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La Niña expected to continue for area

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Forecasters predict drier-than-normal winter

With the summer of 2011 described as a "spot-soon" for its hit-and-miss precipitation, forecasters are holding with their view that this winter will likely deliver below average snow and rain because of a building La Niña.

La Niña conditions over the

equatorial Pacific Ocean typically means less precipitation in the Southwest and usually has more of an impact on southern New Mexico than the northern part of the state. Another La Niña would come on the heels of last winter, which had below average snows for the

Sacramento Mountains.

"I can't today tell you today that we're going into an extended period of La Niña. We just don't know that," said National Weather Service meteorologist Deirdre Kann. The service's Albuquerque forecast office provided a pre-winter workshop

with the media on Wednesday.

Recent reports from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration have been extremely negative, suggesting a deepening La Niña.

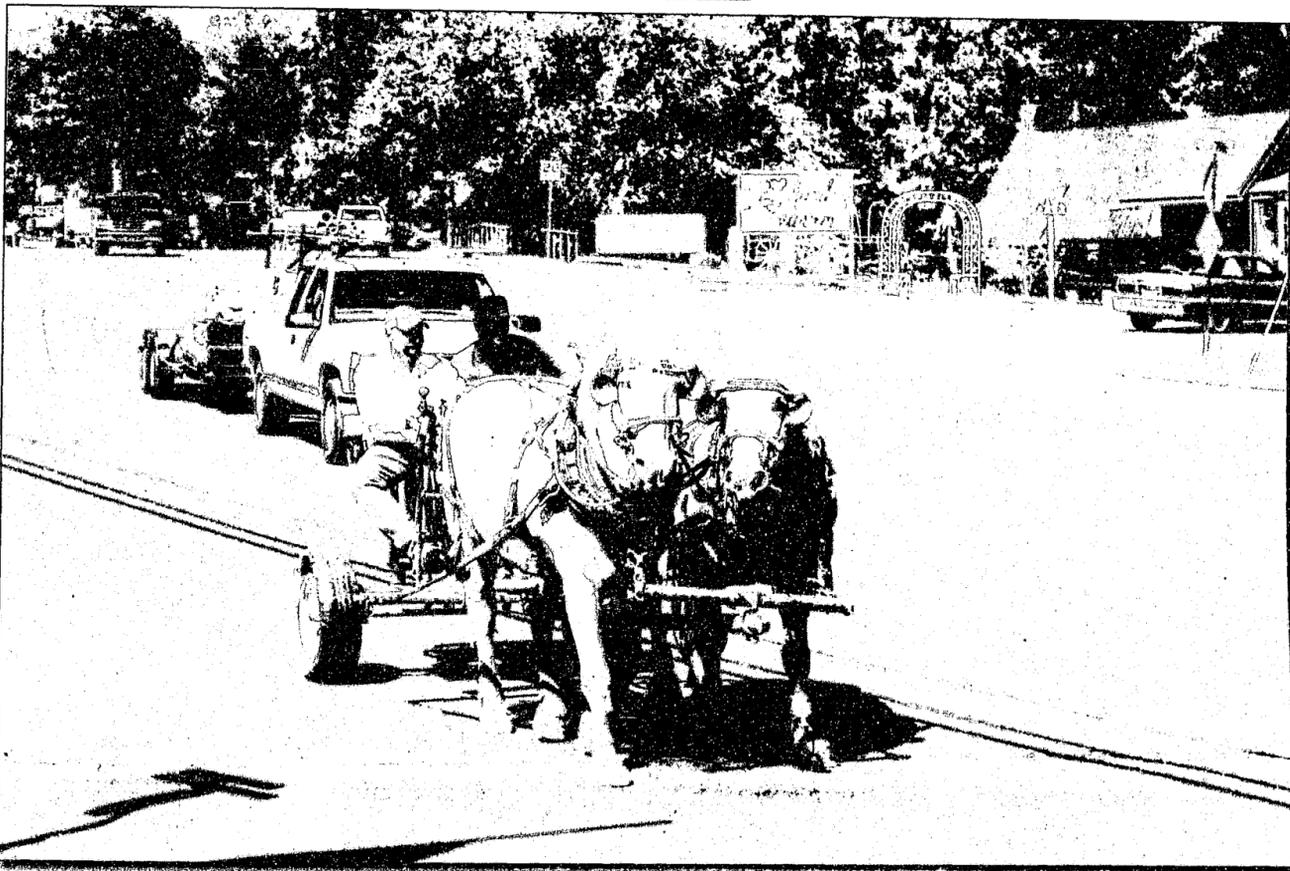
"Sure, but look, the data can really drop negative and then it

can bounce right back up," Kann said. "They're lined up right now, which certainly is believable because Texas has just had this extreme drought and so have we along the eastern part of the state. It's the worst that we've seen for decades."

The forecast office's warning

See **DRY**, page 12A

HOOFING IT



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From left, Kevin Kennedy and Tucker Whiteley from Grindstone Stables take the horses out for an afternoon stroll down Sudderth Drive, getting ready for sleigh season.

Lights out — for now

Village passes on illuminating ballfield

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With the return of a professional baseball team to Ruidoso uncertain and plenty of other pressing needs, village councilors Tuesday passed on the issue of field lights at the White Mountain Sports Complex, at least for now.



Almager

But they will continue to pursue drafting a policy on the use of field lights for night-

time games to ensure the rules are in place if a grant becomes available or the school district purchases the lights to help out student players.

No action was taken on a request by Parks and Recreation Director Debbie Jo Almager for authorization to proceed with seeking funding to buy the lights that the league contended were essential to generate more ticket sales for games.

Councilor Denise Dean said if the public wants lights at the field, they should go through the school board, not use up more of the council's time and resources.

"We have enough other things," she said.

"This is not a priority for me," Councilor Jim Stoddard agreed. "They didn't pay what they said they would. They breached

See **FIELD**, page 11A

Village Council discusses walking path repairs

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Worn surfaces, loose gravel and other deterioration on the walking path around The Links golf course pose a danger to the hundreds of

users who walk, jog and run the course every week, Ruidoso village councilors agreed Tuesday.

Money is the only thing standing in the way of needed repairs, said Parks and Recreation Director Debbie Jo Almager. "Everything comes down to funding," she told

councilors. "Given the money, we'll make it happen."

Councilor Ron Hardeman scheduled the item on the agenda after speaking to Councilor Jim Stoddard and several residents about safety issues and maintenance on the trail, he said.

Almager said the worse parts of the path could be chip-sealed with a mixture of oil and rock chips for about \$20,500, but to complete a total overlay of the three-mile route would cost \$168,158.

See **PATH**, page 8A

'The Paper that Goes Everywhere!'

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The Ruidoso News is launching its "The Paper that Goes Everywhere!" in this issue.

Readers are encouraged to take a copy of the Ruidoso News on their vacations, take pictures of themselves at prominent or idyllic settings while holding a copy of the

paper, and send it to the Ruidoso News to be featured in a following edition.

Submissions should be sent to General Manager Rena Mlodecki, rwalsh@ruidosonews.com, or Retail Advertising Manager Ross Barrett, rbarrett@ruidosonews.com, or send it to either by regular mail, P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, N.M., 88355.

Every month, the Ruidoso News will hold a drawing of that month's entries and the winner will receive two quality "The Paper that Goes Everywhere! Ruidoso News" T-shirts.

What is even more exciting is that a year from this issue, the Ruidoso News will have a drawing from all entries from the entire year and the winner will receive thou-

sands of dollars in prizes from local businesses.

See the advertisement at the bottom of Page 6A for more details.

"This is a fun contest," Mlodecki said. "It's great for our sponsors, great for our subscribers and great for Ruidoso. And anything goes. At a previous paper, I had readers holding up a paper in a plastic bag while scuba diving."

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Search and Rescue

The White Mountain Search and Rescue (WMSAR) team will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m., Monday at the First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road.

Membership is open to volunteers interested in various disciplines, such as operations, communications, ATV, ground patrol, horse/mule and K9 teams. Training and support is available for all positions at no cost in preparation for certification.

For information on New Mexico search and rescue activities, go to www.nmsarc.org or call Tony Davis at 336-4501.

Photo exhibit

The 20th annual Fall American Photography Exhibition will open Saturday at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. A reception and the announcement of winners will take place from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

The museum received almost 300 submissions from around the nation for the juried exhibition. The exhibit again uses the American West as the primary exhibit subject matter and artists were required to submit photos that relate in some manner to the overall theme of the exhibit.

CORRECTION

In the Oct. 12 edition, on page 3A, the name of Zana Dobbs, deli manager for Lawrence Brothers grocery store, was misspelled.



Sen. Rod Adair



Rep. Zach Cook



Rep. Nora Espinoza

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

The message relayed by the three speakers at the RPLC's October meeting was the same. Sen. Rod Adair, Rep. Nora Espinoza and Rep. Zach Cook reported on the state Legislature's special session. Although the Republican lawmakers were in the minority, they arrived in Santa Fe with a willingness to work with the Democratic majority. The Republicans approached the other party several times, but the Democrats were unwilling to consider the Republican viewpoints. One of the many unsolved issues of the special session is social promotion of third graders who cannot read. As Espinoza passionately pointed out, from kindergarten to third grade, children learn to read and from fourth to 12th grade, they read to learn. She characterized the Democrats in the

Legislature as having "no respect for due process" and the entire session as a waste of taxpayer money. Adair, who also is a demographer, reported on the redistricting process. The Democrats refused to listen to common sense suggestions. According to Adair, the governor vetoed the redistricting bill because she believes the people should choose their senators and representatives, and that the lawmakers should not be choosing their constituents. Cook, who headed the impeachment committee on Commissioner Jerome Block of the Public Regulation Commission, emphasized that the Democrats have the numbers and refuse to treat the Republicans fairly. He also believes that a strong Attorney General is essential in fighting corruption in government.

many exhibit subject matter and artists were required to submit photos that relate in some manner to the overall theme of the exhibit. New Mexico will be well represented with more than half of the submitting artists residing in the state including many local area photographers.

Saturday's reception is open to museum members and invited guest. Paid museum visitors during the reception hours are also invited to attend the opening ceremonies.

A total of \$3,800 in cash awards will be provided to the top twelve photographs. Many of the photos on display are available for purchase and can be picked up at the completion of the exhibit.

The Fall American Photography Exhibition will be on display at the museum through Feb. 12, 2012.

Community theater

Lincoln County Community Theatre will be holding auditions/readings

for their upcoming holiday performances of short one-act plays and/or monologues.

The auditions will be held on at 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the RRCA offices at 1712 Sudderth Drive, next to Compass Bank. In addition, if anyone has written a short (less than 30 minutes) play or monologue, LCCT would like to review these as well for possible performance. The holiday performances will be in early December and will be held at Sacred

Grounds. Call 257-7272 or 336-1530 for more information.

Tea Party

The Lincoln County Tea Party will be having their monthly meeting Tuesday, October 18th at the Swiss Chalet restaurant.

There will be videos and discussion on "Agenda 21" "Learn how Agenda 21 has permeated every community in the United States and tramples individual freedoms and private property

rights. Sustainable Development or Sustainable Freedom - you can't have both!" A \$7 pasta buffet is at 5:30 and the meeting is at 6:30 p.m. For information call (575) 937-3742 or (575) 354-5050.

New librarian

The public will get a chance to welcome the new director of the Ruidoso Public Library. A meet-and-greet for Corey Bard is scheduled for Thursday, Oct.



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LUNCH & DINNER



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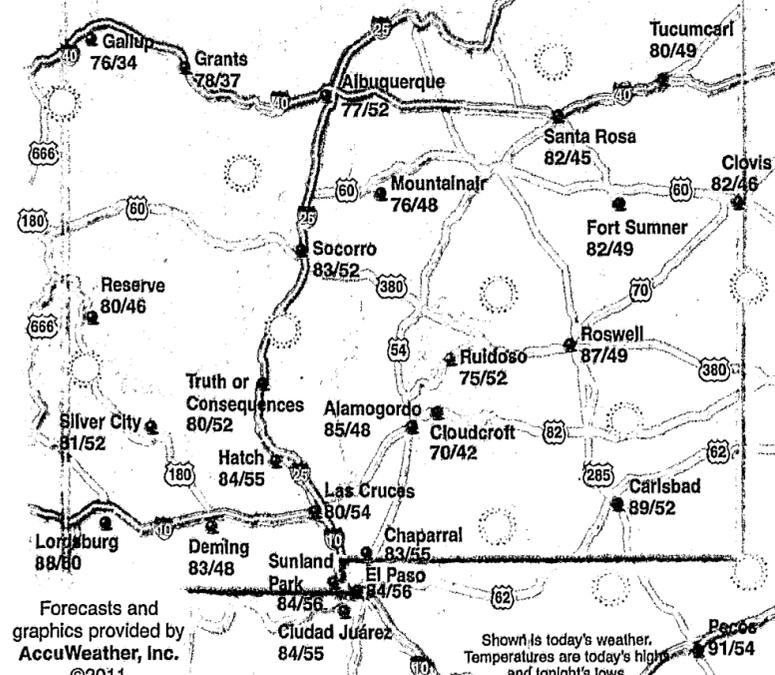
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Regional Cities



Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/Low 68°/48°
Normal high 67°
Normal low 37°
Record high 79° (1954)
Record low 16° (1949)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 1.10"
Normal month to date 0.76"
Year to date 7.82"
Normal year to date 18.70"
Pollen:
Grass Moderate
Trees Absent
Weeds Moderate
Mold Low
Predominant Ragweed
Source: Eddie L. Gaines, MD, of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic
Alamogordo
Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/Low 82°/46°
Normal high 80°
Normal low 43°
Record high 90° (2007)
Record low 37° (1977)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.01"
Normal month to date 0.46"
Year to date 3.21"
Normal year to date 8.83"
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Q: What is a cat's paw?
A: A light breeze.

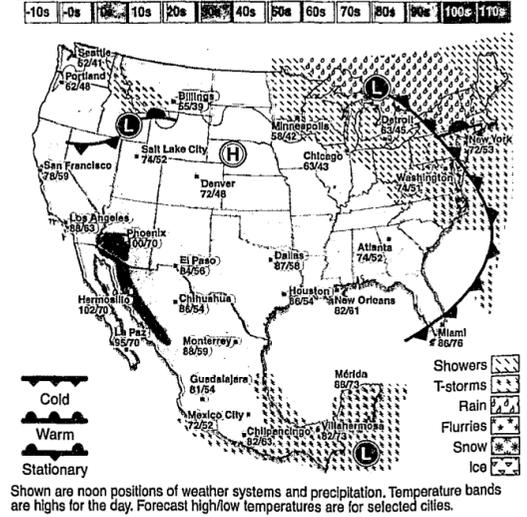
Sun and Moon
Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 7:06 a.m./6:32 p.m.
Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 7:58 p.m./9:26 a.m.

Moon Phases
Last New First Full
Oct 19 Oct 26 Nov 2 Nov 10

Extremes
Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 105° in Fullerton, CA
Low: 23° in Angel Fire, NM

Wednesday's World High/Low:
High: 111° in Wyndham, Australia
Low: -38° in Summit Station, Greenland

National Forecast for Oct. 14, 2011



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

National Cities			Regional Cities		
City	Today HI/Lo/W	Sat. HI/Lo/W	City	Today HI/Lo/W	Sat. HI/Lo/W
Abilene	88/55/s	84/59/s	Albuquerque	77/52/s	78/54/s
Anchorage	49/40/r	49/38/sh	Artesia	89/54/s	88/56/s
Atlanta	74/52/s	74/50/s	Chama	67/37/s	72/36/s
Austin	89/50/s	87/55/s	Clayton	76/45/s	81/52/s
Baltimore	72/51/f	67/49/pc	Cloudcroft	70/42/s	72/33/s
Boston	72/56/f	69/50/pc	Farmington	74/41/s	78/47/s
Chicago	63/43/pc	63/48/s	Hobbs	88/50/s	83/49/s
Dallas	87/58/s	87/61/s	Los Alamos	71/44/s	74/39/s
Denver	72/48/s	87/53/s	Portales	81/49/s	84/48/s
Des Moines	62/41/s	67/52/s	Plato	70/35/s	80/40/s
Detroit	63/45/sh	58/44/sh	Red River	63/38/s	65/33/s
El Paso	84/56/s	85/59/s	Ruidoso	75/52/s	74/55/s
Las Vegas	92/67/s	90/67/pc	Santa Fe	74/43/s	78/45/s
Los Angeles	88/63/s	80/63/pc	Silver City	81/52/s	83/53/s
Minneapolis	58/42/pc	62/46/pc	Taos	73/34/s	74/36/s
New Orleans	82/61/s	84/64/s			
New York City	72/53/f	63/52/pc			
Philadelphia	74/52/f	68/50/pc			
Phoenix	100/70/s	100/70/s			
Reno	82/48/s	78/48/pc			
San Francisco	78/59/s	71/57/s			
San Diego	77/63/s	73/64/pc			
Seattle	52/41/c	55/41/pc			
Tucson	92/63/s	94/64/s			
Tulsa, OK	78/49/s	82/58/s			
Wash., DC	74/51/f	71/49/pc			
Wichita	72/44/pc	77/53/s			
Yuma	100/70/s	98/70/pc			

Mexican Cities
City Today HI/Lo/W Sat. HI/Lo/W
Acapulco 88/75/f 90/77/f
Cancun 82/72/f 82/73/f
Chihuahua 86/54/s 86/54/s
Ciudad Juárez 84/55/s 84/55/s
Leon 81/50/pc 79/48/s
Mexico, DF 72/52/c 72/48/pc
Monterrey 88/59/s 88/59/s
Morelia 78/52/c 80/52/pc
Oaxaca 79/57/f 79/57/f
Penaconco 95/72/s 93/72/s
Tijuana 82/81/s 77/59/s

EVENTS

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20, from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the library. Bard was previously the library director at the Curry Public Library in Gold Beach, Ore. Music will be provided by Fred Kinnan and Tim Rice. Refreshments will be served.

Bard said he plans to continue technology improvements at the Ruidoso Public Library to keep pace with changes in the library world. He said he also wants the arts community to bring more culture to the library with programs, entertainers, musicians, historical chautauqs and educators. He also would like to provide training and assistance to the public in computer skills, as well as business development and job search help. Bard said recent economic trends make job searching, resume building and business development skills programs necessary for libraries to offer.

Bard contends that libraries must be ready to adopt changing technologies.

Legal help

Free legal help will be available to residents in the Ruidoso region on Saturday, Oct. 22. Attorneys from Lincoln and Otero counties will be at the Ruidoso Senior Center from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The free legal fair will answer questions about bankruptcy, foreclosure, creditor/debtor issues, landlord/tenant matters, guardianships, public benefits, immigration, family law, paternity/custody/child support, wills/trusts/probate, and powers of attorney.

The consultations will be on a first-come, first serve



COURTESY

High Mesa Healing Center and Barbara Mader, owner and director, welcomed 10 students and 2 professors from the University of Guanajuato for the purpose of exchanging information about current alternative and traditional healing modalities practiced in the United States and Mexico. For the past two years, Barbara Mader has gone to Mexico to the University of Guanajuato, located near the town of Celaya, to present at a conference there. She extended an invitation to students and faculty to come visit HMHC, and they accepted. The students and professors are visiting for two weeks, from Oct. 2 through today. Students are learning about alternative healing strategies practiced at HMHC such as healing touch, Reiki, aromatherapy, crystal therapy, and magnified healing. They have toured Lincoln County Medical Center, the Sanctuary on the River, and attended the Lincoln County Health Council. HMHC expresses appreciation to Jane Floyd and Village Lodge and to all who have extended hospitality and contributed to the students' successful learning experience here in the Ruidoso area. There will be a reception in honor of the students and their professors at 5:30 p.m. today at the home of Barbara Mader, 133 Mader Lane, located behind HMHC. Everyone is invited.

basis. Bilingual attorneys will be available.

Story times

Wednesday morning preschool story times for the remainder of October will include stories about tiny woodland creatures today. The children will make a Hershey's mouse.

On Oct. 19, the children's library will feature stories about raccoons. Raccoon masks will be made for the students to wear.

The Oct. 26 edition will deliver Halloween stories and spooky crafts.

The Wednesday preschool story times begin at 10:30 a.m.

'Pink' raffle

The Ruidoso Regional Arts Council exhibition "Shades of Pink" and the raffle of an artist's proof for the purpose are aimed at raising money for both the RRCA and Altrusa during October.

Raffle proceeds will be equally split between the

two groups, with Altrusa's portion benefiting the Lincoln County Low Cost Mammogram Matching Grant Fund. The sales of any artwork during this show falls under the same consignment agreement the RRCA has in place for all exhibits, with 75 percent going to the artist and 25 percent to the RRCA.

Tickets are available at Josie's Framery and the RRCA. They sell for \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20.

The Artist's Proof is a high quality giclee from the original watercolor titled "Promise for Tomorrow." The artist Jean Heiges-DeWaard is deceased from pancreatic cancer.

Roadblocks

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish said Tuesday that the road blocks would help both

the collection of harvest data and the apprehension of wildlife law violators.

Conservation officers also will check for compliance with the registration requirements and safety provisions of the Off Highway Motor Vehicle Act. Drivers hauling wood products will be asked to show documentation as spelled out in the Forestry Conservation Act.

Game and Fish Department officers may be assisted by other law enforcement agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Police and county sheriff's deputies.

As a result, hunters may encounter minor delays.

To report a wildlife law violation, call the Operation Game Thief hotline at 800-432-GAME (4263).

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OUR OPINION

Immigration, economy go hand in hand

If at first ...

Perhaps advocates for immigration reform are now knocking on the right door when it comes to a stuck-in-the-mud Congress taking some action.

Both parties, Democratic and Republican, agree that the nation's economy is in a straightjacket these days. So why not listen and take heed to those who contend immigrants can, and will, create jobs if they are allowed to set up and become legal residents in this country.

Partnership for a New American Economy relayed some interesting data last week.

It's basically this: We educate some of the brightest minds in the world and our universities, but if these graduates are not permanent residents of the U.S., and it's a hassle to become one, they are better off taking their knowledge back to their home country.

Or, as PNAE's Jeremy Robbins pointed out, countries such as Chile, and others, not only welcome immigrants, they give immigrants large incentives if they bring with them skills or business start-up funds.

And it's easier for an immigrant to work in Canada than in the U.S.

China gives its U.S.-educated students good incentives to come back home.

It's well understood that immigration reform is a complicated, politicized issue. And arguments, on both sides, about border security and the question of amnesty have dominated virtually all of the immigration-reform discussion.

Kathleen Walker, a noted area immigration lawyer, said there are "ridiculous and arcane roadblocks" put before immigrants, and they are hurting our economy.

As Robbins pointed out, our visa program should center on drawing in, or retaining some of the smartest minds. He pointed out that 48 percent of new business in New York is immigrant-led. He said we dole out visas randomly.

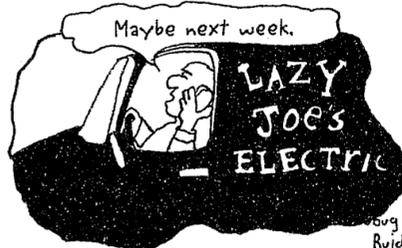
The visas should be awarded to people who can help this country, based on the education they received here.

Or, based on the money they can bring into this country to start up a business.

Robbins' main theme was this: We are having the wrong immigration debate. It should not center on national security or amnesty. Those are important.

Instead, "It should be the economy." Agreed.

How not to succeed in business...



"Nothing will work unless you do."
John Wooden, UCLA (1910-2010)

YOUR OPINION

Village leaves property owners all wet

To the editor:

We are being charged a minimum \$94 water bill for a vacant house. NO WATER USE! Pipes blown out! No request or reason can reduce this to a base fee like other utilities in non-use.

This bill is larger than the majority of villages in New Mexico, such as my friend with a cabin in Angel Fire pays a low base charge over winter during vacant winter months. It is almost as if we are being charged a Home Owners Association.

What allowance was given to citizens who were without water in last year's freeze crisis? What do all the fees go towards? Is it reasonable? Who is taking to the Power over us?

What if we die? Does this high fee continue on causing liens that stop the sale of our properties? It seems like EXTORTION to me!

Do we know that if 25 percent of the people sign a protest, we

can have the State Utilities Commission take a look at how the village is operating and investigate the injustice that is being placed upon each resident of this town?

I am just a little turnip with no blood to give. It is a hardship to pay outrageous unreasonable Village water charges for NON-USE when medical attention requires me going to another town.

The principles inside of me scream in protest to what feels like FORCE and ENTRAPMENT. Are we all well off enough to pay and pay and stay silent? I think this is unprincipled action and I don't like it. DO YOU?

Please call the NM Utilities Commission (505) 827-6982 and voice your opinion. Something needs to be done. It is totally out of hand.

Rev. Judith Uri
Ruidoso

Jogging path

To the editor:

I am obviously from Dallas and there are parts of the trail around White Rock Lake in Dallas that are in way worse condition than the jogging path around the golf course. In fact I thought it was in great shape when I ran around it a couple of weeks ago.

If you want to spend some money replace that hideous chain link fence surrounding the golf course. That looks like something you would see in the Bronx, NY not New Mexico. The solution to the path next to the road is to move the trail onto the golf course property since it is city owned. Please no jersey barricades, the fence is ugly enough as it is without making it look like a permanent construction zone.

Kenneth T. Coutant
Dallas

OUR RIGHT TO KNOW

The First Amendment

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In recognition of the fact that a representative government is dependent upon an informed electorate, it is declared to be public policy of this state that all persons are entitled to the greatest possible information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those officers and employees who represent them. The formation of public policy or the conduct of business by vote shall not be conducted in closed meetings.

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NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1

This is difficult to write. One does not want to showcase his dark side. Yet, truth must out. Here's my dirty little secret.

I have very good friends who are New Mexico bankers. Yes, among that despised crowd with their imperial debit card charges and overdraft criminality are those who seem to be pretty good people.

Ever courageous, I never acknowledge this in public. Confronted by an oncoming banker on a busy sidewalk or one approaching in the supermarket aisle, I whip out the cell phone and fake animated conversation, giving but a curt nod and a warm smile.

Avoiding bankers you know is rather simple.



NED CANTWELL
LOOKING ASKANCE

The danger lurks in conversations with casual friends who might be bankers. Perhaps the New Mexico legislature could pass a law requiring all bank staffers to wear a giant B on their chests.

Actually, it is not the banking industry that fuels my desire to hitchhike up to Albuquerque to sit in with the Occupy Wall Street folks. No, I always wanted to be a hippie and this looks like the next best thing. Back in those good old days I was the right age to be a hippie but I had a job and kids to feed.

They paid me the then handsome salary of \$13,000 a year to publish the Monday

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THE STREETER, BY ERIK BEARER

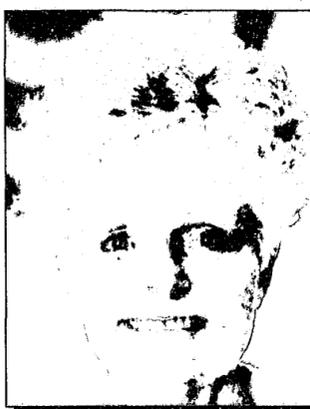
Q: Do you think PRC members should have a college degree?



Laura Mays
Ruidoso
"Yes, I think they should have a degree. People need education, especially for government offices."



Alex Morales
Ruidoso Downs
"I think they should. It would be better for them if they had the education and studied before taking office."



Carol Olson
Ruidoso
"They should have experience, but not necessarily a degree. But a background check would be good."



Anita Darra
Ruidoso
"No, I don't think they should. A lot of people in this country have become great, even without a degree."



Jason Garcia
Ruidoso
"I wouldn't think so. With the way society is nowadays, college degrees shouldn't be required for public offices."

Group: Fire season set records

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The 2011 wildland fire season in the Southwest will go into the record books. But an analysis by WildEarth Guardians released in late September contended the fires may have long-term beneficial effects with appropriate follow-up.

The 17-page report titled 2011 Fires in the Southwest said New Mexico and Arizona had 1,445 fires up to the report date, burning more than 1.3 million acres.

"Fire is a natural and inevitable force of nature," said Bryan Bird, forest ecologist for WildEarth Guardians. "Though the fires of 2011 were big, they behaved mostly as we would expect. Forests are flammable and we must learn to live safely with this awesome force of nature."

Two destructive fires in Lincoln County burned forest lands and structures. The early April White Fire north of Ruidoso Downs and Glencoe charred more than 10,000 acres. Five homes and a business building were destroyed. And the Donaldson Complex Fire in late June and early July burned through more than 100,000

acres from south of the Hondo/Tinnie region to almost Glencoe. One residence and five other structures were destroyed.

'Remarkable'

In an executive summary, the report stated that years of human intervention have altered forest ecosystems. The environmental group includes logging, overgrazing and fire suppression as human intervention.

Using GIS (geographic information system) information, an analysis demonstrated that four fires in the Southwest, each in different regions and vegetation types, were large, and made up nearly 40 percent of the wildland acreage burned in the U.S. excluding Texas. The fires this year were pointed to as "remarkable as well as historic" for their sizes.

The report also noted that fire seasons fluctuate with climate cycles such as drought periods and El Nino/La Nina events.

Of the 11 western states, New Mexico has the eighth largest of undeveloped, forested private land bordering fire-prone public lands. The analysis said building homes in high-risk areas puts lives and prop-

erty in the path of potential wildfires and creates a significant financial burden on state and federal governments to fight forest fires. Forest managers were urged to prioritize the protection of wildland-urban interface communities in a cost-effective and environmentally preferred way.

"With limited financial resources, national forests must be managed strategically," Bird said. "We know how to fire proof homes but we cannot fireproof forests in the West. Therefore, we need to spend money on a reasonable combination of controlled burning and thinning immediately around human communities."

Beneficial

The report concluded that the fires probably did more good than harm in reducing fuels built up over years of fire suppression, but maintaining the lessened fuel conditions with controlled burns and other actions will now be critically needed.

New Mexico's Forestry Division within the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department called 2011 one of the most destructive wildfire sea-

sons in state history.

On Wednesday, State Forster Tony Delfin urged residents to take advantage of the fall and winter months to assure there is adequate defensible space in preparation for next year.

Defense

"Now is the time for residents who live in and around forested or grassland areas to work on creating defensible space around their homes and property," Delfin said. "Early indications are that we could see a dry winter across much of the state which means our wildfire danger next year could be significant."

October 9-15 is National Fire Prevention Week. While typically a time to think about indoor fire safety, Delfin said it is also an opportunity to assess the outside of homes.

"Creating defensible space around buildings improves their chances of surviving the destruction a wildfire can cause," Delfin said. "More importantly, however, it improves the ability for residents to evacuate safely and for firefighters to access the property."

WORK

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through Friday Banning-Beaumont Record-Gazette and after sitting through a dreary Beaumont school board meeting until 10 p.m. I would arrive at 6 the next morning to write the story and prepare for another 12-hour day.

Driving to work on I-10 through the San Geronio Pass I would see ragtag hippies begging rides, heading for the Palm Springs desert where they would get stoned, sing Where Have All Flowers Gone, and take co-educational naps. Hmmm, I'd muse.

When I get to Albuquerque I am going to plunk down next to the guy with the guitar. My granddaughter already made me a tie-dyed T-shirt, so I'll fit right in — if fitting in means an old guy who keeps saying "groovy!" Someone's going to hand me a "Banish the Banks" sign and I will refuse. "Like, yo dude, that's not my gig."

I am not sure why the banks are the centerpiece of frustration. If you don't like Bank of America's \$5 debit card charge, don't use that service. Banks make money? We can only hope so. Granted, if I were smart enough to understand the intricacies of the economy I would not still be writing newspaper columns for 25 cents a word, but I do understand the following.

Look around your town. If the bank is making money, if the supermarket is making money, if the

local coffee shop is making money, if the mine, oilfield, or factory is making money, that is a good thing. If these businesses are losing money, run for cover.

My protest sign will say "Nix Netflix!" They jack the rates way up there and have a crummy selection of instant viewing selections. And because my DVD player is programmed for Netflix, I am a captive customer. You call this America?

What seems to be the underlying frustration in the Occupy Wall Street movement is the rich get rich and the poor get poorer. Nothing has changed much since hippies roamed the land. There have always been the rich and the poor. Back then the ambitious set out to work hard and get a bigger slice of the pie. Moving up was the national mantra.

There is a difference, though, and it is a big one. Hope. We had it. Today's generation has little, and for good reason. WHW?, the protest should ask.

Work Hard Where? That, indeed, may be the underpinning of Occupy Wall Street. If our national politicians have a single responsibility, it is to put aside their radical ideological differences to find center ground on a plan to restore the hope that will sprout signs like TGFA! Thank God for America!

Meanwhile, if someone will give me a chord... "where have all my movies gone, looong time comin'..." Have a nice day.
(Ned Cantwell — ncantwell@bajabb.com — is a New Mexico columnist who can't sing a lick.)

Ruidoso library program to focus on Alaska

Local author Mike Cory will share his adventure tales and photos in Alaska today at the Ruidoso Public Library.

Cory will take attendees for a ride in planes, hot air balloons and

jets during his career as a bush pilot in Alaska during the 1970s and 1980s.

Copies of his book, "Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Whiteout Blues," will be for sale with part of the pro-

ceeds going to the Friends of the Library. The program will begin at 10 a.m.

The Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Road. — From reports

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BUSINESS

Port to boost tourism Rate increase denied

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Spaceport America could help boost the Ruidoso area's tourism economy.

Ruidoso Tourism Director Gina Kelley told the village's lodgers tax committee Thursday that the director of sales for Virgin Galactic, the aerospace firm that will provide passengers trips into zero-gravity sub-orbital space, met with her recently.

"Carolyn Wincer (of Virgin Galactic) is looking for a destination partner that is more upscale," Kelley said. "She thinks Ruidoso is a perfect fit for their customers."

Kelley said the world's first commercial spaceline has something in the neighborhood of \$8 million in deposits from future passengers. A boarding pass cost \$200,000.

"Are they trying to put together packages where, I'm flying in to take my space flight' and they're incorporating the whole experience of going to the mountains?" asked lodgers tax committee chair Cindi Clayton Davis.

"Actually, what's going to happen is the people taking the flights, they have to spend about three or four days just in training and prep," Kelley said. "Their families have nothing to do. So what they're doing, they're referring them to itineraries and other things they can do



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Gina Kelley, tourism director for Ruidoso, explained why Ruidoso would benefit most from the space program.

while a rich guy is prepping to take his flight. A lot of these folks are going to have entourages with them, maybe up to 50 to 100 people each. Think about it. They're very wealthy people. They want to have everybody come to watch them go into space. Their family, their friends, their business associates."

All of southern New Mexico is predicted to benefit from the space tourism, but Kelley said Wincer contended Ruidoso was the most

upscale destination in the bottom half of the state. Virgin Galactic was expected to visit hotels, restaurants and attractions locally to develop partnerships.

"When she (Wincer) was here I brought her up to the Upper Canyon to show her all the cabins," Kelley said. "I think that's where you're going to see more of her clientele going. I'm sure she's going to want to meet with private homes and condos."

In addition to Virgin Galactic, The Spaceship Company is looking to create relationships locally and regionally, according to the spaceport's executive director, Christine Anderson.

"A lot of people think space travel is not for real," Kelley said. "It's very real and next week they move in, Virgin moves into a building."

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A 9.9 percent rate increase for medical insurance sought by Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico was denied Tuesday.

The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission's Superintendent of Insurance, John Franchini, said Blue Cross Blue Shield failed to provide adequate support in its filing with the commission.

"We want to ensure we

have a financially stable and solvent insurance industry in New Mexico, and one that doesn't burden rate payers with excessive rate increases," Franchini said. "Blue Cross Blue Shield did not provide us enough evidence to show why this substantial increase is justified."

Last year the insurer received an average 21.3 percent increase across a number of health coverage plans.

"Blue Cross subscribers

have been subjected to repeated, outsized rate increases over the past few years, to the point where many New Mexican families have been forced to drop essential health coverage or to go without other necessities," PRC Commissioner Jason Marks said. "I commend Superintendent Franchini for rejecting their attempt to impose another large increase when their filing was apparently incomplete and raised serious concerns."

LCMC awarded gold seal

Lincoln County Medical Center announced Thursday that the hospital had received The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for accreditation by demonstrating compliance with the organization's national standards for health care quality and safety in hospitals.

The medical center underwent an unannounced on-site survey in July.

A team from The Joint Commission evaluated the hospital for compliance with standards of care specific to the needs of patients, including infection prevention and control, leadership, and medication management.

"In achieving Joint Commission accreditation, Lincoln County Medical Center has demonstrated its commitment to the highest level of care for its patients," said Mark Pelletier, executive director, Hospital Programs, Accreditation and Certification Services. "Accreditation is a voluntary process and I commend LCMC for successfully undertaking this challenge to elevate its standard of care and instill confidence in the community it serves."

The Joint Commission, once known as the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, uses stan-

dards developed in consultation with health care experts, providers, measurement experts and patients.

It evaluates and accredits more than 18,000 health care entities and programs in the United States.

"With Joint Commission accreditation, we are making a significant investment in quality on a day-to-day basis from the top down," said Al Santos, LCMC's administrator. "Joint Commission accreditation provides us a framework to take our organization to the next level and helps create a culture of excellence."

- From reports

Operating officer at new casino

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A former chief operating officer at the Inn of the Mountain Gods has landed a new gaming job.

Scott Eldridge is the general manager of gaming at the Buffalo Thunder Casino and Resort near

Santa Fe. He will be in charge of gaming, food and beverage businesses at Buffalo Thunder, Cities of Gold Casino and the Sports Bar Race Book and Casino.

The hire last week followed the Pueblo of Pojoaque's three-year management agreement with Full House Resorts of Las Vegas, Nev. The National Indian Gaming Commission last month approved the management agreement between the

pueblo and Full House Resorts.

Eldridge had been hired by the Inn of the Mountain Gods in August 2010. A native of New Mexico, he had previously been the vice president of marketing for the Cherokee Nation's eight casinos in Oklahoma and Arkansas.

He also had a stint with the Santa Ana Star Casino near Albuquerque and other gaming operations in the Southwest.

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Cloud Nine



Patricia Garner of Edgewood Washington





Bob Whittemore comes from Alto to walk the three mile path around The Links at Sierra Blanca Public Golf Course. Along with other repairs and needed maintenance, Ruidoso councilors want to replace broken or missing standards that separate pedestrians from traffic, especially on curves along White Mountain Drive.

PATH

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"I fear if we do not do a chip seal or slurry seal, we'll have a lot of deterioration that will cost considerably more to fix because of neglect," Hardeman said. "Hundreds of people use that trail, if not more. At budget time next year, it needs to be a priority. I don't know if it can wait for a grant."

Almager said besides the surface problem, gravel washes down to the path from nearby driveways during storms, cars come around one corner on White Mountain Drive at excessive speeds, and with the loss of many trees to bark beetles, path users are at risk of being hit by golf balls from the adjoining course.

"I'm a reluctant participant on the walking path" with his wife, Stoddard said. "The surface is deteriorating and we must do something to preserve it and repair it. I know it is used all year long, highly used."

Hardeman said some flexible "poles" mark the line between the walking path and the traffic on White Mountain Drive, but several are broken or missing.

"That's a scary part of the trail," he said. "Drivers speed and are literally one to two feet from the trail. It could be an enforcement issue."

Councilor Gloria Sayers suggested using cement barricades instead.

Almager said when she runs on the path, she turns her face to avoid being hit by stones kicked up by speeding cars.

J. R. Baumann, village Street Department director, said jersey barricades would cut down the width of the path, to line the entire route probably would cost \$300,000 and they may attract graffiti. Sayers replied that only the dangerous curve is at issue. Baumann said he would check on the price of one or two, and also may be able to pick up some being used around town in the aftermath of a 2008 flood on the Rio Ruidoso and this year's fire season.

When Hardeman said often drivers made sport of running over the posts "in the wee hours of the morning," Baumann said for years, he thought about filling in a few with concrete to stop the destruction of village property.

Fire-fighting equipment reviewed

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He voted for a loan to purchase a new wildland-urban interface Maverick engine for the Glencoe Fire Department on one condition, Lincoln County Commissioner Mark Doh joked. He wants a ride.

During their meeting last month, commissioners said they enjoyed watching the Maverick manufactured by Rosenhauer maneuver through grass and brush during major summer fires. They approved a resolution for a \$108,000 loan from the New Mexico Finance Authority to the Glencoe Fire Department for the truck.

County Manager Tom Stewart said the department put aside \$45,259 in Insurance Services Office funds, which is revenue allocated for fire departments from paid insurance premiums based on the proficiency rating of the department. Glencoe also has \$112,403 in a trust fund to pay toward the \$257,112 purchase.

The department receives a minimum of \$78,116 per year and its operation is running \$50,000 per year, Stewart said. The department is carrying another loan from 2008 for \$225,993 that bought a pumper and requires an intercept, money set aside to ensure annual payments are covered, of \$25,219.33 per year for next eight years. The new loan is expected to require a \$13,000 intercept for a combined annual payment covering both loans of \$38,000, leaving \$65,000 in revenue, the manager said.

Lincoln County Commissioner Jackie Powell thanked Stewart for keeping the rural fire departments outfitted well. "We are in a fire-ravaged area, but people mostly look at trees," she said. "I was talking with state forestry, and in Texas, the grass fires were faster and doing a lot more damage."

The maverick equipment works well on grass and tree fires, she said. "It was great to watch them operate in last fire," she said. Some models

spray water as they move. "Historically, we've lost more firefighters in grass fires," said Commissioner Kathryn Minter, who belongs to the Bonito Volunteer Fire Department. "People don't understand how dangerous they are."

In other action, commissioners:

- awarded a misdemeanor compliance program four-year option contract to Kenneth Vega, the only respondent. The program is paid for by offenders. When they appear before magistrate judges, they can be required to pay a fee to the contractor. Since 2003, Vega has run the program for three magistrate judges, who all said they were satisfied, Stewart said, adding, "It's the county's responsibility to run these programs."

- appointed Melissa Boute to the Lincoln Historical Preservation Board and Mary Dokianos to the county Planning Commission. Commissioners also selected Jennie Dorgan as the new commission chairman.

Ruidoso Downs lifts water restrictions

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Stage 1 water restrictions have been rescinded in Ruidoso Downs.

"We've all been waiting for the approval of this," Mayor Tom Armstrong told city councilors Monday.

The end of water use restrictions was largely the result of reduced demand.

Public Works Director Cleatus Richards wrote in a memorandum that the city's main water source, Griffith Spring, has been maintaining an average flow above 290 gallons

per minute. He added that the October ending five-year water accounting period established by the New Mexico Office of State Engineer will not exceed 95 percent of the allowed allotment.

"With the growing season ending soon, it is not necessary to continue State 1 restrictions," Richards said.

Additionally, all wells and the spring are function normally except for the meter at Griffith Spring which was damaged in July following a major leak in the spring house. Repairs to the totalizer meter are being made.



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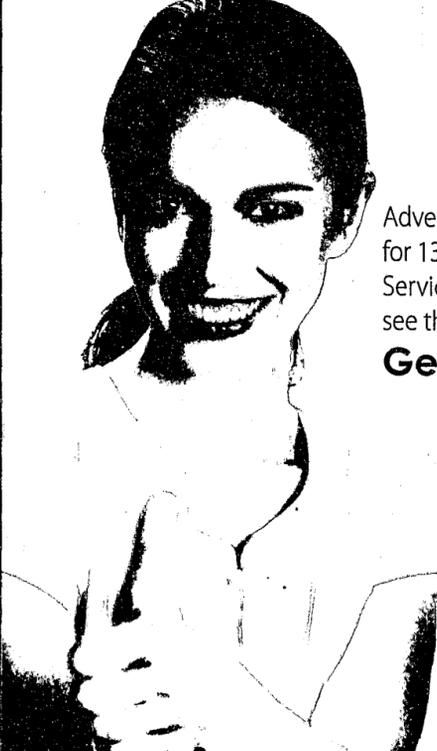
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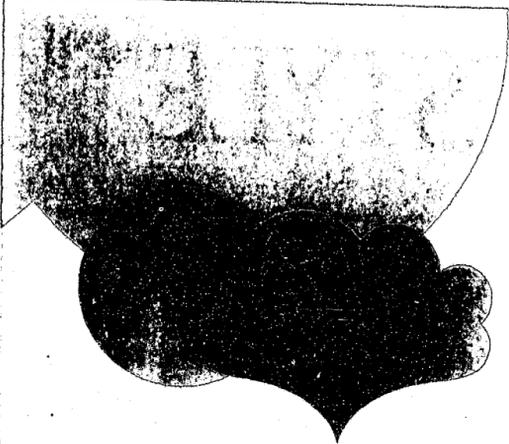
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HEALTH & LIFESTYLE



Danny Sisson, Vice President of Help End Abuse for Life (HEAL).

Spotlight on Danny Sisson

In the spring of 2010, Danny Sisson joined board of directors for Help End Abuse for Life (HEAL). Although Sisson has an extensive history of community involvement in Ruidoso, serving both on boards of Ruidoso School District and the Chamber of Commerce, Sisson's journey to HEAL was a more personal one.

Sisson had been a steady customer at a Ruidoso business and grown familiar with the employees there. One day he noticed that one of the regular employees had a black eye and broken glasses. "What happened?" he asked.

She looked down at the floor and awkwardly

responded, "I fell." The next time Sisson encountered the woman, her other eye was black. Again he inquired as to what happened. This time she averted his gaze and mumbled that the injury had occurred while playing with her children. Sisson shared his concern with another employee at the business. The employee responded, "She's in a domestic violence situation, and we're trying to get her out."

Sisson wanted to help but didn't want to force a discussion on the woman that she might not be ready for. So, when Sisson returned, he brought a gift; a copy of the New Testament. Sisson says,

"As I was leaving, I saw her out of the corner of my eye. She picked up the book and started to look at it."

The woman eventually became a client at the Nest. "That young lady and her children are why I sit on the board for HEAL," explained Sisson.

Sisson, whose faith plays a significant role in his life, sees education as the solution. "For the women in an abusive situation, I want them to know that not only are there resources out there to help, but there is a life after this and there are good men out there. To those in our community, I want them to know of the services available at the Nest and how to get involved. The involvement of our community is imperative to the vitality of our agency."

Pressing board issues at HEAL include projected

budget cuts for 2012. "Ironically, the same financial climate responsible for cutting funds to domestic violence shelters is contributing to a higher occurrence of domestic violence."

Sisson's involvement with the Nest isn't limited to board meetings. Sisson recounts one of his favorite afternoons spent on the Nest's playground with a handful of children. "Their laughter is contagious. And these kids? There is hope for them. Educating a 25 year old isn't going to change him, but an eight-year-old boy? He can learn and he can break the cycle."

Sisson moved to Ruidoso in 1988 with his wife, Shauna, who is also active at HEAL. They have two children; Amanda and Cody. Sisson is the Manager of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

- From the Nest

September births

- Sept. 5, Franky Jaden Zenteno M 7lbs 10.1oz 20in. Maria Segovia & Travis Zenteno, Ruidoso Downs.
- Sept. 6, Immanuel Cruz Weimer M 6lbs 14.4oz 20 1/2in Christa Aguilar & Eric Weimer, Ruidoso.
- Sept. 6, Nayalee Americah Levario Garcia F 6lbs 11.1oz 19 1/2in. Brenda Levario & Edward Garcia, Odessa, Texas.
- Sept. 7, Justice Patrick Emery M 6lbs 0.2oz 18in. Marie & Jonathan Emery, Alamogordo.
- Sept. 8, Noah Mason Benitez M 8lbs 7.2oz 21in. Desiree & Abraham Benitez, Alamogordo.
- Sept. 10, Kiran Sophia Vincent F 8lbs, 14oz, 21in. Celina Smith & Joseph Vincent, Ruidoso,
- Sept. 11, Tristan Joseph Terry M 5lbs 13.9oz 18in. Rebecca & Ryan Terry, Alamogordo.
- Sept. 12, Nevaeha Grace Montano F 7lbs 8.0oz 20 1/2in. Adriana McTeigue & Luis Montano, Ruidoso Downs.
- Sept. 13, Draven Mills Artrip Baltazar M 6lbs 7.8oz 19in. Wanda Artrip & Kyle Baltazar, Ruidoso.
- Sept. 13, Arianna Lynaeh Gonzales F 10lbs 11.0oz 19in. Brittany Valdez & Frank Gonzales, Tularosa.
- Sept. 14, Areyu VanKaid NeoNKyles HavocTyrIxion Rush M 8lbs 5.1oz 21 1/2in. Nicole Apodaca, Carrizozo.
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- Sept. 16, Skye Autumn Striggles F 7lbs, 10.8oz, 18 1/2in. Melissa & Sean Striggles, Alamogordo.
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- Sept. 24, Teresa, Berlyann Bigmouth-Hill F, 8lbs 11.0oz 21in. Leslie, Bigmouth & Adam Hill, Mescalero.
- Sept. 25, Brianna Aubrie, Kay Aleywine F 6lbs 9.8oz, 18in. Amy & Adam, Aleywine, Alamogordo.
- Sept. 27, Mason John Kazhe M 7lbs 4.8oz 19in. Kassandra Gutierrez & Christopher Kazhe, Tularosa.
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Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon Olive Oil
- 1 tablespoon Unsalted Butter melted
- 3/4 whole Name Root scrubbed left unpeeled and cut into 1/8 thick slices
- My Grinders Coarse Sea Salt for sprinkling the potatoes
- Salt and Fresh Ground Black Pepper to taste

Directions

In a small bowl whisk together the oil, the butter, and salt and pepper to taste. Arrange the name slices, not touching, in rows on an oiled baking sheet, brush them with the oil mixture, and roast them in the upper third of a preheated 450°F. oven, turning them once with a spatula, for 18 to 22 minutes, or until they are golden and crisp.

Transfer the name to paper towels to drain, sprinkle them with the coarse salt and pepper to taste, and serve them warm.

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FIELD

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their contract. Hundreds of people use the walking path (around The Links Golf Course, which needs repair)." Only a few dozen people attended the professional games. If the high school wants lights, "more power to them," he said.

Almager said several private individuals are willing to seek funding to avoid burdening the village and then will approach the school board about paying the monthly power charge.

"I think we are the only baseball field in New Mexico without lights," she said. "When (the complex) was built, the conduit (for the power lines) was laid. I'm not sure it's still there."

Councilor Gloria Sayers said she needs to see more specifics as far as any agreement with PNM (Public Utilities of New Mexico) to install the lights. To date that commitment only is verbal.

Almager said PNM officials told her they would use their equipment and manpower to put up poles and hook up lights. The cost of the lights with PNM helping would be about \$195,000, Almager said. Having the supplier handling everything would run \$350,000.

"The lights are 80 feet tall and PNM doesn't have a crane to work on anything higher than 60 feet," Sayers said. She spoke to a representative that morning and he was willing to share some labor and equipment for pole digging, "but we need to be more specific to move forward." Sayers said if the school district installs light just for student play, they only are 50 feet tall and PNM could handle it.

Councilor Angel Shaw asked if serving alcohol still was a demand of the professional team and Almager said such sales were not even being considered at the sports complex.

"The Osos (of the Pecos League) are not returning. I read that in the newspaper," Mayor Ray Alborn said.

"They had to make a decision by Oct. 1, for one year," Almager replied. "If we get lights, they might return the following year."

"I support lighting on fields for the local kids and tournament use, but I have very little faith in the Pecos League," Councilor Ron Hardeman said. "Every time I pick up a paper, things have gone from bad to worse."

Sayers said she heard from lodgers that ball players who come in for tournaments do not respect property and often bring in too many people for a room. She suggested Almager speak to the league about players from other teams showing more respect for the community.

Almager said the school district included field lights on its 2015-2020 capital outlay priority list.

Councilor Rafael Salas said the village needs an ordinance setting out limitations on the hours lights can be used in the evening to ensure surrounding residents are not disturbed. Objections back in 2004 when he headed the parks and recreation department stopped a previous request to use lodgers tax money to buy lights, he said.

"I agree that we need an ordinance ahead of time," Councilor Denise Dean said. "Some teams coming in play to 8 p.m., 9 p.m. or 10 p.m. and we must protect our night skies. This is mostly a

retirement community and they want to enjoy their evenings."

Almager said if teams only play until 7 p.m., they don't need lights. The technology of field lights today by Musco Light keeps field areas lit, but does not bleed over to become a nuisance to surrounding properties, she said. Her calls from residents indicated they were not against lights, only against all-night tournaments. They also did not want to "give away" the property to a profit-making business.

Group recognized for cultural preservation

A southeastern New Mexico program that includes the Mescalero Apache Tribe is one of four national award recipients.

The Permian Basin Memorandum of Agreement Program brings together the Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico historic preservation organizations, and the Mescalero Apache Tribe to protect cultural resources while also facilitating energy development. The col-

laboration has contributed more than \$3.3 million in pooled resources to fund landscape-level archaeological research. The groups also foster a balance between cultural resource protection and energy development on public lands.

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar presented the Partners in Conservation awards to the four conservation partnerships late last month.

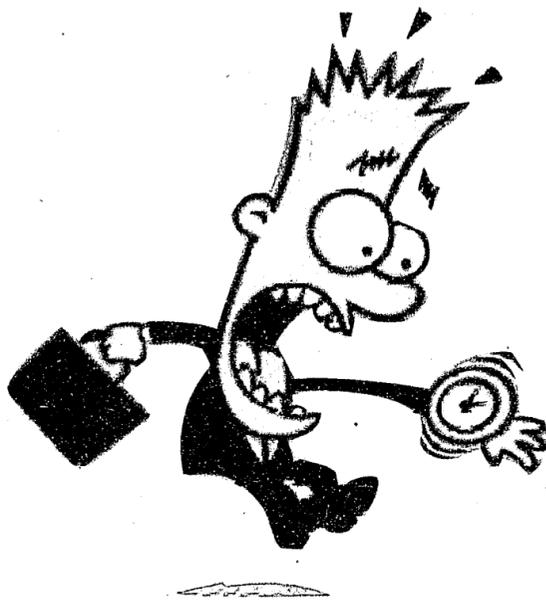
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public engagement." A national panel assembled by the Department of the Interior selected the award winners from a large pool of nominees.

The other three programs that received awards were a watershed partnership in Arizona, a conservation corps program in Oregon, and the nationwide Project Archaeology which provides stewardship education to students.

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Coordination meteorologist, Kerry Jones, said using one set of data, last winter's La Niña would be classified as "strong" in strength with only the 1955/1956 event being stronger.

Driest on record

Ed Polasko, a hydrologic meteorologist with the forecast office, said the first nine months of 2012 have been the driest on record for New Mexico, with much of the eastern part of the state leading the way. Ruidoso, with 0.12 inches of rain or liquid equivalent snow recorded from January through September, is at 56 percent of the average 21.08 inches for the nine months.

"If you look at October 2010 through September 2011, the water year 2011 which just concluded at the end of September, we

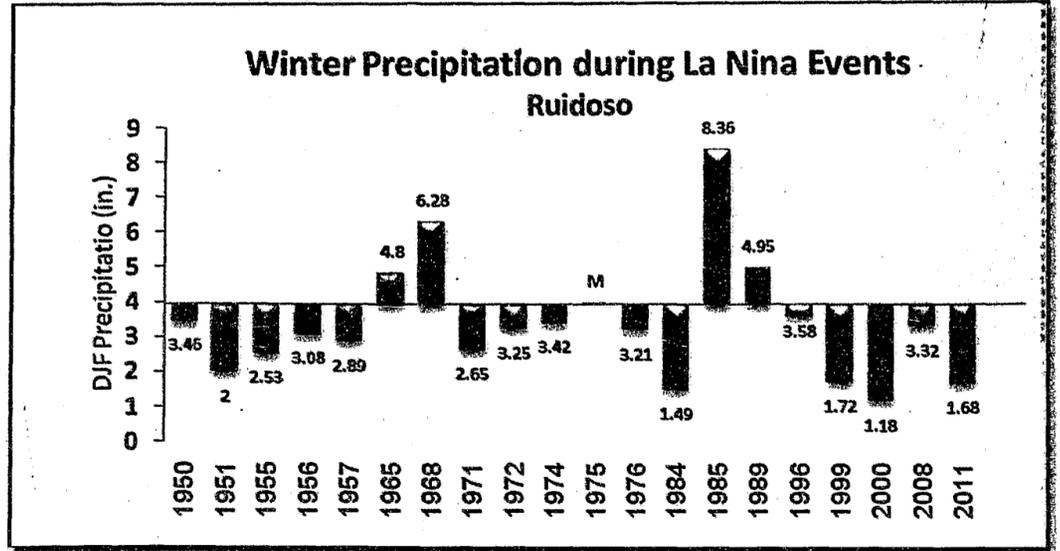
ended up the second driest water year on record for the state of New Mexico," Polasko said. "Only water year 1956, those infamous mid 1950s drought years, was drier statewide than the one we just ended about two weeks ago."

The water year runs from October through September in order to have one winter's mountain snowpack in the same period.

The conditions

The U.S. Drought Monitor points to persistent or intensifying dry conditions, especially over the southern one-third of New Mexico. And Klaus Wolter, a research associate at NOAA's Earth System Research Laboratory, reported the new La Niña is consistent with expectations formulated by the lab one year ago.

"Big La Niña events have a strong tendency to re-emerge after 'taking time off' during northern



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During La Niñas, Ruidoso records precipitation below the average for the winter (December, January and February) about 75 percent of the time. The average precipitation for the three months is 3.94 inches. Last winter's 1.68 inches was 43 percent of normal.

hemispheric summer," Wolter said. "Based on current atmosphere-ocean conditions, I believe the odds for a La Niña winter have in indeed risen to near 100 percent, with the 'fall window' of disrupting this evolution closing rapidly. However, it does

not appear likely that we will see as strong an event as in 2011-12."

Polasko said the February through April 2012 prediction, "scares me the most."

"This is very similar to what the outlook was about one year ago for the coming spring."

No certainties

But Kann said while

there is more data and understanding of El Niños (typically wetter in the Southwest) and La Niñas, there are no certainties.

Polasko affirmed, noting there is always the possibility of getting into a weather system that can bring days with ongoing precipitation.

"Ruidoso has a couple of years where during La Niña you did fairly well," Polasko said.

"The southern part of the state gets very little precipitation in the winter, so one or two storms can actually get you some fairly decent numbers."

He also noted the mountains usually fair better than the plains.

"But I'm not going to put any money on you guys being above normal or any where near normal in terms of winter precipitation based on last year barely over 40 percent of what you should have gotten during the winter," Polasko said of the Ruidoso area.

The group from the forecast office said while there are always uncertainties for weather predictions, the past is set in stone.

"This year has been an exceptional year," said Shawn Bennett, meteorologist in charge of the Albuquerque forecast office. "And that's apart from the word extreme, which has been used quite a bit this year."



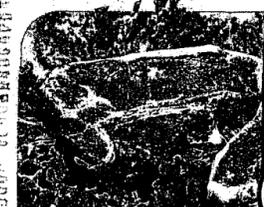
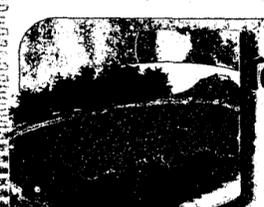
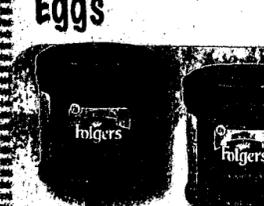
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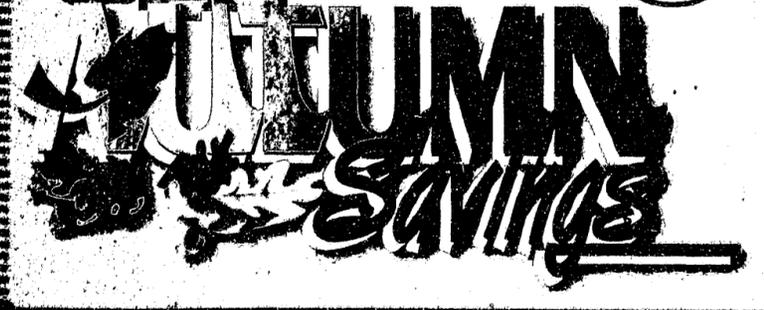
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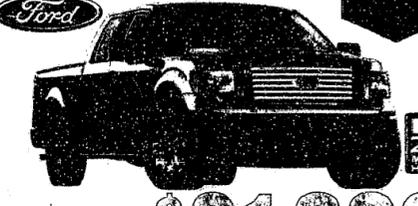
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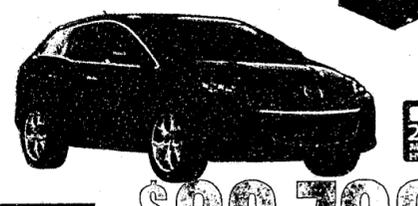
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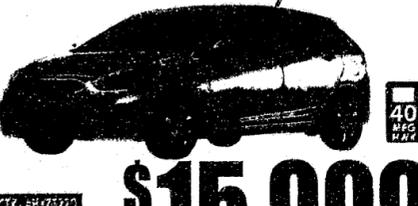
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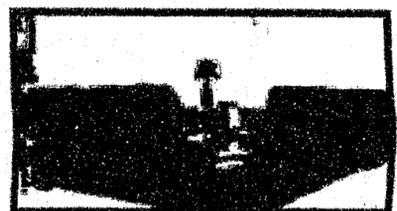


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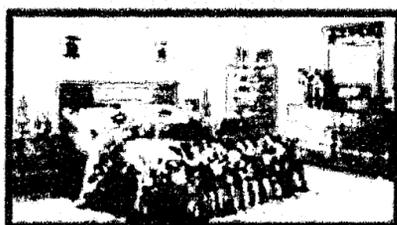


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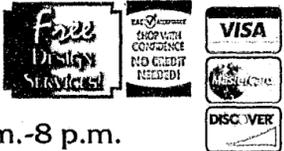


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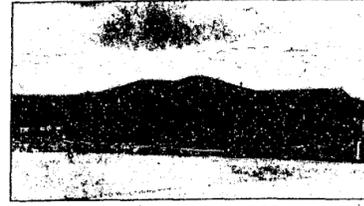
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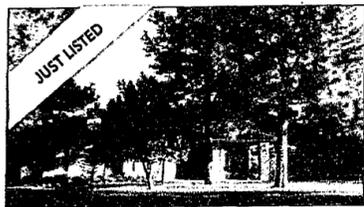
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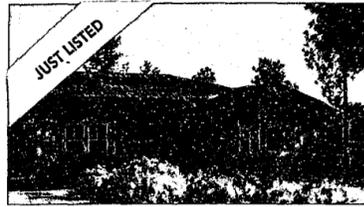
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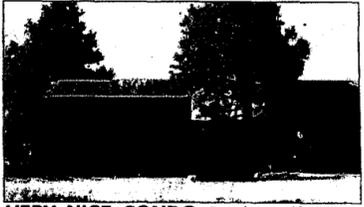


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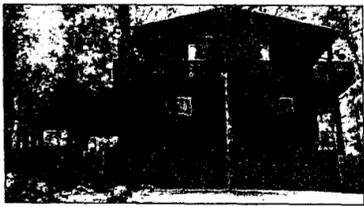
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Girls Soccer

Tuesday, Oct. 18
RHS at Hatch, 4 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Tuesday, Oct. 18
RHS at NMMI, 4 p.m.

Volleyball

Saturday, Oct. 15
RHS at Lovington, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 18
Portales at RHS, 6:30 p.m.

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Saturday, Oct. 15
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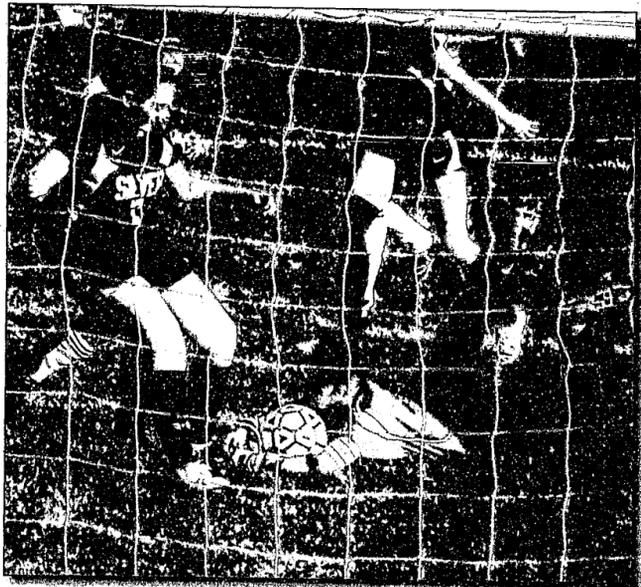
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Ruidoso's Selene Arenas gets there first against a Silver City defender.



Goalie Daniela Puente saves the ball for the Lady Warriors.

Life's lessons in soccer

RHS girls soccer team fights adversity and learns about life from small victories

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The 1-12 Ruidoso Lady Warriors soccer team has continued to fight all season — and not just opponents on the field of play. They've taken just about all that can be thrown at them this season — hardships, misfortunes, bad breaks and injuries.

And still the intrepid

dozen girls left on the team, rise to the call and give concerted efforts in practice and on the field of battle — for 80 hard-fought minutes.

An old adage states: "Adversity makes the man." In today's modern world it can also be equally said: "Adversity makes the woman, too."

That being true, the 2011 Lady Warriors should approach adulthood easier

than most.

Last year the girl's soccer team lost eight starters. "I knew this season would be a rebuilding year for us," RHS head girl's soccer coach Darien Ross said.

In the beginning of the season, Ross had 15 high school girls on her roster. Along the way, three seniors quit the team. Now, with 11 players on the field she only has one sub at a time on her bench.

"In 17 total games, I've never had more than three subs at my disposal," Ross said.

This puts added pressure and physical stress on

her players and affects the outcome of the games they play. Take Tuesday's 10-0 loss against Silver City at Horton Stadium, for instance.

While the Lady Warriors had 12 on their bench, Silver City had 19. Obviously, the visitors could substitute at will leaving 11 more-rested players on the field. The outcome was predictable.

"In that game though, we had nine shots on goal, which is more than we normally have," Ross said. "After each shot, the girls had smiles on their faces as they set up to defend or

attack again. They did a good job getting to the ball in that game and keeping it in the attacking end. I am seeing a steady progress in their play."

To back up that last statement, in the beginning of the season, when the Lady Warriors got 10-goaled in a game it usually happened in the first half of the match.

"Now, when we get 10-goaled it is normally in the second half or we get the entire 80 minutes of play in," Ross explained. More playing time on the field

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'Daybreak, gentlemen'

"Daybreak, gentlemen," he may have heard in his mind as he lay on the cot in his cell, the first rays of light of day coming in. However, there was no epiphany this time.

Like Jimmy Doyle, Denny had played life hard. The writer, James Joyce's Dubliners character, "Jimmy Doyle," was the central character of the short story, "After the Race." The inebriated Doyle inevitably felt that sucking sound as the card game ended at daybreak, having squandered his fortunes to a French hustler who waved friendship and the opportunity of a lifetime in front of him, a chance to buy into a French car manufacturer.

Denny McLain, the once sports immortal, figured it was his lot in life much like the present day Irish to come out on the short end of the stick.

They both saw opportunity knocking and shot for the stars. The Irish were beat down for generations by Anglican oppressors as they valiantly fought back. They were told to run Erin, "as a business." They did. Their egos were fired up as the "Celtic Tiger" took off. Everyone looked the other way as the "banksters" and realtors racked up the debt with abandon while the government cut taxes.

Everyone took part in the party, even the middle class. Sadly, today they are under the stewardship of England, Germany, and the International Monetary Fund as their social services, education, health care and infrastructure — is going into trusteeship to pay for the greed of its private sector.

Denny McLain has taken another wrong turn in life and wound up in Canada while searching for a Cracker Barrel restaurant. He sat in his car detained by police as

the warrant popped. It was for defrauding sellers and never paying for scrap metal.

Like Doyle, he was brash and cocky. He won his high school sweethearts hand, lovely Sharon, not once, but twice. They divorced and remarried. A week ago she told him she was not going to bail him out on the extradition to Louisiana on a petty warrant. According to the Detroit Free Press, "I'm just about at the end," Sharon McLain said.

Lucky for McLain he was released on bond. Like Doyle, Denny's life was full of get rich schemes. Bookmakers allegedly broke two of his toes which cost the Detroit Tigers the 1967 Pennant.

A perpetual liar, he wrote in his book that after losing a game in the home stretch because of a sore arm, he was so depondent that he had let down his teammates he kicked his locker injuring his foot. That night, unable to sleep, too upset to eat his customary Twinkies and wash them down with a Pepsi, he slept on the couch only to wake up as he heard a noise in the garage. Thinking it was a raccoon, he jumped up but did not realize that his foot was asleep and he fell spraining his ankle. He then wrote that 90 percent of accidents occur in the home. Are we done yet? Incredulous?

Gambling allegations got him fired as a General Manager of a minor league team in the early '70s. Later it was phone card scams with John Gotti, Jr.

McLain's weight ballooned to 330 lbs while he spent eight years in prison for narcotics trafficking, embezzlement, and racketeering arising out a scheme where he was party to cleaning out a pension fund from a small, meat packing business.

During his prison sentence he adamantly refused to acknowledge blame and pleaded ignorance.

He had been in jail before, for cocaine trafficking and mortgage fraud which were later thrown out on technicalities.

McLain was a serial grifter-any scam would do to make a fast buck. After the 1968 season, he and fellow

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makes them better players.

"At the start of the season we were hardly ever playing on offense, it was usually always defense. Now we're getting in our opponent's end, attacking with shots on goal. On defense, the girls are getting stronger at moving the ball around the field.

"They're fighting, trying, learning the game and each and every one of them is growing in their own little way. They're seeing how perseverance will benefit them.

"They could learn that if you quit now maybe you will later in life in tough situations."

The maturity Ross is talking about met her front and center recently when some of her underclassmen

players came to her with a concept all their own.

It was their idea to go to Ruidoso Middle School and talk to young soccer prospects about coming out for soccer next year. They even dreamed up a skit to help the solicitation.

"It was entirely their plan and, to me, it shows a huge sign of maturity not common in teenage girls," Ross said. "These girls are looking ahead and searching for solutions. This could benefit the girl's soccer team greatly next year, but more than that, should certainly be of value to them when they reach adulthood."

As a former soccer player in New York, Ross knows her game well and tries to impart the nuances of the game to her players.

"At the end of a game I pick out positive things they did, as well as what they need to work on," she

said. "And what they work on in practice, you see them apply in the next match."

The Lady Warriors practice Monday through Friday, excluding games, for two hours. Some players stay later, and if so, Ross stays to help them.

Soccer is a game like few others. For 80 solid minutes the players (less the goalie) are always moving. This takes endurance, commitment and discipline.

In three of the four soccer positions, the players are in constant motion — midfielders play the whole field, forwards cover from mid-field to the attacking net and defenders have an area of responsibility from the defender's net to mid-field. Normal high school soccer fields are 100-130 yards long and 70-80 yards wide. Horton Stadium is 120 yards by 80 yards wide.

A goalie has his or her own hard work cut out.

"Our goalie is averaging 35 shots at her a game," Ross said. "In minutes she can have a flurry of shots kicked at her. On occasion she is congratulated by opposing players for stellar saves.

"In a recent match, one girl (a midfielder) came off the field at the end of the first half exhausted but didn't ask for a sub."

The hard-nosed Lady Warrior soccer team has three games left in the regular season. Saturday, they will entertain Hatch Valley at Horton Stadium at 11 a.m. for Senior Recognition Day. Tuesday, they will travel to Hatch for a 4 p.m. tilt and next Thursday they will finish their season at home against Socorro at 4 p.m.

"In the three years I have coached at RHS, this has been the most enjoyable season so far," Ross said. "They're great girls —



Kate Robinson takes charge for the Lady Warriors.

I love them all. They're neat individuals."

Friday, at Ruidoso's 7 p.m. home game a 50/50 raffle will be held to benefit the Lady Warriors soccer

team. The proceeds will go to send the Ruidoso soccer girls to a camp before next season. Donations to the team would be greatly appreciated.

DENNY

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teammate, Jim Northrop tried to sell a baseball calendar featuring nude models.

He even played the organ professionally at nightclubs in Las Vegas that winter, and once played on the Ed Sullivan television show. He drank Pepsi Cola before each game which led him to a lucrative Pepsi endorsement deal which included cases of free Pepsi weekly, but that was not enough. He played the ponies, gambled on basketball and introduced his Pepsi rep who he called a "jock sniffer," to organized crime as

they both looked for more endorsements as the money was soon gambled away. Through his associations with ghost writers he penned two books under the titles, "I'm Not Perfect," followed by, "I Told You I Wasn't Perfect."

The alcoholic McLain blamed everyone else for his misfortunes which started with his alcoholic father who beat him with a belt when he was drunk. McLain bashed his teammates during interviews and later said he was "misquoted." At the end of his career, the sneak that he was covertly petitioned other malcontent teammates to rebel against the Senator's manager, Ted Williams.

After prison he built a

thriving morning TV show. Radio shows and endorsement deals followed. Even Hanes underwear wanted him (I don't want to even go there), book signings, and he was hot on the baseball card and memorabilia circuit.

He has been a baseball TV commentator and had a history of giving sage baseball advice, for instance, advising the Tigers to trade Justin Verlander, the 24-game winning pitcher and company, the same players who got Detroit to the playoffs this year.

McLain is a study in contrasts. In 1968, with the Tigers running away with the pennant, he told his catcher, Bill Freeman that he wanted to see

Mickey Mantle hit his last homerun in Tiger Stadium. He offered up three meatballs — one of which Mantle homered to go ahead of Jimmie Fox in home run history. Joe Pepitone followed Mantle and told McLain to serve him up a meatball. He responded by hitting the Brooklyn native in the head with a ninety-mile-an-hour fastball.

McLain later exhibited remorse over the death of his adult daughter from a traffic accident in 1992, as well as the fact that his sons no longer talk to him, and he is fiercely dedicated to his wife, Sharon, who for some inexplicable reason still puts up with him.

Denny McLain was 31-6 in 1968, the last man

since Dizzy Dean to win 30 games in a season since he did that feat with the St Louis Cardinals, the Gashouse Gang in the '30s. McLain was the most dominant Major League pitcher from 1965-1969 before retiring in the early '70s with arm trouble.

With the advent of the five day rotation, it is doubtful if any modern day pitcher will repeat that achievement since they would have to play on a championship team and have at least 45 pitching starts.

Still, he is a man who has been given every opportunity to make good yet he prefers the sorted crowd, life on the periphery, the excitement of the grift. Perhaps growing up

in Mayor Daley's Chicago had something to do with it. Like Joyce's Ireland in 1900, Chicago society functioned through the wards and the patronage system. Getting the vote out meant patronage jobs on police forces and civil service. Organized crime and the political system intertwined with rampant graft.

Bookmakers and ward bosses lived aside cops and firemen and politicians. Chicago was no different then New York City's Tammany Hall run by Boss Tweed or for that matter, Dublin.

The game is over for now as the blinds are opened and the mob boss yells, "Daybreak, gentlemen."

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Questioning God: Living your way to the answer

Q: My 12-year-old son has been telling me he's having doubts about the existence of God.

He says there's no proof that there is a God. I tell him that when you look around and see the beauty of the world and the wonder of the universe, you have to imagine that God is behind those.

Even Einstein believed! I tell him some things are "unknowable" and can never be

"proved," and that's where faith comes in.

He seems to be struggling with this and has brought it up many times. I really don't know what else to tell him. Can you help?

By the way, thanks for the beautiful summary of your High Holiday sermons last week.

I've kept several of your columns over the years, and this is one of them.

— Anonymous
Thank you. Several of my congregants asked me during High Holy Day Services if reading the summary of my sermons in the paper meant they could leave early.

I told them all prayers had to be over 900 words for God to hear them!

As for your question about your spiritually questioning son, let me suggest several "moves" (that's what I call answers to questions we can't really answer).

I've previously offered these moves to others with the same question.

The first move is to answer his questions with a question. I must give credit to the Buddha for this one, since it was the answer he gave to his disciples when they asked him if the world was created or eternal.

He answered, "Of what significance is this question for you?"

I understand that your son is questioning the existence of God, but why is that question important to him?

You need to discover the question behind his question. Perhaps his question is about morality.

As Dostoevsky supposedly wrote, "If God does not exist, everything is permitted."

I say "supposedly" because Dostoevsky never wrote those words in his novel "The Brother Karamazov."

They do however express the view of Ivan in the novel and those words are wrongly quoted by the French existentialist philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre, which gave rise to this tradition.

In any event, the point is that many people struggling with the constraints of the moral life feel that one reason to do good is that God is watching and taking names.

If that's your son's view, remind him that doing the right thing just because it's right is enough of a reason.

Leave God's punishments out of the calculus we make about our moral lives.

Perhaps your son's question is about life after death. He may be wondering if death is indeed the end of us.

In a choice between heaven/hell on one hand and worms on the other, I choose heaven/hell, but even here I'm open to a world where I'm wrong and the worms are licking their lips waiting for my demise.

I hope for heaven, but I don't live what I hope is a moderately virtuous life just because I want my heavenly ticket punched.

I live a decent life because it's right to be kind, and it's even more right to be kinder than necessary because everyone is struggling with something big.

Your son says there's no proof for the existence of God. Ask him, "What do you think would constitute such a valid proof?"

Seeing a watch proves to me that there's a watchmaker and seeing the world and our bodies and the perfection of nature proves to me that there's a world maker in exactly the same way.

If that doesn't work for your son, ask him how he explains order and hope

and love and self-sacrifice and courage.

There's a tendency among all adolescents and adults who are stuck in adolescent adulthood to become frustrated when the great mysteries of existence are not amenable to instantaneous solutions.

The antidote to this intellectual impatience is intellectual patience and the simple wisdom gleaned from a life lived in a noble manner.

To this very point, have him read, or read to him this letter, written by the German poet Rainer Maria Rilke (d.1929) to a young poet, (trans. by Stephen Mitchell, Random House, 1984):

"I would like to beg you to have patience with everything unresolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves as if they were locked rooms or books written in a very foreign language.

Don't search for the answers, which could not be given to you now, because you would not be able to live them. And the point is, to live everything. Live the questions now.

Perhaps then, someday far in the future, you will gradually, without even noticing it, live your way into the answer."

Here's hoping that someday all of us, including your son, will be able to live our way into the answer. — God bless, Marc



MARC GELLMAN
THE GOD SQUAD

Misusing God's words against Wall Street

What in the world is going on? The protesters on Wall Street in New York are allowed to pollute public places and harass workers who are going to their jobs.

They claim the right of free speech and right to public assembly.

And who are we to try to take away their rights to those?

Now they are bringing Jesus into their situation, saying that Jesus fed the

hungry, took in the homeless, and give everyone what they needed.

I have to take time to share a word.

God, forgive them for misquoting, misunderstanding, and misusing the Word of God and the name of Jesus Christ.

I hope that this sort of behavior and doesn't spread to other cities of our country.

It seems as though the protesters are taking a page out of the European and Muslim nations manual of operations.

Don't misunderstand me. Overthrowing dictators and setting people free to have democratic government, is a blessing

to any country.

After all, we are the result of the overthrow of unfair British rule.

By the way, if they are going to use the Bible and the name of Jesus to justify their behavior, they need to read all of God's Word.

The Bible says that if you don't work, you don't eat.

The Bible says that we should obey those who have authority over us.

The participants in the "OCCUPY" movement are really being used as pawns of the groups that want to change our nation to a nation that is ruled by the dictatorial, elite few.

I believe in the rights given us by our Constitution and Bill of Rights.

And, if the majority of Americans want to enjoy those God given blessings, they must operate in the freedom and respect for God's gifts.

By the way, Jesus could have been a member of the available political parties.

There were the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the Zealots, the Romanists, and others.

However, He knew that those groups did not have the answer the needs of mankind.

He never asked his followers to protest or join in to their causes.

In fact, the only protest Jesus conducted was against turning God's house of prayer into a den of robbers.

By the way, all that lawlessness gains is damage, destruction, and death.

If we will just study history, we will understand that man is always in need of law.

Until mankind has a change of heart, we will always need laws.

And democracy is one way that we can have the majority choosing the laws by which we live.

Just remember this...God's law is ultimate and the very best.

We can choose His way or Man's way.

His way gives us help for today and hope for tomorrow.



CHARLES CLARY
CLARIFICATIONS

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children.

— Psalms 103:17

Carol Jane Elliott
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After a courageous battle with a long-term illness, Carol Jane Elliott passed away peacefully at her home in Glencoe, NM. Carol Jane was born and raised in Houston. She was the youngest daughter of Mark and Ferne Storm and was the beloved wife of William H. Elliott for over 50 years. Carol Jane will forever be remembered by her sister, Tommie Lu and husband, Milard Schewe; her three children, daughter, Kathleen and husband, Roy Brown, son, Mark and wife, Allison Elliott, daughter, Karen and husband Bruce Bolding; treasured grandchildren, Christopher, Will and Jack Miller; Grace and Cameron Elliott; Logan, Zoe, and Chloe Bolding; a nephew, Kent and wife, Stephanie Maulsby; niece Eve Maulsby and nephew, Jay and wife, Rachelle Maulsby along with countless great nieces and nephews, cousins, extended family and numerous friends, all of whom were blessed to know her. Carol Jane loved living in her valley home listening to the river, laughing, being with family, having fun with friends and teaching.

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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 it is 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 can be worth many times their face value. Recent silver markets have driven the price up on common coins made of silver. Helms explains that all half dollars, quarters 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 Record Highs. 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. If you're lucky you may have a rarity worth thousands. Either way there is nothing to lose and it sounds like fun!

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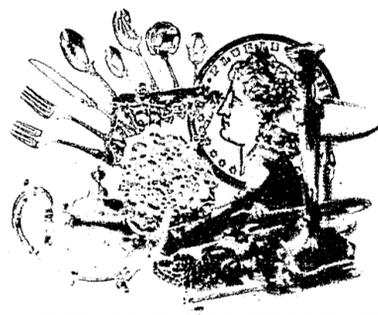
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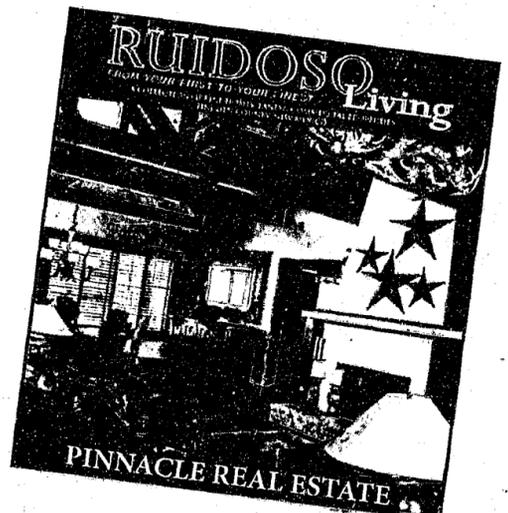
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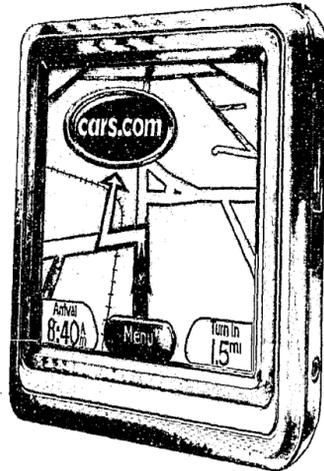
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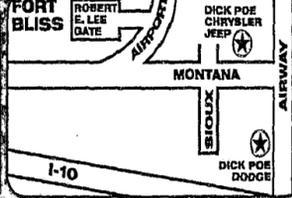
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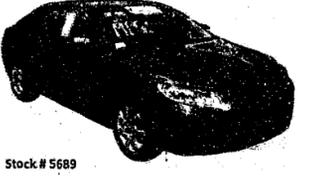
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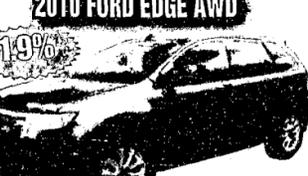
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High Mesa Healing Center is hosting 10 nursing/psychology students from Mexico and their professors. They're here to experience Ruidoso, as well as learn holistic health modalities to integrate with main stream health care. Barbara Mader, RN will host a reception for them Oct. 14th at 5:30. The community is invited to come meet these professionals during a reception at High Mesa. 575-336-7777

Oct. 15, Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, Highway 220, Alto, NM- 7am. Air Force displays and flyovers throughout the day include an F22 Raptor Flyover, new & vintage aircraft and Warbirds on the air field. Longhorn Dance Band performs at night. Pine Top Car Club will have more than 120 classic and newer cars on display. Awards, free food and great music. For more information call Sean or Deiter, 575-336-8111.

9th Annual Turquoise & Silver Tea - 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16. The Flickinger Center Guild will host. Willie

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ENMU-Ruidoso - Author Bobby Johnson will talk about his novel, "The Wind Passes," on Monday, Oct. 17 at 5:30 p.m. Set in New Mexico, this story of greed and revenge is loosely based on Johnson's own life story as a rancher and politician during the mid-1980s. Remarkable depictions of people and reverence for the land. Free and open to the public. For more info call ENMU Community Education at 257-3012.

Spencer Theater hosts NM Film Office Town Hall Meeting on Oct 18 at 6:30 pm. Free and open to the public. Director Nick Maniatis will discuss the state of the New Mexico film industry. People in the film or digital media industry or business owners affected by a film being shot in Lincoln County welcome. Contact Dirk Norris, executive director, Film Lincoln County at www.filmlcnm.org

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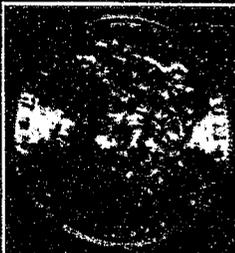
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ON STAGE

FRIDAY

Casa Blanca Cantina
501 Mechem Dr.; 257-2495
Eliminators & A. Lacombe 7 p.m.

Club 49 (IMG) Cadillac Kings,
Country 8 p.m..

Cree Meadows Country Club
301 Country Club Dr., 257-2733
Live Music" 6 to 9 p.m

Laughing Sheep Farm
Hwy. 380, Lincoln, NM
575-653-4041 Live Music with
Bart Trotter & Mark Remington
from 5-8 p.m.

Landlocked Grill
441 Mechem Dr.; 257-9559
Live music, 6 to 9 p.m.

Lucy's
2408 Sudderth - 257-8754
DJ Mike (music & video) 9 p.m.

The Quarters
2535 Sudderth Dr.; 257-9535
DJ 9pm-1 a.m.

Swiss Bar & Grill
1451 Meechem 575-258-3152
Live Music with Ken Berry,
7-9 p.m.

Wendell's Lounge
Inn of the Mountain Gods
Doug Fuqua & Michael Francis
5-11 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

Casa Blanca
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2495, Eliminators &
Blake Martin, 7 p.m.

Club 49 (IMG)
Cadillac Kings
Country, 8 p.m.

Landlocked Grill
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257-9559

Live music, 6 to 9 p.m.

Laughing Sheep Farm
Hwy. 380, Lincoln, NM
575-653-4041 Live Music, Mark
Remington & Sally Canning
5-9 p.m.

Sacred Grounds Coffee
& Tea House
2825 Sudderth Dr.; 257-2273
Live Music, 2-5 p.m.

Swiss Bar & Grill
1451 Meechem 575-258-3152
Music with Ken Berry 7-9 p.m.

The Quarters
2535 Sudderth Dr.; 257-9535
DJ at 9 p.m.

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

Zocca Coffee
1129 Mechem Dr.; 258-1445
Live Entertainment, 12-6 p.m.

SUNDAY

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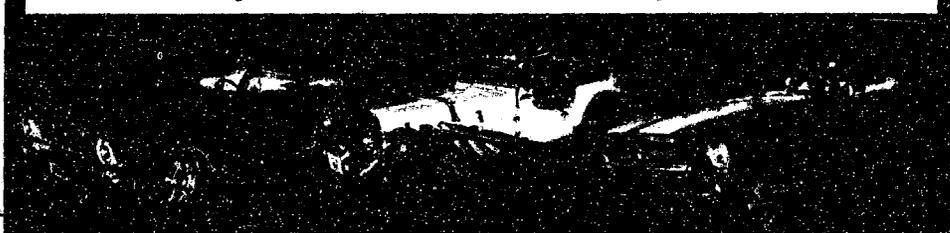
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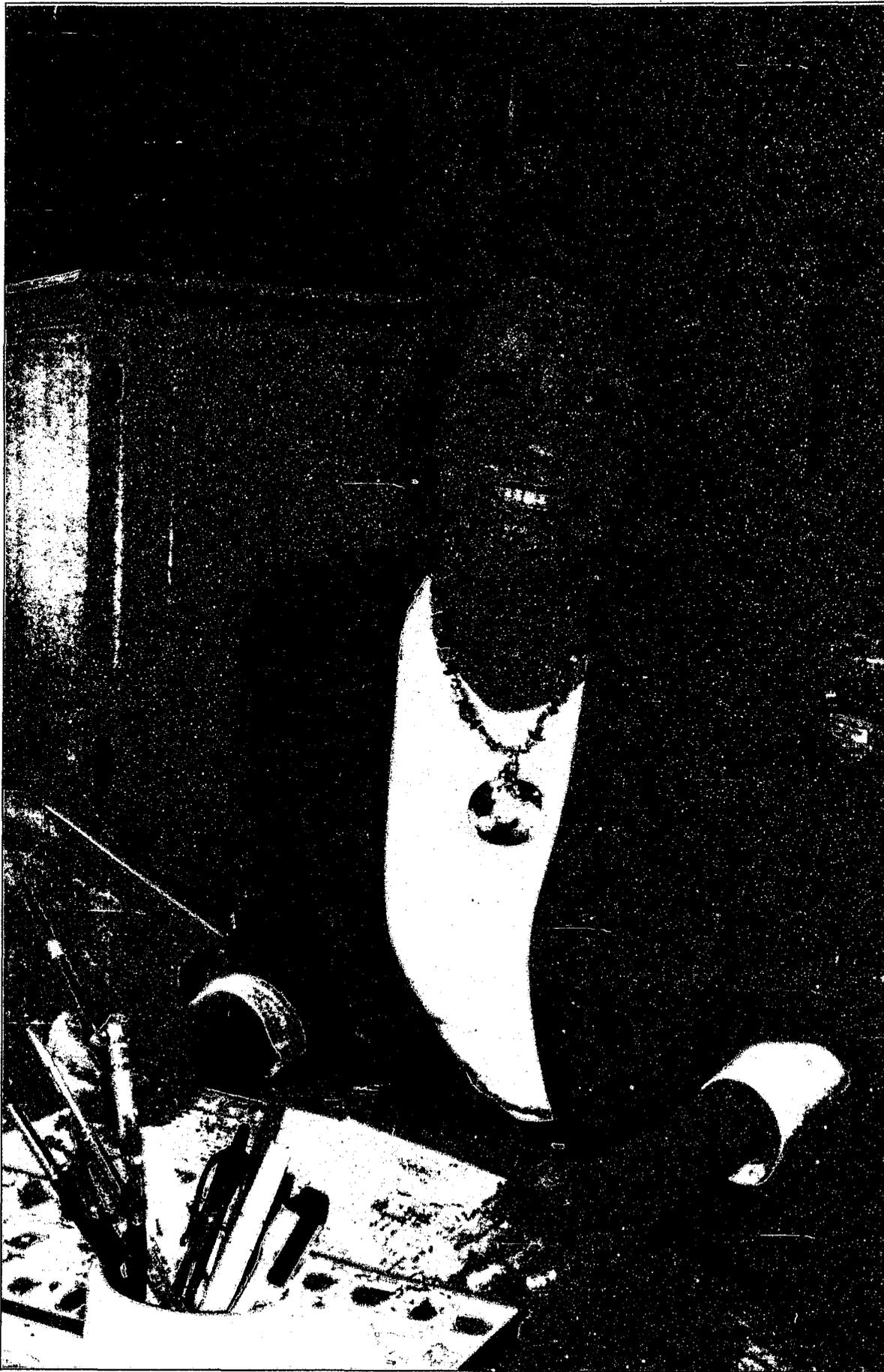
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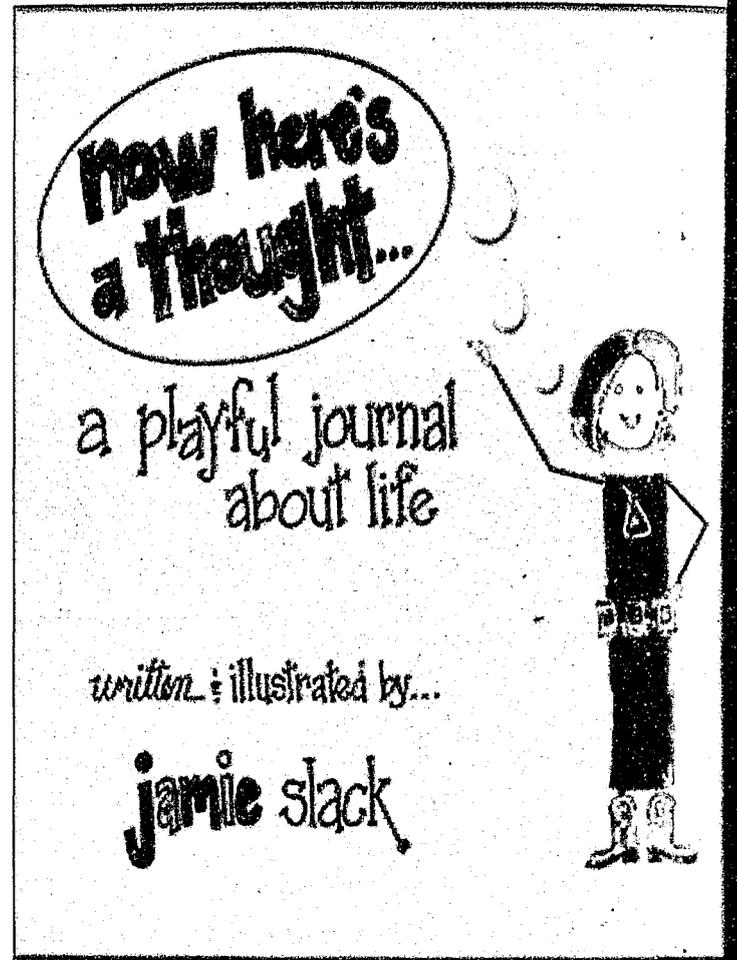
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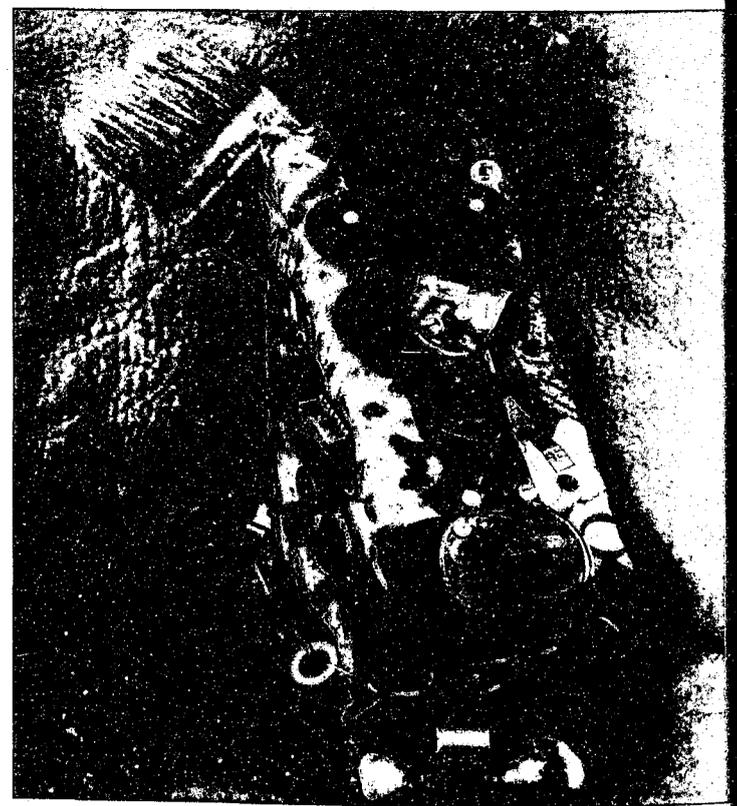




The author at home in her studio.



Cover of Jamie's Slack's book.



Jamie's whimsical art "Junk Yard Dog."

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Jamie Slack

Life, art, architecture and humor



Jamie Slack with her gourd designs, "Tootsie," left, and "Her Royal Highness."



Jamie Slack with grandchildren, two-year-old Caliger and four-year-old Eleanor

In her new book "Now Here's A Thought," Ruidoso resident Jamie Slack shares her thoughts on life and its many challenges in a simple, yet profound way. Her collection of insights into life is guaranteed to bring a smile to your face while inspiring you.

Jamie was raised in Commerce, Texas, the daughter of a professional dancer and an architect — it is no surprise that creativity is a big part of her. She grew up performing and also worked summers in her father's firm.

She says, "I was blessed to have parents that encouraged my creativity in all aspects of life." According to Jamie, she did not inherit her mother's legs or sense of rhythm, but instead inherited her father's passion for architecture and bringing a particular design to life.

Jamie received her master's of education from East Texas State University. She taught school for six years then returned to school to obtain her master's degree in architecture.

She graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington and established an architectural firm also in Arlington. She later moved her firm to Dallas.

From the first time Jamie vacationed in Ruidoso, she knew that this was where she wanted to live. After retiring from her career in architecture, Jamie packed up and headed for New Mexico.

She feels that she is now living her dream by residing in a home she designed and "playing" in her studio which overlooks the Sacramento Mountains. Jamie believes her beautiful vistas are an inspiration for her creative energy. She also creates whimsical gourd and recycled sculptures, watercolor illustrations and note cards, all reflecting her playful spirit and perceptive sense of humor.

Over the years, no matter where her career took her, she always had a studio where her imagination could run free and she could express her thoughts and ideas through drawing, painting, sculpting or any other art form that would "feed her soul."

Jamie's fascination with words, led her to journaling and for years, it has been a large part of her life. As she recorded her thoughts about life, it wasn't long before she started adding whimsical illustrations to

her journals. Travel journals are a favorite of hers — recording her life's journeys with illustrations and things she learns about life along the way, this was the inspiration for her new book, "Now Here's A Thought."

Recently, Rebecca and Will Ponder, owners of Sacred Grounds Coffee House, asked her to bring her playful spirit into their logo and as a result the dancing Moab Men became Sacred Ground's logo.

Now here's a great thought:

If you have not already experienced Jamie Slack's witty and clever writing and illustrations, you'll have an opportunity to meet her at Sacred Grounds from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15.

"Now Here's A Thought," is available at www.jamieink.com and www.amazon.com.

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Article submitted by RRCA

THE SCENE

30th Annual Oktoberfest

Heralds the changing seasons



Authentic German dance troupes perform in costume.



Lively music fills the dance floor at Oktoberfest.



Salzburger Echo play the majestic Alpenhorns.

In the mountains of Southern New Mexico the signs of fall are everywhere, and Ruidoso is prepared to celebrate the change in seasons.

For 30 years, the cooler nights and warm days that herald the golden aspens, have been welcomed with a traditional German festival.

Oktoberfest will be held Oct. 14 and 15 at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Organizer Mark Doth says, "This year we're bringing back the exceptional group, Salzburger Echo, from Salt Lake City, Utah, to help us celebrate."

Salzburger Echo brings the Alps to their audiences, playing Old World and contemporary folk music from the alpine regions of Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. They amaze audiences with their twelve-foot alphorns, Swiss cowbells, holzernes g'lächter and harmony yodeling.

Dressed in their region's authentic attire, they are enjoyable not just musically, but are visually exciting as well. Together since 1992, Salzburger Echo, has played many venues and festivals throughout the United States and Europe. They are one of the most sought after Alpine bands in the nation.

This year also marks the 201st anniversary of Oktoberfest celebrations worldwide. The first Oktoberfest was held in 1810 as a wedding celebration for Bavaria's King Ludwig I and Princess Therese of Saxony-Hild-

burghausen.

It didn't take long for the fun-loving Bavarians to replace their horse races, agricultural shows and other distractions with a huge party focused on great beer, music, dancing and food.

The wedding reception was such a success that Ludwig issued a royal decree making October festival time in Munich, Germany. The festival was dedicated to the fall harvest and to the region's most famous product, beer.

In the same tradition, Ruidoso's Oktoberfest has become a much-loved annual celebration. "Our entertainers are always crowd pleasers" says Doth.

In addition to Salzburger Echo, the Albuquerque bands Swingshift and Die Polka Schlingel will get the crowds dancing. Authentic folk dance troupes entertain the crowds when the live "oom pah pah" bands take a break. Always a crowd pleaser, the large German dance troupe from Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, will return again this year.

A favorite of the kids, the "Kinderhall" offers games, prizes, and pumpking decorating. Throughout the main hall more than 40 arts and crafts booths will feature terrific local and regional talents. The libations that have made Oktoberfest famous the world over will be in abundant supply.

"We have plenty of imported German beer and

authentic German food," said Doth. "We're known for the wonderful food and drink that our vendors provide. This is a really fun family celebration. You'll see kids aged 2 to 90 out there doing the chicken dance or the polka, and it's all for a good cause."

Proceeds from Oktoberfest benefit a variety of Lincoln County charities. Oktoberfest is presented by Special Events Resource Group. SERG is a non-profit corporation that provides funds to benefit legitimate and recognized charities and fund education scholarships for the youth of Lincoln County.

Since its inception in 1999, SERG has contributed more than \$168,000 to Lincoln County charities including \$72,000 in scholarships to area students.

Tickets to the Ruidoso Oktoberfest are \$8 per day for adults or \$14 for two days.

Young adults, 13 - 17 years of age, are \$5. Children 12 and under are free.

Hours are Friday, Oct. 14, 5 p.m. to 11p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 15, noon to 11p.m.

For more info call 575-257-6171. Or visit www.oktoberfestruidoso.com

or www.facebook.com/RuidosoOktoberfest.

THE SCENE

NM OATH Benefit

Beyond Boundaries: Body & Sold

On Oct. 25 at 7 p.m., NM-OATH (Organized Against Trafficking Humans) will present a benefit at the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club Pavilion, which promises to be a heart-wrenching, humorous and eye-opening event

Local director and actor Mary Maxson, directs "Body & Sold," a play by Deborah Lakes Fortson. The four true tales of modern day slavery, were written from interviews conducted from 2004 -2007 by Fortson.

Assisting Maxson are Cathi McIntosh and Ed Spurr. Both McIntosh and Spurr have contributed to the Ruidoso theater community for years. McIntosh acts, directs, and teaches theater. Spurr is the lighting and staging whiz behind the scenes.

Local actors Cecile Kinnan, Esther L. Salas, Terra Wallace, Jessica Lookingbill, Garrett La May, and others will perform "Body & Sold." This documentary play was written to raise awareness about the sexual exploitation and trafficking of American children and teens.

Live theater has the unique power to highlight social issues in a personal way, allowing the audience to feel and think through horrifying and sensitive situations.

In this way, "Body & Sold" can be a catalyst for social change, bringing focus to difficult stories and allowing the public to reflect on what this says about American culture.

NM-OATH is gratified to be presenting "Body & Sold" here in Lincoln County with the hope that sparked by a story, and a performance, individuals can imagine and help develop strategies toward change.

Fortson tells us that the issues of child neglect and abuse, exploitation, lack of satisfying and life-sus-

taining employment, disrespect of women and children, support of male sexual entitlement, pornography in advertising — are all intertwined with a complexity that daunts one's understanding.

Sharing personal stories is a powerful tool of transformation. As each young person tells the story of their life's journey, previously undiscovered patterns and themes surface and reveal themselves.

Listening to their stories helps one connect with their lives — and their stories serve as mirrors to one's own life. When does a memory become a story? Listen, meditate, and honor the stories told of the hardships endured and the difficulties inherent in healing.

Also featured, will be nationally known Regina Carpenter of "Soaring Stories," who, along with her friend Jackson Gillman, will salve the sadness with uplifting human myths and legends.

Since 1993, Regina has been motivating and inspiring audiences throughout the country with a diverse repertoire of world stories, folktales, myths, music and personal stories of her home town in northern New York.

In each story and with each telling, Regina mixes mirth music, and everyday events into myth and muses about life, death,

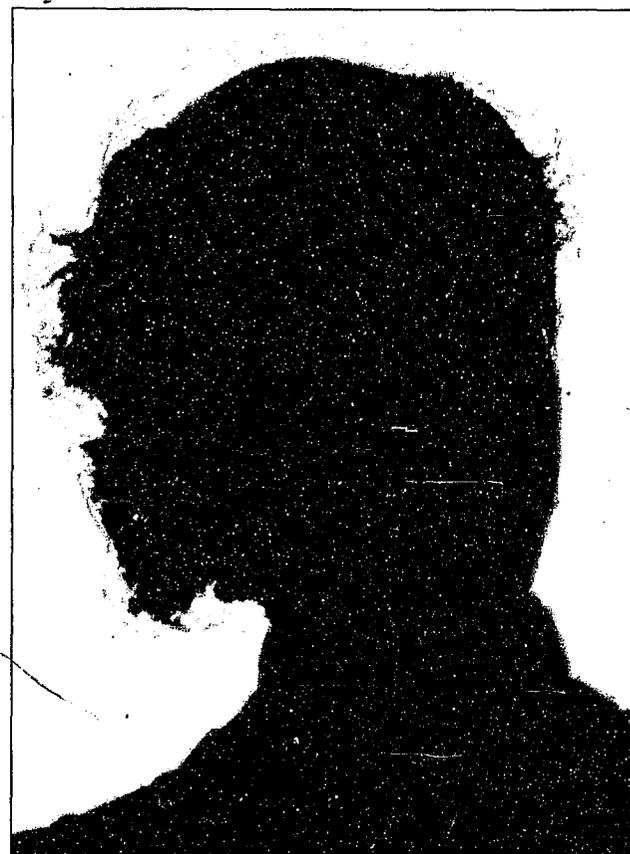
and nothing in particular.

Known for his broad, theatrical work, Jackson Gillman, "The Stand-Up Chameleon," enjoys using the quirks and quiet of daily life as grist for his storytelling.

Sometimes it is not until an anecdote is recounted that its potential for informing and enhancing life is revealed. Both Carpenter and Gillman offer workshops at conferences, colleges, and for private groups.

Literature will be available along with a DVD of an interview with NM-OATH founder Dr. Birgit LaMothe. She tells of how she became shockingly aware of human trafficking and its world-wide, as well as local impact on American culture, and on children's safety.

For more information on-line:
<http://www.nmoath.org/>
Visit the ENMU-Ruidoso library to see the NM-OATH "Body & Sold" exhibit of photographs.



Jackson Gillman, "The Stand Up Chameleon."



Regina Carpenter of "Soaring Stories."

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Miss Ruidoso

Scholarship Pageant 2012



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Miss New Mexico contestants at Spencer Theater, June 2011

The Miss Ruidoso Scholarship program of 2012 is pleased to announce a preliminary seminar and invitation for both high school seniors and those already attending college, (ages 17 to 24 years old), to attend a free seminar on at 4 p.m. on Oct. 17, at the Youth Warehouse.

At that time, you will be signed up and receive your Miss America contracts. In addition, this is the first year for a Miss Outstanding Teen pageant, a part of the Miss America Scholarship pageant. Senior girls must be between 17 and 24 years old, a senior in high school or attending college.

Outstanding Teens must not be 17 years of age the year they are the winner and must be at least 13 years old. This is a new part of Miss Ruidoso for all of Lincoln County.

The seminar on Oct. 17 will be to review procedures, rules and regulations and contracts. Former and current Miss Ruidoso winners and judges will speak on the prerequisites of participation and the amount of time involved in the pageant process.

These officials participated in both the 2010 and 2011 pageants. All current and former winners are now attending either NMSU and UNM. A generous amount of time will be set aside for a question-and-answer period.

All girls who are interested must attend this sign up seminar. The pageant hopes all high schools in Lincoln County will participate.

All of those interested in participating in the sixth year of the Miss Ruidoso Scholarship program must sign up on Oct. 17 and attend all rehearsals at the Youth

Warehouse, prior to the pageant on Nov. 19, which will be held at Mountain Annie's Center for the Arts.

Miss America will be telecast from Las Vegas, Nev., at the end of January 2012 for 2011 winners, and the Miss New Mexico 2012 Pageant will be held in June at the Spencer Theater. Confusing, perhaps, but that's the way the pageant works.

We look forward to meeting with and assisting all motivated, scholastically focused high school seniors and college-attending young women along with the Miss Outstanding Teen-aged group.

Our role is to help you understand and participate in the Miss America Scholarship program, encourage your continued education and help you further your goals toward Miss America. Start planning now for your future, and we will be there for you!

If you have any questions, about the Miss Ruidoso 2012 Pageant, please e-mail the Executive Director Barbara Westbrook at: lalaartist@yahoo.com.

The staff for this year's pageant includes: Ed Spurr, technical theatrical consultant, co-director Cassandra Schiavone, and wardrobe director, Carrie Richardson.

Judges will be announced the night of the pageant. Another exciting year for our local girls! Hopefully, a Lincoln County girl will emerge as Miss New Mexico state winner and then go on to Miss America!

(A division of Miss America Scholarship Pageants Program)

Submitted by Barbara Westbrook

SPENCER THEATER

Gordon Snidow

His life, his love, his passion



Famed Ruidosoan Gordon Snidow with his beloved dog Sweet Pea Brown, get ready to hit the road.

Gordon Snidow has, since 1959, been hailed as one of the foremost chroniclers of the contemporary cowboy. He is a historian who records with a palette of paints rather than words.

Through his remarkable talent, he has broadened the definition of western art and has furthered our understanding of the "historic West."

Gordon dramatically records the cowboy's tapestry of time and experience and is highly recognized by his "American Woman" series, "Homeless," and wildlife paintings. He created the famous "Coors Cowboy Collectors Series," and his work has appeared on more than 50 magazine covers.

A graduate of the Art Center College of Design in Los Angeles, the long-time Ruidoso resident has seen his work celebrated in major retrospectives in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas and at the prestigious Smithsonian in Wash-

ington D.C.

Gordon most recently exhibited at the C.M. Russell Show in Great Falls, Mon. and at the Norman Rockwell Museum in Corning, N.Y. He is a charter and emeritus member of the Cowboy Artists of America and has won 27 gold and silver medals, a Colt award, and three Best of Shows in CAA competitions.

His work also has been the subject of a BBC film and his many honors include the 1998 New Mexico Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts and a memorial, the "Artist of the American West" by the New Mexico Legislature in 2003.

Gordon's work has become part of the permanent collections at major museums throughout the west — and many paintings have been exhibited internationally in Russia, China, England, France, Germany, Taiwan and Canada.

Let the honors continue! In an original and unique retrospective, this revered artist and his story will be celebrated in a multi-media production at the Spencer Theater at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29. Featuring dozens of Snidow's critically acclaimed works, the retrospective, produced by Grace Snidow and Barbara Barleen-Staerkel, is scored by the master musician George Staerkel and his Arizona Opry cast.

As Gordon's art is revealed on stage, each piece will come alive via soulful ballads and popular country, western & rock tunes. The music program will include timeless favorites like "Ghostriders in the Sky," "Malagüena," and "Starry, Starry Night," some of his favorite songs. All proceeds to benefit the Spencer Theater.

Excellent seats available for \$49 & \$46. Call the box office at 575.336.4800 or go to www.spencertheater.com for tickets

Carolyn Arcure

Earth, the cosmos and the world within

BY LUCINA SARBER
 EDITOR ¡VAMONOS!

We are all like beads, hollow at the center, until strung in community with all of creation." Carolyn Arcure

When is a bead not just a bead? "Storybeads" founder, owner and artist, and Alto resident, Carolyn Arcure makes exquisite designs that range from jewelry, to objects d'art, to amulets and beads used in prayer and meditation. Each piece is accompanied by beautifully written booklets explaining the piece and imbued with information meant to remind the wearer of "the illusions of loneliness and isolation" — to remind them of their place in creation.

To sit down with this woman who has degrees in English Literature, the History of Art and a masters degree in Comparative Religions, is an eye-opening, educational experience — imagine sitting down for coffee and "a chat" with Mary Magdalene, Galileo, Da Vinci, Jung and St. Augustine, rolled up into one person.

A trilogy of Carolyn's necklaces are Beads of Heaven, Beads of Earth and Beads of Solace. The accompanying booklet on Beads of Heaven reads:

"Beads are condensed capsules of information, each with its own beauty, history and culture. Frequently found at ancient burial sites, they were the first durable form of human ornamentation. Since they are so easily portable, beads have always served as trade and barter, carrying with them tales of faraway places."

"Made from materials often perceived as magical, it is no wonder they are still considered sacred and are used throughout the world for prayer and protection. In fact, the word bead is derived from the Middle English *bede*, meaning "prayer" and *bidden*, "to pray."

Carolyn's quest to understand prayer, history, culture and the reason for humanity's incarnation on this Earth, has forever driven her. She attributes this need to know the *why* of our existence, in part, to her childhood in Michigan, growing up with 13 full and step-siblings.

"I was very involved in raising a lot of them, the chaos and diversity in our households meant I had to be very open to the experience — to a degree, I had to be unafraid. I think it spawned a lot of creativity, and made me unafraid to ask the big questions."

Carolyn says her biological father "was a wildman, a risk-taker, a stock-broker who made and lost fortunes repeatedly. My mother loved music and pastels — my grandmother had been a healer." This flavored the can-



Carolyn Arcure at work in her studio in Alto (photos by Joseph Arcure)

vas of her psyche as she ventured from home to attend college at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Ann Arbor also was where Carolyn met Joseph Arcure. They fell in love and married, a union that has happily entered its fifth decade. Joseph became a dentist and while fulfilling his commitment to the Air Force, during the waning years of the Viet Nam war, was shipped off to Japan, with Carolyn by his side. They chose not to live on the base and instead lived among the Japanese in the middle of Tokyo.

During their years in Japan, the "risk-taker" came alive as Carolyn fearlessly ventured from country to country — from Nepal to Afghanistan to Katmandu to Korea, with Joseph. The fear factor would certainly present itself in most of us upon being told "you can go anywhere in the world you want to go, but it'll be on board military transport planes" — most would say "thanks, but no thanks." Carolyn's response: "I wanted to see the world. Sure it was dangerous, but I was with Joe."

This fearlessness would serve her well when they

returned to Ann Arbor in 1972 and became the first people willing to live in and reclaim the inner city. In that impoverished environment of burnt out, boarded-up buildings, Joseph went to work as a dentist and Carolyn began renovating buildings, one of them, they lived above — the first floor became a bookstore, "The Westside Bookshop," which sells used and rare books to this day, 36 years later.

During this time of renovation, Carolyn deepened her understanding of "the spiritual, religious experience within the context of its occurring, I needed to create a 'paper trail.'"

Context for her meant two things occurring which served as catalysts for the birth of Storybeads in the mid-'90s — the 50th birthday of her dear friend Bea and the dwindling health of another friend, facing his last few months of life in Paris. She wanted to honor Bea, so she designed "Beads of Earth" — for Larry she designed, "Beads of Solace."

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"Beads of Solace," cornelian, vintage Japanese glass, Venetian foil beads, and a rabbit talisman carved of ox bone.



"Beads of Heaven" and "Beads of Earth."



"Prayer Bats," shrine made of juniper burl.



Crescent necklace with vintage stamp, "Lady of the Lake."

COVER STORY

CAROLYN ARCURE (cont'd.)

Earth, the cosmos and the world within

To introduce Storybeads, her "Narrative Finery," Carolyn wrote: "A STORY gives meaning by arranging what could otherwise seem disconnected events. BEADS also give meaning, imbued with beauty, prayer and magic from diverse cultures.

"I collect both— stories dating from ancient myth to modern day and handmade beads from around the world. With them, I create Storybeads, intertwined reminders telling of our place in an interconnected universe."

Holding the gorgeous beads that comprise her "Beads of . . ." series, one is struck by their luminosity and colorful diversity. As in all her other pieces, Carolyn mixes vintage beads with beads from Tibet or Africa with beads made of Venetian glass from Murano, Italy, along with semi-precious stones like Cornelian (correct spelling!) says Carolyn, as the root is from the Latin for heart (cor).

In the case of Beads of Heaven, "the beads represent our solar system including the sun and nine planets, the many moons of all the planets . . . their major and minor satellites, and their sizes and distances, in a manner as astronomically correct as possible in the two-dimensional arrangement of beads."

Taken from the booklet accompanying the Heaven necklace: "Also strung into Beads of Heaven are 10 divider beads which constitute a very brief history of the Western discovery of our solar system, indeed of the universe. . . they symbolize chronologically those astronomers, scientists and renegade thinkers responsible for moving human understanding from that of a fixed cosmos. . ."

Carolyn then proceeds to summarize the work and important contributions of — Ptolemy, Copernicus, Kepler, Galileo, Newton, Wilhelm Herschel, Karoline Herschel, Einstein, Hubble and Voyager 2 — to humanity's understanding of our place in the cosmos.

Her writing is succinct but loaded with meaning — she informs me that a couple of physicists have read over the material in her booklet and been struck by her scientific accuracy and profound understanding of "an unfurling cosmogenesis."

But Carolyn's is not an ego-driven, empty intellectual exercise aimed at impressing the world with her vast knowledge, rather she seeks to gently guide us toward understanding, self-reflection and ultimately, action.

She recently began making Eye Beads for only \$5 dollars. Worn for over five thousand years across all continents, eye beads are said to be a protective shield for the wearer. "Guarding against everything from a casual glance of envy to harmful, collective thought forms." In the accompanying card, Carolyn writes: "Today it is

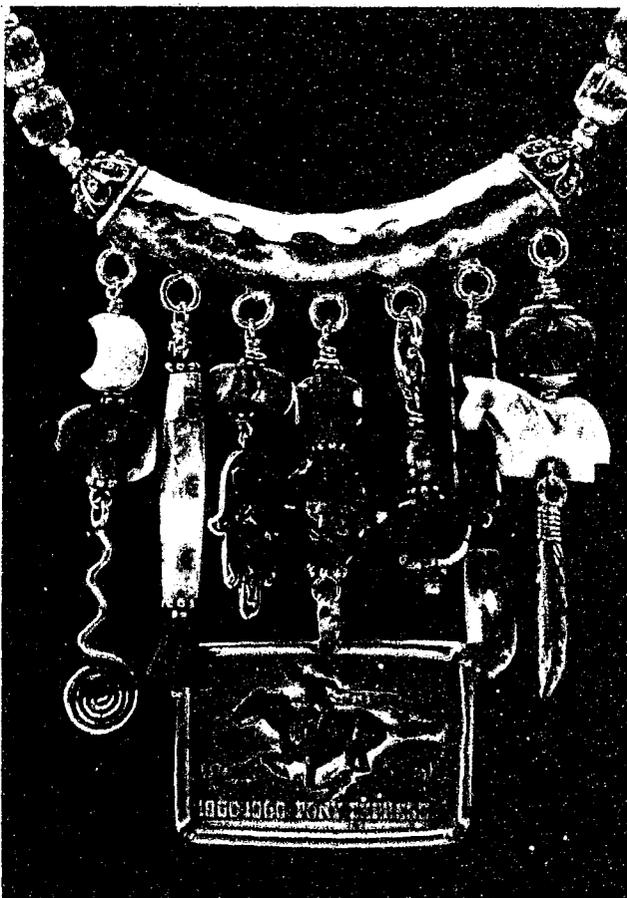
the natural world needing our protection, and personal safety is an illusion without healthy life systems. Quite simply, we are made of this earth, this water and air. Friend, wake up! May your eyes remain open on life's journey."

I ask Carolyn what her overarching philosophy of life is and what she sees herself doing in 10 years. "While hiking in the Tetons this summer, I came across this quotation at the Rockefeller Preserve:

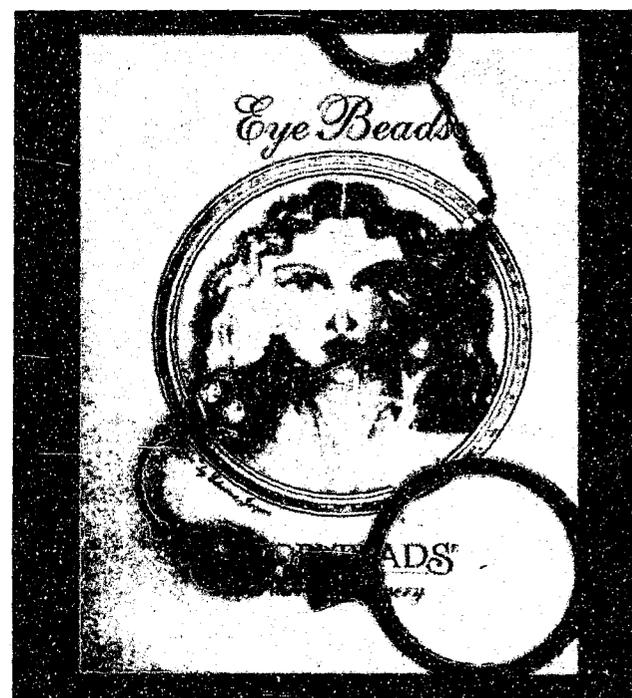
"Wind speaks through the pines. Light animates granite. An eagle soars—its shadow crosses over us. All life is intertwined."

"This I know in my heart to be true. It is what I study and try to practice in my life — artistically, politically and spiritually. It is what I shall study and practice for my remaining years, living in gratitude for this beautiful place while laughing, dancing and rolling up my sleeves for the work that lies ahead."

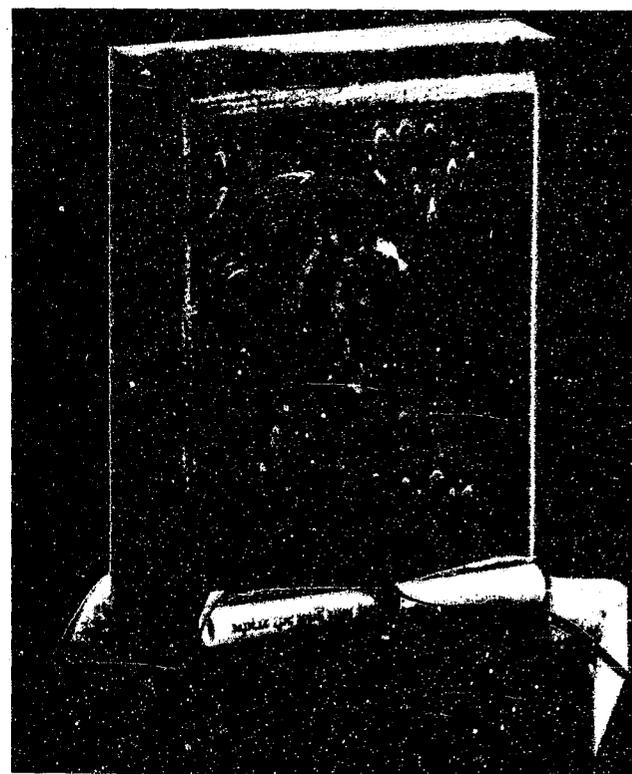
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Pony Express Stamp Crescent necklace.



Lamp glass eye beads magnifier



"Prayer Deer" juniper burl box.

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WORLD OF WINE

Australian Wines

from McLaren Vale



I noticed some very excellent values coming from Australia last week. Especially from the McLaren Vale area of South Australia, and that is this week's topic in wine.

The McLaren Vale is some 20 miles south of Adelaide. The soils are varied but they all drain well and that makes for good grape growing. The growing season is warm and dry.

BY NEAL JONES
COLUMNIST FOR ¡VAMONOS!

There is plenty of available water from the winter's rain, so the grape grower can control moisture through the growing season. Even though some 20 percent of the vines are "dry grown," most grape growers enjoy a particular success in Australia wineries purchasing these grapes for some world-class wines.

McLaren Vale wine dates back to 1838 when John Reynell and Thomas Hardy planted vines there. These vineyards still exist and some of the original vines are still producing grapes today. The majority of grapes planted in McLaren Vale are Shiraz grapes, the "national grape" of Australia. A full 50 percent of the vines in McLaren Vale are Shiraz.

There are a total of 88 wineries making wine in the area. There are bigger and better known names buying grapes from that area as well. You will find Penfolds, Rosemount, Shingleback and others producing their finest wines from McLaren Vale vineyards.

One cautionary note is that the wines from McLaren Vale will range from \$8 to \$150 a bottle. This is a sign of how great the wines are from this region. When I see such a drastic difference in wine prices, I know there are some great undiscovered buys.

The wines made in South Australia are both highly altered and influenced by technology, and there are some incredible "all organic and natural" wines. Rather than get into the details of how a wine is manipulated in Australia, I would say that McLaren Vale has unique character with the grape, it is focused.

The dry and rather warm climate is perfect for growing wine grapes. This is accentuated by the dry sirocco winds coming off the higher desert plain. The result is a particularly unique fruit.

The grapes grown in McLaren Vale struggle even as



Shiraz is "the wine of Australia."

regards size. They are starved by a limited growing season, water, there is a well-drained soil, the influence of coastal air is slight and the abundant sunshine makes for a small ripe berry.

This fruit has a greater skin-to-juice ratio. This ratio does a couple things for wine. It creates higher sugar availability. It also creates more available flavors and complexities from the additional amount of skin. The resulting wines are amazingly complex and strong.

In fact, the Australian wineries have developed ways to add tannin so they will age better, or add enzymes, adjust tartaric acid and they "sweet spot" wines to lower the alcohol content.

The manipulation may be rather much in the eyes of French traditionalists, but I see it as an effort to attain a targeted flavor from a flavorful grape.

Shiraz is the wine of Australia. It is the pride of McLaren Vale too. But not necessarily the best value from McLaren Vale vineyards. I would say that to purchase a McLaren Vale Shiraz under \$15 would be a good bet. You'll likely get a great wine, beautiful purple with ripe flavors. The best values in my opinion are of the other grapes grown in McLaren Vale.

These growers have a particular location and history of growing grapes. When they can make the vines struggle to make fruit like with the Shiraz, it will make an intense wine.

My suggestion this week is to find McLaren Vale wines, but not Shiraz. There might be some Shiraz blends that are of good value. The blends with Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot are quite common. Some will actually be great values.

What are really worth buying by the case are the non-



The vineyards of McLaren Vale in south Australia.

Shiraz wines from McLaren Vale. You can find world-class Grenache and Cabernet Sauvignon wines for \$8- to \$15 a bottle.

Other wines like Tempranillo and Sangiovese from McLaren Vale are a bit harder to find in New Mexico, but will have the same strong fruit characteristics and be just as budget-friendly. Shiraz is the moneymaker for McLaren Vale. The hidden values from these South Australian vineyards are the other grapes. They are both ready to drink now and will age well in your cellar.

Capitan resident, Neal Jones was sommelier at The Petroleum Club in Denver; a wine trader with Les Amis du Vin; and New Mexico's first independent wine consultant. He conducts wine tastings for Chateau Changyu and hosts on Blue Ocean Network.

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PAST TENSE

What's in a Photo?

The Fort Worth Five



BY DREW GOMBER,
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The photo would eventually lead to the identification and death of every man in it. Historians over the years have wondered what possessed these "last of the big-time Old West outlaws," to have their photo taken, when every law enforcement agency in the land was interested in their whereabouts and what they looked like?

The answer is quite simple: alcohol! Flushed with elation from their successful bank robbery at Winnemucca, Nevada, on Nov. 19, 1900, three of them — Cassidy, Sundance, and Carver, fled south to Fort Worth, Texas. There, they rendezvoused with more of their criminal friends, two of whom are in the photo with them, taken only days after the Winnemucca robbery.

They stayed in rooming houses, for the sake of anonymity which makes one wonder even more how they could be so foolish as to have a photo taken! No

It sounds like the name of a rock band, but it isn't. It's a reference to a famous photo of core members of the notorious "Wild Bunch." The existing photograph shows five men, three seated and two standing behind them.

The three seated are, the Sundance Kid (Harry Longabaugh), Ben Kilpatrick, also known as "The Tall Texan," and Robert Parker, aka "Butch Cassidy."

doubt they got tanked up and, impressed with their fancy new duds elected, to have themselves immortalized on film.

Beginnings...

At one time, they had all just been cowboys, working in Wyoming, Montana, Colorado and Utah. Cassidy, the grandson of a Mormon bishop, was arrested for horse theft in Wyoming, a crime many feel he did not commit.

After his release from prison, Butch vowed that if he was going to be treated like an outlaw, then, by God, he'd act like one — and he was good at it. His robberies were known for the planning involved. Instead of just grabbing the money and running, Butch always had horses waiting on his escape routes. No posse could keep up with men regularly supplied with fresh horses.

Sundance was also arrested for horse theft, but in his case, he was guilty! Sundance got his name from the prison where he was incarcerated at Sundance, Wyoming. Those who knew him say Sundance was a whiz with weapons, but there is no record of his actually killing anyone — something that cannot be said of his crony, Harvey Logan. "Kid Curry" Logan was responsible for at least 11 fatalities and was called the "Tiger of the Wild Bunch."

Ben "The Tall Texan" Kilpatrick, along with Will Carver, turned outlaw while working as cowboys. After numerous layoffs across Wyoming, they decided there was a far easier way of getting money — stealing it. They instantly fell in with like-minded individuals and voila, you had an outlaw gang.

The Wild Bunch really was the last of the big time outlaw gangs, operating at the end of the 19th century and beginning of the 20th, their robberies were among the very last committed by men on horseback.

... and endings...

John Swartz was the photographer who took the picture, and the outlaws could not have made a worse choice. The Fort Worth police had contacted him for mugshots of virtually every perpetrator imaginable. So, when Swartz displayed the "Fort Worth Five," he had an endless parade of policemen looking at it.

One of them recognized at least one man in the picture (Cassidy had a mugshot taken that was well-known to law enforcement), and after that, the identification of the others was inevitable. It was the beginning of the end for them.

Cassidy and Sundance fled the U.S., and eventually died in a gun battle in 1908 with Bolivian police. It was not the entire Bolivian army that surrounded them, as portrayed in the famous movie, but rather four men, although neither of the outlaws could have known that at the time. They were both badly wounded and surrounded. Butch reportedly killed Sundance and then himself — not the "blaze of glory" ending that was in the film by a long shot.

Carver was cornered and killed on April 2, 1901, at Sonora, Texas, by authorities. Logan was captured near Jefferson City, Tennessee, in December of 1901, and then escaped from jail at Knoxville, in June of 1903. After an aborted train robbery near Parachute, Colorado, in June of 1904, Logan and some pals were cornered by lawmen. After a fierce gunfight, Logan, hiding behind a large rock, shouted out that he was hit. A shot rang out and the posse found Logan's body, pistol still in hand, dead behind the boulder.

Kilpatrick was the last to go. He was arrested in November of 1901 and sentenced to 15 years. After serving 10 years, he was let go, but he was a long way from rehabilitated. In 1912, Kilpatrick, with confederate Beck, attempted to rob a train in Texas — the wrong train, as it turned out. Kilpatrick turned his back on a railroad employee, who promptly bashed his brains out with a large wooden hammer. When Beck entered the car to check on his comrade, the same employee killed him with Kilpatrick's rifle.

In the end, every one of their deaths can be traced back to Swartz's photo. If any lesson can be learned from this, it is simply that if you decide to be an outlaw, the last thing you want to do is have your picture taken!

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mixture makes a healthy cookie or muffin.

Interestingly, it is equally appropriate for children to increase their Omega-3 and oxygen levels for fast growing bones. Research has shown pre-natal use offers profound benefits for both mom and baby at no risk and is beneficial for fetal and infant brain development.

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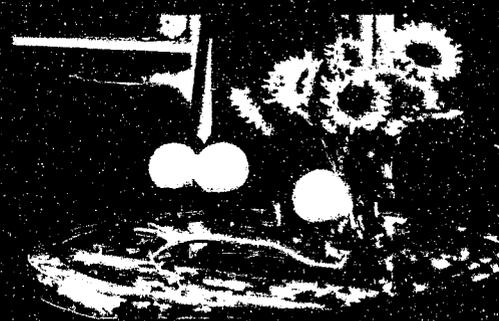


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I Love You, You're Perfect...

Musical comedy revue at Flickinger

The hit musical comedy, "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," will premiere at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts in Alamogordo.

The production is presented by Alamogordo Music Theatre (AMT). "I Love You... " is a hilarious throwback to a nearly extinct theatrical genre—the musical comedy revue.

AMT is utilizing the movie industry's PG-13 rating on con-

tent classification to warn parents that the show has some adult language and situations which are inappropriate for children.

"This is a show about relationships," co-director Loren Jackson told ¡Vámonos! recently, "It's a great date-night show — you can take your significant other and see a very funny show but it is not a 'family show.'"

"We recommend that parents leave their young children (under 12 or 13), at home for this one. But, the adults and older

teens will enjoy it immensely."

"We have amazing talent in this show," said co-director Joni Castello. Audience members may laugh 'till they cry."

The cast includes Randall Cutts, Daniel Humm, Jeremy Patton, Nathan Jorgensen, Ronnie Brockett, Cherie Jorgensen, Logan Clark, Cecilia Rogers, Sabria Vasquez, and Jennifer Fountain. A live orchestra, led by Amanda Wilson, will provide the music.

"I Love You..." is the

longest-running musical revue in off-Broadway history and it is the second-longest-running off-Broadway show of any kind.

A hit with both audiences and critics, it ran for over 5,000 performances at the Westside Theatre in New York City. Newsday said of the show, "If this show were a blind date, you'd feel relieved, grateful and pleasantly surprised." One critic described it as "Seinfeld set to music!"

One of the interesting phenomena associated with this

show is that it is believed to have spawned more public marriage proposals than any other show in history!

"We would be happy to continue that tradition," Jackson said. "If anyone would like to make a proposal of marriage during one of our performances, give me a call at 575-430-2008 and we'll see if we can come up with a time during the performance to 'pop the question.'"

Additional performances are scheduled for Oct. 22, 28, and

29 — all at 7:30 p.m. There will also be a special Sunday matinee performance at 2 p.m. on Oct. 23. Tickets for "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," will be available at the door one hour before show time.

Advance tickets available at the Flickinger Center office, at TLC Portraits in the White Sands Mall, the outdoor Recreation Center at Holloman AFB, and at Alamo Optical on Tenth Street in Alamogordo.

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"Highway of Love" from left - Cecilia Rogers, Daniel Humm, Sabria Vasquez, Randall Cutts. Even a "normal" family becomes dysfunctional when forced together on a road trip.

Diggin' in the Dirt

Barbara says keep it clean



BY BARBARA WESTBROOK,
COLUMNIST FOR ¡VAMONOS!

Getting out in my garden, its beds overflowing with tomatoes, herbs, blooming red cadmium blossoms and lemon verbenas — up to my elbows digging in that dirt —

planting fall crops for the greenhouse, knowing full well winter is on our heels, is "digging in dirt" at its the best!

Different from "slinging dirt," which is meant to be avoided. Media and political talking heads, strangely similar to dashboard "bobble heads," have taken to assaulting our eyes and ears in this latest election cycle.

As a political science junkie, I am drawn to this political circus like a moth to the flame. It makes no difference if you are of either party. Decades ago, one presidential hopeful called his rivals, "nattering nabobs of negativity".

My youthful foray into politics began in Houston, Texas in the 1960s, when I ran the southwest quadrant for a friend's mayoral race. What an eye opener and education that was. Over the years, I have observed many political groups and their exercise of both perceived and real power, in Texas and later in California.

Now into the year 2011, the pattern is repeated — nothing new under the sun. What worries me is the lack of civility and good healthy debate, you notice the word "healthy." Are debating skills still taught, and debating teams in existence in our schools?

Probably not, because they can't put their cell phones down long enough to debate! Once upon a time we had shows like "Fir-

ing Line." Whether you agreed or not, you had fine minds like Bill Buckley delving into subjects from A to Z.

We have another Miss Ruidoso 2012 coming up — whoever aces their interview with a seven-panel of judges and garners the highest scores, will go on to the state pageant. We will once again measure how good their communication skills are, along with their knowledge of current events.

We have all been given the right to vote, but it stands for little if you just follow the herd and are an uninformed voter. I think it very telling that Miss America was formed the year after women got the right to vote. Do you think your 17 or 18 year old knows who the Secretary of State is or where Iraq or Iran is geographically? As adults, we have an obligation to see to it that our children become well-rounded individuals.

This column is not about your political party or affiliation. It is simple encouragement to have an opinion and read what is going on in our world.

It is about making organizations take the high road and offer both sides of an issue.

One thing that is most troubling, is using economic rumor and innuendo to accomplish the aim of one organization in a town— whipping those fearful for their pocketbooks into line. Sometimes neutrality is a beautiful thing.

Have you heard about "pay to play"? There are those who belong to this-not-altruistic-club, rather they are in the WIFM Club — "What's in it for me?"

They all rail about each other's lobbyists, investigate who contributed to whom, muddle through new laws and old laws, and not much gets done. Now, here we are, facing another political cycle, and are we really informed voters? Do we see the difference between rumor and reality?

Be an informed voter. A vote is a precious gift. Remember this quote by Edmund Burke, "Evil triumphs when good men do nothing."

Barbara performed with the San Antonio Civic Light Opera, and the Houston Grand Opera, among others. She hosted "What's Cooking?" for PBS, and founded the Ruidoso Arts & Film Commission. She created and performed in 28 Pops Concerts across New Mexico. Contact Barbara at lalaartist@yahoo.com

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James Jackson *In the midst of the pony ring, he wowed us this summer with great BBQ — let's help him make this a permanent gig! (Papa Jack's BBQ Shack)*

What is your idea of bliss?

I remember riding on a tractor out in the hayfields, with my son on my lap as the sun was setting. Anytime I can enjoy nature's beauty with someone I love.

What scares you?

Living my whole life and not feeling successful or like I made a difference.

Whom do you identify with from History?

Stonewall Jackson, some say he was our kin.

Whom do you admire?

Ellis Clark, my childhood Sunday school teacher — he was a hardworking farmer and a man of great integrity.

What among your traits do you dislike most?

I dislike most those moments when I feel insecure.

What trait do you most dislike in others?

Rudeness.

Whom among us do you despise?

I don't despise anyone — life is too short.

What is your one extravagance?

Cars. I love old muscle cars and drag cars. I've spent many a weekend drag racing.

What is a favorite trip you have taken?

My first trip to New Mexico from Texas — from Carlsbad to Red River, I saw it all and loved it all!

What is the most despicable character flaw?

Once again, I find disrespectful, rude behavior despicable.

Do you ever lie?

An occasional white lie.

Who is the greatest love of your life?

My wife, Cathy. We have been happily married for 13 years.

When in your life were you the happiest?

My first instinct is to say when I was in high school, but then as I look at the beautiful scenery that surrounds me here, I must say, today is not bad!

What hidden talent do you have?

For my new friends here in New Mexico, I would have to say that I'm a pretty competitive drag racer.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Easiest question so far — my children: 24-year-old Jennifer, 9-year old Malorie and 7-year old Johnny Jackson, he's a pistol!

In your next life, you want to be ...

A professional drag racer or maybe more realistically, a paramedic.

What is your favorite way of relaxing?

An evening walk anywhere here in town, especially near the Rio Ruidoso.

What quality do you most admire in a man?

I admire honest, hardworking men.

What quality in a woman?

I appreciate Cathy's being so supportive, trusting and faithful.

What do you most admire in your friends?

The fact that they're always ready and willing to help me when I need it most.

Who is your favorite fictional or non-fictional hero?

Batman.

What do you most dislike?

Other than mean, rude people — canned spinich.

What is your motto?

Enjoy the little things in life. A cup of coffee with a friend, laughter and a wonderful mountain view.