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## Opportunity missed

Consultant says former finance officials could have saved on village debt

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Former Ruidoso finance and administration officials missed chances to refinance the village's heavy debt and to save money on interest, a financial consultant told village councilors Tuesday.

Councilor Don Williams credited Village Manager Debi Lee with bringing the savings possibilities to the attention of the council.

"It appears we can save some money in the process, and bringing (the consultant) here was the result of having a professional manager, who is aware of those opportunities," he said.

During a workshop, Mark Valenzuela, vice president of George



See DEBT, page 8A Mark Valenzuela of George K. Baum & Company walks councilors through the village's debt situation at a workshop Tuesday.

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## Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow – maybe

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A Pacific storm was expected to bring an unusual sight to the Sacramento Mountains – snow.

But the really deep accumulations were to fall Thursday and Friday morning farther to the north, where winter storm warnings said some high elevation areas could get a foot of snow.

The mountains above 7,500 feet in Lincoln and Otero counties were forecast by the National Weather Service to receive two to four inches before the storm moved out late this morning.

"Largely the storm is going to miss you to the north," said weather service meteorologist Jennifer Palucki in Albuquerque. "However, it looks like towards sunrise or a little bit after things could start to get a little bit interesting down there."

"You could see about one to three inches around town. The peak of Sierra Blanca should see a little bit more than that. But certainly it will be enough to wreak havoc on roads for a

little bit."

Lincoln County's Road Department was ready.

"We've got those brand new snowplows that we bought last year right at the end of that storm and they're ready to go," said road superintendent Albert Hernandez. "We've got enough salt left over from last year to get going, so we're going to be doing good."

Hernandez said in recent years it seemed like snow would often arrive in Lincoln County overnight Thursday into Friday. Plowing on Fridays, and even into the weekend, means overtime for his crews, who normally work 10-hour days, Monday through Thursday. But Hernandez was not complaining.

"We could sure use the moisture. We may just leave the snow on some of these dirt roads because it's so bad right now with the washboarding we've got. All you can do is shave that gravel off and then you lose it."

The moisture is welcomed by the Rio Ruidoso, which has been flowing below its average for the

middle of December. And the wildfire concern could be eased.

"We will take everything that we can get," said Joe Kenmore, Lincoln County's Office of Emergency Ser-

vices coordinator. "But even though it snows, snow can sometimes be a dry snow. Our biggest concern is we all still need to be very aware of disposing of our fireplace ashes."

Kenmore said generally one foot of snow equals one inch of rain. With perhaps four inches of snow, it is a small one-third of an inch of rain.

The possibly reduced

fire fear may be short lived. Beginning Sunday above normal temperatures will return. And precipitation is missing from the forecast for at least the first half of next week.

### Village tightens water restrictions

Based on falling water levels in Ruidoso's main storage reservoir and continued lack of precipitation, the village moved into Phase 4 water use restrictions Tuesday.

Phase 4 is designated as severe conditions, the step before extreme conditions and a declaration of emergency situation by the council.

According to data from the Albuquerque office of the National Weather Service, Ruidoso received only a trace amount of precipitation in November and about 6/100th of an inch of water equivalent in snow to date in December.

The average precipitation for the village in November is 0.85 of an inch and 3.4 inches of snow, and for December, 1.58 inches of precipitation and an average snowfall of 8.6 inches. Last year saw above-normal snowfall for one of the best ski seasons in decades.

"We're beginning to worry about the dry season and expected drought," Village Manager Debi Lee

told councilors. "We want to be proactive."

Public Works Director Randall Camp said, based on Grindstone Reservoir sitting at 18.6 feet below the dam spillway, compared to the top measurement of 16 feet, "We're drawing out water faster than it is being replenished by the 200 gallon per minute offset."

The reservoir is fed by a diversion from the Rio Ruidoso.

"We're trying to be proactive and go to Level 4 water conservation restrictions, because the long-term forecast doesn't look good," he said. "We need to take measures to conserve."

To allow the reservoir a chance to recover, the village water supply is being fed from Alto Lake Reservoir with some jerry rigging, he said.

Lee said a press release will be issued to alert residents to the higher level of restrictions.

Under Phase 4, outdoor watering is not allowed between the hours of

10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; outdoor watering with a sprinkler systems is prohibited; commercial car washes are not restricted, but residential washing of vehicles and outdoor watering is allowed two days per week by hand-held hose or drip irrigation. Residents with even-numbered addresses can water Tuesday and Saturday and those with odd-numbered addresses on Wednesday and Sunday.

Plants, flowers and tree wells may be watered by the use of hand-held buckets or sprinkler cans that have been filled from hose bibs or interior faucets every day of the week.

Watering the soccer fields pursuant to the lease between the Village of Ruidoso and The Ruidoso Municipal School District is permitted in Phase 4. Watering Eagle Creek, North Park, Gavilan Canyon and White Mountain Fields is permitted in the new phase.

- Dianne Stallings

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Above: Optimist Club member Bruce Morgan, left, presents coats to Angel Gonzaless and Ted Durham for the Santa's Helpers Coat Drive at Sierra Blanca Motors Thursday. The Optimist Club volunteered to help Angel and Ted with their coat drive so the children getting assistance from Santa's Helpers this year can get a new coat.



At right: Ruidoso Optimist Club member Tom McElligott, left, presents a plaque of appreciation to Bart Byers, owner of Evergreen Cleaners, Wednesday at K-Bob's Restaurant for Byers' participation in the Optimist Club Warm Coats for Kids program. Evergreen Cleaners cleans each of the used coats donated to the program so they are ready to wear when given to children in need.

The Ruidoso Optimist Club collects coats in collection boxes throughout Ruidoso and Capitan and distributes coats through Christian Services, Lincoln County Food Bank, Sierra Blanca Disaster Relief, Mescalero Schools and through churches in Capitan and Carrizozo.

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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>RealFeel</b> 45°	<b>RealFeel</b> 57°	<b>RealFeel</b> 58°	<b>RealFeel</b> 56°	<b>RealFeel</b> 57°	<b>RealFeel</b> 57°	<b>RealFeel</b> 55°
<b>Humidity</b> 46° 32° 69%	<b>Humidity</b> 58° 43° 37%	<b>Humidity</b> 61° 44° 36%	<b>Humidity</b> 62° 39° 35%	<b>Humidity</b> 59° 39° 37%	<b>Humidity</b> 60° 40° 45%	<b>Humidity</b> 56° 31° 37%
Mostly cloudy with a passing shower Wind: N 8-12 mph	Mostly cloudy and not as cool Wind: W 8-16 mph	Partly sunny Wind: WSW 10-20 mph	Partly sunny, windy and mild Wind: W 15-25 mph	Delightful with some sun Wind: SW 7-14 mph	Sunny much of the time Wind: SSW 8-16 mph	Mostly sunny Wind: WSW 6-12 mph

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### Regional Cities

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### Almanac

#### Ruidoso

Statistics through Wednesday

**Temperature:**  
High/low ..... 63°/45°  
Normal high ..... 50°  
Normal low ..... 19°  
Record high ..... 66° (1962)  
Record low ..... 0° (1999)

**Precipitation:**  
Wednesday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 0.00"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.45"  
Year to date ..... 20.65"  
Normal year to date ..... 21.80"

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

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

#### Alamogordo

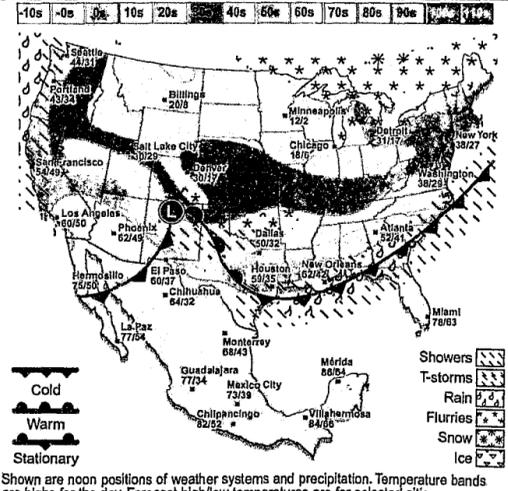
Statistics through Wednesday

**Temperature:**  
High/low ..... 72°/38°  
Normal high ..... 55°  
Normal low ..... 28°  
Record high ..... 72° (2010)  
Record low ..... 6° (1987)

**Precipitation:**  
Wednesday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 0.00"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.45"  
Year to date ..... 12.39"  
Normal year to date ..... 12.66"

**Weather Trivia™:**  
Q: What is the warmest it has been in Antarctica?  
A: 59°F at Vanda Station on Jan. 5, 1974.

## National Forecast for Dec. 17, 2010



National Cities		Regional Cities	
City	Today HI/Lo/W	City	Today HI/Lo/W
Abilene	48/24/pc	Albuquerque	46/31/c
Anchorage	12/-6/s	Artesia	56/35/pc
Atlanta	52/41/c	Chama	36/8/sn
Austin	58/29/pc	Clayton	29/20/sn
Baltimore	34/20/pc	Cloudcroft	39/22/sn
Boston	35/26/s	Farmington	42/28/pc
Chicago	18/6/pc	Hobbs	52/25/pc
Dallas	50/32/c	Los Alamos	38/16/c
Denver	30/17/pc	Portales	42/21/sn
Des Moines	23/8/s	Raton	28/14/sn
Detroit	31/17/pc	Red River	30/2/sn
El Paso	60/37/c	Ruidoso	46/32/c
Las Vegas	54/48/c	Santa Fe	42/23/c
Los Angeles	60/50/r	Silver City	51/33/c
Minneapolis	12/2/pc	Taos	36/14/sn
New Orleans	62/42/r		
New York City	38/27/s	Mexican Cities	
Philadelphia	38/26/s	City	Today HI/Lo/W
Phoenix	62/49/c	Acapulco	88/88/s
Reno	40/34/sn	Cancun	81/61/pc
San Francisco	54/49/r	Chihuahua	64/32/c
San Diego	57/55/r	Ciudad Juárez	61/37/c
Seattle	44/31/c	León	75/32/s
Tucson	63/44/c	México, DF	73/39/s
Tulsa, OK	40/19/c	Monterrey	68/43/s
Wash., DC	38/29/pc	Morelia	74/40/s
Wichita	38/18/pc	Oaxaca	84/48/s
Yuma	64/51/pc	Pto. Penasco	68/52/c
W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.		Tijuana	59/52/f

### Sun and Moon

Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:59 a.m./4:59 p.m.  
Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 2:04 p.m./3:25 a.m.

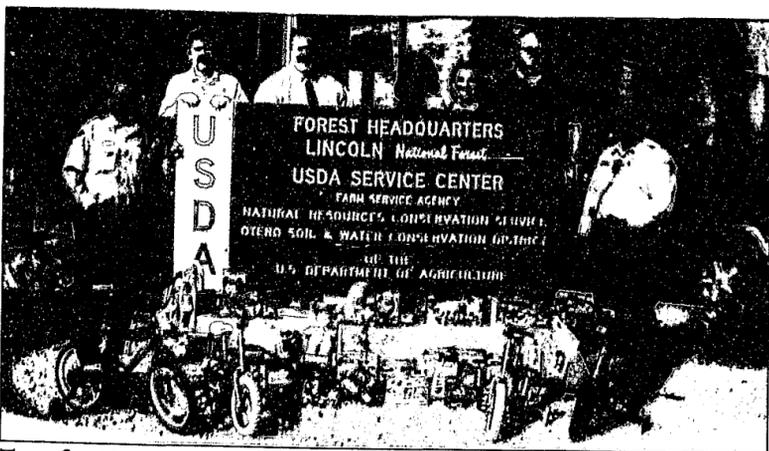
### Extremes

Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)  
High: 87° in Vernon, TX  
Low: -34° in Babbitt, MN

Wednesday's World High/Low:  
High: 112° in Tambacounda, Senegal  
Low: -54° in Balamay, Russia

### Moon Phases

Full Last New First  
Dec 21 Dec 27 Jan 4 Jan 12



**Toys for Tots**

Toys, bicycles, dolls, games, and race cars: It's the right time of year to give, and that's exactly what Pre-Check, Inc., and the Lincoln National Forest Employees Association recently did in Alamogordo.

This donation of toys and other gifts, along with donations from other agencies, businesses, and individuals, made through the Toys for Tots program, will be distributed by the Otero County Sheriff's Office to local children.

The toys include the famous Barbie doll a young girl can dress up or a bicy-

cle that any child would want to ride on Christmas morning.

"It's an excellent opportunity for those of us who have so much to be thankful for, to help bring smiles to the faces of children in our community," said Ron Hannan, Lincoln National Forest public services staff.

**All American Park**

The All American Christmas in the Park will provide a chance to visit with Santa on Saturday.

The annual Ruidoso Downs event, at All American Park, will take place from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. In addition to Santa, there will be hot chocolate, cookies, music, Christmas carols and a program by the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs.

The event is sponsored by Keep Ruidoso Downs Beautiful and the City of Ruidoso Downs. Everyone is invited to join in the spirit of Christmas.

**Raffle tickets**

Phi Theta Kappa is selling tickets for its "Winter Break" raffle.

Prizes include boarding

and ski gear from Boarder-stop and Action Ski and Sports, restaurant certificates from Café Rio, Landlocked, and Great Wall of China, and a Season's Lift Pass from Ski Apache Ski Resort.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at ENMU-Ruidoso. The drawing will be Dec. 21.

PTK is an honors society that encourages scholarship, leadership and service among two-year college students. The proceeds from the raffle will establish a scholarship fund for ENMU-Ruidoso students.

For more information and tickets, call ENMU-Ruidoso at 257-2120 or Sharon Wilson at 937-4889.

**Fort schedule**

The volunteers at Fort

Stanton, Inc. announce that the Fort Stanton Museum will be open on weekends from December through March 2011.

The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, and 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. There is no fee to visit the museum, but donations are appreciated.

"We are delighted to open this winter," commented Clinton Smith, president of Fort Stanton, Inc.

"Our volunteers do a great job and we wanted to make sure that the public had the opportunity to come out and see the museum and visit the Fort during the winter months."

The museum will not be open on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in observance of the holidays.

Since the new museum opened in April 2010, more than 9,000 people have visited the Fort Stanton State Monument.

The museum features a display about the history of the Fort from its creation in 1855 as a military fortifica-

tion to the present day. "We intend to do more programming this year, beyond Fort Stanton Live!" commented Smith, "We hope to draw more attention to the site so that we can continue to help preserve the fort and its buildings."

"We will be announcing a schedule of events in January, and we are excited about the coming year. Being open on the weekends is just the beginning for us."

If you are interested in joining Fort Stanton, Inc., or if you are interested in volunteering, call the museum at 575-354-0341.

**Tree permits**

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

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

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

Permits may be purchased at:

- All Lincoln National Forest Offices in Alamogordo, Cloudcroft, Ruidoso, and Carlsbad
  - Chamber of Commerce Offices in Alamogordo, Cloudcroft, Ruidoso and Roswell
  - Walmart Stores in Alamogordo, Las Cruces, Carlsbad, and Ruidoso Downs at the customer service department
  - Smokey Bear Historical State Park - Capitan
  - Mountain Top Mercantile in Cloudcroft
  - Queen Store - Queen
- Visit any Lincoln National Forest Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, to

purchase a permit. Maps and specific instructions are provided.

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

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FATHER AND SON AT THE CEREMONY

**Ruidosan promoted**

A former Ruidoso resident has been promoted to 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Ronald V. Ludwick of Meridian, Texas, was promoted on Nov. 29 in a ceremony at Fort Hood Army Base in Killeen, Texas, where he is stationed.

Ludwick grew up in Ruidoso and moved to Roswell to attend New Mexico Military Institute, where he graduated in 2005.

After graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 2009, he branched to the the Army Engineer division and has been a platoon leader with the Combat Engineers.

Ludwick has participated in training exercises at Fort Still in Oklahoma, Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri and Fort Polk, Louisiana. He is scheduled to deploy to Iraq in early 2011.

His parents, Ron and Nora Ludwick, attended the pinning ceremony.

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# OPINION

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### OUR OPINION

## Mountain Annie's searches for an identity

Mountain Annie's Dinner Theater changed hands last week, and it's probably a win-win situation for all concerned.

Jim and Phyllis Strathman, the outgoing owners, no doubt had a tough go of the business in these uncertain economic times. The new owners, Jamie and Shirley Estes, will bring in fresh ideas.

Make no mistake: The property is significant to Ruidoso's cultural landscape. At the entrance of Midtown, stretching to the river, its large indoor facility could be made intimate for events that might otherwise go to the con-

vention center. There's a big stage, dance floor, full kitchen and a liquor license. An outdoor entertainment area is just made for balmy summer evenings. Parking is ample.

Mountain Annie's - Phyllis' nickname - has seen a lot of concepts over the years. The Strathmans' somewhat controversial expansion of the building into a Branson-like dinner theater was still a worthy, reasonable goal.

Now, as Mountain Annie's Center for the Arts, it has the potential to expand in the performing arts and as a gallery. Any sustained success will be to Ruidoso's benefit.

## 'Take your hands off me,' I said nicely enough

George Thorogood was rockin' the boogie on "Bad to the Bone" at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Ballroom when some guy got up from his seat near the stage and stood right in front of a fan in the audience having a good time.

The guy performed some exaggerated dance moves, turned back to the woman and said something to the effect that, "This is what it's like when you stand in front of me and I can't see the stage."

Well, stand up, then! Geez.

Yeah, I attended George Thorogood last Thursday at the Inn, and yeah, the Delaware Destroyer was in fine form for a 60-

something veteran of a thousand raucous nights - a salacious boogie rat still wailin' on hypnotic John Lee Hooker vamps, sliding through the back door of rock & roll.

But it was a weird scene. I understand people pay good coin for their seats, and their chairs become a territorial imperative. But for goodness sakes, this is not *The Nutcracker*. It's rock & roll, with abandoned energy that lifts you to your feet. Have fun, I say. Performers live for standing audiences.

After this fellow went back, I went over to the woman and her boyfriend - there was an empty seat next to them - and apologized for the man's behavior. I don't know why. Maybe I didn't want them to feel - guilty?

The couple was from St. Louis and had recently moved to the area. She's been a Thorogood fan for 30 years or so and this was her first chance to see him.

Welcome to Ruidoso, where we're a little uptight at times.

So we're standing there toward the end of the show, along with many others, and another character saunters up and puts his arm around my shoulder kind of gently like he's measuring me for a suit coat.

He asks me to sit down. I look directly through his eyeballs to the back of his cranium and inform him very nicely,

in a succinct kind of way: "You'd better take your hands off me."

He apologized, but I was already seeing the headlines in my own paper:

**Ruidoso News editor arrested at concert following brawl.**

Nevertheless, I salute the Inn for bringing in a mid-level act that has made an honest, blue-collar living for more than three

decades. Thorogood isn't an original, but he's refined the boogie-blues tradition through the prism of hard rock, and it kicks butt.

I first saw Thorogood in 1977 at the Palms nightclub in Milwaukee. It was a dump of a place that brought in

Midwest power pop like Cheap Trick and NY punk/new wave like the Plasmatics.

Four years later, just months after landing a rock critic's job with the *Houston Chronicle*, the paper sent me to Los Angeles to cover the Rolling Stones at the L.A. Coliseum. I know, tough gig. The openers were Prince, who got booed off the stage, and George Thorogood.

I had good seats supplied by the promoter, but that's no fun. During one of the set breaks I figured to push the envelope.

The Coliseum is a cavernous structure (built for the 1932 Olympics), connected by a maze of ramps and hallways. Even packed with 70,000 people, a third of the building is unused, deserted.

I wound my way purposefully through the bowels toward the stage side of the layout, flashing a *Chronicle* press ID whenever it seemed necessary - as if that granted me all access.

Past one last checkpoint, I found myself backstage, in an outdoor commons-party area. I belonged, but I didn't belong.

There were dressing trailers and miles of cable. The pretty people milled around, noshing on food and drink. John Belushi emerged from one trailer, Bill Graham from another. Keith Richards made the scene.

That's rock & roll. Now get out of your seat and act as if you belong.



MARTY RACINE

### ON SECOND THOUGHT



### GUEST COMMENTARY

## LCMC has a well-thought-out plan

I would like to take the opportunity to clarify a key issue with the Wednesday, Dec. 8, *Ruidoso News* article, "LCMC plans questioned."

Lincoln County Medical Center and Presbyterian Healthcare Services are committed to caring for Lincoln County residents now and in the future by responding to the County's request and patient needs with a thorough and diligent strategic plan for growth.

The hospital master plan process began approximately two and a half years ago.

In the spring of 2008, Lincoln County commissioners first engaged the Hartke Group for a county-wide healthcare facilities assessment. The Hartke study was created with public input from various community residents throughout Lincoln County and was presented and adopted at a Lincoln County Commission meeting in the fall of 2009.

Based on the adopted Hartke study, Lincoln County Commissioners directed Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) to develop and present a facilities master plan. LCMC diligently proceeded through an open and deliberate process for the development of the requested master plan.

Phase one of the proposed master plan is for a physician office building. The building would allow for increased patient access for doctors and providers to accommodate more appointments on a daily basis. Its centralized location would provide convenience and ease of access.

Existing clinic facilities allow each doctor or provider two examination rooms to see patients, whereas the proposed physician office building would

provide four patient examination rooms per doctor or provider.

Additionally, this phase would improve our ability to recruit new doctors or providers, as well as retain the doctors and providers already here in Lincoln County.



AL SANTOS

### LINCOLN COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

LCMC has and will continue to supply information to Lincoln County management and elected officials as they analyze the most prudent and efficient methods of expending all taxpayer funds, and especially those associated with health-care.

LCMC is a member of Presbyterian Healthcare Services (PHS), a not-for-profit healthcare system serving Lincoln County and New Mexico. PHS operates LCMC through a long-term agreement with the County of Lincoln and is accountable to key stakeholders in the communities we serve.

These stakeholders include, but are not limited to, county commissioners, local boards of trustees and the residents of the communities in which we operate.

PHS and LCMC exist to improve the health of those we serve. LCMC currently employs nearly 250 people with total salaries, wages and benefits exceeding \$16.7 million in 2009. Also, LCMC has added nearly 40 positions in the last decade at above average wages for Lincoln County while offering healthcare benefits to those whom we

employ. While healthcare funding at the federal and state levels may be uncertain, LCMC has been aggressively seeking to develop innovative care models to lower cost while increasing patient access throughout the LCMC service area.

LCMC provides a much-needed healthcare safety net given our rural environment. Finally, we welcome input and expect it in order to do the best possible job for the thousands of patients we serve each year.

Personally, I have and will continue to make myself available for anyone wanting to better understand LCMC's planning process that went into your hospital's phased strategic master plan.

As an aside to the statement in the article regarding area hospitals receiving, or not receiving tax monies, the hospital in Alamogordo does receive tax dollars according to the New Mexico Hospital Association.

Otero County provides local tax dollars through the Gross Receipts Tax for the non-federal share of the Sole Community Provider (SCP) payments. These payments represent the non-federal share that is sent as an IGT (intergovernmental transfer) from the county to the state. In turn, those amounts are matched with a federal share and paid to SCP hospitals through their Medicaid remittance.

SCP is a federal matching fund program that assists communities with a single healthcare facility, like the hospital in Alamogordo, with its operations. We strive to serve you, your family, friends and neighbors as best as we possibly can. The hospital's improvement is a key to the enhancement of Lincoln County and all it has to offer.

AL SANTOS is the administrator for the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.

### YOUR OPINION

## Library thanks all for great parade

To the editor:

THE CAPITAN Public Library's annual Cowboy Santa Parade Saturday was once again a great success, perhaps the best yet. Except for a few hitches getting the parade started, the day was so much fun for the participants as well as the viewers.

This event could not have become reality without the help of many volunteers. It is so difficult to thank all involved but I hope to reach most through this message. First, I thank all the

dedicated library volunteers who spend so much of their time and talents to make our organization successful.

Thanks to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse, the Capitan Woman's Club, Rockin' H 4-Hers, Capitan High School Band, Bethany Sweat (Rodeo Queen), Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, Officer McGarry, the Sterns Longhorn steers, Sally Canning and her horses and wagon that transported Santa (Greg Haussler), other horse

groups, the Capitan Chamber and Gerald Garrett (photographer).

Cindy Foglesong and her students provided entertainment at the library following the parade. Many of the kids and parents who came to visit with Santa also enjoyed the live music. Santa pictures may be picked up at the library. Thanks, also, to Walmart for providing funding to help fill 62 gift bags given out to children.

Pat Garrett  
Capitan Public Library



# BUSINESS

## IMG attempts to restructure debt

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The financially challenged Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino has renewed an effort to restructure its debt.

The Inn, an enterprise of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, has not made a payment on its November 2003 borrowing of \$200 million that financed the new casino and resort as well as the Casino Apache Travel Center since the May 2008 payment. After failing to make the November 2008 semi-annual payment of \$12 million, the Inn went into default.

On Nov. 24, the Inn commenced a private offer to exchange its outstanding loan.

The exchange offer would replace the outstanding 12 percent notes for two series of new notes and cash.

For each \$1,000 in principal of the existing notes, the tribe would provide \$300 of new 8.75 percent of notes due in 2020, \$675 in new PIK, or pay-in-kind notes due in 2020, and a pro rata amount of \$18 million in cash.

A PIK note is a type of loan where the borrower makes no payments, neither interest nor principal, until maturity or refinanc-

ing.

"In order for the Inn of the Mountain Gods and Mescalero Apaches to have their debt restructured, the old bondholders have to accept the exchange," said Kent Richey, an attorney who represents a group of bondholders in the Inn. "The Inn of the Mountain Gods has offered to exchange their existing notes which bear 12 percent interest for other notes that are structured in a financial way that presumably the resort finds more palatable to carry and the investors, at least the committee that I represent, found acceptable."

Richey said he did not represent all the investors.

For the exchange offer to occur, at least 99.5 percent of the outstanding principal amount of the existing notes must be tendered. An approval from the National Indian Gaming Commission may also be required.

The exchange offer will terminate on Jan. 7.

"For the Inn of the Mountain Gods and the investors the ship will be right-side-up and sail on to success," suggested Richey. "Investors will have made a reasonable accommodation in light of the circumstances and everybody lives happily ever after."

Richey said the options for the lenders were limit-

ed.

"The bond holders are not permitted to own and operate a casino. And locking the doors was not an option. I think you call that mutual self destruction."

A source close to the tribe said acceptance of the offer would be a "win-win" for all.

"It's a much, much, much better deal for the tribe than the old deal. It's something that will put a lot more money in the tribe's pocket. They're paying a lot less interest. They're getting increased distributions. It's an excellent, over the top deal for the Inn, in my opinion."

The source said the larger bondholders are on line with the offer.

"There's a possibility that some of the smaller bondholders could throw up a roadblock. But we're anticipating that the smaller bondholders will vote in the same way that the larger bondholders are voting."

The Mescalero hospitality businesses, which include Ski Apache and others, combined have lost money in most quarters since the May 2005 opening of the Inn of the Mountain Gods. As of June 30, the enterprise had negative working capital of approximately \$250 million and a total deficit of just over \$56 million.



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee members Sunny Hirschfeld, Cindi Clayton-Davis, Tom Wood and Lynn Crawford agree to spend additional advertising dollars to counter the impact so far of an uncooperative winter season.

## More funding approved

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An additional \$10,000 in spending to promote Ruidoso will begin after the first of the year. During a special meeting Thursday, the village's Lodgers Tax Committee approved the special spending from lodgers tax monies.

"Due to the state of affairs, and we certainly have the ski area and the tubing park open, people are going and they're having fun, but to encourage that the right message is sent out, that we are open for business, even though Mother Nature hasn't graced us," committee chair Cindi Clayton-Davis told the lodgers tax panel.

"And when Mother Nature does grace us, which I'm sure is going to be very soon, we can shift

that message a little bit." About \$37,000 normal advertising funding is also in place for January and February, but has not yet been allocated.

"After meeting with our Team Tourism, it was suggested we do the electronic billboards because we can change the message," said the committee chair. "At first we were thinking let's do live-feed video from the tubing area and the ski area. We found out it is illegal in Texas to have a live-feed video on a billboard. But they will let us do like this constant changing, and it's amazing how fast it will let you change it."

The electronic billboards would be in communities in West Texas, such as Lubbock, Midland-Odessa, and El Paso.

"She (Sheri Kofakis of Target Media) can literally shoot it and change it," said

Clayton-Davis. "We could use photos of Ski Apache as the snow is dumping and put it up there, or a fun family sledding down and put it up there."

The plan is to begin the e-billboard advertising on Jan. 1 because most lodgers are filled up for the Christmas to New Year's holiday, Clayton-Davis told the committee.

The lodgers tax account has \$30,000 set aside annually for extra advertising to counter the effects of minimal snow on the winter tourism season or wildfire reports on the summer season.

"This is sort of the fluid advertising budget," Clayton-Davis said of the emergency promotion money. "Do we want to hit radio? Do we want to hit billboards? And for that we have still that money sitting there."

## CHAMPION OF SERVICE FOR DECEMBER



PHOTO COURTESY RUIDOSO VALLEY GREETERS

An employee at the Cree Meadow Country Club was selected as December's Champion of Service. For always going "the extra mile," Sabrina Schiele was honored by the Ruidoso Valley Greeters on Dec. 2. "Jerry Betty and Marlene Yocham were the ones that started this but we had a lot of folks who jumped on the bandwagon to put in their two cents. They commented that Sabrina Schiele, the food and beverage manager of Cree Meadows Country Club, works very hard to see that everything runs smoothly at Cree. She goes out of her way to serve the members of Cree as well as the public customers. Jerry and Marlene said that 'She is the star in our crown at Cree.' Another person in management said that 'She is the glue that holds us all together.' What a compliment."

## PNM files appeal on new cap-and-trade

CHUCK SLOTHOWER  
Farmington Daily Times

FARMINGTON - New Mexico's largest electricity provider filed an appeal Tuesday against the state's new cap-and-trade scheme.

PNM, based in Albuquerque, said the program approved by the Environmental Improvement Board will impose unnecessary costs and hurt jobs.

"We're concerned about the state's cap and trade largely because of economic concern, that it creates a cost for New Mexico that other states do not have,"

PNM spokesman Don Brown said.

He said the program could "result in a loss of jobs." PNM also questions whether the Environmental Improvement Board has the authority to regulate carbon emissions, Brown said.

The cap-and-trade plan stands to affect San Juan Generating Station, a coal-burning power plant of which PNM owns about half.

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## WIDE LOAD



DIANNE STALLINGS/RUIDOSO NEWS

A U.S. Department of Interior office building headed for the Mescalero Apache Reservation received a multiple agency escort on the last leg of its long journey Wednesday. The wide load pulled over to the side of U.S. 70 briefly to prevent a backup of traffic.

## Convention center renovation exceeds loan

Some updates were handled separately

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When all the bills are paid, the cost of the major renovation of the Ruidoso Convention Center will exceed the original \$1.2 million loan to be paid back with collected village lodgers tax.

Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris said Wednesday that village officials knew the figure probably would grow, because furniture was not included and issues would crop up in construction or other projects best handled while the renovation already was underway.

Staff will go back to the Village Lodgers Tax Committee at their January meeting to update them on additional expenses, he said. "They have a bucket (of tax revenue) dedicated to the convention center to cover this," he said. A portion of the tax also was pledged to repay the loan.

"The redo of the offices was not included, but why not finish and do it all at the same time," Morris said. "The landscaping was not in the original loan. (The center manager) needed a new carpet scrubber.

He has the original equipment and said he can't buy or make parts anymore - make parts. That will cost about \$12,000. "From the beginning, we knew there would be additional costs. You never know what you will find behind a wall during construction. It turned out that major structural issues I feared the most didn't materialize, but there were some issues in other places."

One of the problems still being worked out is with the installation of the sprinkler system, which Fire Chief Tom Gavin noted was placed above

some light fixtures. Morris said the issue "is being resolved." "Our fire guys will interface with the State Fire Marshal and he's indicated it's not anything that can't be fixed, but the final OK will come from him," the deputy manager said. "The concern was that some of the light bowls might impede the spray of water, but most likely they would break with the force of the water."

Neither the state fire marshal nor the deputy fire marshal for code compliance in Santa Fe could be reached for comment Wednesday.

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## Severed cables blamed for disruptions to internet, phone service

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Landline telephone, internet and 9-1-1 services were out for up to seven hours Tuesday after fiber-optic cables were severed at three locations in New Mexico.

Cables were cut during the afternoon at excavation sites south of Socorro, in Tijeras and near Clovis.

Public Regulation Commission member Sandy Jones told the *Las Cruces Sun-News* that an investigation was underway to

determine responsibility for the widespread outage.

"Clearly an error was made, either by the company (Qwest) or the excavator," Jones said. "Whoever is responsible for the error could be facing fines, and those fines can be pretty hefty, in the tens of thousands of dollars. I spoke to Qwest [Wednesday] morning and was told that to the best of their knowledge this was only the second time something like this has ever happened. The odds of something like this happening, where three fiber-

optic cables were cut the same day in the same state, have got to be incredible."

Jones said action is needed to avert a repeat in the future. Qwest officials were expected to appear before the PRC on Thursday.

Lincoln County Sheriff Rick Virden said his dispatch center's 9-1-1 system was out for three hours.

"We were very fortunate. We didn't have any 9-1-1 issues," Virden said of missed calls.

Virden said there was nothing his dispatch center

could do with every phone in the building out of commission.

"The radios worked and our cell phones worked. But every landline phone was dead. The 9-1-1 is a statewide issue. Once it goes down it's all over the state."

Virden said perhaps the state's 9-1-1 coordinator could look at a way to move 9-1-1 calls to select cellular phones at dispatch centers.

The Ruidoso Police Department's enhanced 9-1-1 director Dick Swenor said Qwest succeeded in getting

the system back up.

"They got it switched over to a manual system where if you called 9-1-1, the call would go to Albuquerque [which] would identify where it's coming from and then fire it to our regular number, 257-7365. They got us back up in less than 30 minutes."

But local cell phone calls to 9-1-1 were out for several hours.

"The cell phones had no way of connecting back to the 9-1-1 system," Swenor said. "Once it hits the towers it comes back to us on

lines. So it knocked that out."

Ruidoso Downs police provided the media with a cell phone number to disseminate to the public.

A civil emergency message was issued Tuesday evening by the state's Operations Center in Santa Fe, where Lincoln County residents were given a non-emergency number for fire, medical and police. The number was 575-648-2341.

Landline phone service was reestablished late Tuesday afternoon, though 9-1-1 remained out longer.

## DEBT

FROM PAGE 1A

K. Baum & Company, walked councilors through the village's current debt situation, the steps they already moved ahead with refinancing two of the debts. At a council meeting after the workshop, councilors approved a new debt of \$1.2 million to repay a combination of a 1993 bond series and a 2000 series. The principal remaining on the 1993 airport bonds was \$495,000 out of \$2,985,000;

and on the 2000 series \$989,841 out of \$1.47 million. Dollars built up in a debt reserve fund were used to pay down the principal to a combined \$1.2 million from \$1.48 million.

Without any action, the village would be looking at paying \$48.28 million through 2036 on 13 separate bond issues and loans, he said.

He distinguished between obtaining a loan through the New Mexico Finance Authority and going to the open market, which includes that the market's interest rate

varies daily, but the NMFA sets a rate monthly and will lock in a rate for 90 days. He clarified that refinancing can't be tackled until a bond issue or loan passes its call date for prepayment.

Typically two debt payments are submitted each year by the municipality, the first for principal and interest and the second for interest only. With 13 debts, that tracking alone can be daunting for Ruidoso officials, he said. Simplifying administration also would save money, he said.

Final maturity can range from five years to 40 years, but he prefers 20 years. The longer the bond, the higher the interest rate, because a lender's money is tied up for an extended period, he said. Prepayment time period cannot exceed the life of the improvement or equipment.

An interest rate, although quoted as an average figure such as 4 percent, begins lower and increases until the debt is repaid to achieve that average, called a "yield curve."

"After 23 years, you're paying more in interest than you originally borrowed," he said. "The longer the time period, the more risk that something might happen to the village and that's a consideration for bankers, who prefer shorter terms, an establish source of revenue such as property taxes and a high credit rating."

The bond market while volatile can be a place where big money is earned and is four times the size of the stock market, Valenzuela said.

Typical buyers of tax free municipal bonds are people with high net worth, mutual funds, money markets and institutions such as banks and insurance companies, which forecast their money needs 10 years to 30 years into the future, he said.

The village's bond rating by Moody's Investor Service is A3, one step above the minimum threshold for investment grade, Valenzuela said.

"Refinancing will improve that should we have to go for another bond," Councilor Rafael Salas said.

Valenzuela said the best gift a municipal administration can leave a community is a stronger credit rating. Triple A is the highest and a community with that designation can dictate terms of a bond issue, he said. The rating determines the interest rate that

can be obtained.

"There are different ratings for different kinds of bonds," he said. "Your water utility would have its own rating, as would a general obligation bond. When you sell through the NMFA, there is no rating."

One of his goals is to structure the village's bonds for a uniform level of debt service, allowing officials to know for budgeting purposes the exact cost over the next 20 years. One of his functions is to negotiate terms of loans and bonds.

At least every six months, the debt and bond situation of the village should be reviewed for refinancing at lower interest opportunities as call dates come due, Valenzuela said. Lenders usually want at least 10 years without prepayment.

"Moody questions your financial decisions, if you don't refinance when you can," Valenzuela said.

"Are you saying the previous financial consultant was not paying attention?" Williams asked.

"I'm saying what I see today, there were opportunities to save. There were opportunities. The call dates are one of the first things I look at," he said. That's when he realized an opportunity was lost in August 2003 to refinance a bond used to build a new airport, guaranteed by a dedicated gross receipts tax now and collecting 6.625 percent interest.

Under federal regulation, a municipality can do as many refinancings as determined effective for the village to save money, called net present value, with all fees figured into the mix. A minimum of 3 percent NPV is rule of thumb, he said.

The New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration reviews each deal, because "They don't want some sick banker promising a low interest rate and then after going through the process,

he doesn't deliver," Valenzuela said.

The village's original debt for the 13 issues was \$41,177,458 and the outstanding principal stands at \$33,925,534.

"You already have (refinanced) a 1993 and 2000 bond issue and loan into one without extending the payoff, just receiving a better rate of interest and saving money," he told councilors. The two combined are being paid off by a special gross receipts tax.

The Capitan water rights 1999 debt also could have been prepaid several years ago, he said. On June 1, 2011, a 2001 bond issue for \$2.8 million, now down to \$2.5 million would be eligible for refinancing, he said, and he's looking at a private group. The interests rates of 10.5 percent interest on the Capitan debt and 5.087 percent on the 2001 issue would drop to 3.25 percent and the village would save \$500,000 for a 16.3 percent NPV.

Councilor Jim Stoddard said he'd be interested in shortening the payoff time from 2031 to 2020. Valenzuela said he would follow the direction of the council.

Councilor Denise Dean asked whether the village's GRT rate could be reduced when the airport bonds are paid off in two years.

Valenzuela said the council could cut the tax or let it remain to collect money for other projects.

He and Village Attorney Dan Bryant said part of the process also is to review the covenants and to remove any that are obstacles and to ensure compliance with terms when grouping bond issues for refinancing as a package.

Salas asked about the property tax bonding capacity of the village and Valenzuela said the town pledged in 2006 to repay \$12.6 million in bonds sold. The total capacity is about \$14 million, bringing the village close to the line.

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**RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS**

**Dec. 11**

2:15 p.m. - Officer Josh Snodgrass responded to Horseshoe Western Wear at 1308 Sudderth Drive for a report of criminal damage to property.

Snodgrass reported the owner said someone had broken a window in the store the previous evening.

Snodgrass reported the damage appeared to have been caused by a BB gun and the window was valued at \$800.

**Dec. 12**

2:08 p.m. - A man came into the Police Department to report that he believed his 91-year-old mother was being defrauded by someone working on the roof of

her house.

The man said Shane Hardesty, 34, showed up at his mother's home saying that he represented Arrowhead Roofing and she provided Hardesty a check for materials and paid him \$1,500 for labor. The man reportedly said that a neighbor, who is a retired contractor, noticed the work was sub-standard and alerted him.

Officer Tyrel Tyson took the report and found that there was a warrant for Hardesty's arrest. Tyson and Corporal Aaron Frost went looking for Hardesty, located him and arrested him on the warrant.

Hardesty was transported to Lincoln County Detention Center, where he

was held on a "no bond" warrant.

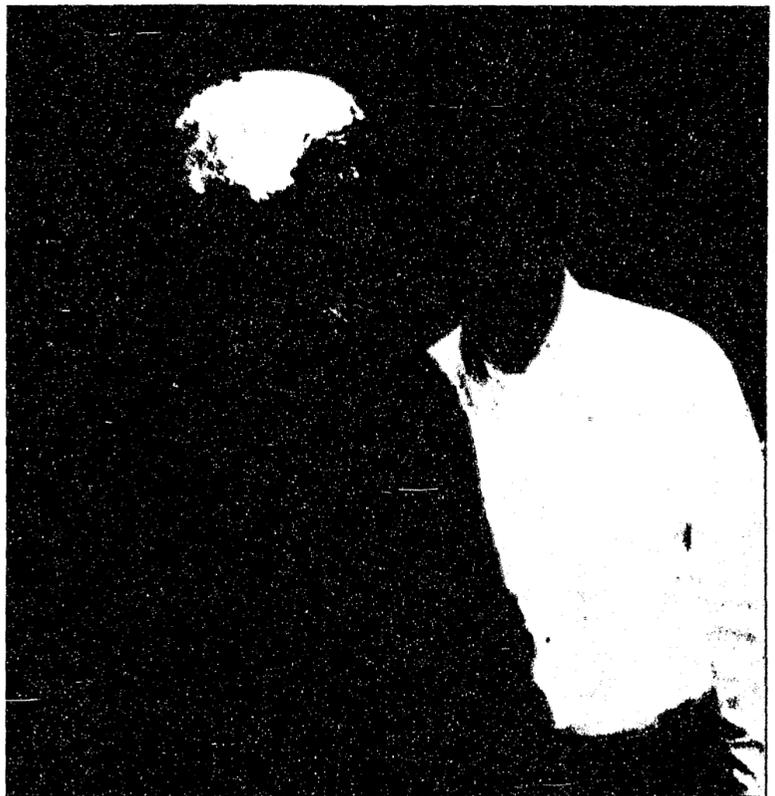
8:37 p.m. - Officer Steve Corbin responded to Cattle Baron Restaurant at 657 Sudderth in reference to falsely obtaining services.

An employee reportedly told Corbin that a man and woman had left without paying all of their bill. They reported that the bill was \$59 and the couple left a \$20 and a fake \$1 million bill on the table.

Corbin obtained a description of their vehicle and the Criminal Investigation Division is looking for the vehicle.

*Compiled from Ruidoso Police incident reports by Harold Oakes/ Ruidoso News.*

**Deputy Chief to retire**



HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

Ruidoso Mayor Ray Albom talks to Deputy Police Chief Dewayne Goar at the Ruidoso Convention Center Thursday evening at the retirement pot luck dinner the Ruidoso Police Department held for the retiring officer. Goar will retire Dec. 25, after 20 years with the Ruidoso Police Department.

**RUIDOSO MAGISTRATE COURT CASES**

**No license**

Toby Marrujo appeared in court Dec. 15, waived the right to legal representation and pled no contest to a charge of driver must be licensed under a plea and disposition agreement reached with Assistant District Attorney John Bernitz.

Under the agreement, the State amended the charge from driving while license suspended.

Judge Lorena LaMay sentenced Marrujo to 90 days in jail, with 64 days suspended and credit for 26 days served, and suspended \$250 of a \$300 fine.

LaMay also ordered Marrujo to pay \$81 in court costs and ordered him to serve 64 days of unsupervised probation.

**Speeding, no license**

Maleas Apadoca appeared in court Dec. 15, waived the right to legal representation and pled no contest to charges of driver must be licensed and speeding under a plea and disposition agreement reached with Assistant District Attorney John Bernitz.

Under the agreement, the State dismissed a charge of display of registration required and Judge Lorena LaMay sentenced Apadoca to a suspended 90-day jail term with 90 days supervised probation with the Albuquerque Adult Probation and Parole office.

LaMay also ordered Apadoca to pay a \$300 fine for driving without a license and a \$65 for speeding and \$146 in court costs.

**Revoked, no insurance**

Justin Fiveash appeared in court Dec. 15, waived the right to legal representation and pled no contest to charges of driving while license revoked and no insurance.

Judge Lorena LaMay sentenced Fiveash to 364 days in jail, with 354 days suspended and credit for 10 days served in LCDC, 364 days supervised probation and suspended \$500 of a \$1,000 fine.

With court costs, LaMay ordered Fiveash to pay \$742.

*Court cases are compiled from Judgment and Sentencing documents provided by Ruidoso Magistrate Court, and compiled by Harold Oakes/ Ruidoso News.*

**RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE BRIEFS**

**Dec. 4**

No time provided - Officer Christopher Rupp conducted a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 70. A driver's license check indicated Lonnie Cole, 37, no hometown provided, was wanted on a warrant issued in Chaves County. Cole was arrested and also

charged with speeding and driving on a suspended or revoked driver's license.

No time provided - A Walmart official asked for an officer to take a report involving employee embezzlement.

Officer Martin Valenzuela took a report and the situation is being investigated.

**Dec. 5**

11:36 a.m. - Officer Lawrence Chavez responded to the Ladera Apartments on a case of a bicycle stolen from the porch of an apartment. A larceny report was written.

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# HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

## New Mexico tradition – Posole

One New Mexico's Christmas tradition is a steaming bowl of posole, a spicy corn stew that is known as the ceremonial dish for celebrating life's blessings.

Posole is also eaten for New Year's in New Mexico, so feel free to make a huge amount and freeze what you can't eat in one sitting.

Some make it with chicken rather than pork; some prefer to use veg-

etable protein rather than meat.

While posole in Southern New Mexico is always made with red chile, it is not uncommon to find Northern New Mexico posole made with green chile. As for the heat, it's strictly up to the cook. The type of chile used will determine the

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glands.

Posole, also spelled pozole, and is the Spanish word for hominy.

It's a corn kernel soaked and cooked in limewater and hulled. It's used to make masa for tamales and tortillas.

The dish can be made with dried hominy or canned.

If you start from scratch with dry hominy, you'll end up with a thicker version.

Canned hominy is obviously much faster.

Whether from scratch or poured from a can, this comfort food from the Southwest is sure to

become a holiday tradition in your home.

### Posole

12 dried long red chile or a container of frozen red chile

10 pounds Boned pork roast cut into 1" cubes

1/2 head of garlic peeled and chopped

A large pinch of Mexican oregano

1/2 large onion, chopped

Large can hominy/ or dried posole or frozen

posole

### Directions:

1. Break open the chiles and remove the seeds and

veins/ or use frozen chile.

2. Put the chiles to cook in a medium sized pot. Cover with fresh water and gently boil until chiles are very soft.

3. Let the mixture cool and using a favorite method, blend the chile and the water to make a paste and strain.

4. Put the cubed pork, oregano, garlic, onion and salt into a large heavy pot and cover with water. Boil meat gently for 30 minutes.

5. When the meat is soft, add the chile and hominy and cook for 15 to 20 minutes until the mixture is boiling nicely.

To serve, ladle the posole into heavy bowls and serve with thinly sliced cabbage and radishes, quartered limes, oregano, chopped onion, and fresh corn tortillas.

This recipe serves 20-24 people.

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## SHELTER NEWS

### LINCOLN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

We continue to find homes for dogs and cats at a rate unheard of this time last year.

As of the end of the day, Tuesday, Dec. 14, we had adopted out 23 dogs and 11 cats, while returning 8 animals to their owners. That means that 42 animals will be spending Christmas with their human families.

Thanks to the Summerlee Foundation for funding a feral cat program by providing for the purchase of cages and the cost of spay and neutering.

Dr. Lynn Willard has agreed to perform the spaying and neutering at his cost.

Thanks to the Hubbard Foundation for two grants to HSLC.

One grant will pay for the purchase of a number of kennels for small dogs.

A second grant was a

challenge grant that would help pay the cost of a new commercial grade clothes washer and dryer for the shelter.

The Hubbard Foundation covered 37 percent of the cost of purchase and installation.

We are offering a gift certificate that can be used toward the purchase of adoption of a dog or cat or to pay for goods and services at the shelter or resale shop, including spay and neutering, shots, or microchipping.

Or the recipient can donate the value of the certificate to the HSLC.

We are thankful for the flurry of donations and new memberships that have been received by the HSLC from the very generous folks of Lincoln County and beyond.

CORRECTION: We

wish to make a correction in our recent newsletter. The text read, "Leadership Lincoln Board in memory of Phillis Barnett."

It should have read, "Leadership Lincoln Board honoring Phillis Barnett."

Sorry, Phillis, but we're happy to report that you are still very much alive and with us.

Our featured adoption this week is Nate, a 10-year old long-haired dachshund. Nate was surrendered by his owner, who had become too frail to care for him. Nate has vision in only one eye.

In spite of his age and restricted vision, Nate is a spunky guy, who is great with other dogs.

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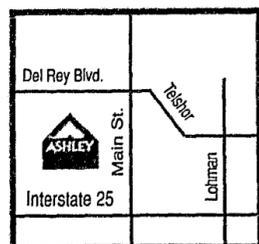


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JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

**U.S. Rep.-elect** Steve Pearce and New Mexico Veterans' Services Secretary John Garcia brainstorm with a group over burial issues involving the cemetery at Fort Stanton.

## Fort Stanton cemetery draws attention from state

**JIM KALVELAGE**  
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With burials now very restricted at Fort Stanton, state and local officials looked at ideas during a meeting Tuesday facilitated by U.S. Rep.-elect Steve Pearce (R-Hobbs).

"What are the possibilities? What can we do?" Pearce asked. "I know the board (the state's museum and monuments Board of Regents) is saying they don't want to be in the cemetery business but the truth is they are in the cemetery business."

At the meeting held at the La Quinta Inn and Suites in Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico's Department of Veterans' Services Secretary John Garcia said when he was appointed in 2003, the cemetery was an issue already on his desk. "A grant application had

been submitted to the V.A. (U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs) under their State Cemetery Grants Program. We went through all the motions and met all the requirements that are required by the V.A. to build a state funded cemetery. When I finally got

notice that the V.A. approved it, the state's coffers were getting depleted pretty fast," Garcia said of the late 2006 or early 2007 notice. "We estimated it would run about \$300,000 a year to operate the cemetery. At that same time the Governor felt that if the

federal government wants to draft us then they should bury us and the state should not absorb the costs of maintenance and operation."

The grant eventually was turned back to the V.A.

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But Garcia said the state could start the process of applying for a grant again, with perhaps a funding decision by 2014 or 2015.

"What concerned me was that that particular area, where the burials were, there was no uniformity, no standard of keeping an enshrined environment. There were the crosses and a mishmash of headstones. We wanted to fine tune that and then preserve the historic sense of that cemetery and then build this new cemetery that would accommodate about 20,000 roughly veterans."

Complicating the matter of burials at the cemetery was the 2007 designation of Fort Stanton as a state monument.

"All the dynamics changed because it came under the auspices and leadership of the Board of Regents of the State Monuments and Office of Cultural Affairs to preserve Fort Stanton," Garcia said. "And the Office of Cultural Affairs is not in the cemetery business. They're in culture and arts."

Burials of veterans and their spouses continued however at a rate of about five to seven a year in recent years.

"But my concern all along is we're using state employees that are not trained to bury people. If they drop a casket or they don't dig it right, the state's liable."

Garcia said officials at the Department of Cultural Affairs and the General Services Division agreed.

Stuart Ashman, New Mexico's Secretary of Cultural Affairs, said had

said the state is not in the cemetery business.

"And that's a fact. We're not," Garcia told the small group. "We have been, kind of, unofficially. We've been looking the other way."

Ashman also had noted the site is on state and federal registers of historic places as a Merchant Marine cemetery and containing temporary burials could compromise the historical status.

The Board of Regents last month voted to stop all burials at the cemetery but provided an exception for deceased Merchant Marines and those associated with the hospital before its 1954 closure. Requests for an exception will be reviewed by the board on a case-by-case basis. Because of the liability concerns, only contracted professionals in the burial industry will be allowed to open and close graves.

But volunteer cemetery caretaker Larry Holt of Capitan said the state is incorrect in calling the burial grounds at Fort Stanton a Merchant Marine cemetery.

"It was open in 1899 by the U.S. Public Health Service as a Merchant Marine tuberculosis hospital and the cemetery came for the need of the hospital," Holt said. "When the feds turned it over to the state in 1953 or '54, it was not at that time a Merchant Marine cemetery. It was a U.S. Public Health Service cemetery. The U.S. Public Health Service brought people other than Merchant Marines in for the treatment of tuberculosis. They brought veterans in. I just went out there within the last few weeks and I count-

ed, I believe, 21 military markers dating from Spanish-American War veterans up until World War II veterans that are buried out there. So you're not compromising the historic register by going ahead and allowing veterans to be buried out there. You're following a precedent that was set by the feds prior to the time it was given to the state."

Holt argued what had initially been a Merchant Marine cemetery became a public health cemetery.

"It doesn't matter what the timing is or when it became whatever," respon-

ded Rudolf Acosta, the facilities plant manager for the New Mexico State Monuments, a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs. "That land belongs to the Board of Regents/Department of Cultural Affairs. They are to preserve it."

Renewing the cemetery expansion effort, to create a separate but adjoining burial grounds, was viewed by the group as a way to preserve the existing property. Garcia said architectural plans were assembled years ago. The turned-back federal grant had pledged \$3.5 million, with the state

to match that with \$1.4 million.

"That's what we had worked up the first time," Garcia said. "We have to get the governor (Susana Martinez after Jan. 1, 2011) to say 'Let's go after it,' and then the legislative body has to vote on it."

He noted the state's finances would likely make the idea a tough sell.

"I'd have to again get in the grant application line. See if they could fast-track it, maybe with your help," Garcia told Pearce. "If they say by 2012 or 2013 we can get you in there again, that gives us two years to get the (state) legislative body lined up to see if there's funding. And then if I can demonstrate, or someone can demonstrate that the thing will be self sustaining, that's what they want."

The original funding was for rehabilitation of a building at Fort Stanton that would have become the new cemetery's administrative outpost, for equipment and a warehouse to store the equipment.

"If we went ahead and reapplied for this grant and got it, the existing cemetery could stay as a state monument," Holt said. "The new part, the addition to it, could, since it's fenced off and it's a separate parcel of land and wouldn't be under the deed to Cultural Affairs, could come back under the Department of Veterans Services."

In the interim, Holt said he would like to see veterans buried at Fort Stanton.

"I don't think we can declare what that board (Board of Regents) does or doesn't," responded Pearce, who is a former state legislator. "I would be hesitant to tell a board you've got to

be responsible for burials when their main function is cultural preservation. I wouldn't mind getting the things done that you want to do but I would not want to say you all must be in the cemetery business when they don't have the expertise."

State Monuments Acosta said he would ask the Board of Regents if burials might continue if they are separate from the historic area.

Upkeep and maintenance of a state owned veterans' cemetery next to the current interment site is an additional expense. But some at the meeting believed the \$300,000 annual budget to care for a new cemetery could be funded through burials.

"We need to figure how many burials it will take to have it self-sustaining," Garcia said. "You need at least 100 burials a year."

The V.A. provides a \$300 interment allowance for veterans.

"Because it would be a state cemetery, the state could collect the \$300 burial allowance. The veteran is buried at no cost, but the family is entitled to the \$300 burial allowance and that could come to the state."

Pearce said 100 burials a year with the \$300 interment allowance would cover the estimated annual expenses for the graveyard.

Holt said that, with marketing, a state cemetery next to the Merchant Marine cemetery could realize 100 burials a year.

"We can move forward," Pearce said at the end of the one-hour meeting. "But I don't know if we'll succeed."

### County to consider veteran burials

A request to open the cemetery at Fort Stanton to veteran burials will be considered by the Lincoln County Commission on Tuesday.

The proposed resolution would follow a plea last month by volunteer cemetery caretaker Larry Holt.

The document noted that on Nov. 10 the Board of Regents of the Museum of New Mexico voted to close burials at the Fort Stanton Cemetery to those who were not Merchant Marines, spouses of Merchant Marines, or individuals associated with the Fort Stanton Hospital before it closed in 1954.

"These guidelines significantly limit, and essentially eliminates the interment of local area honorably discharged veterans and their eligible family members, many of whom have eligible family members already interned at the cemetery," the draft resolution stated. "In light of the growing shortage of burial locations for veterans [in] state and nationwide, through volunteers who maintain the cemetery out of respect for those buried there, numerous burials for the past several years have been coordinated with concerned state agencies including the Office of Veteran Affairs at very little cost to the state of New Mexico. The action by the Board of Regents essentially prevents interment of those who would otherwise be eligible for interment in veteran cemeteries."

If approved, the Lincoln County Commission would ask state officials to once again permit burials of eligible veterans and seek possible federal assistance in expanding the cemetery.

-Jim Kalvelage

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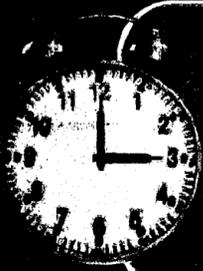
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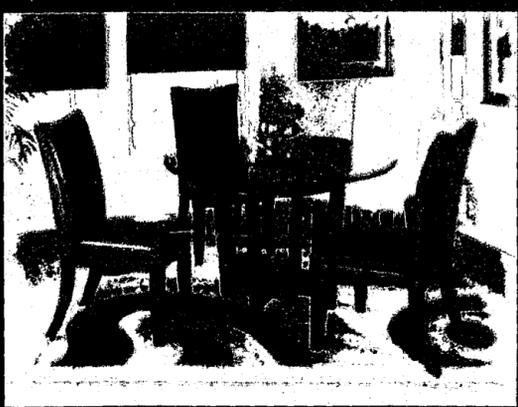
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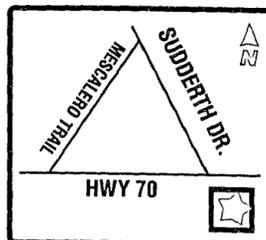
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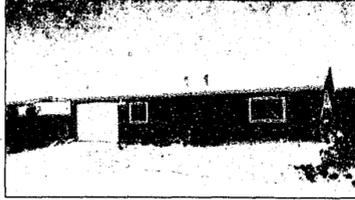
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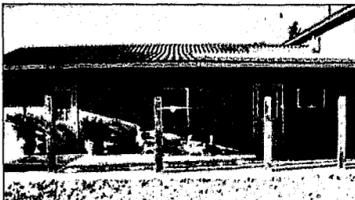
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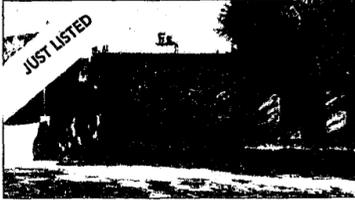
**REMODELED HOME IN CARRIZOZO** Easy level access to corner location. 3/2 w/high ceilings, new kitchen cabinets & appliances. New carpet & lots of tile. Remodel 90% complete, finish work in process! Separate garage, 2 window air conditioners. \$139,900. #108257



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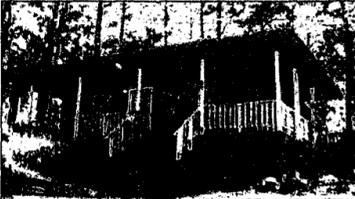
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### Ski Report

#### 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](http://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  
 Wild-mountain snow: 14 inches  
 Weather for Friday: Mostly cloudy with snow showers during the morning. High 44F. Winds W at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of snow 40 percent. Wednesday evening, partly cloudy. Low 28F. Winds WSW at 5 to 10 mph.  
 Weather for Saturday: Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 30s.  
 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. 14  
 Capitan 62, Cloudfcroft 49  
 Capitan JV 44 Cloudfcroft JV 33  
**Girls**  
 Tuesday, Dec. 14  
 Capitan 48, Cloudfcroft 29  
 Capitan JV 41, Cloudfcroft JV 24

### Sports On Tap

#### Basketball

**Boys**  
 Friday, Dec. 17  
 Ruidoso at Artesia, 5:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, Dec. 18  
 Ruidoso at Hatch, 4 p.m.  
**Girls**  
 Friday, Dec. 17  
 Goddard at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.  
 Saturday, Dec. 18  
 Chaparral at Ruidoso, 4 p.m.

# Johnny Jones, Jr., Peppers Pride named to Hall of Fame

TY WYANT  
 Ruidoso Downs Track Publicist

**RUIDOSO DOWNS** – Internationally prominent horseman Johnny T.L. Jones Jr. and the undefeated New Mexico-bred Peppers Pride, winner of each of her 19 starts, will be inducted into the Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame during June ceremonies at Ruidoso Downs.

The jockey and trainer joining Jones and Peppers Pride in the 2011 Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame class will be announced next week. There will also be a special lifetime achievement award announced next week.

Jones has made historic contributions to thoroughbred and quarter horse racing.

Jones gained international thoroughbred recognition with his Walmac Farm and importing Nureyev to stand at the Lexington, Kentucky farm in 1981.

The Northern Dancer son won two European stakes and was disqualified from the win in the 1980 2,000 Guineas from three starts. He was then syndicated for \$14 million and moved to Walmac Farm.

He sired 135 stakes winners and more than 20 champions throughout the world. His most important champions include Mies-que, Theatrical, Zilzal and Spinning World.

In 1987, Nureyev sustained a

nearly fatal hind leg fracture in a paddock accident. He miraculously survived after intensive care by veterinary surgeons supported by Jones and the Walmac Farm staff.

The stallion lived for 14 years after the accident.

Under Jones' guidance Walmac Farm also stood 2-time Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Alleged, leading sire Miswaki and 2-time classic winner Risen Star.

Jones is a director of the Keeneland Association and a 2010-11 Breeders Cup member and trustee.

Jones prominence in quarter horse racing started before moving to Kentucky and he is still very active in quarter horse racing from his Quanah, Texas home.

Jones apprenticed under legendary horseman Walter Merrick, a member of the Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame and the American Quarter Horse Association Hall of Fame.

Jones worked for Merrick when Merrick stood Three Bars (tb) and developed world champion Easy Jet. Jones trained the Merrick-bred and -owned Jet Smooth, a full brother to Easy Jet, to victory in the 1967 Kansas Futurity at Ruidoso Downs.

Jones was involved with introducing influential thoroughbred stallions to quarter horse racing,



BEN HUDSON/TRACK MAGAZINE

Johnny Jones, Jr. will be inducted into the Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame during June 2011 ceremonies.

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## RUIDOSO GYMNASTICS TOURNAMENT



SIMON MARTINEZ/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

**Winners of the Ruidoso Gymnastics Tournament, Level 4, for 12-year-old girls on Dec. 4 are, Kristine Clark, 2nd from left, 6th place, Alissa Gonzales, 4th from left, 2nd place and Lexi Lucero, 6th from left, 3rd place. Twelve teams from seven different cities competed at the event. The Ruidoso Gymnastics season lasts from Oct. 16 through March 19.**



SIMON MARTINEZ/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

**Winners of the Ruidoso Gymnastics Tournament, Level 4, for 10-year-old girls, held in Ruidoso on Dec. 4 are, l-r, Nina Herrera, 2nd Place, Carson Vasile, 1st Place, Angela Lackey, 3rd Place, Isabel Martinez, 5th from left, 5th Place, Natalia Pavlovich, 6th from left, 7th place. The gymnastics team practices seven-and-a-half hours a week.**

## Tigers stalk area villagers

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Inhabitants of area communities should be on alert – there is an ambush of carnivorous, tawny-colored black-striped felines on the loose this basketball season.

This group is the two-legged kind and, so far this year, they have been feasting on their hardwood counterparts – especially Cloudfcroft.

Tuesday, Johnny Car-

son's boys went 6-1 when they pulled down their latest victim – the Cloudfcroft Bears for the third time this year, 62-49.

Of the 12 players he has on his roster, seven are seniors and five of those 12th-graders are starters.

Of the 62 points scored in Tuesday's game at Capitan, seniors dumped in 49 of them.

All players on the bench contributed to the cause



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Capitan's John Goodwin goes for two against Cloudfcroft.

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# FAME

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including Favorite Trick, Hemen, Master Hand and What Luck.

Jones still competes at the highest level in quarter horse racing as an owner and breeder. In conjunction with R.D. Hubbard, a member of the Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame and the AQHA Hall of Fame, Jones bred and campaigned champion Brenda Beautiful and Rainbow Futurity winner Planet Holland.

Their champion Noconi recently became a millionaire by winning the Grade

1, \$150,000 Zia Park Quarter Horse Championship and is a favorite for the Grade 1, \$350,000 The Championship at Sunland Park on December 26.

Long-time partners Jones and Hubbard also own 2008 broodmare of the year My Dashing Lady, dam of Brenda Beautiful and Noconi.

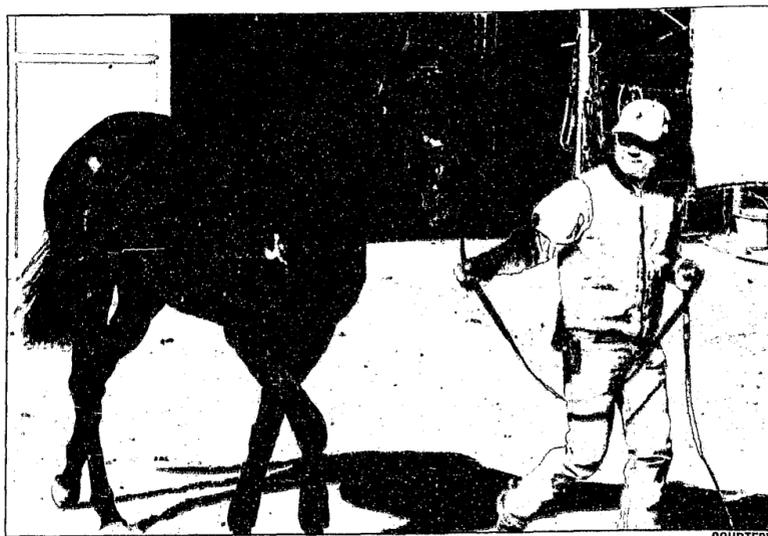
Peppers Pride, raced by breeder Joe Allen and now co-owned with Mike Stinson, is considered history's greatest New Mexico-bred and she earned national acclaim as her 19-for-19 winning streak grew until her retirement in December, 2008.

Her 19 wins from 19 starts is the modern-day

American record for an undefeated horse. The 19 consecutive wins is a record co-held with Zenyatta, who lost her 20th start in this year's Breeders' Cup Classic

Trainer Joel Marr skillfully guided the Desert God daughter's perfect career to earnings of \$1,066,085 and 14 stakes victories from her 19 wins, all in New Mexico. She won three races two stakes at Ruidoso Downs, including her first two starts.

Peppers Pride now resides at Taylor Made Farm near Nicholasville, Kentucky and is expecting her first foal, sired by Distorted Humor, in February.



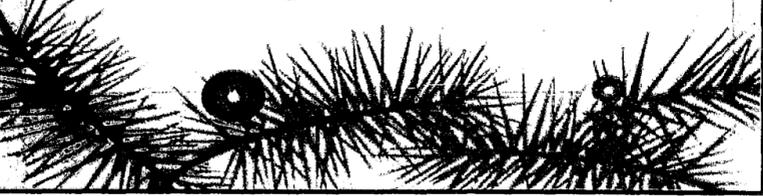
COURTESY

Peppers Pride, seen walking with trainer Joel Marr, will be inducted into the Hall of Fame.



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# TIGERS

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and a total of eight athletes scored points. Twenty-one points were scored on 3-pointers.

"The Cloudcroft game Tuesday was probably the best contest we played as a team," the first-year head coach said.

"Everybody played and they all played as a unit. The kids are having fun and I believe they're figuring the basketball program out. We ran our offense well and for now I'll take 6-1.

"In the meantime we need to get much better at the free throw line. We only made three-of-13 at the foul line. Against Cloudcroft at the Mountaintop

Tournament we were only four-of-13. We're working on improving that negative."

The Tigers led the Bears in all four quarters although the first eight minutes was close at 11-10. When both teams went to the locker rooms at the half the hometown boys held a 35-27 advantage. Going into the last quarter the Tigers increased their lead to 12, 48-36, and won going away by 13.

Two Tigers hit the double-digit mark as Logan Eshom scored 19 and Dustin Blowers dropped in 16.

So far, the only setback for the D7-1A Capitan hardwood crew was their 81-26 loss to No. 2-ranked, D5-1A powerhouse Cliff on Dec. 9 at the Mountaintop Tournament in Cloudcroft

(where Capitan placed third). By all accounts, this could be the best hoops team the 9-0 Cowboys have put on the floor in years.

And the senior-laden Tigers aren't doing too badly, either.

Thursday, Capitan will have played the 1-4 NMMI Colts at home. On Dec. 11, the Colts were downed at Lovington, 70-26.

Because of the upcoming holidays the Tigers won't play next until Jan. 4 when they will entertain the Hondo Eagles.

The annual Smokey Bear Tournament looms on the horizon, Jan. 6-8. Eight teams, including Capitan, Hagerman (No. 1 in 1A), Mescalero, Hondo, Reserve, Carrizozo, Cloudcroft and Corona will compete in the anticipated event.

## Ruidoso Men's League Hoops WON/LOSS RECORD Dec. 15, 2010

TEAM #1	THOSE GUYZ	W-1	L-11
TEAM #2	ELITE	W-7	L-5
TEAM #3	SMOOTH CRIMINAL	W-2	L-11
TEAM #4	QUARTERS	W-12	L-0
TEAM #5	THE CREW	W-3	L-8
TEAM #6	KIRGAN	W-8	L-3
TEAM #7	PENA	W-8	L-3
TEAM #8	CHUKARS	W-10	L-2
TEAM #9	FERGUSON	W-1	L-12
TEAM #10	VERMINATORS	W-8	L-4

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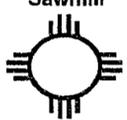
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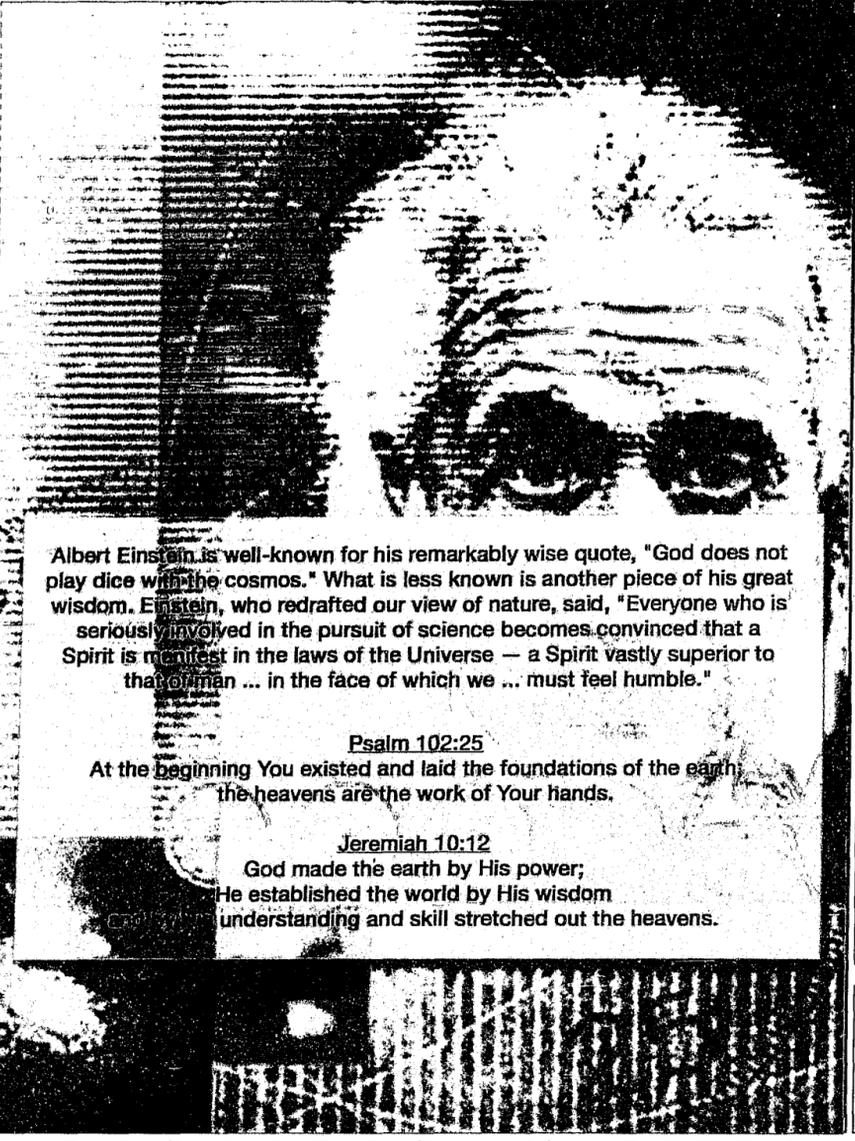
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## Are ghosts real? Not in the Judeo-Christian tradition

**Q.** Most people avoid looking at the proof of ghosts. There are some that are stuck in time, some that interact with the living, and some that are not so good.

The point is, there's overwhelming proof of ghosts out there, as well as my own experiences.

Every time I bring this up with my Christian friends, however (along with the possibility of purgatory), they deny everything.

I call purgatory "the waiting room," harboring the spirits of people who can't let go of what they once had.

I feel these spirits have yet to repent and move on. Any thoughts?

-D., via email

**A.** I waited until after Halloween to answer your question. I didn't want to add to your creepy premonitions on a vulnerable day! First, let's sort out our psychic phenomena.

Angels are not ghosts,

nor are they good dead guys. Angels are spiritual beings who help God run the world and keep track of our lives.

Angels have rankings. Ministering angels, like Gabriel and Michael, hold the highest rank. Guardian angels are with each of us, cheering us on or rati-  
ng us out, depending on how we act.

Angels represent the idea that God appears to us in forms we can comprehend, but ultimately, an-gels are just part of the complex mystery of God's providence.

One can believe or not believe in angels and still believe in God. I believe in both angels and God.

Demons are spiritual beings who were never people. They're the seducers of people and our enemies because, according to legend, they were the angels who didn't want God to create us in the first place. Demons can possess a person's soul and cause all sorts of havoc.

I believe in demons, but

I also believe that in more primitive times, mental illness was seen as demonic possession.

The main religious teaching about demons is that you have nothing to fear from them because they were made by God, and if you just stay on the yellow brick road and don't wander into the magic forest with the flying monkeys you'll be fine (or something along those lines).

I believe in both angels and demons because I believe God's presence in the world is a source of both life and death, fear and salvation.

Ghosts are another matter.

Ghosts are supposedly the souls of dead people "trapped" in this world, unable to proceed to their final destinations in heaven or hell.

Both Judaism and Christianity hold to the belief that ghosts are not real because souls can't linger in the world after death.

According to Hebrews 9:27, our destiny is to die once and then face judgment.

The Hebrew Bible doesn't allow consulting with psychics, who supposedly

speak to the dead. Doing so is a capital sin (Leviticus 20:27, and Deuteronomy 18:10-12).

The reason for these prohibitions on psychic tour-ism is not immediately clear. Is the problem that ghosts are not real, or that ghosts are real but we should stay away from them and from people who claim to speak to them?

While this isn't clear, it doesn't matter.

Consulting the dead is a sin. Tommy (Monsignor Thomas J. Hartman to you) and I fought about this for years.

Tommy thought consulting the dead through psychics helped grieving people find comfort (though he knew and supported the Church's teachings). I felt most psychics were charlatans using grief to extract money from vulnerable people.

I saw a psychic once tell a room of 50 grieving Italian Catholics, "I'm hearing a Maria come through to me." Immediately, 48 hands went up saying, "That's my Maria!"

Seriously, I believe that consulting with ghosts or spirits wherever they reside is a spiritual boundary mistake. We're in the world of the living until we

die, and our total focus must be on this world. While we may believe death is not the end of us, the world after death is none of our concern now.

There's just one problem with ghosts and the teachings of our Judeo-Christian tradition: the Witch of Endor.

There's a single reference to ghosts in the Hebrew Bible, and it's both bizarre and troubling.

In 1 Samuel 28:7-20, King Saul says to his servants, "Find me a woman who is a medium, so I may go and inquire of her."

They say, "There is one in Endor." So Saul disguises himself and at night, he and two men go to the woman.

"Consult a spirit for me," he says, "and bring up for me the one I name."

Then the woman asks, "Whom shall I bring up for you?"

"Bring up Samuel," he says. When the woman sees Samuel, she cries out and says to Saul, "Why have you deceived me? You are Saul!"

The king says to her, "Don't be afraid. What do you see?" The woman says, "I see a spirit coming up out of the ground." "What does he look

like?" Saul asks.

"An old man wearing a robe," she says.

Then Saul knows it is Samuel and bows down and prostrates himself.

Samuel says to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?"

"I am in great distress," Saul says. "The Philistines are fighting against me, and God has turned away from me. He no longer answers me, either by prophets or by dreams. So I have called on you to tell me what to do."

Samuel says, "The Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hands and given it to one of your neighbors - to David ... The Lord will hand over both Israel and you to the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. The Lord will also hand over the army of Israel to the Philistines."

Immediately, Saul falls to the ground, filled with fear because of Samuel's words.

There are no ghosts, more or less, but don't tell that to Saul.

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## God's gift of love is eternal

**W**ell, it is eight days to Christmas, and things are hopping in Ruidoso.

Christmas decorations are up in downtown and many homes have outdoor lights and Santas and nativity scenes displayed for all to see.

It doesn't seem that we will have snow, so we really can't expect a white Christmas. The absence of the

white stuff will not do away with the spirit of Christmas. After all, there is no evidence of snow at the birth of Christ.

What is evident is the spirit of giving that is the essence of God giving His great gift to us, the baby born in a manger because there was no room in the inn.

Shepherds came to praise God for the gift of His Son.

Angels made the announcement and sang

praises to God for His glorious gift. Some time later, wise men came from the east to bring gifts and honor to the newborn king.

I suppose that was the inspiration for the giving of gifts to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It is amazing how we have gone overboard in the area of gift giving.

Many businesses and corporations make their largest profits in the Christmas season. We are talking about big time spending.

There is no question about it. Christmas has gone commercial.

Many folks go into debt to buy presents and it takes them months to pay off the expenditures.

Don't misunderstand me. There is nothing wrong with giving gifts.

But, sometimes the most important gift is not given ... the giving ourselves to one another.

For families and friends to spend time together, to give themselves, to share food, fun, fellowship, and faith. These are the important things, that are eternally important.

God's gift is eternal. It does not wear out. It does not come in a box. It does

not have to be put together. It can be shared without loss. In fact, it becomes better with age.

You can give it away and yet you still have it. What is that gift? LOVE!

Love is the gift that keeps on giving. Love is more than speaking words, giving presents, or sending cards. Love is the giving of one's self. That is really the giving of the Christmas season.

Perhaps there is someone who has no family to be with. Give them your-

self, your family. Go and sing carols to them.

Let them know that you care. Perhaps someone is shut in and can't get out. Go and visit them.

You are telling them that they have value. There are many other ways that you can give at Christmas.

All it takes is for you to be willing to give yourself and your time to bless others.

Give them help for today and hope for tomorrow.



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## Leave time

**Q.** Christmas is almost here, and already I'm overwhelmed because of all the family that's coming. We get along fine, but just getting ready is so demanding that I know I'll be exhausted before they even get here. How can I keep up the Christ-mas spirit with so much work to do? - Mrs. E.K.



Billy Graham  
MY ANSWER

thing until the last minute. In addition, share the burden; if some of your family can help you after they arrive, let them do it.

Let me urge you also to set aside some quiet time each day - time for a brief nap, but time especially to read God's Word and

reflect on the meaning of Christmas. Pray that your home will be an example of Christ's peace and joy to all who visit this Christmas. Claim God's promise to the ancient Israelites as your own: "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest" (Exodus 33:14).

I often think of Mary and Joseph, and the problems they faced that first Christmas: poor, among strangers, no place to stay. But they knew God was with them, and that made all the difference. It will with you, as well.

**A.** Christmas can be an exhausting time, and I suspect many readers can identify with you. But God doesn't want us to be so worn out at Christmastime that we lose sight of its true purpose: celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Do your best to plan ahead. Make a list of everything you'll have to do, and decide when you'll do it. Don't leave every-

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**Lloyd Donald "Donnie" Cude Jr.**

**November 5, 1961 - December 13, 2010**

Lloyd Donald "Donnie" Cude Jr. (49) of Nashville, TN lost his battle with alcoholism and passed away Monday, December 13, 2010. Born in Nashville, TN on November 5th, 1961, Donnie was the oldest son of Lloyd Donald Cude Sr., and Irene Bowman Brantly. He was a graduate of Dickson County Senior High School class of 1980 and attended Memphis State University on a full golf scholarship where he continued his journey as a highly awarded golfer. Donnie competed at a national level in his junior and amateur golf career winning numerous local, regional, collegiate and national amateur titles. He began his professional golf career in 1984, and served at some of the most prestigious golf clubs in the country including: Gleneagles Country Club in Plano, TX, The Vintage Club in Indian Wells, CA, BIGHORN Golf Club, Palm Desert, CA, Rainmakers Golf Club and The Links of Sierra Blanca, Ruidoso, NM.

Donnie will always be remembered as a beloved husband, father, and golf coach, and friend by many. He is survived by his parents Donald Cude of Dickson, TN and Irene Brantly of Nashville, TN, step-father George Brantly of Nashville, TN, daughter Shelby (17) and son Ian (14) of Nashville, TN, brother Andy of Boise, ID.

Visitation will be held Thursday, December 16th from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at the Dickson Funeral home in Dickson and Friday, December 17th at 2:00pm at Christ Presbyterian Church in Nashville followed by a celebration of life at 3:00.

Honorary Pallbearers: David Ingram, Tim Ford, Spook Peterson, Bob Wokoff, Jeff Tomlinson, Tony Moore.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Donnie's honor be made to the Cumberland Heights Rehabilitation Center, P.O. Box 90727, Nashville, TN 37209, (615) 352-1757 or to the TN Junior Golf Foundation Donnie Cude Fund, 400 Franklin Rd., Franklin, TN 37069.

# LINCOLN COUNTY

## Capitan council restructures building permit ordinance

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After a public hearing on the matter, the Village of Capitan trustees voted and passed a change to an existing ordinance that will require all construction in Capitan to be permitted by the Village in addition to the state required permitting.

Trustee J.R. Davis was absent from the meeting.

The ordinance that required building permits was in the books under Subdivision Regulations, and, by a technicality, did not include the areas outside of the subdivisions. That ordinance has now been moved to include the entirety of the Village of Capitan.

Any resident, prior to all building or construction in the Village limits, is required to not only acquire the state permits but to also get a permit from the Village of Capitan for \$25. This allows the Village to be aware of what building and construction is taking place in the town.

All construction of structures more than 10 feet by 10 feet must be permitted.

Agricultural structures are exempt from the process. Failure to acquire the permit could result in fines up to a maximum of \$300.

Lionel Burns, of Conquest Investments, was present to explain his request for the annexation of 7.95 acres to the Village of Capitan. The property lies contiguous to a strip of property along Highway 380 east of Capitan that had already been annexed to the Village.

Burns' plan for the property is commercial development and he wanted to extend to that "back to the arroyo" making the strip a total of 18-19 acres.

A public hearing for an exemption to the 3-acre lot requirement will be held at a later date. According to Burns and Mayor Sam Hammons, the 3-acre rule for property division is not reasonably applicable for commercial development.

Patrick Montgomery was removed from the Planning Board after missing three meetings. "He showed no interest in being on the board," said Mayor Hammons, "then he got tied up and couldn't."

Bobby Wood was ap-



**Bobby Wood**, in a festive mood, was approved as the newest member of the Capitan Planning Board.

proved for the position as Montgomery's replacement.

In other business the trustees approved the 2011 Holiday Calendar.

A 25-minute executive session discuss threatened or pending litigation involving Kelly Cable of New Mexico ended with Trustee Diane Riska attesting that nothing more was discussed and no action was taken.

The next regular meeting of the Village of Capitan council will be Jan. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

## ROCKIN' ROUND THE CHRISTMAS PARADE



COURTESY MICHELLE STEARNS

Lincoln County 4-H members from Rockin' H 4-H and other clubs walked and sang Christmas carols in the Cowboy Santa Parade in Capitan last Saturday. L-r, is Hewey (the dog), Back row: Alyssa Juarez, Zackary Wilson, Clay Bob Stearns, J'Nae Wood, Maggie Rich, Kirsten Wilson, Christian Sweet, Wade Stearns. Front row: Bailey Wrye, Kate Ward, Kylie Carpenter, Blade Wilson.

## Mutiple-choice Christmas gift list

After the Christmas catalogs get stacked on the coffee table and the advertising circulars line the bottom of the wood box, Christmas gift options for the cowboy get creative.

A favorite gift among the working cowboy set is the thoughtful offering of the cowboys' favorite beverage, usually in aluminum cans but sometimes upgraded to a glass bottle.

The ropers refer to it as "aiming fluid," and have determined that the proper amount not only improves their roping but makes pastures greener and girls prettier.

A popular accessory for this gift is the camouflage container that convinces those that imbibe that they have the ability to become invisible if enough is consumed.

Then there is the never-ending list of "new" ideas for gifts designed to entice the giver to give to the guy that already has everything.

Sometimes those suggestions become multiple choice selections and not always "real" options, just wishes.

**A.** A real fruitcake given to you by someone you lives close and who will check to see if you eat the thing.

**B.** An inflatable artificial fruit cake. The benefits are that you don't have to really eat the thing and you can use it year after year to denote all your spirit of the season.

**A.** A wow-looking, easy-to-get along with cowboy with a double dose of bad attitude.

**B.** One that got too large, was losing his hair, was not all that easy to get along with but had a good attitude most days.

**A.** A load of those little black heifers that the seller guaranteed with a straight face to be bred to a low-birth-weight bull and would just lie

right down and squirt those calves out all by themselves. He neglected to mention they had never been on the same planet with a man on a horse.

**B.** A load of steers that not only would not have to have calves pulled in snowstorms at midnight, but had actually been handled by cowboys on horses.

**A.** The kind of friends and family who will love it that you excavated the cupboards to find your real china, crystal and silver and make a proper table to celebrate the season.

**B.** The kind that will bring a covered dish, don't have a care if you use paper plates, and are just happy to see you.

**A.** Presents including a dress suit, silk blouse and pretty jewelry when you are a ranch wife and have no chance in this lifetime of ever wearing any of that.

**B.** A new down coat, good gloves and a couple pair of heavy socks that make your snow boots more tolerable.

**A.** Friends who have most everything and require actual shopping for gifts.

**B.** Friends that you can just give one of those extra puppies to and they will be almost as happy with it as you are to get rid of it.

**A.** A husband who offers to take you anywhere you want to go soon as the roads thaw out.

**B.** A husband who does not follow that statement up with "as long as there is a roping there."

**A.** A great day in the winter where you don't have to feed.

**B.** The proverbial "winter wonderland" of snow for a scenic Christmas for your company, who will all tell you how lucky you are to have the snow.

**A.** A 3-inch plastic sphere that you can put water in, freeze, and make one giant ice cube for your drink.

**B.** An actual drink and one requiring only a finger to pull the tab would suffice.

**A.** A big bottle of the finest bubble bath.

**B.** A tub to put it in that doesn't have the tank float hoses in it for thawing out.

**C.** All the above.

**A.** Christmas filled with family, friends, good health and good things.

**B.** All the above.

Time's a-wasting. Get your orders in now!

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



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

**Rocking Horse** Day Care children in Carrizozo gather around their little pink Angel Tree. Clockwise beginning with Rocking Horse director J'Lane Zamora, Z'maury Zamora, Taylor Redmon, Isabel Lucero, Saryha Zamora, Karissa Morerod, Ty Roper, Marissa Beltran, Kelvin Vega, Sarah Birch, Serenity Verdugo, and Cody Furness.

## Angel Tree offered to help children

### Angel Tree needs:

#### Girl age 3

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Shoe Size:12;

Toy: Princess;

#### Girl age 7

Pants and shirt size:

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Shoe Size: 3

Toy: Art Supplies

#### Girl age 3

Pants and shirt size: 4T

Shoe Size: 10

Toy: Doll

#### Girl Age 1

Pants and shirt size: 18

months

Shoe size: 5 babies

Toy: Doll

#### Boy age 3

Pant size: 6 husky

Shirt Size: 7 boys

Shoe size: 13

Toy: Star Wars

#### Boy age 9

Pants size: 14

Shirt Size: large

Shoe Size: 6 boys

Toy: Basketball

#### Boy Age 7

Pants and shirt size: 8

Shoe Size: 1 1/2 boys

Toy: Motorcycle

#### Boy age 5

Pants and shirt size: 6

Shoe Size: 12 boys

Toy: Trucks

#### Boy age 2

Pants and shirt size: 3T

Shoe Size: 10

Toy: Football

#### Boy age 2

Pants and shirt size 3T

Shoe Size: 9

Toy: cars

#### Boy age 1

Toy: Toy

Pants and shirt size: 2T

Shoe Size: 6

Toy: Cars

#### Boy Age 11

Pants and shirt size

12/14; Shoe Size: 6

Toy: Basketball

#### Boy age 16

Pants Size: 32/34

Shirt Size: Large

Juniors

Shoe: 11 1/2

Toy: Bike

#### Boy age 10

Pants Size: 36/30

Shirts Size: large

juniors

Shoe:10 men's

Toy: MP3 Player

#### Boy age 8

Pants and shirt size: 8

Shoe Size: 4

Toy: Nintendo DS

For more information, call J'Lane Zamora at 648-2802.



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# Finishing Touch: Presentation Tips from the Pros



By Anna Sachse | *CIW Features*

Every year it's the same old song and dance - holiday meals that consist of the standard turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and cranberries. But with a little thinking outside the icebox, it's possible to have a traditional dinner and a five-star presentation, too.

### Rewrite the Script

Want to serve the classic dishes, but avoid preparing them in a clichéd way?

"Even though a holiday like Thanksgiving is purely American, your plate needn't be," says Molly Schemper, co-owner of Chicago-based FIG Catering.

She recommends adding intrigue to a traditional meal by using ingredients inspired by ethnic cuisines. For example, serve the turkey with a Mexican mole sauce made with chiles, tomatillos, dried fruit, nuts and chocolate. Or, go all out with an Indian Spiced Turkey that's been brined in yogurt and roasted with turmeric, coriander seeds and fenugreek. Pair it with Curried Mashed Potatoes with Peas (a take on the classic samosa filling) and apple chutney.

The chutney could work as a substitute for cranberries, but if you can't imagine the holidays

without those little red balls, go cross-cultural and make the following version, a new favorite of Margo True, food editor for "Sunset" magazine: fresh cranberries simmered with sweet-tart pomegranate molasses from the Eastern Mediterranean. Look for this piquant syrup in the imported foods aisle.

Another scene-stealing option is to most of the meal on the grill. Schemper suggests grilled iceberg lettuce wedge salad, orange and honey grilled sweet potatoes, grilled sourdough stuffing and grilled fruit with whipped cream to accompany grilled butterflied turkey.

Finally, a simple way to banish boredom from the table is to serve up a side dish that's similar, but not the same. For example, instead of mashed potatoes, try a root vegetable gratin, says Brittany Baldwin, chef/owner of Portland Home Chef, Portland, Ore. Or instead of stuffing, serve savory bread pudding made with seasonal vegetable combinations like butter-nut squash cubes, thyme and chanterelle mushrooms, or brussels sprouts and radicchio with parmesan.

These dishes have the added benefit of providing a satisfying and unique option for vegetarians.

### Let the Supporting Actors Stand out

Sometimes all it takes is a special beverage to turn a basic spread into something super chic.

Holiday meals usually involve children and teenagers, so creating a signature seasonal drink that can be made with or without alcohol is fun and allows everyone to participate, says Schemper. Try an "add your own wine" roasted-fruit sangria made with dark fruit juices, or cranberry mimosas and mock-mosas featuring sparkling white grape juice and sweetened cranberry ice cubes.

True also likes serving a trio of fabulous hot drinks. "Our current favorite holiday sips are brandied hot chocolate, mulled wine with Triple Sec, cardamom and crystallized ginger and a warm apple pie cocktail, which tastes exactly like apple pie, only in liquid form."

### Give Every Dish a Prop that Pops

Think of garnishes and tableware as the ultimate accessory for a meal.

An ultra-creative way to garnish is to actually cook the decoration into the dish, says Baldwin. "Inlaying herbs beneath the skin of the bird makes for a beautiful presentation before carving and adds a lot of flavor." To do it, carefully loosen the skin from the meat on the breast and insert whole sage leaves, thyme sprigs or rosemary in whatever pattern you prefer. After the bird cooks, the design will appear through the skin.

Another Baldwin garnish go-to is pink peppercorns. Mild and a little sweet compared to white or black peppercorns, you can use them whole to add a speck of red without overpowering a dish. For an appetizer, she rolls a log of goat cheese in pink peppercorns and drizzles with garlic or citrus-flavored olive oil and serves with crackers.

For a sweeter accent, Schemper likes candied ginger and citrus peels. To DIY it, chop peeled ginger and citrus peel and boil in water for one hour. Drain and boil in a simple sugar mixer (equal parts water and sugar) for another hour. Once removed, place pieces on a baking sheet covered with sugar, toss to dust and let dry. As a bonus, use the leftover ginger or citrus-infused syrup with dessert or in cocktails.

The right tableware can quickly lend character to an event. Consider serving a trio of soups to guests in shot glasses, says True, or dole out individual little gravy pitchers, available for less than \$2 at some stores. Another solution for the gravy is to use that pretty teapot that usually collects dust, says Lisa Homa, a food stylist and recipe developer in New York City. "They're the perfect vessel because there's a top to keep in the heat, a spout for pouring, and they're meant for hot liquids."

Mix and match high and low china and glassware, and put those family heirlooms in the spotlight!

### Trick out the Set

Finally, décor also plays a part in the success of the final presentation.

Try embellishing the table with a beautiful log of sprouting blue oyster mushrooms from Far West Fungi (FarWestFungi.com), sprays of winter berries and leaves, or colorful winter fruits like persimmons, lemons and tangerines clustered near votive candles, says True. Baldwin likes inserting flowery vegetables such as brussels sprouts, purple cauliflower and baby turnips into holiday bouquets, with sprigs of kale, chard and mustard greens. And Schemper suggests using hollowed out pumpkins, acorn squash and dried gourds as candle holders or vases.

Centerpieces inspired by nature are an easy way to remind everyone that, when it comes to holiday meals, the earth's bounty is really what deserves our applause.

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## Gourmet Green Bean Casserole

Get rave reviews by making a classic dish from scratch. Baldwin's DIY recipe for green bean casserole contains less salt and preservatives, and allows you to incorporate organic ingredients. Better yet, Baldwin says, "It's very simple and much better tasting!"

### Ingredients

- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 pound mushrooms, chopped
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 1/2 pounds of green beans, either frozen or fresh with the stems removed and sliced into small pieces
- 6 tablespoons flour
- 2 cups milk
- 8 ounces fried onion pieces

### Method

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Chop onions for 2 minutes. Melt 2 tablespoons of the butter. Add onions and sauté for 5 minutes. Add mushrooms and sauté for 5 minutes. Add green beans and sauté for 5 minutes. In a separate pan, melt 4 tablespoons of the butter and sauté flour for 2 minutes. Add milk and whisk until thickened. Add the onion and mushroom mixture to the sauce and stir. Add the remaining 4 tablespoons of butter and the fried onion pieces. Bake for 20 minutes.

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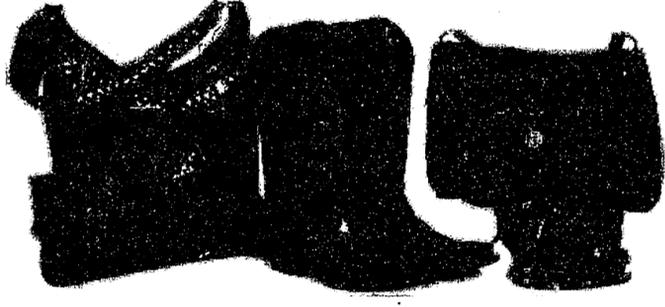
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# Candy is Dandy



Start a sweet new tradition perfect for sharing and interacting. And it doesn't taste half bad, either

By Matthew M. Miller | *CIW Features*

For Nancy Siler's children, making homemade candy was as integral to the holidays as tearing open the presents on Christmas morning.

"We loved the kitchen experience and the creativity of deciding whether we were going to make easy and quick clusters or mold some special iconic shapes in candy molds," says Siler, vice president of consumer affairs for Woodridge, Ill.-based Wilton, a popular food-crafting company. "It was fun to share the creations with family and friends, especially the grandparents!"

Creativity is also the allure for Anita Chu, author of "Field Guide to Candy: How to Identify and Make Virtually Every Candy Imaginable" (Quirk Books, 2009).

"As with all other homemade goods, you can control what goes into your homemade candy, which makes it that much more unique and special," she says. "You can come up with your own flavors and your own presentation for your candies. You can also avoid many of the preservatives and additives that go into mass-produced candy. There is a world of difference between fresh chocolate and butter and mass produced, prepackaged items."

According to both Chu and Siler, people tend to be unnecessarily intimidated by the candy-making process, which can be easy and rewarding if you start small and carry a big thermometer.

"Start small and practice. Many candies are surprisingly simple to make at home and require no more skill than mixing ingredients together or melting chocolate," Chu says. "Candies that require skill, like cooking sugar or tempering chocolate, can also be mastered with a little patience and practice."

Siler says that many of the tools needed for basic candy-making are already in your home.

"You can melt large amounts of chocolate or confectionery coating in the microwave, which is perfect for molding and dipping candies, cookies or pretzels," she says. "Or mix in 1/2 cup of rice cereal, nuts, coconut or chocolate-covered candies with 1 cup of candy melts and drop onto a parchment-covered cookie sheet for clusters."

The essential tools to get started are

a candy thermometer that goes up to 400 degrees F (if you want to cook sugar), aluminum baking sheets for lining up candies to cool and inexpensive plastic molds, if the agenda includes making molded chocolates or candies.

Chu also recommends using thin latex or cotton gloves, which allow candy makers to handle finished candies without leaving prints.

In these cash-strapped times, Siler says candy is an inexpensive, scrumptious present to share with loved ones.

"The holidays inspire gift-giving and sharing with family and friends. What better gift is there than to craft something with your own two hands?" Siler says. "Everyone loves to receive delicious homemade treats that come from the heart. It's a personal touch that shows you took the time to create something special from your kitchen."

One of this year's emerging trends for candy making is the addition of sea salt to sweets.

"Sweet and salty is a nice combination," Siler says. "Think about making chocolate-dipped potato chips and pretzels. If making truffles, a very small amount of a good quality, larger particle salt could be placed on top."

Chu finds that sea salt pairs well with caramel. Its distinct tang contrasts with the rich sweetness of the caramel, giving more dimension to the buttery caramel flavor.

"Sea salt should be used as a highlight though, not simply substituted for regular salt in a recipe," she says.

Chu says that another big trend is homemade marshmallows, in all sorts of flavors, as well as old classics jazzed up with modern ingredients, like peanut brittle with sea salt or chocolate bark with roasted cacao nibs and pumpkin seeds.

To give candy as a gift, Siler suggests making the effort to select the right flavors, targeted to the person who is receiving the goodies. And since most people can't resist the allure of candy, she says don't worry about how long it will stay fresh.

"Most candies don't last that long to worry about freshness, especially at the holidays," she says.

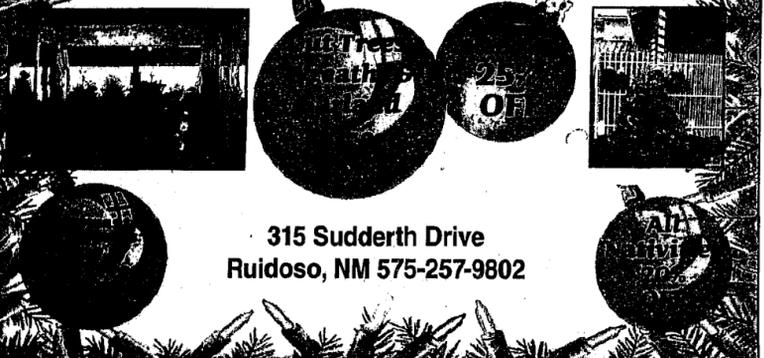
Chu agrees. "Anything with chocolate is always welcome. Candy is almost always made

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for gift-giving, so most candies are suitable as long as you give it away soon after making it, and let the recipient know to keep them cool, dry and covered."

Chu's favorite gift candies are chocolate covered nut clusters, caramel corn, chocolate bark and English toffee.

Cookie exchanges have long been a popular activity around the holidays, but making candy can be a great way to bond with family and friends, and to get a nice array of sweets without spending the entire month cooking.

"Candy clubs are a great way to experiment with candy-making, especially as most recipes yield quite a few pieces, so it's easy to divide them up," Chu says. "Dipping chocolates or forming nut clusters is a fun group activity. Taffy-pulling parties used to be a popular activity in Colonial days."

And while candy-making isn't kids stuff, many recipes are fun and easy for younger candy enthusiasts. Chu recommends caramel corn, chocolate-dipped pretzels, coconut haystacks, no-fail fudge and peanut butter balls, which all have just a few ingredients. These are all relatively simple to assemble and provide children the satisfaction of creating their own candy.

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### Candy Corn

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Halloween wouldn't be complete without pumpkins and candy corn. Vary the colors for other holidays. You can make Indian corn (brown, orange and white), reindeer corn (red, green and white), and cupid corn (red, pink and white). Candy corn traditionalists eat each stripe of color one nibble at a time.

Candy-making notes: When forming the ropes of dough into one piece, lightly running a rolling pin over the top will help press the colors together.

#### Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 cup dry powdered milk

- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup sugar
- 2/3 cup corn syrup
- 1/3 cup unsalted butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Food coloring, if desired

#### Method

Combine confectioners sugar, powdered milk and salt in a bowl and set aside. Combine sugar, corn syrup and butter in a saucepan. Bring to a boil over high heat, stirring constantly. Reduce heat to medium and cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla extract. Add the dry milk mixture to the saucepan and stir to combine. Let mixture rest for a

few minutes until it is cool enough to handle.

Divide dough into 3 equal parts and place each portion in a bowl. Add coloring as desired.

Knead each portion of dough until the coloring is evenly distributed and the dough is smooth and stiff.

Roll each portion into a rope about 1/2 inch thick.

Place the three ropes of dough next to each other to form a long rectangle. Use a rolling pin to gently press them together. Using a sharp knife, cut the dough into triangles and place on a baking sheet. Let set for about 1 hour.

Yield: About 80 pieces

Storage: Store in an airtight container in a cool, dry place for up to 2 months.

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### Fleur de Sel Caramels

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1/2 teaspoon fleur de sel
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract

#### Method

Line an 8-by-8 inch baking pan with a piece of parchment paper long enough to hang over the edges. Butter the parchment well.

Combine the sugar and cream in a

saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring constantly to prevent burning. Add the corn syrup and continue cooking until the mixture reaches 230 degrees F. Add the butter and stir carefully to combine. Continue cooking mixture until it reaches 245 degrees F.

Remove from heat and stir in salt and vanilla. Pour mixture into pan to cool and harden. Remove the caramel block from the pan and cut into squares using a sharp, well-oiled knife. Sprinkle a few grains of fleur de sel on top of the caramels before wrapping.

Yield: About 60 caramels

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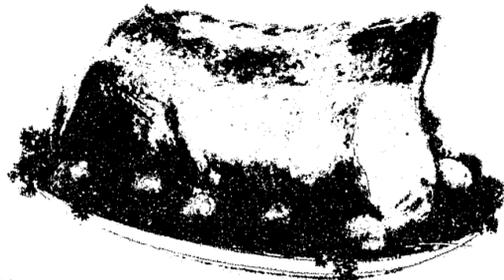
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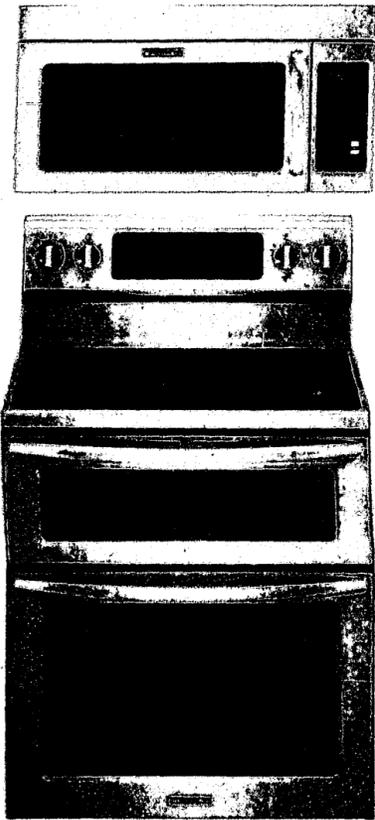
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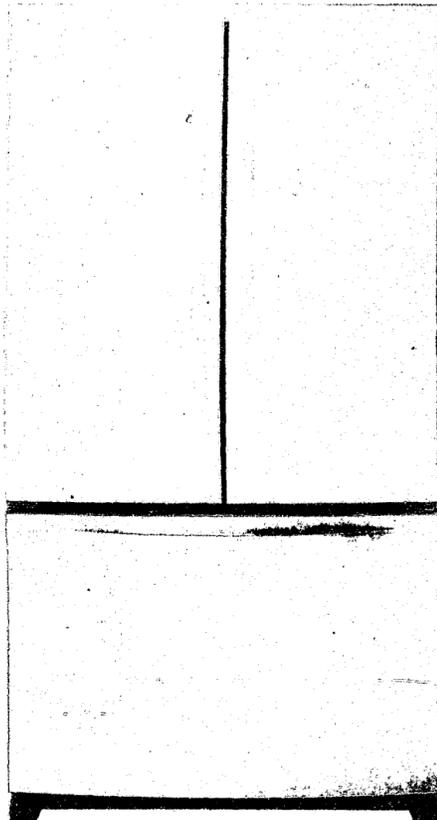


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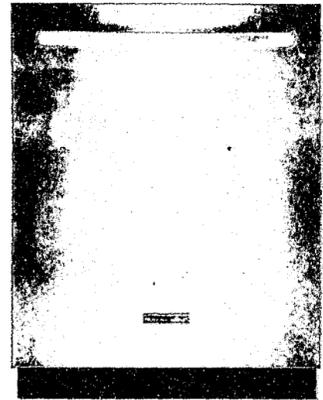
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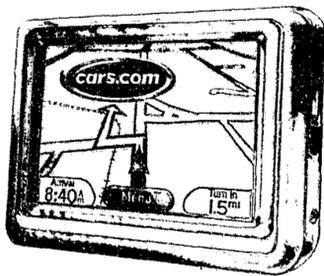
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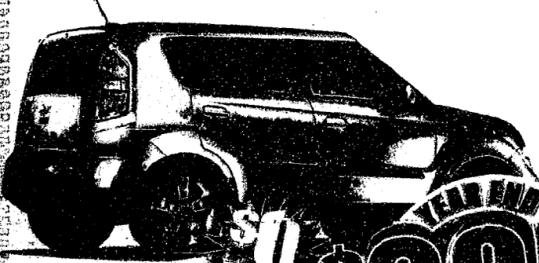
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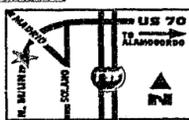
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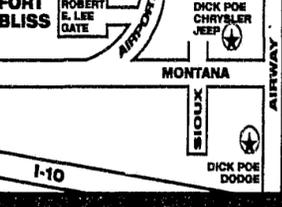
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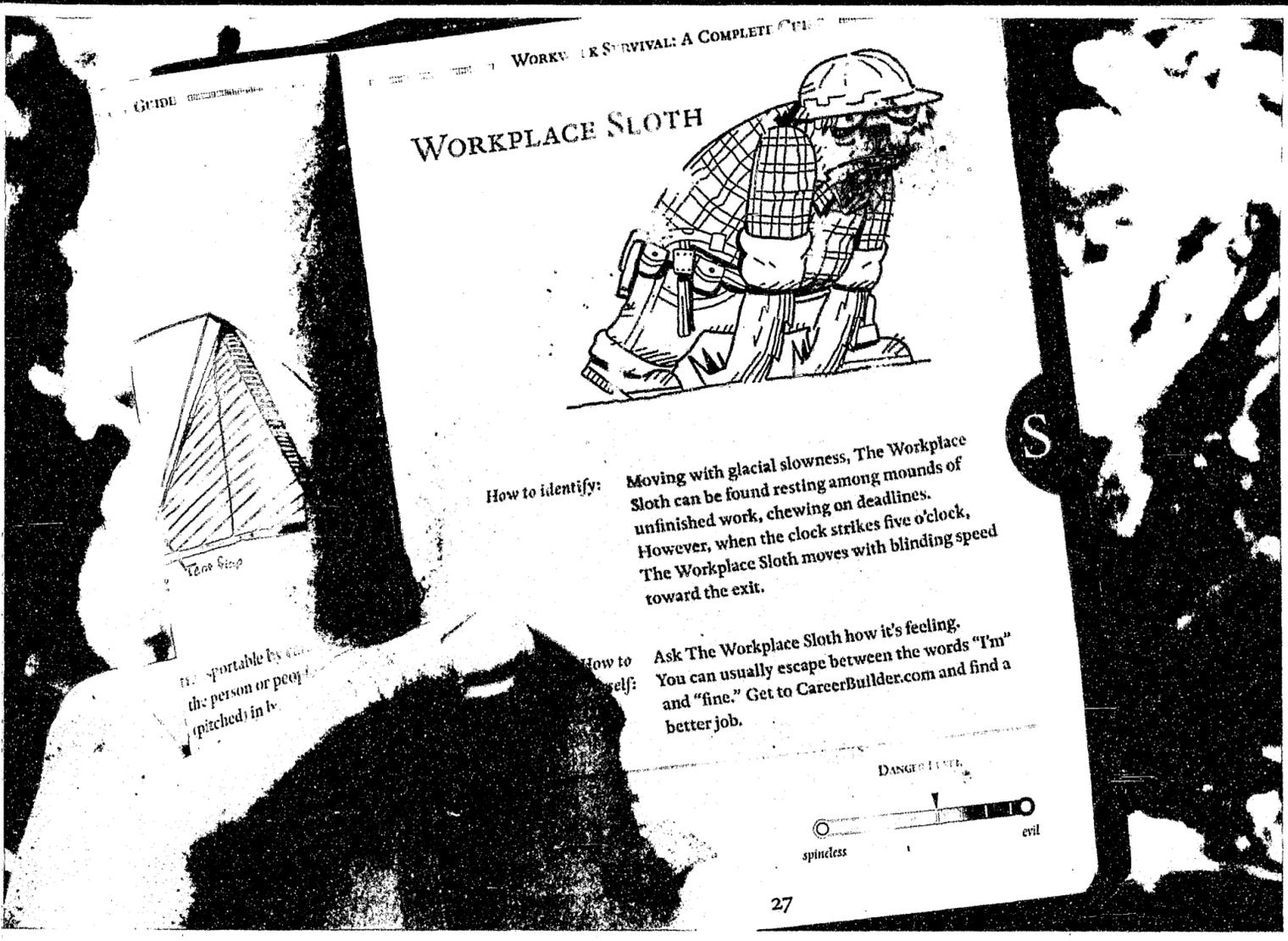


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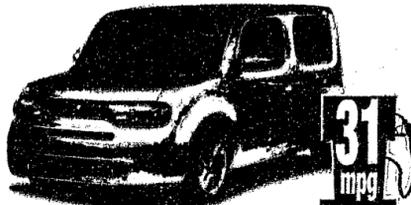
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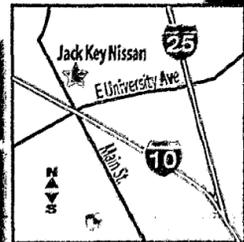
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The annual **Dummy Gelunde Competition** takes place Saturday, Dec. 18, at 3 p.m., on Ski Apache. Teams of one to three people will construct and race snow-riding dummies over a giant snow jump for a shot at winning cash prizes. En-tries are judged based on distance, air, creativity, takeoff, land-

ing and crowd response. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. The entry fee is \$30. For more information, call 575-464-3600, or go online to [skiapache.com](http://skiapache.com).

The **Ski Apache Torch Light Parade** also takes place on Saturday, Dec. 18. A native drum opens the festivities at 5 p.m., with the parade at 6 p.m., and fireworks to follow. Skiers carry their lighted torches ski down the mountain. Snacks and refreshments are available and admission is free.



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**Ski Apache Torch Light Parade**

Dec. 18: (Ski Apache) Native drums at 5 p.m., parade at 6 p.m., fireworks. For information, call 575-464-3600, or go online to [skiapache.com](http://skiapache.com).

**Christmas in the park**

Dec. 18: (Ruidoso Downs) All American Park, 4 - 6 p.m. Santa arrives on a fire truck, Mayor Tom Armstrong welcomes, First Baptist Church and Christ Church perform Christmas skits.

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Dec. 18: (Cloudcroft) Bring the kids to meet Santa & Mrs. Claus around a bonfire in Zenith Park at 6 p.m. Free homemade cookies. For more information, call 575-682-2733, or go online to [cloudcroft.net](http://cloudcroft.net).

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Los Mustangs, 7:30 – 9 p.m.; ARL, 9 p.m.

**Club 49** (Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino): Ulysses, 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): Cowboy Mafia, 8:30  
p.m.

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

#### SUNDAY

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

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

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#### SATURDAY

**Casa Blanca** (501 Mechem Dr.; 257-2495): 2 Days Walk, 6 – 7:15 p.m.;  
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## ART MATTERS

## Anita Keegan

Anita Keegan lives in the Sacramento Mountains of New Mexico, where she enjoys painting the abundant wildlife and wonderful landscapes of the region.

Keegan moved to Ruidoso from Redlands, Calif., five years ago when she married Kenneth Keegan, a local developer and home builder.

Since childhood, the artist has loved both art and the natural world, especially animals, so all through the years of raising a family and working she tucked away the longing to be a painter. "I was afraid that if I ever had a chance to pick up a brush and paint, nothing else would get done."



However, now that she is retired from a career in nursing and her children are grown, Keegan paints nearly every day. Within the past year she has discovered plein air painting.

The challenges of painting outside in the changing and varied elements has added an entirely unexpected dimension to her art experience. "I believe it has helped me to improve in my studio work because painting from life forces you to make quick decisions (before the light and shadows change), and to block in the larger shapes first."

One of the first things she did after moving to Ruidoso was to seek out instruction on how to paint. She found Lorene Caywood of Capitan to teach her to paint in oils

*"Young Fox" (lower left), "Hilltown in Umbria" (upper left), and "Todi-Umbria" (above) exemplify Keegan's talent and her love for diverse worldly beauty.*

and has been her student for at least three of the years she has been here. She credits Caywood with giving her a solid foundation in which to grow as an artist.

Workshops and classes both locally and in other parts of the country have added to her knowledge of techniques, influencing her style and encouraging enthusiasm. Keegan has attended workshops by local artists Virgil Stevens, Ardis

Hood and Ann Templeton. She tries to take at least one workshop each year, and is now pursuing a degree in fine art from ENMU-Ruidoso.

Keegan's painting "African Geese" was awarded honorable mention at the 2010 Biennale Grande Show at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. Her work is currently on exhibit at Pinon Pottery in Ruidoso Downs.

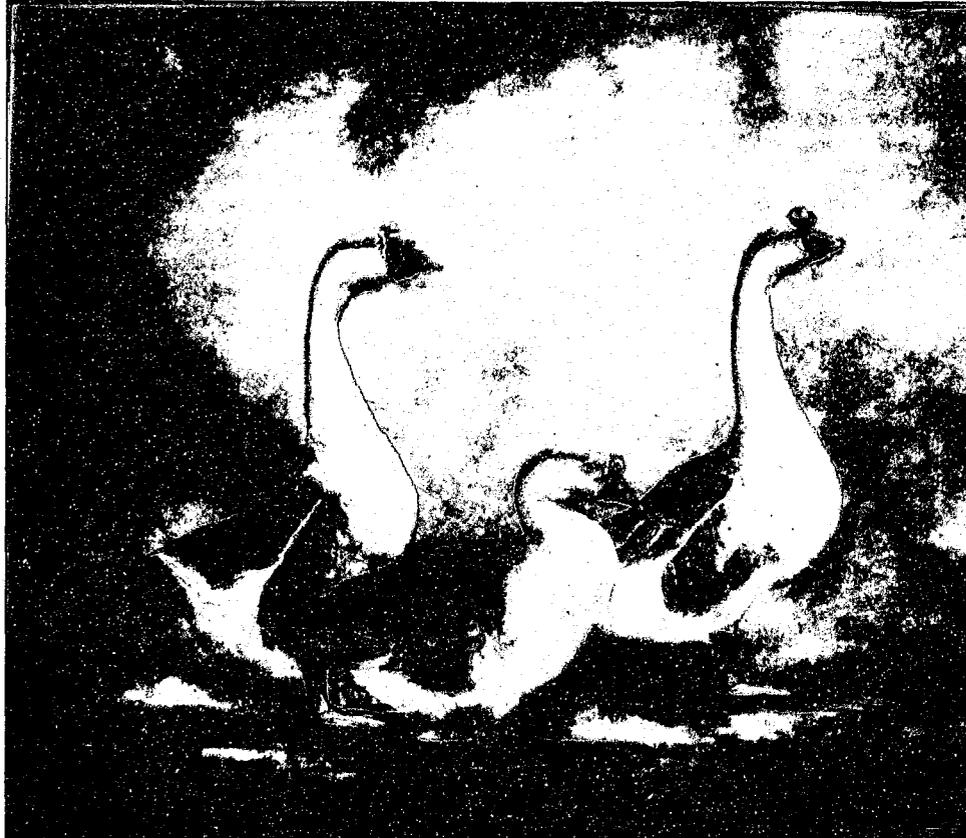
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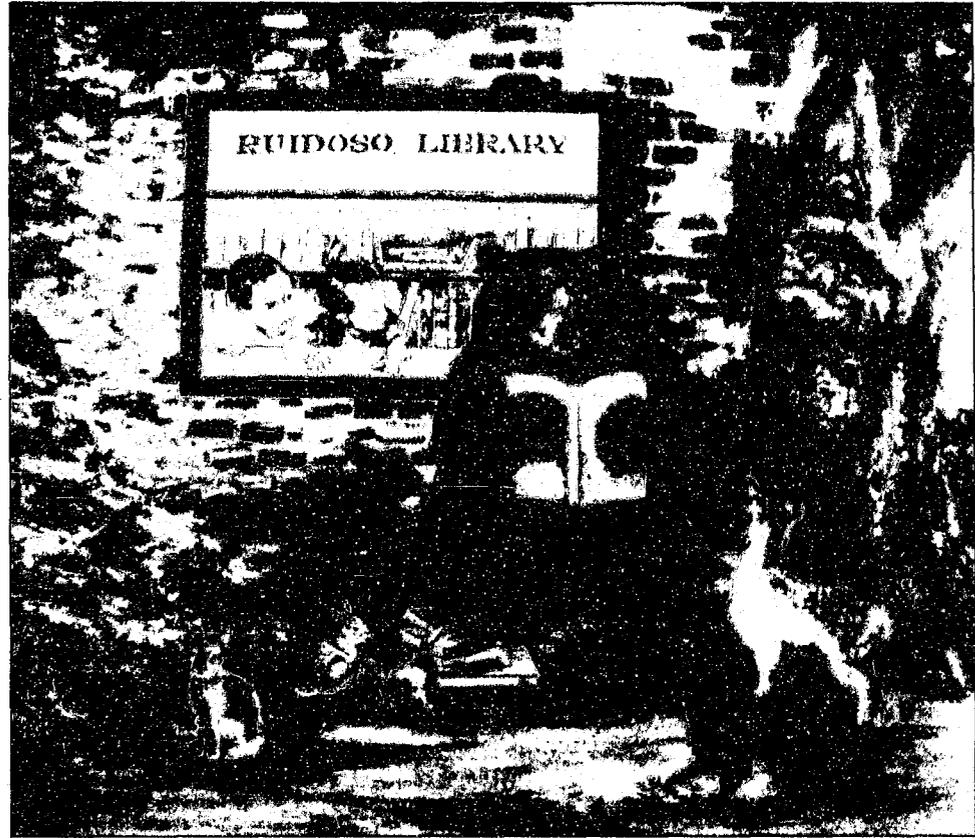
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# ART MATTERS



*Brilliant colors and vibrant tones create a bold effect in "African Geese" (above). "Bear and the Bird" (below) reflect a softer use of Keegan's palette.*



*Keegan's charming painting titled "Library Bear" (above) reveals her delightful sensibilities, while "Iris Farm" (below) depicts her love of natural beauty.*



## ART GALLERIES &amp; STUDIOS

**Lincoln County**

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# Red Feather Theatre

## A Cowboy Christmas features RHS students and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse

BY JULIE G.  
FOR ¡VAMONOS!

Cowboys and Christmas just go together, don't they?

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Share part of your Christmas with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse and Ruidoso High School's Red Feather Theatre Company this Saturday night, Dec. 18. Dinner starts at 5:45 p.m., with the show at 7 p.m., in the RHS Fine Arts Hall and Theatre. Tickets for dinner and the show are \$10.

It will be a great gift for yourself or someone you know. For more information, call 575-630-7945.



The Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse sponsors a Cowboy Christmas with students of Ruidoso High School (above). Posse members Jim Browning (below left) and Monty Golden (below center) rehearse.



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# Flying J Wranglers Christmas

BY KATHLEEN McDONALD  
FOR WAMONOS!

Just like a band of intrepid cowboys, the Flying J Wranglers of Alto have been dodging giant tumbleweeds this December, while crisscrossing southern New Mexico and West Texas on their 2010 Christmas concert tour. Many days of gusty winds have enjoined the merry western music quintet in this season's travels from small towns like Spur, Texas, to grand cities like Midland, Lubbock and Abilene, then on to Clovis and Alamo-gordo and a host of theater halls, museums and

churches in between. "Goodnight," declared James Hobbs, the band's rhythm guitarist, while cruising down another windswept highway the other day. "Whoa, we almost hit a giant one. Gosh it's huge, and there goes another one. Oh, and another one. I guess we can call this the tumbleweed Christmas tour."

The 13-stop concert tour wraps up at the venerable Spencer Theater, the very place where the Flying J Wranglers launched their first Christmas Special nine years ago. "We really enjoy winding up the Christmas tour at the Spen-

cer Theater," Hobbs said. "It really tops off the whole experience for us, and its nice being home with so many of our friends and family."

The Spencer show, which is on the very night of the winter solstice Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m., features a brilliant blend of seasonal tunes, both western and traditional. Many are new to the Flying J's repertoire and all have been received with ovation. "It's a real different show from past years," says Hobbs. "We're getting such a body of Christmas music that we've been able to change it up like

our Western show."

This season the program includes a host of gospel tunes and songs that strongly feature each of the artists' distinctive talents. For instance, Cindy Hobbs (James' wife) shares her gorgeous three-octave voice in spirituals like "Mary Did You Know," "Beautiful City" and "Children Go Where I Send Thee." Roy Black, the groups Master of Ceremonies and bass guitarist, is the featured singer in the hand-picked tune "Angels Among Us." The precious vocals of fiddler Corinna Ripple are showcased in Holly Jolly Christmas, and multi-instrumentalist Randy Jones (guitar, mandolin, banjo, dobro and vocals) astounds in blazing arrangements of "Joy To The World," "Angels We Have Heard On High" and "Follow Now Oh Shepherds" (a very obscure song recorded by The Kingston Trio way back when, and written by the wife of one of the trio members, Gretchen Guard). James Hobbs, the group's tenor, performs his original hits "White Mountain Christmas" and "Song



*The Flying J Wranglers perform their Christmas Special at the Spencer Theatre on Tuesday, Dec. 21.*

For New Mexico," among other favorites. Weaving the stellar program together are the collective harmonies of the Flying J Wranglers in classics like "Corn, Water and Wood," "I Heard The Bells on Christmas Day" and a stunningly beautiful a cappella arrangement of "The First Noel."

While the night's program does focus on the spiritual side of the holiday

and the reason for the season, it also tickles hearts with Flying J Wrangler humor. Cindy will be performing her famous grandma sketch, and even the groups Flying J Ranch marketing hand, Greg Meeks will ham it up in a role, doing a piece called "Puttin' On The Dawg."

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This season's production stars 50-plus dancers and features Anneliese Rios as Clara, Simon Pawlak as The Nutcracker, Victoria Haney as Sugar Plum, Emily North as Dew Drop, along with guest professional dancer Georgi Rusafov as Cavalier.

The curtain rises on *The Nutcracker* at Spencer Theatre for the Performing Arts on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$28 and can be purchased by calling the Spencer box office at 575-336-4800, or online at [spencertheater.com](http://spencertheater.com).



*Simon Pawlak and Anneliese Rios (above) perform lead roles in The Nutcracker, and Aidan Haney (left) will dance the Marzipan solo.*

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# Chango's

## Fine dining returns to Capitan in the form of delectable sculpture

BY JESSIE HANSON  
¡VÁMONOS! EDITOR

Jerrold Flores has come home, and maybe this time he'll stay. After all, Capitan is his birthplace and the location of his extremely popular restaurant, Chango's, which has recently reopened. For those who might recall, this is the third time Flores has opened the doors to his quaint and pleasing eatery over past years and fans have not been reticent to display their appreciation.

There is a distinctive quality to Chango's, the semblance of a place unique. Yes, the food is exceptional, but Flores has successfully mastered a dining experience that stimulates more than the palette. Comely sculptures by Flores' own hand enrich intimate dining areas. Exquisite fabric art created by guest artist Darcy Holmes warms the walls. Petite

sculpture pieces adorn food presentation. Here, fine art blends with fine food and the result is splendid.

Extending his artistic talent beyond the limits of an art studio and into the gallery of another sort, Flores has crafted Chango's menu items into what can only be referred to as works of cuisine art. Far from ordinary fare, entrees are meticulously prepared and presented for each individual diner. This is fine dining elevated to a higher standard.

Chango's signature dish "Eccentric Food Tower" (on the cover) exemplifies not only Flores' ability to create cuisine sculpture, but *delicious* creations at that. Additional menu items include a "lifted" filet of fish atop roasted sweet potatoes, the melded flavors of egg and vegetables in "Frittata Play" and this author's favorite "Sculpture

Meets Flavor," chicken medallions in a light curry sauce, pasta and vegetables – artfully presented amidst a petite clay art form.

In a more metropolitan area one would expect to pay extra for this remarkable dining occasion, however such is not the case. Entrees range from \$9.95 to \$19.95, and a luscious daily dessert is offered at \$5.25. Chango's does not yet offer alcohol, although the beverage selection is notable.

Flores' culinary skills can be attributed, in part, to the influence of his home life as a child, not to mention an insatiable desire to create. "Mom was a fabulous cook and I just grew up with it," he says. His mother opened the first restaurant off the dirt road that ran through Capitan in the late 1930's, in what is known today as The Horsemen's Grill.



*Fine dining blends with fine art to create extraordinary cuisine presentation at Chango's in Capitan. All photos courtesy of Ross Barrett.*

Following a highly successful art career Flores launched the original Hotel Chango in 1980, which was situated in the same location as Chango's today. Then, lured by the challenges of operating a larger restaurant, Flores accepted a position at The Silver Dollar in Tinnie from 1984-1989. In 1990, he felt the need to reopen Hotel Chango, which he continued to operate until 2001, when he moved to the Wortley Hotel in Lincoln, to practice his culinary craft for the next year-and-a-half.

The day came, however, when he acknowledged

the need to get back into art. "I felt that my cooking days were over," says Flores. "I had to get back into art."

He enrolled into a clay art class offered by Susan Weir of Swan Studio and discovered sculpture. Flores devoted the next 10 years of his life to developing and refining his work in clay. Artist Joyce Hastings was also a student of Weir's class and soon she and Flores were collaborating on clay projects. Their mutual pieces, as well as Flores' individual works, are on display and offered for purchase at Chango's.

"I discovered that I

could be very creative. Everything I do is to "be present, not futuristic," states Flores. "Joyce is the same way, so we work well together."

Flores can indeed be very creative. Whether it be clay or culinary, his exacting creations provide an experience to be savored, and not soon forgotten.

*Chango's is open*

*Friday and Saturday,*

*4 - 8 p.m.*

*Sunday brunch, 11 - 3 p.m.*

*For reservations, call*

*575-354-0934*

COVER STORY



Jerrold Flores

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BY NEAL JONES  
FOR ¡VAMONOS!

Most wine lovers would scoff at the mention of Lambrusco. The popularity is from mass-produced wine, light and fruity, typically infused with carbon dioxide to give it a "soda" carbonation. Real Lambruscos

are not easily found in this part of the country, but are worth the try.

Lambrusco has an extremely noble background. The Etruscans and Romans knew the wild vine, from which the existing variety originated, called "labrusca" by the Latins. Its fossilized remains have been found in soils of the Eo-

cene period. Although of extremely ancient origin, Lambrusco was never well-known or appreciated outside its production area, until it achieved commercial success in the U.S., in the '70s and '80s.

The original Lambruscos, the famous Italian wines with an ancient history, are wines worthy of a

New Year's toast. Famous sweet red sparkling wine is produced near the city of Modena. The wine region in Italy that makes Lambrusco is known as Emilia-Romagna.

Lambrusco wine is made from usually the one grape of the same name. There are five designated communes with a government-rated D.O.C. (Denominazione di Origine Controllata). The five Lambrusco regions are Lambrusco Gasparossa di Castelvetro, Lambrusco di Sorbara, Lambrusco Salamino di Santa Croce, Lambrusco Reggiano and Lambrusco Mantovano. The Emilia-Romagna region produces a number of other wines – the native Sangiovese, Trebbiano and Albana – but Lambrusco is the wine with honor.

The wines we find in the U.S. range from a ruby sparkling red to a lighter pink blush-style of wine. There are reds produced in Emilia-Romagna that are dry and darker, but those rare vintages are extremely unlikely to leave the region, let alone the country. These darker dry Lambrusco wines are saved for visitors to the area and will be compared with the best Sangiovese wines.

The dark-skinned fruit is white inside and grown on very high trellises. This helps fruit production – Lambrusco is a very prolific grape – and the trellis helps prevent mildew formation. In ancient vineyards Lambrusco vines were trained to grow up rows of skinny poplar

# Lambrusco



trees. Grape experts, the ampelographers, have determined that the Lambrusco has either been crossbred or cloned into more than 60 identified variations. The clones are named after the villages that grow them.

To receive the D.O.C. Lambrusco must get its carbonation by natural fermentation and any added gassing of the wine is strictly forbidden. It is permitted and common practice to employ a batch secondary fermentation. Rather than have the secondary fermentation happen in the bottle like champagne Lambrusco undergoes the second stage in sealed vats. Laws require each batch must have certain amounts of Lambrusco grape grown in the named area to receive the D.O.C. The amount ranges across the five areas of how much and what kind of grapes can be used. For example, it must be 85 percent local grapes for wines from Gasparossa, and for Reggiano 85 percent of only four clones of Lambrusco can be used. So, it gets a little complicated.

There are only slight

variations from grape to grape. The real difference comes from two factors: The length of time they ferment with the grape skin in the first fermentation, and if the Ancellotta grape was added. The Ancellotta is the only grape I have found to blend with Italian Lambrusco and is never more than 15 percent with any wine designated D.O.C. Typically the Ancellotta is used to make a sweeter wine.

While you are shopping for the holidays look to see if there are any Italian Lambruscos. I'm sure you'll have better chances of finding some in larger wine stores in Albuquerque. The prices will be quite reasonable, usually less than \$25 for the better wines.

Maybe this is the year to start a new holiday tradition in your house – a sparkling red wine to welcome in the New Year.



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# Chicken Mole



## Polly's Potpourri

by  
Polly E. Chavez



### Chicken Mole

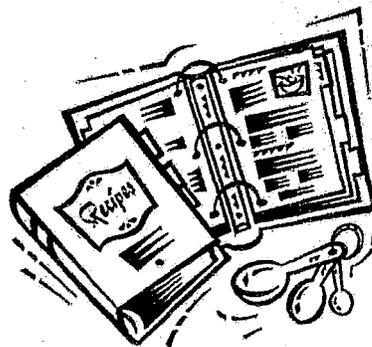
One whole chicken  
Butter  
Rogello Bueno Mole 8-ounce jar  
1 chicken bouillon cube  
1 cup water

I used an electric, 17-quart portable roaster oven to cook the whole chicken. Butter the skin of the chicken and roast at

350 degrees for two hours. After it cooled, remove the skin and shred meat into large pieces.

Following the directions on the mole diluted the thick paste with chicken broth. The mixture is spooned over the shredded chicken.

Put the dish into a preheated oven, heating thoroughly. Individual servings can also be prepared as needed.



I never asked my parents and two sets of grandparents about a dish called "mole." It was not a dish that I remember as a child. In researching this food for this week's column, I found out that Hispanics who have deep roots in early New Mexico and Lincoln County, like me, had not heard about or tasted mole.

The idea of using chocolate as a flavoring with chile is a taste that has to be acquired, so say the people I talked to. I asked acquaintances that were true Mexicans, born in Mexico, about this dish. The response was always "Que rico," meaning tasty and delicious.

My research revealed that mole is a New World food credited to the Aztecs. Turkey and other fowl is the foundation for mole. In Mexico, and other countries, mole poblano de guajolote (turkey in mole poblano) is a dish that is made with a thick sauce of chile, peanuts, and unsweetened chocolate.

Many food writers and

gourmets consider mole poblano, which contains many ingredients, to represent the best of the Mexican cooking experience. Mole takes its name from "moli," a Nahuatl word meaning mixture or concoction.

The wild turkey is indigenous to Mexico. Before the Spaniards arrived roasted turkey casseroles were prepared with chile, spices, nuts and seeds, all ground in. Mole was also made with boiled or roasted chicken. My sister-in-law makes the dish with golden fried chicken and mole sauce from a jar.

Mole was probably a royal fiesta dish pre-dating the conquest. The sauce alone contained 29 ingredients and takes more than a day to prepare. Today, the spices and seasonings are already blended in to pastes and powders. One such product includes raisins, almonds sesame seeds, cumin, cinnamon, peanuts, peppercorns, cloves, plantain, pecans, tomatillos and the subtle blend of chile and chocolate.

# CUISINE • DINING GUIDE

## Alamogordo

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

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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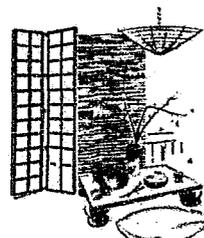
**Lazy D Restaurant** • 1202 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-2532.

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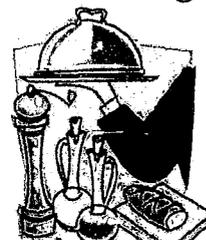
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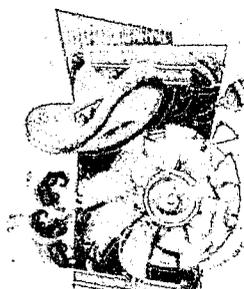
**Memories Restaurant** • 1223 N. New York Ave., Alamogordo • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • 437-0077.

**Pepper's Grill** • 3200 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9717.

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**Eddie's Burrito Express** • 750 E. First St., Alamogordo • 437-0266.

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**Blue Goose Café** • 201 Eagle Dr. • Soups, salads, sandwiches • Mon - Sat, 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. • 257-8652

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

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

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

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

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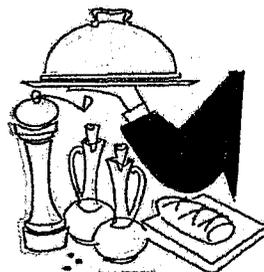
**Smokey Bear Restaurant** • 310 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Daily; 6a.m.-8p.m. • 354-2557

**The Dolan House** • 826 Calle la Placita, Lincoln • Fri - Tues; 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 • 653-4670

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**Comal** • 2117 Sudderth • Daily, 11a - 8 p • 258-1397

**Chileo's** • 135 W. Hwy. 70 • Sun-Thu, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri & Sat, 7a.m-9 p.m. • 378-4033

**Disco Taco** • 141 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • Mexican food. • Daily, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. • 378-4224

**El Camino Nuevo** • 1025 Mechem • 258-4312

**Elena's Place** • 2800 Sudderth Dr. • Tues-Sat 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 5 - 9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. • 630-8022

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

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

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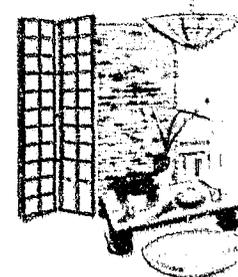
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**Bon Appetit!**

# End of an era, part 4

The three Missouri ruffians swaggered into the bank on Northfield, Minnesota's Division St.; their over-confidence probably fueled by alcohol, and immediately began to botch the robbery, which has amazed historians ever since.

They were, after all, the James-Younger gang, arguably the greatest and most efficient band of outlaws America has ever seen. But according to Cole Younger, one of the survivors who spoke about it many years later on his deathbed, many, if not all of the gang members had been drinking. It makes sense. Many of the mistakes they made that day can only be explained by the presence of alcohol.

That day, Sept. 7, 1876, the gang consisted of Jesse and Frank James, Cole, Jim, Bob Younger, Charlie Pitts, Clell Miller and Bill Chadwell. Inside the bank were employees J.L. Heywood, Alonzo Bunker and Frank Wilcox. All three men were taken entirely by surprise. Wilcox would later state that he was "something more than startled" at the sight of the three bandits wielding revolvers. He also said that the "smell of liquor was very strong" on them.

One of the robbers said, "Throw up your hands, for we intend to rob the bank, and if you halloo we will blow your God damned brains out." Vastly understating the situation, Wilcox said that, "We could not do otherwise than comply."



Heywood, who appeared to be in charge, was confronted. He was ordered to open the safe, but at the same moment one of the other bandits noticed that the vault was, in fact, unlocked and rushed to it. Heywood, who would display great courage that day, sprang forward and tried to lock the robber inside, but James and Pitts dragged him back toward his desk snarling at him to open the safe "damn quick or you haven't but a minute to live."

When Heywood told them it had a time lock on it one of the outlaws shouted "That's a lie," and began pummeling the helpless man. "Murder. Murder," Heywood shouted, and for his trouble was pistol whipped by one of the bandits. "Let's cut his damned throat" said Charlie Pitts and dragged a knife across Heywood's throat just enough to draw blood.

Just to make their point even more clear one of the bandits fired a round quite close to Heywood's head. It probably deafened him, but the robbers couldn't help but notice that the firing out in the street was

growing more and more intense. Blinded by rage and alcohol the outlaws failed to do the obvious - walk over and open the safe themselves. Bob Younger was nervously rifling through drawers, at the same time keeping his revolver trained on the other two employees. Bunker later commented that he realized at that moment that the pen he was holding was not as "mighty as the revolver just at that time."

Again, probably because of the alcohol, Bob Younger missed \$3,000 (of the \$15,000 available to the bandits that day) in the drawer just underneath the one he was rifling. When Younger turned away for a moment, Bunker decided that it was now or never. Suddenly bolting toward the rear of the bank, Bunker's feet found wings when Bob Younger sent a bullet screaming after him. Although hit in the shoulder the bank employee seemed to only be energized and went through the screen door in the back without bothering to open it. He kept going and survived.

From out in the street, Cole Younger's voice reverberated in the bank, "The game is up. Better get out boys. They're killing all our men."

## The street

As the men inside the bank backed out the last one, Frank James, turned and in an act of pure maliciousness, shot poor, dazed, bleeding Heywood

through the head killing him instantly. On his deathbed, Cole coyly stated that the man who killed Heywood was the "man riding the dun horse." Frank was riding a dun horse that day.

Outside the citizens were fighting back. The Yankee sodbusters who the gang had underestimated so badly, were turning out to be genuine bad-asses and were not the least intimidated by the legendary Missouri hardcases.

At first, and to their credit, the outlaws were firing over the heads of the citizens, but as the battle progressed things got considerably more serious. Hardware stores were handing out weapons to anyone who requested one and the outlaws were definitely taking their lumps. Clell Miller was hit in the face by a charge of bird-shot, bloodying him but not killing him. One citizen stood on the corner, a pistol in each hand, blazing away at the outlaws.

As Bob Younger attempted to mount his horse, it was shot out from under him. The 18-year-old then raced down the street and took cover under a stairwell. Bill Chadwell took a round in the chest, toppling him from his horse and leaving him lying dead in the middle of Division St. This was a more severe blow to the gang than the citizens realized, as it was Chadwell, who was familiar with Minnesota, and who was to guide the outlaws to safety.

A minute or so later Clell Miller was shot through the heart, the bullet killing him instantly, and tumbling from his horse he lay dead in the dust of Division St. Cole Younger, already hit several times, dismounted and ran to his comrade who lay very still. Ascertaining that Miller was dead Cole sensibly grabbed Miller's pistol belt and revolvers and remounted.

Meanwhile, Bob Younger was engaged in a duel with a citizen named Manning who was sniping from a second story window. Bob got the worst of it with a bullet shattering his elbow. Instantly executing the "border shift" Bob tossed his pistol into his other hand and kept firing. At about the same time Jim Younger was hit in the shoulder. During the battle, a Swedish immigrant, who did not speak English, was ordered out of the way by Cole Younger. When the man did not respond after repeated commands, Cole shot him dead.

As the bandits, all mounted now save Bob, began to gallop out of town, the youngest Younger panicked and shouted, "For God's sake boys, don't leave me." Cole, to his great credit, wheeled his horse around and rode back into the "teeth of the tiger." Snatching his little brother up behind him, Cole followed the rest of the resoundingly defeated outlaws as they clattered across the Cannon River Bridge.

The robbery had netted

them \$26 and some change. The battle was over. But the pursuit was about to begin.

Next: Pursuit across Minnesota and the last gunfight

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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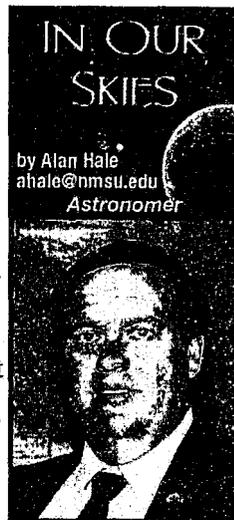
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# Solstice eclipse

This coming Tuesday, Dec. 21, marks the occasion of what is often called the "winter solstice" and the formal beginning of winter, at least here in the northern hemisphere. (That term, frankly, smacks of a bit of northern hemisphere chauvinism, since for our

friends who live south of the Equator this date marks the beginning of their summer. In this context, "December solstice" would be a more appropriate term.)

As a result of the Earth's motion around the sun and the constant tilt of its axis, for the past six months the sunrise and sunset points have been traveling farther and farther southward, and the sun's highest elevation above the horizon each day has been sinking lower and lower. Consequently, for those of us in the northern hemisphere the days have been filled with fewer and fewer hours of less direct sunlight, and this of course has produced the lower overall surface temperatures and other phenomena that we normally associate with winter (which, even if it has not yet "officially" arrived, has nevertheless arrived in a practical sense for many of us). After the solstice, however, the sunrise and sunset points will begin moving northward again, the sun's elevation and time above



the horizon will increase, and we'll eventually see the warmer temperatures and conditions that we associate with the seasons of spring and summer.

While ancient peoples were certainly aware of these regular patterns, they had no understanding of

the underlying causes, and thus from their perspective there was no guarantee that the sun would halt its southward march and begin heading northward again. The fact that it did so would then be a cause for celebration and many ancient cultures had their respective festivals in honor of the winter solstice. The Roman Empire had its Saturnalia festival at around this time and during the later stages of the Roman Empire there also occurred the festival of Sol Invictus (the "Unconquered Sun") on Dec. 25, to honor their sun deity. Although the specifics are somewhat unclear, it is generally believed that the date for the Christian holiday of Christmas was chosen to coincide with the later Roman Sol Invictus festival.

Next week's solstice brings with it an astronomical treat: A total eclipse of the moon that takes place that morning. The moon enters the Earth's outer shadow, or "penumbra," at

10:29 p.m. MST, on Monday evening, although this won't really be detectable until perhaps a half-hour or more later, when the moon's northeastern regions may start to show a hazy grayish shading. The moon then enters the Earth's inner shadow, or "umbra," at 11:33 p.m., and is completely within it at 12:41 a.m., which marks the start of totality. This lasts for slightly over an hour, until 1:53 a.m., at which time the moon starts exiting the umbra, a process that takes until 3:01 a.m. Some slight hazy shading due to the penumbra may be visible for perhaps another half-hour or so beyond that.

Even though the moon is completely immersed within the Earth's shadow during totality, it does not disappear. The Earth's atmosphere "refracts," or bends, sunlight and thus the moon remains illuminated to some extent. Since red light is scattered less than other colors the moon generally takes on a reddish to orange cast during a total eclipse — one way to think of this is that the moon is reflecting all the sunrises and sunsets that are taking place at the time of totality. On rare occasions, after a large volcanic eruption somewhere on Earth has released large amounts of dust and ash into the atmosphere, the moon has appeared almost black, but since we haven't had any events of this nature take place during the recent past we should see

the moon exhibit the more normal red or orange coloration.

Eclipses of the moon can only take place at the full moon phase, of course, and since the moon's orbit around the Earth is tilted some five degrees with respect to the plane of the Earth's orbit around the sun, eclipses can furthermore only take place when the moon is crossing the plane of the Earth's orbit at the time of full moon — occasions that recur at approximately six-month intervals. While a lunar eclipse is visible to the entire half of Earth that is experiencing nighttime at the time in question, that also means that close to half of the planet is at the "wrong" time to see a particular eclipse. The net result of all this is that lunar eclipses, especially total ones like next week's, are somewhat infrequent.

For example, the last total lunar eclipse that was visible from southern New Mexico was back in February 2008, although we had a relatively good partial eclipse that was visible before sunrise this past June 26. Meanwhile, it's going to be a while before we have another good eclipse; there is a total eclipse next June 15, which will be visible on the other side of the world, and while we should catch the beginning of the one after that (on Dec. 10, 2011) the moon will set for us while still in its partial phase. We'll see another partial eclipse (again, before sunrise) on

June 4, 2012. Not until April 15, 2014, will we be able to view another total eclipse, although that event begins a remarkable string where we'll see four consecutive total lunar eclipses within a span of 18 months.

Weather, of course, can also play a role in whether or not an eclipse is visible, and with the current time of the year being what it is, a clouded-out eclipse is always a possibility. Let us hope for clear skies on Tuesday morning so that we'll have an eclipse to savor as we wait the three-and-a-half years until our next one.

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## Lincoln County

### Clubs/Associations

**Alto Women's Association:** 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards. Business meeting every first Tuesday.

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

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

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

**Christian Motorcyclists Assoc:** Third Thursday monthly at 6:30 p.m.; 1204 Mechem, Suite 8.; online at [www.CMAUSA.org](http://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, 575-258-5669, 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: 653-4718.

### Help & Healing

**A Course in Miracles/Atitudinal 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, Emeño, 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](http://www.altrusaruidoso.com).

**Boy Scouts of America, Troop 52:** 6:20 p.m. every other Wednesday; Angus Church of the Nazarene. Info: 808-1172.

**Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59:** 6 p.m. every Monday, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Info: Mark, 378-5623.

**B.P.O. Elks No. 2086:** 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70; Info: 257-2607.

**B.P.O. Does:** Noon, second and fourth Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. Highway 70.

**Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program:** 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso. For children age 4 to 6th grade; Info: 257-2081, [www.fbcruaidoso.com](http://www.fbcruaidoso.com).

**Friends of Capitan Library:** Call for volunteers for Not 2 Shabby Thrift Shop. Info: Raylene, 354-3046 or library, 354-3035.

**Humane Society of Lincoln County:** Gavilan Canyon Rd. shelter open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat 11-2; ReSale Shop at the 'Y' open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon-Sat; Info: 378-1040.

**Kiwanis:** Tuesdays at noon at K-BOB's; Rutalee, 258-1431.

**Laughing Eyes Kennels:** Nonprofit breeder and trainer of Service Dogs in Nogal seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling & puppy socialization, bookkeeping, fundraising and kennel upkeep/management. Call 575-354-4342, or [www.lekennels.org](http://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, Phyllis, 257-5555, or Greg, 257-1255.

**Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary:** 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center off East Highway 70; Info: 378-8099 or 378-8316.

**Ruidoso Evening Lions:** Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Evening Lions Club House, 106 S. Overlook (behind Chef Lupe's). New members always welcome. Info: Mike Zaragosa, 937-0768 or Harold Oakes, 937-7618.

**Ruidoso Needle Crafters Club:** Every Sunday at Books, Etc., 2340 Sudderth Dr., 2-4 p.m. 575-257-1594.

**Ruidoso Shrine Club:** 6:30 p.m. every fourth Wednesday at Cree Meadows Restaurant; Info: 258-5860.

**Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club:** Meets at noon every Wednesday for lunch and meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club; Info: 258-1345.

**Sierra Blanca Daughters of the American Revolution:** Third Thursday of each month. Info: 258-3045.

**Zia Girl Scout Council:** 6 p.m. every third Thursday at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Info: 437-2921.

**White Mountain Search & Rescue:** 7 p.m. every third Monday at First Christian Church near the intersection

of Hull and Gavilan Canyon Roads. Info: email [whitemountainsar@gmail.com](mailto:whitemountainsar@gmail.com), visit [www.whitemountainsar.org](http://www.whitemountainsar.org) or phone 866-596-8382.

### Veterans

**American Legion Jerome D. Klein Post 79:** 11 a.m. every third Saturday, 101 Spring St. at Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs; Info: 257-6757.

**American Legion James A Hipp, Post 57:** First Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. Sr.Citizens Center, Capitan. 575-336-2194

**VFW Post 12071** meets the third Monday of each month at La Junta Lodge in Alto at 7 p.m. All eligible veterans are invited to attend.

**VFW Post 12071 Ladies Auxiliary** meets third Monday of each month at La Junta Lodge in Alto at 7 p.m. All eligible spouses, mothers, daughters and widows of veterans of foreign wars are invited to attend and join.

## Otero County

### Clubs & Associations

**Alamo Squares:** Square dancing on 2nd and 4th Saturdays. 8 p.m. Info: 437-3043, 434-2618 or 437-5474.

**Alamogordo Astronomy Club:** Meets every third Friday. Mike Mosier, 437-8260.

**Alamogordo Mustang Club:** Meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at Vision Ford. Daurian Orchard, 491-7952.

**Barbershop Harmony Society:** The "Sounds of Enchantment" barber-shop chorus meets at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo, every Tue., 7-9 p.m. Gentlemen of all ages welcome. Info: 437-8832.

**Boy Scouts:** Programs open to boys first grade-age 20, girls tenth grade-age 20. Info: Suzy, 437-7640.

**Chaparral Kennel Club:** 6:30 p.m. every first Wednesday at various locations. Promotes purebred dogs and sponsors therapy visits, dog shows, matches and the rescue of purebred dogs. Michele, 434-5220.

**The Christian Self-Employed Business Club:** Breakfast meetings at 8 a.m. on Fridays. Any self-employed person and a guest are welcome to attend. Paul Collins, 437-8257.

**Crochet Guild of America:** The Alamogordo Touch of Class Chapter welcomes all levels. 437-3832.

**Desert Basin Toastmasters:** Meets 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Alamogordo Physical Therapy Center, 10th and Washington; and every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Comm. Center at Holloman AFB. Guests welcome. Visit [desertbasin.freetoasthost.com](http://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 Delilah at 442-8750.

## Education

**ESL:** English as a second language class, 9 a.m. each Monday, 1328

Scenic Dr. \$15 for workbook. Class sponsored by Mountain Valley Baptist Association; 437-9987.

**H.E.L.P. Head Start:** Accepting applications for pre-school children with or without disabilities. Free meals. Alamogordo Center: Maria Gallegos, 434-6313; La Luz Center: Martina Travis, 437-4485; Tularosa Center: Annette Chavez, 585-4818.

**Integrated Instructional Services Department:** Monthly Parent/Staff Advisory Committee meeting, 4 - 6 p.m. every second Tuesday at the IIS Building. Dr. Doug Householder, 439-3200.

**Lacy Simms:** Governing council meets at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at First National Bank Building Atrium. Regular meetings are at 7:15 p.m.; 437-4011.

## Help & Healing

**AI-Anon:** New Day AI-Anon group meets noon Thursdays at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo.

**Alamogordo City Disability Council:** Meets at 2 p.m. every third Wednesday at the Sgt. Willie Estrada Memorial Civic Center. Disability Resource Center, 439-1112, or Ann French at 439-4227 or 439-4889.

**American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center:** Mon. & Tues., 1 - 4 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Hats, wigs, scarves, bras, prostheses; "Look Good - Feel Better" make-up sessions by appt.; 1212 E. 9th St., Ste. E; trained, certified "Reach to Recovery" volunteers. Free services. 575-437-6176, 430-1530, 437-0690.

**Blood Pressure Screening:** 9 a.m. - noon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Red Cross office. Free; 700 E. First St., No. 765. 437-4421.

**Calvary Baptist Clothes Closet:** Open 2 - 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 1200 Indian Wells Rd.; Clothing is free; Donations accepted. 437-0110.

**Celiac Disease/Gluten Intolerance Support Group:** Meets second and fourth Sundays, 2-3:30 p.m., in the conference room of ERA-Simmons Real Estate, 918 10th St., Alamogordo. Info: Kathie at 437-0603, Robin at 442-9419, or email painted-ladies64@yahoo.com.

**Child Health Care:** No or low cost for children under 19. Apply at the Otero County Public Health Office. 437-9340, 437-9899, or 437-9093.

**Divorced & Widowed Adjustment Group:** Meets at 6:30 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Alamogordo Church, 2826 Indian Wells Rd. Non-sectarian self-help group dedicated to assisting men and women of all ages through the loss of a partner through divorce, separation or death. Info: Ben, 682-3621.

**HIBAC:** Counselors are available in the Nutrition Office at the Alamo Senior Center, 9 a.m.-noon, Monday & Wednesday to assist with supplemental insurance for Medicare.

**Low Income Housing:** Applications are accepted 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Alamogordo Housing Authority, located at 104 Arlugo 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, Alamosora, Tularosa and Mescalero. 439-4971.

**Zia Thrift Store:** Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 816 E. Ninth St., Monday - Saturday; Proceeds support the programs at Zia Therapy Center for children and adults with developmental disabilities; Donations appreciated; Fridays are Military Discount Day; 437-0144.

**Zia Transportation Services:** Offered for work, work-related activities, education, training and child-care. Contact an Income Support Division caseworker, New Mexico Works caseworker or Zia Therapy Center at 437-4222.

## Ongoing Activities

**Bingo:** 7 p.m. Wed., 12:30 and 3 p.m. Sun., 1 and 7 p.m. Mon. at the Eagles Lodge, 471 24th St. Ages 8 and up welcome with adult. 575-437-1302.

**Bingo:** 7 p.m. Wed.-Fri. and Sun., 2 p.m. Sat at the VFW, 700 U.S. 70 West. Ages 16 and over welcome with an adult. 437-0770.

**Coffee Club:** 7:30 - 9 a.m., third Wednesday; Edward Jones Investments, 1106 E. 10th St. Current events, identity theft & Soc. Sec. Breakfast provided. 443-1900.

**Joyful Noyse Recorder Consort:** Every other Sunday at various locations. Seeking soprano, alto, tenor & bass recorder players. 937-2006.

**Meditation Group:** Every Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon at 1010 16th St., Alamogordo. Music-guided meditation. 443-1075.

**Seniors Ping Pong:** 8 - 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico Ave. Monty, 437-1601.

**Yoga for Seniors:** 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday at First Presbyterian Church, 14th Street and Oregon Avenue. 437-0559

## Political

**Democratic Party of Otero County:** Meets first Tuesday at a local restaurant at 5:30 p.m., with 6 p.m. meeting start. Call 437-8590 for location.

**Mountain Democrats:** Meet second Wednesday at Big Daddy's Restaurant on U.S. 82, Cloudcroft, at noon. Info: Ellen Wedum, 682-2464 or email dotellen@gmail.com.

**Republican Party of Otero County:** Fourth Thursday meeting each month. Info: Sassy Tinling, 443-1195.

**Tularosa Democrats:** Meet at Coffee & More, 308 Granada, 5 p.m. sharp second Thursday of each month. Info: Charles Murrell at 585-8153.

## Service Organizations

**Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club:** Meets at 7 a.m. every Saturday at Maximino's, 2300 White Sands Blvd. The public is welcome. Jeanette or Chuck, 434-6296.

**Alamogordo Noon Kiwanis:** Meets at Margo's Mexican Restaurant every Wednesday, except the fifth. 434-6417.

**Alamogordo Public Library Foundation:** Raises money and awareness for Alamogordo Public Library. Flori, 437-6616 or Allen, 434-2349.

**Altrusa International:** 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. at 19th Hole golf course restaurant. Jan Wafful, 491-0713 or Marty Poitra, 921-1144.

**Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority:** Focusing on cultural, social and service activities. Lynn 585-5516.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters:** Accepting applications for children ages 6 - 17 and volunteers 18 years or older. 434-3388.

**Daughters of the American Revolution:** Meets monthly on third Saturday at time and place TBA. 437-7200.

**Downtown Lions Club:** Meets on second and fourth Mondays at Mariscos Costa Azul, 415 S. White Sands Blvd. Public welcome. Terry Reed at 434-3368 or Martha 437-7515.

**Flickinger Guild:** Supporting the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts, Guild members sell tickets in the box office, work the door for performances, usher, hand out programs and work concessions. Contact chairman Flori McElderry at 437-6616.

**Kiwanis Club of Alamogordo:** Meets on first and third Thursdays at 8 a.m.

at Maximino's Restaurant, 2300 N. White Sands Blvd; 434-0923.

**Order of the Eastern Star:** Tularosa Basin Chapter No. 72 meets at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday at 409 Higuera St., Tularosa. 434-1456.

**Special Olympics NM - Otero:** Sports training and competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities; track and field practice at 9 a.m. at NMSBVI in Alamogordo. Info: Anthony Bradway, 575-430-8902 or Sally Bradway at 479-2958.

## Veterans / Military

**Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1257:** Open meeting/luncheon 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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# ADVENTURE

## Winter holiday in Baja

Paolino called it a boulder scramble. I called it "B.S." Continuing our winter holiday in Baja, we pursue more outdoor adventures in Espiritu Santo, then join the locals for an authentic Mexican posada, a re-enactment of Mary and Joseph's journey for shelter in Bethlehem.

### Follow me to Espiritu Santo and Loreto

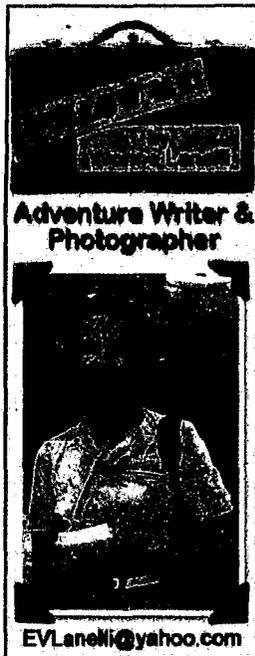
Ensenada Grande just might be the prettiest beach on Isla Espiritu Santo in Baja's National Preserve. Steep granite and basalt cliffs shelter a sandy cove circling turquoise water.

A cactus- and boulder-filled arroyo meanders from the beach up into red and tan cliffs. "Just follow me," invited my friend Paolino, a biologist and naturalist living in Baja.

You can't call it a hike. "Hike" implies a defined path. We literally scramble over rocks, sand and boulders, some as big as Volkswagens, in our quest for — exercise? nature? personal accomplishment?

"We won't go all the way to the top, that's at least an hour-and-a-half up, and then you have to come down. We'll go up for 40 minutes then turn around."

After 10 minutes of imitating mountain goats our group of 11 stretches out — the younger, faster ones ahead and the slower, aged ones behind. Acacia thorns tear at my legs and I'm glad for long pants.



Boulders scratch arms and I thank long sleeves. We climb higher and higher. It's only 9 a.m., but already the December morning sun dries us out. Whenever Paolino stops to explain something we hide our relief beneath barely disguised heavy breathing. Fortunately, he stops frequently.

Geology that created these uplifted cliffs, rain that tumbled down the boulders and ground them to smaller rocks, and the plants and cactus that brightened the way, Paolino elucidates all.

We catch our breaths, sip water and look around. This desert amazes. A giant cardon cactus, the one that looks like a saguaro on steroids, stretches to an impossibly blue sky, where two zopilote, turkey buzzards, ride thermals. Mint-smelling brusera tantalizes from the path below. Red fairy duster blooms beg to

be photographed and the occasional butterfly flits past.

"The vegetation is very lush because we've had a lot of rain," explains Paolino as we rest against a mica-flecked boulder. At last, our 40 minutes are up, we turn around.

"My gosh, look at that view," someone exclaims. Below lies the cove of Ensenada Grande. Our small ship barely moves in the gentle wind that laps waves. We take pictures, then scramble back down. Descending the boulders is easier.

"This deserves a beer," vows one triumphant scrambler when we reach the beach.

"First I'm going for a swim," replies another.

Me, I think of our posada party tonight and head for shower and shampoo.

Nice boulder scramble Paolino, and that's no BS.

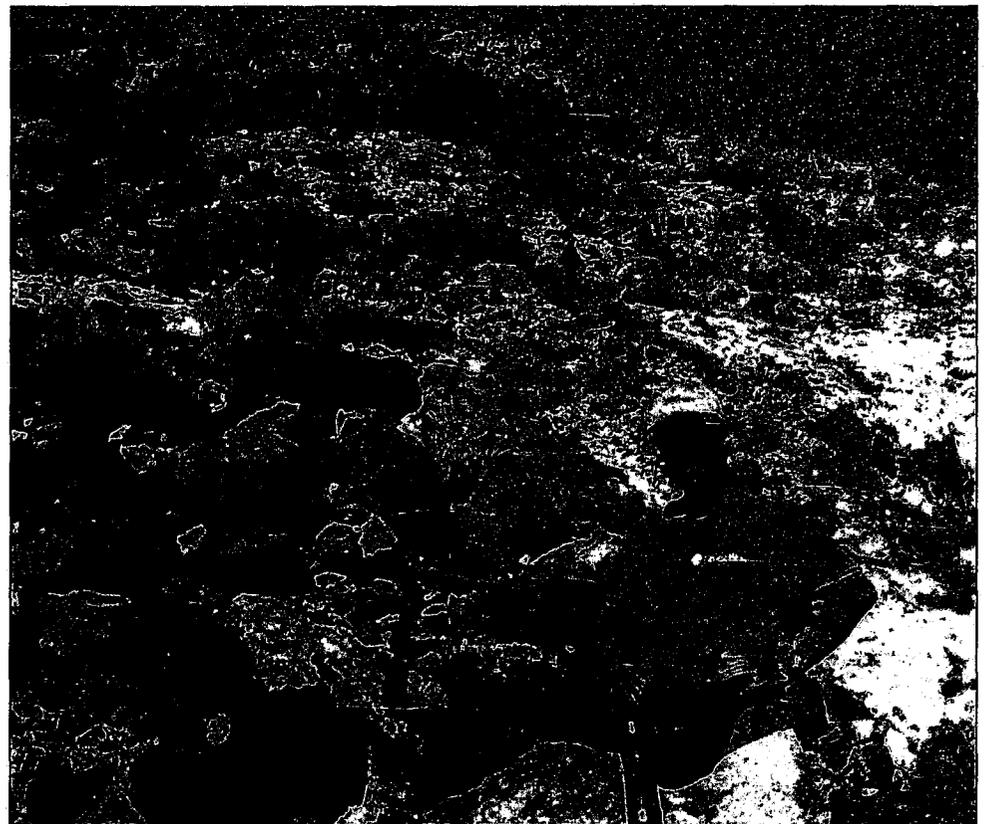
### Estas son las posadas

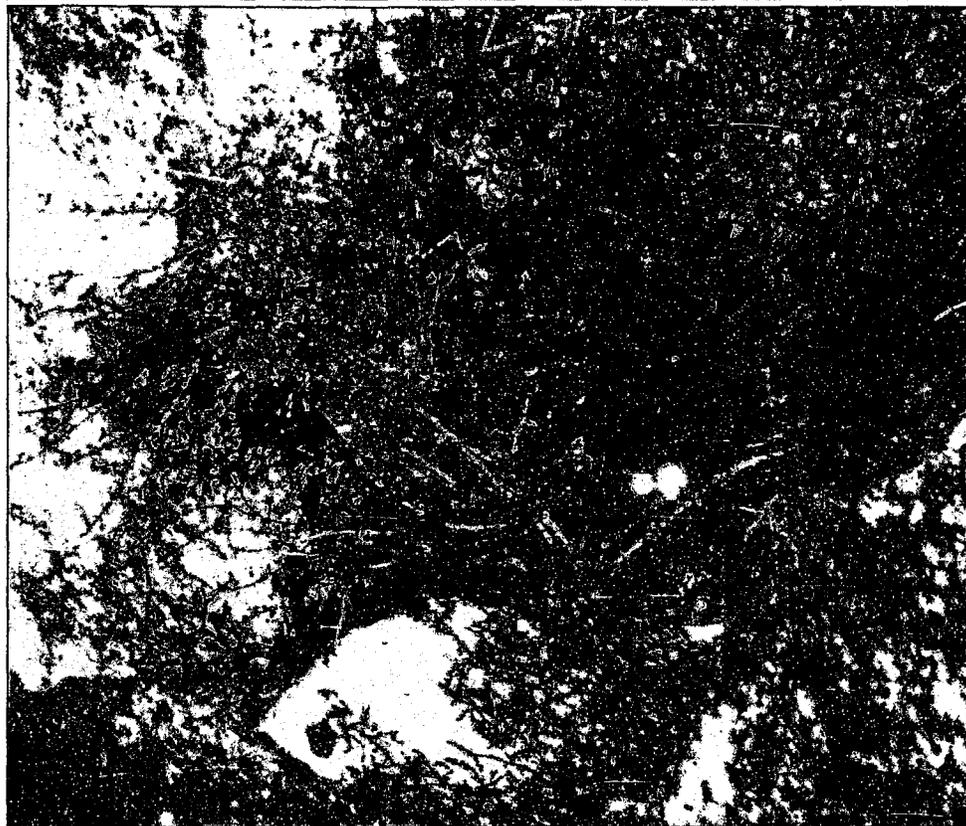
Dancing, singing, wine, gifts and parties all week long, it must be Christmas in Baja. Baja Californians celebrate Christmas long before Dec. 25, with posadas, nightly ritualized parties that involve entire neighborhoods and go on for a week. It is also the perfect way to welcome the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year, which occurs shortly before Dec. 25.

In the small, friendly Baja California Sur city of Loreto, we gather at Misión de Loreto, the very first mission ever in the



*No wonder we are out of breath — look how high we climbed (above). Naturalist Paulino (below) finally stops to explain geology and vegetation of the boulders of Baja California Sur.*





Wildflowers, such as this red fairy duster, bloom in December in Baja California Sur.



Above Ensenada Grande beach steep granite and basalt cliffs shelter a sandy cove circling turquoise water.

Californías. Within plastered stone walls we re-enact the traditional posada, which recalls the attempts of Mary and Joseph to find shelter in Bethlehem.

Some of us portray the innkeepers and others the pilgrims. Our handheld lighted candles made a delicate pattern in the late afternoon twilight. Local singers lead our songs in Spanish. We stumble along as best we can with song sheets. First, the pilgrims ask for shelter; alternately, the innkeepers deny. Several verses later the innkeepers invite the pilgrims inside and we follow our hosts to the mission courtyard. The mission's heavy wooden courtyard doors swing open. We gasp in surprise.

### It's party time Baja style

Colorful piñatas and balloons decorate the

stone-flagged courtyard. Wine, cheese, little baskets of hard candies and fruit grace tables. Guitarists and vocalists play and sing Spanish love songs and ballads, many we recognize and sing along with, such as "Cielito Lindo," "Spanish Eyes," "La Bambaba" and "Guantanamera."

"Christmas parties back home are nothing like this," vows a guest from Connecticut, as he joins in a circle dance. We sing along, clap and dance until it is time to go.

"Adios, Feliz Navidad," we bid our new friends goodbye, and Merry Christmas.

"Come back tomorrow," invite the Loretans. "We do this every night for seven nights."

Wow — seven nights of parties. Great custom.

### Traveling to Mexico

We have read many stories of murders in Mexican towns, particularly Juárez, based on wars between drug cartels and law enforcement. If this causes you to doubt a Mexican vacation consider this: Mexico is a large country, as is the U.S. The communities in Baja are as far from Juárez as we New Mexicans were from race riots in Los Angeles a few years ago. When I travel to Mexico, I go only to popular tourist locales such as Loreto, Cabo San Lucas and La Paz in the Baja, or Cancun and Cozumel on the Yucatan Peninsula. I take the same safety precautions as I would anywhere in the world and never put myself in a compromising situation.

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# Local Residents in Amazement Yesterday as Collectors Provide a Stimulus Package to Alamogordo!

By KEN MCINTOSH  
STAFF WRITER

ICCA will be placing ads in newspapers, radio and running television spots this week asking people to bring in any old silver and gold coins made before 1965. Those that do bring in their coins will be able to speak with collectors one on one and have their coins looked at with an expert set of eyes. With the help of these ICCA members offers will be made to those that have coins made before 1965. Offers will be made based on silver or gold content and the rarity of the coins. All coins made before 1965 will be examined and purchased including gold coins, silver coins, silver dollars, all types of nickels and pennies. Those that decide to sell their coins will be paid on the spot.

If you are like a lot of people you might have a few old coins or even a coffee can full lying around. If you have ever wondered what they are worth, now might be your chance to find out and even sell them if you choose. They could be worth a lot according to the International Coin Collectors Association also known as ICCA. Collectors will pay a fortune for some coins and currency for their collections. If they are rare enough, one coin could be worth over \$100,000 according to Eric Helms coin collector and ICCA member. One ultra rare dime an 1894S Barber sold for a record \$1.9 million to a collector in July of 2007. While that is an extreme example, many rare and valuable coins are stashed away in dresser drawers or lock boxes around the country. The ICCA and its collector members have organized a traveling event in search of all types of coins and currency. "Even common coins can be worth a significant amount due to the high price of silver and gold," says Helms. Washington quarters and Roosevelt dimes and worth many times their face value. Recent silver markets have driven the price up on even common coins made of silver. Helms explains: all half dollars, quarter and dimes made before 1965 contain 90% silver and are sought after any time silver prices rise. Right now it's a sellers market he said.

The rarest coins these collectors are looking for include \$20, \$10, \$5 and \$2 1/2 gold coins and any coin made before 1850. These coins always bring big premiums according to the ICCA. Silver dollars are also very sought after nowadays.

Other types of items the ICCA will be purchasing during this event include U.S. currency, gold bullion, investment gold, silver bars, silver rounds, proof sets, etc. Even foreign coins are sought after and will be purchased.

Also at this event anyone can sell their gold jewelry, dental gold or anything made of gold on the spot. Gold is currently trading at over \$1,100.00 per ounce near an all time high. Bring anything you think might be gold and the collectors will examine, test and price it for free. If you decide to sell you will be paid on the spot - it has been an unknown fact that coin dealers have always paid more for jewelry and scrap gold than other jewelers and pawn brokers.

So whether you have one coin you think might be valuable or a large collection you recently inherited you can talk to these collectors for free and if your lucky you may have a rarity worth thousands. Either way, there is nothing to lose and it sounds like fun!

For more information on this event visit the ICCA website at [www.internationalcoincollectors.com](http://www.internationalcoincollectors.com).

## What We Buy:

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