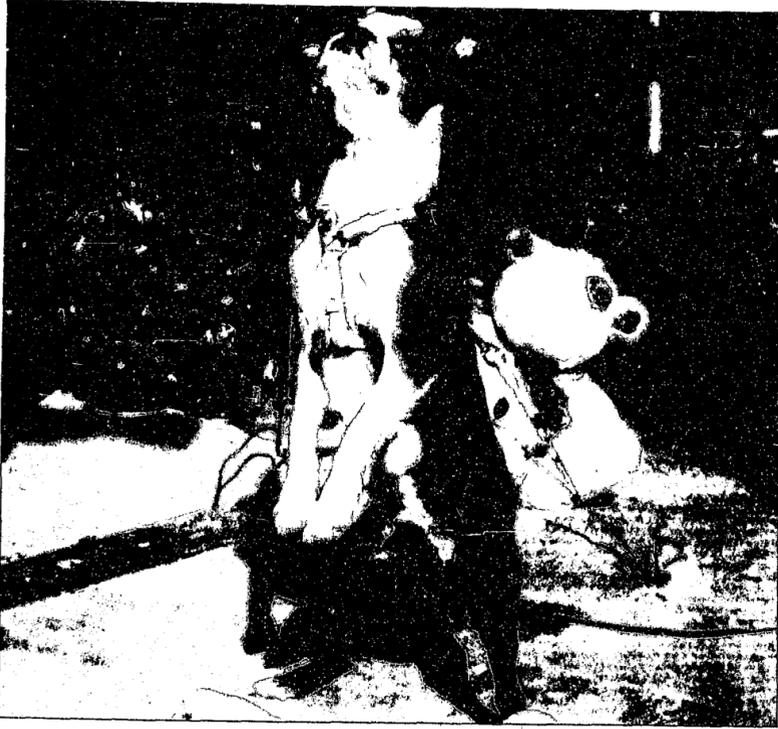
City	Today	Sat.
Abilene	64/35/s	64/31/s
Anchorage	12/8/sf	21/12/sf
Atlanta	52/39/pc	59/41/c
Austin	70/44/s	71/35/s
Baltimore	40/29/pc	48/38/pc
Boston	34/31/pc	45/36/pc
Chicago	36/28/c	37/13/sn
Dallas	63/44/s	66/36/pc
Denver	58/32/c	45/25/c
Des Moines	40/30/c	30/2/sn
Detroit	38/27/sn	37/27/c
El Paso	71/41/s	68/36/s
Las Vegas	64/45/s	67/48/s
Los Angeles	72/52/s	79/52/s
Minneapolis	28/9/c	12/-1/sn
New Orleans	63/50/c	70/53/sh
New York City	38/32/c	43/38/pc
Philadelphia	38/32/c	45/34/pc
Phoenix	74/49/s	75/52/s
Reno	56/39/c	63/34/pc
San Francisco	60/52/c	61/50/pc
San Diego	68/52/s	70/54/s
Seattle	44/35/sh	44/42/r
Tucson	77/43/s	77/44/s
Tulsa, OK	54/34/pc	55/23/c
Wash., DC	42/29/pc	46/35/pc
Wichita	54/30/s	48/18/c
Yuma	81/53/s	78/56/s

Regional Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Albuquerque	60/33/s	59/34/pc
Artesia	75/42/s	75/35/s
Chama	47/17/pc	43/12/pc
Clayton	57/28/s	54/21/pc
Cloudcroft	54/30/s	52/12/s
Farmington	52/26/pc	53/27/s
Hobbs	72/38/s	70/31/s
Los Alamos	51/25/s	46/20/s
Portales	66/31/s	61/24/pc
Raton	56/21/pc	52/16/c
Red River	43/14/s	39/12/pc
Ruidoso	66/46/s	62/44/s
Santa Fe	55/26/s	55/26/s
Silver City	65/38/s	66/37/s
Taos	57/16/s	55/15/pc

Mexican Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Acapulco	88/88/s	88/88/s
Cancun	79/57/pc	81/59/pc
Chihuahua	73/37/s	75/38/s
Ciudad Juárez	72/41/s	68/36/s
Leon	79/37/s	81/41/s
México, DF	73/34/s	76/37/s
Monterrey	79/52/s	84/52/s
Morelia	81/41/s	79/44/s
Oaxaca	87/41/s	84/48/s
Pto. Penasco	81/52/s	80/51/s
Tijuana	88/48/pc	73/52/s



COURTESY SUNNY ARIS

Santa Paws, who helps children pick out pets, will be at Animal Village NM in Alamogordo today.

Animal Village

Santa Paws will visit Animal Village NM today, Friday, at Santa's Adoption Center, 7246 Highway 54-70 in Alamogordo.

The center is planned as Southern New Mexico's most comprehensive pet adoption and animal wel-

fare center.

"Santa Paws is Santa's pet adoption helper; he listens as children explain what kind of puppy they want for Christmas," says Executive Director Sunny Aris.

"Animal Village NM will be open until midnight on Christmas Eve, for obvious

reasons. Where do you think Santa keeps all the puppies he's delivering overnight - he can't put them in his bag with all those toys, right? They'll be safe at Animal Village NM for Santa and his reindeers to pick up and deliver to responsible children in loving homes on Christmas

Eve. "Applications and arrangements must be approved in advance, of course."

Animal Village will also offer low-cost vaccinations ranging from puppy shots to rattlesnake vaccinations in the AVNM parking lot Saturday, Dec. 11, from 1 - 4 p.m.

According to Jeff Wheeler, DVM, many pet guardians are not having pets vaccinated due to recent increases in the cost for most pet health services.

"With all the wildlife and stray animals this can present a real danger to pets," explains Wheeler.

"We are partnering with Animal Village NM to provide low-cost services and offering this low-cost shot clinic this weekend to help out, as so many have increased costs, during the holidays."

All dogs must be leashed or crated and stay safe with pet guardians in their vehicles as they await their turns, for the safety of all. Numbers will be assigned and all low-cost vaccines are available on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last.

"This is a pilot program," Aris explains. "We want to see if the public is interest-

ed in low-cost services to safeguard their pets, and if the public needs these services. If a lot of people turn out for this event, we will have more and expanded services offered very soon."

For adoption information or information on the many volunteer opportunities at Animal Village NM, call Aris at 575-937-2509, or e-mail animalvillagenm@gmail.com.

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Ruidoso Parks and Recreation employees passed out cookies and hot chocolate to children and their rides at the annual lighting of the trees ceremony Thursday evening at Schoolhouse Park. A large crowd filled the park to watch the lights decorating the trees in the park turn on for the Christmas season, listen to Christmas Carolers and visit with Santa Claus.

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lives of hundreds of women and children at the Nest. To say she will be missed is wholly understated."

Walker is the daughter of William and Charlotte Jarratt of Ruidoso. She

spent many summers in Ruidoso for family reunions since 1950. She helped her mother establish the original Ruidoso Senior Citizen's Center in 1974. The Jarratts were actively involved in Lincoln County politics.

Walker is a proud veteran of the U.S. Army and served as NCOIC and Head Counselor of the Halfway House and NCOIC of the Mental Hygiene Clinic at Fort Hood.

In 2005, she retired as Chief Probation Officer

after 26 years in Texas corrections.

The community party is an opportunity to thank Walker for her leadership at the Nest and wish her happiness in retirement.

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OUR OPINION

Hospital, university on expansion campaigns

Taxpayers will have to be won over

The scramble is on by two of Lincoln County's most conspicuous institutions — the Lincoln County Medical Center and ENMU-Ruidoso — to fund ambitious expansion efforts.

Neither can be comforted by recent developments: For the university, the November defeat of a bond issue for higher education, and, just this week, County Manager Tom Stewart's downward revision of surplus education money to be made available by the

Business Retention Tax earmarked for the racetrack.

The hospital, meanwhile, faces a more circumspect county commission when two new members are seated in January.

Education and health care — it sounds cold-hearted to question either. But in this environment, we must get straight answers about the most efficient use, or even the necessity, of public resources.

Taxpayers deserve forthright information, not spin.

The season is not for amateurs, so go to the movies

Nothing like Christmas to test our fragile American psyches. While times remain hard for millions of us, stores have amped up the gift-giving hype because, well, they've been hit by hard times, too. What better way to make up for a hard year than by sending us the message that if we really, really care for someone ... *haching!* Guilt makes the sales soar, si?

This season's not for amateurs. We wrap up more than gifts; we wrap up our year. We might stare at our Christmas tree and find big empty spaces. We might sit for our holiday dinner and find more empty spaces — loved ones away or maybe gone forever.

Like I said, it's not for amateurs.

Still, I love this season. I love Christmas. I'm a Christian. That helps, but it's not necessary. And I don't mean to minimize my faith or the faith of more than a billion others, but Christmas offers, if we'll accept it, something we each deserve — a respite; a time-out where we can quiet the chatter in our heads and hearts. So I'm offering this simple phrase to kids from one to 92: Check your troubles at the door and check out one off "My Ten Fave Holiday Flicks."

No. 10: *Scrooged*, Bill Murray, 1988. Most every Christmas movie anymore either retells *A Christmas Carol* or *It's a Wonderful Life*. *Scrooged*, obviously, fits the former, and I'm fairly certain this is the only list on which you'll ever find this little gem.

Few things scream "love Christmas!" like the *Ghost of Christmas Present*, played by the wonderful Carol Kane, banging Murray in the head with a frying pan.

No. 9: *Miracle on 34th Street*, Elizabeth Perkins, Dylan McDermott, Richard Attenborough, Mara Wilson, 1994. The late John Hughes' remake changed little of the 1947 original. The opening scene says it all: dogs and children know who Santa is. Perkins is no Maureen O'Hara, but really, who is?

No. 8: *A Christmas Story*, Darren McGavin, Melinda Dillon, Peter Billingsley, 1983.

The Red Ryder BB-gun movie. Billingsley's precocious. I'm not a precocious fan, but McGavin was a cynical dad's dad. I love cynical Christmas-loving dads.

No. 7: *A Christmas Carol*, George C. Scott, 1984. You and I know you don't win a war by dying for your country; you make the other son-of-a--er, wait. That's Scott as Patton. Brilliant. But this is the best film version of Dickens' tale, and, yes, Scott's brilliant as Scrooge.

No. 6: *Miracle on 34th Street*, Maureen O'Hara, John Payne, Edmund Gwenn, Natalie Wood, 1947. Our Creator created Gwenn specifically to play Kris Kringle. And Maureen O'Hara is virtuoso as the stunning, no-nonsense Irish single mother.

No. 5: *One Magic Christmas*, Mary Steenburgen, Harry Dean Stanton, 1985. This is a retelling of *Wonderful Life*. Casting Stanton, a harmonica-playing cowboy, as the angel sent to show Steenburgen the light was inspired.

No. 4: *Holiday Inn*, Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire, 1943. Astaire dances; Irving Berlin introduces "White Christmas"; the singer gets the girl. Perfection.

No. 3: *Planes, Trains and Automobiles*, Steve Martin, John Candy, 1987. Hughes makes my list again. Go figure. Try not to laugh as Candy's fingers dance across the dashboard as he pretends to play the piano to Ray Charles' "Mess Around," or cry when we find him alone in a commuter train terminal. Hughes understood compassion.

No. 2: *A Charlie Brown Christmas* (1965) and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (1966). Technology and science were going to make our lives better, more peaceful, remember? Yet, a pair of 45-year-old cartoons remind us what truly feeds our souls and warms our hearts. Let Stephen Hawking figure that one out.

No. 1: *It's a Wonderful Life*, Jimmy Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore, Henry Travers, 1946. Think you don't make a difference? Please think again.

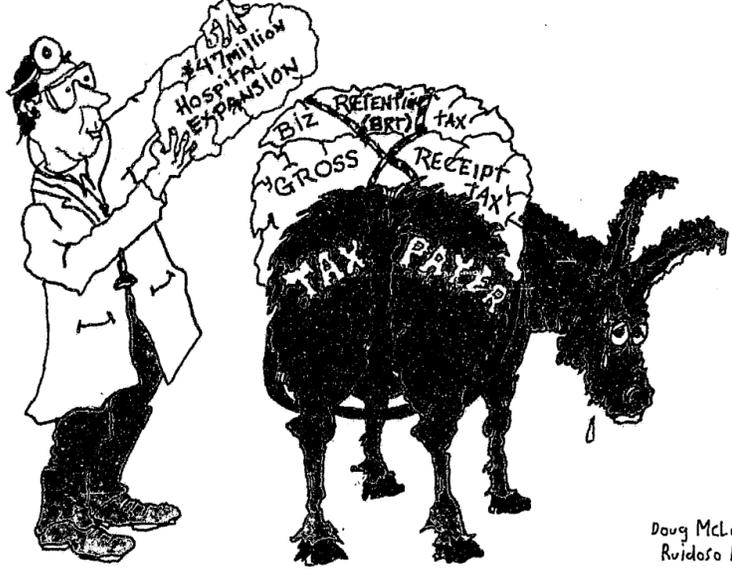
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JEFFERY GARDNER

RIGHT FOR A REASON

"Easy now, you can handle just one more."



Doug McLeod 10 Ruidoso News

GUEST COMMENTARIES

The corporation as socialist model

DAVID D'AMATO

The perceived inefficiency of government is often measured against the wholly unsubstantiated myth of the well-oiled corporate machine. The state's many modules, thought of as unconcerned with the bottom line, are implored by the standard conservative philippic to be "run like a business," as if real-world businesses are models of sleek efficiency.

The binary framework of American political folklore sees business interests as hermetically sealed from state interests, with the cold orderliness of "professionalism" defining our image of the corporate world. The state, by comparison, is thought to be the sanctuary of all the good-hearted, underpaid crusaders for social justice, imprudent with the dollar but well-meaning.

In a special feature for CNN.com, Jason Fried, author of the book *Rework*, challenged the notion of corporate order and productivity. He notes that while "[c]ompanies spend billions on rent, offices, and office equipment so their employees

will have a great place to work," those employees nevertheless prefer to work outside of the "interruption factory" of the modern office, a seedbed of waste and misspent hours. It would seem, then, that the corporate world and the state — whatever their differences — operate in much the same way, squandering resources that might have been put to productive use.

Among features that libertarians proclaim to admire most about the free market (innovation, responsiveness, social utility), most if not all are conspicuously absent from America's multinational monsters.

In his book *Organization Theory*, Kevin Carson observes the fundamental difference between the existing corporate economy and the market economy that libertarians desire. He quotes David Friedman as noting that the American system is "largely populated by indigestible lumps of socialism called corporations."

And as vast, hierarchical institutions defined by a numbness to technological and social change, corporations seem an

especially appropriate analogy to the bureaucratic mammoths of state socialism. The largest and most powerful of them, rather than being the most avant-garde or the most reactive to the wants of the humble consumer, are the most inept and incapable of competing in the tempestuous world of untrammeled exchange.

In the state-corporate society, managerial elites enjoy a tight grip on the power. It is no coincidence that they run their companies in much the same way that the state functions, through gradations of authority and arbitrary administrative processes.

In this system, with only so many "seats at the table," work is defined by meaningless paper-pushing that augments the fortunes of our soi-disant "social betters." But truly free markets would besiege corporatism with the energetic inventiveness of an order brought about not by autarchic rules, but by mutual respect and free exchange.

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Regulation protects the little guy

The right wing majority on the Supreme Court ruled (in *Citizens United v. FEC*) that corporations are "persons." If corporations are "persons," they need to be governed by laws that promote responsibility, prohibit harm to others, and set reasonable limits on their freedom, just as individual citizens are governed by laws. The penalties for noncompliance need to be sufficient that corporations will provide a quality product and treat consumers and their employees fairly. But corporations, like naughty children, keep looking for ways to cheat. Let's look at two examples.

(1) Austin DeCoster controls egg production factories in several states (Iowa: Quality Egg, Wright County Egg, Hillandale; Ohio Fresh Eggs; DeCoster Egg Farms of Maine; and others). His factories have been implicated in the recall of half a billion eggs suspected of salmonella contamination this year. He controls an estimated 10 percent to 20 percent of U.S. egg production. DeCoster has been repeatedly fined for hiring illegal immigrants and for tolerating sexual harassment in his facilities, and has accumulated a long list of animal cruelty charges. According to a Fox News

report, www.foxnews.com/politics/2010/08/24/egg-kingpin-linked-salmonella-scare-history-violations/, he has been cited for violations dating back at least to the early 1990s.



ELLEN WEDUM CLOUDCROFT

In 1995 then-Labor Secretary Robert Reich said that workers in his factories were being treated like animals and that the conditions were "among the worst" he'd seen. DeCoster has paid more than \$5 million in fines, but this has not stopped his abuses. He just pays the fines and keeps on going. He is a

born-again Baptist. Why do his deeds not verify his faith? What kind of penalties are needed to make him stop his atrocious practices? See also www.commondreams.org/headline/2010/08/20 for an ABC News report. And since DeCoster eggs are not identified as such in the market, you can only avoid contributing to his profits by using a local source or a commercial one that is labeled "organic," "cage-free," etc.

(2) Magnetar, the hedge fund known for "Betting Against the American Dream," found a way to profit from the collapse of the subprime mortgage market. They would buy up subprime mortgages and then insure them. In fact they preferred the riskiest investments. Then they

could collect the insurance faster. (For more detail see www.propublica.org/article/the-magnetar-trade-how-one-hedge-fund-helped-keep-the-housing-bubble-going.) This was not illegal at the time, but it seems unethical to me. How can such destructive practices be prevented in the future?

I think that small, local businesses can mostly be trusted: they do want to provide you with honest service and treat their employees fairly. But big businesses are distant from their customers and have a lot of influence on local and state governments, and the feds, too. With their donations to politicians, armies of lobbyists, and lucrative job offers, they can capture and control the agencies that are supposed to regulate them. The little guy and the honest business owner have little chance if a big corporation wants to behave unethically in order to make a bigger profit.

And, given the "freedom of speech" provided by the Citizens United ruling, politicians can be persuaded, with massive donations, or threatened, with multi-million-dollar attack ads, into turning a deaf ear to consumer complaints and calls for regulation.

Editor's note: Ellen Wedum was an unsuccessful Democratic candidate for New Mexico House District 59 in the Nov. 2 election.

PICKLE

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pickleball court.

"Pickleball people use a much smaller court. They can put four courts in one tennis court. That means they can put 16 people in a tennis court that is really built for four for doubles. Sixteen people shuffling their feet and hitting a hard plastic ball with a plastic paddle, we feel it is going to deteriorate and mess up our tennis courts."

The Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club has two tennis courts. The member of the concerned citizens said when pickleball is played there is just one tennis court left available.

Both Tim Lewis, the general manager of the country club, and board of directors President Bob Allen declined to speak about the dispute because it was a legal matter.

"I really don't think it's appropriate to debate it in the newspaper," Allen said Tuesday.

In an advisory to members of the country club last month, Allen wrote that the board decided in August to put a trial period in place to determine if pickleball is an activity that should be sanctioned by the club. The advisory stated that pickleball was scheduled on days when the court was not otherwise regularly occupied.

"The board of directors believes our actions regarding pickleball are consistent with both the powers granted by the club bylaws and with New Mexico law," Allen wrote.

"While it is unfortunate this action has been taken, we respect the right of the Concerned Citizens of Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club to pursue this matter and we will defend the club against this action."

The suit, filed in district court at Carrizozo, pointed to the club's bylaw Article VI involving restrictions on the use of the country club's property.

"The real estate acquired by the club from Lakeside Corporation shall be used for no purpose other than as a country club and for country club purposes, including the installation and maintenance of a country club and a golf course, tennis courts, swimming pool, and related buildings and facilities of all kinds," it stated.

'Groundless' petition

In a legal response for the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, attorney Kelly Cassels called the petition "groundless." He said because the individuals in the concerned citizens group are unidentified, there is a lack of standing to bring the suit, they cannot show that they possess the rights of members of the club, and are unable show they indeed are members.

The response said the bylaw's Article VI that lists activities of the country club includes the word "including," making it clear the list is not exhaustive. Cassels said the only way the concerned citizens can prevail, "is to prove that the playing of pickleball is not a country club purpose. ALGCC will provide competent evidence that pickleball is played all over the country in country clubs."

The response requested the court dismiss the case and sanction the concerned citizens for filing a petition "solely for the purpose of harassment."

A subsequent reply that concerned citizens attorney J. Robert Beauvais said was to be filed on Tuesday said the petitioners are members of the country club and wish to remain anonymous, because of a fear of retaliation. He said Article VI's words "golf course, tennis courts, swimming pool" defines specific and identifiable types of facilities the country club must provide.

"These plaintiffs have, and had, a reasonable expectation dedicated tennis courts were part of the contract agreement and their peaceful enjoyment of the facilities would not be disturbed," Beauvais said.

The concerned citizen, who contended pickleball is an irritatingly noisy game, said the group had asked for separate pickleball court.

"All they have to do is build a pickleball court. It's not more than a concrete slab. They could build probably a very inexpensive one, not like a tennis court. They got to find a place to do it though. If pickleball can be played on a tennis court, why then can't we use the putting green to play croquet?"

FUNDS

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higher education institution.

"A number of them are named in the 1911 constitution. Others have gotten themselves put into the constitution. They're difficult to remove. Eastern New Mexico University is now in the constitution, but not the campuses as Roswell and Ruidoso.

"There's going to be tremendous resistance on the part of all of us who represent rural areas to fight very hard."

Adair also opposes consolidation of K-12 public schools

"I represent Corona, Carrizozo and Capital. You think I'm for consolidation of schools? The problem is there are 112 legislators, and maybe 30 to 35 represent rural areas."

Aguilar said cutting public education in rural communities cuts economic development and quality employees.

Carrizozo schools Superintendent Robert Cobos told Adair that funding cuts from the state three-quarters into the school year is a concern.

"If we had known a lot earlier we would have spent different," Cobos said. "We get to where we have a quarter of a year left, and we have this money taken away."

Adair recommended not immediately spending discretionary money.

With the state huge funding commitment to public education, the senator railed on bureaucracy in the Albuquerque Public School system.

"The number of positions in APS that are deputy, under-principal, superintendent for instructional, material, management, it just goes on and on in the Albuquerque public schools and some of the other large public schools. And every bureaucrat that comes along, they create two more assistants."

Ruidoso Municipal School District board President Susan Lutterman said rural schools think the mentality of public education in the state is always about Albuquerque or Las Cruces.

"They do have a lot of administrators," Lutterman said. "Our schools don't have that. There's a lot of (rural) school districts where the superintendent is the principal and the bus driver."

Film incentives

Aguilar said state film incentives are necessary to keep New Mexico competitive.

"Lincoln County especially is interested in this because it's one of our best avenues for economic development. Here in Lincoln County we don't have a major airport. We have winding roads in certain areas and limited water and little space for big warehouses. So film is really perfect for us. And we recently made huge strides in recruiting and servicing the film industry to our area."

Aguilar said in 2003 there were three states that offered film incentives. Today the number is 43.

Dirk Norris, the film liaison for Carrizozo, noted that the motion picture *Book of Eli* was shot in Carrizozo in 2008.

"The construction crew spent three months in Carrizozo and they dropped a lot of money," Norris said. "The results of that movie, I think, opened people's eyes in Lincoln County as to the possibility of the film industry."

Since the production, Norris said, a county film commission was formed with liaisons from each community. A couple of other movies have also used Lincoln County in their shooting, including a production by a Lincoln County company.

"They are able to do it in collaboration with the state film office and the state film incentive," Norris said.

Noting he had seen *The Book of Eli*, Adair said he needed proof the financial incentives for



State Representative-elect Yvette Herrell provides her take of budgetary issues before lawmakers with winter. In the background is Senator Rod Adair.

the film industry work.

"If you can show that for every thousand dollars of tax credits to an industry produces \$1,500 of income into New Mexico, then the program is successful and it should be kept as it is. If you can show that for every thousand dollars of tax credits that only \$500 is received into New Mexico then it should be abolished."

Adair said when *The Book of Eli* needed a bit more than 100 extras, 850 people showed up.

"I liked hearing it at the time. I want Carrizozo to prosper. But just as it's not fair for us in Ruidoso, or Roswell, or Carlsbad to pay the full cost of everybody's lives in Española, or Mora, or Albuquerque for that matter, it's not right for the entire state to subsidize Carrizozo, if that's what's going on."

The senator said if the film incentives are making money they should be expanded. If there is a loss, they should be ended. Adair said there are "dueling" studies on the effects of the incentives.

More chamber requests

Aguilar noted she heard some talk about consolidating some cabinet departments.

"One of which is the tourism department. It's not a potential bill right now. It could be. We do not believe that the tourism department should be under the commerce department or one of the different departments.

"We feel that it should be maintained at a cabinet level so that it gets the attention and the budget that it needs to make sure New Mexico and Lincoln County stay a primary tourism destination."

The chamber leader also urged lawmakers to keep local governments held harmless from the 2005 demise of gross receipts taxes on most food and drug items. Since the repeal the state has made municipalities and counties "whole" on funding

despite the drop in tax revenues.

"For rural communities, such as Ruidoso Downs, it could represent 20 percent of their budget. And they've already done incredible cuts to it, so having another fifth of their budget cut would put them in dire straits," Aguilar said.

State Rep-elect Yvette Herrell (R-Alamogordo) told the crowd that lawmakers will have to do more with less.

"And we are going to feel it everywhere," Herrell said. "It's very difficult because you hear about these different programs or different opportunities that affect communities around the state in different ways. We've got to be so mindful and look at the budget and look at the things and see how we are going to cut spending or how we are not going to cut spending in certain areas. We need good old-fashioned democracy, G-O-D."

Aguilar said she understood there would be no legislative effort in the 2011 session to provide tax parity for race track casinos. But she said the matter still needed to be addressed.

"Especially because SunRay Park in Farmington is going to be faced with a similar situation. They are a smaller racetrack and they are getting two additional casinos that are going to be built next to them. So the competition factor is going to be increased."

For several years Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino management has sought a reduced state gaming tax on smaller tracks to create tax parity with nearby tribal casinos. Efforts in recent legislative sessions failed to reduce the tax. In September, Lincoln County voters narrowly approved an increase in the county's gross receipts tax to provide the tax relief.

Some call it pork

Given the state's budget situation, Adair asked New

Mexicans to pray for their legislators.

"Just a couple of years ago our projected budget was \$6 billion. And actually that year we spent like \$5.95 billion. And the year that we're going into we're going to spend around \$5 billion. So we're going to be about a billion under what we were just a couple of fiscal years ago. That is truly amazing."

Adair said fiscal conservatives would question whether the state could have lived with a billion-dollar smaller budget two years ago.

"Attitudes have changed with regard to how much you work to secure funds for the community and to build programs. When I started representing Lincoln County there was no shelter for victims of domestic violence. That program to build a facility (The Nest) in Ruidoso Downs cost at least \$1.5 million. And that's your taxpayer money. And people can now question whether or not those are good expenditures. But not everybody believes in that."

"As we talk about programs, with capital outlay until we got to the point where we couldn't get any more, we got money for the wastewater treatment plant. And that's pork. And even a half million dollars for a Ruidoso fire station and just all kinds of amounts of money that we secured during the time we had it, it can all be criticized for being pork, or for being unnecessary expenditures or things we don't have to have, unless it's your community."

Adair said the effort to create the Cedars Campus of ENMU-Ruidoso across from the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts can also be criticized.

"You can go both ways. Either you did well for your community by securing the funds and getting these things or you did poorly because you spent money that some people consider to be pork."

First in the Ruidoso News

BUSINESS

Roses after the parade Driving school parked

ARuidoso business had a "very special" evening following last Saturday's Festival of Lights Parade. The parade marshal, Steve Stucker, stopped in at Rose Furniture for a bite to eat.

Sue Rose said she had emailed Stucker about two weeks before the Festival of Lights Parade to invite the KOB-TV meteorologist to a get together at the business.

"He said he didn't know what was planned but asked for our address. I wrote back and told him how happy we would be if he could come and he said if time permitted he would come by."

Rose said she emailed Stucker again two days before the parade to renew the invitation and he replied he hoped to see Sue and Marvin Rose before the parade.

"We ended up seeing him before the parade



COURTESY SUE ROSE

TV weatherman Steve Stucker nibbles on food at Rose Furniture following Ruidoso's Festival of Lights Parade on Dec. 4.

because we were right in back of his float in line waiting to start the parade. After the parade we went back to our store for our little party and who shows up but Steve Stucker, his wife and the rest of his family.

Everyone at my party was so excited and I was amazed at what a nice, regular person he seemed to be. We thoroughly enjoyed his visit. He had something to eat and talked with a lot of people and then left."

A New Mexico driver's instruction school, that operated periodically out of a Ruidoso Downs hotel, has been shut down by the state.

The New Mexico Department of Transportation took administrative action Wednesday to close TLC Driving School, which offered instruction in Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Roswell and Ruidoso Downs. The company was accused of issuing driver's education certificates to some who had not taken driver's education classes. The DOT, the University of New Mexico Institute of Public Law, and the Taxation and Revenue Department, whose Motor Vehicle Division issues driver's licenses, launched an investigation.

"Upon learning of potential wrong-doing at DR's TLC Driving School, the department took decisive action to launch an investigation," said Transportation Secretary Gary Giron. "By working collaboratively with TRD, violations were vetted and an agreement was able to be reached that satisfied all parties involved."

The probe turned up what the DOT said were violations, including improper record-keeping, use of uncertified instructors, and inadequate training requirements which failed to meet current state regulations.

Licenses cancelled

"The Tax Fraud Investigations Division was very thorough in their examination of the documents presented to the Motor Vehicle Division," said MVD Director Michael Sandoval. "Because of this investigation, driver's licenses that were obtained fraudulently were able to be cancelled."

Efforts to contact owner Donny Robertson were unsuccessful. But on the school's website, a statement said only classes in Los Alamos, Santa Fe, Roswell and Ruidoso Downs were shut down. Schools in Albuquerque and Los Lunas will remain in operation.

The parties agreed that DR's TLC Driving School would cease all driving education in New Mexico effective Dec. 30, according to the NMDOT. The delay

will allow students currently enrolled in driver education courses to finish their instruction. The business must turn in their licenses and all unused certificates of completion to the department's Traffic Safety Bureau. The driving school will be responsible for arranging courses with other schools for those with outstanding certifications, at no additional cost to the students. In addition, Robertson will give up forever his right to own or operate a driving education school in New Mexico. Robertson will be allowed to continue his driver-safety courses and conduct defensive driving classes at the current approved locations.

TLC has been in business for about 22 years, with Robertson as the owner for the last 10 years. Licensed by the New Mexico Traffic Safety Bureau, the company offered 30 hours of classroom instruction over a two-week period followed by behind-the-wheel instruction. The school also offered DWI education and prevention classes as well as advanced driving courses.

Grant workshops scheduled

The USDA Forest Service will seek grant applications for forest restoration projects on both public and tribal lands in New Mexico.

"Approximately \$4 million will be awarded under the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program this year in New Mexico," said Southwestern Regional Forester Corbin Newman. "The Forest Service will provide grants of up to \$360,000 for projects that will be implemented in four years or less."

The program encourages diverse organizations, such as small businesses, conservation and environmental groups, community organizations, tribes, universities and others, to collaborate on the design, implementation and monitoring of restoration projects. Grant money will be available for projects on federal, tribal, state, county or municipal lands.

The restoration projects aim to reduce

the threat of wildfire, improve forest and watershed conditions and bring jobs and training to local communities.

The Forest Service will sponsor grant writing workshops to detail the program and the application process in five New Mexico communities, including Ruidoso. The local workshop was being scheduled for Jan. 12, 2011.

"Last year the Forest Service received 34 grant applications requesting more than \$10 million," Newman said. "A technical advisory panel reviewed the applications and made recommendations to us on the applications that best met the objectives of the program. The Forest Service then awarded 14 grants totaling approximately \$4 million."

For questions about the program or to develop project applications, contact coordinator Peg Crim with the Lincoln National Forest at (575) 434-7231.

GREETERS ON CLOUD NINE



COURTESY RUIDOSO VALLEY GREETERS

Eddy Rivera, owner of Cloud Nine, cuts the ribbon as his shop gets the official welcome by the Ruidoso Valley Greeters. Cloud Nine is at 2801 Sudderth Drive, across from Starbucks.

Gas prices up state-wide

Crude oil prices sustained their highest levels since October 2008 this week, which pushed retail gasoline prices upwards in New Mexico today to almost their highest point of this year.

The state average for a gallon of gasoline increased by seven cents to \$2.84 a gallon, according to the AAA New Mexico Weekend Gas Watch. The national

average increased seven cents to \$2.97 a gallon. New Mexico prices are averaging 13 cents below the national average.

The least expensive gasoline is in Albuquerque at \$2.77. Among the major metropolitan areas in the state the Santa Fe area has the most expensive gasoline at \$2.87.

"Several states are currently seeing increases of

more than 40 cents per gallon compared to this time last year. New Mexico prices are up an average of 16 cents since last year," said AAA Texas/New Mexico Corporate Communications Director Dan Ronan.

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Dec. 1

The business increases were effective Dec. 1.

Bill Garcia, Windstream Communications New Mexico vice president of government affairs, said the price increases are all below price ceilings.

DETAILS, DETAILS...



COURTESY DAVID TREMBLAY

Photographing a Western Scrub Jay from about 12 feet away Tuesday, David Tremblay was amazed at the details he was capturing with at 560 mm. Apparently, the bird was just as curious about the stranger peering at him and cocked its head to stare straight into the camera lens. "Notice the nostril neatly hidden beneath the fine feathers, which are extending onto the bill," Tremblay said. "That inquisitive looking eye is mesmerizing, along with those tiny feathers surrounding it." The "Blue Jay" of dry Western lowlands, the Western Scrub-Jay combines deep azure blue with dusty gray-brown and white. The rounded, crestless head immediately sets it apart from Blue Jays and Steller's Jays. The birds have a mischievous streak, and they're not above outright theft. They've been caught stealing acorns from Acorn Woodpecker caches and robbing seeds and pine cones from Clark's Nutcrackers. They even seem aware of their guilt, checking first to ensure no other jays are watching.

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DISTRICT COURT CASES

Plea agreement

Kelly Trapp appeared in court Sept. 28 and changed his plea to no contest on charges of trespassing, aggravated battery, stalking and forgery.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached by defense attorney Todd Holmes and Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman, the State amended or dismissed charges of aggravated assault, retaliation against a witness and forgery of \$2,500 or more.

Judge Karen Parson sentenced Trapp to a suspended four years, less four days, in jail and placed him on probation for that time, with the stipulation that he completes the Stephouse program.

Magistrate Judge William Butts issued a warrant for Trapp for allegedly forcing a female acquaintance into a bathtub, holding a knife to her throat and raising his arm like he was going to stab her two or three times.

Plea & sentencing

Charles Neiderstadt appeared in court Oct. 5 and

pled no contest to a charge of criminal damage to property over \$1,000.

Judge Jerry Ritter sentenced Niederstadt to 364 days on probation and ordered him to pay restitution of \$1,129.50.

Niederstadt slashed the tires on a truck April 17, 2010.

Ritter gave Niederstadt credit for time served in jail from April 18 through Oct. 7, 2010.

Probation revoked

Julius Sutton appeared in court for a probation revocation hearing Oct. 22.

Judge Karen Parsons revoked Sutton's probation and ordered his probation to continue with the addition of drug and alcohol treatment.

Sutton admitted using methamphetamines when a probation officer visited him in the hospital, where he was being treated for injuries he received from being beaten up on Sept. 1.

Sutton is on probation for five years for attempted aggravated burglary, larceny of a firearm receiving stolen property and conspiracy to receive stolen property. He pled no con-

test to these charges July 30.

Sutton reportedly stole two guns from a Ruidoso home because he needed money for alcohol and cigarettes. He sold the guns.

Change of plea

Barbara A. McKeown-Enos appeared in court Oct. 25, for a change of plea and sentencing.

McKeown-Enos plead no contest to charges of aggravated battery on a household member and interfering with communications, both misdemeanor charges, under a plea and disposition agreement reached by defense attorney Todd Holmes and Deputy District Attorney Reed Thompson.

Under the agreement, the State dismissed a felony charge of aggravated battery on a household member with a deadly weapon.

Under the plea and disposition agreement, Judge Karen Parsons sentenced McKeown-Enos to one year in jail for each of the charges, suspended the sentence and placed her on two years of supervised probation and ordered her to get screening for drug/

alcohol abuse.

Parsons also ordered that McKeown-Enos shall not "hold herself out as a property manager without a qualifying broker."

Parsons awarded her credit for time served from Feb. 7 to Feb. 12 and Oct. 8 to Oct. 25.

Officers arrested McKeown-Enos Feb. 7, 2010 for attacking a household member with a knife and damaging the phone line so he could not call for help.

Probation revocation

Matthew Espinoza appeared in court Oct. 29, for a probation revocation hearing.

He pled no contest to the charge and Judge Karen Parsons revoked his probation and ordered him to serve four years, less four days, at the Department of Corrections facility at Los Lunas.

Parsons also ordered Espinoza to serve one year of probation upon his release from the Department of Corrections.

Espinoza pled guilty to four charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor in May 2009 and was sentenced to 18 months in prison on each count. In June 2009 he failed to report for counseling and Parsons issued a warrant for his arrest for absconding in July.

Charges dismissed

Deputy District Attorney Reed Thompson dismissed charges against Jacob Dotson Nov. 2.

Thompson notified the

court that the victims were not available and Dotson had not been charged with any other offenses.

Dotson had been charged with selling or giving alcohol to minors twice in March 2009. During one of those incidents, police charged him with possession of drug paraphernalia for a "large bong" on the table.

Dotson was charged with giving alcohol to two 17-year-olds girls and an 18-year-old girl.

Probation revoked

Randy L. Fietek appeared in court Nov. 12, for a probation revocation hearing.

Fietek pled no contest to the charge and Judge Parsons revoked his probation then suspended the seven and one half year prison sentence and ordered Fietek to continue on probation.

Fietek reportedly admitted to his probation officer that he had used marijuana. The probation officer recommended Fietek continue on probation.

Ruidoso Police arrested Fietek for burglarizing three vehicles in Ruidoso in June 2009. He pled no contest to those charges in Sept. 2009.

Probation revoked

Robert Egans appeared in court Nov. 12 and pled no contest to charges of violating his probation by using alcohol.

Judge Karen Parsons revoked Egans' probation and then continued his probation with the additional

requirement of completing Victory Outreach by Nov. 25, 2010.

A Jury found Egans guilty of larceny of \$250 or less and burglary from an automobile, but not guilty of a second count of larceny of less than \$250, on May 19, 2009.

Ruidoso Police Corporal Aaron Frost arrested Egans Nov. 29, 2007 after responding to a report of Egans taking a customers jacket and car keys from a Ruidoso Restaurant and rummaging through the trunk of the man's car.

Egans' sentence was enhanced by a prior felony conviction for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute in Otero County May 30, 2000.

Case dismissed

Judge Karen Parsons granted a defense motion to dismiss charges against Marcos Vargas Nov. 16.

Parsons found that it had been more than six months since Vargas was arraigned on the charges and there had been no requests for an extension of time.

Parsons ruled this violated the six-month rule for being tried.

Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Williams filed charges of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, possession of less than one ounce of marijuana and speeding on Jan. 16, 2010. Vargas was arraigned in Magistrate Court Jan 22, 2010.

Vargas pled not guilty to the charges in June, 2010.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Dec. 4

7:36 a.m. - Officer Jon Lund reported that while on patrol he noticed graffiti on the Windstream building on Sudderth Drive.

Lund reports that he checked the area and found graffiti on the Comfort Inn, Dreamcatcher's, Kawliga's and Jennie Dorgan Real Estate.

5:44 p.m. - Officer Josh Snodgrass responded to 1203 Sudderth for a report of a possible drunk driver.

Snodgrass reports that when he arrived he found a car with the front wheels hanging over a four-foot ledge.

Snodgrass reported the vehicle's driver, Brenda Flinn, 52, smelled of alcohol and had bloodshot, watery eyes and slurred speech.

Snodgrass reportedly administered a field sobriety test, which Flinn failed.

He then read Flinn the New Mexico implied consent law and asked her to be tested for intoxication. She reportedly refused.

Snodgrass arrested Flinn on a charge of aggravated driving under the influence of intoxicating drugs or alcohol.

Dec. 7

2:38 a.m. - Officer Larry Smith reported that he stopped at the Allsup's on Sudderth and the clerk told him there were two women in the store trying to get free alcohol.

Smith reports that he made his purchase and left the store, driving across the street to Country Club Drive, where he blacked out and parked so he could observe the store.

One female then got in a tan Saturn that was sitting in the front of the store with the motor running and pulled out of the park-

ing lot going toward the Sierra Cinema.

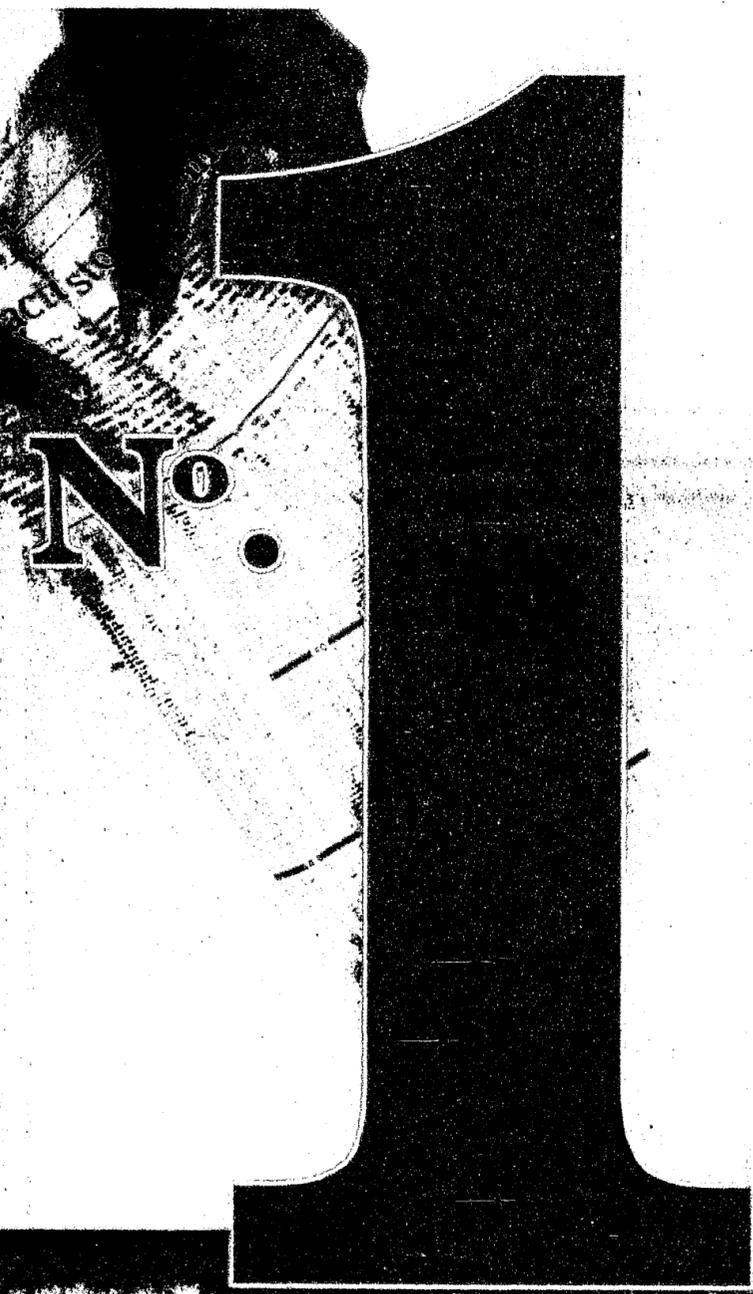
Smith reports he pulled around to the back of the store and saw the car.

Smith contacted the driver of the vehicle and asked if everything was all right. He reports the driver's eyes were watery and bloodshot, her speech slurred and when she exited the vehicle, she had trouble standing. Smith reported seeing an nearly empty 40 oz. beer bottle in the passenger side floorboard of the car.

Smith arrested Marci Joiner, 41, of Alto, placed her in his patrol unit and went to Lincoln County Medical Center for a blood draw on Joiner.

At LCMC, Joiner reportedly decided to refuse to allow the blood draw.

Smith charged Joiner with aggravated driving while intoxicated, third offense, resisting arrest and open container.



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Climate, pumping alter Eagle Creek flow

Teague favors temporary extension of Bush cuts

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A change in the climate pattern, as well as pumping of village wells, are influencing the flow of water on Eagle Creek, according to a scientific investigation report by researchers from the Albuquerque office of the U.S. Geological Survey.

The village of Ruidoso obtains about 60 percent to 70 percent of its water from the Eagle Creek Basin, but a special use permit expired several years ago that allowed the municipality to pump wells installed on U.S. Forest Service land at the North Fork of the creek on the Lincoln National Forest. The pumping continued under an agreement with the USFS, but when residents along Eagle Creek raised questions about the effect of the well pumping on the creek's flow and filed a lawsuit contending their downstream wells were damaged, the USGS study was commissioned as a requirement for a new permit.

In cooperation with the village, a hydrological investigation was conducted from 2007 through 2009, looking at the potential effect of the North Fork wellfield on stream flow. Using the conclusions and data from that study, an Environmental Impact Statement will be assembled by the USFS and a final decision on a new special use permit is anticipated in middle to late summer 2012.

Analysis of water levels in the bedrock monitoring wells indicated that deeper groundwater responds to pumping in the North Fork wells, both a short-term response to running pumps off and on, and longer term declines coinciding with periods of sustained pumping, USGS researchers Marie

Matherne, Nathan Myers and Kurt McCoy wrote in the study released recently.

"Results of the (test) indicate that the median annual discharge by water year is not significantly different between the periods of 1970 to 1979 and 1989 to 2008, although data in the earlier period are more widely distributed in the higher discharge range," they wrote. "Monthly medians for the two periods, however, indicate a shift in the pattern of runoff from snowmelt to monsoon-dominated flow regime has consequences for potential recharge to bedrock from the stream channel.

"Sustained snowmelt provides more opportunity to recharge the underlying aquifer, whereas monsoonal runoff is of potentially greater magnitude, but shorter duration, with little opportunity for recharge."

The study area lies within the boundaries of the Sierra Blanca structural basin, which the experts described as a downfold of sedimentary rocks of Permian and Cretaceous ages overlaid by as much as 3,000 feet of Tertiary volcanic flows and volcanics breccias. The North Fork wells obtain their water from those volcanics.

Mean monthly precipitation for the Ruidoso and Sierra Blanca climate stations indicates that about 65 percent and 58 percent, respectively, of annual precipitation falls during June and October, with about 39 percent and 35 percent falling during July and August.

"Precipitation in the Sacramento Mountains is the primary source of groundwater recharge," the study's authors wrote.

"Recharge of precipitation to groundwater occurs in part as infiltration through the channel

bottoms of major and minor drainages and to a lesser extent, through fractures on rock outcrops. The primary porosity of the Sierra Blanca volcanoclastic rock is low, but porosity has been enhanced by later fracturing and faulting."

The faulting also could be a problem for the village.

"They made some statements in the report that commingling occurs between the aquifer and the deep water levels where we pull our water," Village Deputy Manager Bill Morris said in an earlier interview. "It is not one gallon for every one gallon pumped, but it exists. There is solid rock between the two, and it is not a direct connection, but some fissures exist."

The problem for the village is that it owns about 2,500 acre feet of water rights on the stream.

"We are trying to preserve the right to pump the wells," Morris said. "If that draws down the creek, we need to find ways to mitigate the effect and take steps to maintain the health of North Fork."

Each well is governed by a use cap and a pumping schedule. If those limits are tightened, the village could not pump as much and also could not prove up the needed use of the water to maintain the water rights.

As for the intermittent flow on Eagle Creek, according to the USGS study, the only sustained period of near-continuous flow on the creek documented during the study occurred in May 2007, when the flow-loss survey was conducted.

"During the survey, when flow was largely continuous, reaches persisted where all stream flow disappeared beneath the channel bed to reemerge downstream. During the low-flow periods such as

early summer and fall, stream flow typically disappeared about 1,600 feet downstream from the North Fork gauging station," the study authors wrote.

George Douds, Acting District Ranger of the Smokey Bear Ranger District, said Tuesday the Environmental Impact Statement will consider the information from the USGS study, "and we'll have geohydrologists do their own report. They'll look at the data and use other available to write their specialist report and say what they think is going on."

The information and conclusions will be incorporated into the EIS, detailing the effects of issuing a permit, he said.

"The specialists probably will be looking at the faulting and the system connectivity, how the surface is connected to the subsurface," Douds said. "I don't want anybody to think the Forest Service has made a decision."

"The whole point of National Environmental Policy Act process is to gather information and to make a decision. We use the best information, the USGS report being part, and the decision-maker will take that and weigh it and make a decision. Nothing is final until the final decision is signed."

The Lincoln National Forest, Forest Supervisor is the decision maker, he said. "The supervisor will decide these are effects we can and can't live with and make a decision," Douds said. As the agency starts down the path required by the NEPA, the material will be available to the public, he said.

The tentative schedule lists May 2012 for a draft record of decision and notice of decision published in the Federal Register by middle to late summer 2012.

While House Democrats voted in caucus Thursday to reject the tax-cut extension plan offered by President Obama, Rep. Harry Teague (D-Hobbs) favored continuing the Bush tax cuts.

"Constituents across southern New Mexico have shared with me their concerns about raising taxes at a time when the economy is still recovering. I agree with them and that's why I support the president's proposal to extend tax breaks for the middle-class, tax relief for small businesses and workers and employment insurance for the jobless."

Earlier this week Obama revealed the tax-cut agreement negotiated by the White House and Republicans. In addition to maintaining the tax reductions put in place last decade, including cuts for the wealthy, the proposal would extend unemployment benefits for 13 months and provide for a payroll-tax reduction.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said the plan needed to be improved.

"In the caucus Thursday, House Democrats supported a resolution to reject the Senate Republican tax provisions as currently written," Pelosi said in a statement.

"I call on the president and our congressional leadership to put aside partisan politics and keep working towards the most fiscally responsible path that ensures we do not raise taxes on the American small businesses and workers that are the key to our economic recovery," Teague said. He added his concerns, however.

"I do have serious concerns about the long-term impacts of extending the Bush tax cuts for wealthy Americans, but it is important to note that those extensions are temporary and just one part of a larger package that includes maintaining tax cuts for the middle class, a new payroll tax cut for working Americans, key tax cuts for small businesses to spur investment and job creation, an earned income and child credit for hardworking families, a higher education credit to help families send their kids to college, and an extension of unemployment insurance...."



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HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

DD Waiver Program changes announced

SANTA FE - Health Secretary Alfredo Vigil, MD, announced today that due to a drop in federal funding the New Mexico Department of Health has to reduce its expenses to sustain the Developmental Disabilities Waiver Program. The DD Waiver Program is an optional Medicaid program that provides services to about 3,700 people with developmental disabilities in New Mexico so they can live as independently as possible. The Department will work with providers to roll out the changes starting Jan. 1.

Program struggles

"We have struggled to maintain this program despite escalating costs, and we must act now to protect this program for the people who rely on its services," Dr. Vigil said.

The Department is scheduling

a public meeting in early December to present these changes and receive feedback. The Department will announce when the meeting is scheduled. The following changes are expected to save almost \$5.4 million this fiscal year:

Individual cuts

An 8 percent cut to individuals' annual budgets, which will be offset by a rate reduction for services

A 5 percent rate reduction for all providers, including residential care and non-residential care such as therapies, skill building and care during the day

Eliminations

Eliminate goods and services, such as club memberships and certain types of devices and supplies (batteries for hearing aids, books, computers)

Prevent payment for services not authorized in the individual budget

Matching dropping

The immediate changes are necessary because the federal government's funding match for Medicaid will begin dropping January 1, 2011. The federal match will gradually decrease from giving the State 80 cents for every dollar it spends today to 69 cents by July 1, 2011.

Fewer dollars

The 8 percent budget reduction will result in fewer dollars for individuals to spend on services they need, but the reduction will be offset by a lower cost for those services. For example, one visit with a nutritional counselor will cost \$40.69 instead of \$42.83. A month of ongoing case management services will cost \$249.91

instead of the current rate of \$263.06.

Services will cost less, and accordingly individuals will have less money to buy those services. A child currently receiving an annual budget of \$19,953 will receive \$18,357, a reduction of \$1,596 for the year. An adult receiving non-residential care with an annual budget of \$36,527 will receive \$33,605, a reduction of \$2,922.

Maintaining program

The cost savings will help maintain the \$307 million program but will not allow the Department to take people off the waiting list. There are more than 5,100 people on the waiting list. "We will always look at ways to serve as many people as we can, but right now we're focused on preserving the services we have for those currently in the pro-

gram," Dr. Vigil said.

The Department has been holding public meetings to make long-term changes to the DD Waiver Program in 2011.

The Department has worked with clients, people on the waiting list and providers in planning changes that will make the program operate more efficiently and continue to improve the quality of life for people who have developmental disabilities.

The Department has also received input from public meetings, its stakeholder advisory councils and provider associations. For more information about the DD Waiver renewal process, look up <http://nmhealth.org/ddsd/resourcesupportbureaupublications/DDW/DDWaiverRenewalUpdate.htm>

E-mail questions to Elizabeth.Kennedy@state.nm.us.

Study on longevity: Nine things you can do

The National Geographic Society and the National Institute on Aging teamed up to conduct a study on longevity. The study searched for communities in different parts of the world that had the highest levels of human longevity with minimal disabilities and determined what they have in common. The Study revealed nine similarities among these groups. Listed below are the nine similarities and a few suggestions on how to incorporate them into your lifestyle.

1. Move Naturally - make your daily routine your exercise. Walk to work or the store, park your car further away from your destination, you can grow a garden, or learn yoga.
2. Down shift - turn off the electronics for a short time each day and take a moment to be thankful, meditate, or pray. Even when times are tough, there are still many blessings to be thankful for.
3. Have a sense of purpose - know what motivates you each day by ask-

ing yourself what makes you smile or give to back to your community. Find out what makes you truly enjoy life and make it happen.

4. Polyphenols - a wonderful antioxidant that helps prevent cancer and other diseases. They can be found in red wines and fresh fruits like blueberries, cranberries and sweet potatoes or you can consume unfiltered fruit juices like apple cider or red grape juice.

5. Plant based diet - Eat a diet consisting of lots of fresh fruits and vegetables as well as beans, rice and legumes. A diet based on what nature has to offer is a great guideline.

6. Don't overeat - Put food away after serving the first round or serve smaller portions, so second helpings become more work and the few extra minutes gives your stomach time to tell your brain you are getting full. Eating on smaller plates or serving larger portions of healthier items first helps out as well.

7. Put loved ones

first - Spend time with your friends and family, from the young ones to the old ones and encourage each other to be healthy.

8. Sense of belonging - Faith based communities are a great way to add a sense of belonging, as well as other civic groups that promote positive communities. Being a part of something greater than thyself has its rewards and is known to boost the immune system.

9. Right tribe - Surround yourself with people who practice good habits and character traits such as eating right and exercising, trustworthiness, honesty, or selflessness. Spend time with people who are upbeat and positive, who will help you become a better you.

Just as an animal in the wild teaches its offspring the necessities of survival to ensure the existence of their species, it is important that we as humans learn, share and exemplify traits that will make certain of the survival of our species. These nine ideas are a great start, so let us share these thoughts with our loved ones to promote wellness and a happy life, and then all we'll need to do is take care of our earth, the provider to all living things.

Avoiding the Flu

The flu-like illness activity across the USA has been slowly but steadily increasing, in line with prior average flu seasons. Current flu-like illness activity pattern is not predictive of the future levels for the rest of this flu season. Flu vaccination, hygiene and other preventive measures are still important to ensure an uneventful winter.

Here are four tips to reduce your chances of getting the flu:

Diet and Nutrition

Nutrition becomes the main focus when it comes to the immune system. Our fast paced schedules force people to resort to meals on-the-go which rarely contain the vitamins and nutrients needed to be in optimal health. Nutrients that are known to affect immunity include, Protein, Fatty Acids, Vitamins A, E, B6, and C, Folate (or Folic Acid), Iron, Zinc and Selenium2.

Exercise

If you are currently engaged in regular physical activity, keep it up! Even minimal exercise such as 30 minutes of brisk walking, five times per week can help maintain a healthy immune system. Consistency is the key to being successful. Finding an activity that you enjoy will make it easier to stick with your goals. If you are used to being outside, the colder weather may force you to rely on gym

equipment, exercise classes, or local intramural leagues such as basketball or volleyball until the weather changes.

Stress

With the holidays just around the corner, eliminating stress is unavoidable. While you may not be able to eliminate stress, you can learn to manage so that it doesn't impact your health. For some people, exercise is the key, but it is not a solution for everyone. Other ways to manage stress may include yoga, massages, reading, playing with the kids or walking the dog.

Sleep

Adequate sleep can also increase our immune system's effectiveness. Sleep deprivation not only suppresses the body's ability to prevent infection but also its your ability to fight infection if you do have a cold or the flu. According to a Carnegie Mellon sleep study, participants who reported less than seven hours of sleep per day were almost three times as likely to develop cold symptoms as participants who reported sleeping eight hours or more.3

Sleep deprivation can also impact how your body react to vaccines. If you are not well rested, your body will not develop the antibodies to certain vaccines making them less effective.

Report: Omega-3 is anti-depressant

ALAMOGORDO - Nature's Pantry, a locally-owned independent natural health store in Alamogordo, reports researchers reviewed 28 studies that measured omega-3s and depressive symptoms and found that omega-3 had a significant anti-de-

pressant effect.

The report is part of the December, 2010, issue of Natural Insights for Well Being®, which Nature's Pantry provides free each month to help the Alamogordo community learn about the benefits of good nutrition and healthy lifestyle.

The December issue also reports a study that found older people may needlessly have poor quality of life due to undiagnosed depression, and that omega-3s improved physical and mental well being in depressed older women.

"Our December issue covers new studies on simple dietary changes that can improve bone health, digestive health, and help

reduce the chances of disease," said Linda Free, Store Manager. "We are proud to feature important findings from well-respected scientific journals such as the Journal of Clinical Psychiatry, the British Journal of Nutrition, the European Journal of Internal Medicine, and the Journal of the American Medical Association, among others," Free said.

Natural Insights for Well Being® is free, and Nature's Pantry invites all those who wish to gain more valuable nutrition knowledge to stop in and pick up the December issue. Or you can visit the store's website on line at <http://www.MyNaturesPantry.com>.

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They paved paradise: Planners review parking lots

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Parking lots shouldn't look like a sea of barren asphalt. They should provide islands of vegetation to soften the visual impact and to provide drainage and shade, some members of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission say.

The four board members at the meeting Tuesday were reviewing off-street parking and parking lot regulations with Village Planning Director/Deputy Manager Bill Morris in preparation for sending recommendations to the Village Council.

Commission Chairman Beth Hood said the islands in parking lots should be positioned every 15 parking spaces, not just on the perimeter of a lot. Morris pointed out that suggested additional wording states landscaped planting areas must be provided at the beginning and end of each parking row.

Each island must be the length of one parking space and at least 8 feet wide, exclusive of walkways and curbing. Each should contain one tree, one shrub and/or ground cover for every linear 2 feet. Landscaped island "shall be provided at no more

than every 15 parking spaces," the section's proposed wording from staff states.

Islands are required in the code, Village Building Official Shawn Fort said.

Clearly, many places with big parking lots such as Hotel Ruidoso don't have planted islands, Morris acknowledged. "But in the five years I've been here, that's been an emphasis," he said.

'Softness' desired

"Aesthetically, it breaks up the terrain and adds softness to the harsh environment. Currently, the code has no spacing requirement, which the 'every 15 spaces' language will cover, he said.

Hood said she'd like to see the islands even closer than 15 spaces. Morris said staff would like a standard for future parking lots, whatever the commission prefers.

Hood asked if anything could be done to change existing lots such as the one in Sierra Mall with a college campus, grocery store, discount store and other shops.

"It's a shock to drive Mechem (Drive) and come across a parking lot like that. It's bad looking, no landscaping," she said.

If at any time, someone

connected to the center submits a site plan modification, the commission could say the parking lot must be brought up to new standards, if they are adopted, Morris said.

Hood said 15 spaces may be burdensome to some people and too wide for others. "I know the old Walmart approval (for redevelopment by other chain stores) was conditioned on adding landscaping," she said. "It's an example of how you can change and in my view, improve a parking lot."

Commissioner John Cornelius, a builder, said he favors landscaping, but preferably not where a car might be trying to back out into lanes and traffic. Morris said that problem can be handled by the choice of plants. "It's a valid concern, but we have those standards (for planting)," he said.

In a related parking issue, Morris said the village's Comprehensive Plan talks about assessing the situation with off-street parking requirements for the future. That includes the size and configuration of spaces.

He was particular concerned about a provision dealing with shared parking spaces when a change of use occurs. The section

reads that any change of occupancy or use that results in more parking being needed will not be permitted unless the parking standards for the new use are met.

He offered as an example that a shop might use designated parking during the day and a restaurant would use the same spaces at night, when the shop was closed. He pointed out that if the type of use changed for one of the two properties sharing the spaces, demand might increase.

"You might want to read up on shared parking," he suggested. "It works in theory. The problem is uses can change and the night guy sells and the building is converted to day time use and then what do you do?"

"You could put in another sentence that says if the approved use changes, they must resubmit," Cornelius said.

"But who is responsible for tracking?" Morris asked. "Shared is approved when the uses are OK'd. They're both nonconforming."

The provision does not apply to buildings with principal permitted uses in C1 neighborhood commercial, C2 community commercial and C3 Midtown commercial districts that

existed prior to Aug. 1, 1999. "Then what you've got, is what you've got," he said.

He asked commissioners to review the parking space sizes to determine if larger spaces should be provided to accommodate recreation vehicles and trailers seen more frequently.

Hood said even without the trailers, "We all have nicks and dings from parking lots," as they currently are designed.

Cornelius said he's seen places where spaces are designated for compact cars. Big vehicles, trucks and trailers could park at the end of a row, he said.

Morris said design criteria also deals with the width of striping lines for spaces. Residential units are required to have two spaces, regardless of their use.

"That was standard for residential," Morris said. "But today with teens owning their own cars, it

becomes a problem."

"The main thing is to keep in mind there is limited space here," Hood said. "I don't know if we have a lot of leeway to start changing things."

Morris said no national standards for parking spaces exist and commissioners should just ask themselves if a rule or design makes sense for Ruidoso.

Cornelius said he was surprised by the mentions of curbs and gutters for parking lots. "Where are those?" he asked.

Morris said the last couple of parking lots approved have curbs and gutters to help control drainage in the village. He cited Starbucks' center on Sudderth drive as an example.

Commissioners directed staff to continue to work on a draft of parking rules for final commission review and possible action.

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Construction values drop

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November is usually a slow month for construction activity in Ruidoso, even in the best of economic years, so figures released Tuesday weren't a surprise.

While the number of building permits issued was up at 128 compared to 121 in October and 119 in September, the associated construction values dropped by 47 percent from \$1,616,865 in October to \$854,270 in November, according to a report presented to planning and zoning commissioners Tuesday by Building Official Shawn Fort.

The building division collected \$17,992.79 in fees compared to \$21,799 in October and \$24,074.

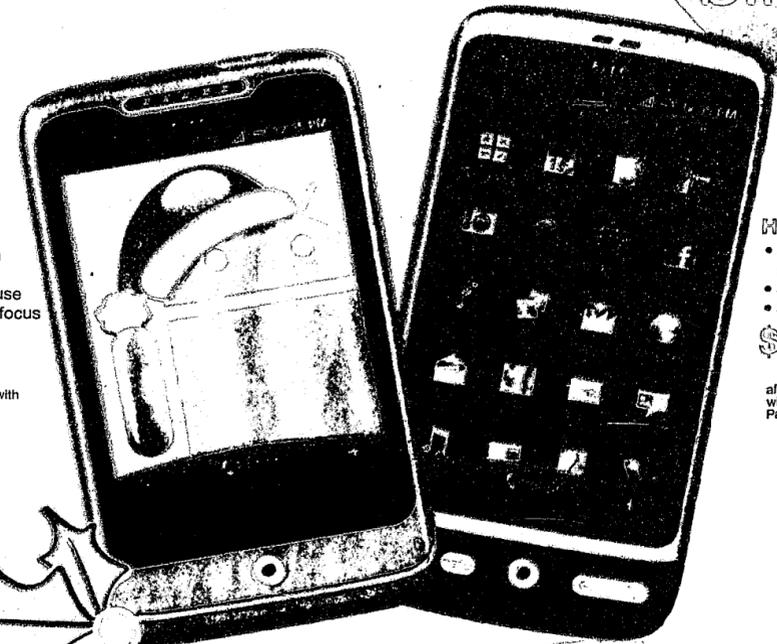
The number of building permits in November jumped from about 50 the previous month to 72, covering a couple of new commercial constructions, major renovations to existing homes and smaller home and commercial projects.

Builder and P&Z member John Cornelius complimented Fort Tuesday for the prompt service the Building Department staff provides.

"I attended the state home builders convention in November, and all over the state they are having trouble getting inspections," he said. "We're way better off than anyone else in the state with a full service department and we're getting full service."

Village councilors decided to offer inspections in multiple disciplines about two years ago when the State Construction Industries Division announced municipalities and counties must either handle all or none of their own inspections. The village conducts building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical inspections. All three village inspectors are certified in several fields.

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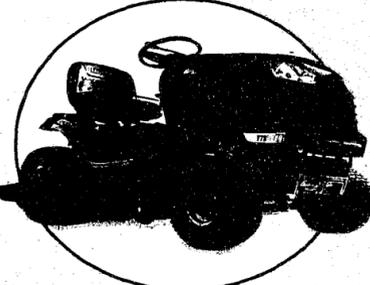
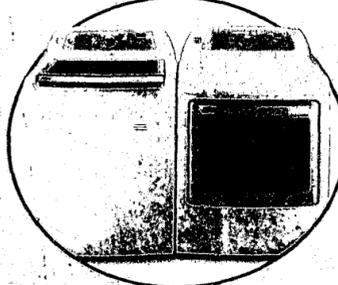
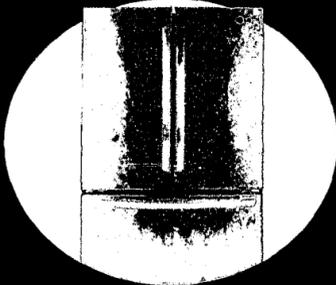
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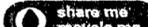


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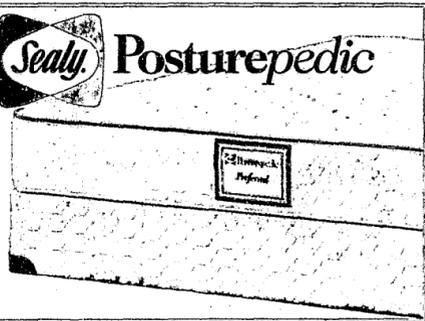


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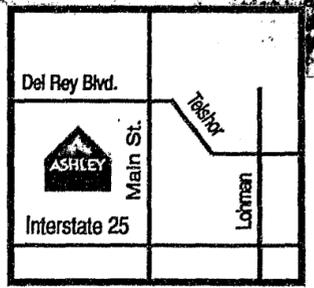
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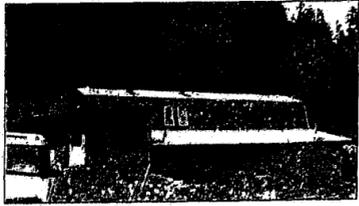
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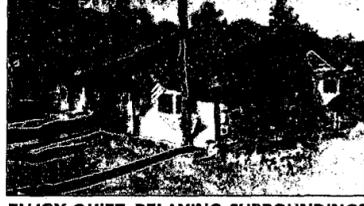
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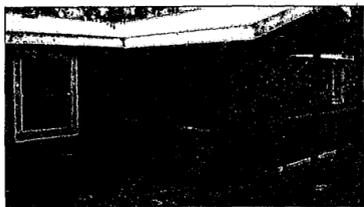
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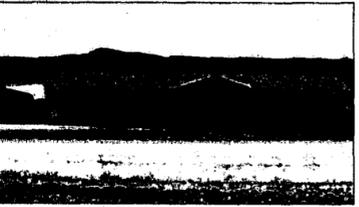
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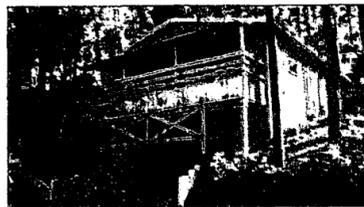
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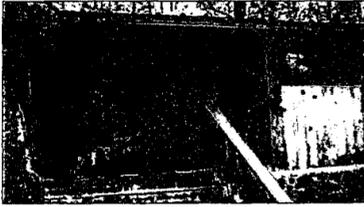
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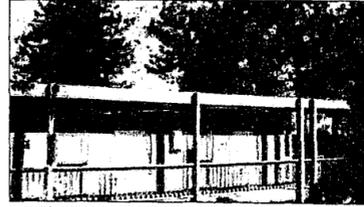
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Ski Report

Ski Apache

The snow resort is open daily 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. You may call 464-1234 for the latest ski report and information. The ski report is culled from www.ski-apachesnowreport.com

Tickets: Season passes are normally available by phone at 464-3600.

New snow past 48 hrs.: 0 inches
Season total: 3 inches

Mid-mountain snow: 14 inches

Weather for Friday: Mainly sunny. High 61F. Winds WNW at 10 to 20 mph. Friday evening, some clouds early will give way to generally clear conditions overnight. Low 41F. Winds W at 10 to 20 mph.

Weather for Saturday: Mostly sunny skies with gusty winds. High 58F. Winds NW at 15 to 25 mph.

Snow surface: Machine groomed
Groomed runs: Bunny, Easy Street, Ramp & Lower Deep Freeze

Lifts open: No. 3, No. 4 and No. 5
Gondola is closed.

Snowmaking: Yes

Results

Basketball

Boys
Tuesday, Dec. 7
Capitan 69, Carrizozo 60
Artesia 90, Ruidoso 61
Girls
Tuesday, Dec. 7
Carrizozo 51, Capitan 47

Sports On Tap

Basketball

Boys
Friday, Dec. 10
Carrizozo at Magdalena, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 14
Cloudcroft at Capitan, 4 p.m.
Girls
Tuesday, Dec. 14
Cloudcroft at Capitan, 4 p.m.

'Zozo girls beat Lady Tigers; Capitan boys down Grizzlies

Tigers remain undefeated at 3-0; Lady Grizzlies improve record to 2-2

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Tuesday's hardwood games at Capitan brought a split between the Tigers/Grizzlies boys and girls teams as the 'Zozo girls defeated the Lady Tigers, 51-47, and the Capitan boys took down the Grizzlies, 69-60.

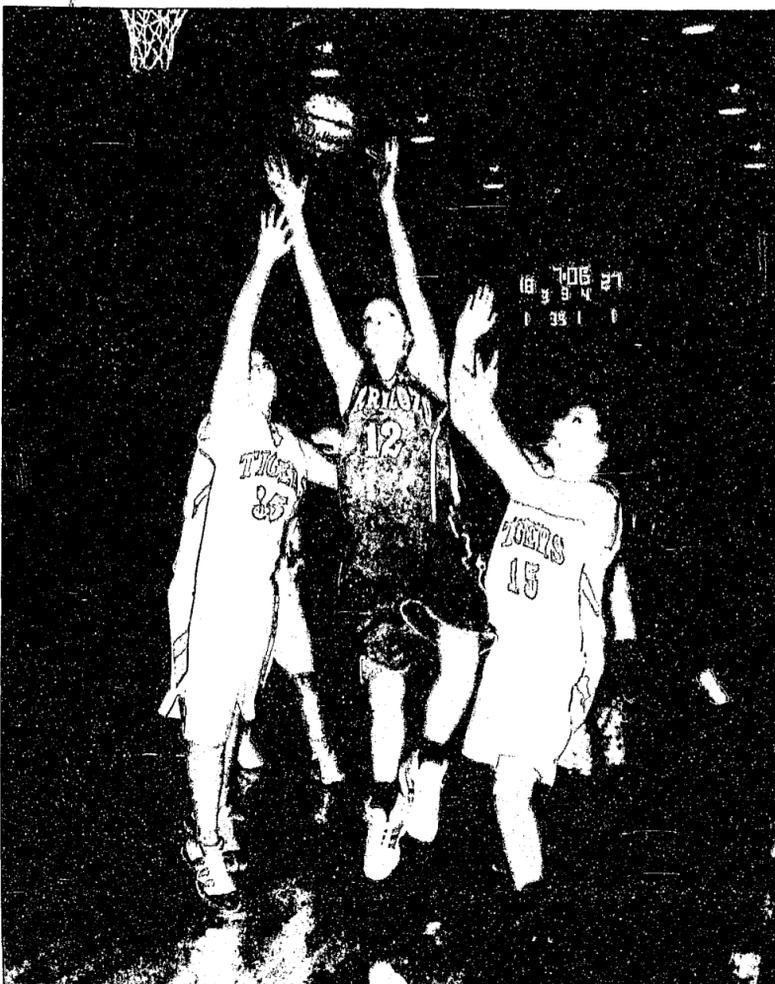
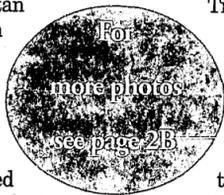
Girls

The Lady Grizzlies jumped out to a 14-9 first quarter lead based in part on three field goals by Kristi Gensler. The senior forward went on to score two more buckets in the second quarter as Carrizozo led 26-17 at the half. Going into the last period of play the Lady Grizzlies maintained their lead, 37-27. The Lady Tigers never quit and made a rush at the visitors towards the end of the contest but fell short by four points.

"We played pretty good," Carrizozo girls head coach Billy Page said. "The girls were aggressive and converted turnovers into points. When we got to the free throw line we did well. We have a good bench and they were instrumental in this win. The Lady Tigers are a good team and they made a run at us late in the contest but the Carrizozo girls were able to hold them off and closed out the game in good order."

Kristi Gensler was the night's high scorer with 21 points. Capitan's Kaitlin Keaton was right behind Gensler with 19.

"Kristi had a very good night and her inside game was exemplary," Page said. "Our offense executed well to get the ball to her inside. Most of her shots were from close in. We shot very few, if any, 3-pointers."



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See RIVALS, page 2B 'Zozo's Kelly Gensler goes up for two as Capitan's Kaitlin Keaton (left) and Dusti-Rae Eldridge defend.

Rabid Bulldogs bite Warriors at home

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You never get better as a player or team by playing those of inferior talent.

If that corollary is true, then the Warriors grew in ability Tuesday evening as they went down to defeat at the hands of the visiting Artesia Bulldogs, 90-61.

No love came to town when the Bulldogs hit the Ruidoso hardwood for 32 minutes of hardwood action.

Included in the 14-man Artesia roster are eight athletes 6-foot and over.

The Warriors kept up with the visitors in the first quarter and going into the next period of play Artesia led 17-12 with a last second bucket by the Bulldogs increasing their lead to five.

In the second quarter RHS scored 14, which is not normally that bad but Artesia pumped in 27 and led at the half, 44-26.

"I told my players in the locker

room that they weren't getting in front of the Artesia players and stopping them from getting into their lanes," Ruidoso head coach Dennis Davis said. "And that we had to stop them from making repeated layups."

The Warriors must have heeded their coach's advice because they held Artesia to 21 in the third period, while scoring 19 of their own.

As they had done for most of the night, the Bulldogs continued to bring in three, four and five fresh players at a time without any drop-off in their scoring output.

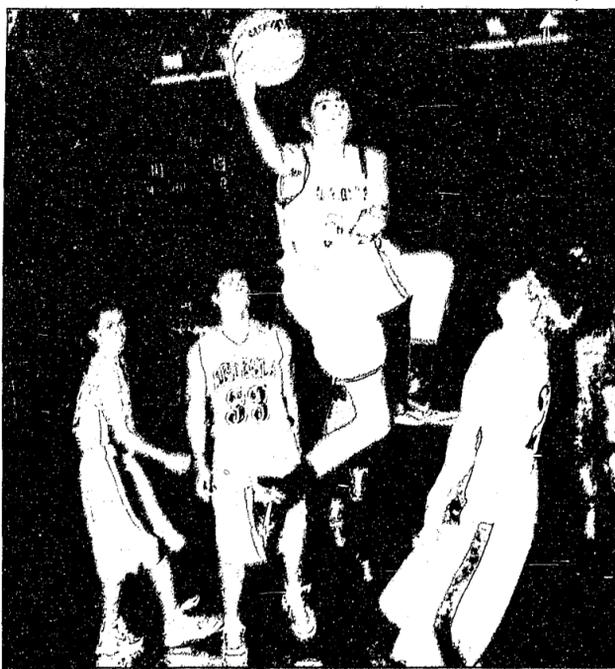
The results of that strategy netted them a 25-16 advantage in the last quarter of play and a 29-point victory.

"You always try to prepare your team for who you are facing," Davis said. "But it's hard to defense someone who hasn't



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Ismail Cook was the high scorer of the evening with 20 points. After staying close to Artesia in the first quarter the Warriors lost to the visitors 90-61.



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See RHS, page 2B Wambli Little Spotted Horse goes airborne between Artesia players.

House and Rogers named All-Wac

SUN-NEWS REPORT
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES - New Mexico State senior defensive back Davon House and junior kick returner Taveon Rogers were named to the All-WAC teams Monday afternoon.

House earns his second first team All-WAC honor, while Rogers earned second team honors as the special team selection.

House, a native of Palmdale, Calif., ended his career with NMSU ranked

sixth all-time in interceptions for a career with 11 and first in interception return yardage with 319. He returned three interceptions for a touchdown in his career, tallying 198 tackles, 46 pass break ups and three fumble recoveries.

In 2010, House led the team with two interceptions, 57 tackles and 10 pass break ups.

"This means a lot to me," House said. "I accomplished all by personal goals that I set for myself while I was here at New

Mexico State. It's an honor to be selected a first team All-WAC member by the conference coaches."

"It's nice for this staff to have had a hand in helping Davon develop as a football player and a student-athlete," head coach DeWayne Walker said.

"It is also good to see, good things happen to good people like Davon. We feel he has been a very special part of this program and hopefully he will continue his journal to graduate from college and pursue his

dream to be a professional football player."

Rogers, a native of Lancaster, Calif., finished the season with 1,410 kick return yards on 52 attempts, setting a new school record in both categories. He currently ranks in the top-5 in kick return yardage, kick return attempts and kick return average for a career at NMSU as well.

Rogers also caught 18 passes for 278 yards and

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RIVALS

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As is usually the case, one player's success is due to the teamwork of others.

"Stephanie Zamora and Shelly Gensler distributed the ball well," Page explained. "Between them, I believe they had 12 assists."

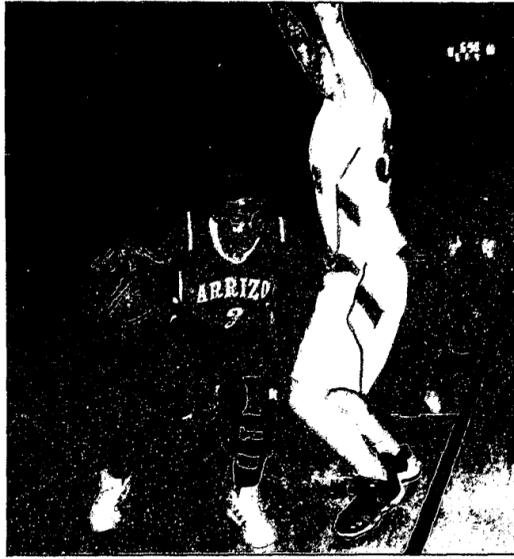
Tuesday's win evened out the Lady Grizzlies season mark to 2-2. Their next tilt will be a home game with Cliff on Dec. 30.

Capitan's loss was their first of the year and they still sport a respectable 2-1 record. The Lady Tigers will attend the Mountaintop Tournament in Cloudcroft which began Thursday and will continue through Saturday.

Boys

So far, the Tigers are flying high with a 3-0 overall season mark. On Dec. 2, they traveled to Hondo and took down the Eagles, 63-57 (in overtime). Two days later, they made the journey to Cloudcroft and defeated the Bears, 47-39. Tuesday's 9-point win over the Grizzlies left them undefeated thus far.

As Capitan's head football coach Johnny Carson knows his basketball team well. Of his 12-man hoops roster, only two players did not play football. A partial



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Stephanie Zamora finds a lane to the basket.

explanation as to why his basketball team has done well so far might be attributed to the fact that he has seven seniors on his roster and five of them are starters. To date, all 12 athletes on his roster have game experience this season.

"If we keep playing consistently we'll do alright this year," Carson said. "But there are a lot of good teams out there."

Tuesday's battle between the Tigers and the Grizzlies started slowly with Capitan taking a first quarter lead, 10-6.

It could be argued that

the second period of play was the deciding game factor as the Tigers went on a scoring binge and dropped in 22 points to the Grizzlies' 14. Twelve of those 22 points came on 3-pointers - two by Garrett Schultz and one each by Rudy Chavez and Logan Eshom.

But with a 12-point lead going into the third period of play, the Grizzlies weren't throwing in the towel. They roared back by putting 20 on the scoreboard to the Tigers' 12.

The visitors continued their scoring onslaught in the fourth quarter when they again posted 20 points



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Joshua Bellin-Gallagher tries to get by Zozo's Mark Vigil.

but the Tigers awakened and put up 25. With a little more than five minutes remaining in the contest the Grizzlies temporarily grabbed a 2-point lead but Capitan did what they had to do when the chips were down and won by nine.

"We played a decent game," Carson said. "But we got ourselves into foul trouble - a lot of it. We got sloppy at times. Take nothing away from Carrizozo, though. They never gave in."

Grizzlies head coach Billy Page was nearly on the same page as Carson when it came to analyzing the night's battle.

"We started out playing sloppy basketball," he said. "In that contest we went to the line 49 times and only came away with 24 points. That in itself, hypothetically speaking, could have been the game. At one point, we took the lead late in the game, but we missed easy shots and free throws, and the Tigers pulled away. We just didn't convert the opportunities that were presented to us. Give credit where credit is due, however, Carson kept his boys focused."

For Capitan, two players hit double-digits with Eshom dumping in 15 and

Chavez collecting 14. Tyler Neill scored seven - all in the fourth quarter.

Three Grizzlies hit the double-digit mark. Wade Sultemeier scored 16, Mark Vigil recorded 14 and Marshall Ventura put up 11.

The Tigers will have taken their perfect record to Cloudcroft Thursday for the Mountaintop Tournament where they will have taken on No. 2 Cliff High School at 1:30 p.m. The round-robin event will run through Saturday.

The 3-2 Grizzlies will travel to Magdalena Friday for a 4 p.m. tilt.

RHS

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played a game yet, as was the case with Artesia.

"We knew they had size and would be aggressive but in the end you have to do what your team is capable of doing. You try to get better

at the things you're good at."

The D4-4A Bulldogs have a deep bench and the fact they could bring in multiple players at a time and not lose anything in the process attests to that.

"We hung in there with them in the first eight minutes and did OK early in the second half," Davis said. "They were better in their

transition on offense than we were on our transition on defense."

Artesia's No. 50, Matt Navarrette, is a talented athlete on all sides of the ball and scored 25 points for the evening. He could have increased his output but sat out most of the last quarter.

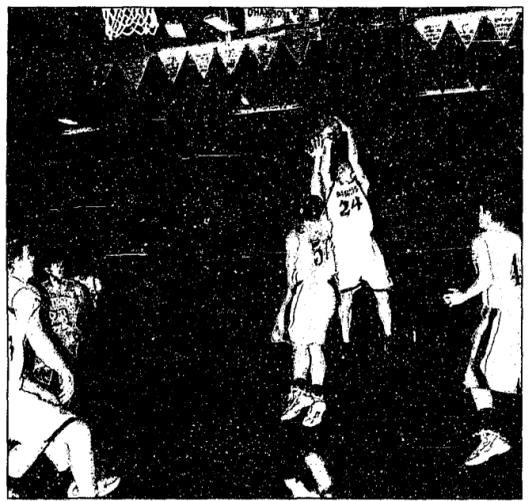
For the Warriors, productive Ismail Cook

pumped in 20 for the game while the ever-consistent Terrence Shields dropped in 18.

"We didn't get a lot of the rebounds because Artesia had more of their boys under the basket at times," Davis explained. "We need to work on that. We try to make our schedule a little tough at times to make us better. Hopefully we will."

After a Wednesday practice, the Warriors will have headed out to the Sundevil Invitational tournament Thursday in Albuquerque where eight teams will compete.

The Invite will conclude Saturday.



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Tito Montoya goes for a 3-pointer against Artesia defenders.

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WAC

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two touchdowns, while leading the team in all-purpose yards with 145.2 yards per game.

"It's nice to have been recognized by the conference coaches as one of the top players in the league and I'm honored to be named an All-WAC member," Rogers said.

"Obviously I would have liked to have made first

team but this just gives me motivation for next season to try harder and prove that I'm worthy of the top honor."

"One thing we wanted to do coming into this season was improve our special teams and Taveon was the answer for us this season," Walker said. "We knew he could run and had the ability to make plays."

For him to come in his first year and make an impact, break some records and become not only one of the best returners in the

conference but in the country is a big accomplishment. We hope to see him continue to add to this success next season."

Boise State's Kellen Moore and Nevada's Colin Kaepernick were named Co-Offensive Players of the Year, Fresno State's Chris Carter earned Defensive Player of the Year honors, while Keith Smith of San Jose State took home Freshman of the Year. Nevada head coach Chris Ault was named WAC Coach of the Year.

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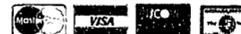
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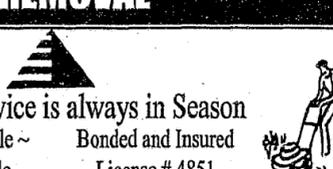
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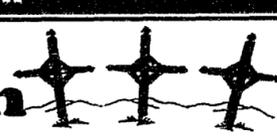
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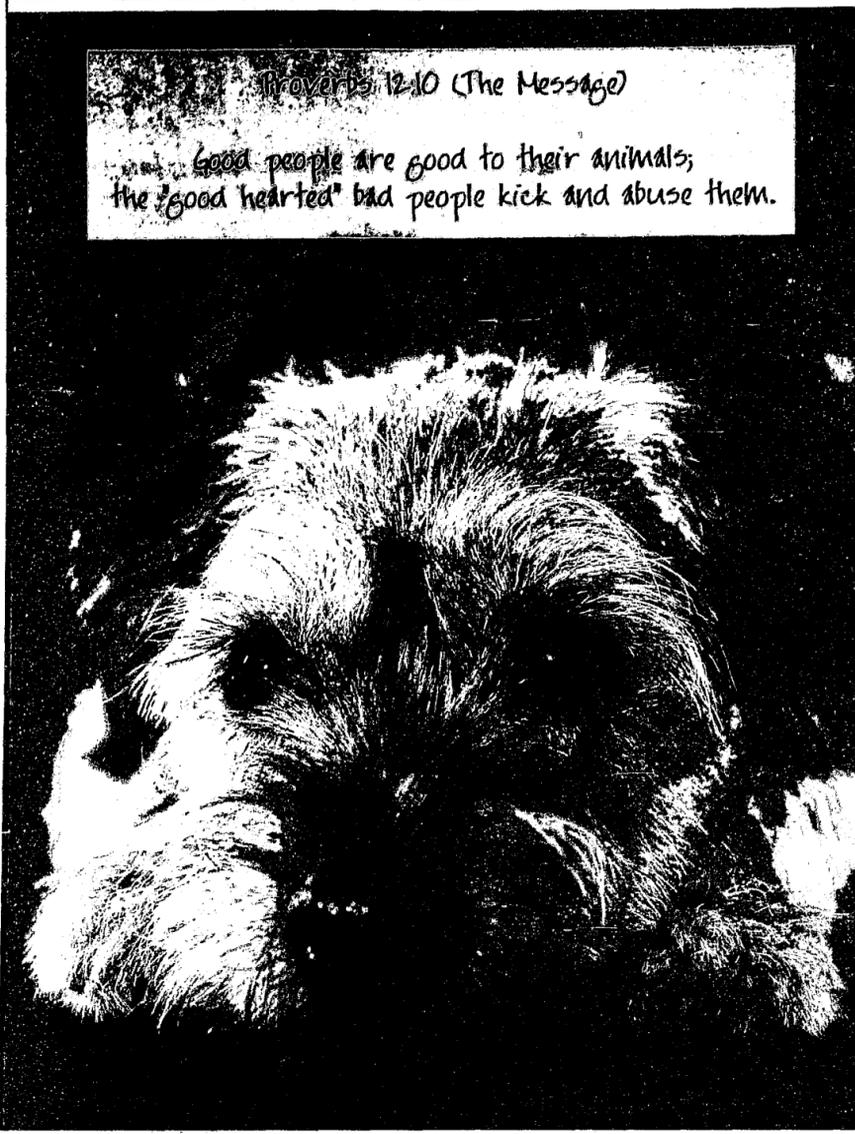
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 1253.</p> <p>Church of Jesus Christ.
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 4630. Wayne King, President,
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 tion Road, behind Wells
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 terian Church, Pastor
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 Juan in Lincoln</p> <p>FOURSQUARE
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 Pastor.</p> | <p>METHODIST
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 congregation of Capitan
 United Methodist. White
 Oaks and Third in Capitan.
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 Angus Church of the
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 miles north of Ruidoso on
 Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Rick
 Hutchison Pastor.</p> | <p>NON-DENOMINA-
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 lowship Capitan, High-
 way 380 West, 354-2458.
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 teenth.</p> <p>BAPTIST
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 rizozo. Johanna Ander-
 son, pastor.</p> | <p>NON-DENOMINA-
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Resurrection is Fraught With Theological Mysteries

Q: First of all, I want to thank you for your prayerful answers to all and for sharing your gifts with your readers. On several occasions you've referred to our souls living on with God. I realize you can't encompass all religious beliefs in every answer, but could you please give some equal time to the beliefs of Catholics? Not only our souls but also our bodies will live on in heaven. Why have you never mentioned this in your column? -- J., via email

A: What you're asking about is the belief in the resurrection of the body at the end of time. Until that Messianic age,

obviously, our bodies return to the earth through burial or cremation. Until that time, our souls, which are immaterial and return to God, live a separate existence from our bodies.



The God Squad
MARC GELLMAN

This belief in the ultimate resurrection of the dead is also a belief of post-biblical Judaism (called rabbinic or Orthodox Judaism). It entered western Christianity,

not just Catholicism, as a part of the Apostle's Creed, which was one of the earliest formulations of Christian belief. The Apostle's Creed was first introduced in the 4th century and was formalized by the 8th century. This is the Creed as translated for the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which divides the Creed into 12 beliefs, with the resurrection of the dead being No. 11:

1. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
2. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
3. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
4. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

5. He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again.

6. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

7. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

8. I believe in the Holy Spirit,

9. the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,

10. the forgiveness of sins,

11. the resurrection of the body,

12. and the life everlasting.

Amen.

The theological problem with believing in the resurrection of the body obviously centers around those

bodies that have been destroyed utterly and have thus lost their bodily integrity. How are they to be resurrected? There's also the problem of what age we will be when we're resurrected. Will old people be resurrected as young, vibrant people? Will infants be resurrected as adults?

The apostle Paul in I Corinthians 15:44 states that although the resurrected body will be a physical body, it will be so suffused with the Spirit that it will not have any of the imperfections it endured during its earthly life.

There's another theological tradition which is comforted just by the promise of eternal life for the soul with God after death. I hold to this view. However, if my

miserable body is to return, I better get on the treadmill today so that I can keep up with my wife.

Whether or not the body is resurrected in the fullness of time is definitely one of those ultimate mysteries I'm in no hurry to solve. Of course, if Brad Pitt's body is available, I might change my mind.

(Note: If you want more information on this topic, you might read "The Resurrection of the Body in Western Christianity, 200-1336," by Caroline Walker Bynum (Columbia University Press).

Send QUESTIONS ONLY to The God Squad, c/o Tribune Media Services, 2225 Kenmore Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, NY 14207, or email them to godsqadquestion@aol.com

Arnold named senior minister at First Christian Church

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Ruidoso has welcomed a new senior minister. Rev. Ryan Arnold was called by the congregation in October and began his service this month.

Arnold, his wife Kristyn and one-year-old son Jack came to Ruidoso from Texas after spending time in Albuquerque where Arnold completed an internship as an associate at Los Altos Christian Church.

He graduated with a mater of divinity degree in August from George W. Truett Theological Seminary in Waco, Texas after earning a bachelor of science in business from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, Texas.

In addition, Arnold had experience serving churches in the Texas communities of Adamsville and



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Rev. Ryan Arnold is the new senior minister at the First Christian Church in Ruidoso.

Temple, missionary work in Yosemite, Calif., and as an administrator for a church in Round Rock, Texas.

Stating the his main goal is to be faithful to his call, Arnold said that plays out in fidelity to God, his wife and family, and to the

church family he has been called to serve.

"Therefore, my vocational goal is simply to be a faithful disciple of Christ," Arnold said. "My dream is to plug my life and ministry into a community bringing about social change that outlives my tenure."

The call was at the right time, church officials said. Interim Senior Minister Max Jones provided leadership, inspiration and change over the past year while the search committee was at work.

Additionally, a major building addition that brought more Sunday school rooms, a commercial kitchen, choir room and multi-purpose room was completed earlier this year.

First Christian Church of Ruidoso is located at 1211 Hull Rd. For more information call the church office at 258-4250.

For Christians, Santa is second

As we enter the Christmas season, the Bible accounts of the birth of Christ are first and foremost in our minds. For some folks, Christmas is all about Santa Claus, decorations, and gift giving.

For Christians, those things are a secondary part. Christ Jesus is the reason for the season.

This leads me to take a look at the circumstances surrounding the birth of Christ. First, let's consider the Angel's announcement to Mary that she would conceive and give birth to the Son of God.

Gabriel said "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women." Mary was troubled and afraid at the Angel's appearance and announcement. FEAR!

Gabriel said, "Do not be afraid, You have found

favor with God." FAVOR!

"You will conceive in your womb and bring forth a son...Jesus." FUTURE!

Mary said to the Angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The Angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you...the Holy One who is born will be called the Son of God." FATHER!

Mary was engaged/betrothed to Joseph, the carpenter. If she is pregnant by him, they are guilty of premarital sex. If she is pregnant by someone else, she has broken her vows of marriage. FAILURE! Either way, she would be stoned or ostracized.

Gabriel answered her question, "For with God, nothing is impossible." Then, Mary responded, "Let it be to me according to your word." FAITH!

Stop and think with me for a moment about the depth of her faith. Would Joseph accept her and

believe what God had asked her to do? Could their marriage relationship endure the public ridicule? Could she be responsible for nine months of pregnancy, safe birth, and raising the Son of God? Would they be able to raise the Son of God in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

These questions and more had to course through her mind in that confrontation.

Are you afraid to let Christ be born in the manger of your heart? FEAR! Do you not realize God's favor is extended to you? FAVOR! Do you realize that Christ is the future for all who believe in Him? FUTURE! Do you understand that to receive Jesus is to become a child of God. FATHER! Can you comprehend that to refuse God's son is to refuse God's forgiveness. FAILURE! Or, will you believe in Jesus Christ. FAITH!

If you do, you have help for today and hope for tomorrow.

Seeking Revenge Seldom Solves Anything

Q: Someone hurt me very deeply about two years ago, and now I have an opportunity to really get back at her. My mother says I shouldn't do it, but I don't see any reason not to. What this person did was wrong, so why should she be allowed to get away with it? -- C.J.

A: Wanting to strike back and hurt someone who's hurt us is a common human reaction -- but that doesn't make it right. The Bible urges us to take a different path: "Do not repay anyone evil for evil.... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:17,21).

What's wrong with seeking revenge? For one thing, it seldom solves anything. At best, this person will remain your enemy; at

worst, she'll retaliate against you in some way -- starting a cycle that might never end. This is the way wars start, and on a personal level it's the way conflicts continue and never get resolved. I urge you not to start down this path, no matter how hurt you feel.

But revenge is also wrong because it's fueled by anger. Let's face it: You aren't really interested in justice; you simply want to see this person suffer. But anger will only lead you astray. This is why the Bible says, "A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control" (Proverbs 29:11).

What should you do? First, commit this situation -- and your whole life -- to Jesus Christ. Ask Him to take away your anger and replace it with love and concern for this person. Then trust God to deal with her, convicting her of her

wrongdoing and convincing her of her need to turn to Christ.

Q: Does God always judge people who are evil and deliberately do wrong? I'd like to think He does, but there are still a lot of evil people left in the world, and most of them seem to go through life without much bad ever happening to them. -- Mrs. J.M.

A: God is holy and just -- and yes, those who deliberately turn their backs on God and choose to do evil will be judged by Him. The Bible says that anyone who ignores God "is rebelling against what God has insti-

tuted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves" (Romans 13:2).

The good news of the Gospel, however, is that we don't need to fear that day -- and the reason is because on the cross Jesus Christ endured the judgment and Hell we deserve. Have you put your faith and trust in Him?

Send your queries to "My Answer," c/o Billy Graham, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, N.C., 28201; call 1-(877) 2-GRAHAM, or visit the Web site for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association: www.billygraham.org

First Baptist to host Graham concert

Music evangelist Charles Graham will present a concert on Sunday, Dec. 19, at First Baptist Church in Ruidoso. The concert will be performed at 8:30 a.m. and again at 11 a.m.

Graham's ministry in song has taken him all over the United States and overseas.

Graham was born and raised in southeast Arkansas, the fifth of thirteen brothers and sisters. He attended Southwest Bap-

tist University and Central Missouri State University, before graduating from Rhema Bible Training Center in Broken Arrow, Okla.

His concerns are described as lively, heartwarming and fun.

First Baptist Church is located at 270 Country Club Drive in Ruidoso. A freewill offering will be taken. For additional information call the church at 257-2081.



Billy Graham
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Jose Cruz Valdez, 52

Jose Cruz Valdez, 52, passed away on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 in Ruidoso, NM. He was born on Sunday, March 16, 1958 in Juarez, Mexico to Cruz and Bernarda (Valdez) Rodriguez.

The Valdez family has entrusted their loved one to the care of PCS to direct the arrangements. Cremation will take place at PCS.

To sign the online register book, please visit www.cremation-pcs.com.

Gordon Sylling

GORDON SYLLING PASSED AWAY FRIDAY DEC 3, HE WAS BORN JULY 21, 1924 IN NEANDRO AND BERNICE SYLLING IN SPRING LAKE, MINNESOTA. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE HELEN SYLLING, DAUGHTER DREN MARK RODGERS, SON ROBERT SYLLING AND HUSBAND ROBERT SYLLING. HE HAD 4 GRANDCHILDREN, BRAD SYLLING, WARREN AND SISTER BARBARA. THERE WILL BE A CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE DEC. 13 AT 2:30 PM. IT WILL BE HELD AT FOOT OF THE CROSS CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, 2816 SUDDETH DR. IN RUIDOSO NM 86304.

LINCOLN COUNTY

Atlanta a lifetime experience for 4-Hers

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Winning a trip to the Atlanta, Ga. was a process for two Lincoln County 4-Hers. The payoff was the experience of a lifetime and one they will never forget.

Jenna Cleckler, Capitan, and Kylie Gaines, Carrizozo, spent five days at the end of November at the 2010 National 4-H Congress along with seven other New Mexico 4-Hers, Lincoln County Extension Agent Pete Gnatkowski and the Amy Zimler from the New Mexico State 4-H office.

Cleckler is a freshman at New Mexico State University and Gaines is a senior at Carrizozo High School.

Gnatkowski made his last trip

to the 4-H Congress in 1968 when he went as a 4-H member. "We went to Chicago," he said. "We rode the train there from Albuquerque. Things really haven't changed that much since then. It's the same format for the Congress with tours and a lot of motivational training. This is an experience these kids will never forget."

Cleckler said, "I got the chance to work with the pre-K class at an Atlanta school with 100 percent of the kids coming from low-income families. It was the most rewarding experience of my life. I have never seen kids so open minded to a group of strangers interacting with their classroom. The smiles that each one of these kids had on their faces truly touched my heart and made me



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While in Atlanta, Jenna Cleckler, a freshman at NMSU and one of the Lincoln County 4-Hers to attend the National 4-H Congress, took part in a group project at Humphries Elementary School. Cleckler, front row far left, said all the students in the school, pre-K to sixth grade, were parts of families living at or under poverty level. Cleckler's group worked with one of the pre-K classes.



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A group of New Mexico 4-Hers and two chaperones attended the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 26-30. Lincoln County Extension Agent Pete Gnatkowski, back row, far left, went with Jenna Cleckler, Capitan, and Kylie Gaines, Carrizozo, (front row, center in dark shirts). Gnatkowski said it was his first time to attend the Congress since 1968 when he earned his way as a 4-Her. The 4-H members earned their way to Atlanta through the completion of a set of record books covering a number of years in 4-H.

thankful for everything that I so often take for granted."

New Mexico 4-Hers earn their trip sponsored by the New Mexico 4-H Foundation by turning in a state record book which requires some work and motivation on the members' part.

The week began with a pin exchange between the Congress attendees that came from all the states and Puerto Rico.

"Meeting all the people was the best part of the trip," said Gaines. "It was so amazing. This was so much smaller than the National FFA Convention, so you

actually got to meet and to know people."

Gaines said the motivational speakers were incredible. "There were many but one that stood out for me was Dan Clark. He made me really appreciate what I have in life, to really stop and think about what we have instead of what we don't have." Clark is the man behind the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series of books.

There Congress attendees were toured around Atlanta and to museums. "They were exposed to both cultural and historical things," said Gnatkowski.

"We got to be involved with community service projects," Cleckler said, "and then we were part of an international dinner where we were able to experience different foods from around the world. By the end of the week I made lifelong friendships with not only the group from New Mexico that I traveled with, but also other members of 4-H from across the country."

Cleckler and Gaines agreed that the trip was "definitely one of the most rewarding and fun trips ever. An experience of a lifetime."

Keep New Mexico Beautiful Awards Carrizozo Post Office Recycling Grant

Lincoln County has made the Keep New Mexico Beautiful [KNMB] grant program 'Winners Circle' again.

Late last week, KNMB announced award of an \$800 grant to underwrite the Carrizozo Post Office Recycling Project.

The award will purchase a three cubic yard blue recycling collection dumpster as well as lobby containers for postal patrons.

The award is the third consecutive grant in support of Greentree Solid Waste Authority and regional Post Office efforts at increasing recycling for postal patrons. The project is expected to steadily increase the amount of mixed paper recycling of all kinds in the region.

Establishment of Post Office recycling has been a long-term goal of the Carrizozo Community Recycling Committee.

Similar projects funded by KNMB or the New Mexico Recycling Coalition [Capitan] have been under-

way for some time in Capitan, Alto and Ruidoso Downs. Corona post office lobby recycling has been on-going for several years.

While lobby recycling is not available in Ruidoso, recycling of discarded or unwanted mail items by postal employees takes place at the Ruidoso and Hollywood Station post offices thanks to outdoor recycling container placement by the Village of Ruidoso Solid Waste Department.

Keep New Mexico Beautiful has worked for more than 40 years with communities and organizations around New Mexico to improve their surroundings and promote civic pride.

KNMB grants may be used for "hands on" projects, trash cleanup, creation/expansion of recycling facilities, and provision of trash receptacles.

Each year Keep New Mexico Beautiful awards grants to exemplary schools, villages, munic-

palities, chambers of commerce, organizations, and government agencies.

Grants are made for solid waste management and litter control activities; native landscaping and beautification activities; and educational activities.

Funded projects promote the mission of KNMB by being good community stewards in environmental projects of recycling, litter control, water conservation and beautification.

Postal patrons can recycle any discarded or unwanted mail in lobby recycling containers before leaving the Post Office. Although any paper items can be recycled, patrons are cautioned not to recycle anything with sensitive personal information such as social security numbers in lobby containers.

For more information on Post Office recycling, the Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697, toll free at 1-877-548-8772 or via email at gswa@greentreeswa.org. General recycling information is available on the Authority website at www.greentreeswa.org.

Working for peanuts

Cowboys are always a never-ending source of funny quips and one-liners delivered with a matter-of-fact tone that belies the actual humor within the words.

Put a cowboy on an airplane headed to the bright lights of Las Vegas during the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo and his capacity for wit and humor pegs the needle on the laugh meter. The only thing funnier is an entire plane load of them.

Obviously acquainted and buddies, the banter passed back and forth amidst the stewardess' attempts to take drink orders and offer the usual Southwest Airlines snack.

Lightheartedly, one cowboy suggested little juice boxes would be in order for the lot of them because they needed to stay sober for their arrival in Vegas. He had been assured they were to be met by the champion Australian beach volleyball team.

The discussion quickly moved to a recent trip to Vegas one of the lads had made to stand up in a wedding. It was for his good friend who had decided, on the spur of the moment and a night of drinking, to get married. The story teller said he got called in the middle of night, jumped on a plane and the wedding took place as soon as everybody could get there, at 8 a.m.

The cowboy next to him said, "If I ever get married again, it'll be in the Elvis Wedding Chapel using a bubble gum

about as serious as I plan to be about it. Rode that horse already!"

With only an hour of open-bar time, the cowboys in rows 13 and 14 managed to get themselves dubbed the "two-fer boys," both for beer and peanuts. As a parting gift, over the loud speaker, the stewardess recognized them for their good humor and fun. She also handed them a large bag of the peanut snack sacks as a reward for their "show."

Those cowboys gave new meaning to "working for peanuts."

On the shuttle bus to the hotel, a Texas cowboy, who showed some signs of aging wisdom, said he'd had to quit gambling. When one of the other passengers asked why, he replied, "They kept complaining about the spit cups I used when I chewed, and I damn sure wasn't going to give up chewing."

Eight-time PRCA world champion bull rider Donny Gay is working the NFR behind the ESPN microphone during the

bull riding. When asked if he thought he could still ride a bull Donnie said, "Sometimes I think so. Then I look down and there are about 25 pounds of me that have never been on a bull."

The trade shows draw as many crowds as the casinos do. At a National Ropers Supply booth a cowboy was scrutinizing a belt loaded with shiny glitz. "That's too blingy for you," she said to him. He chuckled as he hung the belt back on the rack and said, "I'm too fat to be flashy." Words to live by.



Cowgirl Sass & Savvy
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Secrets of the Wrap Stars

How to give the season's best packages

By Tanesha Robinson | CTW Features

Expert gift wrappers innovate year after year, gathering inspiration for their fanciful creations from nature, the recycling bin or the giftee himself.

Take notes as three of today's top wrappers share thoughts behind their signature styles, tips for the not-so-crafty gift-giver and ideas for what to do with some of those odd-shaped items.

Wanda Wen

Wanda Wen, author of "The Art of Gift Wrapping" (2010, Potter Craft) is co-founder of Soolip, the fashionable West Hollywood purveyor of fine paper. Wen isn't just a wrap star; she wraps for stars, including Will Smith, Charlize Theron and Halle Berry.

Gift-wrapping should say a little about you and something about the person receiving the gift. Of course, I have my own collection of papers that I'm drawn to, but first I think of the person.

Signature style: Organic and natural
Must-have materials: twine, string, ribbon, pressed flowers, papers made of natural fibers

like Thai unryu, kozo and Nepalese lolta
On her style: I'm really inspired by nature and looking at ordinary material in a new, fresh, enlightened way.

Her best wrap so far: a gift topped with a rock and twine. It makes me happy to inspire people to see such a common thing that is at our feet every single day and accentuate that.

Favorite embellishments: stones or a bundle of twigs

Tricks of the trade: Always fold-in the exposed edges so there is a finished look to your gift. When you're done wrapping your gift, take your pointed finger and your thumb and pinch the edges. It creates a sharper edge.

Wrapping odd shapes: To wrap a wine or champagne bottle, Wen suggests using thin paper such as tissue or translucent Thai unryu paper that will easily gather around the object.

Ann Erickson

Ann Erickson, winner of the 2009 "Scotch Brand Most Gifted Wrapper" award, encourages gift-givers to take a risk when they wrap. Here, she shares tips on achieving a unique style.

Don't be afraid to do something unique because that's what people will remember.

Signature style: Ribbed and bowed
Must-have materials: Simply designed paper, ribbons with wire

On her style: I put a lot of effort into the ribbons and bows. I don't usually use the traditional bow; I use the square-knot bow.

Her best wrap so far: Probably when I wrapped everyone's gift in the same paper. It creates a nice cohesive look.

Favorite embellishments: small ornaments, candy, and small stuffed animals for kids

Tricks of the trade: Tease what's inside the gift. Use a scarf as a ribbon if it goes with something inside the package. Also, tape paper to the box before wrapping.

Wrapping odd shapes: For a plant, find some beautiful paper or fabric and make a giant circle. Put the plant in the center and pull the material up and around the pot leaving the top exposed. Try cellophane underneath the wrapping material so it sticks up at the top.

Gina Tepper

Gina Tepper, founder of Giftdecorating.com and a freelance designer for 3M Scotch brand and others, instructs gift wrappers around the globe 24/7 through her website and newsletter. Her theory of design? Figure out the recipient's hobbies and passions:

Tailor the gift to their different hobbies and interests. Try to find some kind of color or embellishments that matches the theme of their life.

Signature style: Lofty layers
Must-have materials: raffia, yarn, buns of color and any small thing of interest

On her style: It's the accents, the layering and the little extra touches that really makes someone take notice. My goal is to teach people to make beautiful and unique gift wrap designs that are easy to create using interesting household items and inexpensive materials found at local craft stores.

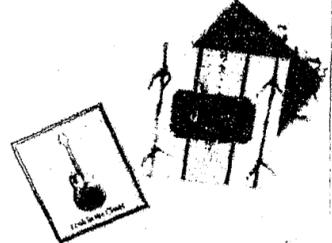
Her best wrap so far: A gift for an 18-year-old tough guy that was warmly layered and decoratively tied with raffia and a wooden bead. I gave him that gift and he was stunned. It wasn't so much that it was beautiful, it was just the effort put into it.

Favorite embellishments: Pictures, small ornaments

Tricks of the trade: For a perfect package, cut the wrapping paper two inches wider than the box; use the box length plus the two ends to determine paper length. Leaving too much paper is a rookie wrapping error that leaves a package looking lumpy and uneven.

Wrapping odd shapes: Print out a picture of the gift on cardstock and provide directions to the actual gift's secret location. Place the card in a small box and wrap it creatively.

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Bright ideas: Wanda Wen wrapped a wine bottle in decorative paper and cotton balls, top; Gina Tepper framed charming holiday photos on the tops of gifts to indicate the recipients; to avoid wrapping a guitar, she enclosed a creative card (with directions on finding the gift) in a box



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Good & Green



By Anna Sachse | CTW Features

Conserving resources, eating organic, using non-toxic cleaning products and recycling everything humanly possible - it's 2010 and it seems like every household has gone green. The next step? Taking the eco-friendly lifestyle on the road - literally. From stylish bags, outerwear and outdoor dining accoutrements, to sun care, portable toys and transportation devices, this holiday season there's something truly useful to please all the busy environmentalists on your list. Get ready to take green into the next decade.

People Movers

Help your favorite guy, gal or techie teen go green and get fit with a folding bicycle. Perfect for commuters, these ultra-flexible peddlers have all the economical, ecological and health benefits of a standard bike and they're easier to store or transport via car, train or plane. New this summer, the full-size Dahon Ios XL (\$1,499 at bike shops) has 24-inch wheels, an eight-speed Shimano Alfine hub, hydraulic disc brakes and puncture-resistant tires. The Ios weighs about 33 pounds and takes just 15 seconds to fold down to less than half its original dimension. A dynamo in the front hub uses pedal-generated

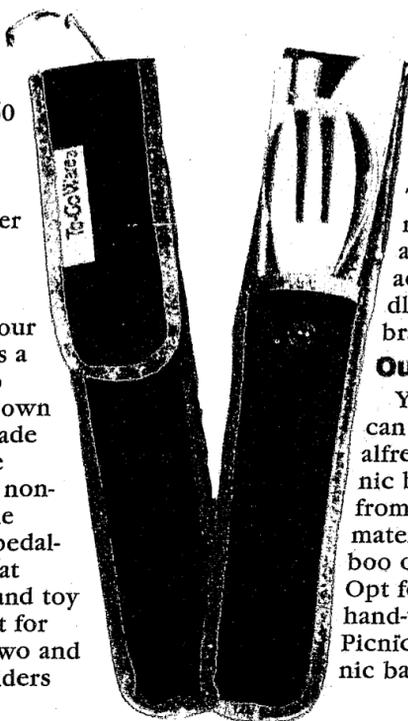
energy to juice up a battery that powers an LED headlamp and can even charge a phone, iPod or GPS.

Bike Friday, based in bicycle-obsessed Eugene, Ore., also produces high-end folding bikes, including a wide range of built-to-order models (from \$898 at bike shops) If

your gift-ee isn't a serious gear head, Kent, Schwinn, Polaris and F-160 make simpler folding bicycles with smaller wheels and fewer speeds (from \$150 at major retailers).

And what if your list also includes a little squirt who yearns for their own two-wheeler? Made from sustainable birch wood and non-toxic varnish, the award-winning pedal-free Skuut (\$90 at sporting goods and toy stores) is perfect for tykes between two and five years old. Riders kick off the ground as if running, thus gliding or

Now you see it... now you see just half: the Dahon Ios XL folding bicycle



Eating green: reusable bamboo place setting from To-Go Ware packed in a recycled plastic holder

"skuuting" themselves forward and learning balance and coordination. There's a new metal version available, with adjustable handlebars, hand brake and bell.

Outside Eaters

Your loved ones can always dine alfresco with a picnic basket made from sustainable materials like bamboo or rattan wicker. Opt for a classic hand-woven willow Picnic Plus eco picnic basket for two and you'll also get recycled glass wine glasses, natural cotton nap-

kins, and bamboo plates, flatware, cutting board and cheese knife, all packed in a chemical-free cotton insulated lining (\$109.99 at sporting goods stores).

If you're more inclined toward eco-chic, it's tough to beat the all-new cardboard (yes, cardboard!) Boxsal Picnic Boxes. The three graphic styles were inspired by a boom box, a briefcase and color-by-numbers paintings (\$35 at specialty stores and boxsal.com). Each reusable and recyclable box comes with a compostable trash bag and four sets of compostable cornstarch cups, trays, bowls and utensils. Even with a cardboard handle it can carry more than 20 pounds. Consider pairing a picnic box gift with a luscious bottle of Amity Vineyards' 2007 Eco-Wine Willamette Valley Pinot Noir. No synthetic sulfites are added during processing, making it one of the few truly organic wines to be

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To-Go Ware RePEAT bamboo utensils will reduce your forkprint. The reusable place setting (bamboo fork, knife, spoon and chopstick), rolled in a handy utensil holder made from plastic bags (\$11.95, upscale gourmet stores and groceries, outdoor retailers), would make a perfect stocking stuffer.

Hi-Tech Totes

You'd be hard-pressed to find someone on your list who couldn't use one of the latest green bags.

Active women will love the Sherpani carryall collections, which feature clean silhouettes and fresh feminine designs, and are made with 67-percent recycled nylon, aluminum hardware and non-toxic dyes. Depending on her needs, consider the new Tupelo cycling backpack with hydration (\$55.95), the uni-sex Rumba child backpack carrier (\$229.95), or the Meridian expandable upright wheeled carry-on luggage,

which is small enough to use as a carry-on when zippered, but expands to offer more room for long car trips (\$199.95, see sherpani.com for a list of retailers nationwide).

Modern men might like the decidedly un-lunch-box-looking GreenSmart Sifaka dual-compartment insulated lunch bag made of Neogreene, an eco-

friendly and non-toxic water-based alternative to neoprene (\$29.95 at mass mer-

chants). Or maybe he'd prefer REI's new Quantum laptop messenger bag (\$74.50), part of the outdoor chain's ecoSensitive line (see rei.com for locations). Made from recycled PET, each durable, multipurpose satchel liberates 34 16-ounce plastic bottles from the trash. And, of course, it has a plethora of pockets for transporting all his adventure-friendly gizmos - perhaps an Eton Solarlink FR600 American Red Cross Digital AM/FM/shortwave/NOAA and S.A.M.E. Weather Radio (\$80, outdoor stores) with flashlight, siren, alarm clock, cell phone charger and four different power sources, including hand crank and solar power!

Alfresco Beauty & Style

Burt's Bees is known for its all-natural, paraben-, sulfate- and phthalate-free lotions, cleansers and lip balms, but did you know that they also make an herbal insect repellent? Rosemary, lemongrass and citronella oils ensure bugs buzz off, and are safe for children and pets (\$8 at drugstores). For campers, package this sweet-smelling pest-rejecter with the Badger no-mess SPF 30 zinc oxide sunscreen face stick. One of the top-rated products in the Environmental Working Group's 2010 Sunscreen Guide, it provides chemical-free protection and fits nicely in a beach bag or carry-on (\$8.50 at natural foods stores).

As for the latest cozy cover-ups, REI's ecoSensitive line has something for everyone. The sweet recycled PET polyester down jacket for toddler girls comes in eggplant purple and punch pink (\$49.50). The newest incarnation of the men's Muir Woods fleece jacket is made with 50 percent recycled Polartec Thermal Pro fabric (\$79.50).

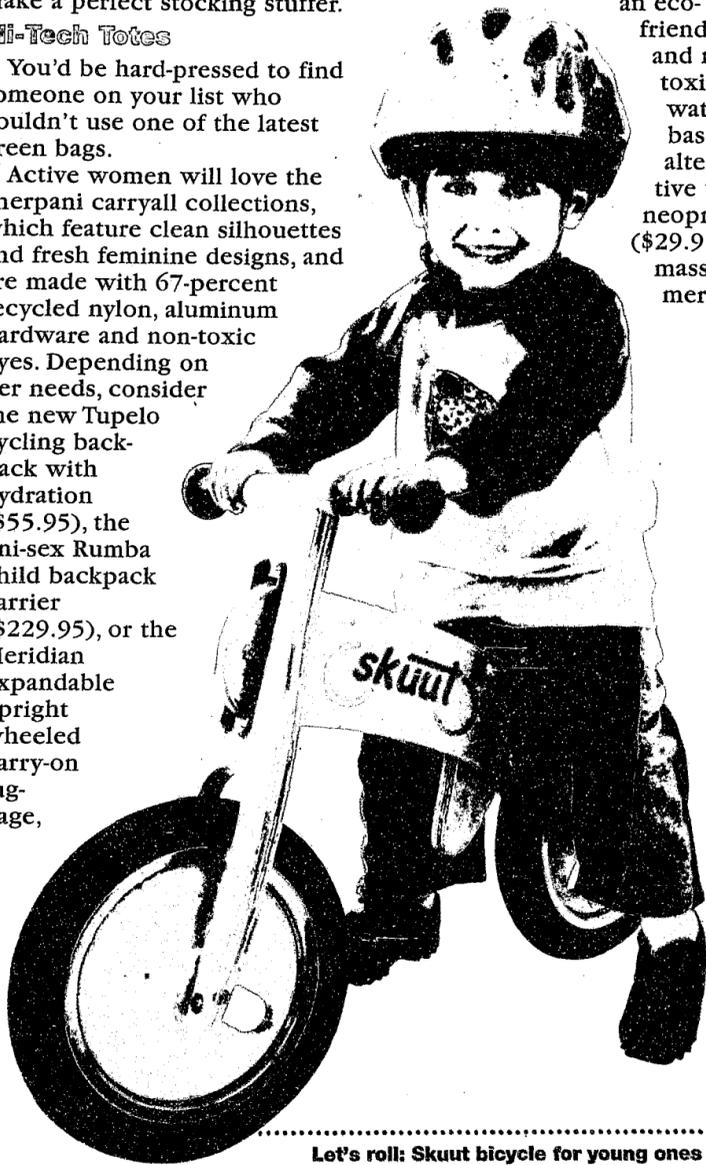
'Tis the season for giving. With every pair of TOMS canvas shoes you purchase, the company gives a pair to a child in need. A fashionable woman would jump at the chance to receive a pair of shoes from TOMS new fall collection, especially the hip pink plaid Murray organic cotton vegan classics with faded toe or the sexy gray canvas wedges (\$54, \$69; toms.com for retailers).

Mobile Distraction

Long car and plane trips are far more fun if the kids are entertained. Why not let them read up about eco-friendly practices? Released in April to coincide with Earth Month, "The Greenzys" (Zeus Media Publishing, 2010) introduces a gaggle of animals that learn the importance of being green when they help save Orinda, the world's oldest tree (\$17.99). The Greenzys characters - such as Willow the Elephant, who collects rain water for her plants and uses her trunk as the hose - are also available as cuddly plush toys (\$29.99) made from soy fibers and non-toxic dyes in socially responsible factories. Bonus: Each critter comes with a personalized certificate acknowledging that the Arbor Day Foundation has planted a tree in the new owner's honor (FAO Schwarz).

You can also feel good about gifting your favorite cubs with the Green Toys product line, all made in the U.S. The company's award-winning recycling truck, dump truck and sand play set and the new fire truck (\$20 - \$25, available at toy stores) are BPA-, PVC- and phthalate-free. The toys are made from recycled plastic milk containers and are durable enough for any park or beach adventure.

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Affordable Indulgence

By Jessica Royer Ocken
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For years, the unusual "fantasy" gifts offered in the Neiman-Marcus Christmas catalog have set a standard for extraordinary extravagance. A Mermaid suit with faux pearl top and swimming lessons (2003, \$10,000). A private concert with Elton John (2005, \$1.5 million). A Dallas Cowboys end zone in your backyard (2008, \$500,000).

Even with the economic swoon, the over-the-top tradition continues.

And if few of us can afford to bestow a customizable cupcake car upon our beloved (2009, \$25,000), we can afford the small indulgence. For those willing to invest some time to search, the options are virtually endless.

Of course, it's not the amount of money you spend that makes a gift luxurious and indulgent - it's how the gift makes the recipient feel. The best gifts make someone feel appreciated and pampered, says Leah Ingram, author and founder of giftsandetiquette.com. "The biggest headache people create for themselves is being acutely aware of how much someone else spends and feeling they have to match them dollar for dollar," says Ingram. "Spend what's comfortable for you."

Do a little sleuthing as you shop and you can find items that ooze indulgence in a way that belies their modest price tags. Spending wisely does not mean you're a cheapskate. After all, when Santa makes a list, even he checks it twice. That's a technique smart shoppers will put to good use this year.

"Holiday shopping is a lot like food shopping," says Ingram. "Make a list, categorize what you'll buy and see if there are discounts or coupons," she suggests. If you have a credit card or store card

that offers rewards points, stockpile them and use them to supplement your budget for holiday gifts.

"Maybe you received gift cards last year you haven't used," adds Ingram. "I'm not saying re-gift them, but you can use them to offset your spending

when doing this year's holiday shopping. That's your money," she says.

"Spend it!"

A sumptuous throw in buttery velvet or fabulous, fuzzy faux fur, suitable for just about anyone on your list, will elicit a gasp at first touch. A kicky zebra-print blanket or a rich, red throw trimmed with exuberant pom-poms would bring haute holiday cheer to the couch or work just as well in the car. (\$45, Pier 1).

Organic and fair trade have been shopping buzz words for some time now, and although they often indicate higher cost (for a good cause!), that's not always the case. Maggie's Organics fair-trade certified organic cotton garments will impress the eco-minded ladies on your list without nuking your pocket. Maggie's hoodies and wraps are soft and slouchy with fashion-forward details that give them life beyond the yoga studio (\$20 and up, specialty stores; see maggiesorganics.com for retailers).

Accessories are among the ultimate luxuries. Here, it's possible to live large while spending relatively little to delight your loved ones. A nice watch, much like a nice car, catches many a masculine eye. Roberto Bianci lets you have a little fun with the new Pro Racing series: impeccable Swiss chronograph watches inspired by the mechanics and color palettes of fine automobiles. Select the one that best matches his ride - or the wheels he covets (from \$330, department stores and bianciwatches.com). Quirky hand-painted head bracelets from Angela Moore celebrate the season, pets, animal prints or even sushi in a chic, conversation-starting way (\$50-\$60, specialty stores).

Ornaments, the accessories of the season, are another great way to bestow an elegant, indulgent gift without emptying your wallet. For right around \$10, choose something rich with glamorous details, like feathery clip-on peacocks, or a bauble that complements the personality of your hostess or officemate. Handblown, hand-painted beauties by Angela Moore come packaged in a clear box, no wrapping required (\$12, specialty stores).

An ornament alone makes an engaging smaller gift, or select a stunning decoration as the starting point for a collection. One way to create a seemingly extravagant gift is to choose a theme, then select several smaller, less-expensive items you can package together, explains gift guru Ingram. Indulge their inner child with a stack of colorful boxes to unwrap or an overflowing basket of fun. Whether it's coffee or cocktails, cooking or gardening, the spa or the beach, thematic possibilities are endless, and you can supplement with some edible treats if you're so inclined. Holiday goodies are a luxury nearly everyone is thrilled to receive.

Qi doesn't deal in fantasy gifts (solar-powered, diamond-encrusted socks, anyone?) but it does offer a lovely assortment of indulgent cashmere: luxurious hats and gloves and soft, sassy sweaters for less than you might expect (\$50 for gloves, cardigans \$130 and up, specialty stores; see qinewyork.com for retailers).

So start your list, compile your gift cards, and shop assured. This holiday, luxury lives!

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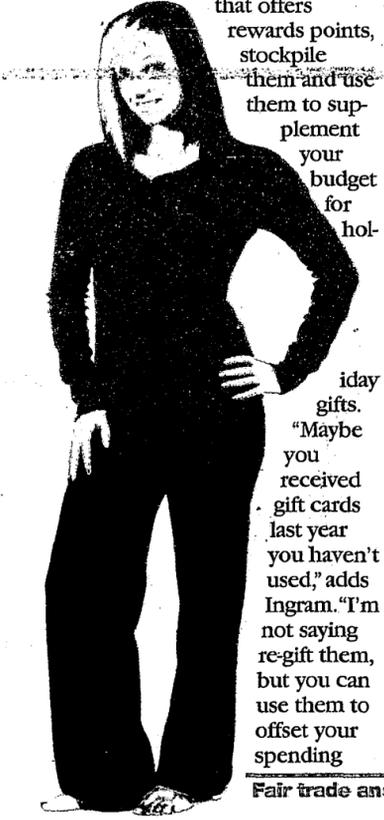
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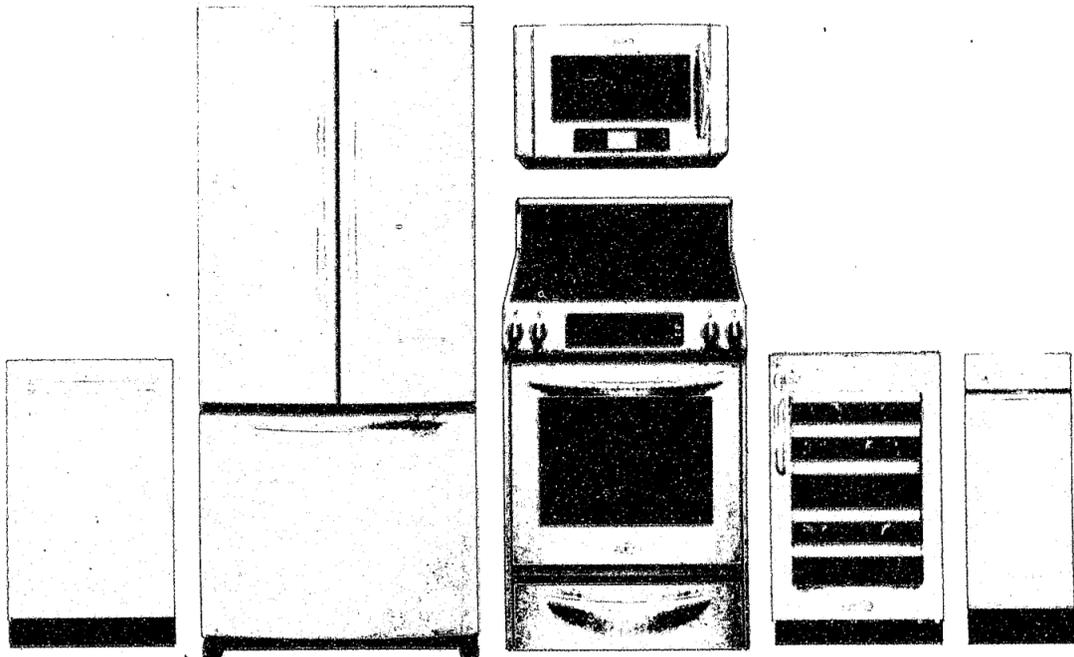
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minutes curve left 192.12 feet; thence North 53 degrees 45 minutes 09 seconds East 23.73 feet (Record North 53 degrees 42 minutes East 231.13 feet); thence along a 07 degree curve right 209.86 feet (Record 7 degree 19 minutes curve right 219.85 feet); thence along a 00 degree 17 minute 40 second curve right 6.27 feet to the intersection of said North right of way line with the East line of said Lot of section 7, thence leaving said right of way line North 01 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds East 726.05 feet (Record North 0 degrees 30 minutes 30 seconds East 790.0 feet) to a point on the section line common to Sections 6 and 7; thence along said section line north 87 degrees 45 minutes West 1170.24 feet (Record 1170.84 feet) to the point of beginning; and A.L.L. of the above described section 7, Township 11 South, Range 15 East, N.M.P.M., North of the Northern right of way line of U.S. Highway 70, Section 15, FURTHER GIVEN that the amounts awarded by the Court in said Default Judgment and Decree of closure, order of sale and appointment of special master and to be realized at said sale from said property, with interest calculated to date of sale, are as follows: Mortgage with Promissory Note: \$57,479.63

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12 month position
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• Minimum of five years experience in facilities management.
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• Experience working with maintenance and project management software such as School Dade.
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Contract Period: Remainder of 2010-11 School Year
Start Date: February 28, 2010
Salary: Per Ruidoso Municipal School District Salary Schedule
Application and Information Contact: Gina Bassett, Human Resources
Ruidoso Municipal School District
200 Horton Circle
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
505-257-4051
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MESILLA VALLEY HOSPITAL

is looking for a Clinical Supervisor/Therapist

in Ruidoso, NM. Must have a Master's Degree in the social services field and be independently licensed in the State of New Mexico.

Benefits include Medical/Dental/Vision Vacation & Free Life Insurance AND MORE!

Mesilla Valley Hospital
Attn: Linda N. Moya, Human Resources Director
linda.moya@psysolutions.com
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(575)-373-5037 Fax (575)-382-4999 EOE

Office/Clerical 242

Applications are now being accepted for the position of Consumer Service Representative with Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. in Cloudcroft until filled. This position serves as primary contact in the provision of services, disconnects/connects, problem resolution, receiving payments, general inquiries and account maintenance. Please submit an application, which can be found on our website: www

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Now until the end of the year Ruidoso Ford Lincoln Mercury is having a **LIQUIDATION SALE!**

All vehicles are priced at **BELOW WHOLESALE** or **WHOLESALE**.

PLUS you get

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There are about 100 Domestic & Import vehicles to choose from and every unit is marked at below wholesale or wholesale price.

1.9% Financing ✓ **Certified Preowned Vehicles** • **6 yr. 100,000 mile warranty** ✓*

Below Wholesale

- 56171 **07 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER LIMITED** WAS \$12,385 NOW \$9,977
FULL POWER, MOONROOF, LOW MILES!
- 9K0112 **07 EDGE AWD** ✓ CERTIFIED WAS \$24,945 NOW \$21,588
SEL PLUS, VISTA ROOF, HEATED LEATHER, 6 CD, LOADED!
- 5362 **08 FORD TAURUS X** ✓ CERTIFIED WAS \$24,945 NOW \$21,588
3RD SEAT, MOONROOF, LIMITED, HEATED LEATHER
- 514241 **07 FORD F-150 4X4** ✓ CERTIFIED WAS \$25,620 NOW \$21,727
XLT, BEDLINER, RUNNING BOARDS, LOW MILES!
- 5649 **10 FORD MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE** ✓ CERTIFIED WAS \$25,470 NOW \$22,017
AUTO, CD, A/C, FULL POWER, SPORTY!
- 5648 **10 FORD FUSION HYBRID 2.5** ✓ CERTIFIED WAS \$26,345 NOW \$22,517
PW, PL, CRUISE, TILT, 6 CD, SATELLITE, 41 MPG IN TOWN!
- 9K0121 **07 FORD EDGE SEL AWD** WAS \$26,595 NOW \$22,547
3.5 V6, AUTO, LEATHER, SUNROOF, AUDIO PHILE, SAT
- 5625 **10 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS LS** ✓ CERTIFIED WAS \$25,095 NOW \$22,737
LEATHER, LOADED!
- 5639 **08 LINCOLN MKZ** ✓ CERTIFIED WAS \$29,945 NOW \$25,737
AWD, LINCOLN LUXURY
- 514271 **08 FORD EXPEDITION 4X4** ✓ CERTIFIED WAS \$33,195 NOW \$26,721
EDDIE BAUER, HEATED/COOLED SEATS, MOONROOF, 3RD ROW SEAT
- 5637 **10 LINCOLN TOWN CAR** ✓ CERTIFIED WAS \$36,845 NOW \$32,033
LINCOLN LUXURY WITH 7,250 MILES!
- 8J0712 **07 FORD F 350 CREW CAB DIESEL 4X4** ✓ CERTIFIED WAS \$38,145 NOW \$34,747
LEATHER, 6 CD, MOONROOF, ONLY 49K MILES! EXTRA CLEAN!
- 5636 **10 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR 4X4** ✓ CERTIFIED WAS \$48,795 NOW \$43,922
MOONROOF, EXTRA LOADED!
- 5645 **10 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR 4X4** ✓ CERTIFIED WAS \$49,170 NOW \$44,125
MOONROOF, HEATED LEATHER, 3RD ROW SEAT, DUAL A/C
- 5598 **09 FORD 350 VAN** ✓ CERTIFIED WAS \$25,170 NOW \$21,333
XLT, 12 PASSENGER, REAR A/C, REVERSE SENSING

Below Wholesale Import

- 5548 **07 VW BEETLE** WAS \$16,550 NOW \$12,995
HEATED LEATHER, MOONROOF, LOW MILES!

Wholesale

- 3K4121 **04 CHRYSLER SEBRING LXI** WAS \$10,650 NOW \$8,888
MOONROOF, HEATED LEATHER, 1 OWNER, LOW MILES!
- 5614 **09 FORD FOCUS SE** ✓ CERTIFIED WAS \$14,995 NOW \$13,438
SAFETY CURTAIN, AUTO, TILT, CRUISE, AIR
- 5596 **09 CHEVY MALIBU LS** WAS \$16,880 NOW \$14,747
TRACTION CONTROL, STABILITY CONTROL, FULL POWER!
- 5613 **10 FORD FOCUS SE** WAS \$16,095 NOW \$14,977
AUTO, A/C, CD, SAVE!

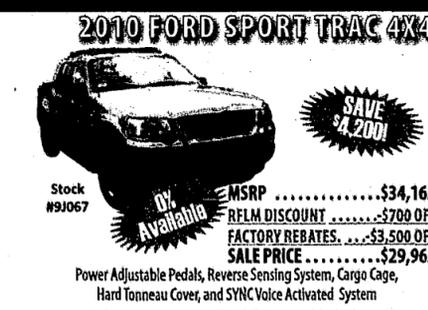
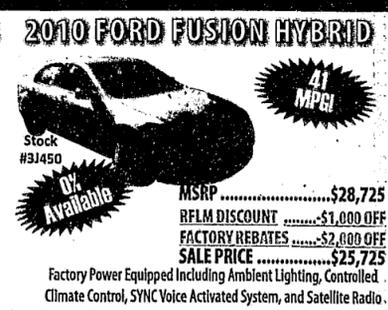
Wholesale

- 55851 **07 PONTIAC SOLSTICE CONVERTIBLE** WAS \$16,880 NOW \$15,477
AUTO, A/C, LOW MILES, LOADED!
- 5618 **09 FORD FUSION SEL** WAS \$19,600 NOW \$17,997
6 CD, SIRIUS, SYNC, FULL POWER!
- 514302 **08 FORD F-150 4X4** ✓ CERTIFIED WAS \$21,495 NOW \$19,222
STX, BEDLINER, TOPPER, A/C, TILT, CRUISE
- 5624 **06 LINCOLN ZEPHYR FWD** ✓ CERTIFIED WAS \$21,965 NOW \$19,747
LEATHER, 6CD, MOONROOF, ONLY 23K MILES! EXTRA CLEAN!
- 5644 **08 MERCURY MILAN AWD** ✓ CERTIFIED WAS \$23,320 NOW \$20,727
PREMIER, MOONROOF, FULL POWER
- 5634 **10 FORD MUSTANG HARD TOP** WAS \$23,070 NOW \$20,888
4.0 V6, AUTO, LEATHER, SHAKER 500
- 5619 **09 FORD ESCAPE 4X4** ✓ CERTIFIED WAS \$23,125 NOW \$20,977
XLT, 3.0 V6, PW, PL, CRUISE, TILT, CD, SATELLITE
- 5632 **09 FORD ESCAPE 4X4** WAS \$23,000 NOW \$21,478
XLT, ADVANCETRAC, FULL POWER!
- 5622 **09 FORD ESCAPE 4X4** ✓ CERTIFIED WAS \$23,320 NOW \$21,985
XLT, SAFETY CANOPY, ROLL STABILITY CONTROL
- 5630 **08 MERCURY MARINER AWD** WAS \$24,645 NOW \$22,733
NAVIGATION, MOONROOF, 6 CD
- 56031 **07 JEEP WRANGLER 4X4** WAS \$25,210 NOW \$23,320
SAHARA, HARDTOP, AUTO, A/C, ONLY 17K MILES
- 5K4101 **07 FORD EDGE AWD** WAS \$25,675 NOW \$23,727
SEL, DVD, NAVIGATION, HEATED SEATS, LOADED!
- 5629 **07 FORD EDGE AWD** ✓ CERTIFIED WAS \$25,815 NOW \$23,757
SEL PLUS, HEATED LEATHER, VISTA ROOF, TOW PACKAGE
- 5642 **08 CHRYSLER 300 C** WAS \$25,985 NOW \$23,888
HEMI, HEATED LEATHER, MOONROOF, REMOTE START
- 5647 **08 DODGE CHARGER AWD** WAS \$26,980 NOW \$25,988
RT, DVD, MOONROOF, LOADED!
- 5650 **10 FORD EXPLORER 4X4** ✓ CERTIFIED WAS \$29,970 NOW \$27,587
SPORT, AUTO, A/C, CD, ONLY 39K MILES!
- 5638 **10 FORD EXPLORER 4X4** WAS \$34,895 NOW \$31,927
EDDIE BRAUER, 3RD ROW SEAT, DUAL A/C
- 5631 **10 LINCOLN TOWN CAR** ✓ CERTIFIED WAS \$34,820 NOW \$32,767
LIMITED, LOADED, SAVE \$10,000!
- 56331 **04 LINCOLN LS** WAS \$11,995 NOW \$10,527
V8, AUTO, 6CD, LEATHER, LOW MILES!
- 5K4251 **07 FORD FOCUS ZX5** WAS \$9,993 NOW \$7,979
SE, 4 CYL, AUTO, PW, PL, CRUISE, TILT, CD
- 8K0151 **03 FORD F250 CREW CAB 4X4 KING RANCH** WAS \$22,995 NOW \$21,497
POWER STROKE, AUTO, MOON ROOF, HEATED LEATHER, LOW MILES
- 9K0241 **10 FORD EXPEDITION 4X4** ✓ CERTIFIED WAS \$35,845 NOW \$33,727
XLT, LEATHER, 6 CD, DUAL A/C, 3RD ROW SEAT
- 5594 **09 LINCOLN MKX AWD** ✓ CERTIFIED WAS \$42,745 NOW \$38,565
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I write to you on behalf of our loved ones throughout the land who have been MOSTLY sweet and well-behaved this year, yet who have nonetheless experienced moments of lapsed goodness. (They know who they are.) In hopes of providing an alternative to the potential lump of coal in so many stockings of the virtuously tepid and otherwise wretched, I propose that you MIGHT consider making a tax-deductable donation to the very worthy cause, New Mexico Organized Against Trafficking Humans (NM-OATH).

This way, you not only demonstrate warmth and compassion for your pitiful friends, but you simultaneously grant yourself a reprieve in which to relax with a hot toddy instead of shopping or making toys for so many full-grown, grownups who have everything a person could possibly need!

I encourage you to imagine the warm fuzzy you will feel when you say to yourself, "I, Santa, hereby generously donate a sum containing multiple zeros and commas, so that (here you-the-Santa may insert the name of someone who most immediately comes to mind!) might otherwise not suffer the embarrassment of a lump of coal in their stockings on the morning of (*note-there are a variety of holidays from which to choose)."

My friends at NM-OATH (a mighty worthy cause, indeed) will effusively thank you and speak highly of you among your peers. They will even provide you with a certificate that you may offer to your wretched friend(s), confirming that they have benefited by reprieve through the "Santa's Lump of Coal Exchange Program." (*Very speedy turnaround, too!)

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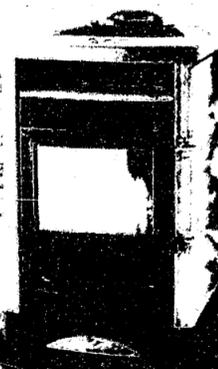
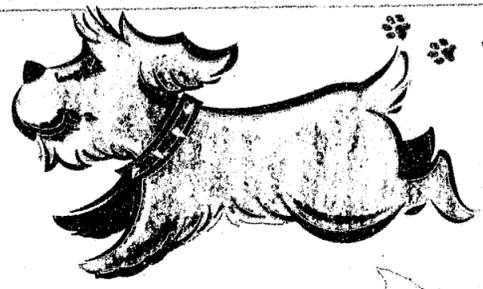


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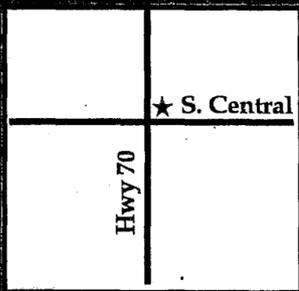
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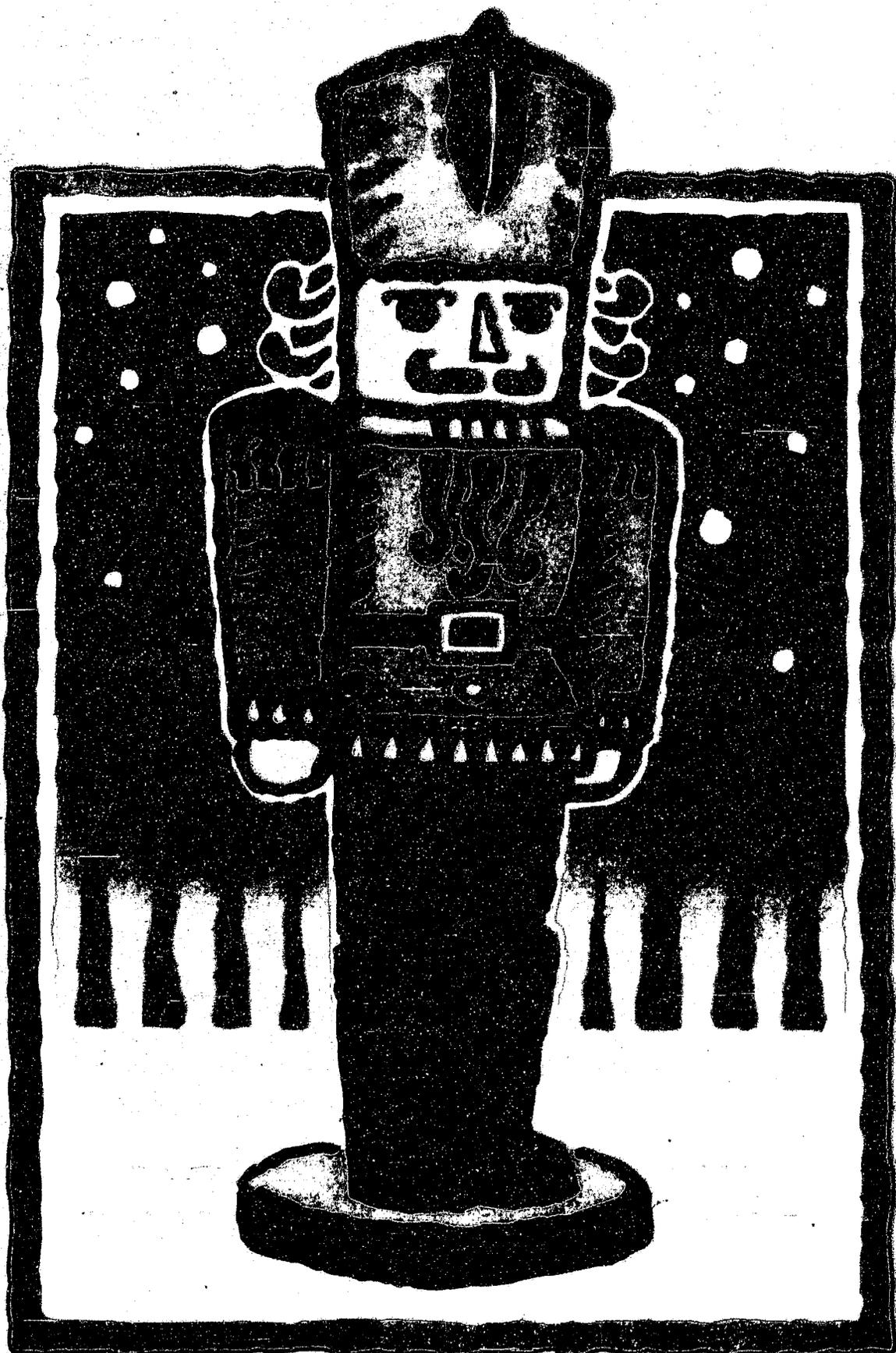


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UPCOMING EVENT

A Red Feather Cowboy Christmas

Ask anyone who is of Western heart and they'll tell you that cowboys and Christmas go together like a horse and Santa's sleigh (well, you know what I mean).

So this year, Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse members and students at Ruidoso High School will be strumming their guitars and singing old-time Christmas favorites at the first-ever Red Feather Cowboy Christmas performance.

On Saturday night, Dec. 18, Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center will fill with holiday music, a hamburger spread and festive holiday concert goes in support of this fund-raiser.

The evening kicks-off with a burger dinner from 5:45 - 6:45 p.m., in the Fine Arts Hall, with the stage show starting promptly (more or less) at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 and are available from the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce or by calling Ruidoso High School at 575-258-4910.

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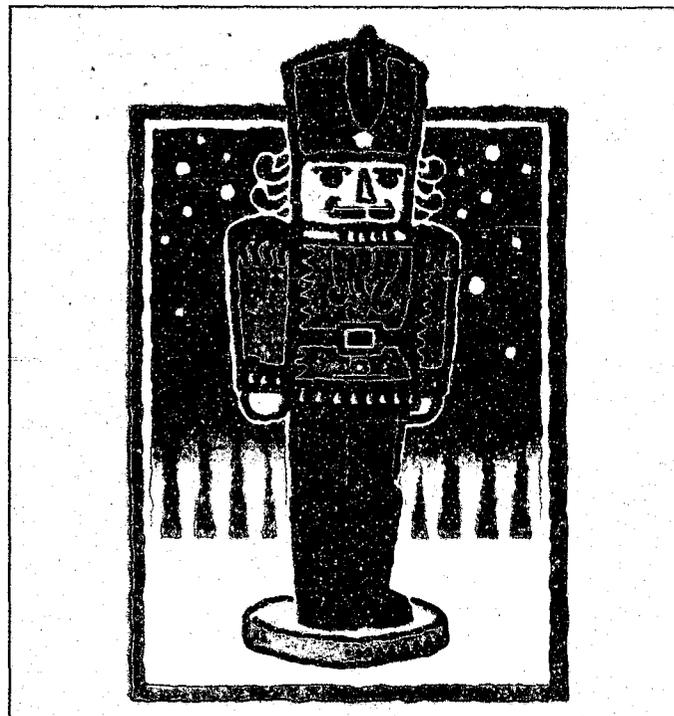
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Cover Story



Ruidoso Dance Ensemble presents its annual production of The Nutcracker on stage at the Spencer Theatre Saturday, Dec. 18, at 2 and 7 p.m.

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AMT Christmas Fundraiser

Dec. 10 - 12: (Tularosa) More than 20 Alamogordo Music Theatre performers will sing chorus, small ensemble and solo selections in *A Wonderful Christmas Time*. Friday & Saturday, 6 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. Reservations required. \$25 ticket includes show, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, drink. Coffee and More, 308 Granado St., 585-4575.

dancing to music of Jody Nix & The Texas Cowboys, 8 - 11 p.m. Sponsored by The Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse. For information, call 575-257-7982.



RRCA Holiday Party

Dec. 15: (Ruidoso) Open to anyone interested in visual or performing arts. Casa Blanca Cantina, 501 Mechem Dr., 5 - 8 p.m. Food, drinks, music, door prizes. Non-perishable food donations for Lincoln County food bank will be accepted. For information, call 575-257-7272.

Ski Apache Torch Light Parade

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

Dec. 31: (Mescalero)

Only for ages 5 - 12. Pizza, ice cream, arts & crafts, DJ, movie, and more. 8 p.m. - 1 a.m.; \$50 pp. For information, call 877-277-4577, or go online to innofthemountain gods.com.

New Year's Eve party

Dec. 31: (Ruidoso Downs) 7 p.m. with the Graham Brothers Band Party favors, champagne toast, balloon drop. For more information, call 575-378-7332.

New Year's Eve Party

Dec. 31: (Ruidoso) Hor d'oeuvres, party favors, champagne toast. Toby on guitar. Reservations required. 575-802-2222.

New Year's Eve party

Dec. 31: (Ruidoso) Cree Meadows Golf and Country Club featuring Terry Bullard. \$25 per couple. 575-257-CREE or 575-973-3937.

New Year's Eve party

Dec. 31: (Ruidoso) Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant features the Homegrown Band at 9:30 p.m. \$10 pp. For information, call 575-257-8754.

New Year's Eve party

Dec. 31: (Ruidoso) Mountain Annie's Supper Club features the Riversong Ramblers, dinner and champagne toast. \$45pp. 575-257-7982.

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Cowboy Christmas Ball

Dec. 11: (Ruidoso) Dinner at 6 p.m., followed by

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.

Library Open House

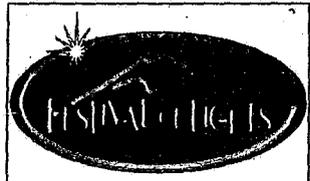
Dec. 15: (Ruidoso) Ruidoso Public Library hosts an open house; 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., cookies, hot drinks, events. For information, call 575-258-3704.

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Dec. 31: (Mescalero) Appetizers, dinner and dancing at Inn of the Mountain Gods; 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.; \$100 pp. For information, call 877-277-4577, or go online to innofthemountain gods.com.

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Club 49 (Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino): Mr. Black, 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): Tomás Vigil, 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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SUNDAY

Laughing Sheep Farm: (Hwy. 380, Lincoln; 653-4041) Mark Remington and Sally Canning, 12 – 3:30 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

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): Mr. Black, 8 p.m.

Cree Meadows Country Club (301 Country Club Dr.; 257-CREE): (tba)

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

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

An old-fashioned Christmas will be the theme of the final performance at Mountain Annie's Dinner Theatre on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m.

Featuring a sampling of music from around the world, including Western, pop and songs from the cinema, this show will showcase a variety of talent.

Tom "Music Man" Blake and Marina of Roswell will entertain guests, along with Steve and Virginia McBride of Alto, and Tom Hiser and Charles Clary.

Miss Ruidoso 2011, Shelby Rist, will perform, as will Kendra Martin, Miss Ruidoso 2010 and Claudia Nava, Miss Ruidoso 2009. Mark Stralman and Barbara Westbrook are also scheduled to appear.

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Barbara Westbrook (above) performs at Mountain Annie's Dinner Theatre. Photo courtesy Mark Jones.

The Adobe

Gallery features a variety of art from several notable artists

Seeking out and bringing to Ruidoso the best fine art artisans and silversmiths the Southwest has to offer has been the primary goal of The Adobe since its establishment in 1999. The Adobe, now in its 12th year, has grown from its original 1,200 square foot gallery into more than 9,100 square feet dedicated to fine art.

Included among the fine artists sought out by owners Annie and John Houghton, and top associates Denise Imke and Phillip Payne is Tom Darrah, a well-known oil painter, whose landscape and figurative work lends much of the character for which The Adobe is known.

Rising star and Blackfoot Indian Farrell Cockrum's large canvas wraps are electrically colorful and compelling. Also represented is Santa Fe artist Jim Rabby, whose colorful palette knife, abstract oil paintings are internationally collected, along with Taos Open Art Festival

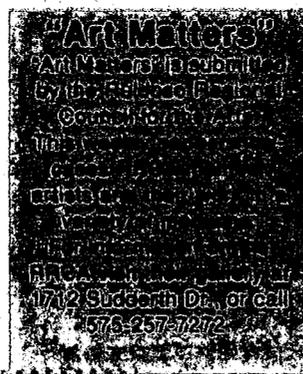
winner Ken Daggett and famed Western artist Ray McCarty from Las Vegas. The Adobe's eclectic collection also includes Mary Dolph Wood, Robert Kuester, Janis Loverin and Tom Wheeler, just to name a few.

The Adobe also represents some of the most accomplished bronze artists working in the country today. Included are world famous Western artist Ken Payne and son Phillip Payne, the new and irreplaceable works of Marianne Caroselli, as well as the outstanding bronzes of Ken Rowe.

Handmade designer jewelry is also a passion at The Adobe and is evident in the collection. In keeping with New Mexico's rich silver jewelry heritage The Adobe features some of the finest silversmiths in the world. Buddy Lee's "wearable art" is as fascinating as it is beautiful in that much of his work is a compilation of hand-wrought and hand-carved jewelry pieces, that when

not being worn, become a sculpture display. Other well-known and innovative jewelry designers represented are Monroe Jackson, whose gold-on-silver work crowned with exciting jewels are dramatic and elegant; Leo Feeney who combines traditional stones with semi-precious stones; and Margie Melby whose work leaps from worldly to whimsical.

The work of Walt Gonske, founding member of The Taos Six; Kim Obrzut, an award winning Hopi bronze artist; and Patricia Naylor, a lifetime artist from Santa Fe who creates colorful raku and copper wall sculptures are also shown.



"Los Ojos Winter" by Walt Gonske (above) and "Love Letters" by Phillip Payne (below) demonstrate the variety of fine art currently on display at The Adobe.



ART MATTERS



"After Midnight" by Ray McCarty (above) measures 36" x 24" and is rendered in oil on board.



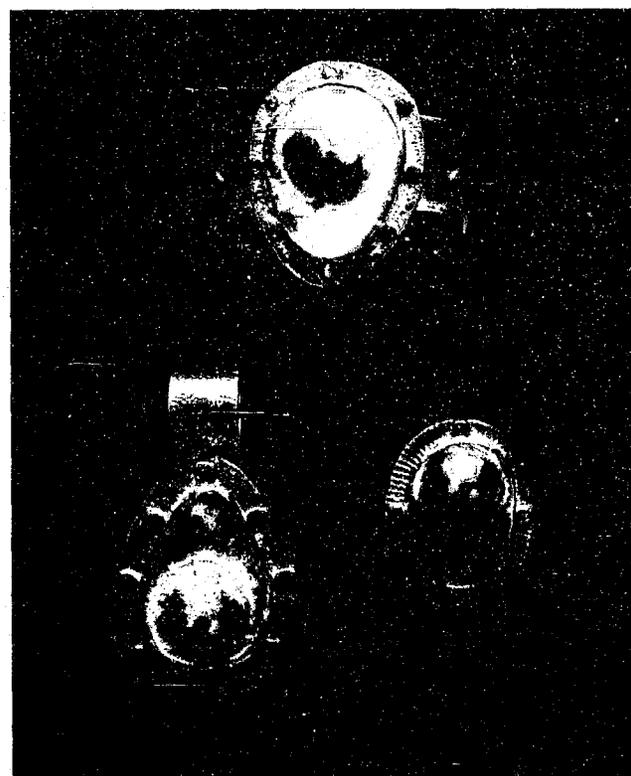
"Summer's Song" by Kim Obrzut (above) is a 23.5" tall bronze sculpture.



Bracelet by Alvin Yellowhorse (above) is created with sterling silver, lapis, coral, turquoise and others.



"Ranchos de Taos" by Tom Darrah (above) is rendered in oil on canvas and measures 24" x 24."



Monroe Jackson created this bracelet, pendant and ring of blister pearls set in sterling silver and 14K gold.



"Nick Siscoquaw" by Farrell Cockrum (above) is acrylic on canvas and measures 48" x 36."

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Ruidoso Area

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

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Kindred Spirit • 2306 Sudderth • 257-3846.

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Morning Star Gallery • 112 Laughing Horse Trail, MM 18 • 937-9331 • Fine finished functional wood art furniture. Wood from local area harvested responsibly. Studio open by appointment. Art hand crafted by Michael.

Mountain Arts Gallery • 2530 Sudderth • 257-9748 • Southwest art, prints & originals, pottery, custom framing. Resident artist: Teri Sodd.

Picture This Gallery • 2621 Sudderth • 630-0003 • Prints and framing.

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

Rainwaters • 2313 Sudderth • 257-8727 • Gifts, jewelry, candles & collectibles.

Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts • Hwy. 220, 12 miles north of Ruidoso off U.S. 48 • 336-4800 • Dale Chihuly glass art installation • Tours 10 a.m. Tues. & Thurs. with behind-the-scenes look at theater.

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Tanner Tradition • 624 Sudderth Dr. • 257-8675 • Since 1872, the Tanner family has traded in quality Native American art and jewelry • one-of-a-kind pieces, contemporary and vintage.

White Dove Gallery • 2825 Sudderth, Ste. A • 257-6609 or 866-257-6609 • Specializing in Native-American jewelry, art, pottery and kachinas. Open daily since 1988.

White Mountain Pottery • 2328 Sudderth • 257-3644 • Tableware, lamps & accessories. Representing Tim Wierwille and other local potters.

The Zuni • 2621 Sudderth • (800) 275-4908 • 257-2440.

Alamogordo Area

About Frames • 1602 10th St. • 434-4494 • Fine art prints and custom framing. Dave Beach and Susie Hopkins, proprietors. Open Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday by appointment.

Accents in Glass • 434-4182 • Jo Austin's original art glass designs using fused glass, stained glass, mosaics, 3-D, leaded panels, and jewelry. Jo Austin, proprietor. Web: www.accentsinglassbyjo.com.

Pat Beatty Gallery and Framing • 908 New York Ave., Alamogordo • 439-0188 • Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Fine art, work by local artists, gifts, hand-painted cards. Pat Beatty, proprietor.

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

Creative Designs • 917 New York Ave., Alamogordo • Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. • 434-4420 • Ongoing selection of carefully chosen works in all media by local artists.

David H. Townsend Library Gallery • New Mexico State University-Alamogordo campus, 2400 Scenic Dr. • 439-3650 • Sun. - Fri. • Monthly exhibit.

Eagle Ranch Art Gallery • 7288 U.S. Highway 54/70, between Alamogordo and Tularosa • 434-0035 • 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily • Monthly exhibits by local and regional artists.

W. Kohler Lamp and Shade Company Gallery • 173 US Hwy 82, Alamogordo • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon. - Sat. • 437-8441 • Distinctive mesquite lamps and copper lamp-shades made on location. Studio tours.

ART GALLERIES & STUDIOS

Mescalero

Jordan T. Gallery • 464-2338 • Carrizo Canyon Rd. at Mescalero Inn • Featuring Mescalero Apache fine art (paintings, sculpture and crafts) and other work by Mescalero artists.

N'de Fine Arts Gallery • U.S. Highway 70 • 464-2114 • Featuring: Apache fine arts including paintings in oil and acrylics.

Stronghold Gallery • 464-7777 • Gift shop & art gallery at Inn of the Mountain Gods • Paintings, sculpture and works by Mescalero artists.

Cloudcroft

Bear Track • 308 Burro Ave. • 682-3046 • Native American arts & crafts, gifts.

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

Cloudcroft Gallery • 502A Burro Ave. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. • 682-3659 • Original paintings, pottery and glass. Unusual handmade gifts. David and Donna Gordon, proprietors.

Copper Butterfly • 206 Burro Ave. • 682-2765 • Fine arts, quality crafts. Gloria and Gary Wood, proprietors.

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Off the Beaten Path • 100 Clorietta Ave. • 682-7284 • Eclectic gifts, original artwork, wacky wire art, jewelry, yard art, artistic lamps, and more. Berle

Van Zanat and Donna Rand, proprietors. Open daily.

Sacramento Mountain Weavers • Weaving studio & art gallery • 207 James Canyon Hwy (82) • 575-582-6302 • sacramentomountainweavers.com.

Thy, Smiling Dog Art Gallery • 311 James Canyon Hwy. • 682-2122 • Original oils, prints, jewelry, photography, metalwork and home décor.

**Tularosa**

Adobe Daubers Arts & Crafts Gallery • 275-B Central Ave. • 585-2084.

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

Del Sol • 200 St. Francis Dr. • 585-4581.

Horse Feathers • 316 Granado • 585-4407 • Pottery, jewelry, Native American arts, gifts.

Jonathan Fine Art • 220 Granado St. • Wed. - Sat., noon - 6 p.m. • 575-571-7848 • Oil landscapes. • www.jonathanfineart.com.

Studio 54@70 • Art Studio & Gallery • 1201 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-5470 • studio54at70.com • Tues - Sat: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Call for artists

ART
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LOOP

The Lincoln County Art Loop tour is in its 16th year and will be held on July 8 - 10, 2011.

This event offers Lincoln County artists who maintain a working studio

to open to the public for three days.

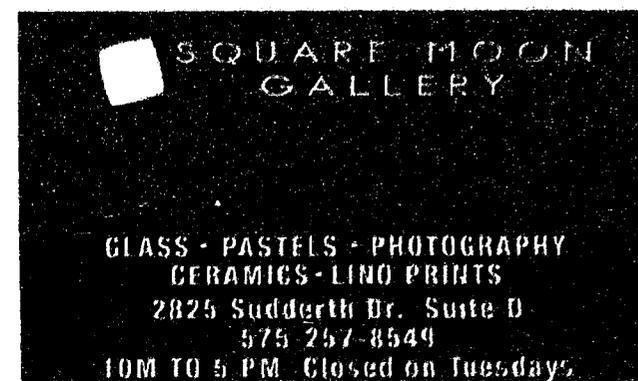
Artists who would like to participate in next year's event, are encouraged to go online to www.artloop.org for more information

and to download an application. An application can also be requested by calling toll-free to 877-377-6576.

All applications must be received by Lincoln

County Art Loop tour by Jan. 15, 2011.

The Art Loop is promoted throughout the region, as well as having received statewide acclaim.



One of a kind jewelry by Monroe Jackson

see collections in Tularosa

The Adobe - 2905 Sudderth Dr. - 618 Carrizo Canyon Rd

LITERA ▶ LIBRARY

Holiday open house

All are invited to the Ruidoso Public Library holiday open house

The Ruidoso Public Library is hosting an open house from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Visitors will be able to sample our internet access, obituary search assistance, genealogy databases, audiobooks, adult basic edu-

cation materials and magazines.

Games, a gingerbread house contest, crafts and more audiobooks will be on display downstairs in the children's department.

Tours will be offered every half-hour throughout the day for visitors to meet

our staff and ask questions. Looking for homeschooling resources? Have a research paper due next semester? This would be a great opportunity to visit with library staff and learn how they can help.

Pre-school storytime will be "The 3 Ginger-



Lincoln County Winds (above) will perform at the library's open house on Wednesday, Dec. 15. Pre-school storytelling, crafts and games add to the day's festivities (below left).

bread Cowgirls" and "The Gingerbread Cookie Monster" at 10:30 a.m., followed by a gingerbread brunch.

Lincoln County Winds will perform holiday music at 3 p.m. Join in the community spirit with a wiki-wall greeting card for all while sipping warm beverages and sweet snacks.

If Santa may be bringing you a digital media player (MP3 or iPod) this year, it is not too early to set up a NetLibrary account, so you will be able to fill it with audiobooks on Christmas morning. And if you are looking for a good way to fill long winter nights, don't miss the DVD and VHS movie

collections.

Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Rd., and is open Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. – 4

p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. For more information, go online to www.youseemore.com/ruidosopl/.

~ Submitted by Jennifer Stubbs

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COVER STORY

The Nutcracker

The Ruidoso Dance Ensemble presents traditional holiday ballet at the Spencer Theatre

BY DEBORAH ROGERS
FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

The holidays are a time when families enjoy attending performances of *The Nutcracker*, a ballet based on Alexandre Dumas' interpretation of E.T.A. Hoffman's tale *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King*, along with Peter Tchaikovsky's outstanding music score.

The Nutcracker tells the story about a little girl, Clara, and her journey from her everyday world to a world of dreams and magic. It uses dance and mime (no words) to tell the story. The ballet begins with the excitement of a holiday party on a snowy night and the joy of children playing together. As this special night goes on,

Clara's story unfolds. She travels to a place where anything you can imagine can come true.

Ruidoso Dance Ensemble, a non-profit organization, will present this ballet at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 2 and 7 p.m.

It is such a pleasure to work with the talented children of the Ruidoso community and surrounding area. In so many cities across the country *The Nutcracker* is part of the Christmas holiday celebration and is tradition for many families. I want the Ruidoso Dance Ensemble's production to become a part of Ruidoso's holiday celebration.

This is our sixth year to present *The Nutcracker* at the Spencer Theater. There

are more than 70 children and adults in this year's production. World class performer Georgi Rusafov has joined our cast to dance the roll of the Cavalier. Victoria Haney will be dancing the roll of the Sugar Plum Fairy. The leading role of Clara will be danced by 13 year old Anneliese Rios. Anneliese's ballet technique and stage presence is exceptional for someone of her young age. She is sure to capture the hearts of everyone in the audience. And, finally, the role of the Nutcracker will be danced by Simon Pawlak. Simon has been dancing with Ruidoso Dance Ensemble for nine years.

Tickets are \$28 and can be purchased at the Spencer Theater box office, or by calling 575-336-4800 for information.



This year's production of *The Nutcracker* ballet features more than 70 children and adults on stage at the Spencer Theatre Saturday, Dec. 18, at 2 and 7 p.m.

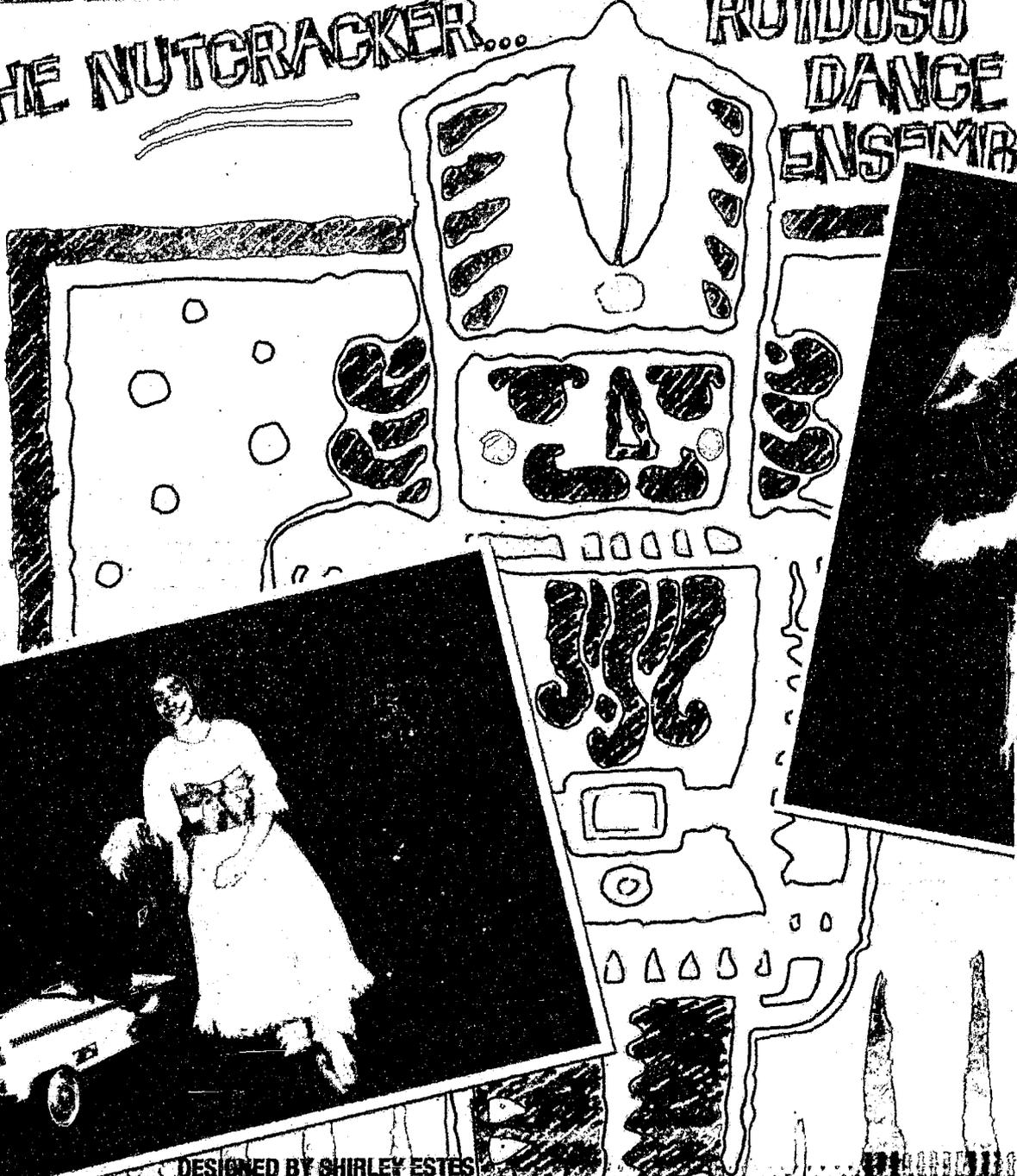


COVER STORY



THE NUTCRACKER...

RUIDOSO DANCE ENSEMBLE



Schaumwein

BY NEAL JONES
FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

Ready for a different sparkler this year's holiday season? Why not try Schaumwein?

German wine makers, reinforced by international agreement, do not use the word "champagne" for sparkling white wines. The

word "schaum" can be translated to mean foam or froth, and schaumwein is the common term for sparkling white German wine. Distinctions on the label will help you in choosing a German sparkling wine.

Imported sparkling wine must be identified as Schaumwein, followed by

the name of the country of origin. The base class of German sparkling wine goes by the same name. The German wine laws require Schaumwein to be a minimum of 9.5 percent in alcohol.

The next grade of Schaumwein is Qualitäts-schaumwein. This class of wine is also labeled as Sekt

and Deutscher Sekt when all the grapes are from Germany. Sekt is actually the shortened version of Qualitätsschaumwein.

There are specific requirements of Qualitätsschaumwein. The base wine must be a minimum 9 percent and the finished wine after the secondary fermentation must be at least 10 percent. The wine must also be seen to produce a minimum of 3.5 atmospheres of pressure after the secondary fermentation. The minimum aging period prior to release of Qualitätsschaumwein is nine months. There is also a minimum fermentation requirement of 60 days in the presence of yeasts. There will also be a final taste and chemical testing similar to the Qualitätsschaumwein judgement. Qualitätsschaumwein will undergo a governmental examination and receive an A. P. number.

The next level in German sparkling wine is Qualitätsschaumwein b.A. The added "b.A." means the wine is bestimmtes Anbaugebiet, a wine from a specific region. 100 percent of the wine must come from one of the 11 designated wine growing regions, or Anbaugebietes. Smaller geographical units, like Bereich (area), Grosslage (collective) or Einzellage (single vineyard), may also appear on these labels.

Also with the Qualitätsschaumwein b.A. you may see a designation of a single variety (usually riesling grapes), and the label may



include the name of the variety, and read Riesling-sekt. The other variation on these German wine labels may be with the words Deutscher Sekt b.A.

Following this series will be the name of the region or smaller geographical unit, although if it is designated Deutscher Sekt it must be 100 percent German grapes. If there is Deutscher Sekt b.A. with a region or smaller unit, the law is that 85 percent of the grapes must be from the place named on the label. This allows a vineyard/maker to add in a slightly different flavor to distinguish the wine from another wine made nearby.

Qualitätsschaumwein b.A. will undergo similar governmental examination. These wines must exceed all the qualities of Sekt levels. The government standard testers will arrive at minimum scores with key wine makers within the 11 regions where Schaumwein is produced.

As a general rule, all German Schaumwein is sweeter and fruitier than champagnes and sparkling wine from California, Spain and Australia. There are some wonderful tastes, far from syrup-like soda pop sparkling wines – es-

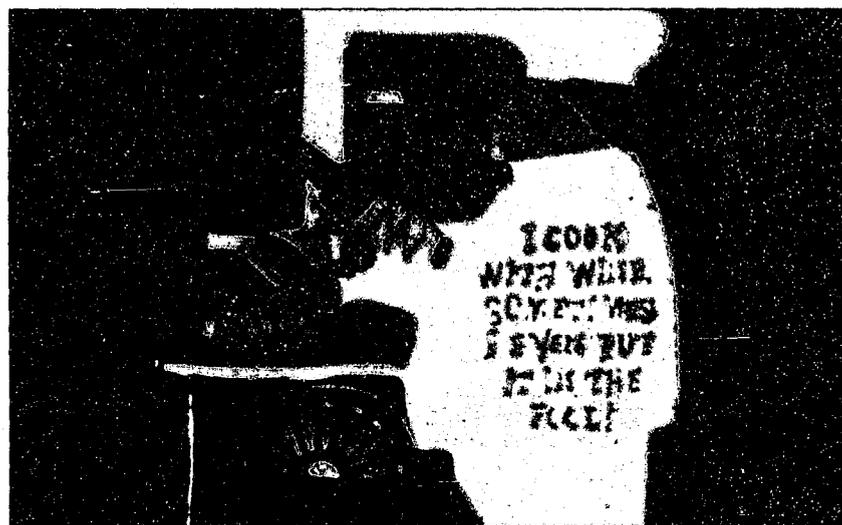
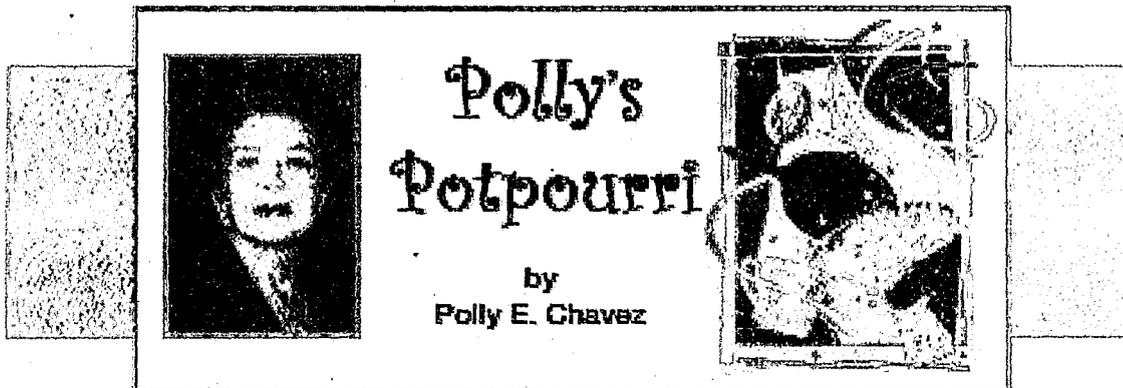
pecially if you can find Qualitätsschaumwein b.A. It will likely change your attitude of German sparkling wines for the better.

None of these categories stipulate the three principal methods of sparkling wine production – bottle-fermentation, transfer process and bulk process. If no indication on the label is given, assume the wine was fermented by bulk process for the secondary fermentation. This typically does not mean much related to the quality of the wine, just that there is a little more care with keeping the pressure up on a whole vat of wine in the bulk process.



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Christmas fruitcake



Liquor can add a distinctive flavor to recipes without making you tipsy. The quince recipe, which ran in this column in late November, is an example of wine used in cooking. Biscochitos also use wine, but I often substitute orange or apple juice.

Alcohol is not just for drinking. Bourbon and rum are used in a variety of dishes, including soups, stews, marinades and many desserts. Beer can be used for baking bread and making batter for trout.

Contrary to popular belief, not all of the alcohol is "burned off" during cooking. According to the USDA the majority of alcohol is retained after cooking for a short period of time.

Every year, I share with column readers this week's fruitcake recipe – the source is unknown. It requires alcohol, therefore stay away from dangerous kitchen utensils and appliances and have a designated assistant cook.

Let's get started on making a fruitcake.

Sample the whiskey to check for quality. Get a large bowl. Check the whiskey again to be sure that it is of the highest quality. Pour one level cup and drink. Repeat.

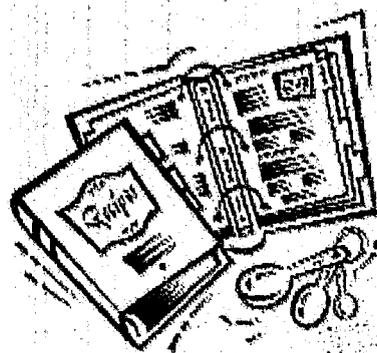
Turn on the electric mixer. Beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one teaspoon sugar and beat again. Make sure the whiskey is still okay. Cry another tup. Turn off the mixer.

Break two legs and add to the bowl. Chuck in cup of dried fruit. Mix on the turner. If the fried druit gets stuck in the beaters, pry it loose with a drowscriver. Sample the whiskey to check for tonsistency.

Next, sift two cups of salt. Or something. Who cares. Check the whiskey.

See the recipe accompanying this column (right) for a list of the ingredients needed, and for the conclusion of the method of preparation.

Have a safe holiday.



Christmas Fruitcake

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup butter
- 4 large eggs
- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups dried fruit
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- Lemon juice
- Nuts
- 1 bottle of your favorite whiskey

...Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one table Spoon. Of sugar or something. Whatever you can find. Grease the oven. Turn the cake tin to 350 degrees. Don't forget to beat off the turner. Throw the bowl out the window. Check the whiskey again. Go to bed. Who the heck likes fruitcake anyway?@#&!

CUISINE • DINING GUIDE

Alamogordo

Bar-B-Que



Spring Mountain Chuck Wagon BBQ • 1187 Hwy. 82, High Rolls • Open Fri-Sun; Lunch and dinner • 682-4550

Sunset Run Restaurant • 54 McDonald Rd. • Ribs, brisket, pork, sausage, chicken, fish • Tue-Sat, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. • 434-9000.

Texas Pit Barbeque • 211 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1101.

Cafés



Airport Grille • 3500 Airport Rd., Alamogordo • 439-1093 • Open Mon-Fri, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. • Specialty sandwiches.

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

Brown Bag Deli • 900 Washington, Alamogordo • 437-9751 • Mon-Sat, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Deli, daily special.

Café 675 • 675 Tenth St. at Lowes, Alamogordo • 437-5150.

Cloudcroft Deli • 505 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-5588 • Daily, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Carry-out only.

Coffee & More • 308 Granado • Deli • Tularosa • 585-4575.

Dave's Café • 300 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thu, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri-Sat; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. • Hamburgers

Front Porch Eatery Café • 94 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-7492 • Open Mon-Thu, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sun, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

High Country Lounge & Grill • 90 Pleasant Valley Dr., Timberon • 987-2580.

High Rolls General Store Deli • 845 Hwy. 82 • 682-2855.

Jamocha Bean Coffee House Café • 505 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2332 • Mon-Fri, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun 8 a.m.-5 p.m. • Coffees, salads & sandwiches.

Java The Hut • 506 Francis St • Tularosa • 585-2003.

Josey's Sweets • 603 St. Francis Dr • Tularosa • 585-3120 • Mon-Sat, 12:30-9 p.m.; Sun, 2-8 p.m.

Mayhill Café • Mayhill • 687-3066

Mayhill Mercantile • Mayhill • 687-3425.

Mountain Top Mercantile Deli • 105 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-2777 • Open 7 days, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. • Carry-out only.

Mountain View Café & The Bistro (GCRMC), 2669 Scenic Dr., Alamogordo • 443-7456 (Mountainview) / 443-7457 (Bistro).

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

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

Olive Branch Coffee & Deli • 123 N. White Sands • Alamogordo • 443-8151 • Open Mon-Sat, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

Plateau Espresso • 2724 N. Scenic, Alamogordo • 434-4466 • Open Sun-Thu, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-11 p.m.

Sweet Shop • 300 Burro Street • Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thu, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-8 a.m. • Smoothies, ice cream, fudge & truffles.

Weed Café • Weed • 687-3611.

Western Bar & Café • 304 Burro St. • 682-2445 • Cloudcroft • Open 7 days 6 a.m.-9 p.m. (café), 7 days 9 a.m.-12 a.m.

Casual Dining



Al-O-Mar • 7400 U.S. 54/70, Tularosa • 585-2129

Applebee's Bar & Grill • 1355 White Sands Blvd. • casual dining, friendly staff, full bar, carside to go • Open Sun-Thu 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fri-Sat until midnight. • 434-2616.

Aspen Restaurant • 1315 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1031 • Open Mon-Sat, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Big Daddy's Diner • 1705 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1224 • Open Sun-Mon, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Fri & Sat, 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sun, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Chili's Grill & Bar • 202 Panorama, Alamogordo • 437-5903.

Denny's • 930 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-6106.

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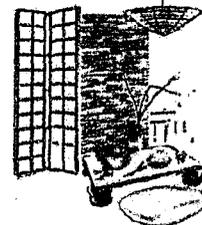
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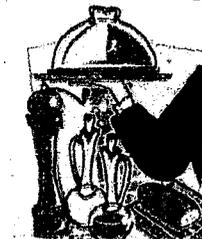
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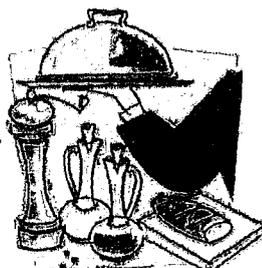
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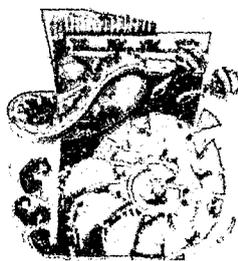
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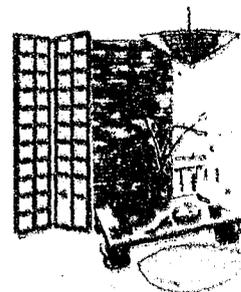
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Bon Appetit!

End of an era, part 3

The James-Younger gang always tried to promote themselves as Robin Hoods, and there is at least one story that lends a small (very small actually) amount of credence to that image. For many years, we thought it to be a legend, but information that has surfaced in the last few years says it may have actually happened. It goes like this.

One night a group of riders stopped at the home of a widow named Benton, seeking the usual night's lodging and meal that was customary in the 19th century for travelers. To say the least, people were more neighborly in those days and certainly far less paranoid.

During the meal one of the men noticed that the widow, as she served them, was trying to mask the tears streaming down her face. When the men inquired as to the source of her grief she informed them that she was a widow, and that despite her struggle to make the payments the bank would be foreclosing on her home. In fact, she expected the banker to arrive the following morning to exact his "pound of flesh," either in cash, or in this case to foreclose on her home.

The men exchanged glances and one of them reached inside his coat after inquiring as to the exact amount that she owed. Pulling out the necessary \$500 he wordlessly handed it to her. Needless to say the widow was stunned and ecstatic about this



windfall and could not thank her benefactors enough.

The following day the men (who were, of course, the James-Younger gang) left early in the morning, and a few hours later the banker arrived. He was surprised and pleased to find that the widow Benton actually had the money, which he quickly accepted. Her home was her own once again.

The banker departed and a few miles down the road the James-Younger gang materialized out of the forest and robbed him. It's a great story. It may even be true.

Minnesota

It had been a hugely successful enterprise. The gang had robbed banks, trains, stagecoaches – virtually anything they wanted – with impunity and daring. While it is a good bet that Cole Younger (who never got along with Jesse, although he and Frank had been friends since their days riding with Quantrill) was equally as responsible and equally shared the leadership of the gang, it was Jesse who achieved the notoriety. Perhaps it

was the way his name rolled off tongue. "Jesse James" had a ring to it and it resounded throughout the world. There were many famous American names in the 19th century, but few as famous as that of Jesse James. In Europe, he was as famous as Mark Twain. In America, perhaps more so.

But in the end it was a little town in Minnesota that gave them the comeuppance wished for by so many lawmen. After realizing that the public was growing weary of their depredations, as well as many committed by others and attributed to the James-Younger Gang, Jesse and the others made the fateful decision to ride far to the north and strike the heart of their "enemies."

Initially they had planned to rob the bank at another town, but an acquaintance of Jesse's supposedly recognized him and the gang moved on to Northfield, Minn., their secondary target. It was a warm afternoon when the now-legendary bandits rode into town. They were unaware of it, but they stood out like the proverbial sore thumbs.

All of the former guerrillas were superbly mounted, while most of the locals rode horses more suited to plowing. The gang had purchased magnificent specimens of horseflesh specifically for this raid, to say nothing of the fact that they were all wearing dusters, which gave the appearance that they were all in uniform, and in a

way they were.

Over the years the gang had varied in size, but on Sept. 7, 1876, the day they rode into Northfield, the gang consisted only of Frank and Jesse James, Cole, Jim and Bob Younger, Charlie Pitts, Bill Chadwell and Clell Miller. All of them except Bob Younger had ridden as guerrillas during the war, and all of them felt that this bunch of Yankee sod-busters would be no match for them. Big mistake.

About 2:30 in the afternoon, three of the bandits crossed the Cannon River Bridge. A number of different people noticed them and all of the locals who did seem to have had the same thought, that there was something suspicious going on. Of course, none of these locals had more than a few minutes to think about it because it was only a few minutes later that "the devil was loose in Northfield."

The bank

The three men rode their horses across the square and around the corner onto Division Street. They stopped and dismounted in front of the bank and then walked back to the corner. There has always been discussion as to the specific identities of these men, but it is the opinion of this writer that they were Frank James, Bob Younger and Charlie Pitts.

Two of the other men in dusters, Cole Younger and Clell Miller, rode slowly up Division St., and the

others – Jesse, Jim Younger and Bill Chadwell, sat their horses in reserve further down toward the Cannon River Bridge. Just as Cole and Miller saw them, the three dismounted men got up and walked into the bank. Cole would claim years later that "some" of the outlaws (in the opinion of this writer it was all of them) had been drinking, which goes a long way toward explaining what happened next.

As the three bank robbers walked inside citizen Sim Allen, who had grown curious watching the strangers, tried to follow them in. By this time Miller and Cole had dismounted, and Miller grabbed him by the collar and ordered him "not to holler, for if he did, he'd blow his damned head off." Then, and the use of alcohol helps explain this, Allen was released, instead of being dragged quietly into the bank and taken prisoner.

In the street the other bandits went into their standard routine as they were joined by the hastily remounting Cole and Miller, galloping up and down Division St., shouting "the usual expletives" and firing their guns. The "usual expletives" tended to be something along the lines of "Get in, you sons of bitches."

It had always worked in the past, but that sunny day in Northfield was to prove the exception. Instead of "getting in" Sim Allen raced down the street shouting "Get your guns, boys. They're rob-

bing the bank." And with that, all hell broke loose.

By the time it was over there were dead men lying all about and the greatest band of outlaws America had ever seen was being pursued across Minnesota, fighting for their lives nearly every step of the way.

Next: Hell in Northfield

Sources: *The Last Hurrah of the James-Younger Gang* by Robert Barr Smith; *Bloody Dawn* by Thomas Goodrich and *Frank and Jesse James* by Ted Yeatman.

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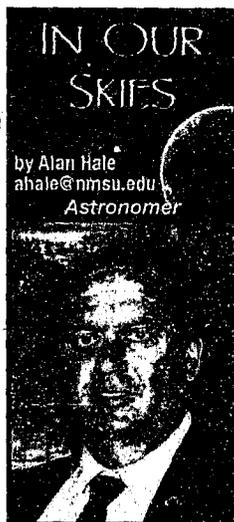
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A decent year for the Geminids

Numerous comets visit the inner solar system every year. Quite a few of these have relatively short orbital periods, often in the vicinity of six to eight years – a couple of examples are Hartley 2, which was visited by the *Deep Impact* spacecraft last month and Tempel 1, which *Deep Impact* visited back in 2005, and which the *Stardust* spacecraft will be passing by this coming February.

During the time that these comets are near the sun and thus are experiencing solar heating, their ice sublimates and, in a series of geyser-like eruptions (which are well shown in the images that *Deep Impact* took last month), this sublimated ice and the dust grains that are imbedded within it, are ejected off the comet's nucleus. These dust grains never return to the comet, but since they retain its orbital motion they remain in the same orbit. Over time these dust grains spread out into a "stream" that eventually spans the comet's entire orbit.

If a comet's orbit should come close to Earth's orbit, then during its annual trek around the sun the Earth will come near, and perhaps pass through, its associated dust stream. When this happens the



grain of dust will enter the Earth's atmosphere and burn up due to friction, and we on the Earth's surface will see this as a meteor shower, with the individual meteors appearing to come from the same basic spot on the sky (called the "radiant"). Since the Earth encounters nu-

merous such dust streams during the course of a year we accordingly experience numerous meteor showers, although these can vary quite dramatically in intensity; many of them produce no more than a handful of meteors per hour, whereas there are three such showers that generally produce from 60 to 100 or more meteors per hour at peak intensity. Two of these are the Perseids which peak shortly before mid-August and the Quadrantids which peak in early January. (The showers generally take their names from the constellations in which their radiants are located.)

The third of these strong annual showers is the Geminid shower which, as the name implies, appears to come from the constellation Gemini (the twins) and which peaks shortly before mid-December. This year the Geminids peak on Monday evening/Tuesday morning Dec. 13 – 14. The moon, which will be just

past its first-quarter phase, sets shortly after midnight and thus allows for dark skies during the morning hours. Unlike many meteor showers the Geminids are usually visible throughout the night, although Gemini itself is highest above the horizon around 2 a.m., local time and thus this is usually the best time for viewing.

In contrast to most other astronomical observations, watching meteor showers like the Geminids doesn't require much in the way of equipment. In general, lying back in a lawn chair and watching the entire sky is all that is necessary. (Although the shower's radiant is in Gemini the meteors can appear anywhere in the sky; they will appear to come from the direction of Gemini, however.) Keeping in mind the time of year, warm clothing is obviously a necessity, but that's about it.

Unlike most of the other significant meteor showers the Geminids are unusual in that they don't appear to have a "parent" comet. In 1983, however, the InfraRed Astronomical Satellite (IRAS) spacecraft discovered an asteroid – since named Phaethon – that travels in the same orbit as the Geminid meteors. That orbit is actually quite unusual for a comet's orbit – a period of only 17 months that brings it to only 13 million miles from the sun.

The general consensus among astronomers is that

Phaethon is likely a defunct or "extinct" comet, perhaps "dried out" from its repeated close encounters with the sun. Ever since its discovery, including a fairly close approach to Earth of 11 million miles that it made three years ago, it has been fairly heavily studied to see if it might exhibit some kind of activity that might be associated with comets, but so far nothing has been seen. As it happens though, the best time for detecting any such activity would be when it is closest to the sun, when it is essentially invisible to us for obvious reasons.

However, in June 2009, when Phaethon was near the sun it was detected in images taken with instruments aboard both of the twin *STEREO* spacecraft, which were launched in 2006, to provide three-dimensional images of the sun and its immediate vicinity. These images seemed to show both an unexpected brightening and an apparent "extension," which could perhaps be a short tail. Taken at face value these seem to suggest that Phaethon does experience some type of cometary activity when near the sun, and two astronomers have suggested that Phaethon could be a "rock comet" that undergoes occasional episodes of dust release.

So far though, this has been a one-time observation, so the "rock comet" possibility, or any other interpretation, must remain

theoretical for now. (There were apparently no *STEREO* observations of Phaethon made, or at least reported, when it was close to the sun again last month.)

We can be sure that studies of Phaethon will continue into the future, including during a close approach to Earth of only 6.4 million miles that it will make seven years from now, in the hopes of determining its true physical nature.

In any event though, we will continue to have the Geminid meteor showers to enjoy.

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Alto Women's Association: 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards. Business meeting every first Tuesday.

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

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

Carrizo 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, dancing, games. Info: Linda, 575-258-5863, or Martha, 575-430-9808.

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: 653-3188.

Help & Healing

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

A Course in Miracles study group: Wednesdays, 6:45 - 8 p.m. Free. Drop-ins welcome. The Wisdom Study Group. At The Yoga Studio, 2810 Sudderth Dr., #207, (upstairs to right of and above Schlotzky's) Call Marianne 575-257-0527.

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.fbcuidoso.com.

Friends of Capitan Library: Call for volunteers for Not 2 Shabby Thrift Shop. Info: Raynene, 354-3046 or library, 354-3035.

Humane Society of Lincoln County: Gavilan Canyon Rd. shelter open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat 11-2; ReSale Shop at the 'Y' open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon-Sat; Info: 378-1040.

Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at K-BOB's; Rutalee, 258-1431.

Laughing Eyes Kennels: Nonprofit breeder and trainer of Service Dogs in Nogal seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling & puppy socialization, bookkeeping, fundraising and kennel upkeep/management. Call 575-354-4342, or www.lekennels.org.

Lincoln County Community Health Council: 8 a.m. first Tuesday of each month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. New members welcome. Info: 973-1829.

Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary: 9:30 a.m. second Tuesday of each month in the hospital conference room. New volunteers welcome. Info: 630-4250.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse: Meets first Sunday each month at 2 p.m. at the Posse building, Hwy. 54, in Carrizozo. Groups needing their volunteer security services, notify by mail one month (but not less than two weeks) prior to the monthly meeting. Send to P.O. Box 1284, Capitan, NM 88316. Info: 575-354-8007.

OES Ruidoso Chapter 65: Meeting every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 144 Nob Hill Dr. Info: 257-5313.

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): Noon every Wednesday at K-BOB's. Info: 257-5938 or 258-9218.

PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Chapter AR: Meeting every second and fourth Tuesdays. Info: Jennie Powell, 258-3896.

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club: 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: Barbara, 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555, or Greg, 257-1255.

Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary: 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center off East Highway 70; Info: 378-8099 or 378-8316.

Ruidoso Evening Lions: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Evening Lions Club House, 106 S. Overlook (behind Chef Lupe's). New members always welcome. Info: Mike Zaragosa, 937-0768 or Harold Oakes, 937-7618.

Ruidoso 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 whitemountainar@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainar.org or phone 866-596-8382.

Veterans

American Legion Jerome D. Klein Post 79: 11 a.m. every third Saturday, 101 Spring St. at Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs; Info: 257-6757.

American Legion James A Hipp, Post 57: First Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. Sr.Citizens Center, Capitan. 575-336-2194

VFW Post 12071 meets the third Monday of each month at La Junta Lodge in Alto at 7 p.m. All eligible veterans are invited to attend.

VFW Post 12071 Ladies Auxiliary meets third Monday of each month at La Junta Lodge in Alto at 7 p.m. All eligible spouses, mothers, daughters and widows of veterans of foreign wars are invited to attend and join.

Otero County

Clubs & Associations

Alamo Squares: Square dancing on 2nd and 4th Saturdays. 8 p.m. Info: 437-3043, 434-2618 or 437-5474.

Alamogordo Astronomy Club: Meets every third Friday. Mike Mosier, 437-8260.

Alamogordo Mustang Club: Meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at Vision Ford. Daurian Orchard, 491-7952.

Barbershop Harmony Society: The "Sounds of Enchantment" barber-shop chorus meets at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo, every Tue., 7-9 p.m. Gentlemen of all ages welcome. Info: 437-8832.

Boy Scouts: Programs open to boys first grade-age 20, girls tenth grade-age 20. Info: Suzy, 437-7640.

Chaparral Kennel Club: 6:30 p.m. every first Wednesday at various locations. Promotes purebred dogs and sponsors therapy visits, dog shows, matches and the rescue of purebred dogs. Michele, 434-5220.

The Christian Self-Employed Business Club: Breakfast meetings at 8 a.m. on Fridays. Any self-employed person and a guest are welcome to attend. Paul Collins, 437-8257.

Crochet Guild of America: The Alamogordo Touch of Class Chapter welcomes all levels. 437-3832.

Desert Basin Toastmasters: Meets 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Alamogordo Physical Therapy Center, 10th and Washington; and every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Comm. Center at Holloman AFB. Guests welcome. Visit desertbasin.freetoasthost.com or phone 921-4767.

COMMUNITY LISTINGS

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 campouts and picnic. 437-3377.

White Sands Dart Association: Double team open tournaments 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Fraternal Order of Eagles Club, 471 24th St. Join to play or learn. Contact Delliah at 442-8750.

Education

ESL: English as a second language class, 9 a.m. each Monday, 1328

Scenic Dr. \$15 for workbook. Class sponsored by Mountain Valley Baptist Association; 437-9987.

H.E.L.P. Head Start: Accepting applications for pre-school children with or without disabilities. Free meals. Alamogordo Center: Maria Gallegos, 434-6313; La Luz Center: Martina Travis, 437-4485; Tularosa Center: Annette Chavez, 585-4818.

Integrated Instructional Services Department: Monthly Parent/Staff Advisory Committee meeting, 4 - 6 p.m. every second Tuesday at the IIS Building. Dr. Doug Householder, 439-3200.

Lacy Simms: Governing council meets at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at First National Bank Building Atrium. Regular meetings are at 7:15 p.m.; 437-4011.

Help & Healing

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 painted-ladies64@yahoo.com.

Child Health Care: No or low cost for children under 19. Apply at the Otero County Public Health Office. 437-9340, 437-9899, or 437-9093.

Divorced & Widowed Adjustment Group: Meets at 6:30 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Alamogordo Church, 2826 Indian Wells Rd. Non-sectarian self-help group dedicated to assisting men and women of all ages through the loss of a partner through divorce, separation or death. Info: Ben, 682-3621.

HIBAC: Counselors are available in the Nutrition Office at the Alamo Senior Center, 9 a.m.-noon, Monday & Wednesday to assist with supplemental insurance for Medicare.

Low Income Housing: Applications are accepted 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Alamogordo Housing Authority, located at 104 Amigo Ave. Laura, 437-5621 ext. 11.

New Life Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Sun. 6 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 8 p.m. First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St.

Salvation Army Social Services: Open 10 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 10 a.m.-noon Friday; 443-0845.

Salvation Army Thrift Store: Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. 443-0845.

Search and Rescue: Meets every second and fourth Thursday at the National Guard Armory, 1600 S. Florida Ave. Leroy Lewis, 430-2987 or Dan Josetosky, 437-4813.

St. John's Community Kitchen: Free meals 5-6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 437-3891.

ZTrans: Public transportation for \$1. Serves Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, La Luz, Alamogordo, 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 Tinning, 443-1195.

Tularosa Democrats: Meet at Coffee & More, 308 Granada, 5 p.m. sharp second Thursday of each month. Info: Charles Murrell at 585-8153.

Service Organizations

Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club: Meets at 7 a.m. every Saturday at Maximino's, 2300 White Sands Blvd. The public is welcome. Jeanette or Chuck, 434-6296.

Alamogordo Noon Kiwanis: Meets at Margo's Mexican Restaurant every Wednesday, except the fifth. 434-6417.

Alamogordo Public Library Foundation: Raises money and awareness for Alamogordo Public Library. Flori, 437-6616 or Allen, 434-2349.

Altrusa International: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. at 19th Hole golf course restaurant. Jan Wafful, 491-0713 or Marty Poitra, 921-1144.

Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority: Focusing on cultural, social and service activities. Lynn 585-5516.

Big Brothers Big Sisters: Accepting applications for children ages 6 - 17 and volunteers 18 years or older. 434-3388.

Daughters of the American Revolution: Meets monthly on third Saturday at time and place TBA. 437-7200.

Downtown Lions Club: Meets on second and fourth Mondays at Mariscos Costa Azul, 415 S. White Sands Blvd. Public welcome. Terry Reed at 434-3968 or Martha 437-7515.

Flickinger Guild: Supporting the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts, Guild members sell tickets in the box office, work the door for performances, usher, hand out programs and work concessions. Contact chairman Flori McCleddy at 437-6616.

Kiwanis Club of Alamogordo: Meets on first and third Thursdays at 8 a.m.

at Maximino's Restaurant, 2300 N. White Sands Blvd; 434-0923.

Order of the Eastern Star: Tularosa Basin Chapter No. 72 meets at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday at 409 Higuera St., Tularosa. 434-1456.

Special Olympics NM - Otero: Sports training and competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities; track and field practice at 9 a.m. at NMSBVI in Alamogordo. Info: Anthony Bradway, 575-430-8902 or Sally Bradway at 479-2958.

Veterans / Military

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1257: Open meeting/lunch-eon at 11:30 a.m. second Friday at Base Enlisted Club. Visits to area veterans in local care centers every third Saturday, starting at the Betty Dare Center on North Florida Ave. promptly at 10 a.m. Gil Isley, 434-5552.

American Legion Post 108: Meets second Tuesday at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, Ed_wishbone@hotmail.com.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 108: Meets 2nd Tuesday of month at 6:15 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; Open to spouses, daughters, sisters, mothers or granddaughters of active/former military personnel. Info: Elaine Chestnut, 446-8331, mechestnut@msn.com, Ed Summerall, 430-4322.

Disabled American Veterans, Chap. 14: Meet first Monday of month at 821 Alaska, 6 p.m. Info: 434-8976.

New Mexico American Legion Riders Association, Chap 8: Meets second Tuesday at 8 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, or Darrell Winfree, 430-7735.

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 108: Meets 3rd Monday of month at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; Open to sons, grandsons of active/former military personnel. Info: Brian Koutrous, 717-202-9810, or Milton Chestnut, 446-9045.

United States Submarine Veterans: Feb. 6, 12 p.m., at White Sands Missile Range. All former submariners welcome. www.ussvi.org/BaseShow. Call Shane Foraker 575 437-0665.

VFW Post 7686 and Ladies Auxiliary: Meetings are at 7 p.m. every third Tuesday at 700 U.S. 70 West in Bingo Hall; 437-0770.

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This weekend, Dec. 10, 11 and 12, Coffee & More in Tularosa will be host to Alamogordo Music Theatre's 2010 Christmas show and fund-raiser. Festivities will begin at 6 p.m., on Friday and Saturday, with a matinee scheduled at 1 p.m., on Sunday. The show will feature holiday music performed by more than 20 AMT members. Delicious desserts, hors d'oeuvres, wine and a specialty coffee drink will be served.

Revenues generated from the show will go toward offsetting the expense of providing electricity and lighting to Cliff's Hall, AMT's costume storage building. The show will also benefit the Tularosa Food Bank and A.B.A.T.E., a non-profit,

educational, charitable organization that is collecting toys for needy children of the area. Everyone is encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item or toy donation.

Director Lynette Wedig said that there are more than 25 songs which will be performed, and the audience will have the opportunity to join in the fun with several sing-along numbers.

"Some of the songs are very familiar to everyone," she said. "But there will also be a few songs that most audience members may not have heard before. We will have songs in English and German. It is going to be great fun."

The cast of this year's show includes several of AMT's best known perfor-

mers, including Loren Jackson (*Pirates of Penzance*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Little Shop of Horrors*); Joni Castello (*The King & I*, *Nunsense*, *High School Musical*); Charlie Thompson (*The King and I*); Ken Weir (*A Year with Frog & Toad*, *Schoolhouse Rock Live!*, *Grease*); Fos Sadler (*Man of La Mancha*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*); Don Thorp (*Guys & Dolls*); and John Braswell (*The King & I*, *Guys and Dolls*).

Tickets are \$25 and seating is limited. Reservations may be made in person at Coffee & More, 308 Granado St., Tularosa, or by calling 575-585-4575.

Submitted by
J.D. Droddy

MUSIC > CONCERT

Big Voodoo Daddy

Big band music comes to Ruidoso



The sounds of contemporary swing band Big Voodoo Daddy will fill the concert hall at Inn of the Mountain Gods this Saturday evening at 8.

Get set for a night full of energy, as the multi-platinum and award-winning contemporary swing band Big Bad Voodoo Daddy (BBVD) steps on stage at Inn of the Mountain Gods, Sat., Dec. 11 at 8 p.m.

Ring in the holidays with this special performance as the band rocks the stage with tracks off their latest album titled *How Big Can You Get? A Tribute to Cab Calloway*.

Capturing the essence of jazz singer and band-leader Cab Calloway, BBVD's eighth album marks a milestone in the band's 16-year career, including high-voltage energy and classic swing sounds. Recorded in Los Angeles' legendary Capitol Studios their latest album features "Calloway Boogie," "The Jumpin' Jive" and "How Big Can You Get?"

Formed in 1989, in Ventura, Calif., by leader Scotty Morris and Kurt Sodergren BBVD launched the revival of 1940s and 1950s swing and jazz music, breaking on to the music scene in 1993, with albums *Big Bad Voodoo Daddy* and *Whatchu' Want for Christmas*.

Rocketing the band into stardom were the hit singles "You & Me & The Bottle Makes Three

(Tonight)" and "Go Daddy-O," both featured in the 1996 comedy *Swingers*.

Moving forward and signing with Capitol Records BBVD received national praise and recognition from albums *Americana Deluxe* and *This Beautiful Life* selling more than two million copies.

The band's music has also appeared in more than 60 movies and television shows.

With the 2003 launch of the New Orleans-inspired album *Save My Soul*, BBVD has since played in numerous theaters, performing arts centers, the Hollywood Bowl and the Lincoln Center. They have appeared on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" and "Live with Regis and Kelly." The band's milestones include performances with the U.S. Air Force Orchestra, television hit "Dancing With the Stars" and a Superbowl half-time show in 1999.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online at InnOfTheMountainGods.com or ticketmaster.com. For information, call Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino at 888-262-0478 or 575-464-7777.

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The potters of Mata Ortiz

Despite economic and social adversity artisans struggle to create their work

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In the mid-1970s, an anthropologist named Spencer McCallum visited Bob's Swap Shop in Deming, N.M., where he enjoyed looking for treasures. A few pieces of pottery caught his eye, intrigued with the quality, design and style of the work.

Inquiries led him to the small Mexican village of Juan Mata Ortiz, near Casas Grandes and about 150 miles south of the Texas border. A young Juan Quezada had created the pots or "ollas," which were inspired by pottery shards he had discovered, left behind by the Paquime Indians centuries earlier.

Juan experimented with different clays dug from the area around Mata Ortiz and used what was available to fire his work, including tree bark and cow chips. To control the heat he placed large clay flow-

er pots over his ollas as makeshift ovens, propping them up with rocks to allow the air to move. He created paint from pigments and slip made by watering down clay, and embellished the pots in the fashion of the artifacts he found. With no brushes, through trial and error, Juan found the best method of painting the pot was with several long hairs clipped from a baby's head and glued to the end of a pen. He had no idea, at that time, the impact he would have on his village.

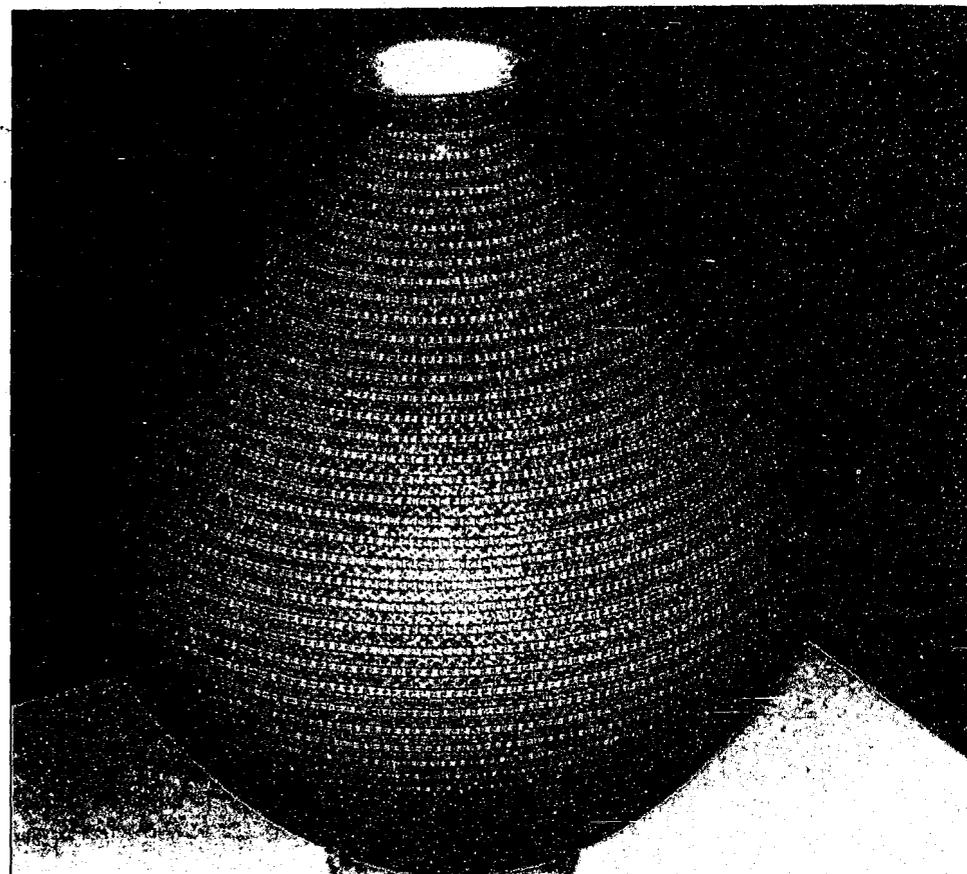
As demand for the pottery grew Juan Quezada taught his family and other villagers the basics for creating the ollas. Each artisan developed his or her own style of not only the pot, but of the imagery on it. A village of 2,500 people produced more than 400 potters and tens of thousands of pots.

As American tourists began to make regular treks to Mata Ortiz to col-

lect the pottery, the village grew and flourished and the pots increased in value. Many varieties of pots were available, from tourist-grade souvenirs to museum-quality pieces, ranging in price from a few dollars to many thousands.

But whenever the economy takes a downturn, artists take the first hit. As much as it affected the income of U.S. artists, it devastated Mata Ortiz. More than half of the potters who counted on the tourist trade to survive had to quit making pots, in order to work dawn-till-dusk jobs that paid \$8 per day in the surrounding area.

The divide between the best potters in the village and those making souvenir-type pots grew. Even as the economy now begins to recover the potters face new challenges. With the ongoing drug war and corruption in Mexico keeping tourist dollars away, the best potters with work



visas come into the U.S. for museum and gallery shows to sell their work. The few that are still making a living as potters do what they can for the rest of the villagers who are not faring as well.

A few U.S. buyers known as "traders" still travel to Mata Ortiz and bring work back to sell. It helps, but it is such a small fraction of what it was in the past that more and more of the villagers are doing whatever they can to survive.

One of the best-known woman potters in Mata Ortiz is Laura Bugarini. She studied directly with Juan Quezada and developed one of the most recognizable and sought-after

styles in the village. She and husband, Hector Gallegos, Jr., are both award-winning master potters, and will be featured at Studio 54@70 in Tularosa this weekend. The couple will demonstrate how they create their pots from Mata Ortiz clay and show their individual styles of embellishing their pots. Their works will be available for purchase, along with ollas from several other Mata Ortiz potters. The money from sales will go directly toward benefiting their village.

The public is invited to this free weekend-long event. It is a unique opportunity to meet these talented artists, watch them at work and witness the an-

cient method by which they still fire their pots, one-by-one, a blending of traditional and contemporary pottery-making.

Today, from 4-7 p.m., a reception, which is open to the public, will be held for the artists. On Saturday, Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., visitors can watch the potters create an original, hand-built pot from the clay of Mata Ortiz, followed by a demonstration of how the pot is decorated. Sunday morning, Dec. 12, (weather permitting) the artists will fire a pot out-of-doors.

Studio 54@70 is located at 1201 St. Francis Dr., in Tularosa. For more information, call 575-585-5470.