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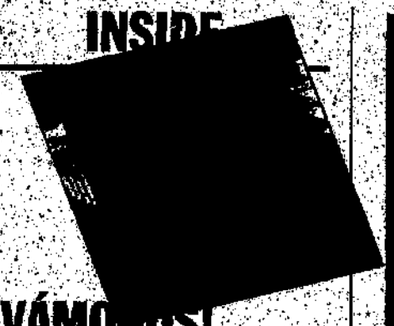

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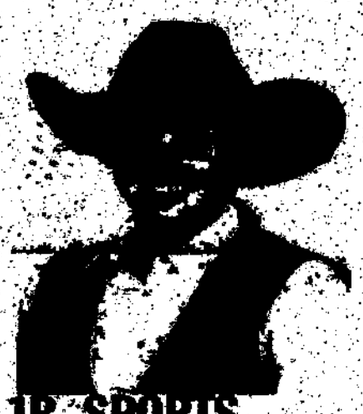

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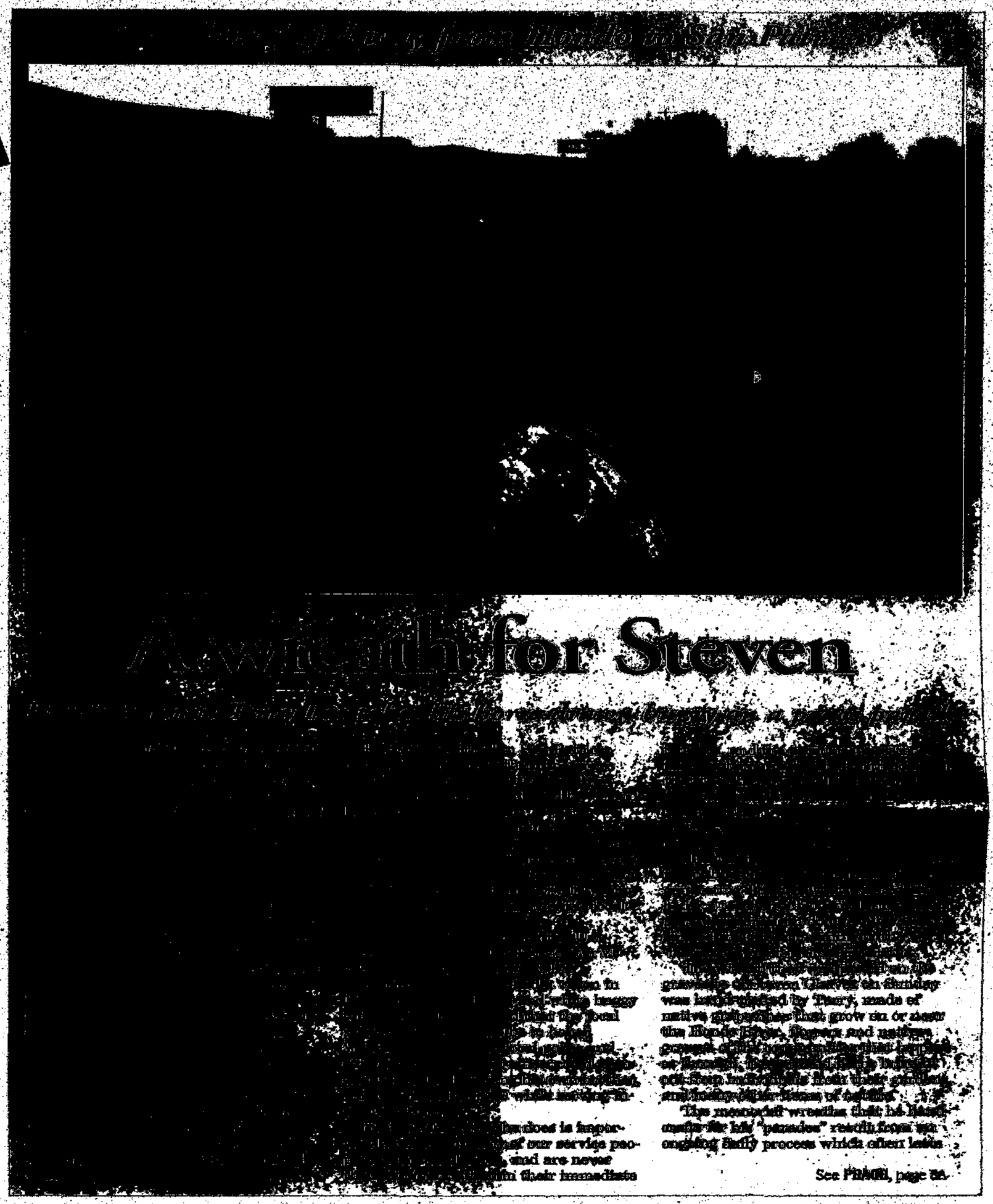

LCMC seeks new levy vote

Hospital and county officials hope to hold election before July 1, 2008

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As prelude to a session Monday involving county and hospital officials, Gary Mitch-ell, chairman of the Lincoln County Medical Center Com-munity Board, briefed county commissioners on the future of local health care without property tax support.

Following one of the recommendations from the LCMC board, commissioners Tuesday unanimously agreed to move ahead as quickly as possible with a new election to reinstate a 3-mill levy before it expires June 30. If voters, who rejected an increase proposed earlier this month, go along with continuing the status quo, the special property tax levy would appear on November 2008 tax bills without a bump in funding.

"This essentially is a county problem," said Commission Chairman Tom Battin, referring to the fact that while Presbyterian Healthcare Services manages the hospital, three rural health clinics and the ambulance services, they are owned by the county.

He suggested that members

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Officials warn that county's ambulance service could be crippled

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EMS Director Jim Stover says mill levy funds were earmarked for the replacement of aging units

Trying to operate without some financial support from a special hospital property tax could cripple Lincoln County's ambulance service as units wear out, officials with the Lincoln County Medical Center warned.

During a discussion Tuesday with county commissioners about ramifications of voter rejection earlier this month of an increase in a special property tax levy, County Emergency Medical Services Director Jim Stover said the fleet is aging.

The ambulance service stationed at the hospital in Ruidoso is run by Presbyterian Healthcare Services under contract with the county. But the county is obligated to provide the ambulances, said Gary Mitchell, chairman of the LCMC Community Board.

Many of the units conveyed to the county by the village under an agreement by which all EMS village assets were transferred earlier this year to the county in exchange for the service have more than 100,000 miles on their odometers.

The newer units are stationed at the more rural areas, where reliability is most important, Stover said.

County residents are lucky to have a dedicated group of volunteers in those areas who man the units when called. That amounts to a huge financial savings, he said.

Money specified for the service in the mill levy would have purchased new units for the system that is rated number one in the state, Stover said.

PHS pays up to $5,000 per ambulance in repairs, but the mill levy would have financed a plan to replace the older ambulances, he said.

Mitchell said the annual operating costs for EMS was $1,167,000 with a $90,000 loss, which he called "one of smallest in the state."

"They all lose money," he said. "We count on the public financing the ambulances through the mill levy."

Although the population of the town is aging and ambulances will be needed on an increasing basis, that doesn't translate to more revenue, because Medicare reimburses at a set rate. Taking advantage of technological advances may not be possible in equipping units, if money is tight, he said.

To conserve money, the service also may have to cut back or eliminate donated hours on standby for events such as the recent Sierra Blanca race and Century bicycle race, he said.

Stover reported that the service received grant money this year to purchase a "wilderness unit" to use in mountain rescues.

"We've found it to be a hugely valuable tool for standbys," he said. The All Terrain Vehicle also can travel in weather when helicopters and airplanes can't fly, he said.

The number of transfers to hospitals in El Paso and Lubbock, Texas, are increasing, he said.

Commissioner Jackie Powell complimented Stover on his management of the ambulance service, calling it "impeccable."

COURTESY

At a luncheon this summer, the Optimist Club heard the Ruidoso High School SADD students thank them for their help in acquiring the aluminum can recycling trailer and heard their new plans to begin recycling newspaper. Optimist member Dee Woodward started thinking how her son, John Woodward, along with other newspaper carriers, were always looking for a place to deposit outdated newspapers. From this, an idea was born. With the cooperation of Lincoln County Solid Waste, a roll-off dumpster was positioned behind State National Bank to collect newspapers. The money collected from this project and the newspaper dumpster by the high school was designated to RHS SADD and their plans to build a sand volleyball pit at the White Mountain Recreational Complex. The community is encouraged to deposit newspapers at these dumpsters to promote recycling within our community. Recycling one ton of paper saves 7,000 gallons of water, 17 trees and enough energy to power a home for five months. These dumpsters have already produced more than 8,000 pounds of newspapers within the past two months. Pictured above are Debra Ingle from Lincoln County Solid Waste (back left) giving Dimple Bhakta, RHS SADD president, a check for $84 for the newspaper recycling. Also pictured are Optimist Club Past President Tom McElligott, SADD members Josie Parsons, Cynthia Schleck, Alexis Schleck, Optimist Club President Teresa Herrera and Optimist member Dee Woodward. Not pictured but supportive in this endeavor are John Woodward, Jim Miller and the State National Bank employees.

Tree recycling

It won't be too long before Lincoln or Otero County residents will buy or cut a fresh Christmas tree for the upcoming holiday season. The Smokey Bear Ranger District office on Ruidoso's Mechem Drive is now selling tree permits during regular business hours.

Lincoln and Otero County residents (yes, many Otero residents come to the Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs areas to cut trees) join more than 30 million other Americans who will this year also put up a live tree.

In doing so, they unintentionally create another solid waste challenge into the New Year. Keep Ruidoso Beautiful, with the assistance of Public Service Company of New Mexico, will again offer their tree recycling program at School House Park after Dec. 25.

More than 400 Ruidoso residents recycled their trees in 2006 through the VOR program. You might want to consider extending the usefulness of your tree by planning now to "tree recycle."

Keep Ruidoso Beautiful will accept discarded Christmas trees at School House Park on Sudderth Drive through mid-January. Plan now to place your discarded tree in the fenced area in front of the swimming pool.

Discarded trees are processed into mulch used within the village of Ruidoso.

For more information about recycling programs of all kinds in Lincoln and Otero Counties, contact Operational Supervisor Debra Ingle at 378-4697, toll free at 1-548-8772 or via email at lcswa@valornet.com. Visit the new Authority Web site at www.lcswa.org.

Transmitter down

KEDU Christian Community Radio, which broadcasts on 102.3 and 94.7 FM, lost its main transmitter early Monday morning. According to the station engineer, the station went off the air after an apparent power surge damaged the station's Pike's Peak Drive transmitter.

"The entire power supply inside the transmitter was damaged," said Harv Twite, director of programming and operations. "We came up and replaced the power supply fuses after the initial blow-out, but the transmitter only ran for another ten seconds and shut itself down.

"Our engineer, Ken Bass, made some emergency repairs at the site, but the power supply was fried. Our Internet broadcast continues online, but we are not on the air."

Twite said the station is rapidly weighing its options. He said the station's Board of Directors has been trying to replace the transmitter, but the station continues to work on a

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Today's Weather Brought To You By....

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38/27
Snow showers. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the upper 20s.
Sunrise 6:41 AM Sunset 4:56 PM

34/25
Snow showers. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the mid 20s.
Sunrise 6:42 AM Sunset 4:56 PM

46/30
Mix of rain and snow showers. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the low 30s.
Sunrise 6:43 AM Sunset 4:55 PM

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New Mexico At A Glance

Moon Phases

First Nov 17
Full Nov 24
Last Dec 1
New Dec 9

UV Index

Fri 11/23	Moderate
Sat 11/24	Moderate
Sun 11/25	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0: 11

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Alamogordo	51	31	rain	Grants	43	14	rain	Santa Fe	34	20	sn shower
Albuquerque	44	27	rain	Guymon, OK	43	20	sn shower	Santa Rosa	43	25	mixed
Carlsbad	47	26	mixed	Hobbs	48	31	mixed	Silver City	46	29	rain
Chama	34	15	sn shower	Las Cruces	54	36	rain	Socorro	46	27	rain
Clovis	38	19	mixed	Las Vegas	39	21	sn shower	St. Johns, AZ	51	23	rain
Deming	54	31	rain	Lordsburg	57	32	rain	Taos	39	16	sn shower
El Paso, TX	57	37	rain	Lubbock, TX	38	24	mixed	Trinidad, CO	41	20	sn shower
Espanola	50	31	rain	Odessa, TX	49	30	mixed	Truth or Consq.	48	33	rain
Farmington	47	18	rain	Raton	41	15	sn shower	Tucson, AZ	66	44	mst sunny
Gallup	46	18	pt sunny	Roswell	46	27	mixed	Tucumcari	38	20	sn shower

National Cities

Atlanta	54	33	pt sunny	Houston	58	46	rain	Phoenix	72	47	sunny
Boston	42	23	pt sunny	Los Angeles	67	49	sunny	San Francisco	64	42	sunny
Chicago	36	26	mst sunny	Miami	82	67	rain	Seattle	47	37	mst sunny
Dallas	54	46	pt sunny	Minneapolis	37	27	cloudy	St. Louis	43	31	pt sunny
Denver	36	18	sn shower	New York	41	30	pt sunny	Washington, DC	46	33	pt sunny

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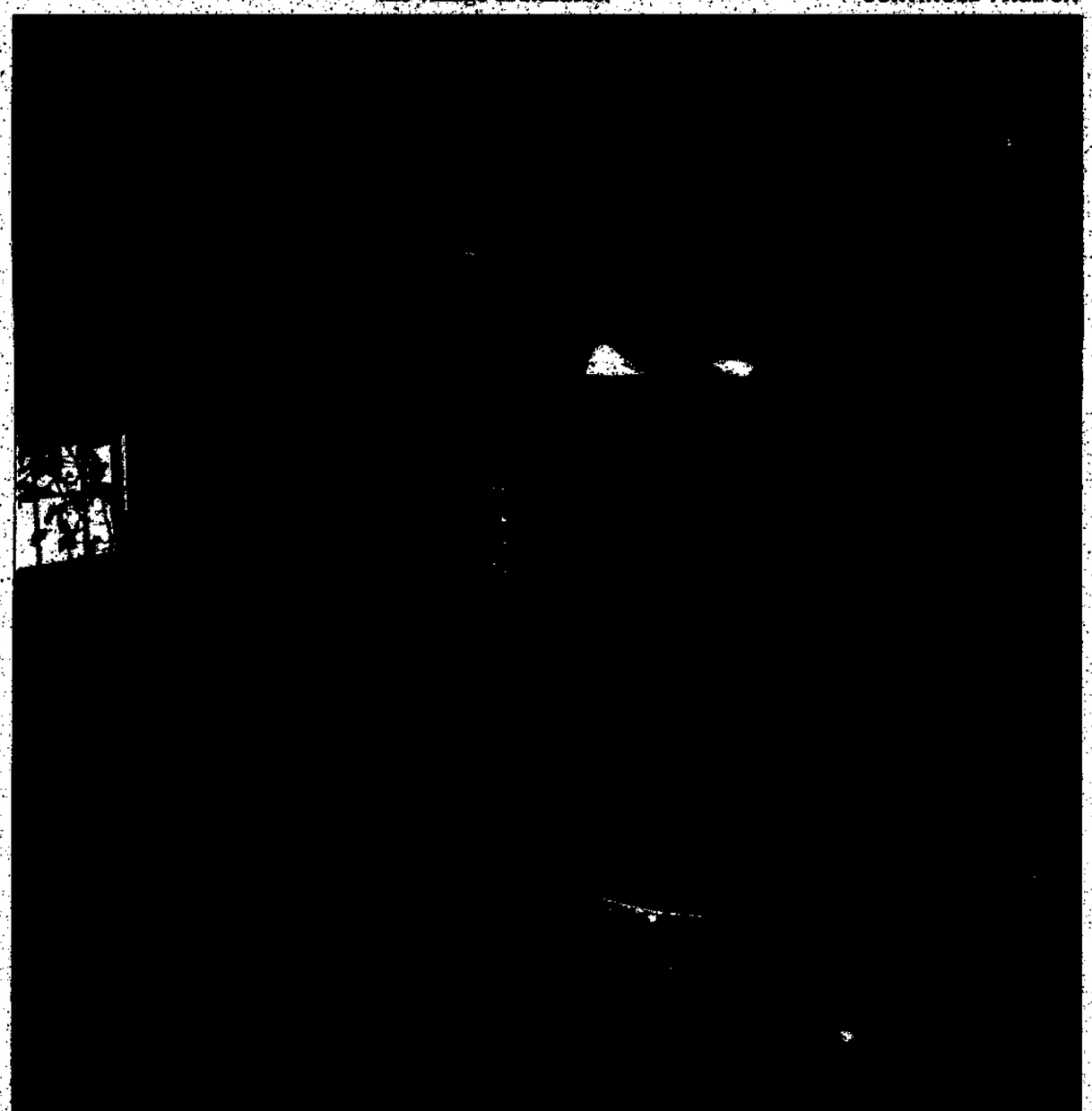

JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

The Capitan Public Library's 8th Annual Bazaar and Bake Sale is 8 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 1. Joyce Davies is one of many volunteers who spend weeks prior to the event preparing hand-crafted and homemade items to offer in the sale. The event is one of the major fundraisers for the Capitan Public Library.

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COURTESY DEBORAH WENZEL

Cannon Irons, above, placed 1st and Riley Harkins, below, placed 2nd at the local level in the Lions Club International Peace Poster contest. They both attend Deborah Wenzel's 6th grade art class at White Mountain Intermediate School.

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"shoestring" budget.

Twite hopes to ship the transmitter to the manufacturer in Chicago, but repairs may take up to a week or more.

If you would like to help the station raise funds for repair or replacement of the old transmitter, call GM Pat Welch at 575-937-0282, or donate online, via credit card, on the station's Web site at www.kedu.us/support.htm.

The station's general mailing address is: KEDU Radio, Suite 16, 2117 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345.

Hospital board meets

Two county commissioners and two county staffers will attend the next meeting of the Lincoln County Medical Center Board to discuss the future of health care in Lincoln County.

The public is encouraged to attend this important meeting, to be held at 6 p.m. Monday in the Hospital Conference Room at LCMC.

Health Collaborative

The Otero-Lincoln Behavioral Health Local Collaborative (LC12) will meet at noon on Nov. 29 at the Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd.

Consumers, behavioral health providers and family members are welcome to attend. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Grace at bhlc12@gmail.com or 575-430-7642.

Rates on agenda

A $27.20 monthly base charge, plus a new commodity charge for wastewater treatment is being proposed for residential customers under a fee schedule set for action Tuesday by the Ruidoso Village Council.

The meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m. in Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr.

Consultants advise councilors that the money is needed to repay a $12.6 million bonding debt and to cover other expenses required to build a new $35 million treatment plant mandated by state and federal agencies and the court. The mandates are tied to decreasing contaminant levels in the plant's discharge to the Ruidoso River.

A charge also will be applied to commercial accounts.

Also on the agenda Tuesday is action on setting the March municipal election and a discussion of future cemetery operations by the village.

Subdivision input

The Lincoln County Water Research and Conservation Committee will meet at 2 p.m. on Dec. 4 and the County Planning Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 5.

Both sessions, to be held at the Lincoln County Commission Chambers in Carrizozo, will deal with revisions to the sections of the Subdivision Ordinance pertaining to density and water availability.

Anyone who would like to contribute their ideas to the new ordinance is invited to attend and provide input.

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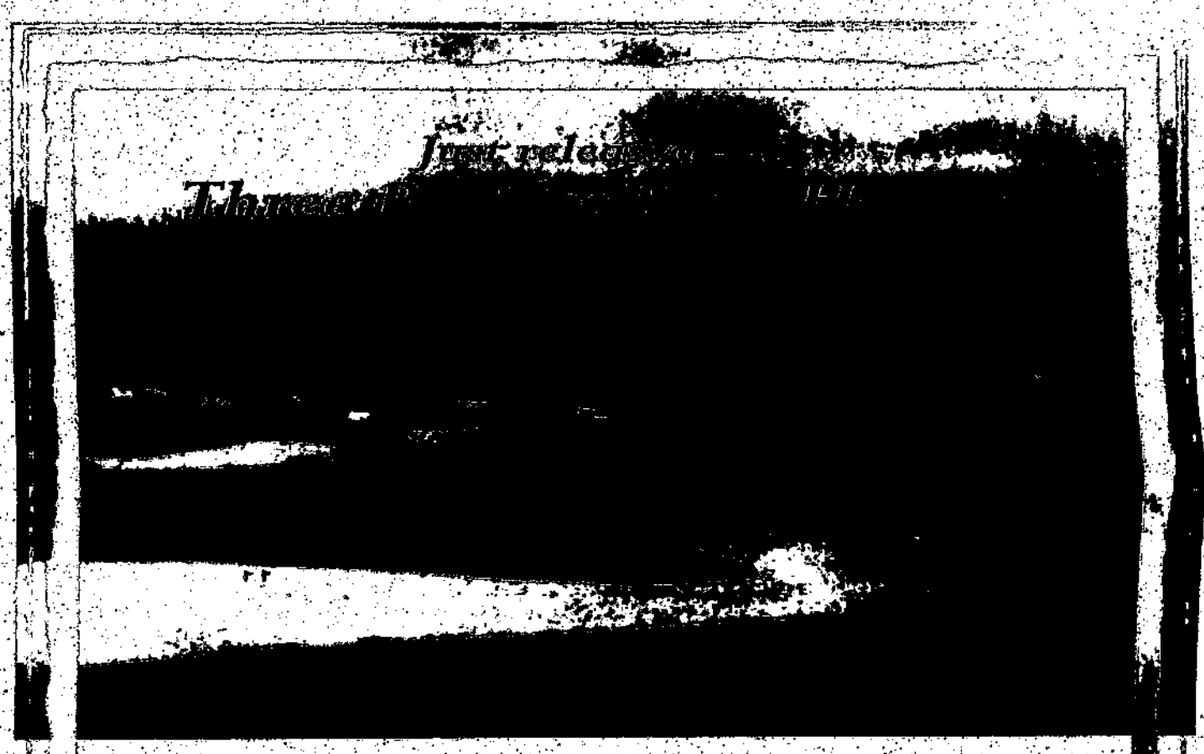

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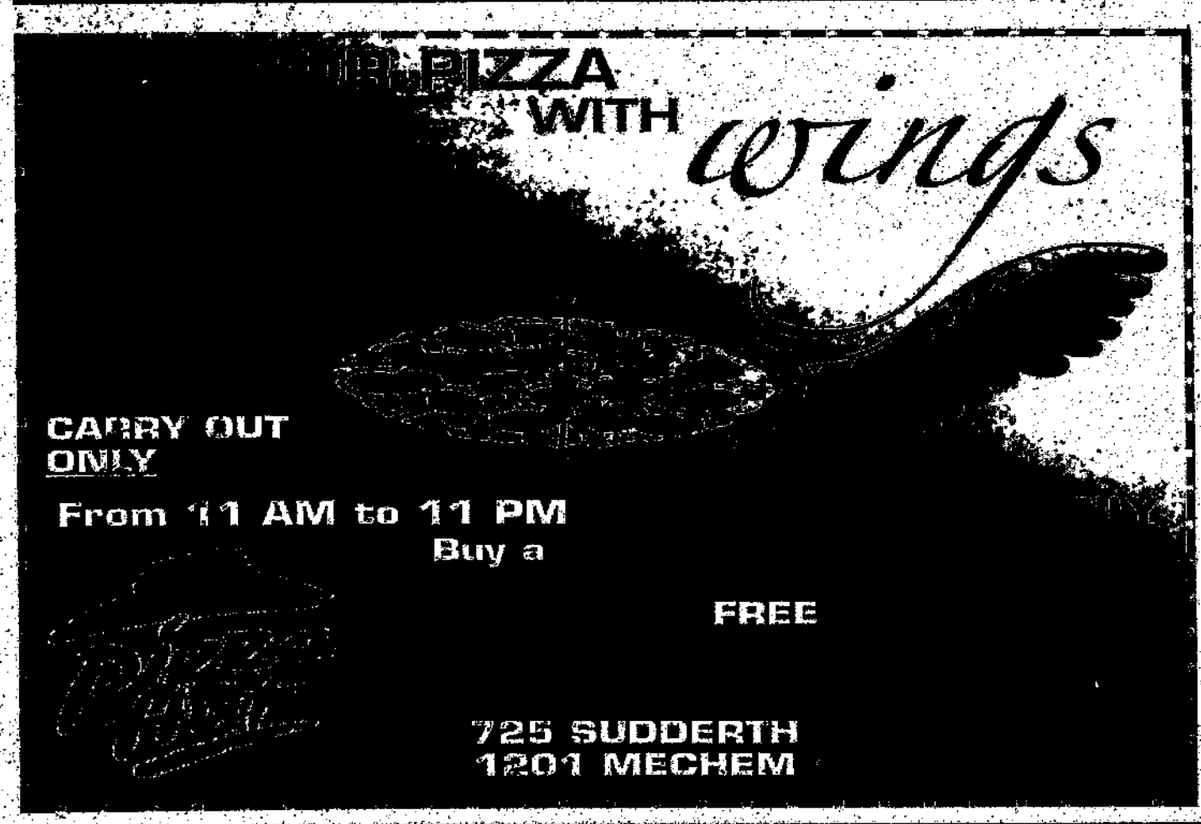

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OUR OPINION

Quaint village begins to look like a wonderland

Ruidoso never has more charm than in winter

In the big cities, where the impersonal indoor malls beckon and parking is an adventure, the holiday shopping scramble has begun.

Not so in our quaint village, where shopping harkens back to Christmases past, with family-owned businesses, personal service and unique gifts waiting around the next corner.

At this time of year, snow or no snow, Ruidoso is the epicenter of a mythical Winter Wonderland that speaks to the child in all of us. One look at Midtown, now all aglow at night, is enough to expect the sudden arrival of Santa and his reindeer.

All this, before we partake in the traditional lighting of the Christmas tree in School House Park or the renowned Festival of Lights Parade.

Welcome to our wonderland, residents and visitors, alike. May it give joy to your spirit and mark a return, however fleeting, to innocence.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Didn't we learn anything last time about uranium mining?

JANE GORTZE
Writers on the Range

Blind faith in nuclear power overseas, growing resistance to coal-fired power plants, and skyrocketing oil prices have driven uranium prices up and resurrected a half-dead market. President Bush calls it the cleanest, safest energy in the world.

We were duped once before and paid dearly for our shortsightedness. The radioactive dust still hasn't settled from the uranium boom during the Cold War that left an estimated 3,500 dead from lung diseases and a trail of waste sites, including 130 acres of toxic tailings along the Colorado River in Moab, Utah. If we can't clean up that mess, what will we do about new nuclear waste produced by our insatiable appetite for energy?

It might help to remember that we are all in this together, and that there are lessons to be learned from recent history and the testimony of survivors. The crushing of raw ore produced a mushroom cloud of dust, though workers couldn't see the dust that penetrated their lungs. They went home in their work clothes, looking like they'd been dipped in yellow flour. Bathing made them look human again, but next morning their vacated pillows bore the yellow, radioactive imprint of the backs of their skulls. After the laundry was done, handfuls of yellow dust had to be scooped from the bottom of washing tubs, and one widow recalls scattering the free mulch over her vegetable garden. This was in the 1950s and '60s, before the federal government mandated safety regulations.

The vast majority of workers were never informed of the risks. Twenty years after their exposure, they would be diagnosed with lymphatic cancer, emphysema, silicosis (a disease well known to Appalachian coal miners who called it black lung) or some other terminal illness. When American uranium miners and millers on the sparsely populated Colorado Plateau succumbed to lung diseases, cigarettes were labeled the culprit, despite low smoking rates among the predominantly Navajo and Mormon workers.

America's Cold War mentality cocooned in secrecy the industry's watchdog and promoter, the Atomic Energy Commission, and granted it unprecedented power to corner the uranium market. The federal government entrusted the safety of miners to the states. Records that could have been released in the 1950s to verify the fears of Public Health Service doctors were withheld from outsiders. Ignorant of the risks, miners worked until the boom went bust, or their health failed.

The diseases of the uranium industry did not discriminate. Reservation Indian, itinerant Anglo, fourth-generation Utah Mormon. If the diagnosis was lung cancer, the patient might have two or three months to settle his affairs.

It took more than 20 years of denied workman's compensation claims, anger-filled public meetings, failed law suits, lost appeals, and more angry meetings before Congress finally acknowledged the documented medical claims of underground miners, nuclear test-site workers and "downwinders," passing the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act in 1990.

But the required documentation excluded widows of Navajo miners who could produce no marriage certificates from tribal wedding ceremonies. Millers, surface miners, truck haulers and underground miners who began working after the enactment of health and safety regulations in 1970 were not covered at all. Neither were families whose houses were built on radioactive foundations, whose water supply was contaminated, or whose children played in the tailings.

Proponents of nuclear power today assure us that federal mining regulations will protect workers. Before we swallow that promise, let's figure out a way to take care of the waste from the previous boom and bury the rest of the dead. We failed to heed the advice of the traditional healers of the Navajo Nation the first time, and what they had to say then is just as relevant today: "If you disturb the land, terrible illnesses will happen in retribution. Disrupting one part of your life knocks the whole system off balance."

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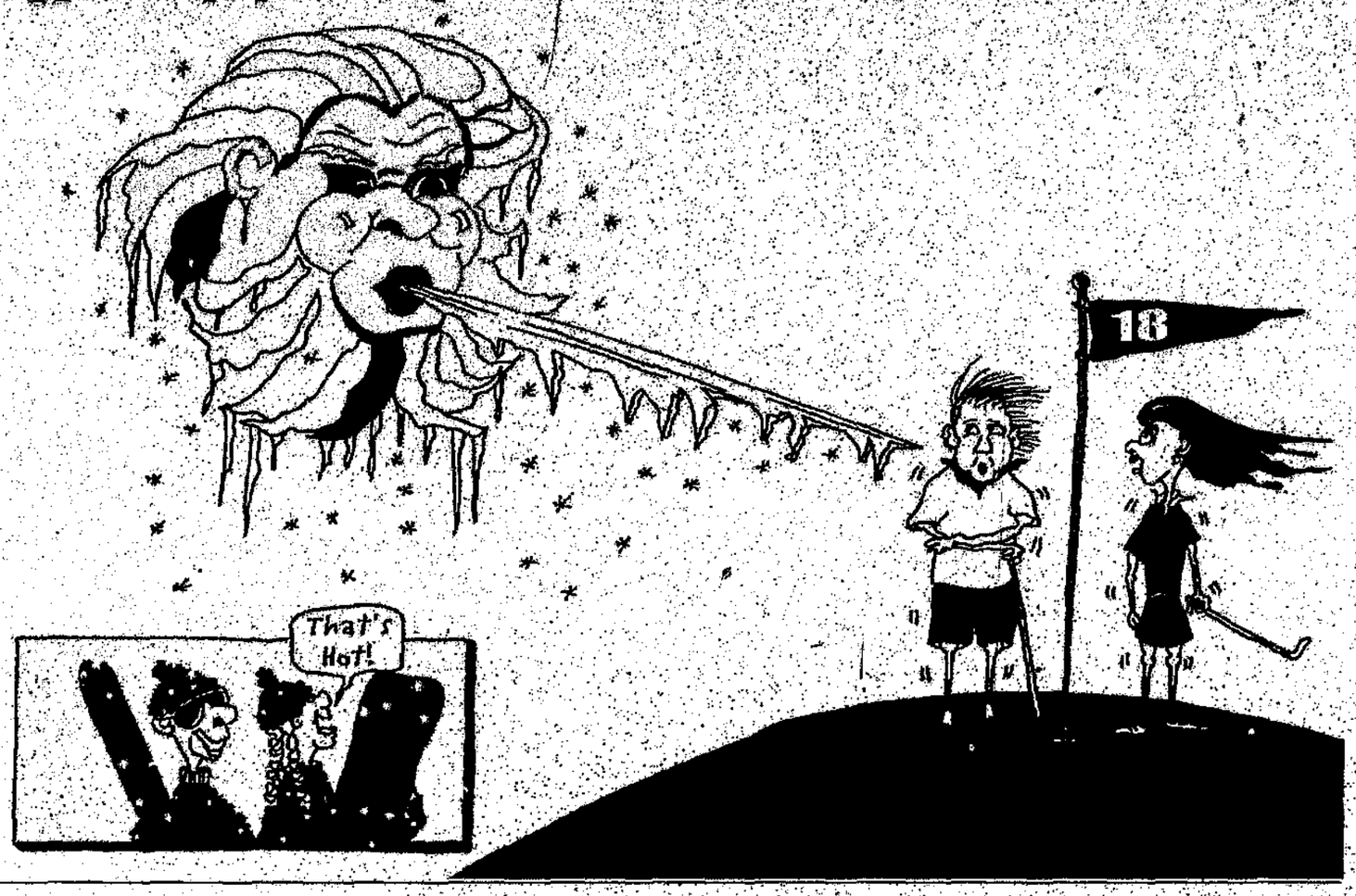
Apparently, you thought that I wasn't coming...



YOUR OPINION

After a tragedy, heartfelt thanks

To the editor:

TO THE COMMUNITY:

My family would like to express its heartfelt thanks to the people of Ruidoso and the neighboring communities for their prayers and support during our recent loss, and for accompanying the family to Albuquerque for the funeral services.

We especially would like to extend our most sincere condolences to the families of Maria Herrera and Chris Osborne for their losses. Our thoughts and prayers are with your families.

Sincerely,
the Reyes Family

PARA LA COMUNIDAD:

Muchas gracias de todo corazón por todos los rezos y ayuda durante nuestra reciente perdida a la gente de Ruidoso y la comunidad. Gracias por acompañarnos al funeral en Albuquerque.

Especialmente queremos extender el mas profundo pesame a las familias de Maria Herrera y Chris Osborne por su perdida. Nuestros pensamientos y rezos estan con ustedes.

Sinceramente,
La Familia Reyes

Gossip hurts

To the editor:

THOUGH I NO LONGER live in Ruidoso, I still have family there. It's always nice to hear news from Ruidoso, but something I heard recently has troubled me.

I learned of the wreck that took the lives of some young ones on the road to the Inn last week.

While tragedy always weighs heavy on one's heart, it really took me by surprise to learn that people talk so much about the incident without knowing details, for there were few witnesses.

My sister was at a local grocery store when she overheard others talking about the wreck and couldn't believe what she heard! What *if my sister* was a close relative of one of those young ones? She's not, but what if? The ones talking about the incident obviously didn't stop to think about that. My sister, however was close to the incident, she was one of the witnesses. What she saw and heard that night has been very traumatic for her and the other witnesses.

Even when gossip is without bad intent, there are times when it is better that some things be left unsaid. It's next to impossible to stop talking and, unfortunately, gossip is here to stay.

However, it must be respected for its potentially destructive power. Whether true or untrue, ask yourself, "Does it really need to be said?" You can avoid much heartache and grief by simply following these wise words: "Whatever things are true, whatever things are of serious concern, whatever things are righteous, whatever things are chaste, whatever things are lovable, whatever things are well spoken of, whatever virtue there is and whatever praiseworthy thing there is, continue considering these things....and the God of peace will be with you." – Philippians 4:8, 9.

Yes, it's traumatic to hear of things that break the heart. But before you tell your friend or neighbor a story, keep in mind your surroundings. Better yet, stay away from gossip and branch out in your conversation.

It was said by a very wise person that "great minds talk about ideas, average minds talk about things, and small minds talk about people." How do you use your mind?

T. Lopez
San Angelo, Texas

Conrad Keyes: the passing of a water man

To the editor:

THE VILLAGE LOST A GREAT treasure with the passing of Conrad Keyes on Nov. 13 at age 91.

Conrad was a water man, a well driller with years of practical experience in eastern New Mexico and Lincoln County. He carried New Mexico water well driller license No. 10.

Some of his ideas on appropriate water well construction and abandonment procedures are now part of the New Mexico water law.

Conrad was a student all of his life. At age 90, he completed a college class in Hydrogeology at ENMU-Ruidoso. Over the past 20 years, Conrad was likely to greet a drilling site, particularly if it represented a large well for the village or for a major subdivision.

His white Jeep with twin antennae and a vanity plate that said "Water" was his calling card.

By the time he finished "sitting" on a well, he had acquired all of the information known to the driller.

The archive in his mind housed an incredible quantity of technical history. He remembered that construction plans to raise the dam height at Alto Lake by 20 additional feet were submitted at the time of the dam's construction. He identified potential additional reservoir sites for the village.

I visited with Conrad in the hospital a few weeks ago. I said, "Hi, Conrad. How are you doing?"

He answered, "Bill, I've been wanting to talk to you. I think I have figured out why Snowy River (in a cave near Fort Stanton) is milky." That was our last conversation.

Conrad was a good man, a fine friend and colleague. I always left our visits feeling humble, but warm with new and valuable information. I will miss him.

William S. Midkiff, Ph.D., P.E.
Ruidoso

One woman's crusade for deer-crossing signs

To the editor:

SO OFTEN WE ARE bombarded by all of the negative things going on in our world and in our community. We tend to forget that there is a lot of good left around us – events, places, and especially people.

There is one very clear example of a person that is an asset to our community. I would like to bring a recent event to light regarding a nice thing she did for our village.

Her name is Cecilia Mink. Cecelia has been a resident of Ruidoso off and on for the past 11 years. She currently bought a house north of town and often drives the Mechem Drive stretch out to her house on a daily basis.

Three months ago she saw a sad event of a baby deer getting hit on Mechem. After this happened she began talking to tourists and realized that many don't realize the dangers of deer crossing the streets in town. Apparently this isn't an often occurrence in west Texas!

Cecelia began on a three-month crusade of calling numerous government agencies to try to get deer-crossing signs put up on Mechem Drive. After months of call backs and cold shoulders of government bureaucrats, these signs are now prominently displayed on the sides of the road.

So, the next time you are driving down Mechem Drive and you see the signs displayed, remember about the nice citizens of our community...but please be watchful for the deer!

Lori Robertson
Ruidoso

GUEST COMMENTARIES

Oil & gas industry wines and dines legislators, attacks regulatory agency

Ben Luce
Break the Grip!

The oil & gas industry has launched an assault on the Energy Department's attempts to protect groundwater from contamination from reckless drilling practices

Break The Grip! notes that this issue is closely tied to the issue of oil & gas drilling in the Santa Fe area. For more information on that issue, see http://drillingsantafe.blogspot.com/.

In an obviously well coordinated effort, the oil & gas industry and their allies in the Legislature on Nov. 19, tried to derail attempts by the State of New Mexico to reduce groundwater pollution from open storage pits associated with oil & gas drilling sites.

Mark Fesmire, head of the Oil & Gas Conservation Division, which is proposing the new rules, was raked over the coals by both industry lobbyists and about half the legislators on the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee, who appeared to be working in lock-step.

Fesmire's Division was accused of ignoring economic impacts on the state and not basing regulations on science.

Representatives of industry cynically attempted to represent the economic concerns of the citizenry, even though they have a clear conflict of interest.

Following the grilling, legislators attended a dinner hosted by the oil & gas industry.

During the committee hearing, Fesmire testified that oil & gas operations have resulted in over 4,500 industry-reported releases of pollution in New Mexico over the past decade or so, resulting in at least 800 cases of groundwater pollution. The actual number of incidents may be much higher, but the state presently lacks both the rules and the sufficient enforcement capabilities.

Committee Chairman Tim Jennings chastised Fesmire for purchasing new trucks for his inspectors with money from industry fines. Jennings also made remarks criticizing concerned citizens of Santa Fe for accepting severance funds from oil & gas while opposing drilling in the Santa Fe area.

The citizens of New Mexico are dependent on fossil fuel revenues only because the fossil fuel industry has cynically squelched efforts over the past 30 years to transition to a renewable energy economy. Mr. Jennings' statements are therefore highly offensive.

Moreover, the oil & gas industry has no right to continue to exert undue influence over the State of New Mexico. The fossil fuel resources in question belong to the American people, not the industry. The revenues obtained from them are not a gift from the industry – their extraction is a privilege granted to the industry by the people, not a right.

New Mexico receives 12 percent of the massive profits generated by our resources, a smaller percentage than many so-called "developing nations" collect.

Legislators should therefore disregard the industry's arrogant attacks on attempts by the state to protect its citizens and reduce pollution.

The rule of law and the challenges of nation-building

Robert D. Novak
Syndicated columnist

WASHINGTON – A bus full of 15 Iraqi lawyers carrying a four-page, single-spaced letter to President Bush arrived at the White House Tuesday. The mission was to request less U.S. help for building prisons and more for establishing the rule of law. There was no immediate official response, and experience of the last four years indicates nothing will be done in the future.

Aswad al-Minshidi, president of the Iraqi Bar Assn., led the delegation. The lawyers had hoped to confer with White House Counsel Fred Fielding, with perhaps a drop-in by George W. Bush.

But the president was campaigning in New Albany, Ind., and the Iraqis had to be content with meeting Special Counsel Emmet Flood, a staffer well down the chain of command. He could only promise the letter pleading for overdue help would be conveyed to Fielding.

"America's rule of law effort in Iraq has focused almost entirely on police, prisons and prosecution," said the letter to Bush signed by Minshidi. In a post-Saddam Hussein Iraq where detained terrorist suspects are still in jail after being cleared by the courts, the lawyers complained about "a policeman and prosecutor's definition of what rule of law means." It means a policy limited to law enforcement.

This faulty allocation of U.S. funds is part of a broader problem in Iraq: Americans are not good at nation building. The huge embassy in Baghdad is run by Foreign Service officers on the same model as U.S. missions worldwide whose function is reporting, not managing. Similarly, legal policy in Iraq is handled by assistant U.S. attorneys who focus on arrest and detention.

The Iraqi lawyers wrote Bush that "the number of Iraqi citizens in detention by Iraqi police and prisons as well as the detention centers of the Multinational Forces in Iraq is large and still growing." While not mentioning it in the letter, they are appalled by $125 million in U.S. funds spent to build prisons while more modest amounts needed to build a legal system are denied.

I talked to some of these lawyers who told me of their frustration when courts release a detained prisoner, and the authorities – Iraqi and U.S. – ignore the judges. The letter requested U.S. funds for "the investigation and trial of all prisoners held by Multinational Forces in Iraq. It is in your fundamental interest that justice prevail in Iraq, and appear to prevail, in all matters associated with your troops and the American people. Needless to say that the Iraqi people will long remember how you approached justice."

Between the lines, the lawyers were politely telling the president he had failed to establish the rule of law in Iraq.

As an example of how the billions of American dollars pouring into Iraq do not promote an effective legal system, the letter noted that the State Department "has failed to move on final approval" of a proposed codification of Iraqi law. "Perhaps the people in Washington do not have a sense of urgency because they live in Washington," the lawyers wrote.

The broader problem appears to be that diplomats, both in Washington and Baghdad, are not suited to be nation builders. Ryan Crocker, the highly esteemed U.S. ambassador to Iraq, is a superstar of the Foreign Service with the exalted rank of career ambassador.

But he is essentially a reporter and negotiator, not a manager. So are his subordinates. His embassy is organized on the same basis as the small missions around the world, with the diplomats trained to send informative telegrams back to Washington and untangle bilateral difficulties, but not to manage large projects.

The Iraqi lawyers for an hour Tuesday presented their pleas to Flood, who made no comment. Flood assured them that Fielding, but not necessarily the president, would see the letter. They then returned to the bus, which transported them to the Supreme Court. There, much to the surprise of the Iraqis, they were given 45 minutes by Chief Justice John Roberts for a substantive discussion. "This was much better than the White House," exclaimed an Iraqi lawyer, who can only hope that President Bush gets interested in building the rule of law in Iraq.

Robert D. Novak's past columns can be accessed at the Creators Syndicate Web site at www.creators.com.

Giving back the truth

Thomas Sowell
Syndicated columnist

Among the many mindless mantras of our time, "giving back" irritates me like chalk screeching across a blackboard.

I have donated money, books and blood for people I have never seen and to whom I owe nothing. Nor is that unusual among Americans, who do more of this than anyone else.

But we are not "giving back" anything to those people, because we never took anything from them in the first place.

If we are giving back to society at large, in exchange for all that society has made possible for us, then that is a very different ballgame.

Giving back in that sense means acknowledging an obligation to those who went before us and for the institutions and values that enable us to prosper today. But there is very little of this spirit of gratitude and loyalty in many of those who urge us to "give back."

Indeed, many who repeat the "giving back" mantra would sneer at any such notion as patriotism or any idea that the institutions and values of American society have accomplished worthy things and deserve their support, instead of their undermining.

Our educational system, from the schools to the universities, are actively undermining any sense of loyalty to the traditions, institutions and values of American society.

They are not giving back anything except condemnation, often depicting sins common to the human race around the world as peculiar evils of "our society."

Slavery's lesson

A classic example is slavery, which is repeatedly drummed into our heads – in the schools and in the media – as something unique done by white people to black people in the United States.

The tragic fact is that, for thousands of years of recorded history, people of every race and color have been both slaves and enslavers.

The Europeans enslaved on the Barbary Coast of North Africa alone were far more numerous than all the Africans brought to the United States and to the 13 colonies from which it was formed.

What was unique about Western civilization was that it was the first civilization to turn against slavery, and that it stamped out slavery not only in its own societies but in other societies around the world during the era of Western imperialism.

That process took well over a century, because non-Western societies resisted. White people, as well as black people, were still being bought and sold as slaves, decades after the Emancipation Proclamation freed blacks in the United States.

Those who want to "give back" should give back the truth. It is a debt that is long overdue.

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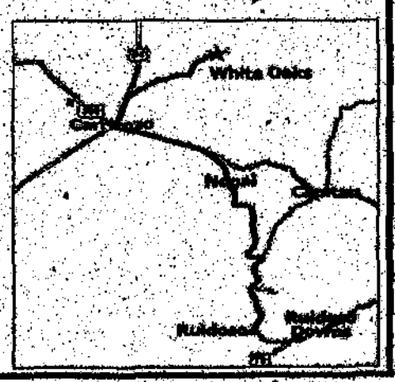

Ruidoso Convention Center names sales manager

Jennifer Ann Cruz, certified meeting planner, last week was named sales manager of the Ruidoso Convention Center. Cruz is the first person in the 16-year history of the center to have undergone training as a conference planning professional. She brings with her more than 10 years of experience in the hospitality industry, working in both domestic and international markets.

Cruz's hospitality experience stems from three-star to five-star conference hotels, including Marriott International and franchise properties Radisson, Hilton, Clarion and Onward Hotels, LLC. In 2004, Cruz was recipient of the Marriott Leadership Award. She has attended numerous hospitality and management courses and holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. She speaks English, Japanese, Phillipino and Chamorro, the official language of her homeland, Guam.

"Jennifer Cruz is someone of high intellect, high energy and great innovation. Already she has proven to be an asset to the Ruidoso Convention Center and a personal inspiration to all her fellow team members," said Deanna Cheney, sales director with The Lodge at Sierra Blanca, which markets the convention center under a licensing agreement between Leisure Hotels and the Village of Ruidoso. "We are pleased to have her onboard and anticipate great things as she works hand in hand with village staff to chart a new and prosperous course for the convention center."

Located in a scenic setting on land that once served as an airport, the conference facility originally opened in 1992 as a civic events center. In 1997, village officials changed the focus of the center to include conference groups as its main source of business. The easy-access, single-story building includes more than 24,000 square feet of meeting space, including eight breakout rooms and an exhibit hall measured at 14,000 square feet. It is positioned in the conventions marketplace as offering executive services at affordable prices. In 2006, the Ruidoso Convention Center hosted the Governor's Conference on Tourism and in 2007 the New Mexico Association of Counties conference.

For further information about Cruz and the Ruidoso Convention Center, or to schedule an appointment to tour the center and to obtain booking information and rates, interested persons can call 258-5445, email Cruz at sales@ruidosoconventioncenter, or visit www.ruidosoconventioncenter.com

Manage your non-profit like a for-profit business

GEORGE KENEFIC
Director of Enterprise Empowerment for the Loan Fund

In my position advising non-profits that seek funding from The Loan Fund, I've had experience with many non-profit organizations and I currently serve on the boards of two. Regardless of their mission, they all have the same challenges as for-profit businesses – they must address everything from selling to human resources.

Unfortunately, good intentions aren't enough to build a sustainable organization, no matter how worthy the cause. When it comes to funding the organization, it doesn't do much good to have financing if you don't know how to use it.

Here are five critical elements and some tips to help get your non-profit started or back on track.

1. Get the right people – As with for-profit businesses, people are the single most important factor that determines success. After all, it's people who implement plans. You've also got to have the right people in the right roles. A trail-blazer probably isn't going to be happy with day-to-day operations, and a stellar fundraiser may be terrible at managing staff.

Tip: Write job descriptions and performance measurements before any recruitment. If you expect a board member to raise money, state that right up front. If you need your development director to also handle marketing, recruit accordingly.

2. Do A Workable Plan – Your plan doesn't have to be long to be effective, but it does have to be written so it can be implemented. Both board and staff should be involved in planning – strategic or otherwise – to avoid confusion and duplicated effort. Many entrepreneurs never write a plan and a large number of them ultimately fail.

Tip: Keep it Simple! For example, seven major objectives are too many. Try for three, maybe even one. The simpler you keep it, the more likely you are to keep focused on your mission and achieve results.

3. Craft The Right Message – Before you do any marketing, ensure you've got the right message for the right audience. I often hear, "If they just understood, they'd make that donation!" Unfortunately, like any customer of a for-profit business, it's not the job of the donor to understand. That's why it's critical to focus on one compelling message. Don't try to tell everything you do, but do tell them why they should care.

Tip: Passion points – the elements that get people's attention and compel them to act – can vary tremendously even within a single demographic. For example, a lot of companies advertise to women by painting their products pink or talking about "helping" women overcome their fear of finances (or investing or technology.) In fact, a lot of women hate the color pink and don't believe they need help.

4. Qualify Opportunities – One of the keys to success in the for-profit world is determining if your prospect is qualified to buy. Doing so in a timely manner shortens the sales cycle and ensures quality customers. The same is true in the non-profit world. Don't chase every dollar. Determine who will be most interested in your message and the best way to approach them.

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NMSU helps small business deliver color during holidays

The "hottest" holiday decoration this season won't be festive lights or giant, inflatable snowmen. To truly spice up your holiday season, a New Mexico State University researcher recommends thinking chile.

"Chile is New Mexico's national identity," said NMSU Researcher Paul Bosland, widely recognized as the world's foremost authority on chile peppers. He is currently working with Sunland Nursery Company's Color Division in Las Cruces to help breed ornamental chiles with holiday-specific colors.

Bosland said ornamental chiles have been traditional holiday gifts in the Southwest for more than 100 years. He said he "paints with genes" to produce various colors, including peppers that turn from orange to purple to black for Halloween and from yellow to orange for Thanksgiving. Other color combinations are available for other holidays, including a traditional green to red transition for Christmas.

"Chile peppers are just part of New Mexico's tradition," said Jeff Anderson, a grower at Sunland Nursery and a graduate of NMSU's Horticulture program. The ornamental chiles he helps raise are eventually marketed to independent garden centers in Las Cruces, El Paso, Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

Bosland said while most of NMSU's chile genetic research is focused on developing disease resistance, breeding plants with the right colors and size traits are just as important for the state's greenhouse industry.

"We're happy to work with the university to help provide alternatives when it comes to holiday plants," said Steve Salsman, production manager at Sunland Nursery. He said consumers are always looking for new products and he appreciates NMSU's assistance in developing new plants.

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Jeff Anderson, a grower at Sunland Nursery and a graduate of NMSU's Horticulture program, holds an ornamental chile plant inside the nursery

Just like traditional holiday poinsettias, ornamental chiles can be placed around the house or serve as centerpieces for dinners. Unlike poinsettias, ornamental chiles can be planted to provide additional color to a flower garden or even used to add some extra kick to holiday recipes.

"These are real, live things you can use as decoration," said Bosland. "Plus, they're edible. It's nice to have these chiles. They are just fun."

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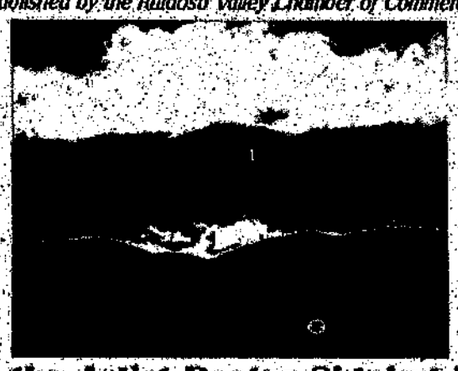

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New Mexico Tourism earns advertising award

The New Mexico Tourism Department's "The Best Place in the Universe: New Mexico, Earth" television advertising campaign – in which office-bound "aliens" deliver the message that New Mexico truly offers the best vacation experience in the universe – is confirmed a Gold Award winner of an Adrian Award, the foremost national awards for travel and tourism marketing.

The campaign is also in contention to receive the coveted Platinum and Best of Show Adrian Awards in the "Convention and Visitors Bureau/ Destinations / Offices of Tourism" category as well. Winner of the Platinum Award "outperform all competitors with creativity and exceptional results."

The Adrian Awards are presented by the Hospitality Sales & Marketing Association International (HSMAI), an international organization of sales and marketing professionals representing all segments of hospitality, travel and tourism.

More shopping online this holiday season

More than three in four Internet users plan to do as much or more of their holiday shopping online this year as they did last year, even as many plan to cut back on overall spending, according to a new AOL Shopping/Zogby Interactive poll of Internet users in the top 20 U.S. markets. AOL Shopping, http://shopping.aol.com, commissioned Zogby International to conduct this poll to get a snapshot of Internet users' holiday spending plans.

Overall, 74 percent of poll respondents plan to do at least some holiday shopping online and a considerable number (26 percent) plan to spend at least half of their holiday shopping dollars online. Top online purchases: books, music or movies (57 percent); clothing, shoes and accessories (32 percent) and gift cards (23 percent).

The survey found that more than a third of holiday shoppers in these cities plan to cut back their gift-buying budget this year. The main reasons cited were: lower income this year (28 percent), general economic concerns (25 percent) and increasing energy prices (19 percent). Forty-five percent plan to spend under $500, and only 16 percent plan to spend more than $1,000 on holiday gifts this year.

Even if they choose to purchase an item at a retail store instead of online, a majority of shoppers (69 percent) in these cities plan to use the Internet to browse or check prices before heading to the store.

"The poll findings are a clear indication that consumers, on tighter budgets this holiday season, recognize the many benefits of shopping online, including the ability to save time and money," said Robert Hayes, VP/GM of AOL Commerce. "Online comparison shopping – whether from your home computer or from your mobile phone – will continue to grow as an essential element of any holiday shopping plans."

According to the poll, more than 70 percent cite convenience and time saving as a primary reason for shopping online. Other top reasons include: easy comparison shopping (40 percent), free shipping (35 percent) and the ability to get products not available in local stores (35 percent).

Seven out of 10 Internet users in all 20 cities said they are more likely to shop at Web sites that offer free shipping compared to those that do not. And most big-city Internet users expect Web sites to offer special discount codes for items during the holiday season.

Finally, the survey showed that consumers are warming to the concept of using their mobile phones' Internet features to comparison shop while on the go – more than 40 percent of respondents who have used their mobile phone to access the Internet have used the feature to comparison shop online or to find a retail location.

Job training incentive program helps create 255 new jobs

■ $1,066,959 was awarded to businesses expanding in Las Cruces, Los Alamos, Santa Fe and Albuquerque

SANTA FE – The Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP) board approved $1,152,445 in funds, facilitating the creation of 268 new jobs, for four diverse businesses that are expanding operations in New Mexico at its November meeting.

"Creating jobs is one of our top priorities at the department," said Economic Development Department Cabinet Secretary Designate Fred Mondragón. "With the recent and unfortunate spate of layoffs in Albuquerque, our mission has been underscored: to continually provide assistance through programs like JTIP to companies for new job creation and expansion."

"New Mexico's JTIP is one of the most flexible, aggressive, and competitive job-training incentive packages in the country, and I'm extremely proud of its continued success," said Assistant Cabinet Secretary Stuart Paisano. "The bottom line is that we need more jobs for New Mexicans in every corner of the state."

This month's JTIP recipients are:

• VMC – Las Cruces – Outsource consulting services – $811,337 – supporting 238 new jobs

• Caldera Pharmaceuticals – Los Alamos – Drug and protein research and development – $72,500 – supporting three new jobs

• CleanAIR Systems Inc. – Albuquerque – Development and manufacture of emissions control devices for diesel engines – $90,232 – supporting six new jobs

• Mechtronic Solutions Inc. – Albuquerque – Manufacturing and engineering – $92,890 – supporting eight new jobs.

About JTIP

The Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP) reimburses qualified economic-based companies for a significant portion of training costs associated with job creation. It provides for classroom or on-the-job training, reimbursing an expanding or relocating business for 50-80 percent of a trainee's wages for as long as six months. The company must be creating new jobs as a result of expansion, start-up or relocation to New Mexico.

To qualify, new or expanding companies must either create a product in New Mexico, or provide a non-retail service with 50 percent of the company's customer and revenue base outside of the state. The eligible jobs must be full-time and year-round. The trainee must be a new hire to the company and have been a New Mexico resident for at least one continuous year at any time prior to being hired.

For more information on JTIP, visit www.goNM.biz.

NON-PROFIT

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This applies to grant-writing as well.

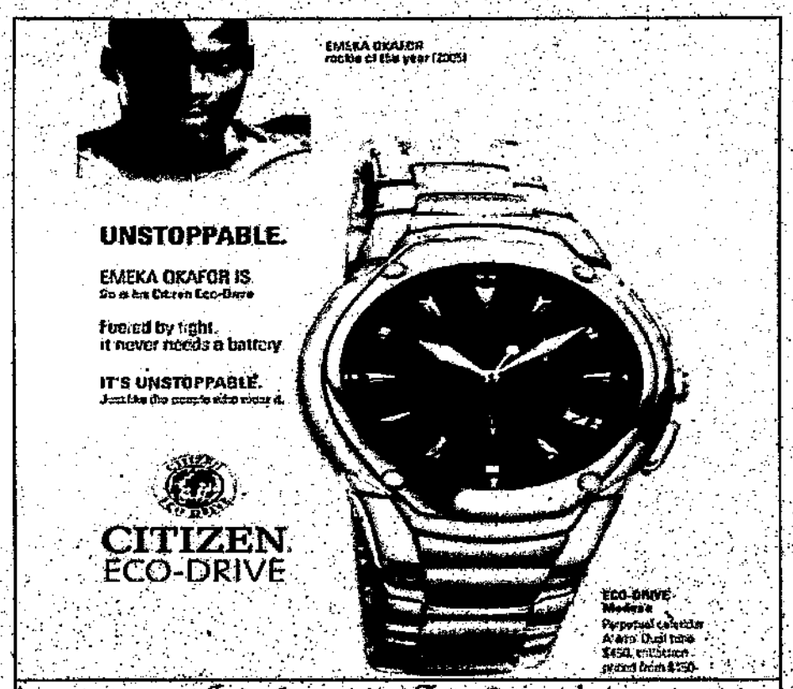
Tip: Write target profiles for each of your stakeholder groups. Then, craft a sales strategy for each. How can you most effectively reach them? Advertising may not be the answer.

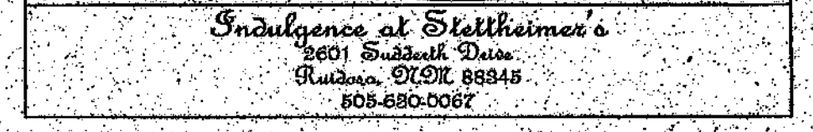
5. Measure Results – If you can't measure it, don't do it. Otherwise, how will you ever know if you're doing the right things?

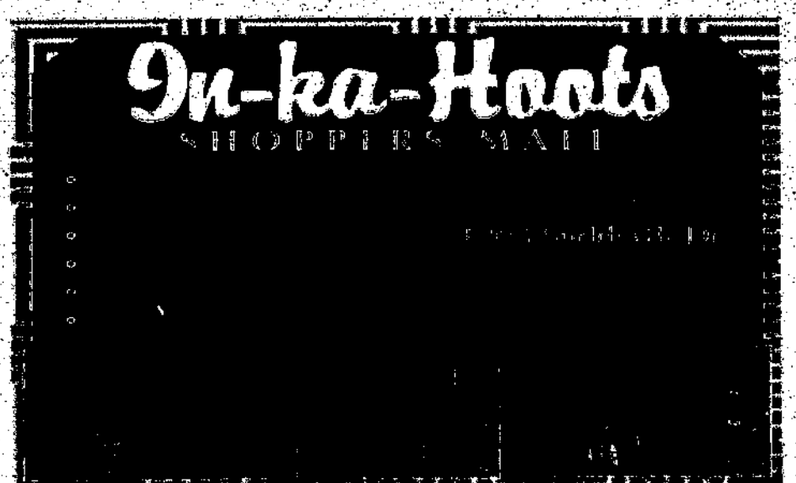
Tip: Build measurements into your processes from the beginning. This makes it much easier to do and ends the mad scramble for data when it comes time to report to your funders.

And, last but certainly not least, don't be afraid to drop a plan that's not working.

The Loan Fund, a partner in the Finance New Mexico initiative, provides financing and consulting to non-profits and for-profit businesses in New Mexico and the Navajo Nation. Finance New Mexico is an initiative of the New Mexico Small Business Investment Corporation (NMSBIC) and its partners to assist individuals and businesses in obtaining skills and funding-resources for their business or idea. To learn more about resources available to New Mexico businesses, please visit www.Finance NewMexico.org.







PEACE

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throughout the duration of a particular parade, whether it be a six to ten mile route, such as the Hondo Valley Veterans Day Parade, or a trip of many hundred miles, as his Triple000Tour of 2000. It is not simply a matter of a few hours in creating these beautiful memorials.

Lee says that the wreath placed on Steven Chavez' gravesite on Veterans Day was the first one done in honor of a local or private individual. Most of them are placed on small community or National monuments and memorials, such as Arlington National Cemetery, Vietnam Veterans Memorials, and Firefighter's memorials.

This fact represents Terry's concern for a much wider recognition of these unsung heroes, rather than a selfish desire to recognize only personal friends and acquaintances.

The Veterans Day Parade covered approximately six miles, and took about one and a half hours, one way. Ralph Miranda, Lawrence Gonzales, Raymond Montoña, Luis Montoña, and Robert Coronado, all young men from the Hondo Valley area, and friends of the honored veteran Steven Chavez, rode along with Terry Lee on his biogenic buggy for the parade. Joining them upon their arrival in San Patricio, and at the gravesite, were the parents, sister, and another friend of Steven's.

Terry explains a relationship between his biogenics, Veterans, and the "Peace Parade of 2008" this way: "Biogenics is a physical aspect of a person that helps to bring about an inner peace with oneself, and with the life that biogenics generates.

That peace is being paraded over miles of public streets and highways to be shared with hundreds or thousands of people along the parade route.

"Veterans, firefighters, law enforcement officers and others are being honored and memorialized as a reminder to everyone that it is greatly because of them that we enjoy the peace and freedom that we are afforded in the U.S."

A very large portion of the realization of Terry's dream and vision in the '80s will come to pass next year with his Pulling For Peace Parade, when he takes his parade cross country from Hondo to Washington, D.C., for the second time in a decade.

His vision started as a simple dream of driving a white buggy to the White House. However, as his Triple000Tour of 2000 progressed, his main focus became one of "honoring the veterans and service organizations that have dedicated their lives, and continue to dedicate their lives in service, not only our fellow man here in the United States, but also to protect us in the capacity that affords us the freedoms that we enjoy today."

Terry Lee and his Pulling For Peace staff are currently seeking individuals, groups, clubs, organizations, and corporations to assist in a number of ways, for their Peace Parade, 2008.

Among those sought are 4-H, Future Farmers of America (FFA), riding clubs, youth organizations, VFW, American Legion and their auxiliaries, as well as firefighters, politicians, and law enforcement agencies of the local communities in which will be along the route of the parade.

"It is my ideal to give back to those communities that I will be traveling through as well. There will be benefit concerts and auctions, 'bean feeds', and other fundraising events in various communities along the route.

The funds raised from these events will be used, in part, for expenses of the parade, and in part, to benefit these communities, as a portion of the proceeds will be given back to those communities."

Next year's Pulling For Peace Parade is scheduled to take approximately 113 days, departing from the Hondo Valley on June 3, 2008, and arriving in Washington, D.C., during the first week of November, preferably before election day.

"The ultimate goal is to take the wreath that will go with the monument that I will be taking to Washington, D.C. I want to mention that this is a granite monument. It will be pulled to Washington with a team of horses. We will be traveling approximately 25 miles a day.

"I feel that the more people who see this, the more people will be aware of how ridiculous our wars are, and that it will take us to a more peaceful solution to our problems."

Terry has began the process of establishing a non-profit organization that will benefit widows, widowers and families of soldiers and civilians who have lost their lives in the war in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Middle East, as well as the Disabled American Veterans.

Terry has recently had a new Web site posted online at www.pulling-for-peace.com. The site is not fully constructed as of press time. However, he encourages everyone to visit the site, and to monitor the continuing construction and updating of the site.

In the near future, viewers will be able to see photos, read past and current news articles, donate funds, sponsor the parade, contact Terry and his staff, register to participate in the parade, and much more.

Upon the commencement of the parade in June, the web site will be updated on a weekly basis, so that viewers will be able to track and follow the progress of the parade, view a calendar of upcoming events to take place in the following weeks, participate in a live chat with Terry and his crew, and much more.

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The wreath at Steven Chavez' gravesite.

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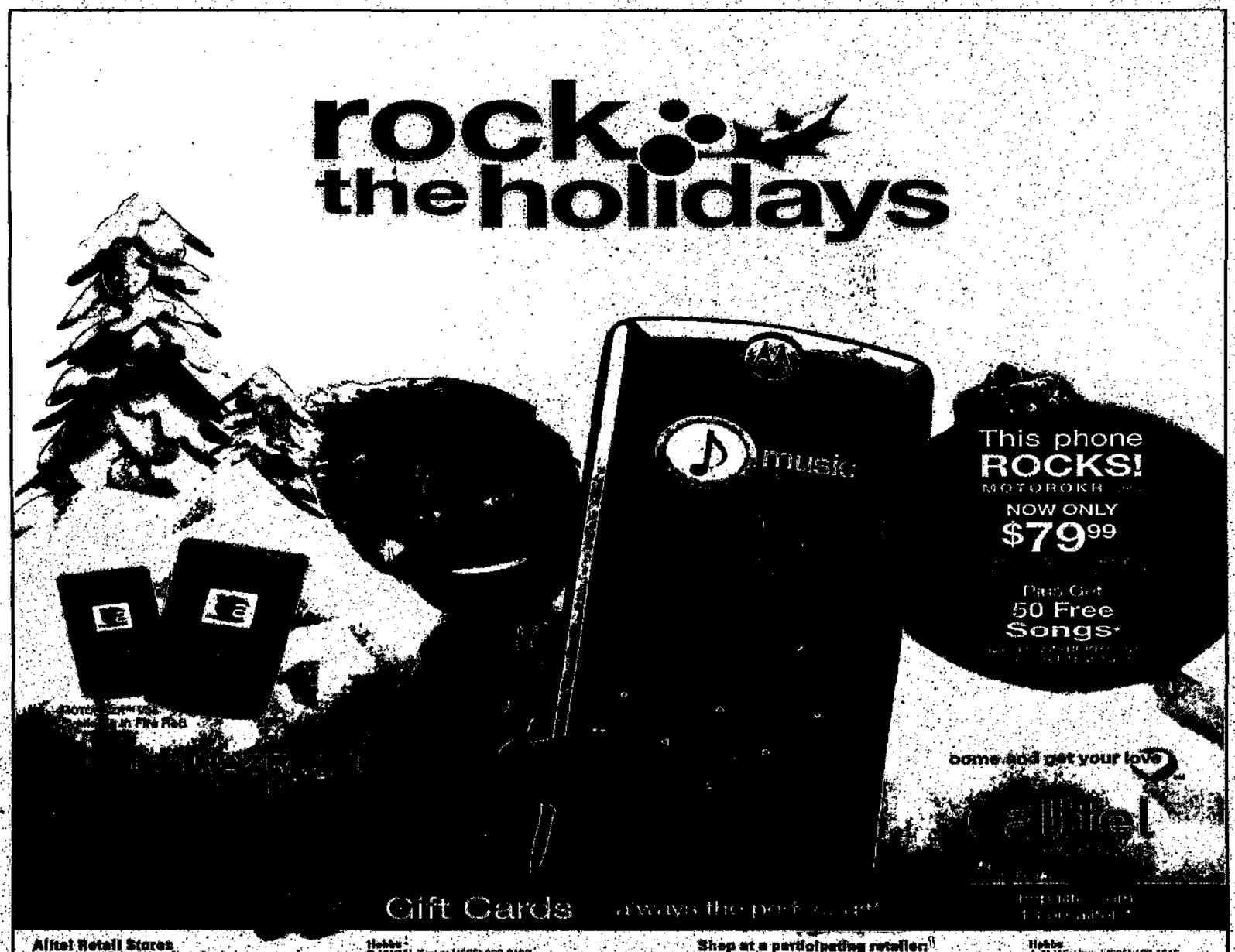

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of the LCMC board meet at 6 p.m., Monday, with Rhonda Burrows, county indigent healthcare fund administrator, County Manager Tom Stewart, County Attorney Alan Morel, representatives from county health clinic boards and from the Rose Clinic in Capitan, and with Commissioners Jackie Powell and Don Williams to hash out options to move forward on an election and how to react, if a second vote also fails.

He asked that the results of the meeting and a proposal on how to proceed with a new election within the next few months be brought back to commissioners at their December meeting.

His other two priorities were to find a way to keep open the Rose Clinic, a private operation managed by PHS and not currently sanctioned for mill levy support, at least until June 30, and that the clinic at Hondo be assisted to ensure hours will not be reduced.

Burrows said the county's medical indigent healthcare fund might be able to offer some temporary financial help.

Morel told commissioners a new election can be scheduled with approval of an ordinance setting forth the date, the amount and the number of years.

The only issue is whether voters must petition the commission for the action or if commissioners can act on their own.

"What is incredibly clear is that if (the mill levy vote) fails this time, it will be two years before people can vote again," the attorney stressed. Stewart asked if wording to that effect could be included on the ballot as a disclosure.

In his presentation to commissioners, Mitchell said LCMC community board members are trying to determine the consequences of the mill levy failing to pass and to make recommendations for the near future, the coming year and beyond. They are looking at what will happen if the mill levy question is rejected in a new election at its current 3-mill rate.

One mill equates to $1 for each $1,000 of taxable property value on a home, business or vacant land. In terms of revenue, one mill generates about $811,000 annually. LCMC officials asked voters earlier this month for an increase to 4.25 mills for eight years, but the majority of voters rejected the hike.

During the public input portion of the discussion Tuesday, an Alto woman said she listened to Mitchell "with rising resentment," because of "his inference that only good people in county voted for the mill levy."

"I think the fact that the question was not to retain 3 mills, but was to increase the levy," was the problem with voters other major infrastructure financial obligations, she said. "I think it would have passed with flying colors, if they only asked to continue the 3 mills."

She asked if two questions could be posed on the ballot, one at 4.25 mills and one at 3 mills.

"Unfortunately, we do have critical services that are going to suffer for it," she said of the decision to go for an increase. "In my opinion, and (apparently in the opinion of) voters who voted no, keeping clinics open and (ambulances) were more important than a state of art rehabilitation center."

But Morel said two questions would be illegal and only one mill levy amount can be proposed at each election.

Mitchell also explained that $4 million already was set aside for the physical therapy expansion and therapy pool. To breach the contracts for that project would end up costing a great deal of money for no results and would hurt the hospital's future ability to access bonding capacity, if the mill levy is rejected again and bonds were needed.

County Attorney Alan Morel: "What is incredibly clear is that if the mill levy vote fails this time, it will be two years before people can vote again."

Alto resident: "I think the fact that the question was not to retain the 3 mills but was to increase the levy" was the problem with voters.

Mitchell said he would hate to see the hospital go into debt for the first time, but it could become a necessity.

Saying he deals with reality and knows of no pool of money hidden somewhere to access, Mitchell said the difficulty is that, "We're trying to cope with and deal with the future, but we don't know what's going to happen in the future."

The Sole Community Provider program that delivers three federal dollars to rural hospitals for every local dollar to cover uncompensated could be reduced or discontinued, depending on who is elected to Congress and the presidency, he said.

People covered by Medicaid or Medicare, the poor and the elderly, have access to medical care, but the middle class worker with a mortgage and car payments, and no medical insurance are those who benefit the most from the sole community provider program and the county's medical indigent healthcare fund, aimed at reimbursing private physicians and healthcare providers.

If county health clinics hours were curtailed or clinics were closed, more of a burden would be thrown on the hospital emergency room and the county ambulance service, Mitchell said, as people would not receive early and less expensive preventative care. That would mean longer waiting times in the emergency room for Ruidoso residents, he said.

LCMC provided $9.5 million in uncompensated care last year, and because of the hospital's designation as a critical care facility, which allows a higher rate of reimbursement from government programs, that amount was reduced by $1.5 million, he said.

The sole community provider program paid for an additional $2.5 million and PHS covered the remaining $6 million, Mitchell said.

"The mill levy was not designed to provide the very best health care," he said. "It was a necessity."

PHS will honor every contract it has with the county, Mitchell said. But the county has obligations as a landlord to take care of the buildings (other than normal wear and tear).

"Without a mill levy, there isn't money to do that, unless we go out for a bond election," he said. The hospital is 65 years old and its needs an increase every year.

Actions urged by hospital board members include that:

• A new election be scheduled for a 3-mill levy before July 2008.

Mitchell said the county clerk told him that no election can be conducted 45 days before the June primary election, because the machines must be sealed for that election. The mill levy questions can't be included in the primary, because independent voters, who cannot participate in primary elections, would be disenfranchised.

If an election occurs after June 30, the mill levy could not be included on the November 2008 tax bills and the hospital would have to go one year without that financial support. Although 4.25 mills is what LCMC board members thought was needed to do the job right, at 3 mills, "It will take a little longer, but it will happen," Mitchell said. "At zero mills, we have major problems."

• Commissioners need to pick clinics that can survive. PHS officials will have to decide if the Rose Clinic should close to conserve its financial resources.

• Commissioners should determine if they want to continue to spend mill levy money at Corona and give $85,000 to the Hondo clinic, or move all the money to Carrizozo, which has the most patients.

"Should the mill levy fail again, we could not bring it back for two full years," Mitchell said. "That means after 2009, you're without the clinics. If we have to close clinics, you have to save the ambulances. It's that simple. You can't do without both and take care of the people in this county. There has to be another funding avenue available."

• Officials look at a bond issue to support health care.

"If the mill levy fails, we'll look to bonds," Mitchell said. "We have no choice.

"By the 2009 fiscal year, if we have no mill levy, there is no doubt there will have to be some major changes in the clinic system and we'll have to figure out some way to buy new ambulances and some way for the county to keep up the hospital."

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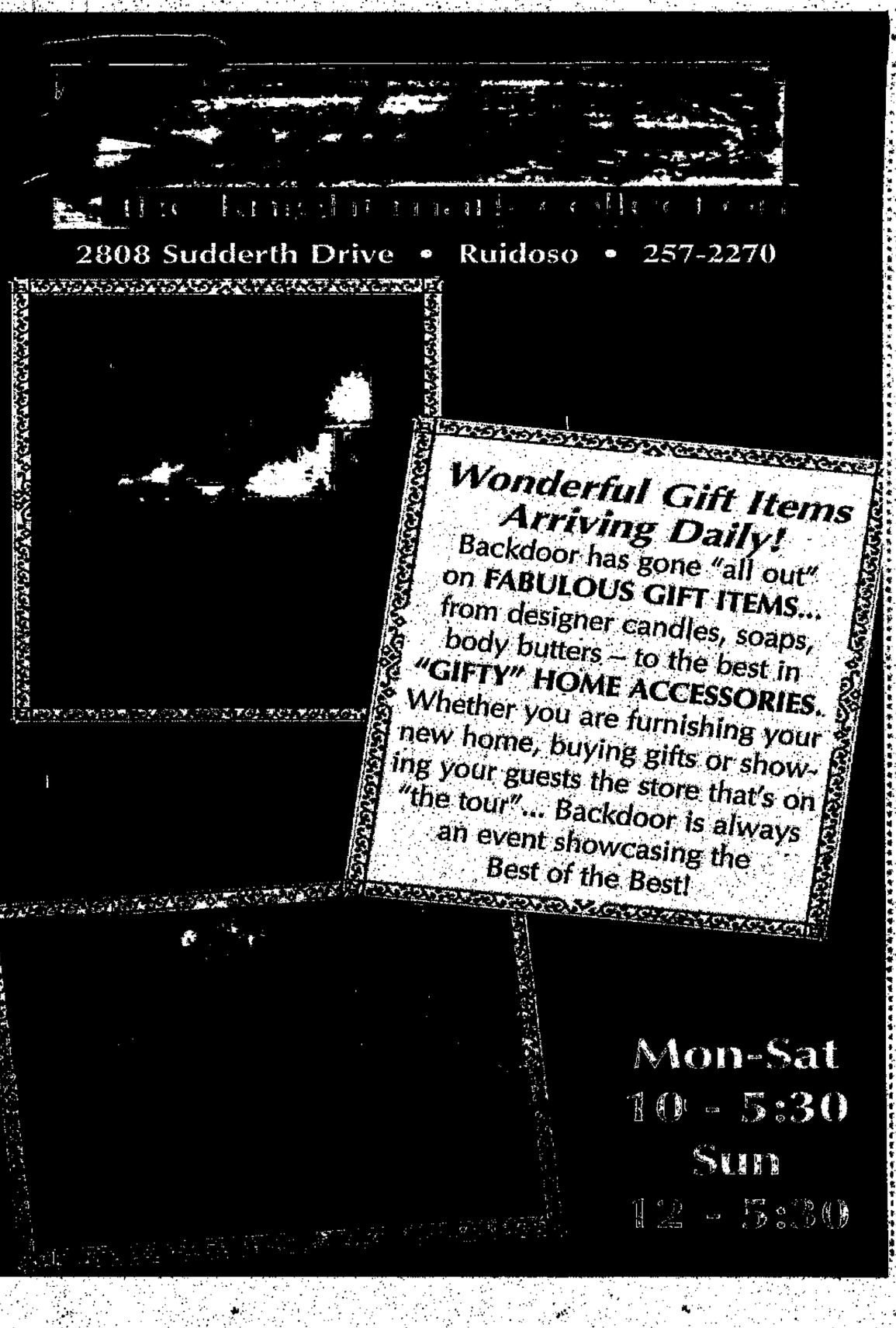

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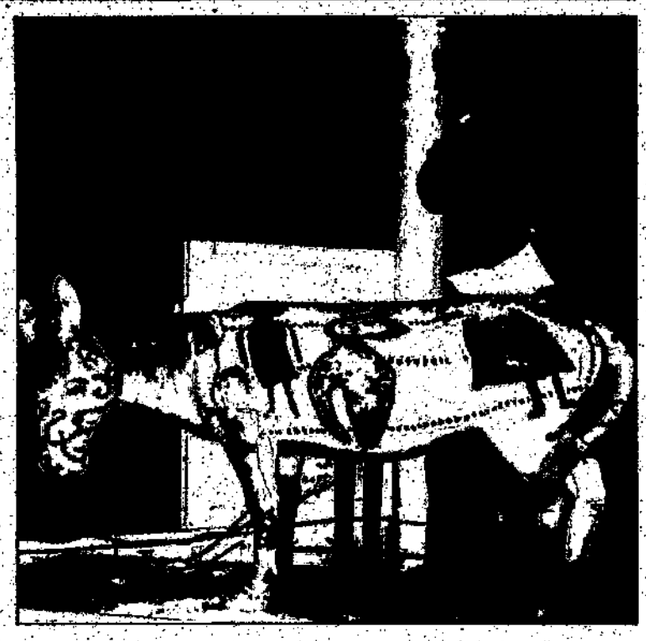

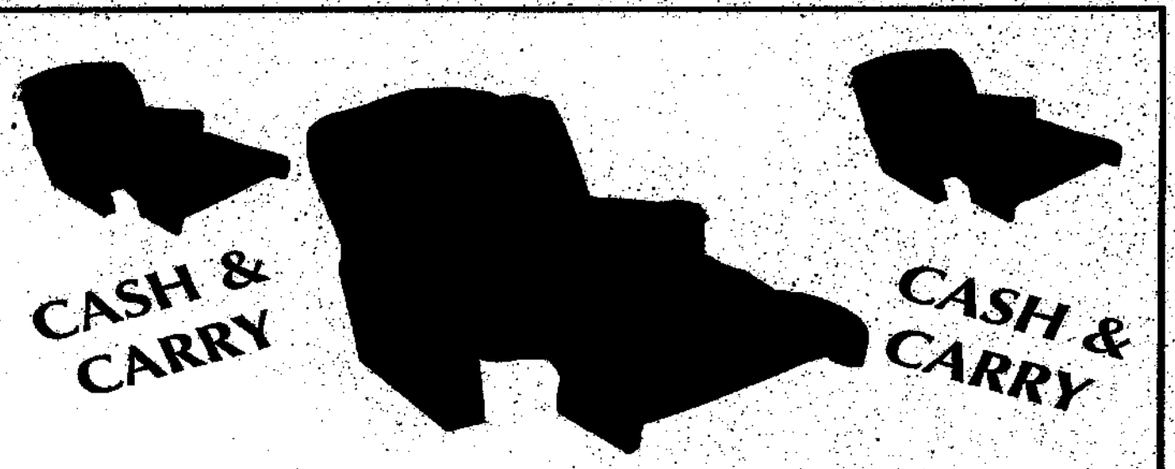

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Downs' meter reading goes high tech

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It should go without saying that water is the most precious resource in the Southwest – if not in the world. One program implemented by the City of Ruidoso Downs is designed to help conserve this valuable commodity.

The Firefly system was introduced to City Council by City Manager John Waters at the Oct. 29 meeting, shortly before the entire system went online.

The city received a $200,000 grant from the Water Innovation Fund set up by Gov. Bill Richardson to reward projects designed to save water across the state. City Council added $12,000 to complete payment of the system, and Waters said the difference has already manifested itself.

"It's a lot less maintenance-intensive," Waters said. "Instead of having to clean things off and get down to the water meters to read them, we can just drive through the neighborhood and read them remotely. It saves us a lot of labor."

The Firefly system consists of a sensor placed on existing meters, which use an infrared signal to count each sweep of the dial as water is used. That information is then accessed by a remote system, enabling city employees to read any meter from the street, without having to enter the property or climb into pipeline access points.

The time saved is significant, as a single employee can now read every meter in town in one day. Before, the same job would have taken four or five employees about five days to complete.

Besides the savings in time, the system can track hourly usage up to 70 days, allowing either the business owner or homeowner to determine exactly how much water has been used and when.

"This is a wonderful way to figure out where leaks might be in the system. It takes out a lot of the guesswork," Waters said. "Any customer can ask for a graph to be printed out and they can figure out their water usage from day to day."

Because Firefly is compatible with most existing meters, the city was able to implement the system across the entire grid, something that hasn't been done anywhere else in the country, to the best of Waters' knowledge.

Waters found out about Firefly when reading about a similar system in place in Arvada, Colo., a suburb of Denver. That municipality is much larger than Ruidoso Downs, so retrofitting the entire water system was a little too much to ask, but the model was enough to convince Waters the same system was needed here.

Firefly will also save the city on costs at the regional wastewater treatment plant, as it will make people aware of just how much water they are using and how much they can save.

"The next part of the project is to provide each user a small water meter which will allow them to read the meter as the water is being used," Waters said.

"People can see just how water – and money – they can save by taking shorter showers, reducing the amount of clothes per wash and other conservation methods. Less water that goes down the tubes is less that we have to treat at the plant."

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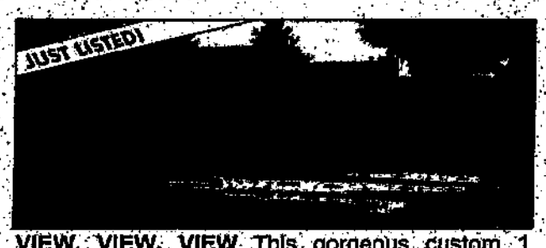

VIEW, VIEW, VIEW This gorgeous custom 1 owner home is Deer Park Woods has the view! Perfect for large family gatherings & all w/golf privileges to ALGCC. Lots of extras. $679,500. #101790

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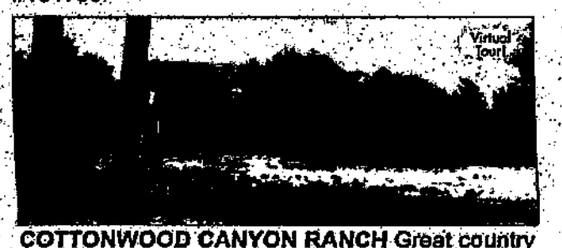

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BEAUTIFUL LOG HOME IN RANCHES OF SONTERRA $450,000. for fully furnished home on 5 3/4 ac. Over 1300 SF of decks to enjoy the beautiful views. 3 Br, 2 Ba, 2 living areas. $450,000. #17563

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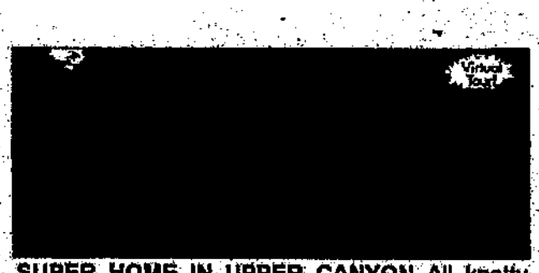
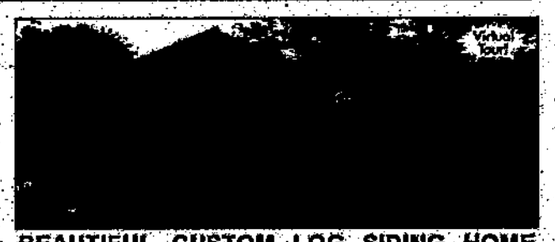


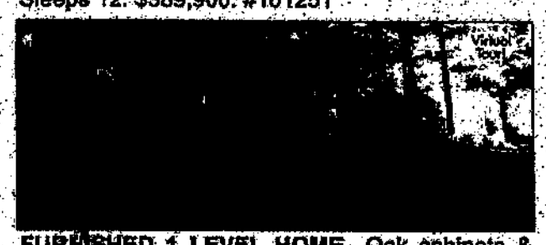
SUPER HOME IN UPPER CANYON All knotty pine walls, wood floors, 3 Br, 2 Ba, large game room/den downstairs, loft, 3 levels, FP, deck w/hot tub, fully furnished. Seasonal stream in front. Sleeps 12. $389,900. #101251

ALTO SPANISH CONTEMPORARY Quiet & comfortable Alto home. Spanish style home w/large family room & cozy patio. $365,000. #16394



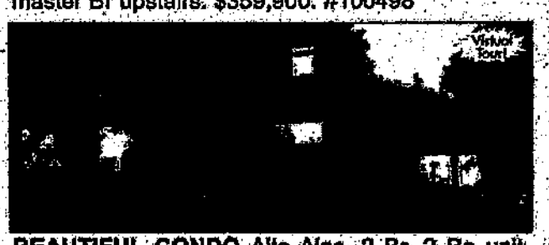
BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM LOG SIDING HOME Finished end of '06. 3 Br, 3 Ba, super views, wrap around decks, hot tub, carpet, wood & tile FP. Downstairs almost finished adding 835 sq ft. Loft & master Br upstairs. $359,900. #100498

BEAUTIFUL SIERRA BLANCA VIEW New construction w/landscape allowance. Custom appointments thru out. Oak floors, single level, oversized garage. Owner/agent. $333,333. #100384



FURNISHED 1 LEVEL HOME Oak cabinets & entertainment center, 4 Br, 2 3/4 Ba, large closets, big beautiful deck. Paved access, big lot, tall pines, lots of parking, all city utilities. Lot 18 avail. $248,500. #100613

VERY CONVENIENT LOCATION 3/2 On corner of White Mt Dr & Dan Swearingen. Large front & back covered decks, dbl garage + carport, partial fencing, good size closets & storage. Nice features. $147,000. #101339



BEAUTIFUL CONDO Alto Alps, 2 Br, 2 Ba unit. Nice furniture, nice condo & easy access. $135,000. #101019

EXTRA CLEAN Seller has completed furnishing & refurbishing this 2 Br, 1 1/2 Ba condo. Appliances included. $119,500. #100230

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Ski Apache at Sun Bowl Parade

MIKE CURRAN
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Ski Apache/Inn of the Mountain Gods (IMG) again participated in the 74th annual Sun Bowl Parade in El Paso on Thanksgiving day. It marked the third consecutive appearance for the local ski resort.

The parade kicks off the Sun Bowl festivities which will culminate with two of the country's better football teams meeting on the gridiron Dec. 31 at high noon. As of yet the selection for this year's game have not been announced.

Three-time pro-bowler Haywood Jeffires served as this year's Grand Marshall. Jeffires spent nine of his 10 playing seasons with the Houston Oilers.

It was estimated that more than 350,000 people were present to view the extravaganza and over the last three years 1 million-plus fans have lined the streets to take in the parade.

Ski Apache once again appeared with their 40-foot tall balloon to the delight of all on hand. The "skier" float is so large it required 30 people to navigate it through the designated streets of "Sun City."

IMG Leisure Sales Manager

See **PARADE**, page 2B

COURTESY

Charles Meeks, left, Leisure Sales Manager for the Inn of the Mountain Gods and Ski Apache Marketing Manager Ross Anderson head the IMG delegation at the Sun Bowl Parade in El Paso Thanksgiving Day.

side line

Ski Report

Ski Apache

For ticket prices and latest snow totals, call 257-9001

Ski report culled from www.skiapachesnowreport.com

Ski Apache is making snow as temperatures allow. Tentative opening date is Saturday, Nov. 24. Call for latest updates.

New snow past week: 0 inches

Weather for Friday and Saturday:

Friday evening, A 40 percent chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 19. Saturday, A 50 percent chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 36.

Sports on Tap

Monday, Nov. 26

Boys Basketball

Mescalero at Carrizozo, 4 p.m.

Capitan at RMS Braves 7th, 4 p.m.

Tularosa at RHS freshmen, 5:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Mescalero at Carrizozo, 4 p.m.

Tularosa at RHS C-team, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 27

Girls Basketball

Valley Christian at Hondo, 5 p.m.

Capitan at Cloudcroft,3 p.m.

Boys Basketball

RMS Braves 8th at Mescalero, 4 p.m.

Capitan at Cloudcroft,3 p.m.

Host NMSU finishes well at rodeo

■ Capitan woman wins all-around cowgirl honors

MARGARET KOVAR
For the Ruidoso News

The New Mexico State University rodeo team overpowered the competition at the final two rodeos of the semester, held at NMSU Nov. 9-10.

During the first rodeo, the men's and women's teams both won first overall.

The women's team also won first overall for the second rodeo, with the men placing second.

"We could have done better in roughstock, but you can't win everything. We had a good rodeo, with good weather and a good crowd," said Jim Dewey Brown, NMSU coach.

In the first rodeo of the weekend, Clay Geronimo, of Mescalero, placed second in the bareback event, and teammate Daniel Orris, of Durango, Colo., won first in saddle bronc.

In breakaway roping, Joni Brakebill, of Portales, won second. Sealee Walraven, of Farmington, and Staci Stanbrough, of Capitan, tied for third and fourth.

NMSU dominated the barrel racing event, with Kelsi Elkins, of Aztec, Stanbrough and Laura Baeza, of El Paso, placing first, second and third, respectively.

Brittany Striegel, of Aztec, won first in goat tying, and Stanbrough placed second.

Johnny Salvo, of Datil, N.M., tied for third and fourth place in the tie-down roping, while Tanner Robinson, of Mesilla Park, N.M., placed third in steer wrestling.

Header Chance Means, of Cliff, N.M., and heeler Matt Garza, of Mesquite, N.M., placed third in the team roping event.

In the second rodeo, Geronimo won first and Travis Ottney, of Hereford, Ariz., placed third in the bareback event.

Kade Wooton, of Roswell, and Nathan Brown, of Portales, placed second and third, respectively, in the saddle bronc event.

In bull riding, Tony Steele, of Alamo, Nev., won first.Brakebill tied for first and second in the breakaway event, while Tori Bilberry, of Elida, placed third.

Baeza, Stanbrough and Elkins placed first, second and third respectively in barrel racing.Julie Etchegaray, of Eureka, Nev., won first in the goat tying event. Stanbrough and Megan Corey, of Bremerton, Wash., tied for second and third.

In tie-down roping, Tyson Runyan, of Silver City, won first and Means placed third.

Team roping partners Bret Bruton, header, and Jeremy Casados, of Tierra Amarilla, heeler, tied for third and fourth.

Stanbrough was the all-around cowgirl for both rodeos.

"The outstanding athlete of the weekend was Staci Stanbrough. She competed well and had two great rodeos," Brown said.

J. VICTOR ESPINOZA/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Staci Stanbrough of Capitan helps NMSU overpower the competition.

GOGO 'ZOZO

MIKE CURRAN II/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Carrizozo Grizzlies take their 10-1 record to Fort Sumner Saturday to decide the state 1A championship.

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TIP OF THE WEEK

Giving Thanks:

This wonderful holiday was first and foremost, a celebration of freedom from oppression, especially Freedom of Religion. We wish You and Your families a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving with the Hope that our country's Freedoms are preserved by our constant vigilance.

From the Family of Century 21 Aspen Real Estate in Ruidoso, Alto and all of Lincoln County —

Happy Thanksgiving!!

See some of CENTURY 21 Aspen Real Estate's listings on the back page of section A in Home Finder TODAY!

TARA JONES/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Ruidoso gymnasts did well in Albuquerque. From l-r, Alex Romero, Bailey Jones, Keegan Rawls and Alexis McClain.

Albuquerque Kachina Invitational meet results

The Level 4, 5 and 6 Gymnastic Teams traveled to Albuquerque to compete in a meet held Nov. 9-11. The following are the results of gymnasts who placed in the top five in each age division:

Level 4
age 6-7: Karson Rawls – 2nd overall 34.55
age 10: Raina Duncan – 4th overall 35.75
Zhane Vega – 5th overall 35.20
age 11: Alyssa Monrreal – 2nd overall 35.90
age 12+ Amanda Bryant – 3rd overall 35.70

Level 5
age 8: Bailey Jones – 1st overall 34.30
age 10: Kate Barleen – 5th overall 34.35
Ryann Flack – 4th overall 33.70
age 11: Sarah Michael Martinez – 3rd overall 34.60
Kalen Freed – 4th overall 34.60
age 12: Alex Romero – 4th overall 33.40
age 13+: Alexis McClain – 2nd overall 35.70

Level 6
age 14+: Erika McClain – 3rd overall 34.30

The Level 4 team placed 5th overall and the Level 5 team tied for 3rd place. The next meet for level 4, 5, and 6 will be state held in Albuquerque in December. The Level 4 state meet is Dec. 8 at Precision and the Level 5 and 6 meet will be Dec. 15 at AGS. All 21 gymnasts qualified for the state competition.

PARADE

FROM PAGE 1B

Charles Meeks and Ski Apache Marketing Manager Ross Anderson were on hand doing live interviews with the local media. KTSM-TV, which has 19 percent of market share in El Paso, televised the event.

Meeks and Anderson used the opportunity to promote tourism to the Ruidoso/Mescalero area.

"El Paso and northern Mexico are a very important part of our marketing effort," Meeks said.

"Many of the visitors who come to the Inn of the Mountain Gods and Ski Apache are from that region and are vital to the economy we represent."

Additionally, both Meeks and Anderson, helped publicize Ruidoso's Festival of Lights and other holiday events for which this area is known.

"Our job is to advance the interests of this locale," Meeks stated. "We spotlight all the activities – both skier and non-skier alike – for which this area is noted for."

Both IMG representatives expect a good upcoming skiing season.

To that end, Ski Apache anticipates a probable opening of possibly two ski lifts Saturday but potential visitors are forewarned to call 257-9001 or visit skiapache.com for opening dates before traveling there.

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The 40 foot high Ski Apache balloon looms tall over its handlers.

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Catching up with old friends

TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

The holiday season is time to ask, "Where are they now?" You've done it. Sent Christmas cards to decades-old addresses and bought a gift appropriate for a five-year old when the kid is really 15.

In horseracing, the horses have their individual personalities and this is a good time to catch up on what's going on with some old equine friends who raced at Ruidoso Downs.

Ketel Won won the Higheasterjet Handicap and All American Gold Cup last summer for trainer Paul Jones.

Our friend Ketel Won is a handsome young dude with the disposition of a gentleman.

Every time I visited him at the Jones barn he was happy to greet me so I could rub him behind his ears.

But don't let that mislead you, he's the young stud in town.

He's the 20-something man who walks into nightclub knowing that he won't leave alone.

After this summer, Ketel Won took a little trip to So Cal to run a strong third in the Grade 1, $200,000 Los Alamitos Championship.

It turns out that our homeboy is heading back this way to compete in the Grade 1, $175,000 Zia Park Quarter Horse Championship on Dec. 9.

He then could head to Sunland Park for the Grade 1, $400,000 The Championship at Sunland Park on Dec. 29.

Another colt from the Jones barn became a lifelong buddy this summer.

David and Sue Mackie's Pappasito came to Ruidoso Downs with a few races under his girth and a stellar pedigree, by leading sire Corona Cartel and out of All American Futurity winner Strawberry Silk.

If he had been sold as a yearling, he could have earned a bid of $500,000 ... or more.

The now two-year old Pappasito came to Ruidoso this summer thinking he was special and, well, sometimes acted more like an underachieving rich kid than a down-and-gritty racehorse. That changed in Lincoln County.

He got his act together and in August he won the Ford New Mexico Juvenile Challenge to earn a spot in the $150,000 Ford Juvenile Challenge Championship at Los Alamitos in November.

In the Ford Juvenile he was the 5-2 morning-line favorite, but he came up with a slight hoof ailment – like a bothersome blister on a distance runner's foot – and didn't compete.

We'll renew out friendship next summer here on the mountain.

TY WYANT/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Ketel Won heads for the winners circle after winning the Higheasterjet Handicap at Ruidoso Downs this season.

The Jones-trained Strawkins was the 2006 Ruidoso horse of the meet after setting the 440-yard track record while winning the Rainbow Derby and was named the 2006 champion 3-year-old gelding.

He's a raw-boned boy who loves to run on any track at any time. Since racing at Ruidoso Downs last year, he has been racing at Los Alamitos.

All is going to according to the 2007 plan with Strawkins. He won the Grade 1, $300,000 Bank Of America Challenge Championship on Nov. 3 and will be one of the favorites in the Grade 1, $1 million Champion Of Champions on Dec. 15.

A win in the Champion of Champions and he'll have a second championship title, possibly a world championship.

Another Ruidoso star from 2006, All American Futurity winner No Secrets Here, is also at Los Alamitos.

He's the strapping kid who plays linebacker and if he gets beat on a play, he never loses confidence and hits harder on the next running play.

He got off the van at Jones' barn this summer after a 14-hour trek from California nickering with confidence, proclaiming, "The boy is back in town!"

No Secrets Here recently finished second, beaten by a nose, in the Grade 1, $800,000 Los Alamitos Super Derby and is running in the Director's Trials at Los Alamitos on Saturday.

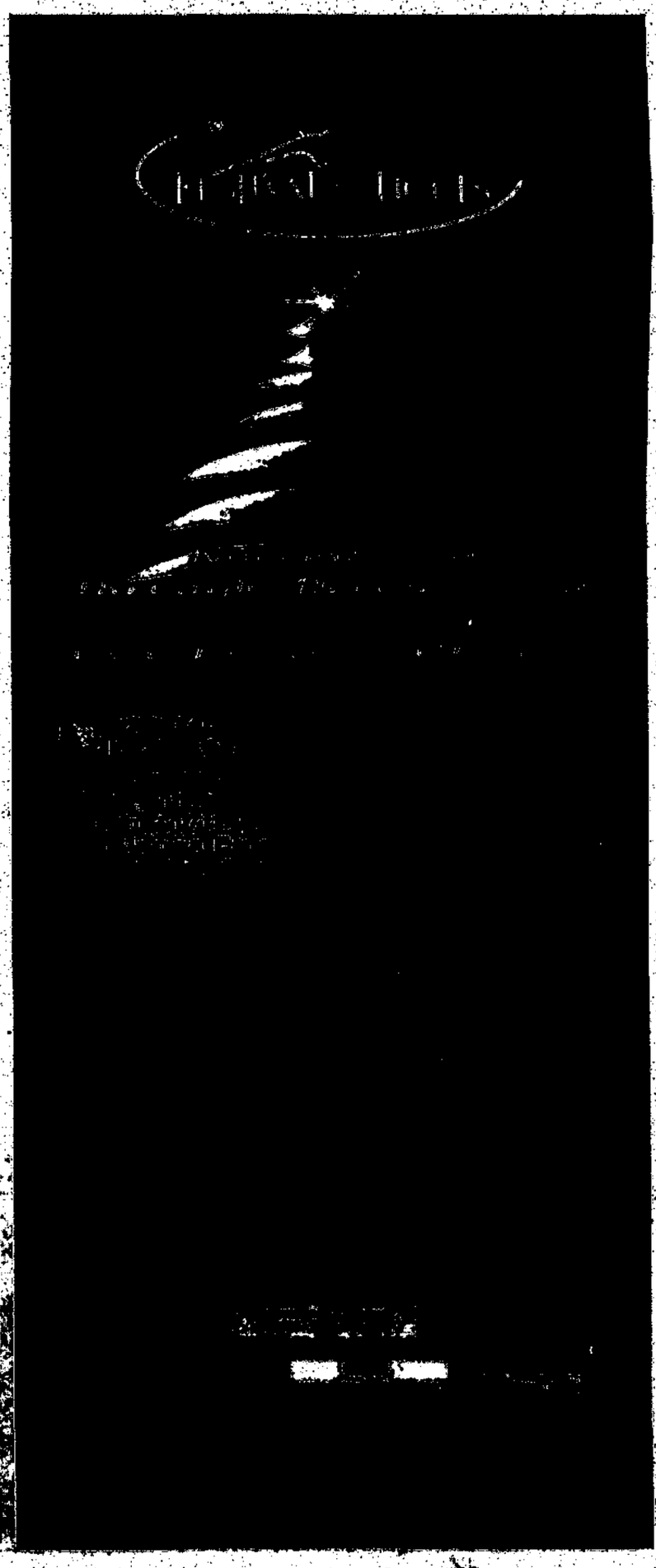
If he's the fastest qualifier from the trials, he'll run in the Champion Of Champions.

Our two favorite girls from last summer – All American Futurity winner Heartswide-open and Rainbow Futurity winner Wild Six — are each doing well.

The cutie-pie Heartswide-open (she wears pink leg wraps around the barn) tells me she's recovering well from off-season knee surgery and will be looking pretty in the Ruidoso Derby trials on Memorial Day weekend.

Wild Six, the perfectly conformed athlete with a willing attitude, is in training and could run in the $305,000 Southwest Juvenile Championship at Zia Park on Dec. 2.

Our first new year's wish is that all of our equine friends have safe a prosperous racing in 2008. We'll stay in touch ... promise.



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Is your life piled too high with unsolved problems? Most of us feel that way every once in awhile. Instead of waiting for the pile to grow, why not try a different approach? Ask God for help before the problems get overwhelming. We don't have to "clean-up" all by ourselves; what a relief!

God promises His help, all we have to do is ask, "And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved..." (Joel 2:32). Visit God's house and learn how to lean on Him...before your problems get piled too high.

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RUIDOSO CHURCHES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Apache Indian Assembly of God
Mescalero, 671-4747. Donald Pettey, pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.: Sunday worship, 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday services: 7 p.m.

First Assembly of God
El Paso Road, Ruidoso 257-2324. Rev. Stacy & Alicia Brankel, Pastor. Sunday morning worship: 10:45 a.m.- Children's Church during a.m. service. Sunday evening worship 6 p.m.; Rock Youth Group Monday evening @ 6:30p.m., ages 12-18; Wednesday evening Royal Rangers (Christian Scouting for Boys) and Missionettes (Girls Clubs) @ 6:45 - 8:15 p.m. Bible Study @ 7:00 p.m.

BAPTIST

Canaan Trail Baptist Located just past milepost 14 on Hwy. 48, between Angus & Capitan. Roland Burnett, Pastor. Sunday School: 9 a.m.; Worship Service: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Bible Study: Wed. at 7 p.m. 336-1979.

First Baptist Church
270 Country Club Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345. (505) 257-2081, Tim Gilliland, Pastor. Contemporary Services, Saturday 6:00 p.m. & Sunday 11:00 a.m.; Traditional Service Sunday 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School all ages 9:45 a.m., Sunday Evening Service 5:00 p.m., Wednesday Activities for all ages, 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Ruidoso Downs. Randy Widener, Pastor. Sunday: Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; Worship hour 8 & 11 a.m.; Eve. worship: 6:00 p.m.; Wed. Prayer meeting 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Tinnie. Bill Jones, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

Mescalero Baptist Mission
Mescalero, Sunday: Sunday school 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; Training union 6:30 p.m. Wednesday services 6:30 p.m.

Ruidoso Baptist Church 126 Church Drive, Palmer Gateway. Wayne Joyce, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

The J-J Country Church Interdenominational- Hwy. 70 W 505-257-6899 Rev. Charles W. Clary, Sunday 8:15 & 10 am Worship, Tuesday 6:30 pm Worship. Sunday e-mail: helpandhope@zianet.com

BAHA'I FAITH

Baha'i Faith Meeting in members' homes. 257-2987 or 258-5595

CATHOLIC

St. Eleanor Catholic Church Ruidoso, 257-2330. Reverend Al Galvan. Sacrament of Penance: Sat. 5:00 p.m. or by appointment; Sat. Mass: 6 p.m. (Bilingual); Sun. Mass: 9:30 a.m. (English), 11:00 a.m. (English); Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 5 to 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass, St. Jude Thaddeus, San Patricio: 8 a.m.

St. Theresa Catholic Church Corona. Sunday Mass: 6 p.m.

St. Joseph's Apache Mission Mescalero. Father Paul Botenhagen, OFM. Sunday Mass:10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Bent. Father Larry Gosselin. Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

CHRISTIAN

Christian Community Church 127 Rio Corner W/Eagle, Mid-town. 9-11 Sunday Services/Praise & Worship. For more information call:378-7076

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Hull and Gavilan Canyon Road, Rev. Vern Edmondson, Pastor. Sunday School, K-12/Adult: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.;

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

Gateway Church of Christ 415 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-4381, Jimmy Sportsman, Minister. Sunday Morning worship: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Bible Class 11:00 a.m.; Mid-Week Service: Wed. 6:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LDS

Church of Jesus Christ LDS Ruidoso Branch, 1091 Mechem Dr. President W. Leslie Nielsen, (505) 258-1253 or (505) 258-1254. Sunday schedule: Sacrament starts at 10 a.m.; Sunday School; Priesthood and Relief Society.

Church of Jesus Christ LDS Mescalero Branch, 671-4630. Wayne King, President, 505-434-0622. Sunday: Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.; Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc. & Young Women, 12:10 a.m.

EPISCOPAL

Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso, Fr John Huffman, Team Leader. Sunday Eucharist Rite I: 8:00 a.m.; Rite II - 10:30 a.m., nursery available for the 10:30 service; Sunday School: 10:30; Youth Group 1:30-3:30. Wednesday: Daughters of King at noon; Eucharist 5:30 p.m.

St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel in Glencoe, Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m.

EVANGELICAL

THE LIGHTHOUSE Christian Fellowship church, 1035 Mechem Dr. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., 7 PM, Wed. 7 PM 258-2539

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JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall--1102 Gavilan Canyon Rd., 336-4147, 257-7714. Sunday: Public Talk--10:00 am.; Watchtower Study--10:50 am. Monday: Book Study--7:30 p.m. Thursday: Theoc. Ministry School--7:30 p.m.; Service Meeting--8:20 p.m.

JEWISH / HEBREW

Kehilla Bat-Tzion & Hebrew Learning Center, Inc.--2204 Sudderth Dr. Ruidoso, NM 88345 505-257-0122. Starting Fri. Nov. 2nd at 7:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat Services followed with an oneg. Candle light times for November: 11/2/07 5:52 pm, 11/9/07 4:46 pm, 11/16/07 4:41 pm, 11/23/07 4:38 pm, 11/30/07 pm.

Congregacion Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova 1102 Gavilan Canyon Rd., 336-4147, 378-7095. Dom.: Reunion Publica--10:00 am.; Estudio de la Atalya--10:50 am. Matt.: Escuela del Ministerio Teocratico--7:00 p.m.; Reunion de Servicio--7:50 p.m. Juev.: Estudio de Libro--7:00 p.m.

LUTHERAN

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
1120 Hull Road. 258-4191, 257-5296. Kevin L Krohn, Pastor. Sunday: Worship 8:30 a.m. (May-Labor Day), 10:30 a.m.; Sun. School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Thurs. Eve. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., call for location.

METHODIST

Community United Methodist Church Junction Road, behind Wells Fargo Bank. Ed Barlow, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:55 a.m. 257-4170

PENTECOSTAL

Apostolic Pentecostal Assembly, Eternal Life Ministries, Minister: Harry A. Peyton, call for your personal Home Bible study: 430-9640, (Web page) http://www//DoctrinesOfChrist.com

The Apostolics of Lincoln County, UPC Center 1011 Mechem Dr., Unit 11. Pastor, Art Dunn. Sunday morning, 10:00 AM, Adult, childrens & youth classes. Free home Bible studies.

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church 101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220. Tony Chambles - Pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. Potluck fellowship after worship the third Sunday of every month.

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church, Pastor Terry Aiello, CLP. Sunday worship: 9 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Corona United Presbyterian Church, Pastor Terry Aiello, CLP. Sunday worship: Church School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

Nogal Presbyterian Church Reverend Bill Sebring. Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.

REFORMED CHURCH

Mescalero Reformed Mescalero. Bob Schut, Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:30 a.m. Mon.: junior high youth 6:30 p.m. Wed.: high school meeting 7 p.m. Thur.: Kids Club (grades 1-5) 3:30.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Ruidoso Seventh Day Adventist 207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161. Pastor Bill Kasper 505-437-0237; 1st Elder Manuel Moya 505-937-4487. Saturday: Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Church service: 11 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist Church: meets 2nd & 4th Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Service: 11:00a.m. Potluck Brunch. Call 336-2170 or 354-0602 for location.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

American Missionary Fellowship Rick Smith, 682-2999. Monday: Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. at Schlotzsky's Deli. Tuesday: Ruidoso men's Bible study noon at Pizza Hut, Mechem Drive. Wednesday: (Sept. through May) Capitan Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups 6:30 p.m. at Christ Community Fellowship. E-mail: RickS@american-missionary.org

Calvary Chapel 127 Vision, next to Cable Co., 257-5915. Pastor John Marshall. Sunday worship 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Mid-week bible study 7:00 p.m.

Casa de Oracion Comunidad Cristiana, Ruidoso 304 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345 (505) 257-6075. Pastor: Carlos & Gabby Carreon. Martes - Oracion 6:00 pm; Jueves - Servicio General 6:00 pm; Sabado - Kid-is-Revival 11:00 am; Domingo Servicio General 11:00 am. *All Services are Bilingual* ~ Translators Available ~

Christ Church in the Downs Ruidoso Downs, 378-8464. Al and Marty Lane, Pastors. Sunday: 8:00 Sun a.m., 10:45 am, Children's ministries concurrent with late Sunday Services. Sat. outreach at 1pm, at church. Thursday: 7 p.m.

Cornerstone Church Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth Drive, 257-9265. John & Joy Wyatt, Pastors. Sunday School, 9:45, Church, 10:30 a.m.; 6:30 p.m. with Children's Church Sun. Eve. Handicap Services 11 a.m. Wed. Leadership Class 6 p.m. & Prayer 7 pm. Wed. Bible Study Adult 7 p.m. Thurs. and Youth, Thurs. 7 p.m.

Cowboy Church Noon Sundays at the Glencoe Rural Events Center. Everyone welcome. Preacher Buster Reed of Amarillo. Call 378-4840 for more info.

Foot of the Cross Christian Ministries 2812 Sudderth (Pine Tree Shopping Center) Pastor, Phil Appel. Services: Sunday 10:30 AM Contemporary Praise & Worship, Children's Praise & Sunday School for ages 2-11. Wednesdays 7:00 PM: Midweek Bible Study. For more info please call 937-8677 or visit our website at www.thefootofthecross.org

Grace Harvest Church 1108 Gavilan Canyon Rd, 336-4213. Sun. Sunday school 9 a.m.; Fellowship at 10-10:30 am; Service 10:30 a.m.

Iglesia Bautista "Vida Eterna" Pastor Rev. Ramon Robledo. 207 East Circle, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346, 361 E. Hwy. 70, (505) 378-8108. Email: revrobledo@lycos.com

J Bar J Church Summer time: 8:15 am, 10:00 am Sunday, 6:00 pm Tuesday.

Miracle Life Ministry Center Ron Rice & Catherine Callahan, Ministers Available 24 hours for healing prayer. 354-0255 e-mail: miraclelife@ruidoso-online.com

Peace Chapel Interdenominational (ULC) Alto North, 336-7075. Jeamsie Price, Pastor. Morning chapel: 6:50 a.m. (Sept. -- June); Sun. Service: 11 a.m.

Racetrack Chapel Horseman's Entrance, Hwy 70, 505-378-7264. Chaplain Darrell Winter. Services 10:30 am to 11:15 am. Enjoy the music & old hymns with friendly people.

NON-SECTARIAN

Spiritual Awareness Study Group Minister: George N. Brown, Ph.D. U.L.C. Sundays 1 p.m. - 257-1569

CAPITAN & LINCOLN CHURCHES

BAPTIST

Trinity Southern Baptist Church (south on Highway 48) Mt. Capitan Rd. 354-2044; Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 11 a.m.; CrossFire Youth Group Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (Faith based 12 step program for all types of addictions) Tuesday & Thursday 6:00 p.m. 808-0607

Mountain Baptist Church
Independent-Fundamental KJV, Sunday School- 10 AM, Sunday Service - 11am, Sunday Evening- 6pm. Wednesday Bible Study 7PM 145 E. Grandview - Capitan - (505) 937-4019

CATHOLIC

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Capitan, 354-9102. Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 8:30 a.m.; Monday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Capitan -- Highway 48. Les Earwood, Minister. Sunday Bible study: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 6 p.m.

EPISCOPAL

Episcopal Chapel of San Juan in Lincoln -- Sunday: Holy Eucharist - 10:30 a.m.

FOURSQUARE

Capitan Foursquare Church Highway 48, Capitan. Harold W. Perry, Pastor. Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

METHODIST

Capitan United Methodist Church
Pastor Johanna Anderson and the congregation of Capitan United Methodist Church welcome Lincoln County residents and visitors alike to attend Bible study Sunday morning at 8:30, followed by worship service at 9:10. Communion is offered during worship on the first Sunday of every month, and a potluck luncheon is served the third Sunday at 12:30. White Oaks and Third in Capitan. 505-648-2846.

NAZARENE

Angus Church of the Nazarene Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Rick Hutchison Pastor. "OVERWHELMED" contemporary worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday: Community dinner, 6:00 p.m.; Adult classes, Youth games and study, Kid's Klub, 6:30 p.m.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Christ Community Fellowship Capitan, Highway 380 West, 354-2458. Ed Vinson, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

QUAKER WORSHIP GROUP - Quaker Unprogrammed meeting: The Bonito valley Worship Group meets at 9 am on First day, at the oldCommunity Church in Lincoln. For details of this and other Quaker activities contact Sandra Smith at 505-653-4951

CARRIZOZO CHURCHES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)
Barbara Bradley, pastor. Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth. Children's Church 10:30 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Wednesday Night Kids Club 5:30-7:00 pm; Thursday Bible Study 6:30 pm.

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church
Hayden Smith, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; Church training: 6:30 p.m. Sunday

CATHOLIC

Santa Rita Catholic Church
648-2853. Father Dave Bergs, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Perry Zumwalt, minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM. Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11:00 am; Evening Worship 1:15 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm.

EPISCOPAL

St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel
Carrizozo, 6th & E Street. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

METHODIST

United Methodist Church Parish
Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846, Carrizozo. Johanna Anderson, pastor. Sunday school 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship 11:00 a.m. Choir Practice (Tues.) 6:30 pm; United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wed. 1:00 pm; Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of month 12:30 pm.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

The Word of Life Church
Rev. Chuck Pulton, pastor/648-2339. 711 'E' Ave., Carrizozo, NM. Affiliated w/the Evangelistic Assembly Church. Sunday 7:00 pm.

MESCALERO

Carrizo Christian Fellowship Leonard Kanoseyah III, Pastor. 56 White Mt. Dr., 3 mi. W. of Inn of the Mountain Gods Mescalero. Sundays 10:30 & 6:30, Wed. 6:30 464-4656

Trust me, prayer does work

Clary-fications
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

The prophet Isaiah speaks God's Word when he writes, "As the rain and the snow comes down from heaven, and do no return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields feed for the sower and bread for the eater." Well, to this point in time, the rain and the snow are not coming down from the heavens, and we desperately need moisture. Winter moisture for us means financial blessing, seed, food, or whatever.

About two years ago, we were hurting for moisture and the threat of drought was heavy on us. What did we do? We prayed. Various churches and the community came together to ask the Lord's mercy and grace. He responded to our prayers and blessed us with about eighteen months of above average moisture. We were blessed by good snow for winter skiing and good rains for spring and summer. But now, we are hurting again.

I suppose it takes adversity for us to recognize that prayer is a necessary and continual practice; not something to do when we get in a bind. Jesus said that we should always pray and not give up. Elijah "prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops." We don't need men praying for no rain or snow. We need folks praying for God to open the heavens and give us moisture.

And, when He gives it, we need to give Him thanks. Giving thanks for blessings is as much a part of prayer as asking for blessings. Sometimes, we take for granted the blessings, like for some reason or the other, God owes us. He has promised to meet our needs, but He wants to hear our requests. And when we don't ask, we communicate that we don't need His help. But we do need it.

I encourage you to join me in prayer. We can do it privately, individually. I am asking our churches to come together to pray. I am asking our village leaders to bring us together to pray for God's blessing of rain and snow. Our prayers encourage God to give us help for today and hope for tomorrow.

Can entire nations really be punished by God?

Q: Does God punish whole nations as well as individuals? I don't understand how He could do that, because even the worst countries must have some good people in them, don't they? – Mrs. W.W.

A: The Bible certainly teaches that God judges nations as well as individuals when they deliberately turn their backs on Him and ignore His moral laws. The Bible says, "He will judge the nations ... crushing the rulers of the whole earth" (Psalm 110:6). The Bible gives us numerous examples of this truth – even in the life of ancient Israel, the nation through which God would bring salvation to the world. The Prophet Jeremiah, for example, repeatedly urged the people of his day to repent of their idolatry and immorality – and repeatedly they rejected his message. His words of warning could almost be directed at our own time: "They have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush. So they will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when they are punished, says the Lord" (Jeremiah 8:12). Eventually that nation fell to an outside invader.

At the same time, the Bible reminds us of another truth: God is merciful, and He gives us far more opportunities to repent than we deserve. The Bible says, "The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love" (Psalm 145:8).

Pray for our nation, and pray for our world as well. Our greatest need – as individuals and as a nation – is to turn to God and seek His forgiveness and mercy. May that begin in your own life as you open your heart to Christ.

Billy Graham
MY ANSWER
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Q: A year ago, I secretly reconnected with my first wife, and before we realized it we were having an affair (which only lasted a few months). I felt like a cheat afterward because we both are remarried, but I couldn't help it. I don't understand myself. Why did I go down that road? – J.S.

A: I don't know why you went down that road (as you put it) – but I do know that it didn't bring you the happiness you were seeking. And this is almost always the case with any illicit affair; it leads to disappointment and insecurity.

In fact, I can't recall anyone ever writing me about an illicit affair who said they were glad they had engaged in it, and that it had brought them lasting peace and happiness. At first, it may have seemed exciting – but then it turned sour, or it led to conflict and the breakup of their family. The Bible warns, "Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? ... So is he who sleeps with another man's wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished" (Proverbs 6:27, 29).

The most important thing I can urge you to do is to turn to Jesus Christ and give your life to Him. You will never know lasting peace and happiness as long as you ignore God, because He made you, and He loves you and knows what is best for you. Confess your sins to Him and open your heart to Christ today.

Then ask God to help you strengthen your present marriage. You cannot change the past – but with God's help you can change the future. Put Christ at the center of your marriage, and then get into a church where you and your wife will grow closer to Him – and to each other.

Q: How can I get God's forgiveness? I'm too ashamed to even tell you what I did when I was a young woman, but it has haunted me for years and I know I need God's forgiveness. Or is it too late? – Mrs. N.McK.

A: No, it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness, because He wants to forgive us and make us part of His family – both now and forever.

The only person God cannot forgive is the person who never seeks His forgiveness. Sometimes people refuse to turn to Him because they don't believe in Him, or they want to keep on in their sins. Sometimes they refuse because (like you) they simply can't believe God would forgive them. But whatever the reason, God loves us in spite of our sin, and He yearns for us to turn to Him in repentance and faith so He can forgive us.

How do I know this? I know it for one reason: God sent His only Son into the world to make our forgiveness possible. God is righteous and just, and He can't simply pretend that our sins never existed. Sin must be punished; otherwise God is not just. But listen: Jesus Christ came to take upon Himself the punishment we deserve for our sins. He was without sin – but on the cross, all our sins were laid on Him, and He died in our place.

Think of it: All your sins – including this one that has haunted you for so long – were placed on Christ, and He took upon Himself the judgment you deserve. Confess your sins to Christ and trust Him to forgive you – and He will. The Bible says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

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

Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presense with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations

Psalm 100

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RUIDOSO NEWS

OBITUARY

Ross Eldridge

Eldridge

Graveside service for Ross Eldridge, 74, of Alto, will be 2p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, at the Mount Moriah Cemetery in Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Eldridge passed away Friday, Nov. 9, in Ruidoso. He was born Jan. 1, 1933 in Kansas City, Mo., where he grew up. He later farmed in Western Kansas after serving in the Air Force. He moved to Ruidoso one year ago from Bella Vista, Ark.

He is survived by three sons, Justin "L.C." Eldridge of Steamboat Springs, Colo., Chris Eldridge of Bentonville, Ark. and Lee Eldridge of Lawrence, Kansas; seven grandchildren and his companion, Susan Miller of Alto.

Condolances may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com

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LCCH addresses rural living, health history

The Lincoln County Community Health Council in its effort to reach all of Lincoln County had its monthly meeting in the Capitan Village Hall Nov. 6. Members and guests were greeted by Village Clerk, Kay Strickland, in the absence of Mayor Hammons.

Capitan citizens were invited to express their health concerns in hope that the Health Council can be of assistance in reaching a positive conclusion. Capitan resident, Mrs. Crossno spoke regarding the health problems associated with living on a dirt/gravel road. She was expected to be on the Capitan Village's agenda for their next meeting Nov. 13 and the Council will emphasize to the Village council the importance of dealing with this issue.

Other business included a new idea by Aimee Bennett to support an exhibit at the Hubbard Museum on "Health" history in Lincoln County. Mrs. Bennett will pursue this project with the Museum and all Health Council members were encouraged to collect health memorabilia for the exhibit.

The next meeting of the Lincoln County Community Health Council will be 8 a.m. Dec. 4 at the Community United Methodist Church in Ruidoso.

COURTESY

Members of the Lincoln County Community Health Council (l-r), Kay Strickland, Cindy Najar, Barbara Mader, Nancy LaPointe and Jennifer Chadwick, visit with community members during their monthly meeting at Capitan Village Hall Nov. 6

Get involved in underage drinking prevention

This year at Thanksgiving and during the upcoming holidays when families tend to gather, the perfect opportunity may arise for parents to talk to their teenagers about the consequences of drinking alcohol.

I recently teamed up with the national Century Council group for a presentation of Girl Talk, a program designed to help prevent underage drinking among teenage girls through better communication with their mothers. The program encourages mothers to initiate and sustain conversations about alcohol.

A high school class of very bright young women listened as I and others spoke about some very important life choices they are facing when it comes to decisions about whether to drink alcohol. I admitted to them I was a little nervous speaking for a couple of reasons. One, because I have always been a bit nervous talking to girls; but more importantly, I didn't want to be just another adult (one who happens to be the Attorney General) trying to lecture them about things they should or shouldn't do with their lives.

But they put me at ease by laughing out loud at my admission and I could tell they were listening then. I talked about statistics; how a majority of mothers and daughters surveyed listed "to fit in with friends" or "peer pressure" as the top reasons teens choose to drink; that more girls than boys ages 12-17 report binge drinking; and how 49 percent of mothers surveyed said they knew their daughters drank alcohol but didn't have a problem with it.

I am confident that most of the young women I spoke with that day got it and that they will help spread the word to their peers that it is OK to not drink, OK to be [illegible] OK to [illegible]

Don't let the Grinch steal your holiday cheer

ALBUQUERQUE – Thanksgiving through New Years is a festive time filled with in-home parties, holiday travel and gift giving. It is also open season for property crimes. The busy holiday months provide a variety of distractions for homeowners who may inadvertently create opportunities for burglars and identity thieves to steal their holiday cheer. Allstate Insurance Company provides five tips for property protection to help New Mexicans enjoy a worry-free winter season.

"Take a couple hours this weekend to review your home protection plans and check your insurance coverage before the holidays," said Shelley Beeler, Allstate spokesperson. "There are steps that everyone can take to help deter thieves and protect your property."

Deter would-be thieves with a "lived-in" look. According to the FBI, 63.1 percent of residential burglaries took place during the day in 2006. If you are planning to travel this holiday season, make sure your home looks lived-in, day and night. Burglars will look for signs to see if a house is empty, including whether cans are placed out on garbage day, if mail or newspapers are piling up, if cars are missing or staying in the same place for a period of time, and if lights are turning on. Put several household lights on timers so they turn on and off at appropriate times. In addition, be sure to lock all doors and windows at all times, and consider a security system with a loud inside alarm, detectors at all exterior doors, and motion sensors in the master bedroom and main living areas. Many insurance companies offer discounts for monitored security systems.

2. Protect your identity from party guests. The Southwest continues to rank high for identity theft, with Arizona topping the list and Nevada coming in second. Keeping your social security number secret may not be enough to prevent against identity theft; one out of every 11 cases of identity theft is an inside-the-family job. Before hosting holiday parties, put away all financial documents and lock them in a home office, desk drawer or safe. In addition, ask your insurance provider if they offer identity restoration coverage to help restore a stolen identity.

3. Extend insurance coverage for valuable items. The holidays are a time for big purchases, such as jewelry. According to the Insurance Information Institute, a standard homeowners' insurance policy includes coverage for jewelry and other precious items such as watches and furs; however, there are relatively low limits of liability for certain items, generally around $1,500. If the liability limit is not enough, consumers have the option of extending the coverage by "scheduling" jewelry. The best part about supplemental insurance for jewelry is that it offers broader protection, which means you are insured for all different types of perils, including loss of the stone, a chip in the diamond, misplacing the item, and so on. Unless the peril is specifically mentioned in the policy as being excluded, the item is covered. Before purchasing additional insurance, the items covered must be professionally appraised.

4. Review your insurance coverage once a year with an insurance agent. Leading into the holidays, homeowners are often inspired to install new carpeting or complete remodeling projects to make an impression on family and friends. Allstate advises consumers to talk with their insurance agent about remodeling projects that may impact the cost of rebuilding the home in the event of a fire or loss. Consumers should also make sure they read the policy and understand all of the coverages.

"Insurance plays a key role in helping families protect their property from the unexpected throughout the year," said Beeler. "In addition to the risk of burglary, many people may not realize house fires increase during the holidays, due to holiday decorations and candles. Be careful to blow out candles and keep open flames away from fabric or flammable items."

5. Create and maintain a home inventory, including photos or video. A home inventory will make it easier to file a claim and restore your property after a loss. Make a list of the contents of your home on paper. It is helpful to take photos and describe on the back of the photograph what the item is and what it cost. Save receipts for major purchases, especially for computers and large appliances. Whenever possible include make, model, serial numbers and date of purchase for all items in your home inventory. Keep the videotapes or photographs in a place separate from your home, such as at your workplace or a bank safe deposit box. Be sure to update your home inventory when you make new purchases or receive gifts.

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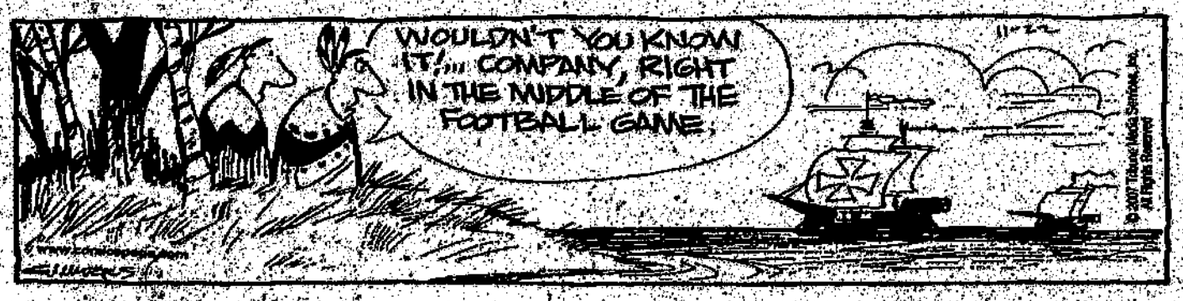

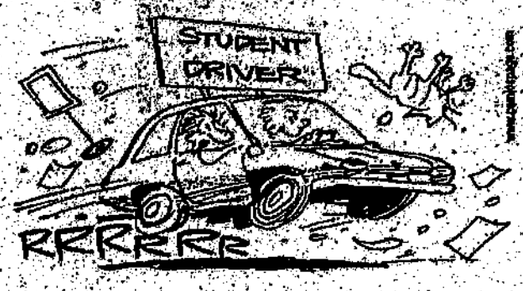

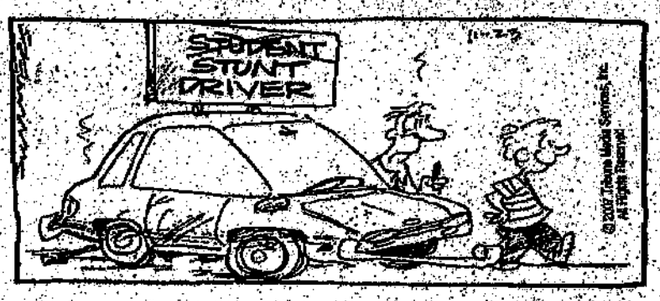

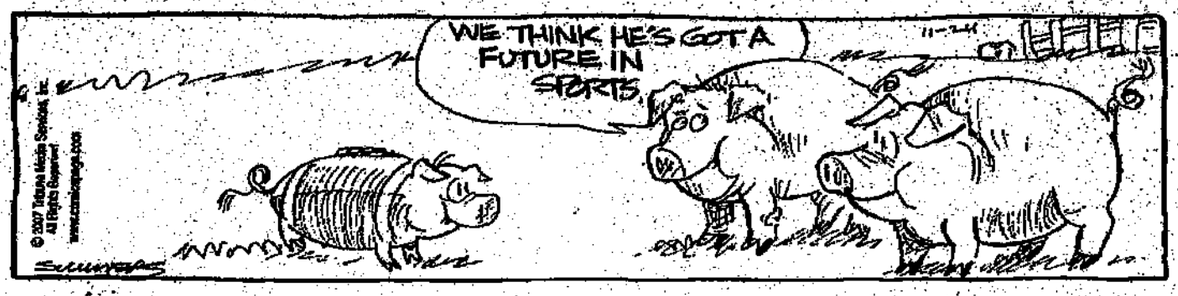

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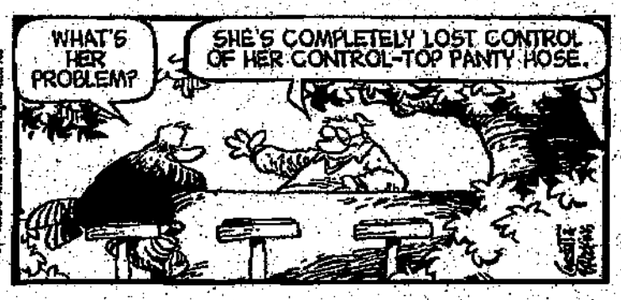

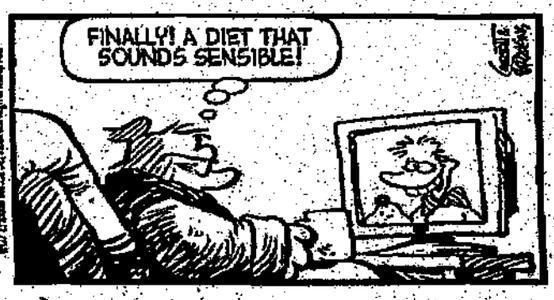

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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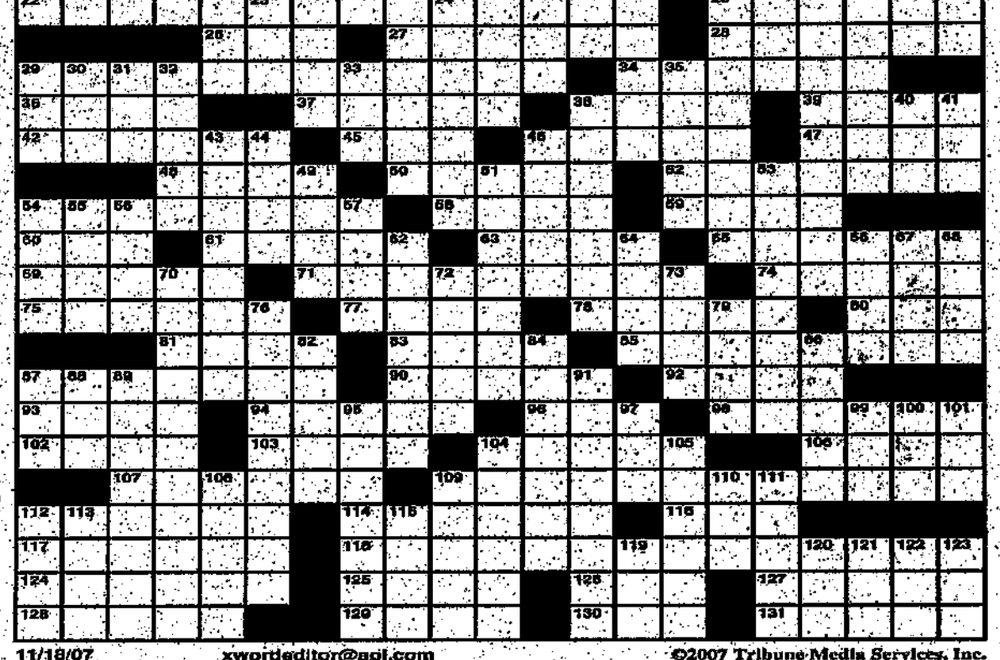
"FUN FOOD" BY ROBERT A. DOLL

ACROSS

1 Doll
6 Its birthstone is the diamond: Abbr.
9 "When I was __ ...": G&S song lyric
13 Saw wood
18 Kentucky's Rupp
19 Part of TNT
20 Thespian's quest
21 Had a little horse
22 Banker's favorite food?
25 University of California campus
26 PC linkup
27 Farmer, e.g.
28 Get a rise out of?
29 Vampire slayer's favorite food?
34 Nutrition author Davis
36 __ de foie gras
37 Flips (through)
38 Bluish hue
39 Colorful fish
42 They multiply by dividing
45 Make a lap
46 __ del Sol
47 Greet the day
48 Golf tournament highlights
50 Discover
52 Identification of a kind
54 Cynic's favorite food?
58 Snorkeling site
59 "Jurassic Park" actress
60 Reine's water
61 Start
63 "It's been __"
65 Prepare to check e-mail
69 They might dispute a strike call
71 Soap opera lover's favorite food?
74 End
75 Principles
77 Kick with a "hang time"
78 Fire sign
80 Shrunken head?
81 White ones are harmless
83 Design detail
85 Batter's favorite food?
87 Shrew
90 Elizabeth I was the last one
92 Lachrymose drop
93 Together, in music
94 Aspect
96 Kareem, once
98 Falling of the self-centered
102 Ceremonial splendor
103 Hardly at all
104 Highballs it
106 Solomonic
107 Safari schlepper
109 Engineer's favorite food?
112 Treeless plain
114 Rub the wrong way?
116 Father
117 Creator of Atticus and Boo
118 Gardener's favorite food?
124 Arab bigwigs
125 Facilitate
126 Jabber
127 City on the Ruhr
128 Rasp or straw attachment
129 Get rid of
130 Old verb ending
131 Ice cream drinks

DOWN

1 "Silent" prez
2 Ocean State coll.
3 Driver's aid
4 Pay-to-stay place
5 Colonel's insignia
6 Like much modern music
7 "Piece of the Rock" company, for short
8 Raccoon cousin
9 Shady spots
10 "Camelot" composer
11 Away from the wind
12 Pays a share of
13 Historic Quebec city
14 Sailor's favorite food?
15 Salad leftover
16 Artist Magritte
17 Land west of Nod
21 User's designations
23 Scoundrel
24 One whose work is revised
29 Marienbad, for one
30 Skye cap
31 Had a 32-Down
32 Skewered item
33 It's a matter of law
35 Passé
38 Casual chats
40 Louisville Slugger material
41 "Yo!"
43 Puzzle involving a quote
44 No longer hidden
46 Angler's basket
49 Insolence
51 Like Coke and Pepsi
53 Slicker
54 Wicked Witch's home
55 Basis for a discrimination claim
56 Chinese currency
57 Hard to fathom
62 Reliable
64 Follower of Mary
66 Disney lioness
67 Author Dinesen
68 She played Julia on "Party of Five"
70 Debutante's favorite food?
72 Discussion addition
73 Cream
76 Sailors
79 It's found under a hip joint
82 Rice's department
84 Cook up a plan (with)
86 Three, so they say
87 Occurrence
88 Tokyo, formerly
89 Paul Bunyan, e.g.
91 Make a comeback
95 Restaurant servers
97 Arachnoid work
99 It may be opposite IX
100 Tax form ID
101 "Little Women" woman
104 Full of holes
105 Walk, as through melting snow
108 Mimicking behavior
109 Plain writing
110 1958-'61 Mideast partnerships: Abbr.
111 Pampers, with "on"
112 "Rawhide" costar Wooley
113 Not feral
115 Hardly thrilling
119 Work on a dolly
120 Equel: Prefix
121 Leary tripped on it
122 Grassy meadow
123 Reply to a query



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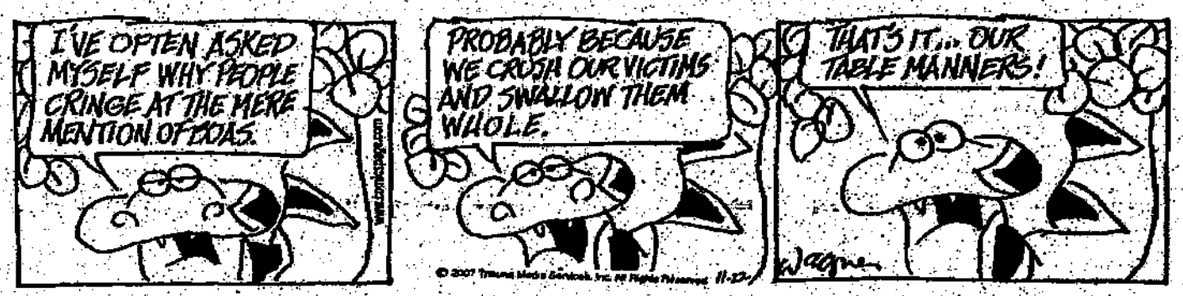

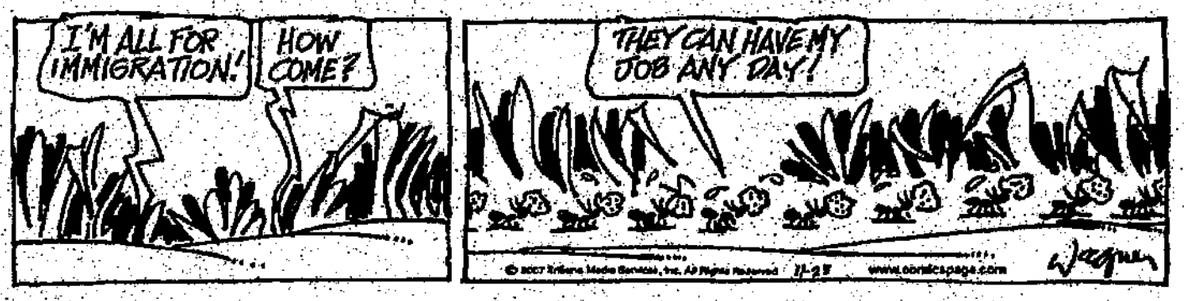

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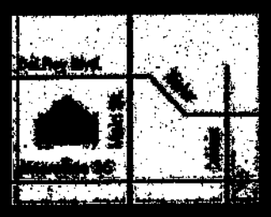

ASHLEY

RUIDOSO POLICE REPORTS

Home burglary

A home on the 200 block of Paradise Canyon Dr. was reported broken into Oct. 19. The residents, who hadn't been in the home for more than a month, stated tools and various appliances worth a total of $1,665 were taken. There are no suspects at this time.

Defacing a car

A car parked on the 100 block of Mount Blanc Dr. was vandalized Nov. 12 when unknown suspsects sprayed it with shaving cream, wrote vulgar words with shoe polish and broke eggs on it.

Skipping on gas

Police were dispatched to a convenience store on Sudderth Drive Nov. 11 in reference to a gas skip in the amount of $63.69. Officers were able to find the vehicle, driven by Stephanie Parker, 37, of Ruidoso. She was issued a citation for larceny and then released from the scene.

Criminal trespass

Police arrested Michael Cooper, 49, of Mescalero on Nov. 17 for violating a criminal trespass order. He was searched, handcuffed and booked at the Ruidoso Police Department without incident.

Dim your lights

A driver who wasn't dimming his headlights for oncoming traffic was found to be highly intoxicated during a traffic stop Nov. 14. Derick Gonzales, 18, of Ruidoso, was arrested for driving under the influence, possession of drug paraphernalia and minor allowing self to be served. He bonded out at RPD and was released.

Where's the wood?

The owner of a home on the 100 block of Wingfield reported Nov. 18 that a cord of wood has been taken from his front yard. He said wood had been taken over the past few days, and this last heist took a great deal in one day, at the cost of about $200.

Fix that windshield

Police stopped Ronald Roddy, 28, of Ruidoso Downs for having a severely cracked windshield on Nov. 18. Police eventually conducted a K-9 search on the car and found probable cause to search the vehicle. Police later found two smoking pipes and filed drug paraphernalia charges against Roddy.

Anonymous tip

An anonymous tip lead police to Manuel Platero, 38, of Magdalena, who was staying at a condo in town and was in possession of a stolen vehicle. Ruidoso police arrested Platero on outstanding bench warrants. He was taken to RPD for booking, while the stolen vehicle was returned to its rightful owner.

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE REPORTS

Criminal damage

Police responded to the 200 block of North Central Nov. 12 in reference to a broken window in a vehicle parked there. There are no suspects at this time.

Criminal damage

Suspects desperate for a car – or at least for some truck parts – smashed locks and removed lug nuts on an auto carrier parked on the 400 block of Spring Road Nov. 15.

Beer run

A suspect unwilling to pay for his beer Nov. 16 left with a case from a convenience store on Highway 70 Nov. 16. Charges are pending further investigation.

Attempted break-in

Pry marks were the only sign that suspects had attempted to break into a vehicle parked on the 200 block of Spring Road Nov. 17.

Threatening note

Following a parking dispute Nov. 12, a suspect left a threatening note of the window of another vehicle while it was parked on the 100 block of Sierra Lane. The suspect admitted to leaving the note and was cited into court.

Recovered vehicle

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Today's Birthday (11/23/07). This year, you could work harder than you ever have before. You won't make a fortune, either, but it's sure good for your character and your physique.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - No need to brag about your success. It's better if you don't. Keep a lid on expenses even if you think you have plenty of profit. There'll be unexpected costs.

Taurus (April 20 May 20) - Today is an 8 - You're obviously the most practical person in the debate. Be patient with the others, especially the one who doesn't have a clue.

Gemini (May 21 June 21) - Today is a 6 - Conditions are getting better, but it hasn't quite happened yet. First you'll need to finish a difficult chore you've been avoiding.

Cancer (June 22 July 22) - Today is a 7 - If you're going to get involved in somebody else's project, make sure you know how the money's spent. Don't make foolish assumptions, get the facts.

Leo (July 23 Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - For the next four weeks, you'll be even luckier than usual. Common sense is still suggested, as a safety precaution. Don't forget about gravity.

Virgo (Aug. 23 Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Choose your words carefully in a delicate situation at first, anyway. Start by asking permission to speak your mind and get authorization. Then let 'er rip.

Libra (Sept. 23 Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - Your recent frustration is replaced by an abundance of new ideas. Can you turn these opportunities into cold hard cash? That's the challenge. Update your skills.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - Family discussions seem stuck, but don't give up. Explain your position clearly and then spend plenty of time listening. Just get what your partner is saying.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - It seems unfair, the amount of work that you have to do. This will be especially true if you mess up and have to start over. Be careful.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - Anticipate a few minor setbacks, as you start on a new adventure. The money's not all worked out yet but have faith. You'll think of something.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - You don't have to do everything. It's not even a good idea. Let the others make contributions, too, and mistakes. It's good for them.

Pisces (Feb. 19 March 20) - Today is a 7 - For the next several weeks, you'll make great advances toward your goals. Be forewarned, however, your results may not fit your pictures. Be willing to change your pictures.

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Beware bankruptcy and mortgage rescue scams

SANTA FE – New Mexico Attorney General Gary King says people facing foreclosures and seeking bankruptcy relief are being victimized by unscrupulous companies that are making their money problems worse, not better. Consumers are being contacted by companies that promise to save their houses for a fee, but do nothing to protect the homeowner. When it is too late, the company refers the homeowner into bankruptcy and may even find someone to fill out their bankruptcy petition.

But that person is usually not a lawyer and cannot represent the homeowner in the bankruptcy proceeding. A homeowner who files bankruptcy and represents himself may not fully know how to protect his home and may still lose it in the bankruptcy proceeding.

"There are companies giving false hope to New Mexicans facing bankruptcy and the possibility of losing their homes because they can no longer make the monthly payment," King said. "On top of that, some of these firms are taking hundreds, sometimes thousands of dollars from people who are already deep in debt and the consumers are getting nothing in return except more debt."

Assistant Attorney General James Jacobsen cites a recent court case involving a woman who owed $22,000 in credit card bills. Part of her defense was that she had paid $5,000 to a debt solution company to help her.

"But the company apparently pocketed the money and the woman received nothing to show for it," Jacobsen said. "She still owes the original debt, plus she's out another $5,000."

The Attorney General's Office offers the following tips to help avoid losing money to mortgage rescue and bankruptcy scams:

1. If you are in default on your mortgage, do not ignore the problem. Talk to your mortgage company when you first realize you might be in danger of defaulting on your monthly payment; they may be able to work with you.

2. Talk to a HUD approved housing counselor to understand your options and learn about foreclosure prevention.

3. If someone offers to make your payments for you in exchange for transferring your deed to them, do not agree and do not sign any papers to transfer your ownership.

4. If you decide to file bankruptcy, consult a licensed bankruptcy attorney, not someone from a company that promises to help you file the correct papers.

5. If you seek help from a debt or mortgage rescue company, read all forms and contracts thoroughly before signing.

6. Be very cautious if a company asks you for payment of fees upfront.

7. Remember: debt and mortgage solution company personnel typically are *not* attorneys.

For tips on how to avoid foreclosure, please visit the following website from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): http://www.hud.gov/foreclosure/index.cfm.

Tularosa man convicted

An Otero County jury redurnted a guilty verdict in the kidnapping and rape trial of a Tularosa man Nov. 18.

Margarito Amaya, 64, is subject for up to 27 years in prison for the conviction, after the jury ruled he had locked his former wife in his apartment, threatened to kill her and then forcibly raped her. Tularosa Police and the New Mexico State Police investigated the victim's injuries.

"We're very pleased with our strong stand against domestic violence," said District Attorney Scot Key. "All of the educational efforts of the D.A.'s office, COPE and the many social service organizations within the district are contributing to juries' understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence and sexual assault. That's obviously resulting in so many successful prosecutions."

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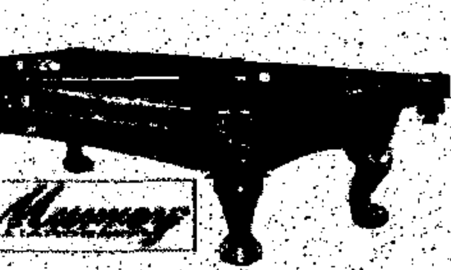

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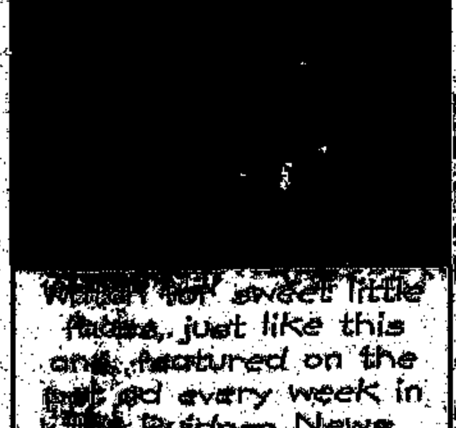

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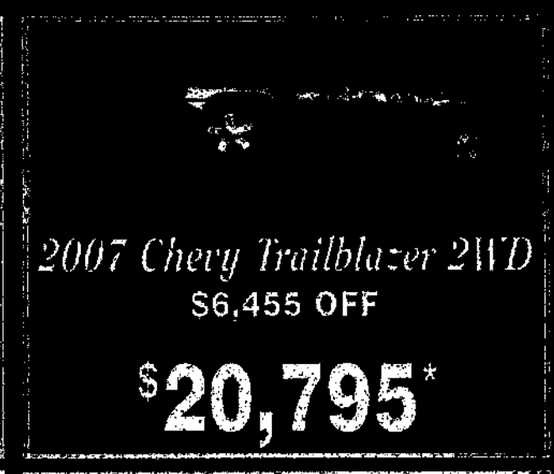

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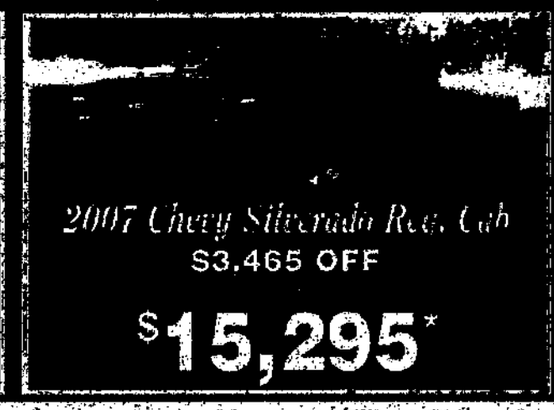

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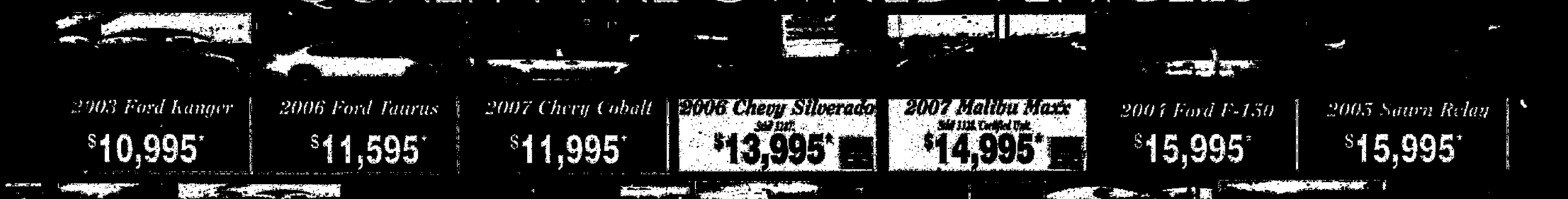

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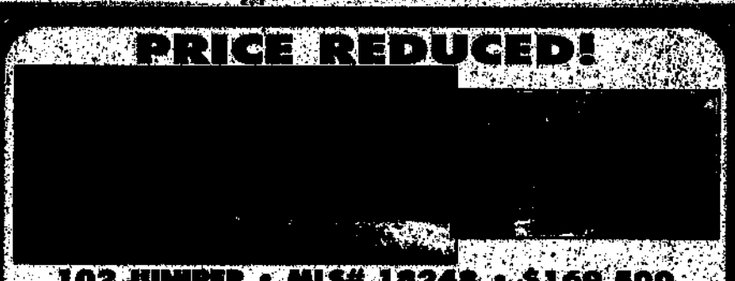

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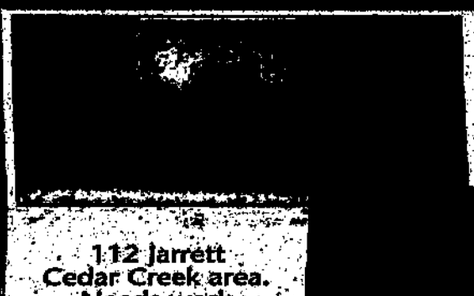

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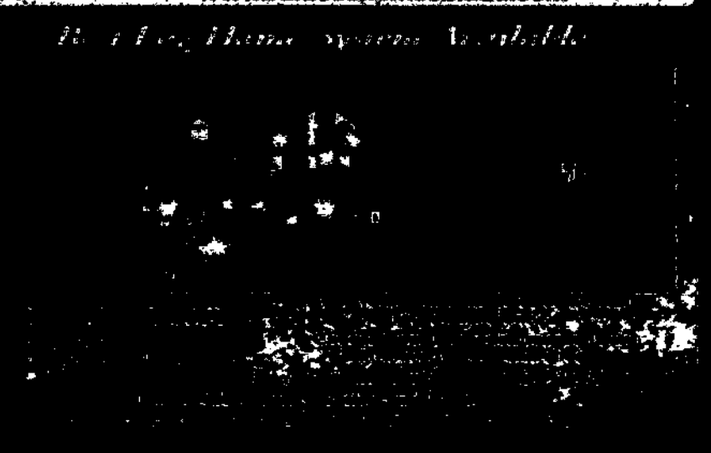

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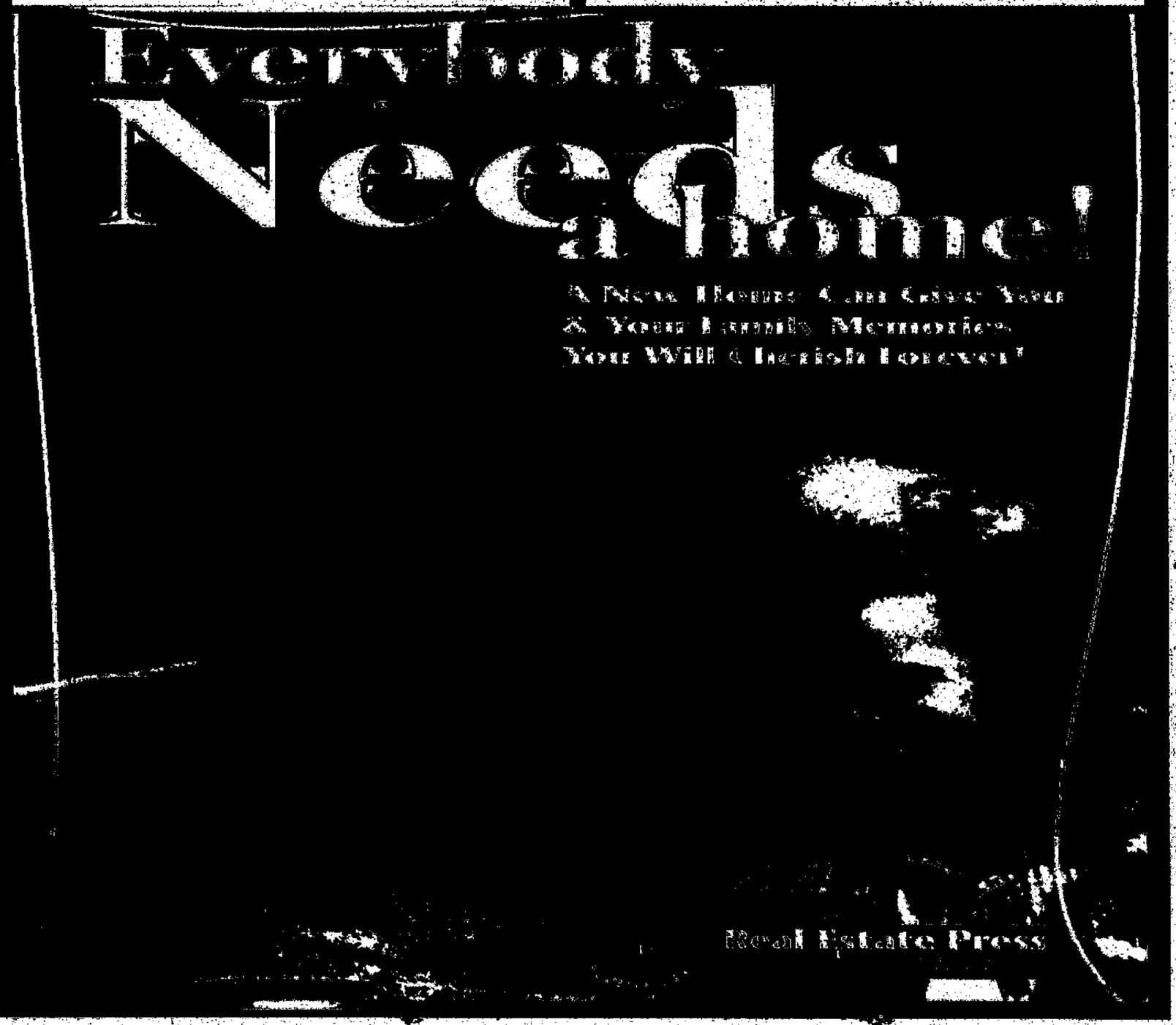

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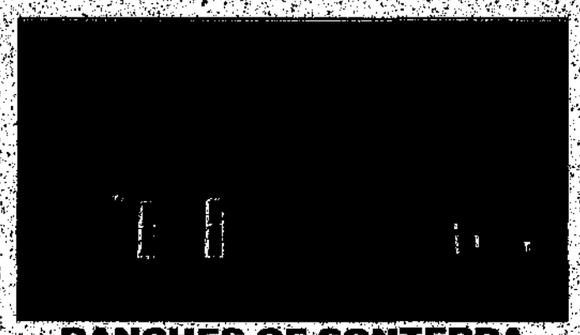

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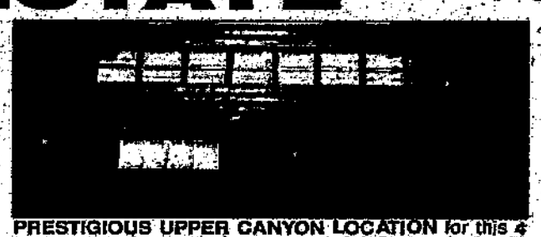

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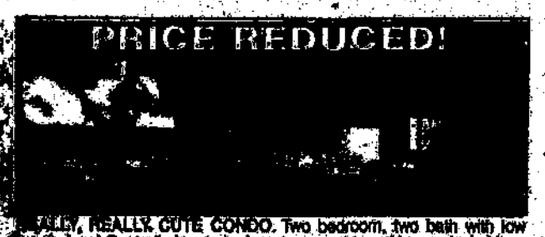

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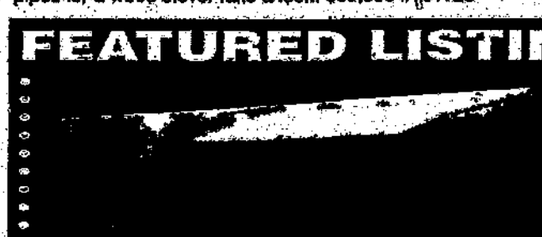

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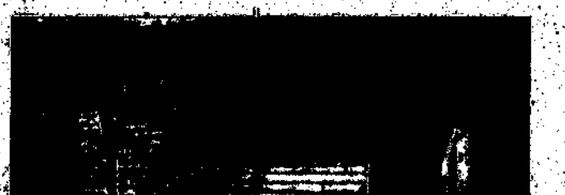

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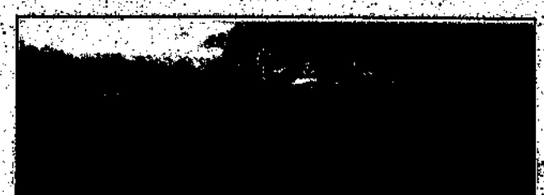

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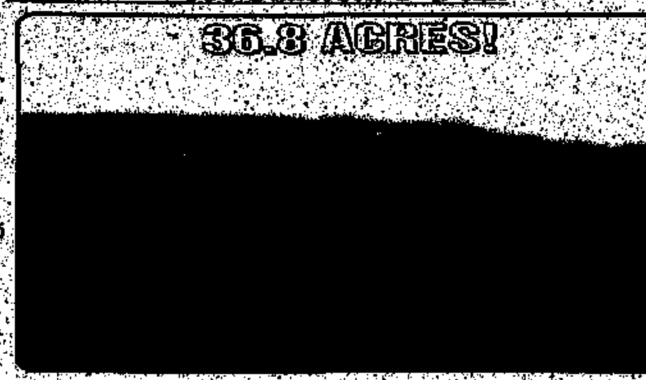
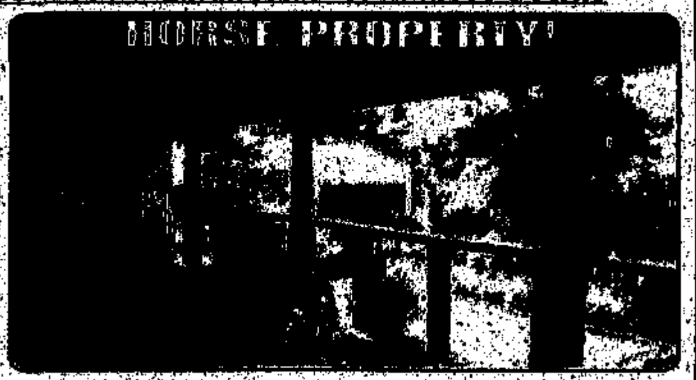
$349,000 • 303 Bancroft, Capitan

3 BD / 2 BA 36.8 beautiful acres with great Capitan views and seasonal creek. Manufactured home has new tile, wood floors and triple detached garage. This would be an excellent horse property. Home is also available with only 15 acres for $230,000, see MLS No. 101763, 15 acre lot available for $85,000, see MLS No. 101760 and 6.8 acre lot available for $45,000, see MLS No. 101761. MLS No. M101432 and MLS No. A101435



$349,000 • 810 Highlands Lane, Ruidoso Downs

Great horse property w/250 ft of river frontage! Serene setting w/ flower gardens, fruit trees & full wraparound decks all on the beautiful river. Very well maintained home has 2 master suites. One opens up to a private covered deck. Huge workroom could be converted to a game room or extra large bdrm. Horse facilities incl. 2 enclosed stalls, tack room, covered hay storage & several paddocks. You have to view this home to appreciate how nice it is. MLS 100736



$174,000 • 513 Second Street, Ruidoso

Ruidoso; 2 BD / 1 & ¾ BA Perfect cabin in the woods. Generous size lot at corner of 2nd and 3rd Streets. Beautifully furnished and renovated with new wood floors and carpet, central heat, skylights, updated bathrooms, refrigerator, exterior paint, new roof, new driveway and lot cleared. MLS 101656

$239,000 • 107 Excalibur Road, Ruidoso

3 BD / 2 BA wonderful home in a great neighborhood. All new appliances, water heater, plumbing fixtures, countertops, bathroom vanities and carpet. Great room has big beautiful windows that bring the tall pines into view. Brand new wraparound deck extends out to the large dining room. Master suite has sitting area and private deck to enjoy the view. Plenty of storage space. MLS#101375

$198,500 • 107 Ginger Place, Ruidoso

3 BD / 2 BA - This is the perfect family home in a great neighborhood. Low maintenance exterior w/ newer stucco and metal roof. Two living areas, generous sized kitchen and utility room. New paint throughout, new energy efficient windows and wood flooring in kitchen. The backyard is fully fenced and there is a large storage shed. Ready to be moved into!

$94,900 • 248 Antelope Trail, Nogal

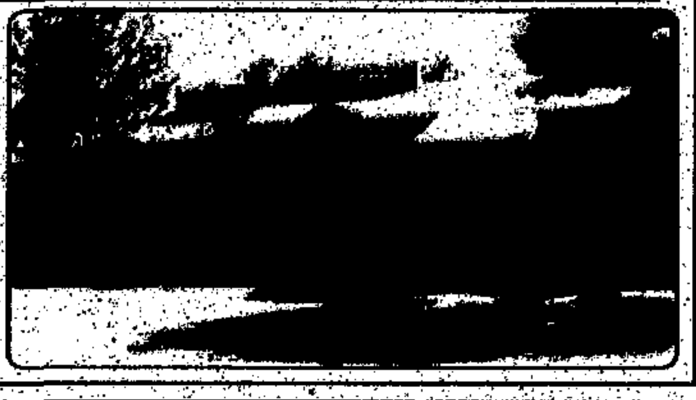
2 BD / 2 BA Nice, clean and well maintained home on beautiful lot with views of Sierra Blanca and rolling hills. This fully furnished home has raised ceilings, metal pitched roof and is on a permanent foundation. Over 3 acres of horse property with seasonal creek. MLS 100323

$424,000 • Sundance Drive, Ruidoso

9+ acres Dramatic Sierra Blanca views from one of the largest tracts in gated section of Sundance Sub. Overlooks Sierra Blanca, The Links and the valley. This is the newest, most prestigious area in Lincoln County, with million dollar homes being built in. MLS# 18770

$132,000 • The Springs Condominiums, 1230 Mechem, #21, Ruidoso

2 BD / 1 Bath, ¾ Bath - Very nice and clean one story condominium on lower level. This unit has been well maintained with a level entry and nice deck out back. Full size washer/dryer, pantry and kitchen with breakfast bar. Built in fireplace make this unit nice and cozy

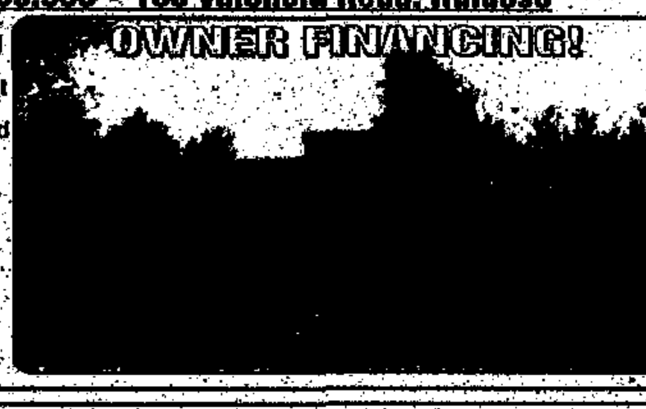


$229,000 • 115 Buckingham Dr.

2 BD / 1-¾ BA Home. Great views from this newly stucco home in Black Forest. Two extra large bedrooms on main level, one with Jacuzzi tub and extra closet. Open kitchen/ living area w/ high vaulted ceilings, wood burning FP and huge windows to take in the valley and mountain views. Separate room on 2nd level could be an office or extra bedroom. Oversized deck is perfect for enjoying the valley view or evening stars. Neighboring lot also available. Owner Financing Available. Deck is being replaced. MLS 101265

$199,900 • 106 Valencia Road, Ruidoso

3 BD / 2 BA completely remodeled home. New roof, appliances, carpet and paint. Great neighborhood and close to town. Owner financing available. MLS 100944



$449,000 • 110 Monica's Court, Ruidoso

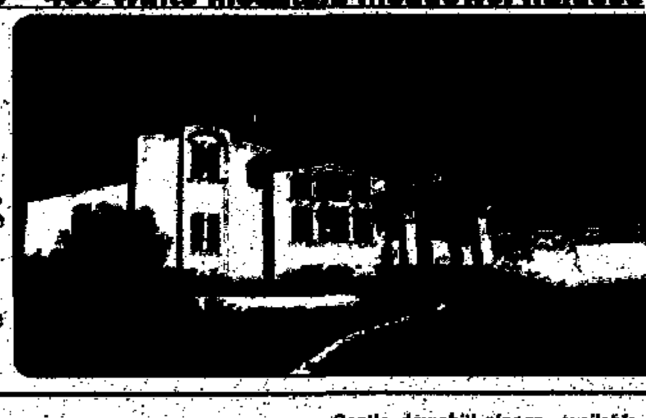
3 BD / 2 BA Secluded mountain paradise located close to midtown and in the tall pines. This fully furnished home has been remodeled with new baths and decks galore. Two large living areas plus a loft/study. There is plenty of space for your family get-togethers whether you're on the decks enjoying the view or inside warming up by the two FPs. This is a perfect retreat and has great rental potential. MLS 101663

$85,000 • 1331 Mechem Dr., #8, Ruidoso

2 BD / 1 BA bright and cherry furnished cabin in the tall pines. New paint, floors, appliances and heater. This home has vaulted ceilings, large living area and charm galore! Bring your toothbrush and move in. Cute, cute, cute! MLS 18747

$480,000 • 405 White Mountain Meadows, Ruidoso

4 BD / 2 Full BA / 1 ¾ BA / 1 ½ BA. Gorgeous home with every upgrade imaginable! Radiant floor heat, refrigerated air, granite, marble, tile, Subzero, Wolf, Boshe, you name it! Great floor plan with two living areas, master suite on main floor, open kitchen concept and dining area. Double attached garage has plenty of extra storage space. This home is first class all the way! MLS 101676

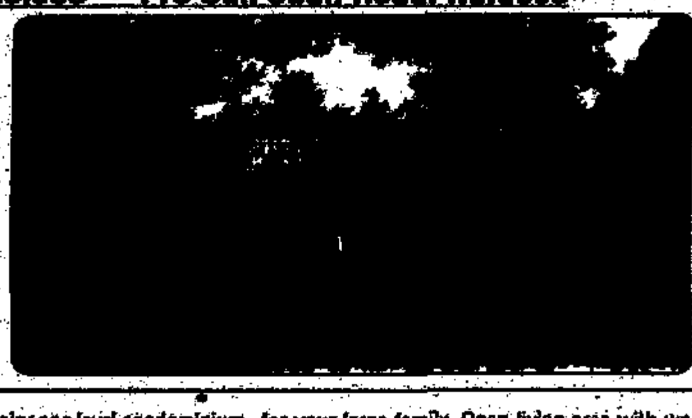


$179,500 • 116 White Pine Road, Ruidoso

4 BD / 1-¾ BA wonderful home on quiet wooded lot that backs up to the National Forest. This home has great views all around it, Sierra Blanca and the Capitans. Vaulted ceilings, playroom, loft and great living area. Two sheds allow for plenty of storage. A must see! MLS# 18360

$129,900 • 116 San Juan Road, Ruidoso

2 BD / 1 BA Nicely furnished cabin in a great neighborhood. Quite decks to enjoy the deer and fresh air. Washing and dryer underneath the home. Level entry. Great back yard. This cabin is priced to sell. Please call rental agency to check on rental status. MLS 101538



LAND

$34,900 North View Drive, Capitan Come and see this great 1.79 acre with lots of usable space. Lot can be accessed from North View or at the end of the cul-de-sac on Rock View. Look for signs. Good lot, nice views, great price. Bring your offer today! MLS# 17971

$21,900 115 Reeder Dr., Ruidoso .18 Acres great views from this southern exposure lot. Buildable downhill slope, recently cleared to forestry standards. Make an offer! MLS# 18815

$24,900 153 S. Candlewood, Ruidoso Quiet seclusion on large lot at the end of the cul-de-sac. Great location for a manufactured home or site built. Recently cleared to forestry standards. MLS# 18818

$55,000 124 Alhambra Dr., Ruidoso - .78 acre large beautiful wooded lot with views. This down sloping lot is very buildable and is over ¾ of an acre (per owner). Large new homes being built in this upper canyon neighborhood. Lot has been cleared to Forestry standards. MLS# 100035

$54,000 118 Alhambra Dr., Ruidoso - .61 acre great building lot with tall pines and views. The upper canyon beauty slopes gently downhill. This would be the perfect spot for your mountain cabin. MLS# 100037

$1,800,000 Everest Drive – 76 Acres of probably the largest tract of land to be developed this close in to Ruidoso. Adjoining National Forest. 4 lots developed. 6-8 more with great views available. Some restrictive covenants in place, may be rewritten. Large plat and topo available in the office. Seller will finance! MLS 18930 and 18931

$100,000 882 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso – Great one half acre commercial lot on Mechem. Adjoining one half acre lot also available. Next door to Stroud Insurance. MLS 100360

$100,000 884 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso – Rare corner one half acre commercial lot on Mechem. Adjoining one half acre also available. Next door to Stroud Insurance. MLS 100359.

$35,000 106 Yule Drive - 3-Lots total (Lots 46, 47, 51), 1-on Yule and 2-lots on South Oak. All adjoining lots. Open views and lots of big trees. Great level building sites with easy access. All City Utilities. Call with any questions. 106 Yule Dr. And 206 South Oak Drive.

$100,000 Lot 21, Vista Rio Bonito, Alto - 17+ acres. Spectacular acreage with views of Sierra Blanca, Capitans, Valleys and the Spencer Theater. Beautiful escarpments all around. Paved roads coming soon! Gate Code 3456. Owner/Agent MLS A101290 or [illegible]

$72,000 Lot 43, 161 [illegible] gorgeous acreage with pristine views of the Capitans. Mostly level lot has multiple building sites, all utilities (except sewer) available at the street, and two adjoining lots are also for sale. MLS #101271 see also MLS Nos. 101269 and 101272

$72,000 Lot 42, 1[illegible] Loma Road, Capitan - 3.2 acres. Gentle downhill slopes, available utilities, and terrific views! In addition, 2 adjoining lots are also for sale. MLS 101269 see also MLS Nos. 101271 and 101272

$77,500 Lot 41, 169 Loma Road, Capitan - 4.13 acres. Beautiful building lot with impressive views of Sierra Blanca. All utilities except sewer are available. No restrictive covenants. Two adjoining lots also for sale

$90,000 MM 18 Hwy 48, Alto 1 commercial acre on Hwy 48 just south of Airport Road. M3 Zoning. MLS 16091

$48,000 MM 10 Hwy 48, Alto One half acre, commercial, multi-family zoned, prime located. Additional land available. MLS 16094

$48,000 MM 10 Hwy 48, Alto Over one half acre, commercial multi-family zoned, prime location. Additional adjoining acreage available. MLS 16093

$89,000 109 Whirlaway Dr., Ruidoso .60 acre upper canyon lots with great views of Sierra Blanca and 250 feet of National Forest frontage. Very buildable with gentle downhill slope. Perfect for your Ruidoso cabin. Lot is cleared under forestry standards. Lots 1 and 2 to be sold together MLS 100034

$349,000 303 Bancroft, Capitan 30 beautiful acres with great views of Capitan and seasonal creek. 3 BD / 2 BA manufactured home with new tile, wood floors and triple detached garage. This would be an excellent horse property or possible subdivide. (Buyer to verify with county). MLS 101432 and see MLS 101435

$22,900 121 King Richard, Ruidoso Great views from this ¼ acre lot. Capitans, Ruidoso and Sierra Blanca. Very buildable lot with tall pines. Nice homes being built in the area. Lot has been cleared and certified for fire safety. All city utilities. Stakes in place. MLS# 18410

$44,900 MM 267 Hwy 70 (North), Glencoe Great building lot just East of Ruidoso. Great 1.6 acres with 360 degree from flat buildable tract. Seller to grant easement to top of lot. Must walk lot to appreciate. MLS 17101

$60,000 14 Monjeau Lookout Road, Alto Beautiful secluded, wooded 8 plus acres on Monjeau. Has a stream. Terrific property for a permanent home or weekend getaway. Just past Villa Madonna on left. See signs. MLS 101471

$270,000 Lot 22, Vista Rio Bonito 11 Acres of the most absolutely breathtaking views of the county, Sierra Blanca, Valley, Capitans, and Bluffs. Locate your dream home on the edge of a cliff with these spectacular views. MLS 101430 or MLS 101431

[illegible] 1 Acre [illegible] utilities at property. Perfect lot for your Alto home. MLS#101478

RESIDENTIAL

$140,000 129 Butler Street, Ruidoso 3 BD / 1 BA traditional Ruidoso cabin! Three lots. Two commercial. Log sided cabin, prime location, just a few steps to Sudderth. Large area in heart of Ruidoso. Zoned C3: No setbacks and no parking required. Located directly behind Misty M. Gourmet!

$149,000 79 Rio Street, Ruidoso – 1 BD / 1/2 BA very cute cabin on the Rio Ruidoso River. Walk to Midtown. Very good nightly rental. Casey's Cabins will handle rental. Owner will consider financing. Owner is New Mexico Real Estate Broker. MLS# 18926

$249,900 113 Everest Dr., Ruidoso 4 BD / 1 ¾ BA very secluded cabin in the woods. Close to town. Lots of bedrooms. Furniture is negotiable. Great area in Ruidoso adjoining new upscale development. MLS 100718

$299,000 112 Laughing Horse Trail, Capitan – 4 BD / 2 BA / 2-¾ BA home. Terrific 8.7 acres of horse property with views galore! Main home has two master suites (3 bedrooms total), upgraded fixtures (plumbing, ceiling fans, etc.), taped and hand troweled walls in designer colors. Guest house would make great rental with covered decks and wood burning fireplace. Outside facilities include tack room, three stalls, triple carport and xeriscaped garden. Easy access for horse trailers. MLS 100550

$95,000 217 Hemlock Circle, Ruidoso 3 BD / 2 BA newer manufactured home on a very nice view lot. All city utilities. Well priced and would make a great home or rental. MLS 100890

$287,000 228 Snell Road, Nogal 3 BD / 2 BA – 40 Acres of great horse property at the end of Snell Road. This property features a well maintained home and a large horse barn with corrals and tack room. Extra out buildings for storage. Enjoy the amazing 360° views off the covered deck. MLS #100797.

$369,000 Alpine Village Road, Ruidoso 4 BD / 2 Full Baths, 1 ¼ BA, 1 ¼ BA home with very private setting yet close to town. Hot tub on huge deck overlooking valley below. Beautifully furnished. Must get inside this wonderful home to feel its charm. MLS 100749

$485,000 111 Cedar Ln. White Mountain Meadows Exquisite 4 BD 2 ½ BA custom home in peaceful, quiet location. Built in 2001 with beautiful tile floors, cut Berber carpet, recessed lighting, central vac, French doors, cherry cabinets, radiant floor heating, 2 fireplaces and pellet stove, lush landscaping, covered courtyard, basement storage, and much, much more! Best value in White Mountain Meadows! MLS 17387

$175,000 MM 18 Hwy 48 3 BD / 2 BA home on ½ acre, R-3 zoned, convenient location, additional two full adjoining acres available. Located across from the [illegible] Ranch. Just south of Airport Road. Won't last. MLS 101191

$178,000 221 Carlos' Lane, Ruidoso 3 Units, 1 BD / 1 BA Great location with good rental history. Rents are currently at $500.00 per month but projected by local rental company $550.00 per month. All three units include 1 bedroom, 1 bath with fireplaces. Knotty Pine interior and updated flooring. Call Steven Gomez for more information 257-0655.

$377,000 1115 Hull Road, Ruidoso 3 BD / 3 BA Beautiful large home with pine wood accents, vaulted ceilings, new kitchen counters, and stone fireplace. This home has three master bedroom suites. Main master has Jacuzzi tub, walk-in shower, fireplace and huge closet with built-ins. Lower master has separate entrance, and plumbing for a kitchenette. This house has plenty of storage. (Outside of home to be power washed/painted and decks sealed). MLS 101379

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$270,000 141 Loma Grande Road, Nogal 3 BD / 1-¾ BA. Horse lover's dream on the edge of National Forest! True log cabin 3 BD / 2 BA on two secluded acres of beautiful land. Tack room and corral, plus clean mobile as rental or guest quarters. Large deck, hot tub, and view of the Sacramentos! MLS 100962

$145,000 211 Hemlock Circle, Ruidoso 3 BD / 1-½ BA Very nice home on two wooded lots. This single-wide, with an add-on, has a large family room, dining room and ceiling fans. The back yard is fenced and there is a storage shed to the side of the house. Large covered deck is perfect for relaxing and enjoying the Ruidoso weather.

$109,000 1230 Mechem, #13, Ruidoso 4 BD / 2-¾ BA – Beautiful, large condominium in The Springs. This unit has two fireplaces, three covered decks, and a wet bar. The master bedroom could be on the main level or leave the French doors off and enjoy a second living area. The upstairs has a loft area that would make a great office. With the garden like setting and garage, this makes a perfect full-time or part-time home. MLS 101536

$395,000 115 Cedar Lane, Ruidoso 3 BD / 2 BA Beautiful White Mountain Meadows home with 500 foot workshop. Great split floor plan, with open living area, wet bar, granite countertops, maple cabinets and vaulted ceilings. Large walk-in closets with built in shelves. Double oversized garage and plenty of level parking. MLS 101584

$192,000 [illegible] White Mountain Dr., #61, Ruidoso 3 BD / 2 + ¾ BA, Sq. Ft. 1581 beautifully furnished large end unit at Whispering Bluff that has been remodeled to give it that Ruidoso cabin charm. Great views of Sierra Blanca from the two decks. This unit has an open kitchen, large utility room and extra room that could be a bedroom or office. This home is tastefully appointed and turnkey. MLS 101283

$129,000 1230 Mechem Drive, #25, Ruidoso 2 BD / 1 ¾ BA Bright and airy one level condominium with high vaulted ceilings, all new tile floors, wood blinds, new paint and window screens. Great open kitchen concept with large breakfast bar, newer refrigerator, dishwasher, washer/dryer and gas forced air. Great covered deck overlooks gazebo. MLS 101718

$134,000 128 West Deer Trail, Capitan 3 BD / 2 BA This home feels and looks brand new. Enjoy some spectacular Sierra Blanca Views from the covered deck or the living room. With over 1 acre of land the property gives you a secluded feeling. Upgraded insulation and refrigerated air make for year around comfort. A must see! MLS 101605

$218,000 214 Metz Drive, #248, Ruidoso 3 BD / 3 ½ BA spacious, fully furnished condominium in desirable Innsbrook Village, three bedrooms, each with private bath, large fireplace, two decks overlooking golf course and pond. Newer carpet, level entry. PRICED TO SELL. MLS 100424

$158,000 508 Third Street 2 BD / ¼ BA - Darling cabin on two great lots (.94 Acres total), located close to midtown corner of Chelsea & Third St). This home has vaulted ceilings, pine and rope accents throughout. Large picture window brings in the wooded view. Upstairs loft has bedroom and plenty of room for a study/library. Live in the current cabin and build your dream house on the second lot. Great potential/ investment opportunity. MLS 101744

$144,900 302 Gaslight Road, Ruidoso 3 BD / 2 BA Very nice manufactured home nestled in the pines. This home has vaulted ceilings, lots of cabinets, a utility room, spacious living areas, and a great brick fireplace. Master bathroom has a large tub and a separate walk-in shower. Two covered decks and fenced backyard make this the perfect retreat. MLS 101684

$485,000 408 Warwick Dr. 3 BD / 3 Full BA / 1 ½ BA. 2450 sq. Ft. Absolutely beautiful custom built insulated log home. Zoned heating and air-conditioning. This is a planned mountain home community.

$199,500 121 Hansen Dr., Ruidoso 3 BD / 2 BA - This home has been well maintained and is as clean as can be. Two large living areas, both with fireplaces, generous sized kitchen and bedrooms, covered front deck and utility room with sink. The garden like setting, double garage plus storage and large lot that goes street to street make this your ideal home. Priced to sell. MLS#101159

$448,000 90 Eagle Creek Canyon, Ruidoso 3 BD / 2 BA Charming artist's home in beautiful Eagle Creek Canyon on over 8 acres. Lots of knotty pine accents throughout the house - give it a great cabin like feel. Master suite has large Jacuzzi tub looking out over the pines. Large stone fireplace, built-in bookshelves, and open bright windows make this an extremely comfortable home. This home has just been painted inside and out. MLS 100863

$199,000 118 Juniper Drive, Ruidoso 4 BD / 2 & ¾ BA - This four bedroom home would be great for your large family. Open living area with wood burning FP, oak floors and cabinets in the kitchen, built-in swing set in the backyard and double garage with car lift make this the perfect home. Master bedroom has vaulted ceilings, wrap around deck and Jacuzzi tub. This home has plenty of storage and a new roof. MLS 101640

$353,000 128 Alhambra, Ruidoso 3 BD / 2 BA / ½ BA / ¼ BA Beautiful newly constructed, high efficiency, home in Upper Canyon. Granite counter tops, upgraded fixtures, bamboo flooring, pinewood ceilings, Anderson Low-E windows, solid wood doors, Heatilator FP and two huge decks to enjoy the views. Two separate living areas, one with private entrance. Per builder, this home qualifies for energy efficiency rebate. MLS 101590

$148,000 102 N. Willow, Ruidoso 1 BD / 1 BA – You have to see this Ruidoso Charmer. Great Cabin with a lot of retro flair! This home is close to Midtown, fully furnished and has a large backyard. The inside is as cute and clean as can be. Make this your weekend getaway home. MLS #101367

$900,000 1027-B North Lane, Ruidoso Downs Wonderful horse facility w/easement into Ruidoso Downs Racetrack and Lincoln Nat'l Forest. Full service riding stables (all equipment included with horses) or use the completely fenced (2" pipe) property to house your own horses. Ten large pens, 7 finished stalls, tackroom, covered hay/sawdust building with concrete flooring, studio apartment and business office. Stables known as "Cowboys Riding Stables." Great income opportunity as riding stables or boarding facility. MLS 100958

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COMMERCIAL

$749,000 1500 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso C2 Commercial Business. Huge building, 3 large showroom areas, and separate office. Kitchen area, 2 restrooms, 2 levels, 2 storage area bays, larger area has upgraded wiring. Huge storage area upstairs also 3 smaller storage areas upstairs, 4 storage areas downstairs, In-wall Vac system, and elevator. MLS C100733.

$230,000 230 Paradise Canyon, Ruidoso Land, building and well established wood-working/cabinetry business for sale. Terrific location with high traffic volume. All woodworking equipment and inventory included. MLS# 17460

$319,000 431 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan - Terrific location in Capitan across the street from Brewers Gas Station. Completely remodeled to commercial code. The building has up to 7 offices. Plenty of parking. New efficient heat/air-conditioning. Perfect for a doctor, dentist, insurance or real estate office. MLS 101516

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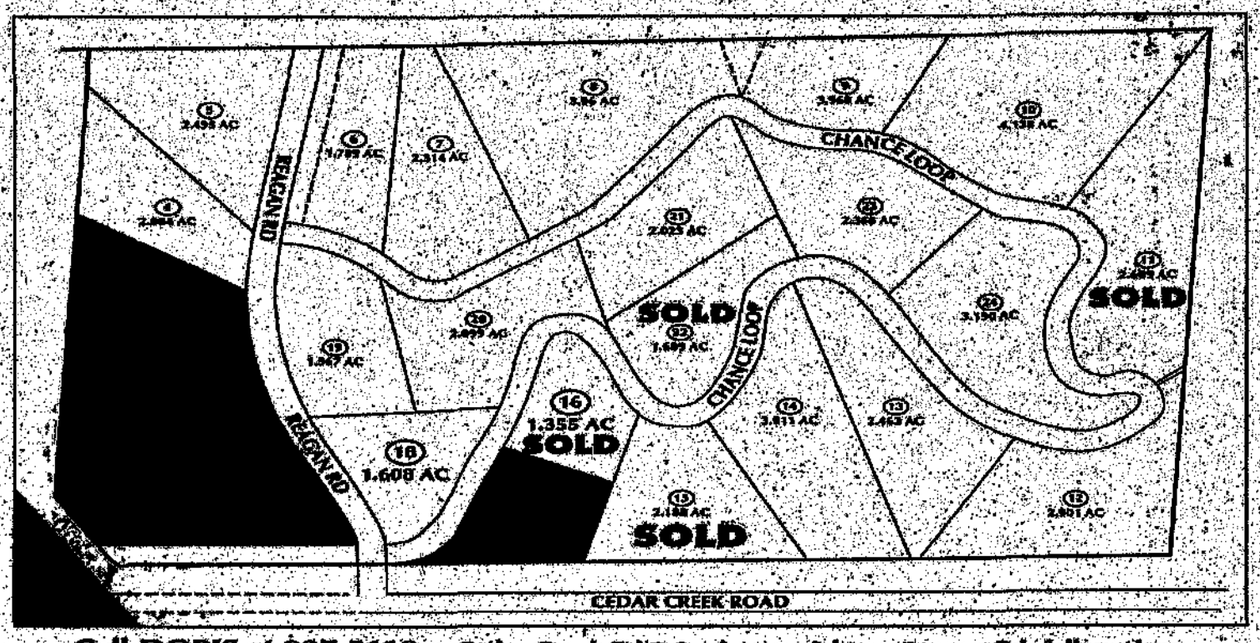

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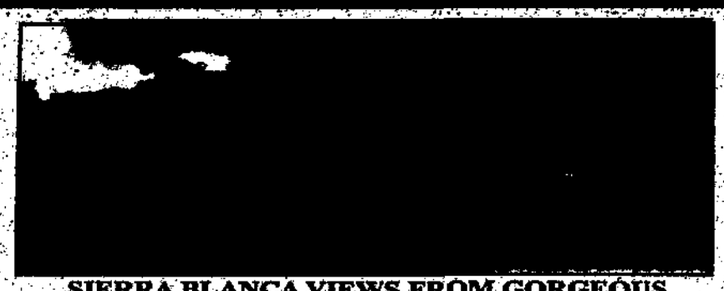

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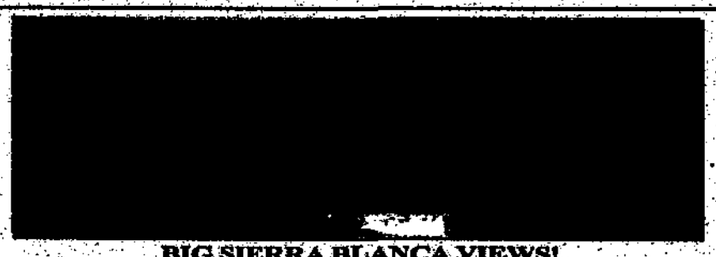

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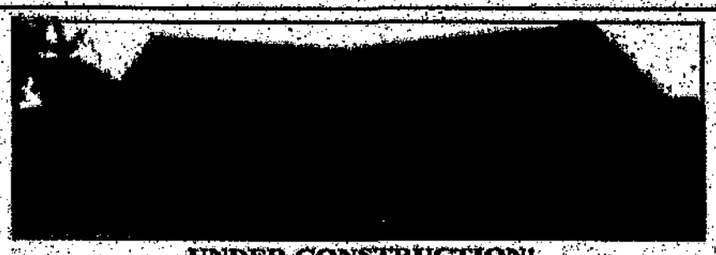

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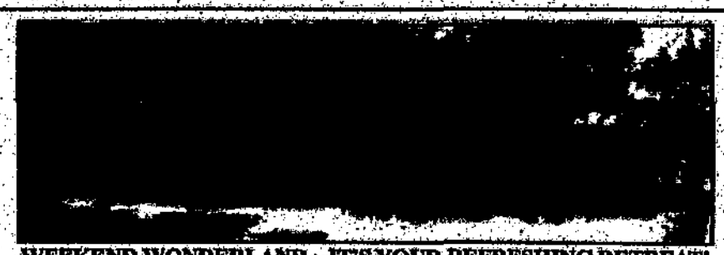

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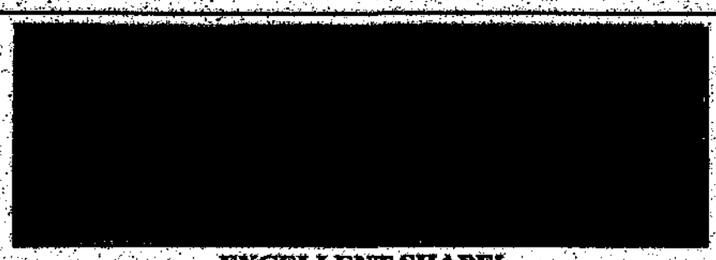
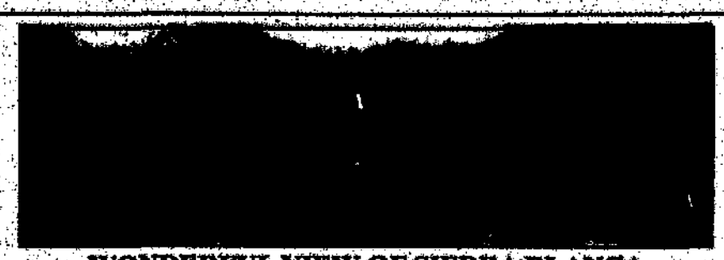
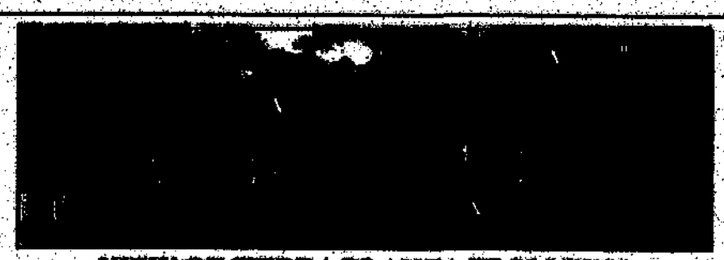
2 bdrm., 1-3/4 bath cedar cabin in the Upper Canyon w/snow in the winter, cool air in the summer, nature's beauty all year round. Wonderful knotty pine interior. Att. double gar., large workshop, building & a storage shed. $254,000. #100648.



EXCELLENT SHAPE!
Indoor – outdoor living. 2 bdrm., 1-3/4 bath cabin seated in the trees. Fairly new kitchen addition. Great rental history. Open views, covered front & back deck. A/C plus all city utilities. $189,888. #100292.



WONDERFUL VIEW OF SIERRA BLANCA
in this very well designed 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with lots of updates. Partially furnished. All one level, lots of outdoor living. Natural gas fireplace. Must see! $159,000. #100092



VIEW OF SIERRA BLANCA FROM THIS CLEAN, QUAINT 1 LEVEL HOME
in the pines w/cozy fireplace, convenient to midtown. Decks front & back w/storage. Updated w/metal roof, Trane furnace & ref. air. Storm windows & ceiling insulation added. Furn $139,900. #100560

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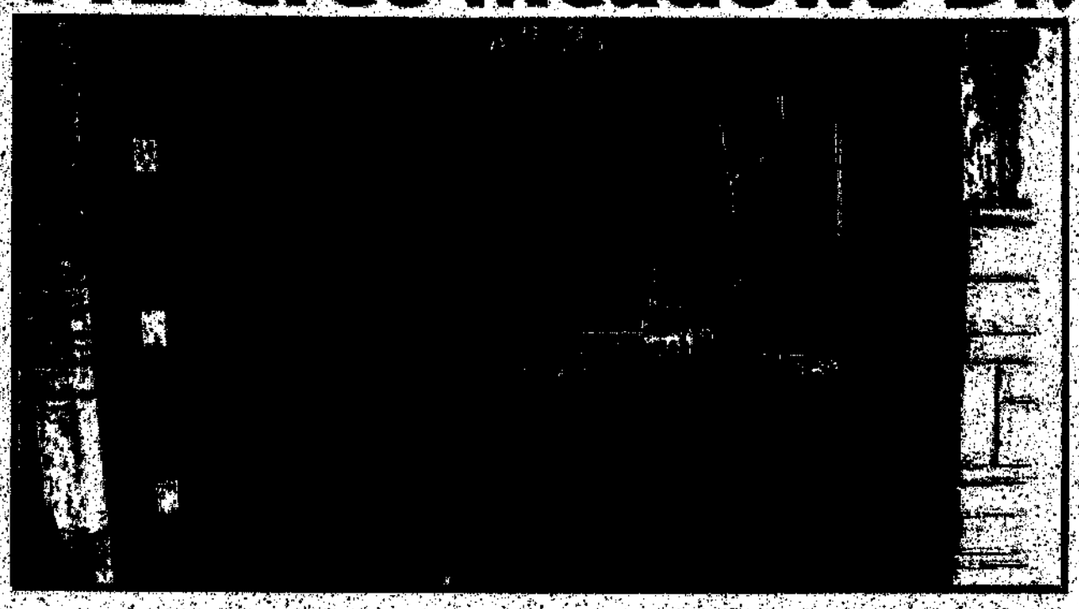

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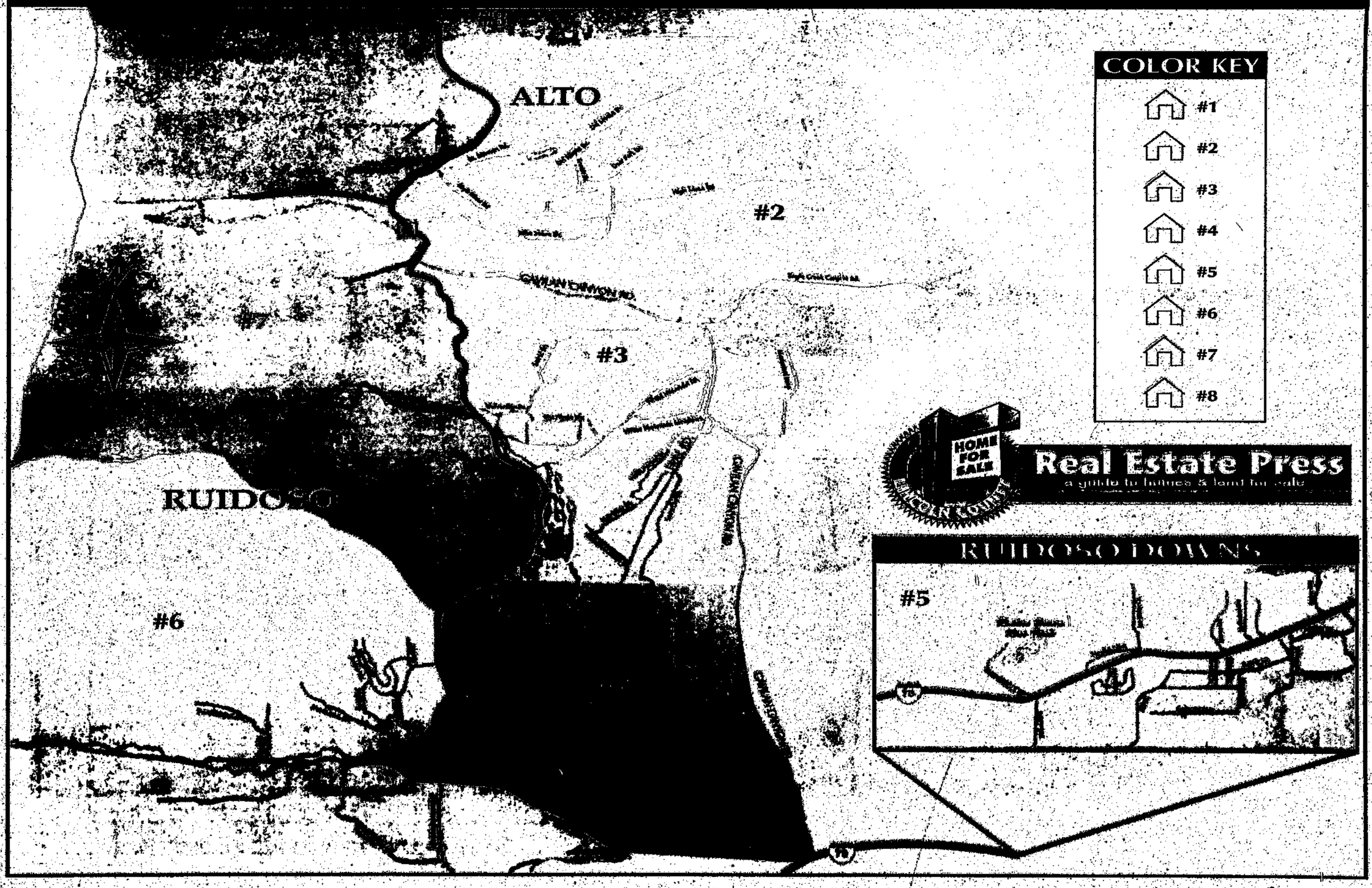

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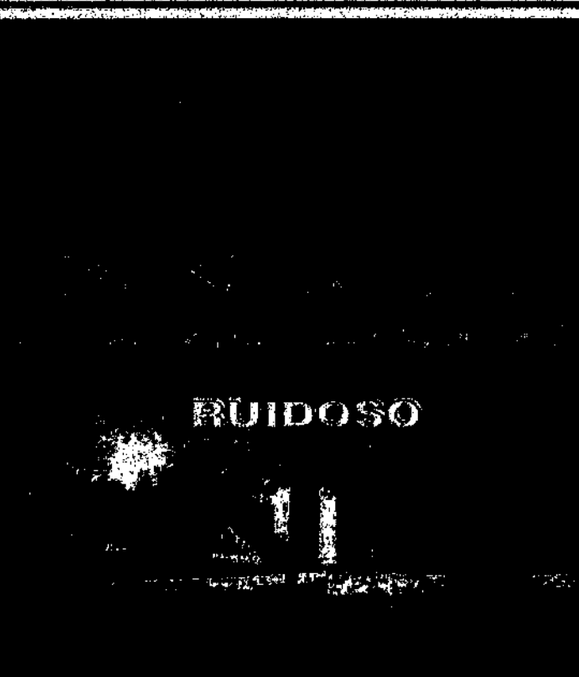
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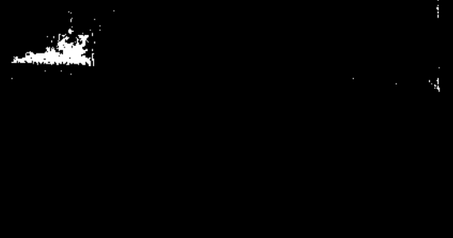
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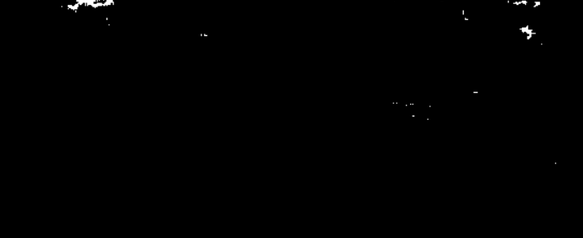
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The following units at AA Storage Inc, 2247 W. Hwy 70, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346 are past due. If payment is not received within 15 days of the 2nd publication of this notice storage contents will be sold by auction on December 31st, Monday from 12 to 5.

Unit # F-16, 19 Greg Stewart, 127 Hitching Post, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346. Misc. furniture and household

Unit # F-G Rita Lattimer, 2718 Desert Garden Ln. SW Albuquerque, NM 87106. Misc. household

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the City of Ruidoso Downs Planning and Zoning Commission during their regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. City Hall, Hubbard Room Council Chamber, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs, NM will consider adoption of a resolution for determining reasonable notice of meetings of the City of Ruidoso Downs Governing Body for the next twelve months.

/s/
Steve Dunigan
Planning & Personnel Services Director

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-07-396

MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CARMEN SUE JAMES, and if married, JOHN DOE A (true name unknown), her spouse; and JOHN DOE, and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 19, 2007, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 200 Lancashire, Ruidoso, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 42, Block 6 of CAMELOT SUBDIVISION, UNIT 1, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the amended plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on August 21, 1973, in Tube No. 492, and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home permanently attached thereto and more particularly described as a 2005 Palm Harbor double wide, VIN No. PH1947B4AB, Plate Number 66214MHA.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 9, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $104,960.42 and the same bears interest at 6.25% per annum from December 1, 2007. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $341.48. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

Nick Vega,
Special Master
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- Elementary School
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Personnel Office
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Mescalero, NM 88340
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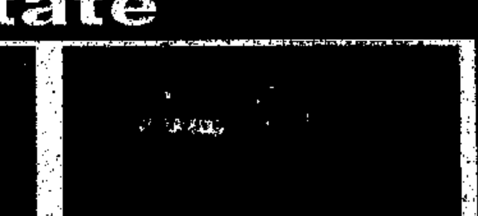

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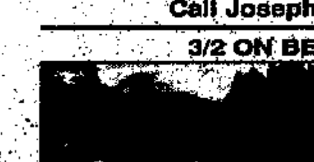

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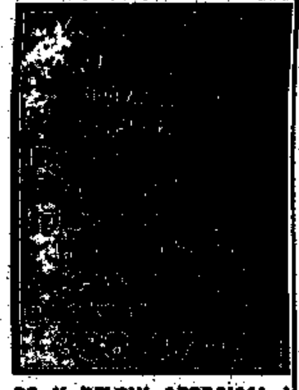

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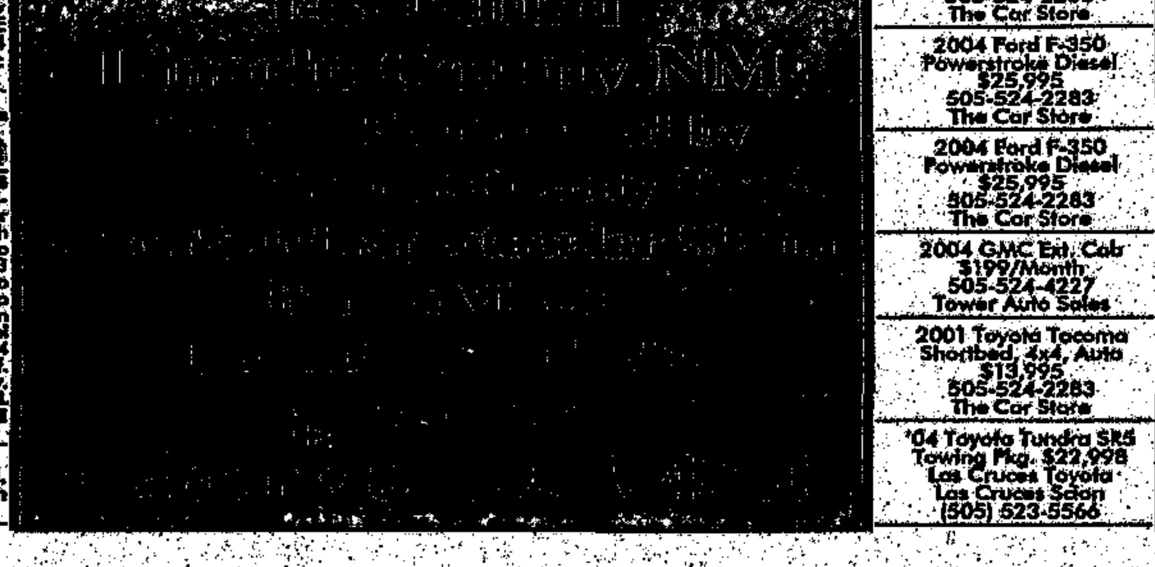

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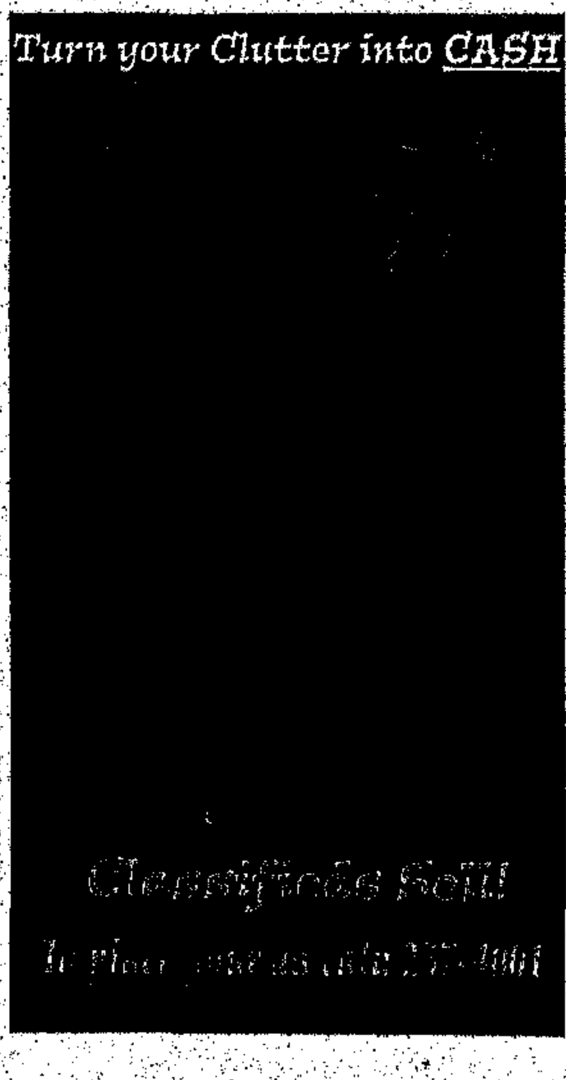

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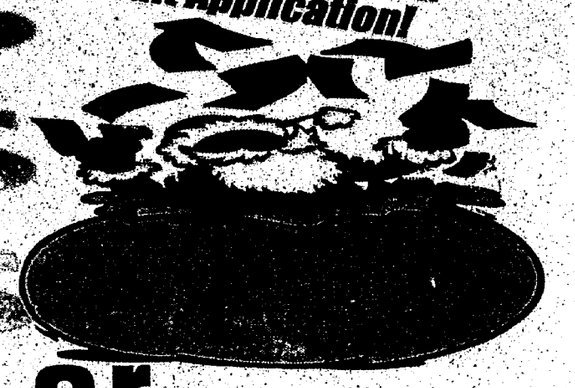

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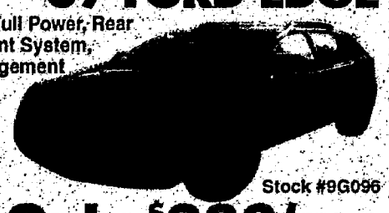
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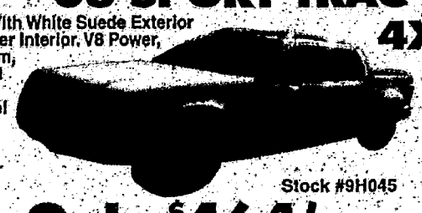
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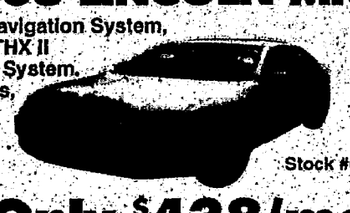
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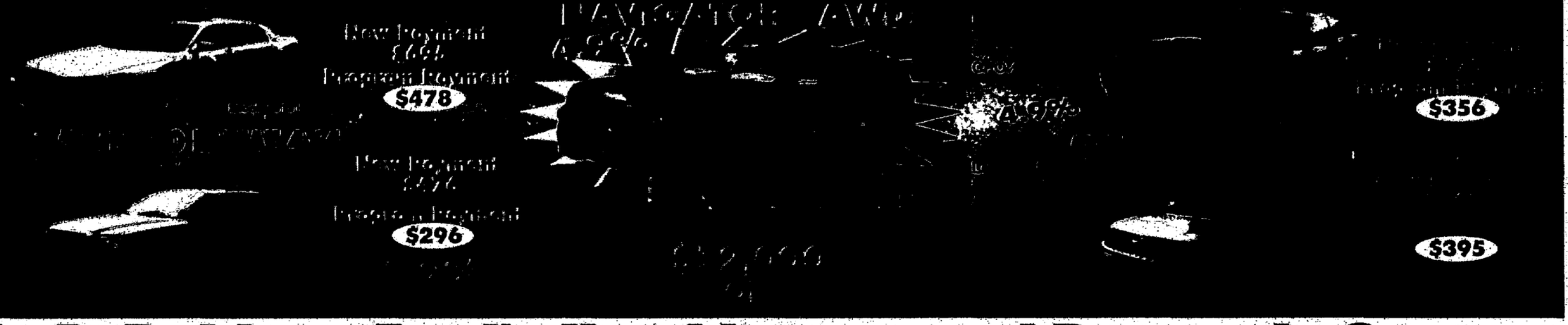

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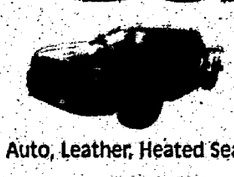
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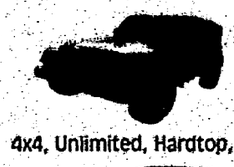
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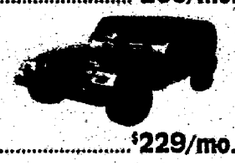
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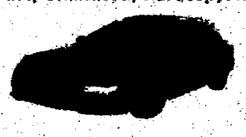
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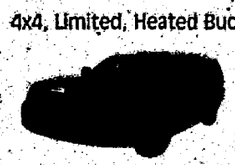
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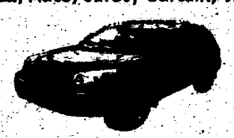
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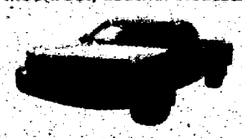
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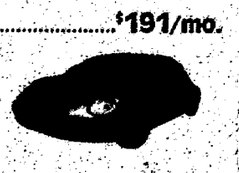
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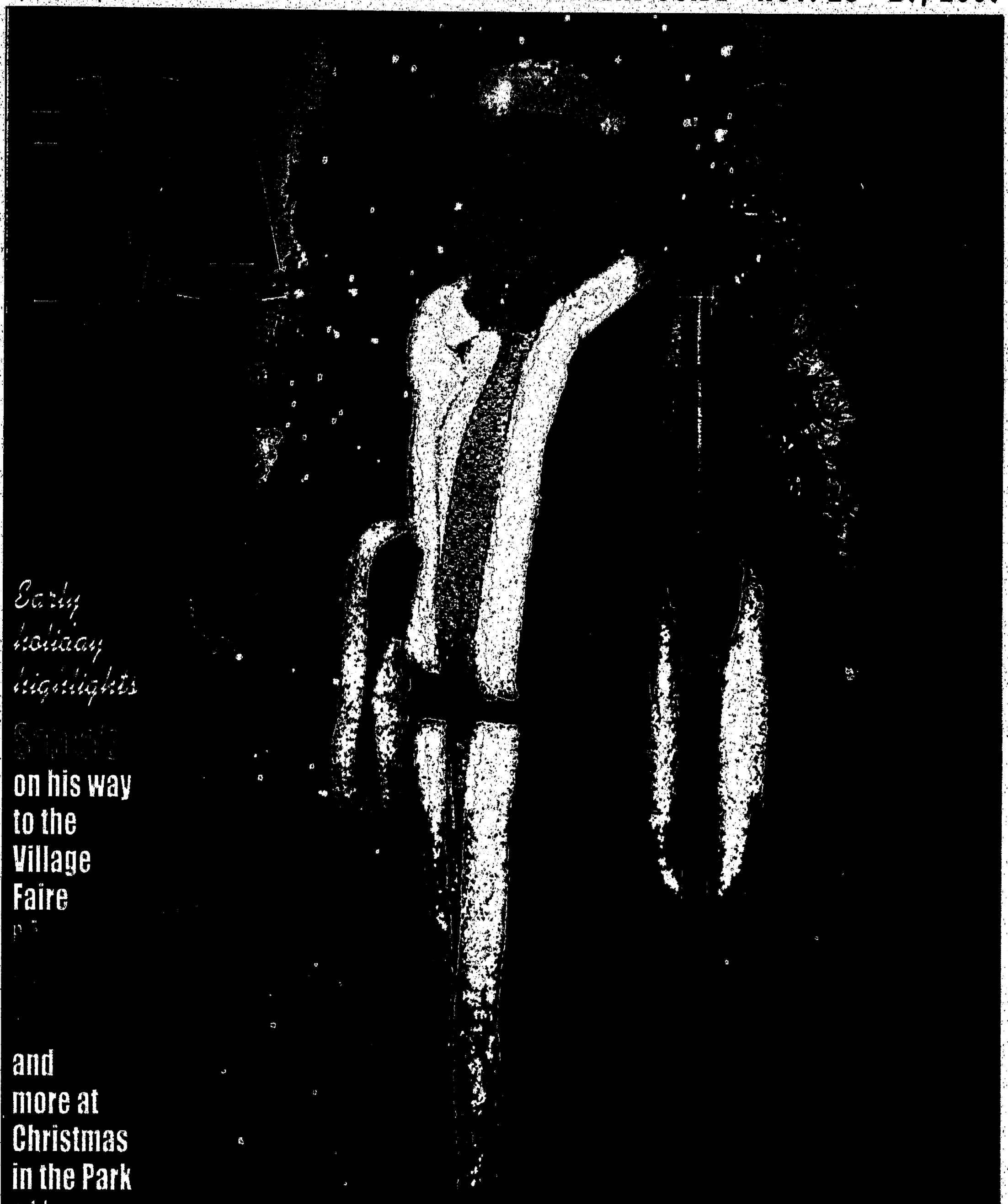

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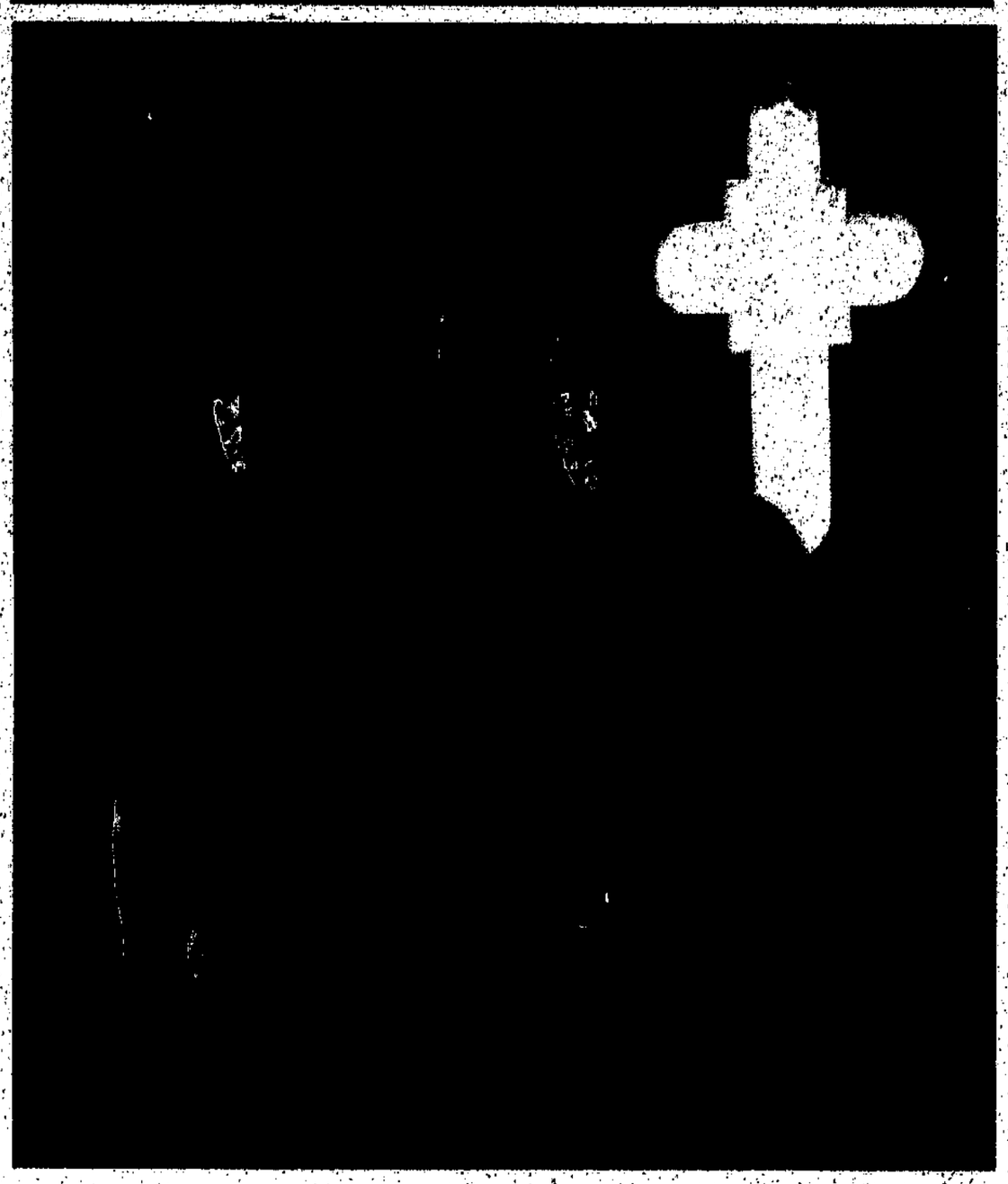

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9-11 Christmas Jubilee
16-17 Treasures of Sierra Blanca Fine Art Show
21 FOL's Annual Lighting of the Village
22 Ski Apache Opening Day-Lifts 8:45-4:00
29 Christmas in the Park
29-30 Walk through Bethlehem: Dec. 1,2,6,7,9

DECEMBER

1-2 Village Faire – River Crossing
2 Snacks with Santa, ENMU Choir and Corale Community Sing-Along – Spencer Theater
8 FOL Electric Light Parade
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22 FOL and Apache Torch Light Parade

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November 24: (Mescalero) Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino, 8 p.m. Los Lonely Boys are relatively new to the Latin Rock music scene, but are sure to have longevity, if their 2005 mega-hit "How Far is Heaven" is any indication. Tickets on sale now: $25-$75. Info: 877-277-5677.

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November 30-December 2, 7-9: (Ruidoso) The Lincoln County Community Theatre wraps up their 2007 season with 6 performances of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever.* The *Seattle Times* calls it "one of the best Christmas stories ever – and one of the funniest." Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center. Show times and ticket info: 257-4328 or www.ruidoso.net/lcct. A Festival of Lights event.

A Tuna Christmas

November 30-December 1, 7-8: (Ruidoso) Mountain Annie's Dinner Theater, 2710 Sudderth, Midtown Ruidoso. Come by for great food, ambience and live theatre, featuring the hysterical antics of *A Tuna Christmas*, presented by At Play Productions. Admission is $19.95, including dinner, show, tax and gratuity. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner is served at 7, show begins at 8. Info, reservations: 257-7982 or www.mountainannies.com.

A Holly Jolly Christmas

November 30-December 2: (Tularosa) Alamogordo Music Theater presents their 2nd annual Christmas review featuring stars from AMT and music by Earl & the Dynamics, served up with a generous helping of laughter. Friday and Saturday, dinner at 6 p.m., show at 7. Sunday, Dec. 2, dinner at 1 p.m. and show at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased by phone (with a credit card) at 585-4575 or in person at Coffee & More. Ticket price of $25 includes dinner and show.

Special Events

Outdoor Artisans Fair

November 23-25: (Ruidoso) River Rendezvous and Chartreuse Moose, across from the swimming pool on Sudderth Drive. 10 a.m. to dusk, with arts, crafts and food vendors (weather permitting). Music provided by Mark Remington and friends. Info: 258-3409, 630-1096.

Christmas in the Park

November 29: (Ruidoso) Celebrate the start of the season with us with a visit from Santa, music, hot chocolate by the bonfires and more. Schoolhouse Park, 6 p.m. Info: 888-71-LIGHT or visit www.ruidosofol.org.

Walk Through Bethlehem

November 29-30: (Ruidoso) Take an interactive stroll through a re-created Bethlehem, as it would have appeared at the time of Christ's birth. Visitors are welcome to talk with a cast of more than 60 actors as they walk through. Angus Church of the Nazarene, 6-8 p.m. Additional performances Dec. 1-2, 6-7 and 9. Info: 336-8032 or ruidosofol.org

Village Faire

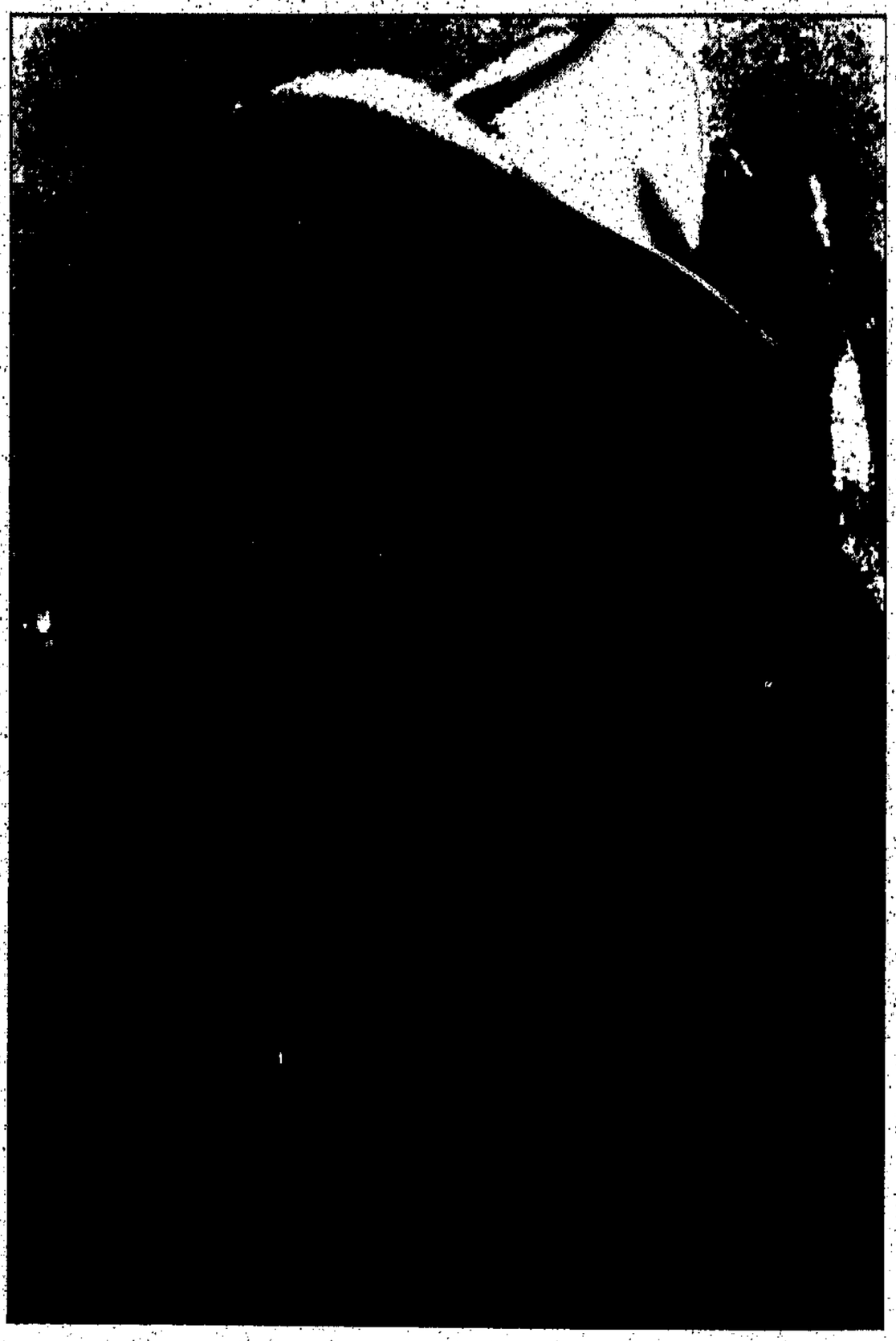
December 1: (Ruidoso) An old-fashioned village open-market setting, complete with storytellers, actors, artisans, shopkeepers in period dress, strolling carolers, food, music, carriage rides and more. River Crossing at Ruidoso, 1800 Sudderth Dr., 10 a.m-3 p.m. Free admission. Info: 888-71-LIGHT or visit ruidosofol.org.

Capitan Library Holiday Bazaar

December 1: (Capitan) Shop for gift items, Christmas decorations and ornaments, baked goods and See's candy. Info: 354-3035.

Carrizozo Woman's Club Country Christmas Hoedown

December 1: (Carrizozo) 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Eleventh and D Ave. in Carrizozo. Shop for gift items, crafts, art and baked goods. Navajo Taco dinner available 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. for $6. Wassail and desserts available 2-4 p.m. Door prizes on the hour.



Country legend Lynn Anderson gets us rockin' 'round the Christmas tree as she kicks off the holiday season at the Spencer Theater in concert tonight at 8 p.m.

This will be a family-fun holiday show sure to prompt the Christmas spirit for everyone in town. Excellent seats are available for $49 and $46. Call the Spencer Theater Box Office at 336-4800 for tickets or visit www.spencertheater.com.

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Visit the Village Faire

Costumed revelers will once again visit from Cloudcroft, including the Skyline Faeries and these very handsome young men to help us all get into a festive mood. Merchants and artists will also be on hand to help with our holiday shopping.

The Festival of Lights is proud to host the 2nd annual Village Faire, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1, at River Crossing, 1800 Sudderth Dr., Admission to the event is free.

With a touch of Dickens, a twist of Renaissance and a taste of the traditional, the event features carolers, horse-drawn carriage rides, artists, performances by dancers and singers, storytellers, ShellBell the Clown painting faces, St. Nick, and even some very special Faeries.

Artists offering their original artwork include wearable bead art by Darra McMasters and Ray and Betsy Shaw with their unique sculptures and masks.

You will be treated to special Christmas season performances by members of the high school choir and band, Boot Scootin' Senior Line Dancers, Aaron LaCombe (owner of Landlocked), Doug Fuqua (seen weekly at Wendell's Lounge at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, Ada Bear (of Ada Bear Satellites) and the Cloudcroft Skyline Faeries.

Scrumptious brats, burgers and hot dogs will be prepared by the Bada Bing Bada Bagel boys, and lots of hot chocolate and other beverages will be served.

There will be stadium-style bleachers for your comfort while you enjoy the entertainment, and the bleachers will also be made available for the Dec. 8 Electric Light Parade.

Don't miss this great community offering from the Festival of Lights committee.

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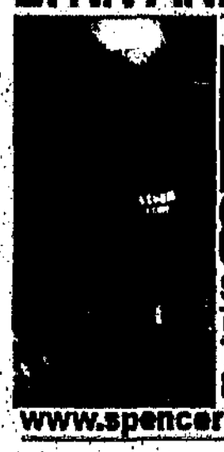
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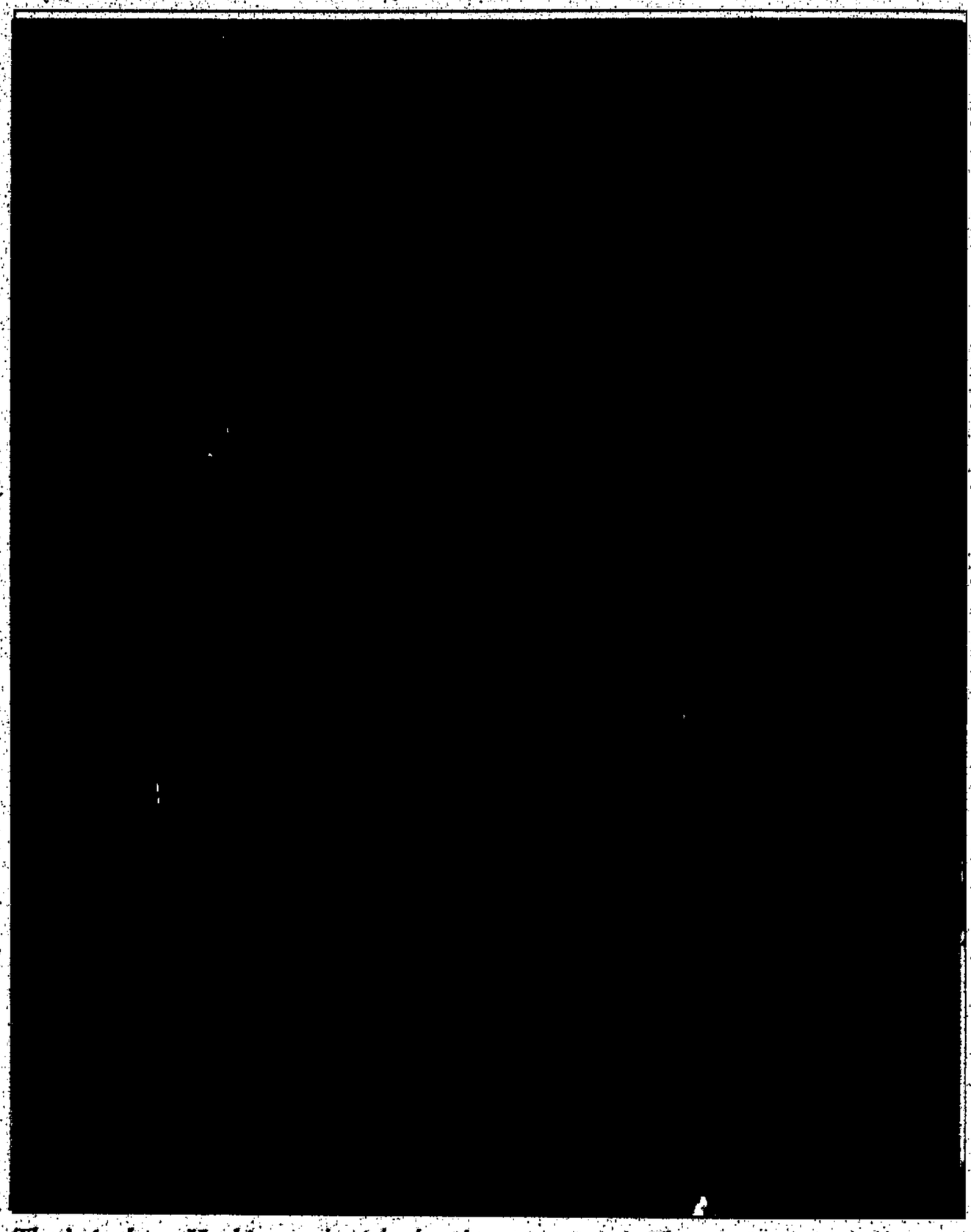

That's Anthony Hopkins on the right, but then again, it isn't. These motion-capture films can really give one a headache.

Enchanted

Critic's Quip: "Disney's gloriously tongue-in-cheek parody of its own princess genre is notable for how its G-rated heroine makes us realize how far a bit of innocence and optimism can uplift our outlook in today's untrusting world."

– Laura Clifford
REELING REVIEWS

A classic Disney animated fairy tale meets with the modern, live-action romantic comedy in Walt Disney Pictures' *Enchanted*. Featuring an all-star cast, the film follows the beautiful princess Giselle (Amy Adams) as she is banished by an evil queen (Susan Sarandon) from her magical, musical animated land and finds herself in the gritty reality of the streets of modern-day Manhattan. Shocked by this strange new environment that doesn't operate on a "happily ever after" basis, Giselle is now adrift in a chaotic world badly in need of enchantment. But when Giselle begins to fall in love with a charmingly flawed divorce lawyer (Patrick Dempsey) who has come to her aid – even though she is already promised to a perfect fairy tale prince (James Marsden) back home – she has to wonder: can a storybook view of romance survive in the real world?

Now showing in Ruidoso, starring Amy Adams, Patrick Dempsey, James Marsden, Susan Sarandon, Timothy Spall, Idina Menzel. Directed by Kevin Lima. Rated PG.

Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium

Critic's Quip: "Not without its flaws, *Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium* is a minor but honorable effort that kids and adults will be able to enjoy together or apart."

– Dustin Putman
THEMOVIEBOY.COM

A princess finds herself in a decidedly un-enchanted world when she's plopped in the middle of modern-day Manhattan in the new film Enchanted.

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Now showing in Ruidoso, starring Dustin Hoffman, Natalie Portman, Jason Bateman. Directed by Zach Helm. Rated G.

Beowulf

Critic's Quip: "A thrilling visit to an alien time and place, devoid of a single dull moment and spiked with something interesting, unexpected or viscerally gripping in virtually every frame."

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SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER

In a legendary time of heroes, the mighty warrior Beowulf battles the demon Grendel and incurs the hellish wrath of the beast's ruthlessly seductive mother. Their epic clash forges the timeless legend of Beowulf.

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Look out kid! *It's not that the dragon doesn't like you. It's just that, well, he's a dragon, and breathing fire is what they do, especically in* Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium.

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Based on sales from hundreds of independent bookstores across America for the week ending Nov. 18, 2007.

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1. A Thousand Splendid Suns
Khaled Hosseini, Riverhead, $25.95, 9781594489501

2. World Without End
Ken Follett, Dutton, $35, 9780525950073

3. Double Cross – Debut
James Patterson, Little Brown, $27.99, 9780316015059

4. Confessor – Debut
Terry Goodkind, Tor, $29.95, 9780765315236

5. Stone Cold
David Baldacci, Grand Central, $26.99, 9780446577397

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. You (Staying Young!)
Michael F. Roizan, Mehmet C. Oz; Free press, $26, 9780743292566

2. The Daring Book for Girls – Debut
Andrea Buchannan, Miriam Peskowitz, Collins, $24.95, 9780061472572

3. I Am America (and So Can You!)
Stephen Colbert, et al., Grand Central, $26.99, 9780446580502

4. The Dangerous Book for Boys
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5. Deceptively Delicious
Jessica Seinfeld, Steve Vance (Illus.), Collins, $24.95, 9780061251344

PAPERBACK FICTION

1. Water for Elephants
Sara Gruen, Algonquin, $13.95, 9781565125605

2. Love in the Time of Cholera
Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Vintage, $14.95, 9780307389732

3. The Gathering
Anne Enright, Black Cat, $14, 9780802170392

4. The Pillars of the Earth – Debut
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5. Suite Francaise
Irene Nemirovsky, Vintage, $14.95, 9781400096275

PAPERBACK NON-FICTION

1. Eat, Pray, Love
Elizabeth Gilbert, Penguin, $15, 9780143038412

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Greg Mortenson, David Oliver Relin, Penguin, $15, 9780143038252

3. Into the Wild (Movie tie-in edition)
Jon Krakauer, Anchor, $13.95, 9780307387172

4. The Omnivore's Dilemma
Michael Pollan, Penguin, $16, 9780143038580

5. The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid
Bill Bryson, Broadway, $14.95, 9780767919371

The world's most famous polar bear

ROBIN SMITH
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Knut: How One Little Polar Bear Captivated the World
By Juliana, Isabella and Craig Hatkoff
Scholastic, $16.99
40 pages
ISBN 9780545047166

I wonder if Thomas Dorflein, the zookeeper at the Berlin Zoo, ever thought he would spend half a year as a foster parent to a polar bear? When Tosca, a female polar bear at the zoo, gave birth to two healthy cubs, she showed little interest in her offspring. The veterinarians and zookeepers had to step in quickly to save them. After one of the cubs died of a fever, Dorflein became the around-the-clock caregiver for Knut.

Any parent can empathize with Dorflein's long nights and the constant feeding, grooming and cleaning that Knut required. The zookeeper's own family had to move to the back burner as the baby polar bear's needs demanded almost every minute of his foster father's time and energy. And when one animal rights activist declared that zookeepers should never have intervened to save the cub, little Knut became a worldwide celebrity.

In *Knut: How One Little Polar Bear Captivated the World*, it's the details that make the story memorable – the nine-part photograph of Knut eating his first meal of kitten food and milk, his struggles with teething pain and his rollicking fun in the sandbox will remind young readers of the similarities between humans and their furry mammal relatives.

Juliana, Isabella and Craig Hatkoff, authors of the popular Owen & Mzee, join forces here with Gerald Ulrich, CEO of the Berlin Zoo, to turn this story of one adorable and irresistible polar bear into much more. They highlight the effect of human civilization and global warming on the habitat of all polar bears and pose a painful question: Is it possible that polar bears could become extinct during our lifetime?

Detailed back matter will send interested readers deeper into the lives of polar bears and to scientific information about ecological activism. One very cute, very vulnerable polar bear cub might just do what the politicians seem unable to do: mobilize humans to pay attention to the effect they have on the Earth.

Playing at war to survive it

EDWARD MORRIS
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The Mascot
By Mark Kurzem
Viking, $26.95
400 pages
ISBN 9780670018260

Alex Kurzem had kept his silence for more than 50 years, leaking out to his family only sparse and misleading details about his boyhood in Russia during World War II. Then, in 1997, when he was around 62 years old (he never knew his birth date), he revealed to his son, Mark, this book's author, that he had witnessed the mass slaughter of his mother, brother, sister and hundreds of other townspeople by local fascist forces. From this, he concluded that he was probably born a Jew. But he was so young when it happened, he cannot recall his original name.

The Mascot continues in two stages: Kurzem's dredging up of additional excruciatingly painful memories until he has pieced together a coherent narrative, and his son's ultimately successful attempt to document those elusive memories. The ironic twist in this tale is that after the young boy escaped into the woods around the town where the massacre took place, he was rescued by Latvian SS troops who adopted him as their mascot, even dressing him in miniature SS uniforms. He would play that role until the war was over, alternating between being horrified at the brutality of the soldiers who protected him and reveling in the special treatment he received.

In 1949, Kurzem immigrated to Australia, where he eventually married and raised a family. Most of the present-day action shifts between Melbourne and Oxford, England, where the author was a graduate student. Poignantly, the elder Kurzem had kept the visible scraps of his memory – pictures and official papers – in a locked box that he guarded zealously. His ever-so-gradual revelation of the mementos to his son in late-night sessions around the kitchen table makes for a suspenseful unraveling.

Even with the proof of his ordeal and survival it is difficult to believe some parts of Kurzem's story. By the best estimate, he would have been only five or six years old when he fled into the woods. Yet he says he survived there for weeks, foraging on plants, tying himself into trees to avoid attacks by wolves, eluding soldiers, suffering bone-chilling cold. Still, his other recollections pan out so reliably that perhaps his survival really is the miracle it seems to be.

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Cornerstone Bakery Café • 359 Sudderth • 257-1842 • 8-11 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. daily • Gourmet sandwiches, desserts, fresh breads, coffee. **V**

Daylight Donuts • 441 Sudderth • 257-7155 • 5 a.m.-noon, Mon-Sat. • Fresh donuts, coffee, pastries • Dine in or carry out.

Dreamcatcher Café • 2629 Sudderth, in the Courtyard in Midtown by Kawliga's • 802-2222 • Sun-Thu, 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m. • Breakfast, lunch, dinner, smoothies, coffee • Live music Fri-Sat

Hummingbird Tearoom • 2306 Sudderth in The Plaza • 257-5100 • Mon-Sat, Breakfast 7:30-10:30; Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. • Soup & sandwiches. **V**

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

Roy's Ice Cream Parlour • 1200 Avenue E, Carrizozo • 648-2921 • Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat, 12-6 • Old-fashioned ice cream sodas, milkshakes, malts, banana splits & other fountain treats.

Ruidoso Roastery • 113 Rio St. • 257-3676 • Mon-Fri, 7-4; Sat, 8-4.

Sacred Grounds Coffee and Tea House • 2825 Sudderth • 257-2273 • Mon-Sat, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. • Sandwiches, quiches, organic coffee, espresso bar. **V**

Sunflower Café • 806 Carrizo Canyon Rd. • 630-0173 • Thu-Sun, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. • Homestyle meals, fresh baked goods, customized catering. **V**

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Dining Guide

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

Casual Dining

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

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

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

Cree Meadows Restaurant • 301 Country Club • 257-2733 • Mon-Sat, breakfast 7 a.m.-11 a.m.; lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Thu-Sat, dinner 5 p.m.-9 p.m.; closed Sunday • Steak, seafood, lounge, banquet room. Y

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

Elsie's Charbroiled Burgers • Hwy. 54 at Hwy. 380 (old Tastee Freeze) • Carrizozo • 648-4200 • Burgers, enchiladas, chicken & steak fingers, salads, soft serve ice cream. Patio seating. V

Farley's Food Fun & Pub • 1200 Mechem • 258-5676 • Mon-Fri, 11:30 a.m.-1 a.m.; Sat, 11 a.m.-1 a.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-12 a.m. • Burgers, pizza, pub fare, lounge, pool tables, patio. Y

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

Gathering of Nations Buffet • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IMG • 464-7872 • American, Italian, Asian and Mexican cuisine.

Hitchin' Post • 320 E. Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 354-0878 • Mon-Thu, 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Y

Horsemen's Grill • 321 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 354-1447.

Landlocked • 441 Mechem • 257-9559 • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 12-8 p.m. V Y

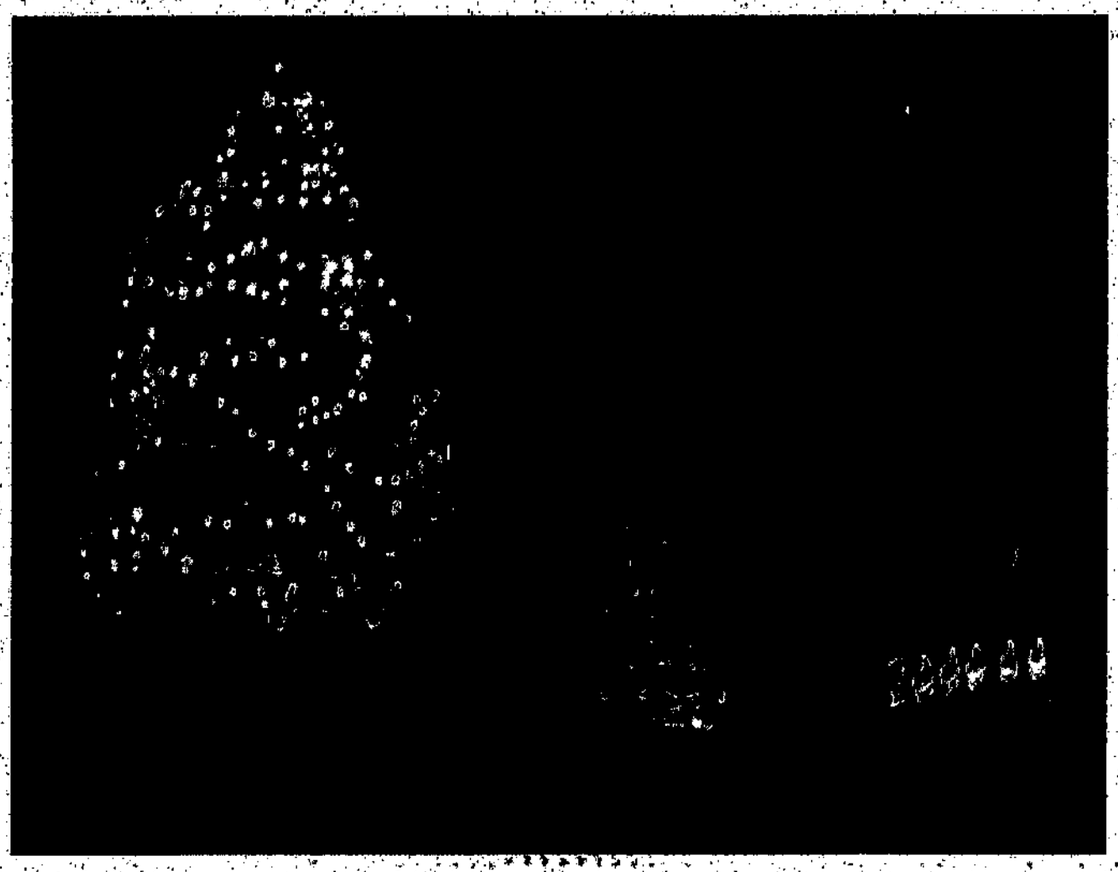
Lincoln County Grill • 2717 Sudderth • 257-7669• Open 7 Days, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. Y

Local Flavor Restaurant • 2087 Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • 378-1747.

Log Cabin • 1074 Mechem • 258-5029.

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

Outpost Bar & Grill • Family Dining • Open 7 days a week • 415 Central, Carrizozo • 648-9994. Y



Picnics Deli • Deli, dine-in restaurant, take-out and delivery • 127 Rio Street • 257-2200 • Mon-Thu, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Schlotzsky's Deli • 2812 Sudderth • 257-7811 • Open 10:30 a.m. daily. V

The Seasons • Casual and fine dining • 307 Hwy. 70 at the Quality Inn • 378-4051, ext. 314 • Open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

Smokey B's Grill • 2584 Hwy. 70 inside the Casino Apache Travel Center, Mescalero • Sun-Thu, 8 a.m.-11 p.m., Fri-Sat until 1 a.m. • Recent menu changes and additions • 464-7928. Y

Smokey Bear Restaurant • 310 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 354-2557 • Open 7 Days, 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Y

The Quarters • 2535 Sudderth • Complete restaurant featuring steaks, burgers, barbecue, drink specialties and more • Live music Sundays for "Blues & BBQ • 257-9535. Y

Western Grill • 157 W. Hwy. 70 • 378-4747. V Y

Fast Food

Burger Trolley • 647 Sudderth • 257-3868 • 11-7 daily • Take-out only. ☎

Hall of Flame Burgers • 2500 Sudderth, in Four Seasons Mall • 257-9987 • Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat-Sun, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. • Burgers, steak tacos, salads. V

KFC of Ruidoso • 331 Sudderth • 257-2119 • Open 7 Days • Dining room & drive-thru Sun-Thu, 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sat, drive-thru 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

McDonald's • 144 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso • 257-7547.

Mr. Burger • 1203 Mechem • 258-3616 • 7 a.m.-8 p.m. daily; Sun, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sonic Drive-In • 102 Horton Circle • 257-4787 • 7 Days a week, 7a.m.-11 p.m.

Subway • 148 Sudderth • 257-7827 • 8 a.m.-10 p.m. daily • Breakfast served until 11 a.m.

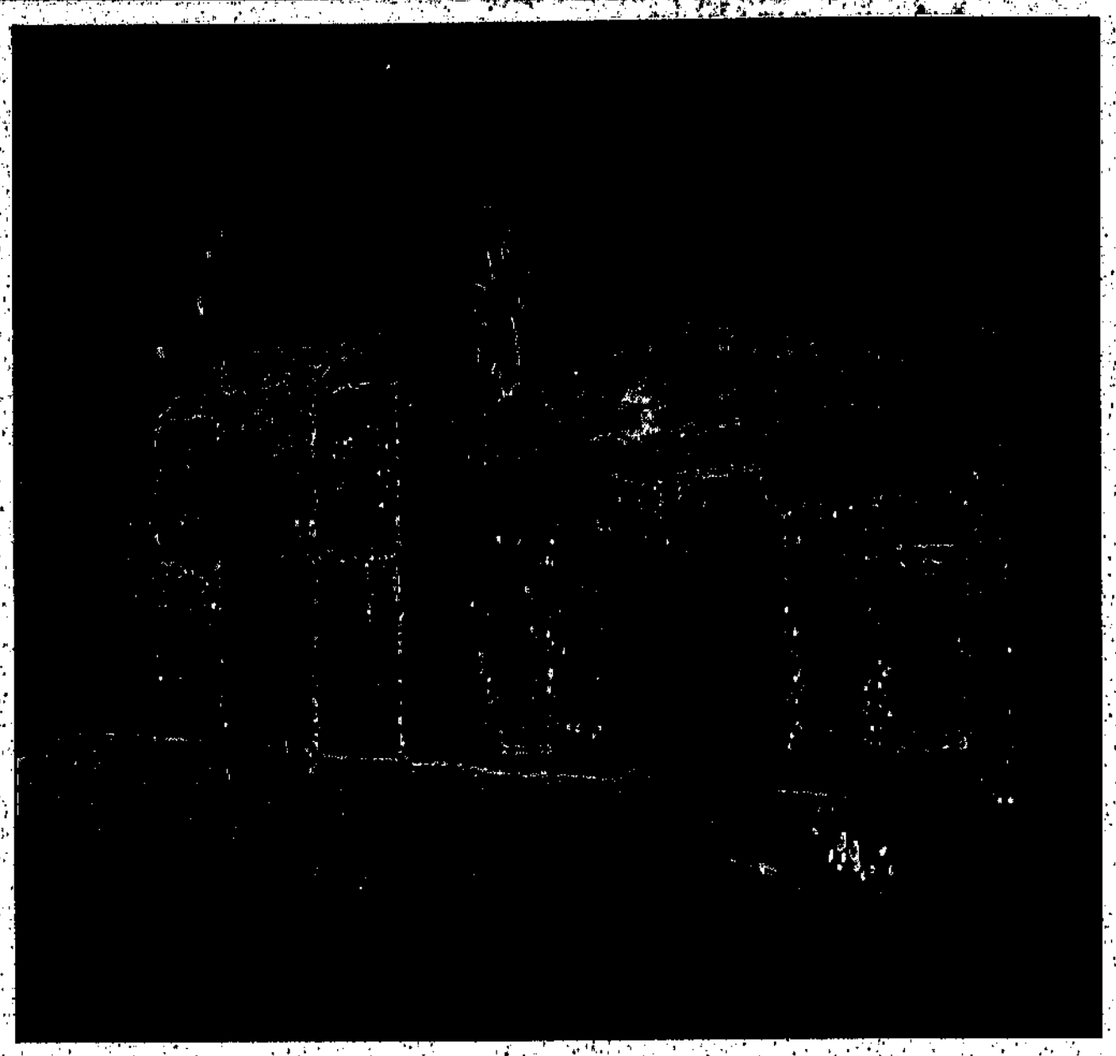
Taco Bell • 654 Sudderth • 257-4246 • Mon-Wed, 10 a.m.-1 a.m.; Thu-Sun, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fine Dining

Ellis Store Country Inn • Hwy. 380 MM 98, Lincoln • 800-653-6460 • Gourmet dinners • Mon-Sat • Reservations only. Y ☎

Greenhouse Café • 103 S. Lincoln Ave., Capitan • 354-0373 • Dinner Wed-Sat 5-9 p.m.; Sunday brunch, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. V Y ☎

Le Bistro • 2800 Sudderth Dr. • Steak and seafood with French flair • Lounge downstairs • 257-0132. V Y ☎



Morsels • 2919 Sudderth Dr. • 630-0113.

PLANET ZoZo • 113 Central Ave., Carrizozo • 648-5637 • Fish, meat, pasta, chicken • Fri-Sat, 5-9 p.m. ☎ V

Texas Club Bar & Grill • 212 Metz Dr. • Ruidoso • 258-3325. Y ☎

Tinnie Silver Dollar • 28 miles east of Ruidoso on Hwy. 70 in Tinnie • Steakhouse and saloon, lunch & dinner daily, champagne brunch Sundays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. • 653-4425. Y ☎

Wendell's • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IMG • 464-7842 • Featuring steaks, seafood and hand-crafted desserts • Open daily, 6:30 a.m. - 11 p.m. V Y ☎

Mexican Food

Casa Blanca • 501 Mechem • 257-2495 • 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily • New Mexican cuisine, lounge. Y ☎

Chef Lupe's • 1101 Sudderth • 257-4687 • Sun-Thu, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-midnight • Traditional Mexican food, American & seafood specialties, menudo. Y V

Chileo's • 135 W. Hwy. 70 • 378-4033 • 7 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. Y

Disco Taco • 141 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • 378-4224 • 8 a.m.-8 p.m. daily. • A "disco" is a steel disc used for Mexican "barbecue" • Authentic Mexican food. V

El Camino Nuevo • 1025 Mechem • 258-4312 • 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. Y

El Localito • 2415 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso • 257-8448.

El Paisano • 442 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 354-2206. V

El Paraiso Mexican Restaurant • 721 Mechem • 257-0279 • Open 7 Days, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

El Rincon De Las Salsas • 2117 Sudderth Dr., Gazebo Center, Ruidoso • 630-8050 • Mexican and seafood specialties • Open 7 days, 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m. V

Jorge's Café • 2064 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • 378-9804.

Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant & Entertainment Club • 2931 Sudderth Dr. • 257-8754 • Karaoke with Reggie and Robert Sundown Wed & Fri, Thursday ladies night with drink specials; Sat live music • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Y

Paradise Café • 310 Sudderth Dr. • 257-0280.

Peña's Place • 2963 Sudderth • 257-4135 • Thu-Tue, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

Olé Tacos • 319 Sudderth • 257-5040

Río Taco • 2117 Sudderth • 257-6222 • Mon-Sat, 11a.m.-7p.m. • Real Mexican flavor.

Terraza Campanario • 1611 Sudderth Dr. • 257-4227.

Pizza / Italian Food

Café Rio • 2547 Sudderth Dr. • 257-7746 • 11:20 a.m. to 7:50 p.m. daily. V Y

Domino's Pizza • 1717 Sudderth • 257-8888 • Mon-Thu, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-midnight; Sun, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Michelena's • 2703 Sudderth • 257-5753 • Sun-Thu, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. V Y

Pasta Café • 2331 Sudderth • 257-6666 • Sun-Thu, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; lounge open until 1:30 a.m. V Y

Pizza Hut • 725 Sudderth Dr. • 257-5161 • 1201 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso • 258-3033. V Y

Santino's Italian Restaurant • 2823 Sudderth • 257-7540. V Y

Chinese / Asian

Great Wall of China • 2913 Sudderth Dr. • 257-2522. V Y

Panda Garden • 624 Sudderth Dr • 257-2632 • Chinese Buffet and menu. Eat in or carry out • Open daily, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Yee's • 633 Sudderth • 257-5888 • Chinese, eat in or take out • Daily, 10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Dinner Theater

Mountain Annie's • 2710 Sudderth in Midtown Ruidoso • Fabulous live performances with a scrumptious double entree barbecue and chicken dinner every Thu-Sat • Ticket office opens 2 p.m. • Dinner served at 7 p.m. and show at 8 p.m. • 257-7982 • Reservations recommended. ☎

Pull over for a great meal

Dining out

with Ivana B. Diningwell

Ivana must confess that she has a bit of a thing about truck stops (and truckers – "Comin' back at ya, good buddy.")

After all, those truckers get around, and a good meal has got to be the high point of a long day on the road. So if you see all those big, shiny rigs parked outside, it often means that there are good eats on the inside.

That is definitely the case with La Rosa Steakhouse in the Tularosa Travel Center, on the edge of town on the way to Alamogordo. They'll celebrate their first year in business in December, and Ivana would just like to say that this is one classy truck stop.

The owners, father and son team Johnny and Jay Glover, went to a lot of extra trouble to build a comfortable, good-looking place to get off the highway. Most of the back wall in the main entrance and gift shop area is covered with Chaco-style stonework, and the dining room has soft lighting and pressed copper panels decorating the ceiling. Come for dinner on the weekend and you'll find real cloth tablecloths and napkins.

"We started out with tablecloths all the time," manager Megan Lermayer said. "Then we found that people who weren't 'out for dinner,' who just wanted to get something to eat, felt a little intimidated. So we compromised."

But no compromising on the food. Chef Doug Dingman, who presided over the InnCredible for many years, supervises the kitchen staff and enjoys the three-meals-a-day, seven-days-a-week challenge.

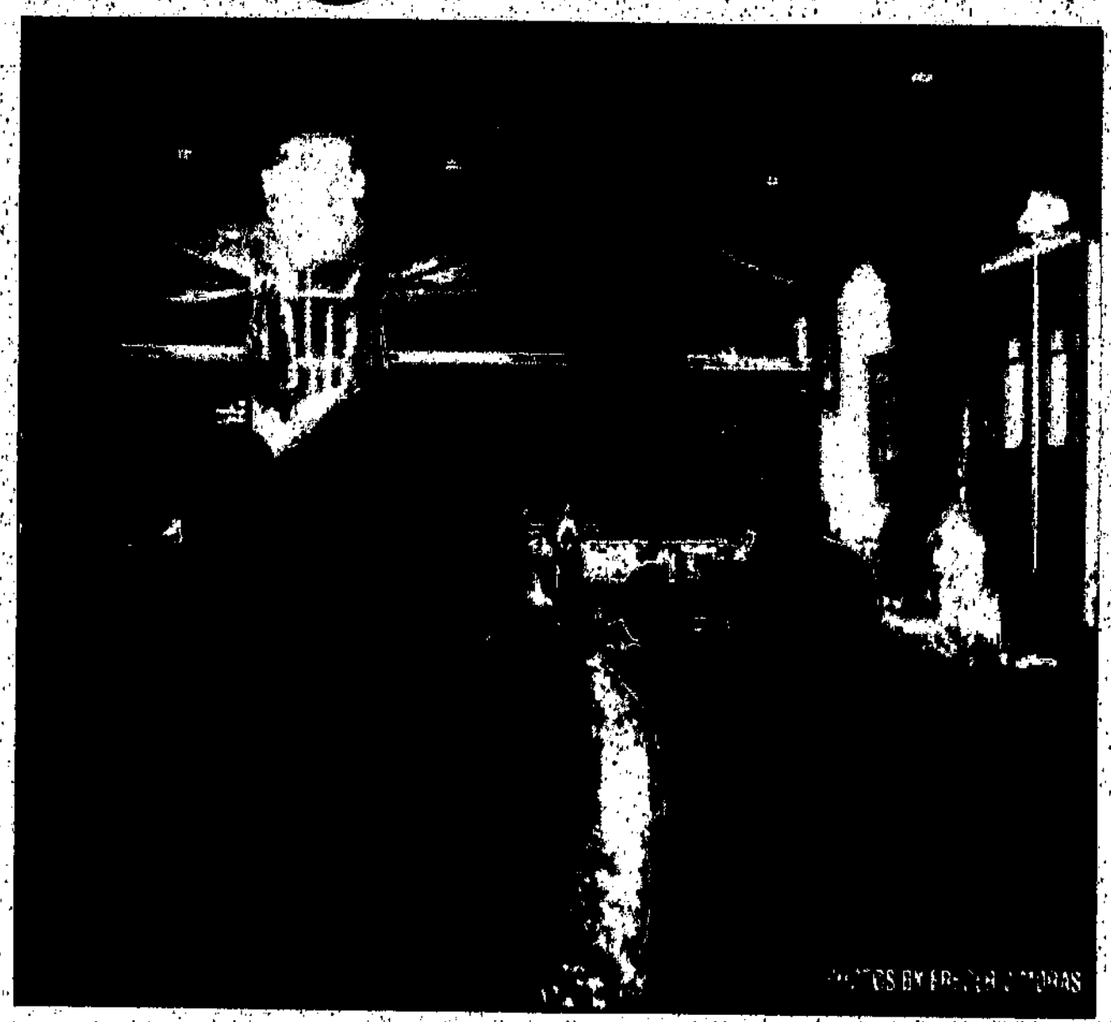
"I really just want everything to be excellent," he said. "That's my goal."

Starting in the early morning hours, the restaurant offers a full breakfast menu. Those with hearty morning appetites can have their eggs with steak, chicken fried steak, pork chops or ham. Local pecans turn up in waffles and buttermilk pancakes. The breakfast burritos are also sold in the convenience store at the rate of 12 to 15 dozen a day. Breakfast is served until 5 p.m., by which time even Ivana generally has her day started.

Lunch features a variety of hot and cold sandwiches, including a Philly cheesesteak, thinly-sliced beef frizzled on the grill with green peppers and onions and served on a roll with melted cheese. There are daily soups, Southwestern favorites and salads to refresh the travel-weary palate.

Not surprisingly for a place with "steakhouse" in its name, they're known for their steaks. Ivana would just like to mention a real bargain here – every Friday night they offer a 12 oz. prime rib with soup or salad and all the veggies for only $14.95.

Going with the local flavor, chile and pecans appear frequently on the menu in dishes like pecan-crusted salmon and sea scallops served with a warm orange pecan sauce. Other seafood dishes of note are the pasta primavera, made with shrimp and scallops in a light cream sauce, the breaded calamari served with marinara sauce and the mushrooms stuffed with crab and cheese and drizzled with garlic butter.



"Skewers" are a fun little food that you can eat with your fingers – shish kabobs made with beef, chicken or shrimp and served with a choice of sauces – black pepper vinaigrette, chile garlic, chile peanut, teriyaki and Ivana's favorite, citrus garlic. Your server will happily bring you several if you can't make up your mind.

The Glovers also own several hundred acres of pecan orchards, the source for the many varieties of pecan goodies sold in the gift shop and the convenience store, and whipped up right there in the kitchen.

Pecans dipped in chocolates of many colors, pecans rolled in praline sugar, pecan rolls, pecan fudge – if you don't find something that strikes your fancy, your sweet tooth is out of whack.

As the season of frenzied travel approaches, the Tularosa Travel Center can help you along that Holiday Highway.

Until next time, here's Ivana saying, "Over and out, good buddy."

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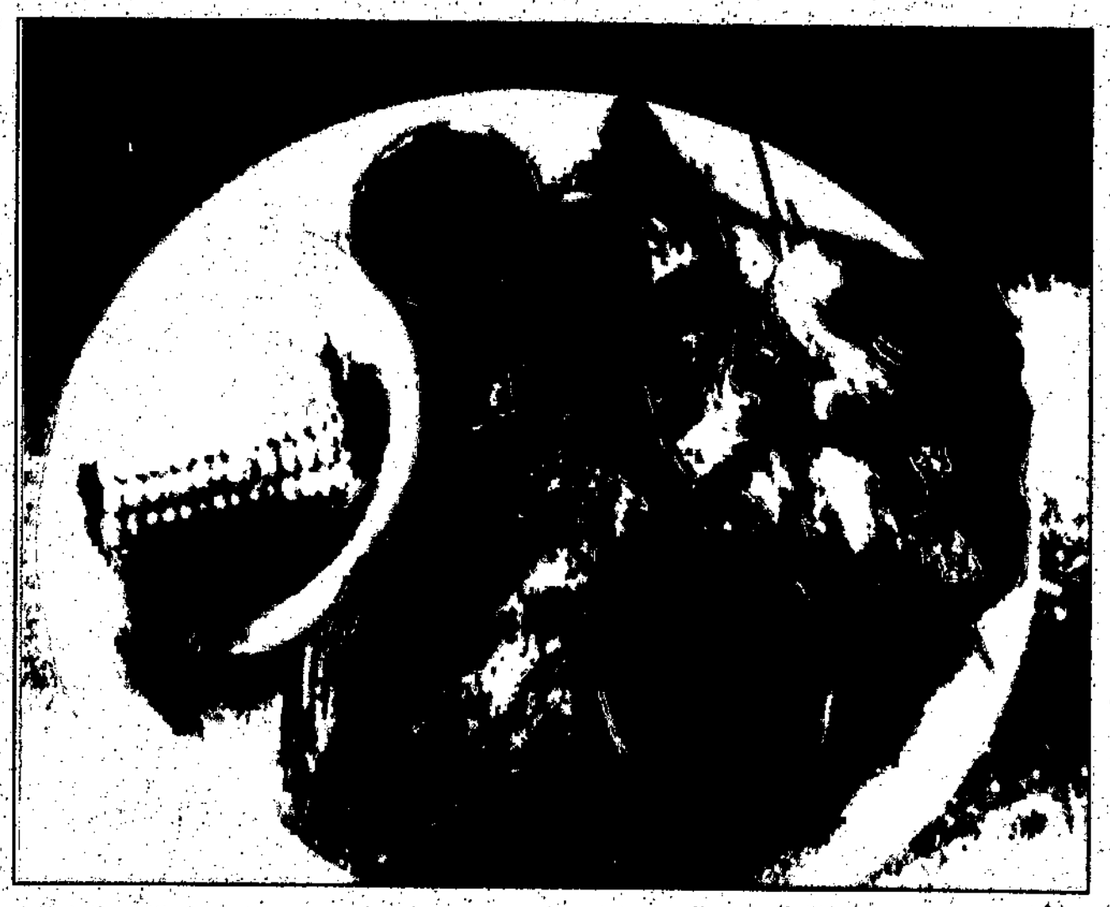
Open 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. daily



Get in the (funny) holiday mood

BY PAMELA CROMWELL
FOR VAMONOS

It's 24 hours before Christmas, and all comic hell is about to break loose in Tuna, Texas. A small-town Christmas yard display contest is being sabotaged by the notorious Christmas Phantom. The little theatre's production of *A Christmas Carol* might be singing in the dark if their electric bill doesn't get paid. And with only two people attending the Radio OKKK Christmas party, we might have a love affair heating up like chestnuts on an open fire. It's *A Tuna Christmas*, full of laughs and heartfelt moments, sure to inspire a holiday mood.

Opening at Mountain Annie's Dinner Theater next week on Nov. 30, *A Tuna Christmas* returns to the fictional third-smallest town in Texas made famous by "Greater Tuna." Created by Ed Howard, Jaston Williams and Joe Sears more than 20 years ago, the lovable and quirky characters of Tuna, Texas, have endeared themselves to a nation. The Ruidoso production stars local talents Mary Maxson and Cliff Reisig, who quick-change into 20 delightfully eccentric citizens.

"The script makes fun of just about every kind of character you can think of ... the Baptist housewife, the town busy body, alcoholics and philanderers, even illegal aliens and 'little people,'" says producer-director Mary Maxson. "It's an equal-opportunity script. No protected class is safe."

The main characters include radio personalities Arles Struvie and Thurston Wheelis, DJ's for Radio OKKK. Bertha Bumiller is a housewife trying to have a happy Christmas despite a no-account, absentee husband, a juvenile delinquent son and his foul-tempered twin sister, and a pregnant cat in the pantry that's ready to bingo any minute.

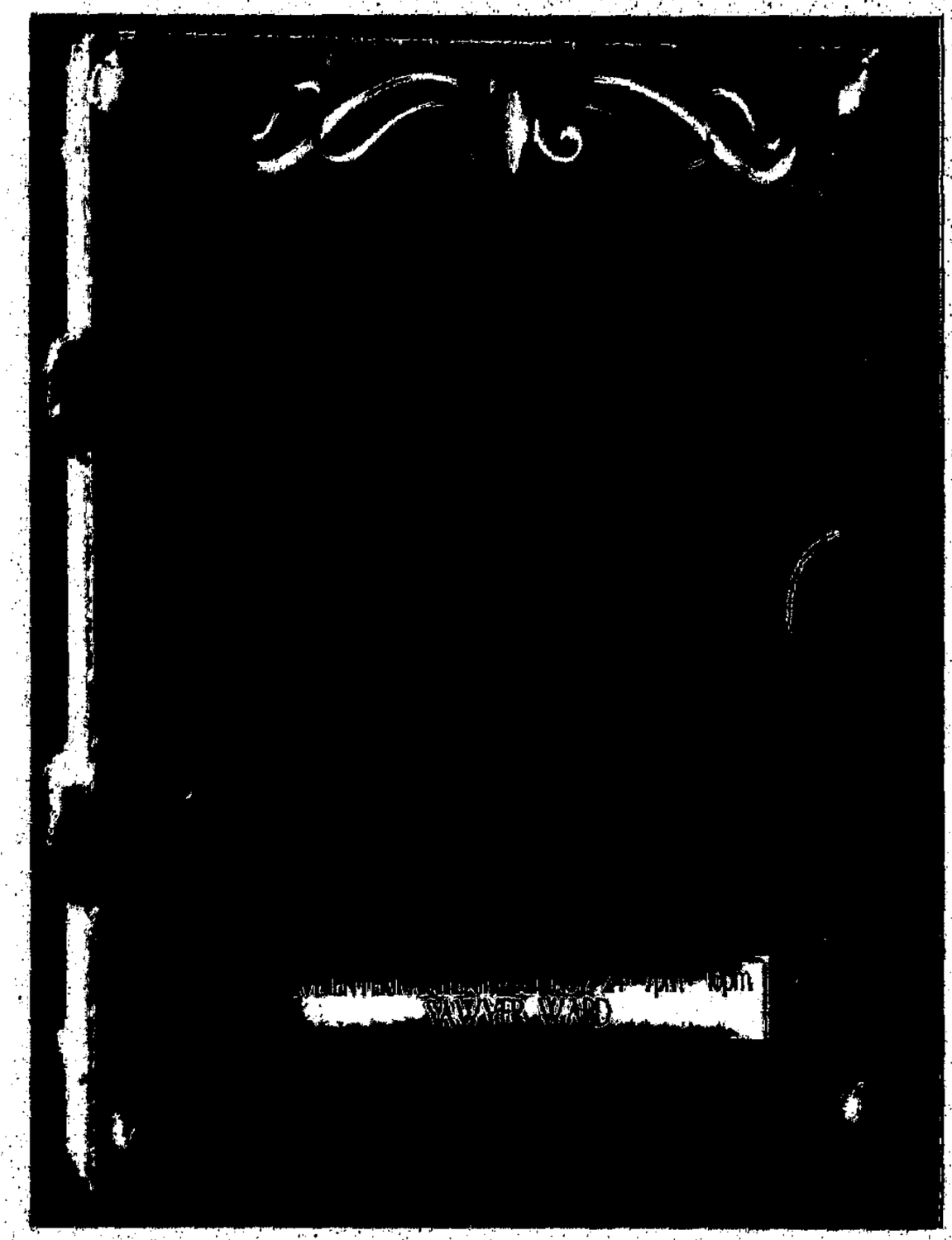
Didi Snavely, owner of Didi's Used Weapons, is struggling with her family members, too, as well as trying to arm Tuna against Christmas theft. And three little old ladies are protecting a big secret that makes Christmas in Tuna so special.

"The costumes and the characters are hilarious," Maxson said. "I can stand there in rehearsal as Charlene and not say a word and everybody's laughing.

These characters just remind us of people we actually know, only with the funny parts exaggerated."

That exaggeration of the truth gives Tuna a universal appeal. *Greater Tuna*'s early tour dates found an instant audience coast to coast, packing houses in San Francisco, Atlanta, Houston and Hartford. Following that, a successful Off-Broadway run led to an HBO Special produced by Norman Lear, taking the "Tuna" phenomenon to every city in America. By 1985, *Greater Tuna* was the most produced play in the United States with schools, colleges, community and professional theatres all anxious to add the hit comedy to their repertoire.

Presented by At Play Productions, *A Tuna Christmas* will be staged at Mountain Annie's Dinner Theater, 2710 Sudderth Dr., Friday and Saturday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, and the following weekend, Dec. 7 and 8. The spacious theater seats about 300 at large dining tables beneath crystal chandeliers. Dinner is served at 7 p.m. and the play begins at 8. Tickets include the price of dinner and the show for $19.95. Call Mountain Annie's at 257-7982 to order.



Christy Huey as Clara and Simon Pawlak as the Nutcracker star in Ruidoso Dance Ensemble's yearly production at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, Dec. 20-21. Watch for more on The Nutcracker *in upcoming editions of ¡Vámonos! Photo by Jack Rogers.*

Holiday favorite

"When Jesus said 'Suffer the little children to come unto me' ... He didn't mean the Herdmans!"

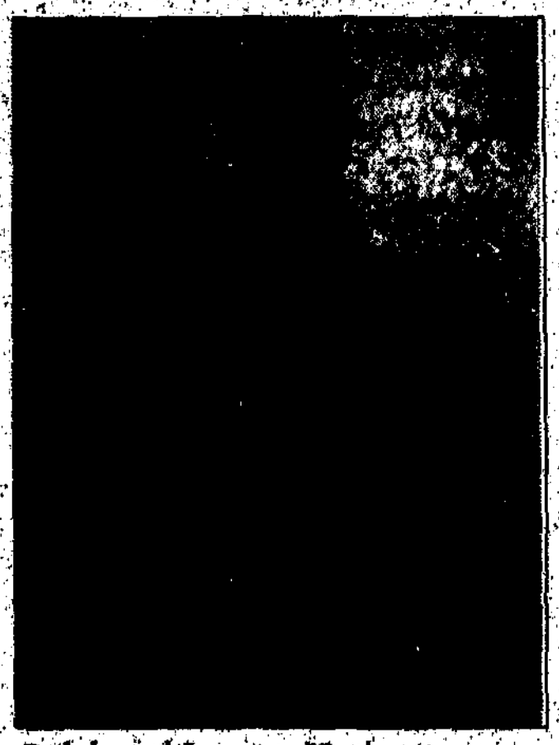
Barbara Robinson first published the children's classic, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, in 1972. A heartfelt story of love and faith, it was later made into a TV movie, then a play in 1982. It has more than endured the test of time to become a favorite with children, teachers and families, and the play is performed each Christmas season throughout the U.S.

The funny, warm-hearted tale is told through the eyes of a young girl, Beth Bradley. Beth takes the audience on a comical journey as she tells the story of the year her mother, Grace, got roped into directing their church's yearly Christmas pageant because Mrs. Armstrong, who normally "runs Christmas," broke her leg.

Grace has no idea what to do when the town bullies, the six Herdman siblings, "probably the meanest, nastiest, most inventively awful kids in the history of the world," all show up and insist on playing all of the major roles.

Grace has her hands full, explaining to the Herdmans the story behind the play, while the local children and the Ladies Aid Society are in an uproar, as it appears the beloved pageant is headed for disaster.

Lincoln County Community Theatre's production of *Pageant* opens next Friday at the Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center, and continues through Dec. 9. Showtimes for Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and Dec. 7 are 7 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinee performances on Dec. 2, Dec. 8 and Dec. 9.



Ralph and Imogene Herdman (Tanner Donathan and Lexie Doth) battle over the baby as Grace Bradley (Melissa Selters) has her hands full trying to salvage the yearly Christmas pageant in the LCCT production opening Nov. 30. Photo by Frederic Moras.

Director Lyn Kidder remembers her first experience with the show. "I first experienced *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* in McCall, Idaho, nearly 15 years ago. I played one of the church ladies. The local theater group performed in an old wooden community hall with a rather small stage, ancient curtain and a maze of tiny dressing rooms – probably a real firetrap, as I look back. Every night, I would deliver my one line, go outside (still wearing my bathrobe) and pick my way through the snowdrifts to the front of the theater. I'd sit in the last row and watch the rest of the show, every night.

"My standard for good theater is pretty simple," Kidder continues. "If a show can make me both laugh and cry, I deem it a success. Theater moves us in ways that no other art form can."

Whether you have children or not, everyone would benefit from taking a break from their hectic schedules and stepping back to explore a great lesson in compassion and understanding, as mayhem, merriment and the true meaning of Christmas run rampant in this hilarious and heartwarming story.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever is an official Festival of Lights event.

Holly Jolly Christmas

Alamogordo Music Theatre's Christmas dinner show and fundraiser, "A Holly Jolly Christmas" opens in one week at Coffee & More, 308 Granado Street, Tularosa. Nearly all of the 80 tickets available for the Saturday, Dec. 1, performance have been sold. There are still tickets remaining for the Friday and Sunday performances, however.

"Saturday tickets went very quickly," the show's producer, JD Droddy, told *¡Vámonos!* recently. "By the time your readers see this, there may or may not be a very small number of Saturday tickets still available. Sales of tickets for the other performances have also started moving, so folks who want to attend need to get their tickets soon," he added.

The show will feature some of AMT's best performers singing a variety of Christmas music. The cast of AMT All-Stars includes Kathy Daviess, Robert Coburn, Paula Storms, Mike Julian, Nicole Mahle, David Wagstaff, Elyse Francis, Mark Highsmith, Glenda Elser, James ("Double-J") White, Ann Deroy, and Fos Sadler. Joining the All-Star Chorus is the popular band, Earl & the Dynamics.

Music selected for the show runs from the beautifully melodic to the hilarious. There will be music by the entire All-Star Chorus, duets and small ensembles, and solos. In addition to accompanying the AMT performers, Earl & the Dynamics will be featured on several numbers, as well.

The show's director, Lynette Wedig, explained the musical lineup. "There may be some Christmas songs the audience hasn't heard before; there will be some that folks don't hear often; and, of course, there will be some familiar classics. We try not to do the same old songs that you hear over and over at Christmas."

"A Holly Jolly Christmas" is not just about music. AMT is putting a premium on humor. The format for the show is an old-time radio broadcast of the type that was popular in the 1930s and 1940s. The music and humor are equal partners in the performance.

"We chose the name 'Holly Jolly Christmas' because the 'jolly' part of the season is very important," Wedig said. "The season can be a very stressful time for folks; we hope to relieve some of that stress with a few laughs."

In addition to the show, a $25 ticket includes dinner served before the show begins.

There will also be coffee and wine bars available for the audience's convenience. Showtimes are Friday, Nov. 30 at 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 2 at 1 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in person at Coffee & More in Tularosa or by phone (with credit card) at 585-4575. In the Alamogordo area, tickets may be purchased (cash or check) by calling JD Droddy at 491-5972.

"All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth," sings Paula Storms in last year's AMT Christmas show at Coffee & More in Tularosa.

Christmas in the Park

Traditions involving light exist around the world during the dark solstice months of November and December. In Ruidoso, the Festival of Lights celebrates the triumph of light over darkness with more events than ever before, and invites the Ruidoso community at large and visitors from afar to bask in our seasonal glow.

The official lighting date for the village was Nov. 21, but the luminous beauty of a zillion lights will sparkle throughout the New Year's holiday.

Christmas in the Park celebrates the start of the season at Schoolhouse Park on Thursday, Nov. 29, with the lighting of the park's trees, caroling, hot chocolate around the bonfires, and, of course, Santa. This year's program agenda includes:

6:15 p.m. – Welcome by Santa and other VIPS.

6:17 p.m. – Lighting of the trees.

6:30 p.m. – Visits with Santa (pictures available), Ruidoso School chorale, hot chocolate and cookies.

7 p.m. – Door Prizes (you must be present to win; get your ticket from the Santa's Helpers.)

7:15 p.m. Ruidoso School Chorale.

7:45 p.m. Conclusion – "Silent Night" – Door Prizes.

Sponsored by Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department, with door prizes provided by local merchants.

Singers from the Ruidoso Scools lead all in attendance in favorite songs and carols of the season. 2006 photo by Sandy Kashmar.

Winter concert

The Annual Winter Concert, featuring the NMSU-A University Singers, will be presented in two performances, Friday, Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 2, at 2 p.m. in the NMSU-A Rohovec Fine Arts Center.

The University Singers will present vocal and choral music of many styles, both general and seasonal. The program will begin with the fanfare-like "Alleluia for Our Time," which features exciting rhythms and unusual harmonies. Following the excitement of the opening selection, "There is Sweet Music Here," which features lush harmonies and lovely, haunting melodies, brings a peaceful aura to the stage.

Next, the traditional spiritual, "Glory, Glory," brings rhythmic vitality, a simple sincere melody and emotional honesty to the forefront. "Pie Jesu," a harmonically beautiful song of great spiritual depth, offers the audience peaceful serenity. "That's Entertainment," a hit from the past that reminds us, "The world is a stage, the stage is the world of entertainment." is the closer of the opening portion of the concert. This selection first gained popularity in the 1953 movie, *The Band Wagon*.

Solos and ensembles that follow the first portion of the program will be "The Lord's Prayer," "Laughing Song" from the opera *Die Fledermaus*, "I heard a Forest Praying," "Snow Begins to Fall," and "Stille Nacht," accompanied by guitar.

The concluding portion of the concert consists of Christmas favorites. It begins with the lovely, melodious "Camel, Kneel Softly." The spirited gospel selection "Glorious Kingdom" follows, The next selection is "Noel, Noel," a joyful partner song which combines "Noel Nouvelet!" and "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." Next comes "The Very Best time Of Year," a lovely nostalgic song by the incomparable John Rutter. It is accompanied by flute, oboe and piano.

The finale will be the ever-popular "Do You Hear What I Hear?" accompanied by piano, drum and finger cymbals.

General admission is $4, but an entire family can be admitted for $10. Proceeds will benefit the Lewis Jordan Scholarship Fund.

Tickets will be sold on the night of the concert at the NMSU-A Rohovec Theater.

All are welcome to attend this memorable presentation.

For more information, call Don Thorp at 437-3726

Ruidoso live ...

Friday, Nov. 23

Dreamcatcher – Rich Chorné
Landlocked – P. Blake Martin
La Cave at Le Bistro – Jay Castleberry

Saturday, Nov.24

Dreamcatcher – Rich Chorné
Landlocked – P. Blake Martin
La Cave at Le Bistro – Jay Castleberry

Friday, Nov. 30

Dreamcatcher – CR and friends
La Cave at Le Bistro – P. Blake Martin and Rich Chorné

Saturday, Dec. 1

Dreamcatcher – CR and Friends
Private Party – P. Blake Martin, Rich Chorné, Frank Potter
Landlocked – Stephen Ashbrook

Friday, Dec. 7

Dreamcatcher – Tyler Jones, JJ, and Chris

Saturday, Dec. 8

Parade of Lights: Midtown Ruidoso: www.ruidosolol.org
4 to 6 p.m. – All Acts soon to be announced
Dreamcatcher – Tyler Jones, JJ, and Chris
Atticus – 7-10 p.m. Sandy and Hannah Kashmar – "Broadway to Blues, and Christmas, too"

Wednesday, Dec. 12

Christmas at the Lodge – 7-9 p.m. Caroling and Christmas songs with Sandy and Hannah Kashmar – benefit for Big Brothers Big Sisters

HISTORY

Caldwell shootout

Past Tense

by Drew Gomber
Historian

Not every gunfight in the Old West included some legendary shooter. A good example is a fracas in Caldwell, Kansas, on Dec. 17, 1881.

Suffice to say that no one was exactly bubbling over with Christmas spirit.

The night before, the 16th, there had been a presentation of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* at the Caldwell Opera House. A local man by the name of Jim Talbot was leading a group of his Texas cowboy friends drunkenly around town, when they decided to take in the show. According to locals, Talbot and the drovers from the South were always quite close and "many of them made his home their headquarters while visiting the town."

As usual, there was a double-standard, found in many of the Kansas cowtowns, with Caldwell being no exception. The Kansans were quite fond of the money the Texas cowpunchers brought to town, it was just the Texans themselves they didn't like.

The cowboys, for their part, felt that after accomplishing their task – namely driving a herd of cattle up from Texas – a hot, dangerous and yet monotonous way to make a living, entitled them to blow off as much steam as they wanted upon their arrival. And in that, they and the locals differed.

At the play that night, the cowboys, in the company of their prostitutes, were blowing off steam by shouting obscenities at the stage. The editor of the local paper requested that they "desist" and Talbot informed him that he would "fix him the next day."

The 17th of December

Saturday morning, the 17th of December, got off to a bad start. It began with the sound of gunfire coming from Ren Moore's saloon.

Marshal John Wilson and former lawman and mayor Mike Meagher headed down to the saloon to arrest cowboy Tom Love, who, as it turned out, had merely shot out a window. Wilson and Meagher managed to arrest Love without incident, but as they made for the jail, they were confronted by a group of Love's friends, led by Jim Talbot. It was quite the standoff.

Meagher, who was unarmed, began backing up the Opera House stairs (that also led up to the police court) with the prisoner, addressing the mob, saying, "You fellows won't shoot."

He was right.

Marshal Wilson had disinclined them somewhat by standing his ground and grimly pointing his weapon at them. When they began to surge forward, he smiled. Wilson's smiling demeanor un-nerved the mob and they stopped. Wilson then informed them that he would kill the next man who moved. No one did.

The tension was diffused, but only momentarily. Shortly after the noon meal, Talbot, who had returned home, was informed that his Texas buddies were in trouble again. With a former deputy marshal named Dan "Red Bill" Jones, Talbot hitched a ride on a passing wagon, and headed back toward the corner of 5th and Main, where the earlier near-altercation had occurred.

When Talbot arrived, he saw Marshal Wilson and Deputy Bill Fossett leading two Texas cowboys named Bob Munson and Jim Martin toward the police court.

Jumping from the wagon, Talbot authoritatively called out, "Hold on there boys, hold on."

Without bothering to address the lawmen further, Talbot asked the two prisoners where they were going and why. When he was informed that they were being arrested for rowdy behavior, threatening citizens and carrying firearms, he informed them that they didn't have to pay any fine "if they don't want to."

Marshal Wilson instantly jerked two six-shooters, but his two prisoners took advantage of the surging crowd and lost themselves in it. At the same time, someone handed Talbot a pistol which he immediately fired into the air, at the same time instructing the two fugitives to "hide out, little ones!"

Other guns began to pop and the lawmen ran for cover. Talbot and the mob then proceeded down the street, shooting out windows. When his pistol was empty, Talbot invited the Texans to come to his house and "get your Winchesters and give them hell!"

At the same time, the citizens of Caldwell were arming themselves at various mercantile stores.

The fight escalates

Re-armed with their Winchesters, the cowboys began to scatter and head back toward the center of town by different routes. Spying Mike Meagher at a corner about 65 feet away, Talbot opened fire. Meagher managed to dodge the bullet, and the pair began a duel that went on "for some time."

The two men realized that they were getting nowhere and began to jockey for flanking position. Talbot was luckier and caught Meagher off guard, his bullet slamming into Meagher's chest. As Meagher sank to the ground, he told another local man to "tell my wife I have got it at last."

He was right.

Taken into a barbershop, he died less than a half hour later.

By this time, the entire town had become an armed camp. Talbot raced back to his home, bullets whistling all around him, where he rejoined a group of his Texas pals. After a quick consultation, they decided that Caldwell had become too hot for them, and a couple of them ran out to begin saddling horses.

Another citizen, also an ex-mayor, H.N. Hubble, saw the horses being saddled and began to methodically shoot the horses and whoever dared approach them. One cowboy was hit in the foot, and the manager of the Red Light Saloon, another cowboy sympathizer named George Speer, was killed.

In desperation, four of the cowboys raided a local livery stable, demanding four saddled horses at gunpoint. The employees hurriedly gave them what they wanted and they left, taking another saddle just for good measure.

Weirdly, a few minutes later, cowboy Dick Eddleman came in and made exactly the same pistol-wielding request, but the employees had enough. They simply refused, and Eddleman, not a killer, holstered his weapon and asked that they not give him away.

Five men – Talbot, Munson, Bob Bigtree, Martin and Doug Hill – galloped out of town.

The pursuit

Immediately a posse began to form. They pursued the cowboys to a canyon about 12 miles from Caldwell where the two groups spent the rest of the day taking potshots at each other. After nightfall, the cowboys escaped on foot. It seemed over, but it wasn't.

Thirteen years later, an unknown informer squealed on Jim Talbot, who had been living in northern California under his real name, J.D. Sherman. Talbot was tried for the murder of Mike Meagher, but in the end was released by a hung jury.

He returned to California, where he was mysteriously shot dead in 1896. The murder was never solved, but many suspected that John Meagher, Mike's twin, had killed Talbot, just as he had sworn he would.

It was like that in the Old West.

SOURCES: *Classic Gunfights* by Bob Boze Bell and *The Encyclopedia of Western Outlaws and Lawmen* by Leon Metz.

Drew Gomber is available for history tours of Old Lincoln town and Lincoln County, as well as speaking engagements. For more information about booking a tour or presentation, or to order Drew's books or CDs, call 575-653-4056, or email Drew at drew@pvtnetworks.net.

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COMMUNITY LISTINGS: LINCOLN

Help & Healing

H.E.A.L. (Help End Abuse for Life): Domestic abuse crisis hotline: 1-866-378-6378.

Al-Anon: Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at 613 Sudderth, Ruidoso; Info: 257-9397.

Al-Anon: Meets at noon every Friday at the Methodist Church in Carrizozo. Come to the back door and bring your own lunch.

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m., 8 p.m. daily at 613 Sudderth. Call for additional times and special meetings. Info: 257-9397.

Alcoholics Anonymous Women's open meeting: 6:30 p.m. every Monday at 613 Sudderth. Info: 378-8391.

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

Co-Dependents Anonymous: 6:45 p.m. Thursdays. For location and further information phone 808-2959.

Sex Addicts Anonymous: 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall meeting room, 121 Mescalero Trail. Info: 653-4937.

Diabetes Support Groups: Learn more about how to manage your diabetes and avoid complications; first Wednesdays at Capitan Senior Center, second Wednesdays at Carrizozo Senior Center, and third Wednesdays at Ruidoso Public Library; 1:30-2:30 p.m.; sponsored by Ruidoso Home Care and Hospice.

Gentle Yoga: High Mesa Healing Center, 101 Mader Lane, Alto; 9-10:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays with Shiva Reinhardt. Info: 336-7777.

Massage Therapy: High Mesa Healing Center, 101 Mader Lane, Alto; Massage therapy by Linda Schreiber by appointment. Info: 336-7777.

Meditation Group: Wallflowers Bed and Breakfast, 573 Highway 380 West, Capitan, hosts a weekly 9 a.m. Tuesday Meditation group. Free. Info: 354-0967.

Meditation Practice: High Mesa Healing Center, 101 Mader Lane, Alto; 6:30 p.m. first Wednesdays with Jim Blackburn. Seated and walking meditation.

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

Parents who have lost a child Support Group: Meets first and third Tuesday each month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. (no religious affiliation); 5:30-7 p.m. Includes grandparents and adult siblings; facilitated by other parents who have lost a child. Info: Shari, 937-7078.

Pilates Mat: High Mesa Healing Center, 101 Mader Lane, Alto; Intermediate-/Advanced level 9 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Instructor Vanessa Armstrong.

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

Stretch & Tone Class: For men and women of all ages, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Senior Center, 501 Sudderth; RSVP Terry Franklin, 257-4565.

T'ai Chi: High Mesa Healing Center, 101 Mader Lane, Alto; 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 8:30 a.m. Saturdays. Instructor: Jim Blackburn.

Temple Builders Weight Loss Support Group: Mondays at 9:30 a.m. at Angus Church; no dues or food purchase, just friendly support and accountability; weigh-in followed by short devotional. Info: 336-8032.

Wisdom Circle: High Mesa Healing Center, 101 Mader Lane, Alto; 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays; Facilitation rotates.

Yoga for Back Care: Dance Gallery in the Sierra Mall, Mon 9-10 a.m. Instructor Jane Allen. Info: 257-8929.

Yoga Basics: Dance Gallery in the Sierra Mall, Mon 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sat 9-10 a.m. Instructor Jane Allen. Info: 257-8929.

Slow Flow Yoga: Dance Gallery in the Sierra Mall, Tue 5:30-6:30 p.m. Instructor Jane Allen. Info: 257-8929.

Easy Does It Yoga: Ruidoso Senior Center, Mon 11 a.m.-noon. Instructor Jane Allen. Info: 257-8929.

Clubs & Associations

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

Angus Wood Carvers: 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, junction of Highways 48 and 37; Info: 336-9161.

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

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

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

Lincoln County Bird Club: Monthly field trips to various locations. Open to the public. For more information, call 257-5352, or 258-3862.

Lincoln County Garden Club: Info: Joyce, 258-4663.

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

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

Otero County Association of Educational Retirees: Meets at 11:30 a.m. every third Tuesday. All Lincoln and Otero County educational retirees welcome. For info: Linda, 336-1225, or Lucy, 437-8874.

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

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

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

Ruidoso Book Review/Discussion Group: Meets first Wednesday each month at 10 a.m.; Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Road. Public is welcome.

Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club: Meets second Tuesday of each month; program varies. Potluck follows then business meeting and weekly card day at 116 S. Evergreen.

Education

Fun at the Library for Ages 6-12: Every Saturday afternoon, 1-3 p.m. Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. Info: 258-3704.

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

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

Service Organizations

Altrusa Club: 7 p.m. every first Tuesday for program; Noon every third Tuesday for lunch; Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail. Info: Sue, 258-4851.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59: 6 p.m. every second and fourth Monday, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Info: 378-4880.

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

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Capitan Smokey Bear Lions Club: 5:30 p.m. every Thursday at Smokey Bear Restaurant. Info: Marcia, 937-2731, or Randy, 354-2047.

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

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

Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at Western Grill, Rutalee, 258-1431.

Lincoln County Community Health Council: 8 a.m. first Tuesday of each month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. New members welcome. Info: 973-1829.

Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary: 9:30 a.m. second Tuesday of each month in the hospital conference room. New volunteers welcome. Info: 630-4250.

OES Ruidoso Chapter 65: Meeting every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 144 Nob Hill Dr. Info: 257-5313.

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): Noon every Wednesday at Western Grill. New members always welcome; 257-5938 or 258-9218.

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club: 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. During the school year, meetings every first Tuesday are at the Teepee Lounge at Ruidoso High School. Info: Barbara, 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555 or Greg, 257-1255.

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

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

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

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club: Meets at 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: 257-0363.

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

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

White Mountain Search & Rescue: 7 p.m. every third Monday at 1st Christian Church near the intersection of Hull and Gavilan Canyon Roads. Info: email whitemountainsar@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainsar.org or phone 336-1530.

Veterans

American Legion Robert J. Hagee Post 79: 6 p.m. every third Wednesday, 115 Meander Dr., Ruidoso. Info: 257-6757.

Political

Democratic Party of Lincoln County: 6:30 p.m. every first Thursday at Western Grill, Highway 70 West. Info: Maria, 258-1887.

Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County: Meets at noon the fourth Tuesday of each month except December. Nov. 27 meeting at The Seasons Restaurant, Quality Inn, 307 Hwy. 70. Lunch $9. Program: Bev Dow, Roswell FRW, and Nancy LaPointe, Lincoln County Health Council. RSVP to Pat, 354-2382 or 653-4379 by 11/26 for food count.

Republican Party of Lincoln County: Meets the second Monday of each month except December. 6 p.m. at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: 973-0541.

COMMUNITY LISTINGS: OTERO COUNTY

Veterans / Military Groups

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1257: Open meeting/luncheon at 11:30 a.m. every second Friday at Base Enlisted Club. Visits to area veterans in local care centers every third Saturday, starting at the Betty Dare Center on North Florida Ave. promptly at 10 a.m. Gil Isley, 434-5552.

American Legion Riders Association, Chapter 8: Meets every first Wednesday at American Legion Post 108, 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; Ed Summerall, 430-4322.

VFW Post 7686 and Ladies Auxiliary: Meetings are at 7 p.m. every third Tuesday at 700 U.S. 70 West in Bingo Hall; 437-0770.

Service Organizations

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

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

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

Altrusa International: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. at Margo's, Linda, 437-0703.

Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority: Focusing on cultural, social and service activities. Alberta, 437-4258.

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

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

Downtown Lions Club: Meets on second and fourth Mondays at The Wok Inn, 1010 S. White Sands Blvd. Public welcome. Terry Reed at 434-3968 or Martha 437-7515.

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

Kiwanis Club of Alamogordo: Meets on first and third Thursdays at 8 a.m. at Maximino's Restaurant, 2300 N. White Sands Blvd; 434-0923.

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

Education

ESL: English as a second language class, 9 a.m. each Monday, 1328 Scenic Dr. $15 for workbook. Class sponsored by Mountain Valley Baptist Association; 437-9987.

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

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Gift-giving with purpose

REVIEW BY SANDY KASHMAR
¡VÁMONOS! EDITOR

As beautiful as an art book, and well worth keeping long after its initial purpose has been served ... A reminder of history and a testament to how a community of volunteers can come together to preserve the past for the generations of the future ...

On Aug. 11, 2007, Fort Stanton was proclaimed a state monument, as the result of "the tireless effort and intrepid spirit of volunteers too numerous to thank," as the dedication of the Fort Stanton State Monument 2008 Calendar declares inside its front cover.

The calendar's stunning photos were taken by Joseph Arcure, and its design – which is truly striking – and its production were donated by Arcure and his wife Carolyn, with printing done locally by Print Write Now.

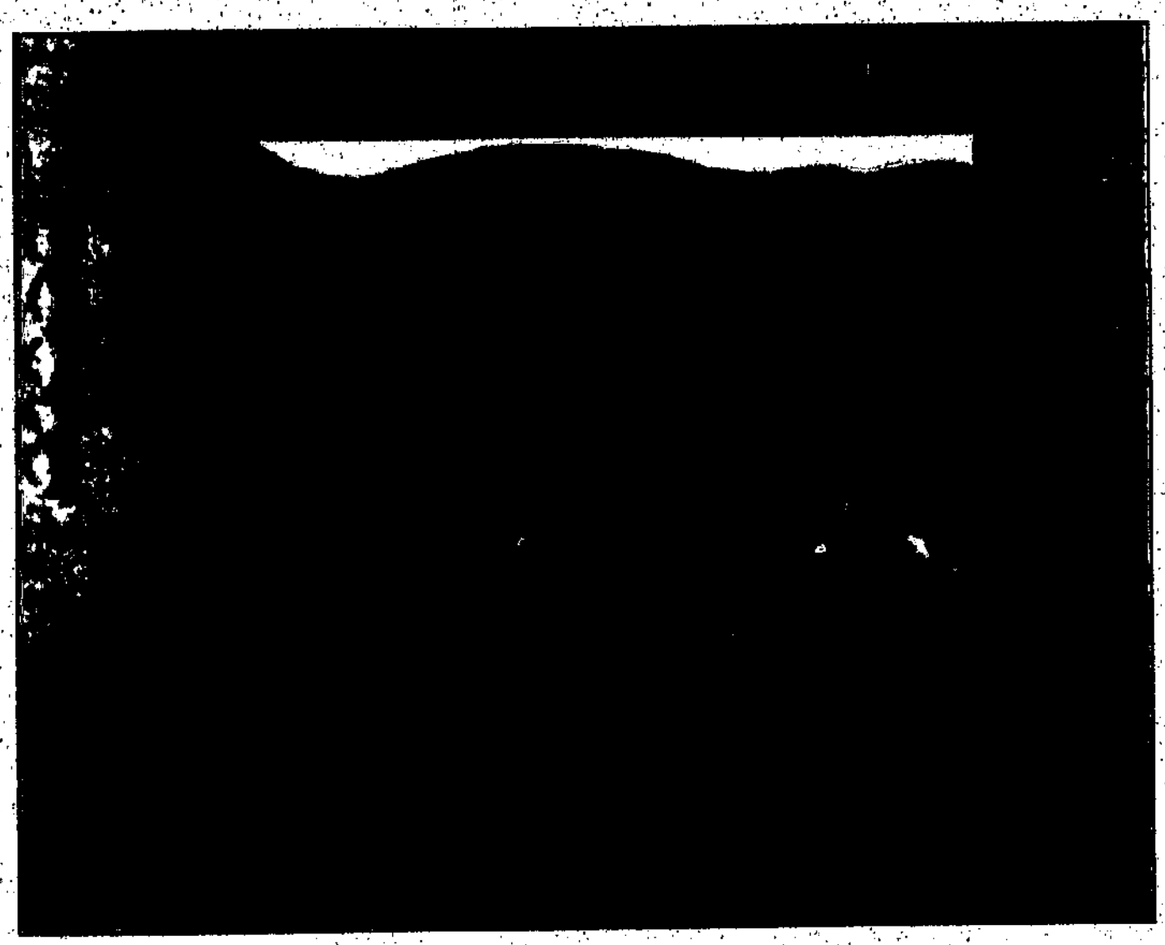
As the gift-giving season approaches, many of us have thoughts about how we can give not only to our families and friends, but also to the many worthwhile causes that are championed in our area. I would like to suggest this calendar as a most appropriate and beautiful gift.

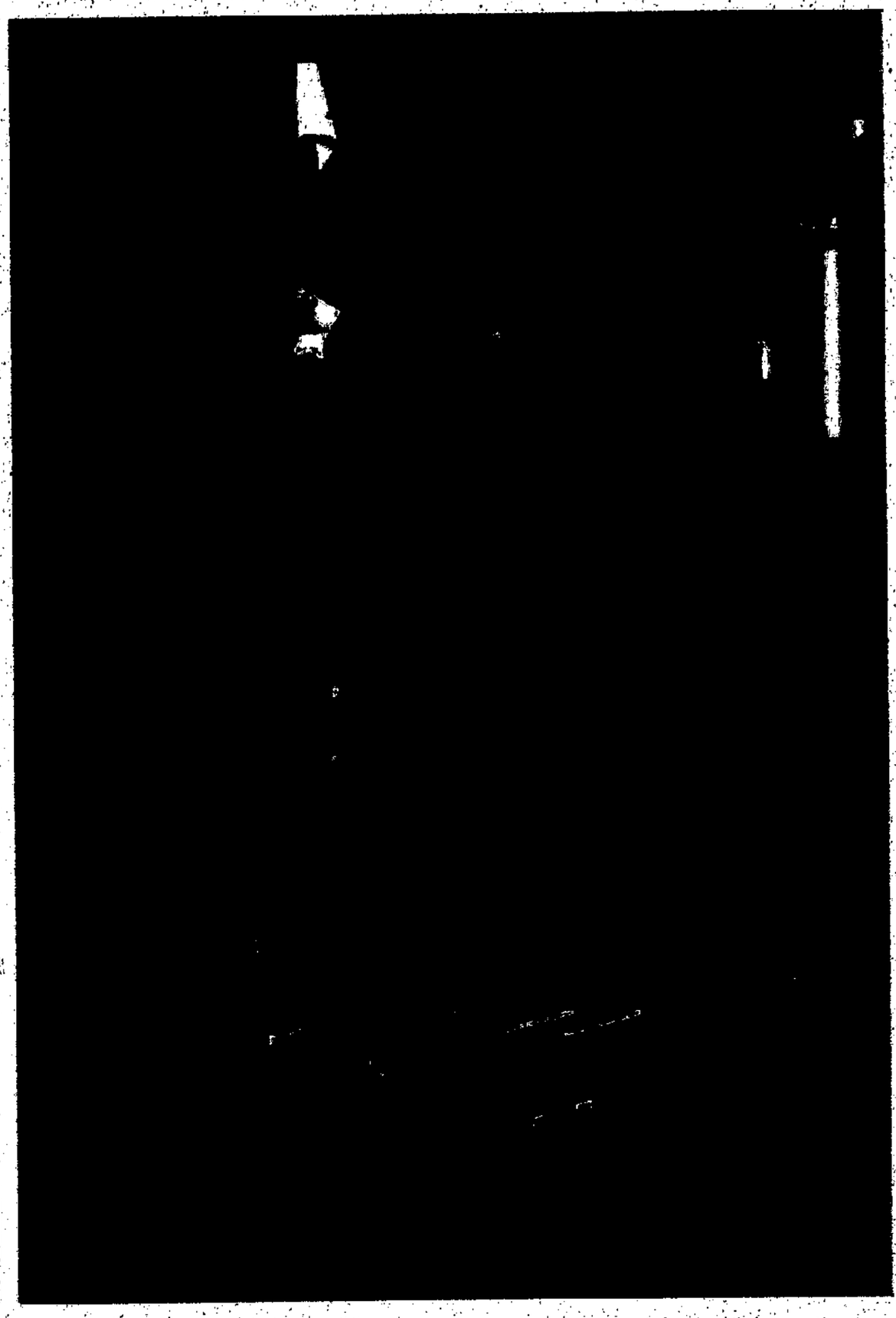
And get one for yourself, as well!

The calendars are available for $10 at several area locations, including the Fort Stanton Museum, Oso Arts and the Chamber of Commerce in Capitan, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts office in the State National Bank building on Sudderth Drive, Long's Pharmacy & Gifts in the Sierra Mall, and at WeCree8, Books Etc., Walgreens and Postal Annex.

All proceeds from the sales of the calendars go toward the continued preservation of Fort Stanton through the Fort Stanton Foundation.

Among the fabulous photographs by Joseph Arcure is this one of March's Fancy Dancer whose name is Wambli Little Spotted Horse. Courtesy Joseph Arcure.





Big values in miniature

Art in the Pines, a collective group of artists from the Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs area, will present their 2nd Annual "Miniatures at the Mill" Art Show and Sale at the Old Mill Historical Center and Museum, Dec. 7-8.

The annual event features relatively inexpensive art works from the artists who are regular participants in the annual "Art in the Pines" artist studio tour. In 2006, this diverse group of artists agreed to add to their tour a show that would benefit Christmas shoppers who may wish to give art as holiday gifts. According to the group's spokesperson, Suzy Komara, the miniature show is designed to feature "small art at small prices."

Susie Berend

According to Luddy Leong, another member of the group, this year's "Mini" show will feature the art of more than 18 local artists. Included in the list are painters, photographers, potters and jewelry designers.

The setting for the Mini show is the historic Old Mill located on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. The Mill was built in 1863 and is the oldest structure in Ruidoso. Over the years, it has been used for many things, including a sawmill, grist mill, post office, dance hall, meeting place and tourist attraction. The wheel at the Mill still turns in the spring, summer and fall, but is shut down during the winter due to freezing.

The Old Mill was purchased in the late 1940s by Carmen Phillips, and he and his wife lovingly restored it so they could use it as a souvenir shop.

Carmen's Photography Studio was located next to the Mill. He was famous for his photographs of Lincoln County and the surrounding area, many of which still hang in the Mill.

The Mill is presently owned by Delana Clements (daughter of Phillips) and her husband Michael. She continued to run it as a souvenir shop and museum until 2005, when the business was closed.

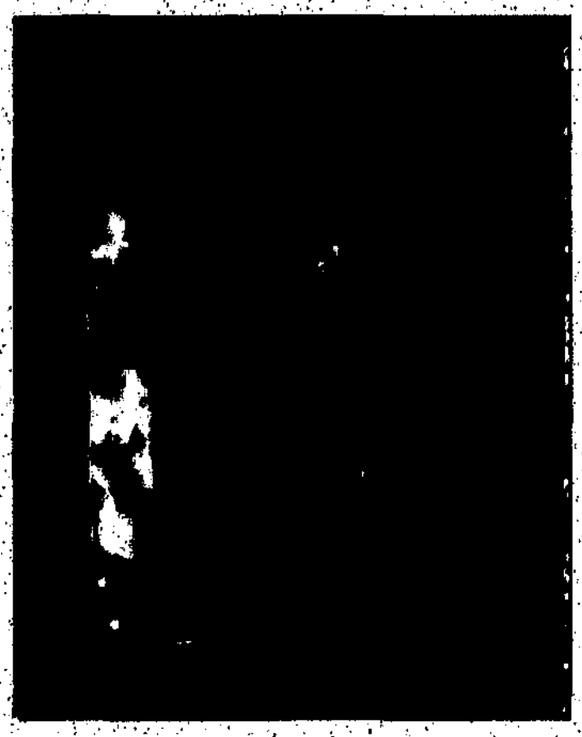
The Mini show will open at 2 p.m. on Dec. 7. A public reception is scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. that evening. Refreshments will be served to guests attending the Friday evening reception. On Saturday, Dec. 8, the show hours will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Member artists invite and encourage local art lovers and friends to join them at the Mill for a fun, one-stop art-shopping experience.

Those who attend will see a variety of art including jewelry, watercolors, pastels, photography, oil and acrylic paintings, digital art, fiber art, hand-crafted wood items and pottery

Marcia Bizeau

For more information about the Art in the Pines group or their show, please email bears@zianet.com or skomara@windstream.net, or send U.S. mail to Art in the Pines, P.O. Box 1001, Ruidoso, NM 88355.



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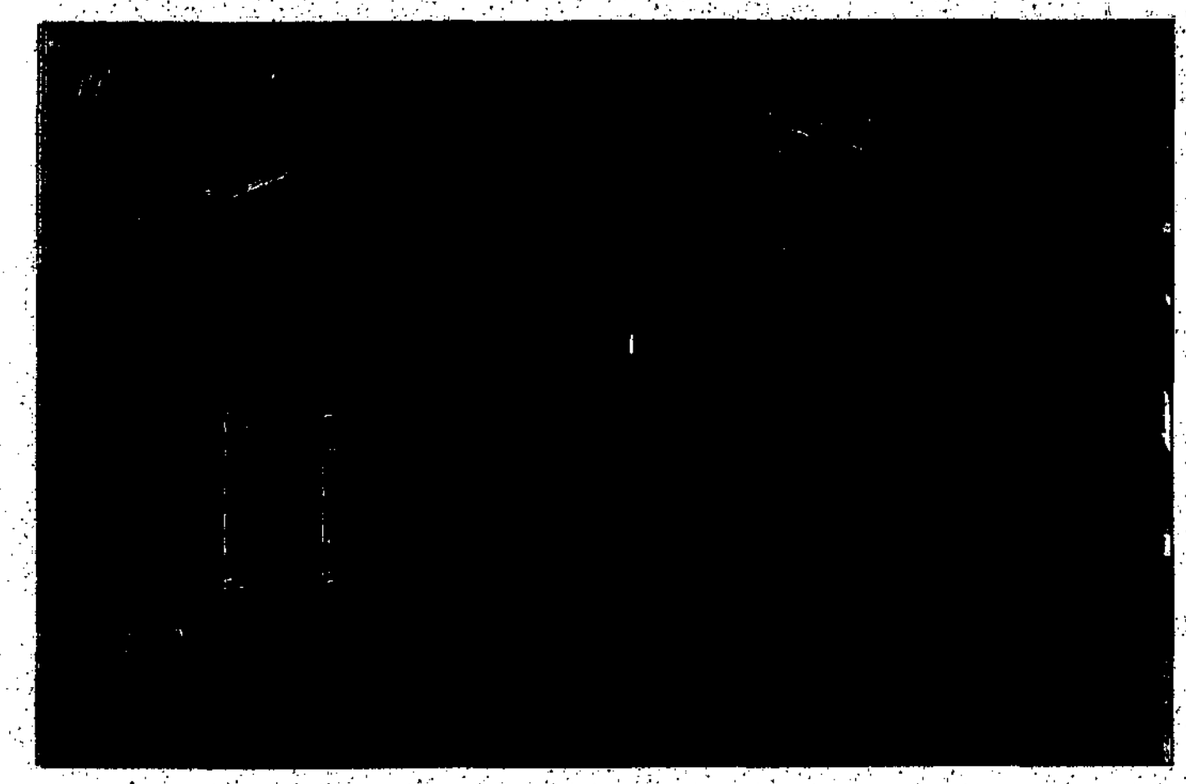

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Visual journals constructed by Barry Lucy's art students at Ruidoso High School have been on display at the Ruidoso Public Library for the month of November (above). During October, Lucy's students created pieces depicting hands at work. The library is now ready to begin decorating for the holidays, in preparation for their upcoming Open House Reception, Dec. 6-8.

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10 am - 4 pm Sat

The Ruidoso Middle School 7th grade drama class will be performing a light-hearted comedy, *Cliques and Cafeterias*, Tuesday, Nov. 27, at 7 p.m. at the Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center, 125 Warrior Dr. on the High School campus. Tickets are $3 and are available at the door or from any RMS 7th grade drama student.

Synopsis: A balancing act between parody and reality, this show carefully exaggerates a day in the life of the modern middle school: boyfriend blues, popularity contests, pop quiz anxiety, obnoxious cheerleaders, jock rock, rumors, gossip, on-line video game; cafeteria catastrophes, talent show, and preparation for the dreaded standardized tests. This sassy comedy is fast-paced with a host of great one-liners.

COMMUNITY LISTINGS: OTERO COUNTY

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Education

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

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

Help & Healing

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

American Cancer Society Quality of Life Center and Gift Closet: 3 - 5 p.m. every Tuesday at Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center Conference Center. "Look Good – Feel Better" sessions are available with reservations; Vivian Smith, 434-5874 or Lillie Lewis, 439-8409.

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

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

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

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

Father Hay Thrift Store: Donations accepted, 1640 N. White Sands Blvd. Proceeds benefit Father Hay Catholic School. 434-5450.

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

Habitat for Humanity Store: Open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. every Wednesday & Saturday. New and used discounted home improvement materials. Donations welcome; 1109 10th St., Alamogordo; 437-0160.

Humane Society of Otero County: Meets at 6:30 p.m. every first Thursday at Margo's Mexican Restaurant. 437-0157.

Low Income Housing: Applications are accepted 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Alamogordo Housing Authority, located at 104 Amigo Ave. Laura, 437-5621 ext. 11.

New Life Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Sun. 6 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday 8 p.m., Friday 5:30 p.m. First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St.

Salvation Army Social Services: Open 10 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 10 a.m.-noon Friday; 443-0845.

Salvation Army Thrift Store: Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, and from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. 443-0845.

Search and Rescue: Meets every second and fourth Thursday at the National Guard Armory, 1600 S. Florida Ave. Leroy Lewis, 430-2987 or Dan Josetosky, 437-4813.

St. John's Community Kitchen: Free meals 5-6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 437-3891.

ZTrans: Public transportation for $1. Serves Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, La Luz, Alamorosa, Tularosa and Mescalero. 439-4971.

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

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

Political

Democratic Party of Otero County 6 p.m. first Tuesday of every month at 700 1st Street, Suite 773 (Granada Shopping Center), Alamogordo. For information, phone 437-8590.

Mountain Democrats: Noon every third Wednesday at Big Daddy's Restaurant on U.S. 82, Cloudcroft. Dr. Harvey Hilbert, 687-3219, HarveyHilbert@yahoo.com.

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

Clubs & Associations

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

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

Alamogordo Genealogical Society: 2 p.m. every third Saturday in the Sacramento room, Alamogordo Public Library. Betty Bass, Bruce and Jinnie Matson will discuss publishing family histories. Chewy, 439-1205.

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

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

Chaparral Kennel Club: 7 p.m. every first Wednesday at First National Bank annex. Promotes purebred dogs, conformation and obedience, dog shows and matches and the rescue of purebred dogs. Joanne, 439-5510.

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

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

Desert Basin Toastmasters: Meets 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Alamogordo Physical Therapy Center, 10th and Washington, and every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Comm. Center on Holloman AFB. Guests welcome. Visit desertbasin.freetoasthost.com or phone 921-4767.

Desert Castaways Duplicate Bridge Club: Meets 12:30 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday & Friday at the Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico. 437-2822.

Enchanted Quilters Guild: Meets 7 - 9 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 1300 Hawaii Ave. All are welcome. 682-2312.

Experimental Aircraft Association: Meets at 7 p.m. every second Tuesday in the pilot's lounge at Alamogordo-White Sands Regional Airport. Open to all persons interested in aviation and/or experimental aircraft including non-pilots.

Girl Scouts: Open to girls ages 5-17. Nancy, 437-2921.

Golden Gears Car Club: Meets at 7 p.m. every first Thursday at the VFW annex building. Cruise-ins are on the last Saturday of each month at Sonic on the north end of town on White Sands Blvd. 434-0200.

Historic Vehicle Association of Alamogordo: Anyone with an interest in old cars is welcome to join. John Douglas, 437-5318 or Gale Ortiz, 434-5242.

The New Horizon Band: Rehearsals 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Alamogordo Senior Center. 434-4281.

New Mexico Solar Energy Assn: Bi-monthly, Jan.-Nov. 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at Otero PATH, S. Florida at 1st St. Guest speaker, alt. energy/efficiency ideas. Public welcome. Chuck: 434-6296.

Otero County Association of Educational Retirees: Meets at 11:30 a.m. every third Tuesday. All Lincoln and Otero County educational retirees welcome. For info: Linda, 336-1225, or Lucy, 437-8874.

Noel Southard Chapter of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation: Meets at 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Aristocrat Assisted Living Center on Robert Bailey Drive. 434-8356 or 434-1467.

Singles of Otero County: Weekly activities to provide a social network for singles in the area. 18 & over welcome. 437-4035.

Tularosa Basin Rockhounds: Meets every second Tuesday at First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St. Field trips every fourth Saturday, annual campouts and picnic. 437-3377.

White Sands Dart Association: Double team tournaments 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Fraternal Order of Eagles Club, 471 24th St. Join to play or learn. Chris and Cathy Smith, 443-1746.

Other Ongoing Activities

Bingo: 7 p.m. Sat., 12:30 and 3 p.m. Sun., 1 and 7 p.m. Mon. at the Eagles Lodge, 471 24th St. Ages 8 and up welcome with adult. $750 jackpot. 437-1302.

Bingo: 7 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and Sun., 2 p.m. Saturday at the VFW, 700 U.S. 70 West. Ages 10 and over welcome with an adult. 437-0770.

Coffee Club: 7:30 - 9 a.m. every third Wednesday at Edward Jones Investments, 1106 E. 10th St. Topics include current events, identity theft and Social Security. Breakfast rolls and juices provided. 443-1900.

Joyful Noyse Recorder Consort: Every other Sunday in Alamogordo; various locations. Seeking soprano, alto, tenor & bass recorder players; Info: 937-2006.

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

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

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

Such happy holiday baking ...

Polly's Potpourri

by Polly E. Chavez

How was your Thanksgiving Day? I attended several turkey and the trimmings meals throughout the month and will lay off turkey meat for a bit.

Now is the time to try out special dessert recipes for the next holiday. The Christmas season officially starts today, Nov. 23.

Here is a fruitcake recipe to kick off the season (proceed with caution.):

Ingredients

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

Instructions

Sample the whiskey to check for quality. Take a large bowl.

Check the whiskey again to be sure that it is of the highest quality. Pour one level cup and drink. Repeat.

Turn on the electric mixer. Beat 1 cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl.

Add 1 teaspoon sugar and beat again. Make sure the whiskey is still okay. Cry another tup.

Turn off the mixer.

Break two legs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruit. Mix on the turner. If the fried druit gets stuck in the beaterers, pry it loose with a drewscriver.

Sample the whiskey to check for tonsisticity.

Next, sift 2 cups of salt. Or something.

Who cares. Check the whiskey.

Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts.

Add one table. Spoon. Of sugar or something. Whatever you can find.

Grease the oven. Turn the cake tin to 350 degrees.

Don't forget to beat off the turner. Throw the bowl out the window.

Check the whiskey again. Go to bed.

Who the heck likes fruitcake likes anyway? @#$!

ASTRONOMY

Finding the next Earth

In Our Skies

by Alan Hale
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Ever since humanity grasped the ideas that the Earth is only one planet among several within our solar system, and that our sun is a star just like the others we see in the nighttime sky, we have wondered whether or not there are other worlds like ours out there. Along with this has been the parallel question as to whether or not these other worlds, if they exist, contain their own indigenous life forms.

Ideas along these lines have abounded within science fiction and fantasy stories for some time, but until the relatively recent past this topic has had to remain within these realms. Within the past four decades, we have begun exploring, via robotic spacecraft, many of the various other bodies in our solar system, and the news hasn't been especially good. Mars, which in science fiction stories from several decades ago was peopled with all sorts of "interesting" life forms, is now known to be a hostile and inhospitable place – even though it is nevertheless proving to be a fascinating world and there remains the possibility that some microscopic life forms inhabited Mars in the past and may still do so in some restricted environments.

If we want to try to find another Earth-like world, we have to look beyond our solar system, to planets that might be orbiting other stars.

Traveling to any such worlds, even robotically, is not going to be feasible for the foreseeable future, so for now all we're able to learn about them has to come from telescopes here on Earth (or in Earth orbit). But the detection and characterization of planets beyond our solar system is a difficult matter, and, until about 15 years ago, we did not possess the technology that allowed us to do this.

Ideally, what we would be looking for is an Earth-sized world orbiting within its star's "habitable zone," i.e., the region within which water can exist in liquid form.

There is some chauvinism in this idea, in that we are assuming that liquid water is necessary to support life, however since this is true for all the forms of life with which we're familiar we don't have much else to go on. The boundaries of this "zone" can change based upon the star's "life cycle" as well as atmospheric processes on the planet, but in general an Earth-sized planet that receives the equivalent amount of sunlight that Earth does would be expected to be "habitable."

The first planets around other stars were detected during the mid-1990s, and today well over 250 of these objects are known. At this time we don't really have the technology to detect planets the size of Earth; the worlds we have found are Jupiter-size (and larger) down to about Neptune-size. Several of these are what have come to be called "hot Jupiters," i.e., large planets orbiting extremely close to their parent stars and that are far too hot to have an environment ever remotely conducive to our kind of life.

While we have certainly found a lot of fascinating objects in our searches so far, there hasn't been anything like "another Earth" discovered yet. That being said, the past few months have brought forth several discoveries that suggest that the finding of "another Earth" is simply a matter of time.

Earlier this year we saw the discovery of a planet about 5 times Earth's mass (and thus about 1 1/2 times Earth's diameter) orbiting near the habitable zone of the star Gliese 58. This is a small "red dwarf" star and the planet would be so close to it that it would be "tidally locked," i.e., it keeps the same face towards its star all the time – an environment distinctly different from Earth's, but not hopeless as far as life is concerned.

Meanwhile, earlier this year also came the detection of apparent water vapor in the atmosphere of a planet orbiting the star HD 189733. This planet is one of the "hot Jupiters," and thus would be too large and too hot to support any kind of life that we know about, but the mere fact that water is present in such a hostile environment is a good sign that we should find water in more benign places.

And now, just recently has come the announcement of the discovery of a planet within the habitable zone of a star somewhat similar to our sun. The discovery was made by a team of scientists led by San Francisco State University astronomer Debra Fischer, and the star involved is known as 55 Cancri, which is slightly smaller than our sun and located 41 light-years away in the constellation Cancer (currently located high in the east during the morning hours).

55 Cancri was already known to have at least four other planets, so this discovery of a fifth planet makes it the most extensive planetary system known so far.

This fifth planet is a fairly large object, about 45 times as massive as Earth, and thus is likely a gas giant somewhat smaller than Saturn. However, all the gas giant planets in our solar system have sizable moons, and if this planet has anything like these, then it is distinctly possible that one or more of them could be life-thriving worlds like Earth. Determining whether or not any such moons exist is beyond our capabilities at the moment, but it is certainly conceivable that we are now seeing the site of the long-sought-for "other Earth."

It's worth keeping in mind that we've barely begun scratching the surface as to what is really out there, since almost every star we've examined is in our own little tiny region of space. When we consider the overall galaxy and universe, based upon what we've already found so far it appears almost inevitable that someday we will indeed find other Earths – and perhaps even something on them to say "hello!" to.

Alan Hale is a professional astronomer who resides in Cloudcroft. He is presently raising funds for the Earthrise Project, an educational and humanitarian program described at http://www.earthriseinstitute.org.

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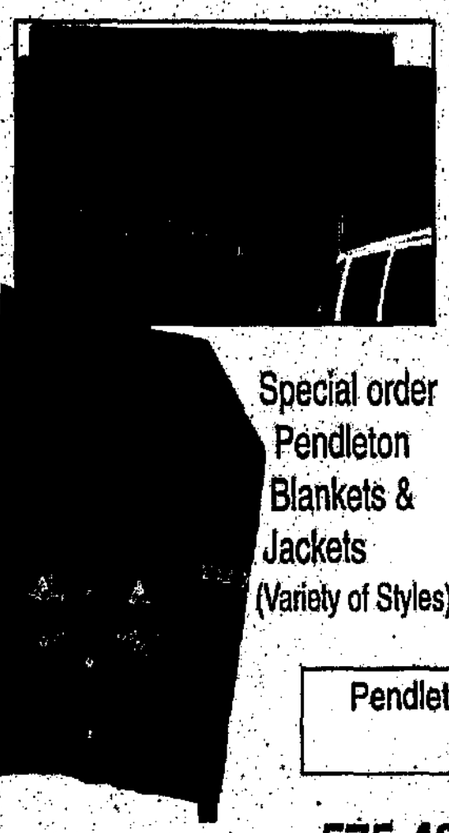

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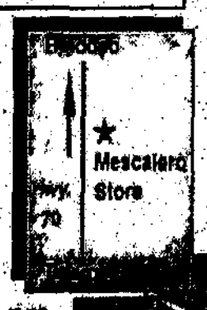

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(Before beginning this or any new exercise program, consult your personal physician.)

Follow Me!

by Yvonne Lanelli

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The "Big Six' to better skiing and 'boarding

Vanessa's "Big Six Strengtheners" target four essential areas: thighs, core, calves/ shins, and chest/arms.

The "Big Six" utilize the basic breathing and abdominal-core principles of Pilates.

"Correct breathing – inhalations and exhalations – are important to proper performance, reminds Vanessa.

"And remember to 'scoop' the navel to the spine while performing each move. This optimizes the use of the 'core' and protects the lower back."

• "The lower body's large muscle groups include the thighs (also known as the quadriceps and hamstrings) and buttocks. The Ball Squat targets these areas for the Power Position. Using an inexpensive exercise ball (about 2 feet in diameter, available at sporting goods stores, variety or discount stores), place the ball between your lower back and a wall.

Position your feet shoulder width apart and about two feet away from the wall with toes and knees facing directly forward. Now, leaning into the ball, begin to lower your body, bending the knees to a 90-degree angle-no lower!- then raise yourself to a standing position." Repeat slowly, 5-10 times.

Turn, turn, turn!

For power turns, strengthen your inner and outer thigh muscles – the hip adductors and hip abductors respectively – with these two moves:

• Inner thigh squeeze. "Lying flat on your back on a carpeted floor or mat, bend your knees to a 45/90-degree angle, feet should be flat on the floor and about shoulder width apart. Place the exercise ball between your knees and thighs. Exhale while squeezing the knees into the ball and inhale while releasing tension." Repeat ten times. Do not perform a pelvic tilt during this exercise.

• Outer thigh lift. "Lying on one side, assume a 'pike' position, bent at the hip. Inhale and raise the top leg toward the ceiling; exhale while squeezing the legs back together – as if you're squeezing an imaginary spring between your knees." Repeat ten times on each side.

A strong abdominal core benefits not only snow sports but your overall posture and lower back support as well. Do this core swivel at a desk or table in your home or office.

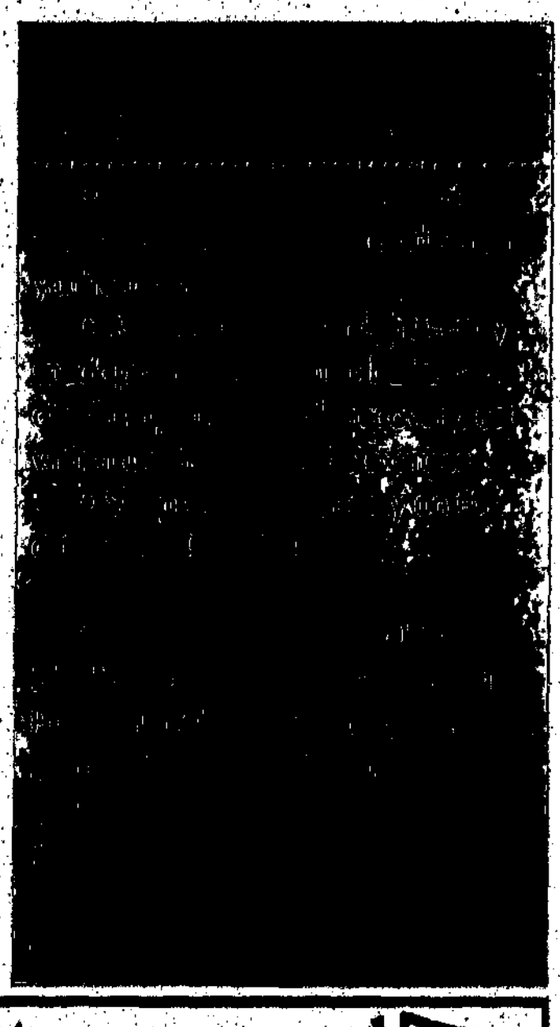
• "Sit in a swivel chair, such as a desk chair, with the balls of your feet ideally resting on the footrest of the chair (if chair doesn't have a footrest, then on the floor). Keeping your upper body still, place your palms flat on the desk or table and swivel your lower body slowly from side to side – as if you were unscrewing your lower body at the waist." Repeat ten times on the left and ten on the right.

Calf raises build strong calves and shins for ankle/leg support.

• "Stand on a large book such as a dictionary or 'big city' phone book with your heels resting on the floor but extending beyond the edge of the book. Rise onto your toes, lifting your heels. Then lower to the original position." Repeat ten times.

You'll want strong "pecs" (upper chest) and arm muscles for poling action, to get up from a fall or simply to carry your gear. Wall pushups are a good basic beginning strength move for these areas.

• "Stand facing the wall – feet should be together and about 12-15 inches from the wall, or until you are leaning into the wall slightly. In a standing push-up position with palms flat on the wall at shoulder height, begin to bend at the elbows as you inhale and lower your body toward the wall to a count of four. Exhale, straightening the arms and push the body away from the wall to a count of four. Repeat ten times. For maximum benefit and safety be sure not to let the lower back arch, or sway, while performing the movement – and remember to 'scoop' your navel to your spine!"



Thanks, Vanessa! Already I feel like a lean, mean ski machine. See you on the slopes!

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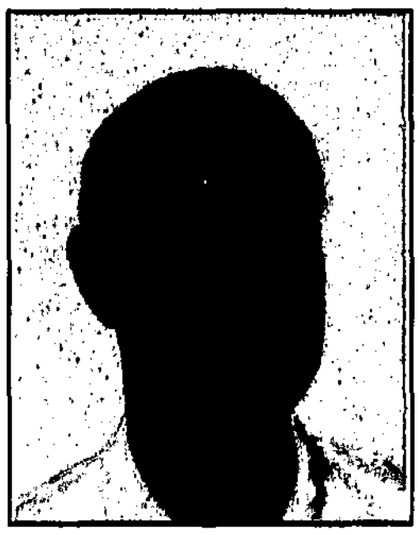

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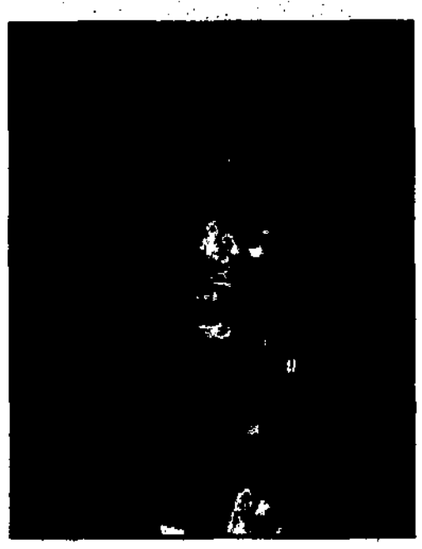

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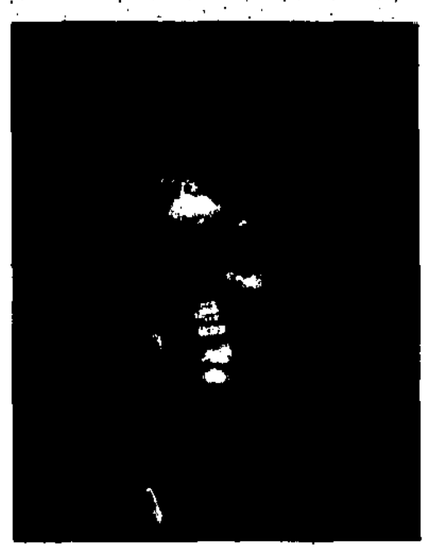

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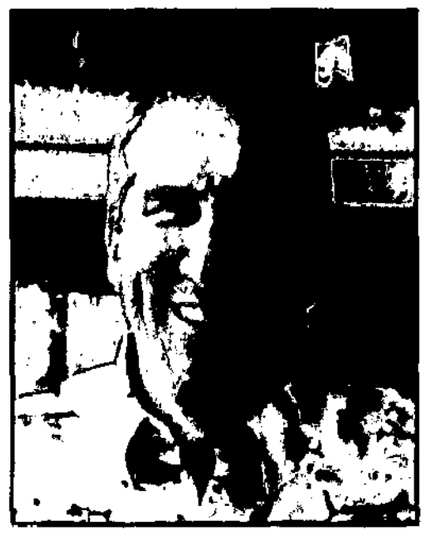

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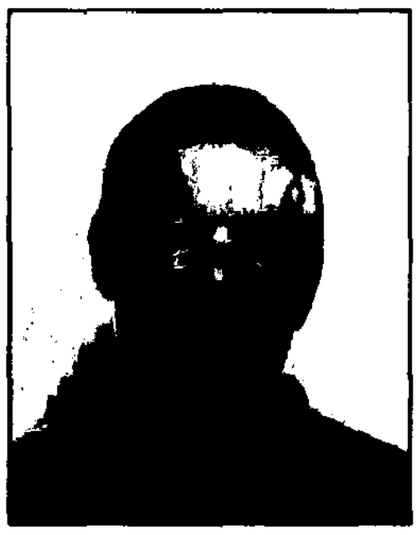

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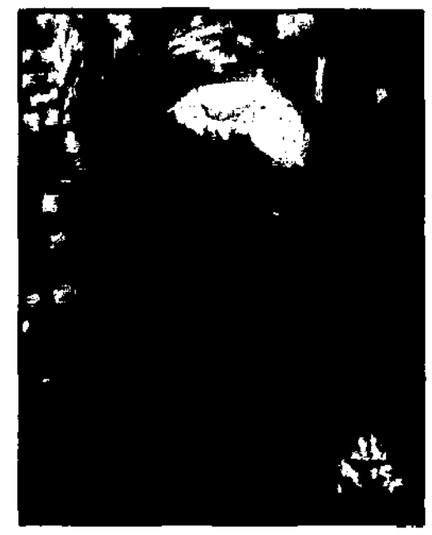

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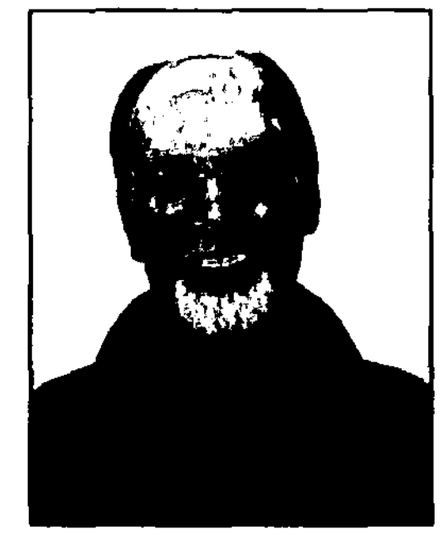

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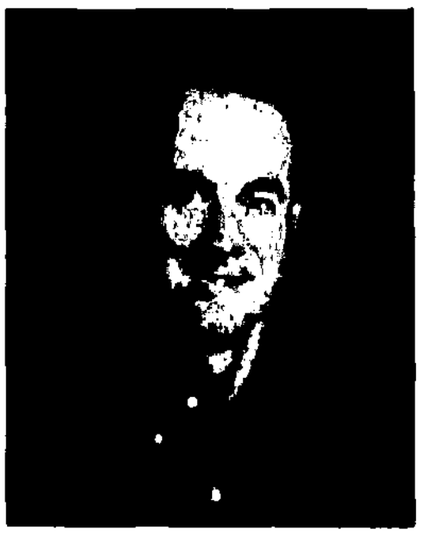

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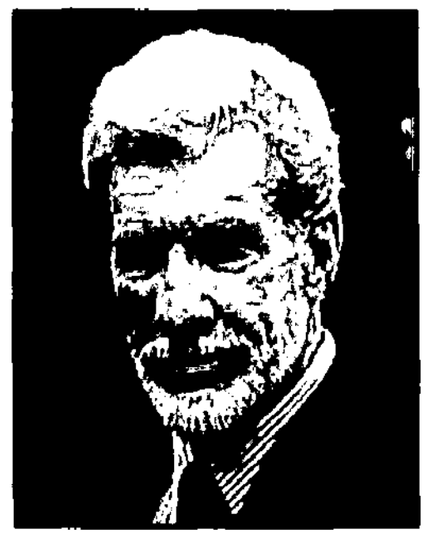

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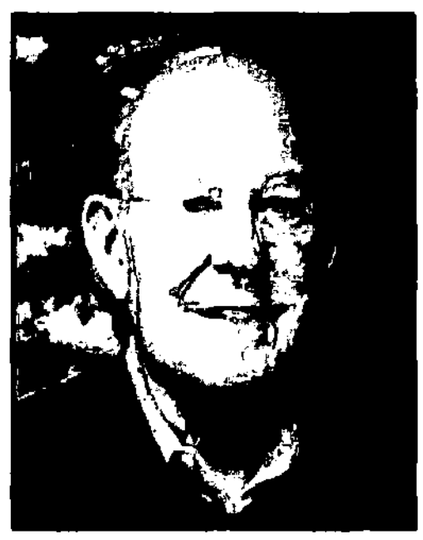

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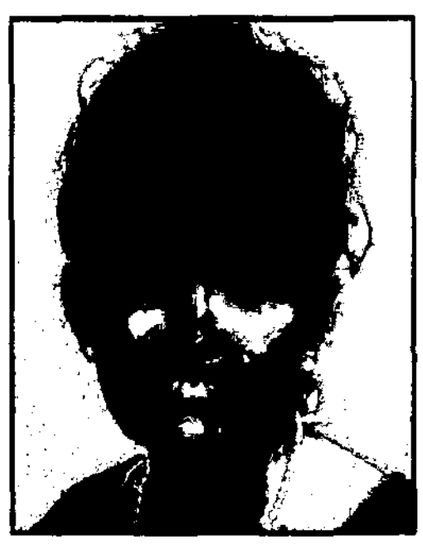

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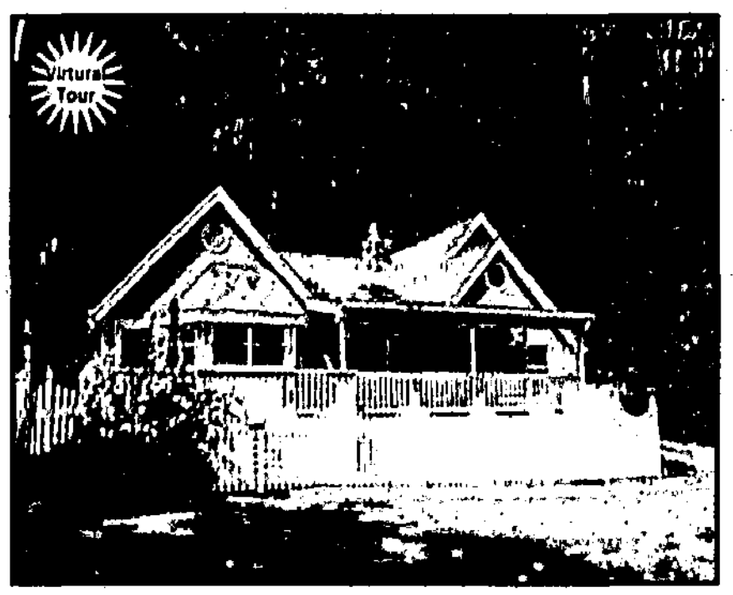
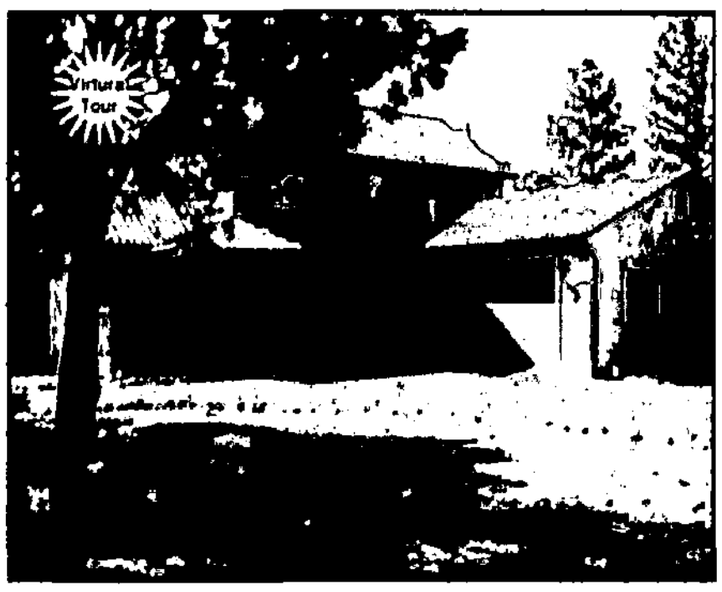
EXTRA LARGE FAMILY HOME White Mt Estates 4 Br. 3 (3/4) Ba & 1 (1/2) Ba Straight on view of Sierra Blanca Very large room draws you into a super mountain retreat $590,000 #100732 Call Team RhinoRose



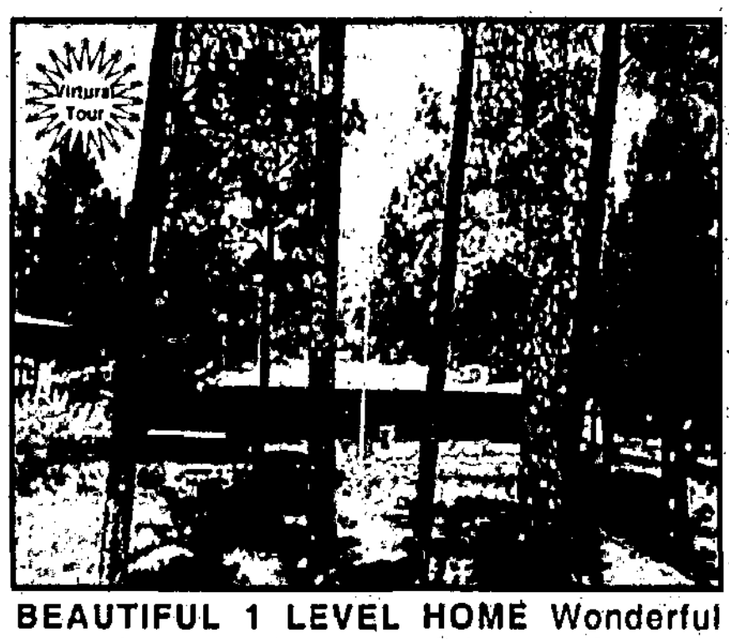
IMMACULATELY MAINTAINED UPPER CANYON HOME "Perfect picture home". front covered decks. across from Rio Ruidoso 3 Br. 3 Ba. sun room w/skylights. custom kitchen. hardwood floors & plantation shutters $539,000 #100505 Call Jerry Ballard

NOW THIS IS A HOME WITH 'PANACHE'! Awesome architectural features w/logs, river rock, rough sawn lumber & wood floors. Nice furnishings in this 5 Br, 4 Ba home, 2 living areas, 3 decks. Level entry. $449,900. #100660 Call Charlotta Stewart



4 BR, 3 1/2 BA, 2 STORY, 2 CAR GARAGE Circular paved dr. nice & private front deck w/Sierra Blanca view 3 Built-in FP's. nicely appointed gourmet kitchen w/granite counter tops. loft area $384,900 #100281 Call John Reynolds

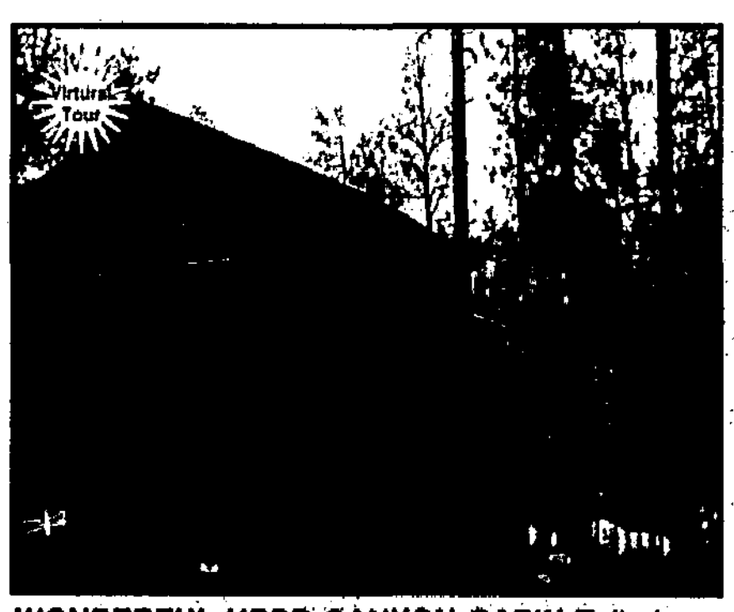
FINE DETAILS OF AMBIANCE Outstanding home on over 1 ac in the heart of Ruidoso. Beautiful sun room, great room & master suite. Secluded back deck, awesome trees, views & feel $384,000. #100439 Call Charlotta Stewart



BEAUTIFUL 1 LEVEL HOME Wonderful grounds, central access, 3 lots on 2 acres. Estate setting in the heart of Ruidoso. 4 BR, 4 BA, 2 living areas, fully fenced, big decks and gazebo. $375,000. #100243. CALL Joseph A. Zagone

SPACIOUS, COMFORTABLE MT HOME Corner lot. recently painted inside & out. New metal roof. 2 living areas. lg master suite w/bonus room Lots of storage. easy access to schools Dog run Owner/agent $339,500 #16523 Call Georgia Underwood

BEAUTIFUL NEW HOME 1 Level, 3 Br, 2 Ba, granite tops, Hickory cabinets, ref A/C, finished beams, stamped concrete porches, great construction & insulation. $299,500. #18868. CALL Joseph A. Zagone 808-0282



WONDERFUL UPPR CANYON CABIN Tall pines, tree top deck, hot tub, beautiful wood interior & floors, partially furnished. A special cabin for special folks. $298,750 #101232. Call Joseph A. Zagone

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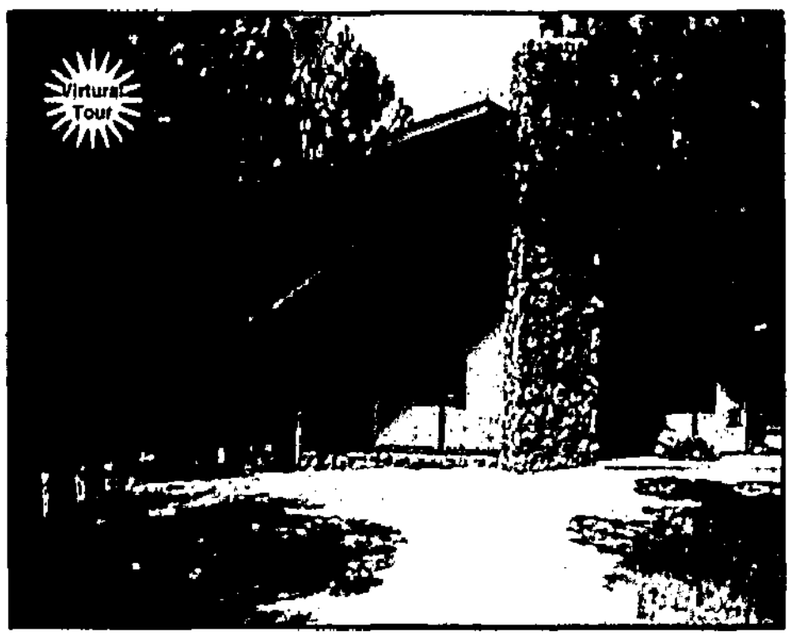
CHARMING HOME IN CEDAR CREEK Designed to live big when it needs to. Big deck w/hot tub Extra shower downstairs Den or hobby room Cozy & comfortable $289,000 #17210 Call Georgia Underwood

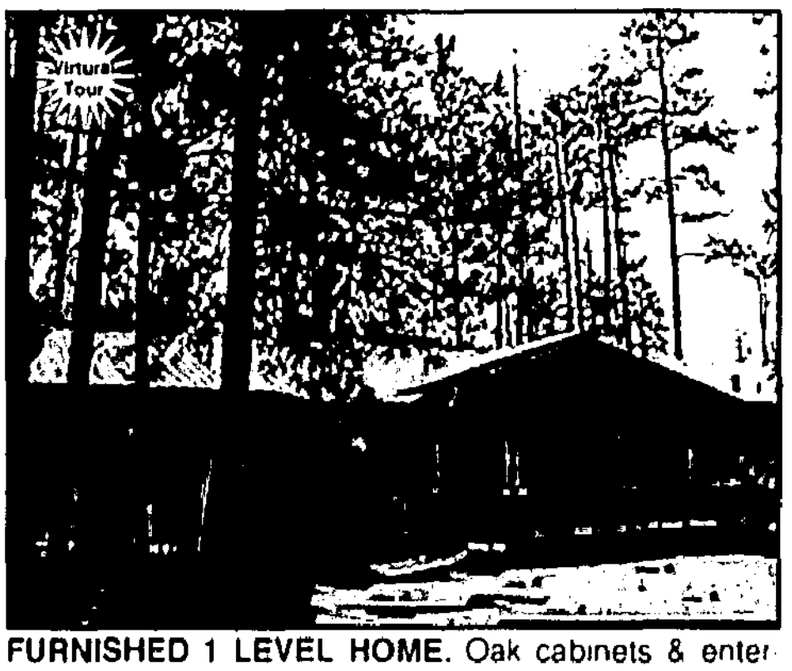
BEAUTIFUL 2 YR OLD HOME Log sided & wood interior throughout. Neat floor plan Southern views for reasonable utility costs 1 Level, dbl garge, top notch subdivision, all city utilities $279,500. #18350 Call Joseph A. Zagone

MOUNTAIN RETREAT Large, 3500 sq ft, 6 Br, 3 Ba home. Bring the family, friends or the neighbors! Great view of Sierra Blanca & fully furnished! $275,000 #17294 Call Tom Rheingans

BRAND NEW CONSTRUCTION All 1 level ranch style home sitting on almost 6/10th of an acre, all city utilities, open floor plan & nestled in the tall pines 3 Br, 2 Ba Possible owner financing $274,500 #17658 Call Scott Roser



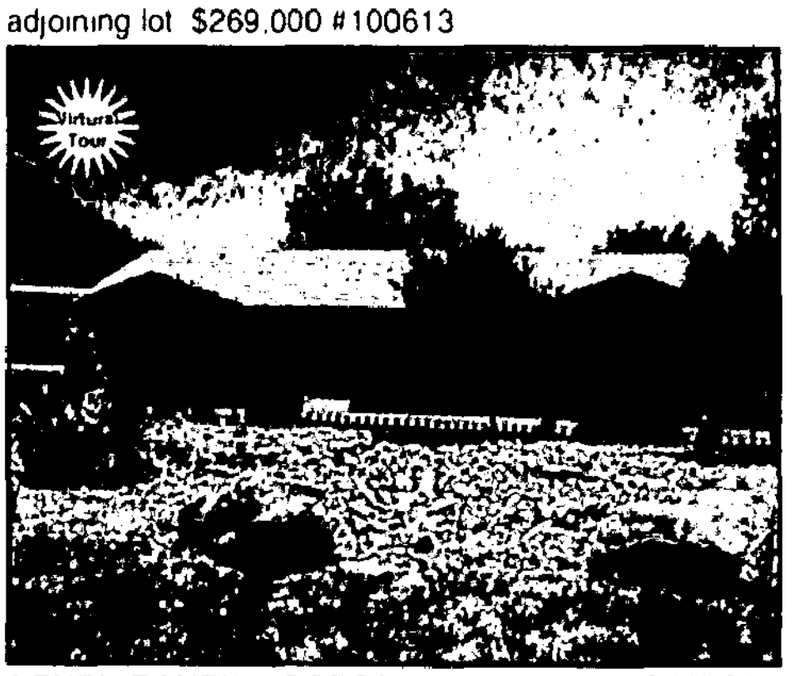
SPACIOUS MOUNTAIN CABIN 4 Br, 3 Ba, 2 living areas, soaring 2 story stone FP & free standing antique wood stove Also custom wood ceilings & Refrig A/C Furniture negotiable $269,500 #100647 Call Frank Higgins



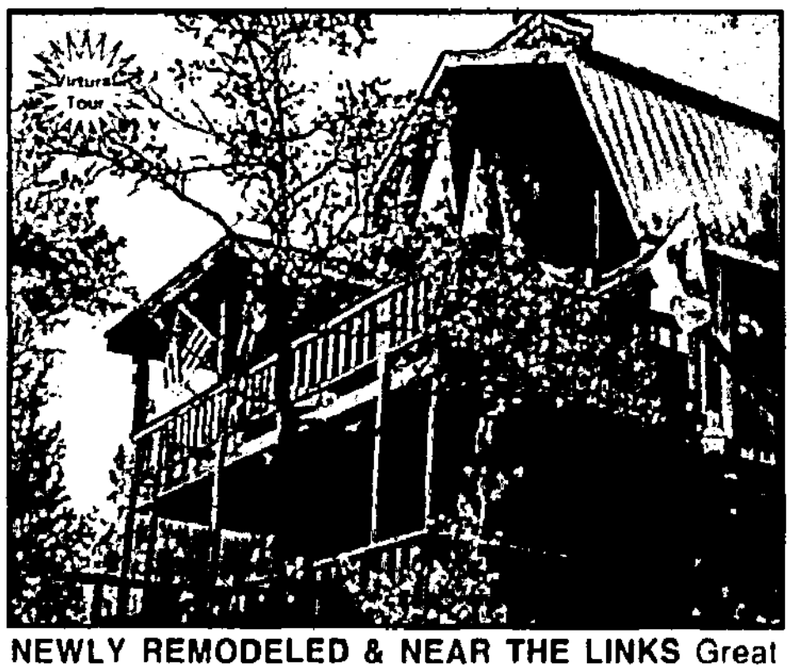
FURNISHED 1 LEVEL HOME. Oak cabinets & entertainment center. Large closets. R/O system Big beautiful deck, big lot, tall pines, super yard, year round acess Lots of parking, all city utilities Super permanent, retirement, or vacation home Owner will also sell adjoining lot $269,000 #100613

PRICE REDUCED Sierra Blanca views, remodeled chef's kitchen, granite counter tops, new appliances, new floors carpet, heating, A/C & more Owner relocated & is motivated $269,000 #100048 Call Cindy Parkinson

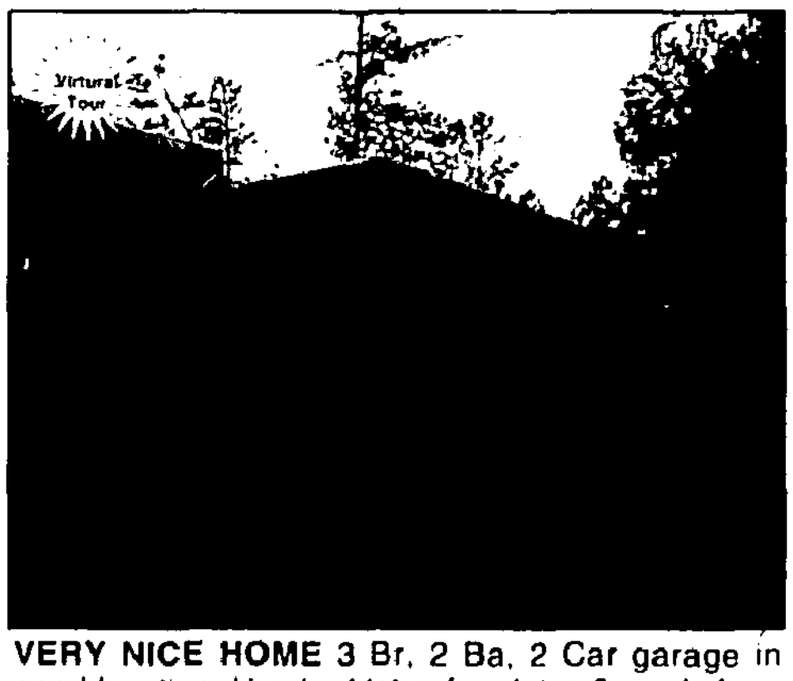
QUIET CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION 3/2 in a beautiful location, paved central access, tall pines, covered porch, new metal roof Super price for permanent residence or retirement/ vacation home $268,000 #101203 Call Joseph A Zagone



LEVEL PAVED ACCESS - TERRIFIC LOCATION! Private well at this custom home w/many extras Corner lot, level access, covered patios, refrig A/C Jenn-air gas FP, RO-water softener Unfurnished $259,500 #15941 Call James Paxton



NEWLY REMODELED & NEAR THE LINKS Great looking cabin in the woods! Over 800 SF covered & uncovered decks. Great rental history New cabinets, appliances, heat & A/C $259,000 #101013 Call Charlotta Stewart



VERY NICE HOME 3 Br, 2 Ba, 2 Car garage in good location. Has had lots of updates & ready for a new family $251,900 #101096 Call Rita Young

A QUAINT CABIN NEAR THE RIVER True mt cabin, large rooms, open country kitchen, skylights, updated baths, FP & park like setting a true feel of Ruidoso $249,990 #100410 Call Jerry Ballard

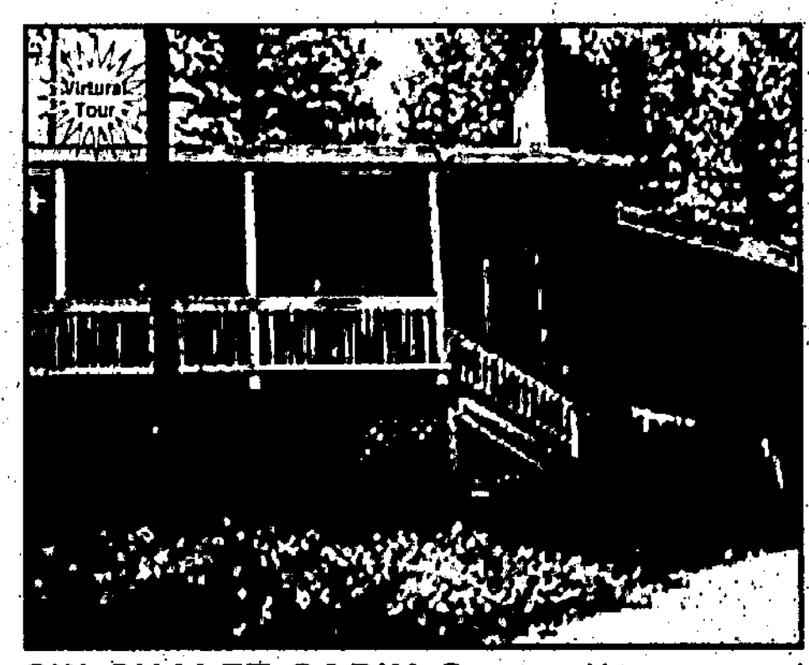
FANTASTIC VALLEY VIEW Secluded wrap around deck. Lots of sq footage, remodeled home. New kit cabinets & tops, some new windows & doors, 2 Br on main floor. $249,900. #101089 Call Charlotta Stewart

NEW CONSTRUCTION HOME Wooded corner lot, 3 decks, custom texture & vaulted ceilings throughout, open kit w/stainless steel appliances, loft w/1/2 Ba, pre-wired for Smart Home System. $245,000. #101119 Call Joseph A. Zagone

SUPER ACCESS IN WHITE MT ESTATES 1 Level, cedar interior & exterior. Walk to golf, walking trails & play areas. Custom SW cabinets, large closets, storage & workshop. Great rental record. $239,500. #101020 Call Joseph A. Zagone

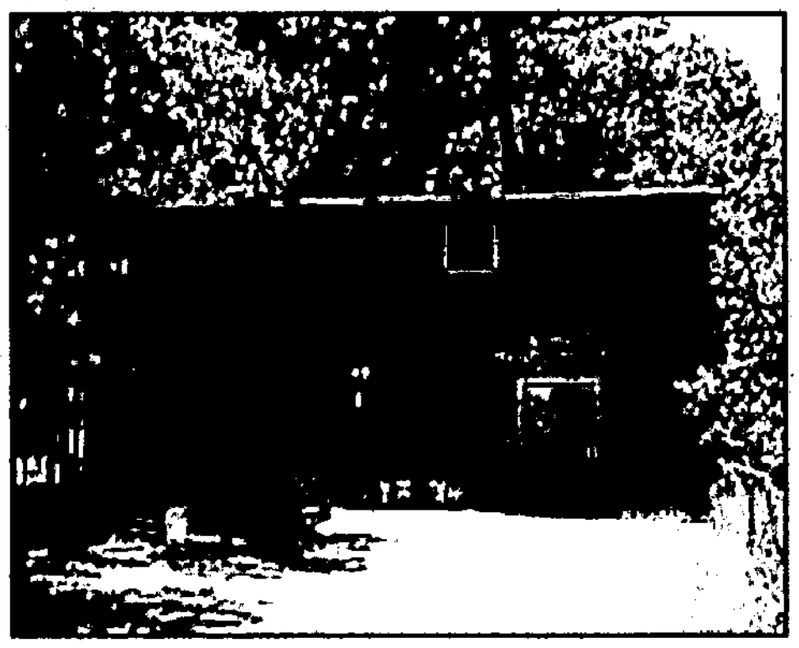
OWN THIS HOME IN THE UPPER CANYON Great 2nd home or rental property. The location & lot says it all. 3 Br 1 3/4 Ba updated w/FP, level lot, fully furnished. $239,000. #100412 Call Jerry Ballard

NICELY DONE, IN TOWN NEAR THE LINKS Great looking cabin in the woods! Covered porch & 220 SF uncovered deck w/hot tub. Great rental history. Open living/dining combo, 1 level interior. $234,950. #101007 Call Charlotta Stewart

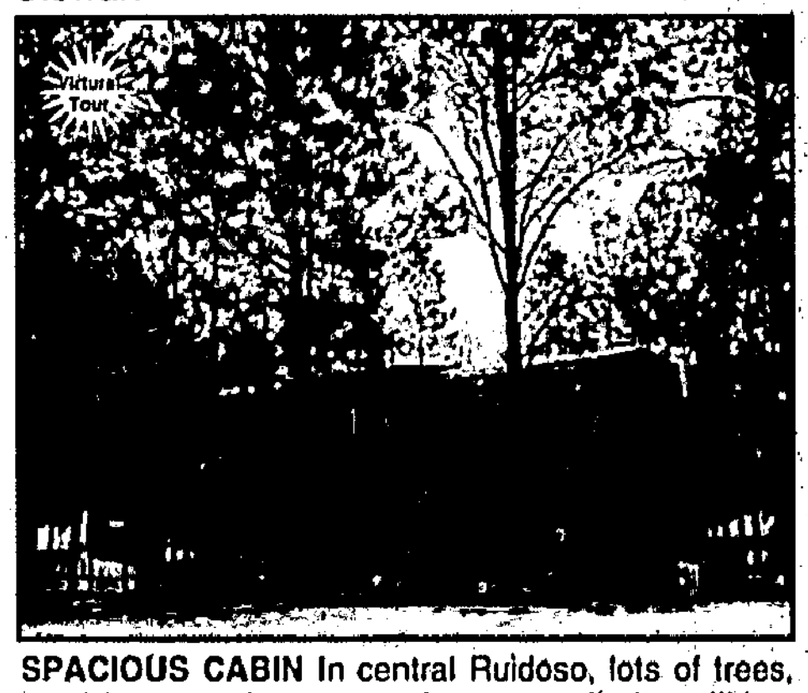


SW CHALET CABIN Covered/uncovered decks, 1 carport+3 extra parking spaces. Storage shed, landscape w/split rail fence. Little loft TV room w/deck, mstr on main floor w/LR & kit. $234,900. #100805 Call Charlotta Stewart

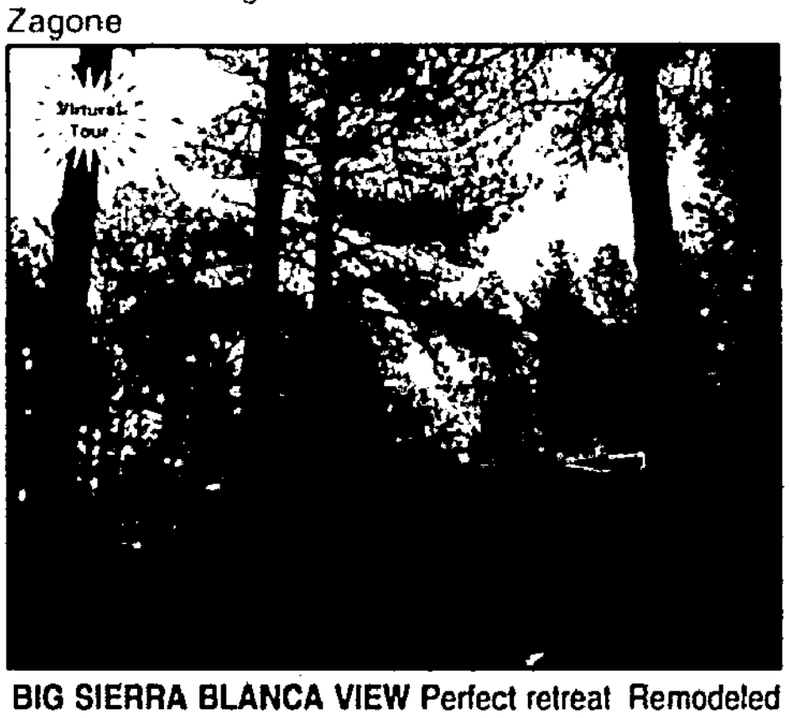
WONDERFUL, REMODELED 3/2 ON TREED LOT High ceilings thru out, beautiful kit, custom cabinets, new windows & pellet stove. Lg utility rm, dbl detached garage, covered patio, paved dr & lots of storage. $197,500. #18898 Call Joan Zagone



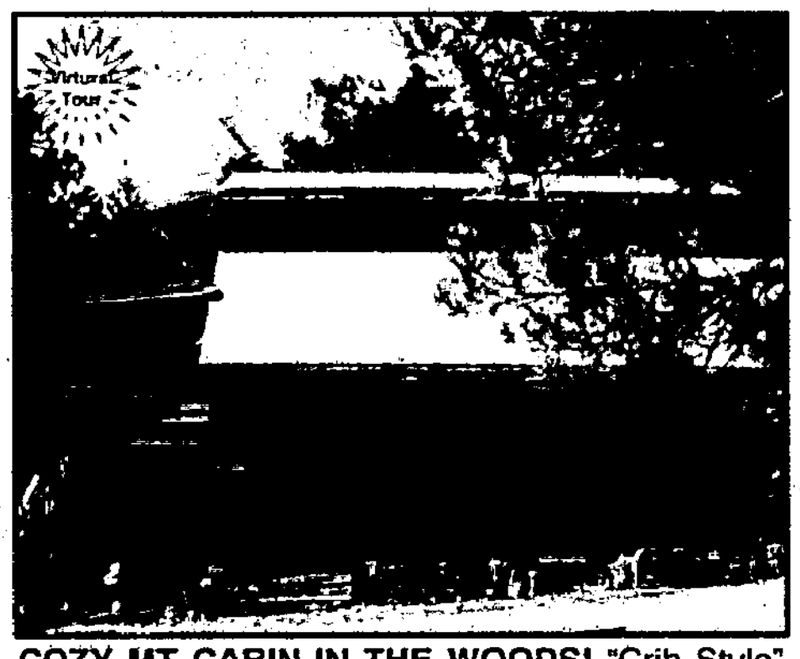
TOTALLY REMODELED Ready to move into! Excellent game room & Br downstairs. Great property for weekenders or full time rental. $185,000. #100731 Call Team RhinoRose



SPACIOUS CABIN In central Ruidoso, lots of trees, level lot, paved year round access, all city utilities. Soaring ceilings, FP, 3 Br, 2 Ba. Super permanent or vacation home. $179,500. #100055. Call Joseph A. Zagone 808-0282.

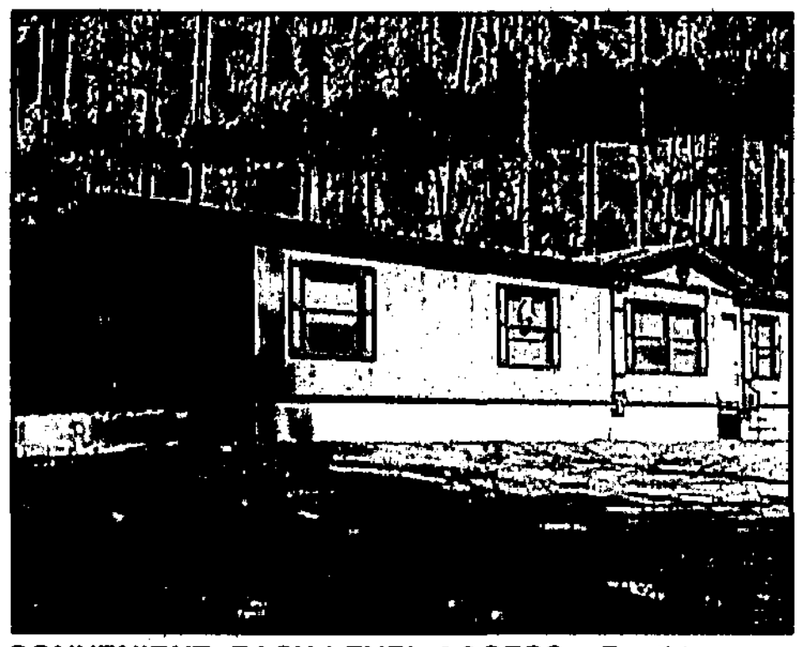


BIG SIERRA BLANCA VIEW Perfect retreat. Remodeled cabin w/wood interior, new kitchen, new furnace & beautifully furnished, 1 level home. Walk to Mid-Town, tall pines, all city utilities. $175,000. #100310 Call Joseph Z. Zagone



COZY MT CABIN IN THE WOODS! "Crib Style" modified A-Frame, wastes no floor space. Wood accents, open liv/kit area. Master on entry level, fully furnished, covered deck, balcony to view the stars. $165,000. #100133 Call Charlotta Stewart

GREAT RETREAT! See this darling cabin, close to Mid-Town today! 2 Br, loft, 2 living areas, 1 Ba, fully furnished. What a find! $149,900. #100393 Call Jerry Ballard

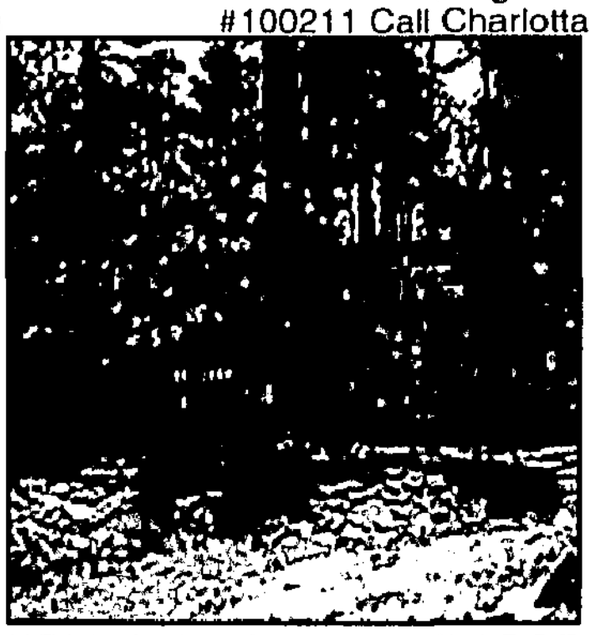


CONVENIENT, EASY LEVEL ACCESS... For this super clean double wide. Located on appox. 1/2 an acre lot Large living room w/FP, formal dining room, utility room, master ba has double vanity, garden tub & 3/4 shower. $124,900. #100878. Call John B. Reynolds

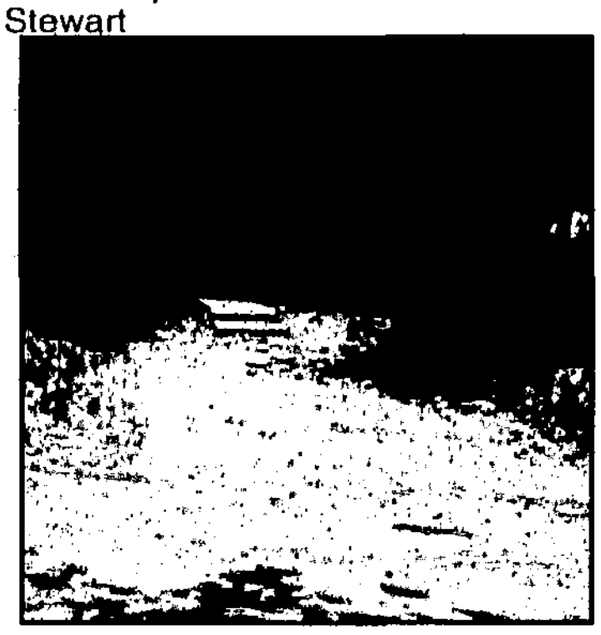
OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE! For this 3 Br, 2 Ba w/office. Huge deck/carport, Mfg w/add-ons. Tape/text walls, dbl pane windows; remodeled kitchen,large deck is carport.$119,900. #100211 Call Charlotta Stewart

WELL DONE ADD-ON LIVING AREA MFG w/FP, large screened porch. Excellent condition in/out Quiet treed location. Possible 3rd party financing $112,000. #100456 Call James Paxton

MOBILE ON 2 LOTS 3 Br, 2 Ba, center kitchen, mobile on 2 lots w/70'deck Great weekend get-a-way at a great price $99,900 #18164 Call Georgia Underwood



VERY NICE SET UP W/LARGE SHOP Big decks, home sits on lg lot & has shared well Refrig A/C, nat gas heat, secluded patio w/storage room Easy access, secluded feel 2 Parts fenced $97,000 #101194 Call Charlotta Stewart



VERY CUTE & REMODELED CABIN Sunny location, fenced back yard w/fruit tree, tall pines, wood stove, tile floor & new carpet/paint Nice deck, mostly furnished Owner/agent $84,500 #100555 Call Scott Roser

BIG VIEW FROM MFG 1982 Fleetwood Festival w/refrig A/C & wood burning stove. 3 Br, 2 Ba, mostly furnished, awesome views & 2 fruit trees $59,500 #17330 Call Scott Roser

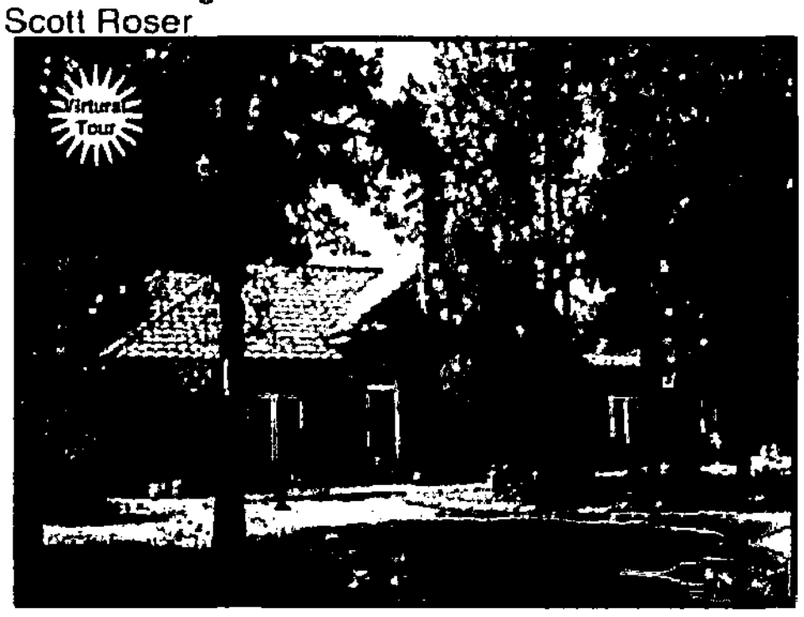
Alto Village Homes

BEAUTIFUL HOME ON 1 AC Full golf membership Nice Capitan & valley views Rich color tones give this home a comfortable warm & inviting feel Perfect for entertaining or relaxing $895,000 #100266 Call Colleen Whitaker

WELL PLANNED, DESIGNED & APPOINTED New Construction-Alto, full golf w/huge view of The Capitans High end appliances, Aspen ceilings, maintenance free exterior, butler's pantry, coffee bar, gourmet kit $859,000 #18861 Call Scott Roser

BEAUTIFUL NEW HOME Adobe style custom home All the extras, even a theater Full golf membership In lovely Deer Park Woods $799,500 #13231 Call Colleen Whitaker

BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM DEER PARK WOODS HOME Large master suite, LR & 3 lounge-study areas, formal dining, breakfast area & lots of counter seating in huge kitchen Porte cochere & 2 car garage, landscaping $793,500 #101054 Call Joseph A Zagone



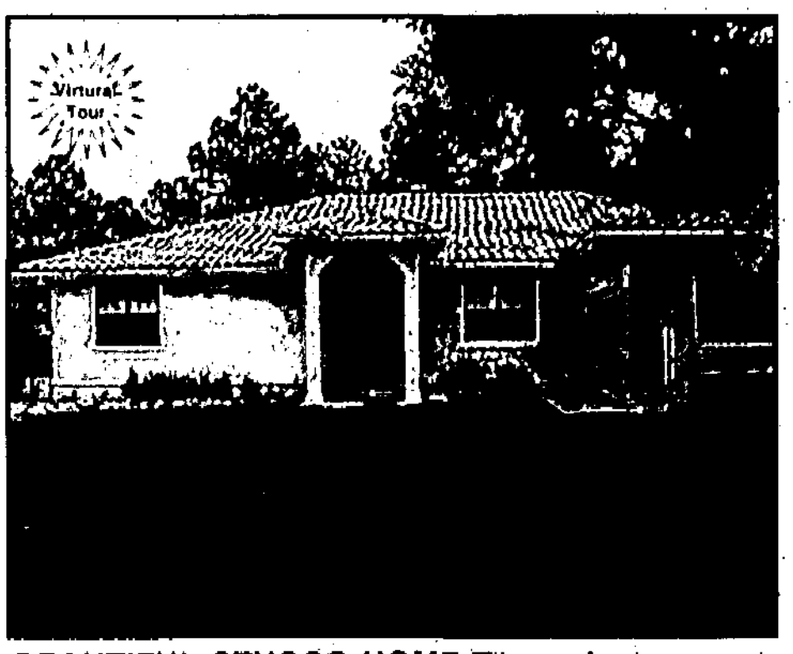
MOVE INTO THIS BEAUTIFUL DEER PARK HOME TODAY A fabulous 1 level home, 2 living areas, 2FP's, 4 Br, 3 1/2 Ba. Treed corner lot, enclosed courtyard + triple garage. $739,000. #100855 Call Jerry Ballard

LOTS OF CUSTOM ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES 3 Courtyards, 1 w/putting green! 2 FP's, great vigas, high ceilings, split Brs, wonderful Santa Fe style home. Full golf. Furnishings available. Owner/agent. $620,000. #18870 Call Colleen Whitaker

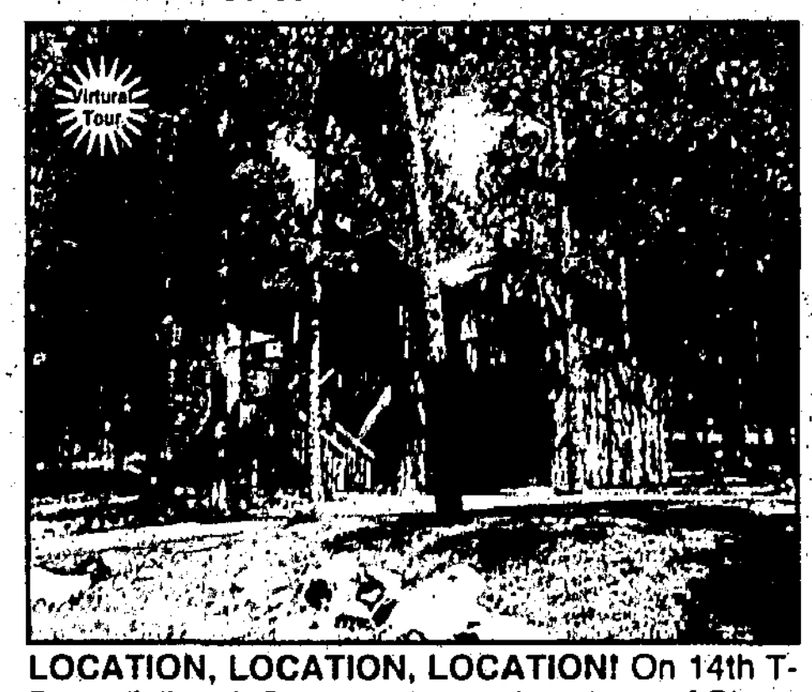
SPACIOUS SINGLE LEVEL 4 BR, 3 BA Deer Park Dr territorial home. Golf membership. Extensive Xeriscaped front yard. Expansive great room & well appointed kitchen, all the comforts of home. $629,500. #100437 Call Frank Reed

UNIQUE HOME IN ALTO VILLAGE Could be used as a corporate retreat. 2 mstr Br suites. 2 Br guest apt, office w/Ba. Great area for studio &/or exercise room. Gorgeous views from 3 decks. Golf mem. $599,000. #100388 Call Colleen Whitaker

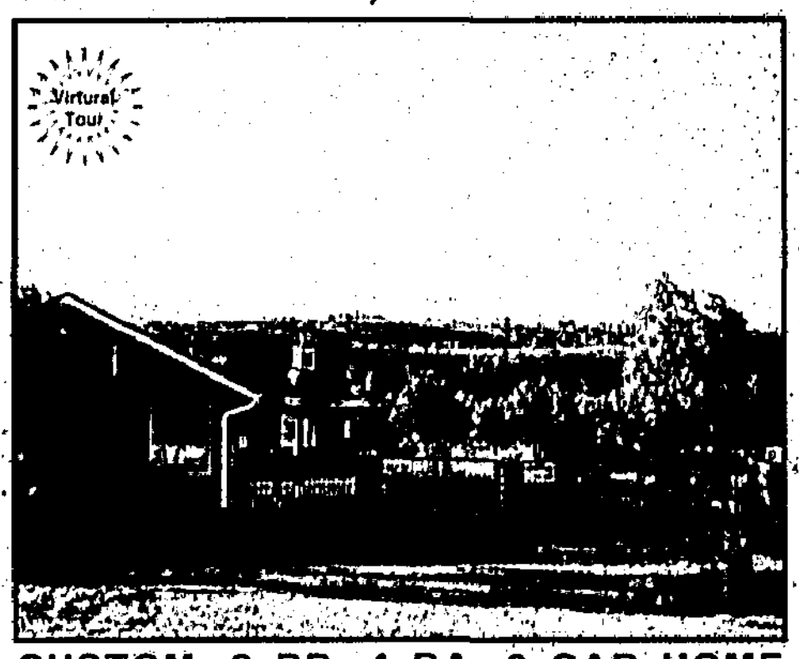
LARGE HOME NEAR ALTO CLUB HOUSE Home w/great decks & views. Easy level access w/lots of room, large den w/FP, office, game room, 3-4 Br & lots of extra storage + golf cart garage. $499,500. #18913 Call Jorise Henry



BEAUTIFUL STUCCO HOME Tile roof, nice wooded view. Full golf membership. Furniture can be purchased separately. $475,000. #18159 Call Colleen Whitaker

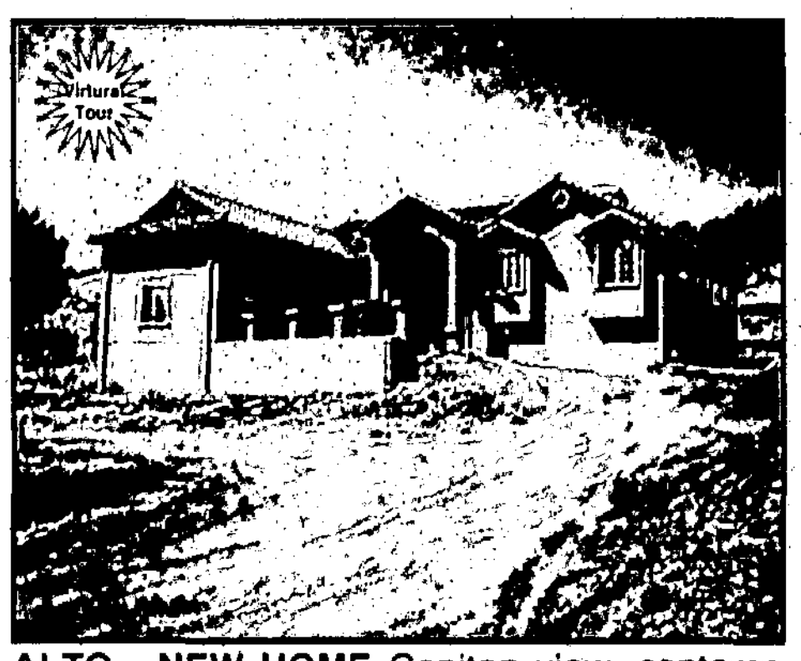


LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION! On 14th T-Box w/full golf. Super mt home, big views of Sierra Blanca, decks on 3 sides, 3 Br, 2 Ba, rock FP & granite in the kitchen. $443,000. #101198 Call Jerry Ballard



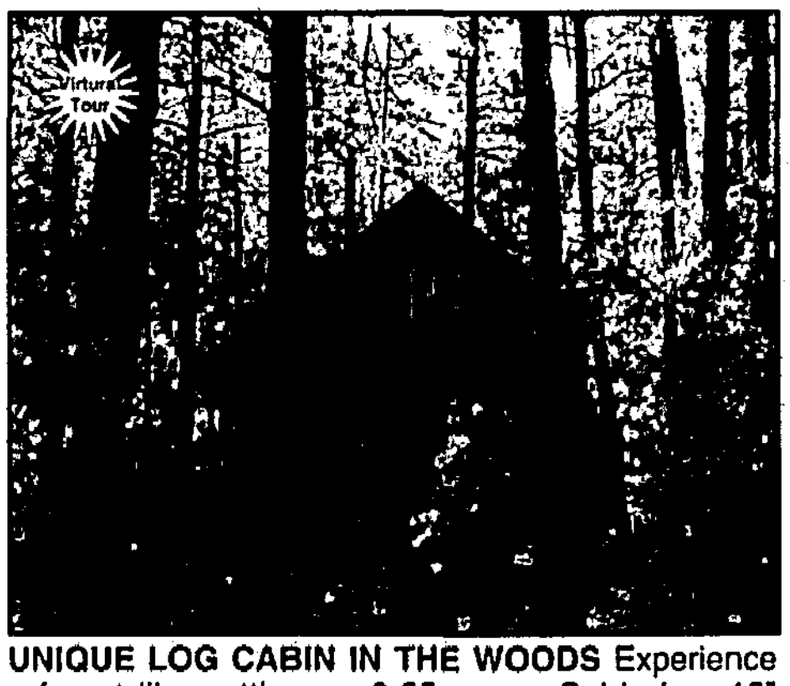
CUSTOM, 3 BR, 4 BA, 2 CAR HOME Prestigious ALGCC-non-golf membership, unobstructed Sierra Blanca views, single level. Dog run, decks & 2 FP's. $399,900. #100184 Call Charlotta Stewart

REALLY NICE ALTO HOME 3 Br, 2 Ba, single garage+golf cart storage. New floor covering thru out, new appliances, paint in & out. Views of golf course, on #14 Fairway, golf mem. Owner/agent $395,000. #18285 Call DeWayne Brown

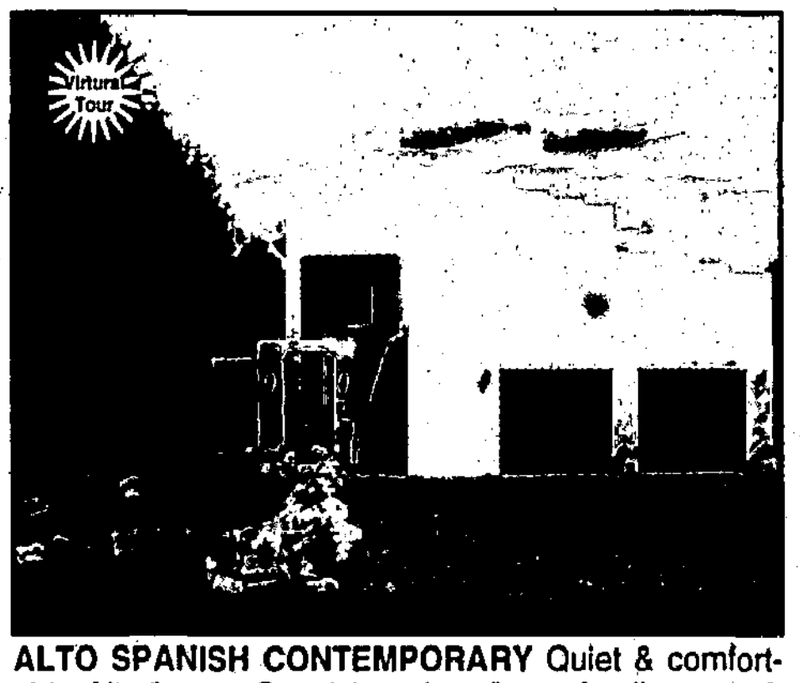


ALTO - NEW HOME Capitan view, contemp stucco ext, tile roof, grand entry, 16 ft vaulted ceilings, covered deck off lg living/family room, solid granite, hickory cabinets, formal dining. $394,900. #100143 Call John Reynolds

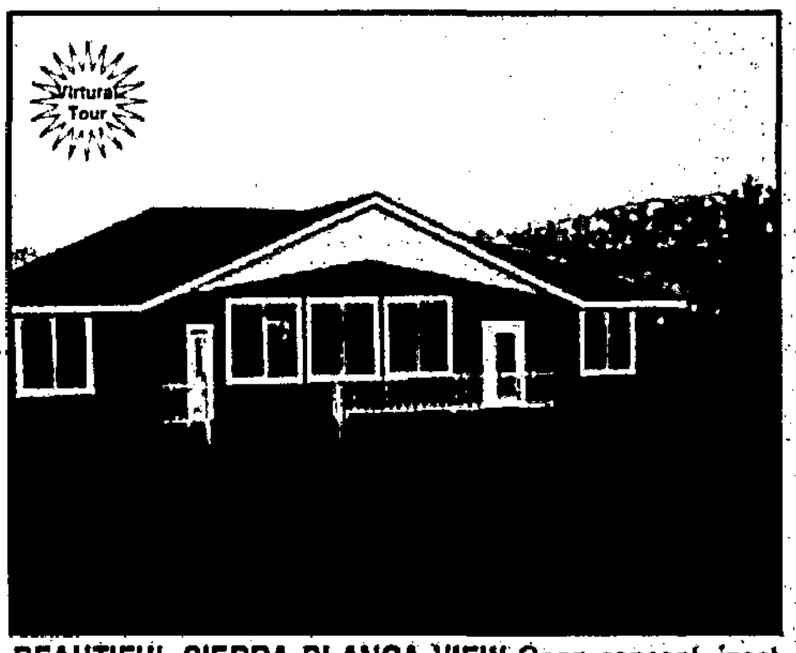
GOLFER'S DELIGHT! Golf course right out your back door. Newly remodeled & fully furnished. Great access. Big game room which could be 4th Br. #375,000. #100721 Call Frank Reed



UNIQUE LOG CABIN IN THE WOODS Experience a forest like setting on 2.25 acres. Cabin has 12" logs, wood floors, open loft + 3 car detached garage. Easily accessible by way of paved rd. $369,000. #17032 Call Jerry Ballard



ALTO SPANISH CONTEMPORARY Quiet & comfortable Alto home. Spanish style w/large family room & cozy patio. #365,000. #16394 Call Martin Rose



BEAUTIFUL SIERRA BLANCA VIEW Open concept, inset ceilings in every room. Custom cabinets, granite tops in kit & baths. Oak floors in great room, tile in Ba & utility, oversized garage. Owner/agent. #349,900. #100384 Call Charlotta Stewart

CONVENIENT, EASY LEVEL ACCESS... For this super clean double wide. Located on appox. 1/2 an acre lot Large living room w/FP, formal dining room, utility room, master ba has double vanity, garden tub & 3/4 shower. $124,900. #100878. Call John B. Reynolds

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MOBILE ON 2 LOTS 3 Br, 2 Ba, center kitchen, mobile on 2 lots w/70'deck Great weekend get-a-way at a great price $99,900 #18164 Call Georgia Underwood

VERY NICE SET UP W/L
SHOP Big decks, home sits o
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gas heat, secluded patio w/s
room Easy access, secluded
Parts fenced $97,000 #1011
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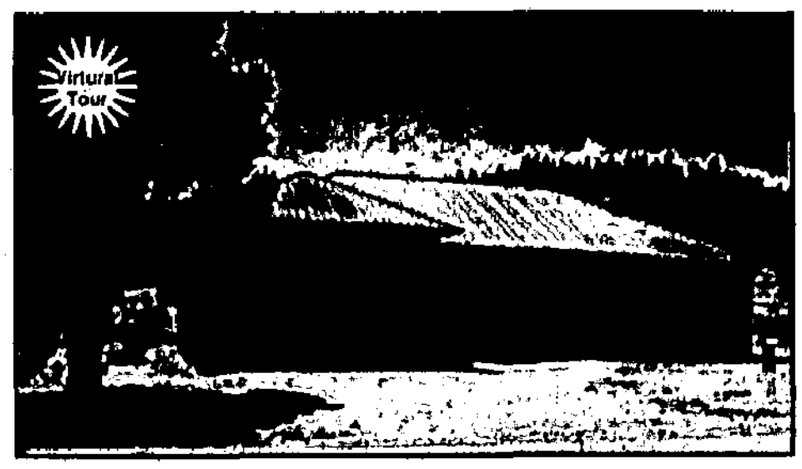
FULL GOLF, CHALET OVERLOOKING 12TH GREEN Panoramic views Open living, kitchen, dining. Dry sauna underneath Owner relocating & very motivated $349,000 #100297 Call Scott Roser

CHARMING GOLF HOME Desirable High Mesa neighborhood. Light & bright! Like new (2006) countertops & sink, (2005) Redwood deck & ext paint, carpet & interior paint. Golf cart garage $342,500. #100190 Call Karen Higgins

NEW CONSTRUCTION Split Br floor plan, 3/2 3/4, FP, lots of storage space & large closets. Views of Sierra Blanca. Exceeded code regs. Bonus room or media room or formal dining. $319,900. #18778 Call John Reynolds

LIKE NEW-ALTO LAKES STUCCO HOME Many custom upgrades, granite counter tops, hugh rock FP hardwood floors, valley & Capitan Mt views Flat lot w/easy access from paved rd 3 Br+ office $318 000 #18316 Call Frank Higgins

STUCCO HOME IN ALTO Granite counter tops, hickory cabinets, tile living area refrig A/C 1 Level, 2 covered decks separate Whirlpool shower in master Ba large closets $295 000 #100195 Call Joseph A Zagone



LIKE NEW ALTO LAKES STUCCO HOME Many custom upgrades, granite counter tops, huge rock FP hardwood floors, valley & Capitan Mt views Flat lot w/paved rd access Alto golf membership $282,500 #101135 Call Frank Higgins

4 BR, 4 BA W/HOT TUB & GOLF MEMBERSHIP Paved dr w/carport Metal roof & new forced air heating system Furniture may be purchased separately Rustic southwest cabin type home $279,000 #17352 Call Frank Reed

BEAUTIFUL ALTO VILLAGE HOME Full golf membership Fully furnished 2 Br, 1 3/4 Ba approx 1885 sq ft Recently landscaped View of Sierra Blanca & Capitans $240 000 #18025 Call Colleen Whitaker

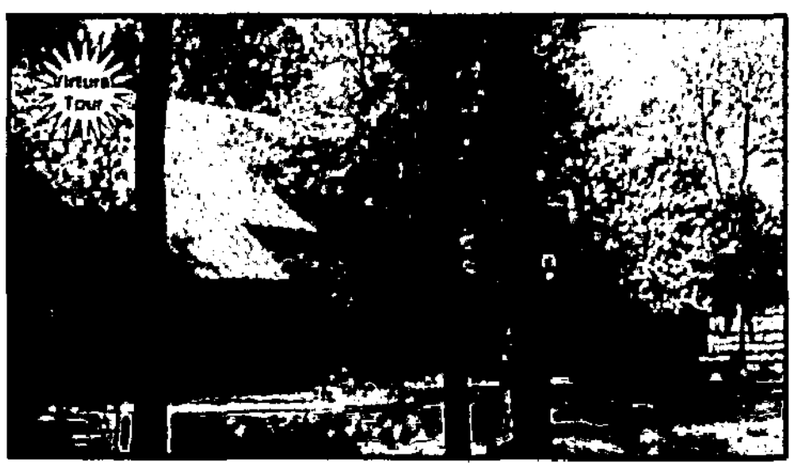
MOUNTAIN CABIN Super views of Sierra Blanca Updated w/nice decks for entertaining or viewing the Mt Privacy FP w/3 Br 2 (3/4) Ba & open floor plan $215 000 #101183 Call Jerry Ballard

ALTO HOME Full golf membership, quiet street, minimal traffic 3 Br, 2 Ba, big FP, dbl car garage Easy entry w/minimal steps, back area fairly level $199,999 #17370 Call Joseph A Zagone

Homes Outside Ruidoso

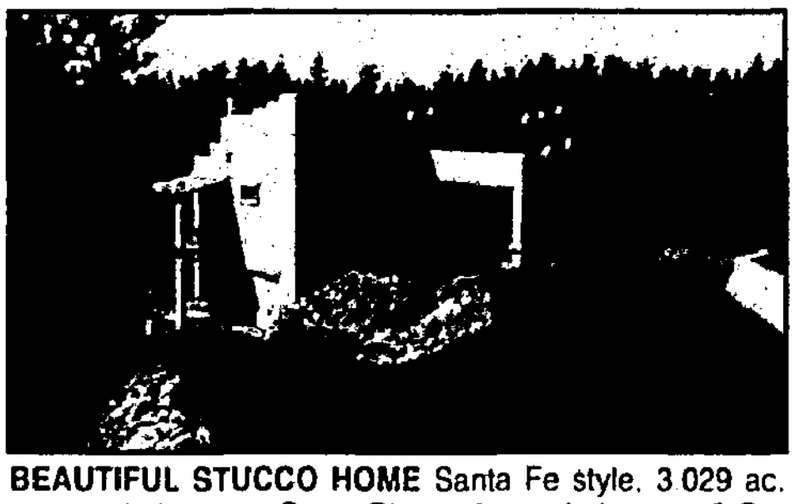
LIMITLESS POTENTIAL - CURRENTLY UN-ZONED Currently under construction-includes guest house infinity pool & grand views of Sierra Blanca & Capitan Mts 132 Acre tr + Lot 450 Ranches of Sonterra $4,725,000 #13368 Call James Paxton

MAJESTIC VIEWS OF SIERRA BLANCA & CAPITANS From this custom built home situated on 20 treed acres together w/a Casita & a 1500 sq ft shop $1,795,000 #100885 Call Rita Young



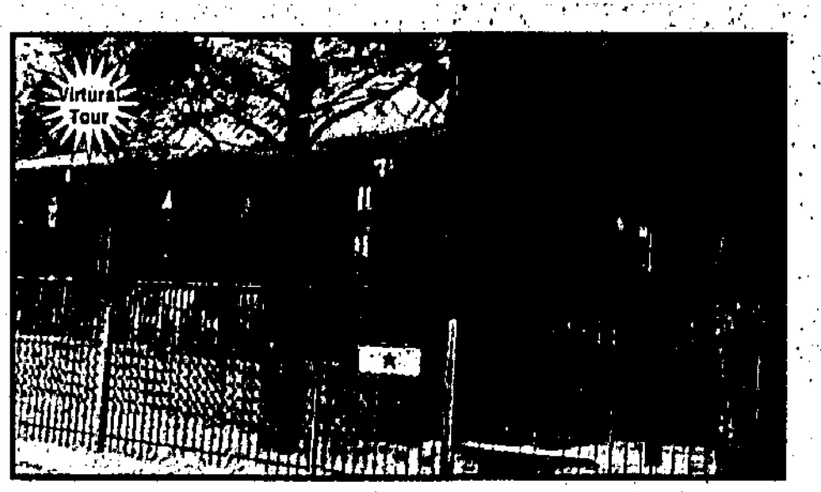
ARCHITECTURAL BEAUTY ON 10 ACRES High ceilings, beautiful Wood windows w/shutters Luxurious features throughout Horses allowed Multi use potential 5 Water hookups w/Alto Lakes Water Corp $1,700,000 #16646 Call Colleen Whitaker

CUSTOM REMODEL Home & guest house, custom appliances, flooring, cabinets Beautiful landscaping, pond & fountain, paved dr, all fenced 2 Stall paddock, pipe fencing, 3 car garage $879,900 #100650 Call James Paxton



BEAUTIFUL STUCCO HOME Santa Fe style, 3.029 ac, very secluded, nice Sierra Blanca & wooded views 2 Car covered parking, spa & work out room, 2 FP's Gated after 2nd home finished $863,000 #100862 Call Colleen Whitaker

STATELY EXECUTIVE HOME IN EXCLUSIVE ROS 9.5 Ac in the pines. 4 Br, 5 1/2 Ba, 4000 SF+RV garage, 1800 SF heated wk shop/bsmt. Granite c/t, cherry cabinetry, crown molding, Vermont slat. $764,900. #17063 Call John Reynolds



TRULY EXTRAORDINARY PROPERTY ON 7.5 AC! 3 Br, 2 1/2 Ba w/oversized triple garage/workshop, 2 carports, 1/2 Ba in garage. Partly fenced, landscaped, covered decks, patio, screened bk porch, private well. $679,000. #18391 Call Joyce W. Cox

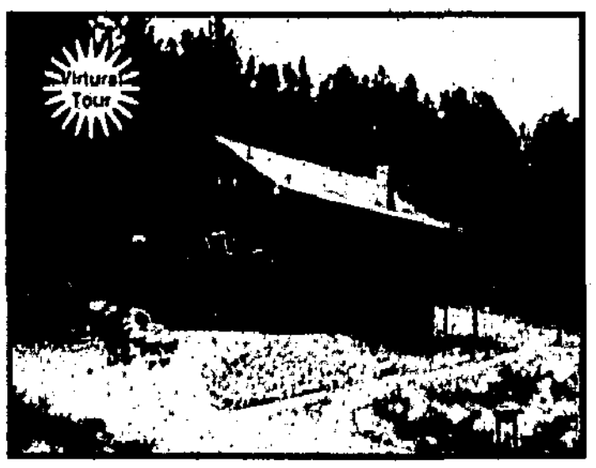
BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM HOME 4 Br, 3 1/2 Ba, Little Creek. Master Br on 1st level, extra large living room. Level lot, huge pines & easy access. $650,000. #101111 Call Harvey Foster

FABULOUS HOME Grand entry, lots of tile, hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, granite counters. Contemporary style, loft master suite, radiant heat. 1.67 Ac in Sun Valley in the tall pines. $629,900. #100204 Call John Reynolds

BONITO FRONTAGE FOR THIS CUSTOM HOME 3/3 & 2 Car garage, custom log home. Less than 5 yrs young. Located in a secluded setting w/400' of Bonito running through. Pleasant view of the creekbed $595,000. #100218 Call Frank Reed

COTTONWOOD CANYON RANCH Great country setting w/elk & ducks in the pond. Put your rocking chair on the front deck & enjoy peace, solitude & serenity. Comfortable home has lots of amenities. $499,900. #100198 Call Georgia Underwood

BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF SIERRA BLANCA A jewel of a home! Beautifully remodeled in 2005; new kitched w/granite counter tops & prestige cabinets. 700 Sq ft workshop/studio. $495,000. #100527 Call Sandra Scarborough



A NATURE LOVER'S DREAM COME TRUE! See this beautifully maintained home today. A quiet country paradise. 3 Br, 3 1/2 Ba, wood floors/ceilings, hickory cabinets, high ceilings & a Rainmaker water sys. $469,000. #100679 Call Jerry Ballard

RANCHES OF SONTERRA High ceilings, beautiful FP. Bottom floor has own entry, mom-in-law qtrs? Over 1400 sf of decks to enjoy the vistas! Hickory cabinets. River rock, wood burn fireplace. 3 bedrooms 3 baths. $450,000 #17563 Call Charlotta Stewart

CUSTOM BUILT HOME Santa Fe style in a beautiful location. Kiva FP, covered porch, oversized garge. Refrig A/C. Paved access, large private lot. $447,000. #100958 Call James Paxton

COUNTRY SETTING, 17.39 ACRES raise chickens, have cattle & horses, love gardening. Main house Cavco 32x76,4 Br., 2 Ba, 2 Bldg sites ready. Great well w/63 gpm. Pt of Runnels Ranch. Barn & shed. Elec gate.$439,500. #17327 Call Georgia Underwood

REMODELED HOME ON 3 AC IN GLENCOE 3 or 4 Br, big indoor hot tub room. 2 full Ba, hardwood floors updated. Very close to the river. A super property. 2.21 Acre ft Senior Water Rights. $369,000. #18238 Call Cindy Parkinson

BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM LOG SIDING HOME. Finished end of 2006. 3 Br, 3 Ba, super views, wrap around decks, hot tub, carpet, wood & tile FP, all custom. Downstairs almost finished, add another 835 sq ft loft & master br upstairs, very comfortable home, many upgrades, almost 1/2 acre #18498 $359,900 Call Cindy Parkinson

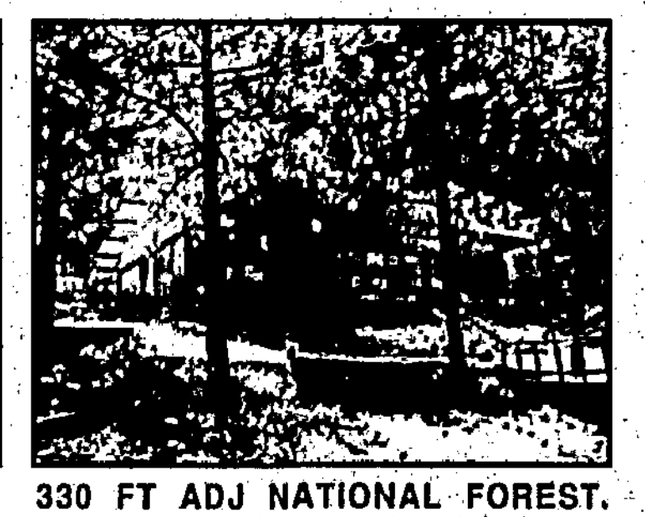
DARLING & FURNISHED CABIN ON 1 AC Sit in the pines & look out across the mts to Sierra Blanca or down to fully fenced meadow below. The grounds are well manicured for a horseman & horse's delight! $299,900. #100811 Call Charlotta Stewart

31 ACRE HOME TRACT 3 Br home, storage, barn & 3 working wells. 2500 Ft of hwy frontage. $240,000. #18290 Call Tom Rheingans

FABULOUS MT VIEW FROM RANCH HOME Log sided, metal roof, vaulted redwood ceiling, large carport, decks & patio. Separate guest or office area. On 1 acre. $227,500. #18004 Call Joan Zagone

LOTS OF ROOM & EASY ACCESS 3 Br, 2 3/4 Ba, double carport & fenced yard. Walk out game room below. $225,000. #100943 Call Frank Reed

NICE 2 BR, 2 BA MOBILE Over an acre that backs up to nat'l forest. Unrestricted, horses ok. Great property. $212,000. #17992 Call Cindy Parkinson



330 FT ADJ NATIONAL FOREST. Manufactured home, 4 Br, 3 1/2 Ba with breakfast bar, refrigerator, dining area, living rm, master Br 1st floor. Storage, utility room. #18750 $209,900 Call Charlotta Stewart

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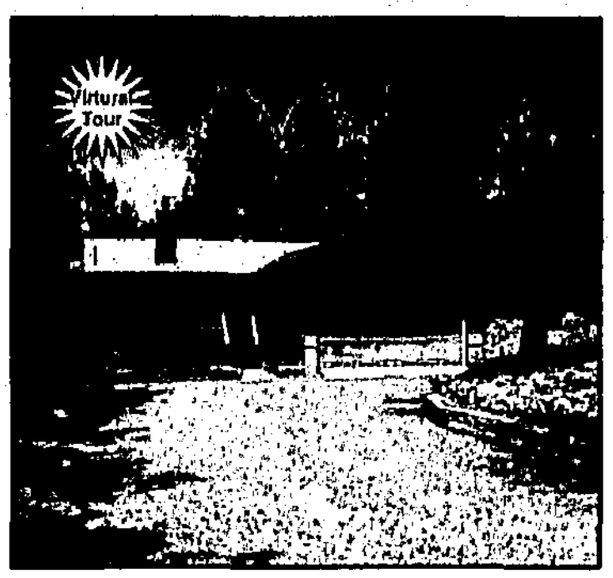
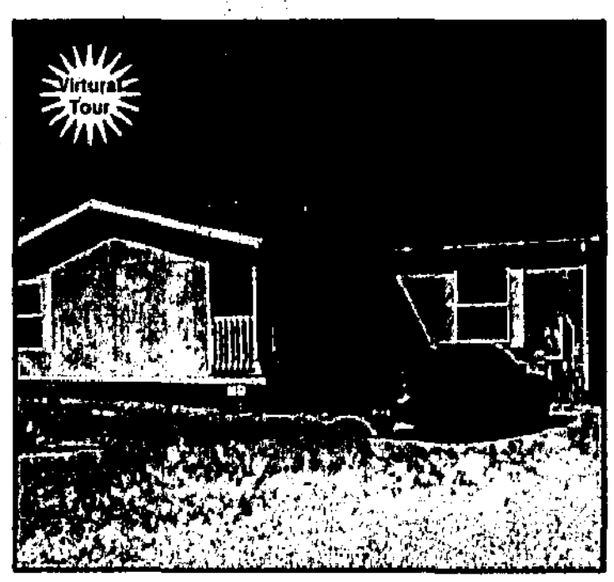
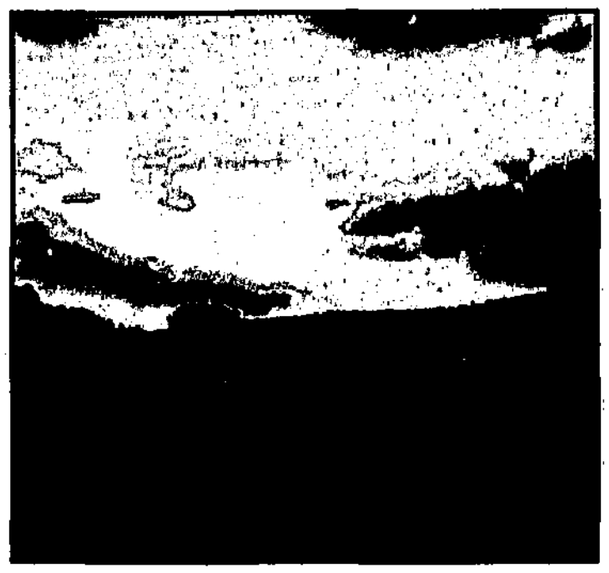


GREAT HOME FOR THE PRICE! Remodeled & ready to move into, Sierra Blanca views. 2 Br, 1 3/4 Ba, all 1 level, 2 car garage w/extra carport. Nice sun room or 3rd Br $194,000. #100766 Call Jerry Ballard

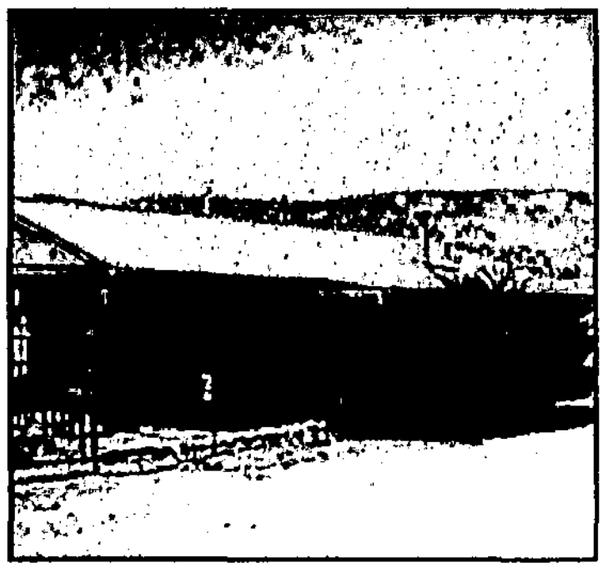


NEED SPACE FOR THE FAMILY! This large 4 Br, 2 Ba, triple wide w/an add-on sun room may be just what you're looking for. Extra large detached 2 car garage w/room for workshop $189,000 #100045 call Rita Young

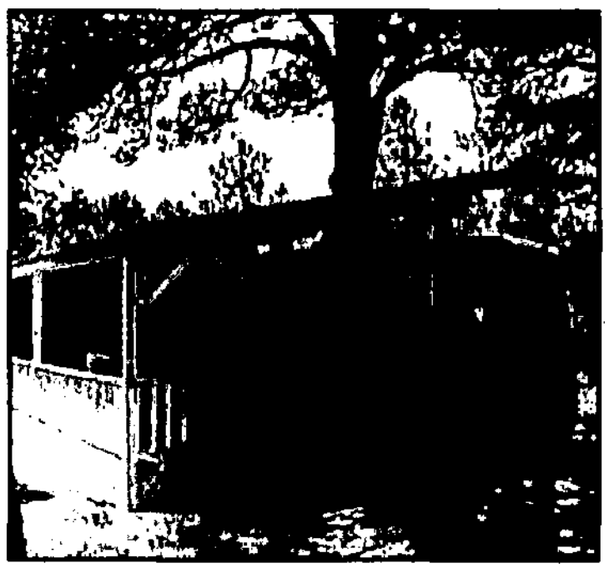


ONE... GREAT FLOOR PLAN Wonderful setting. Level lot, paved access, all underground utilities. Big kitchen, 3 Br, 2 Ba, FP, attached carport can be used as covered patio $159,500 #100059 Call Joseph Zagone

360 PANORAMIC VIEWS 8.9 Ac w/views of valley & Capitans. Old adobe remains said to be oldest home in Lincoln Historic District. Has BLM access. $155,000. #16798 Call Joan Zagone

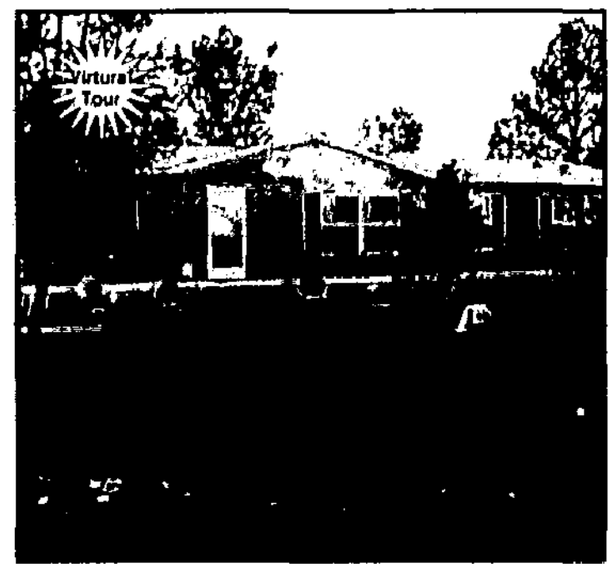


NICE ADOBE HOME 1.0227 Acre, barn, horse corrals, fenced & fruit trees. Easy access. Horses allowed. Needs well drilled & septic system. $150,000. #11057 Call Colleen Whitaker



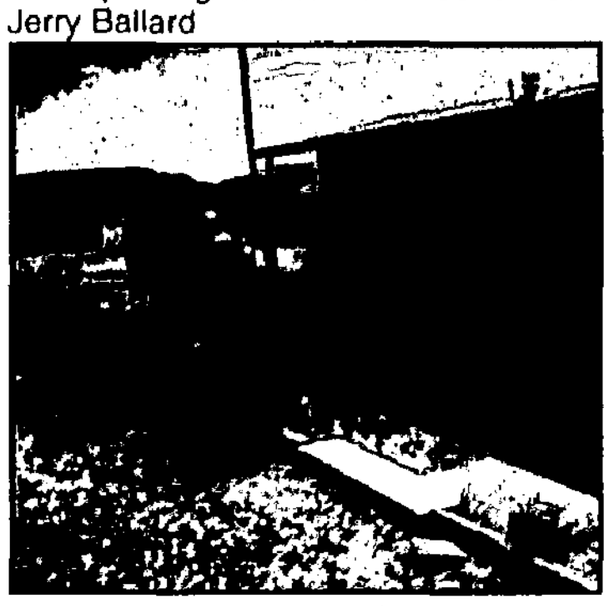
GREAT CLASS A MOTORHOME DECK & LOT 2 Lots A-1, A-2, 200 sq ft, 3/4 Ba & laundry room. Covered decks & outside kitchen. New in 2002. Extra lot for additional motor home/parking. $139,000. #100794 Call Jerry Ballard

UNIQUE PROPERTY FOR YOUR RV! 500 Sf redwood covered deck w/FP & 280 sq ft store room, kit & 3/4 Ba & utility room. Attached 45 ft covered parking w/concrete RV pad w/retaining wall. Adult pk. $115,000. #18029 Call Rita Young

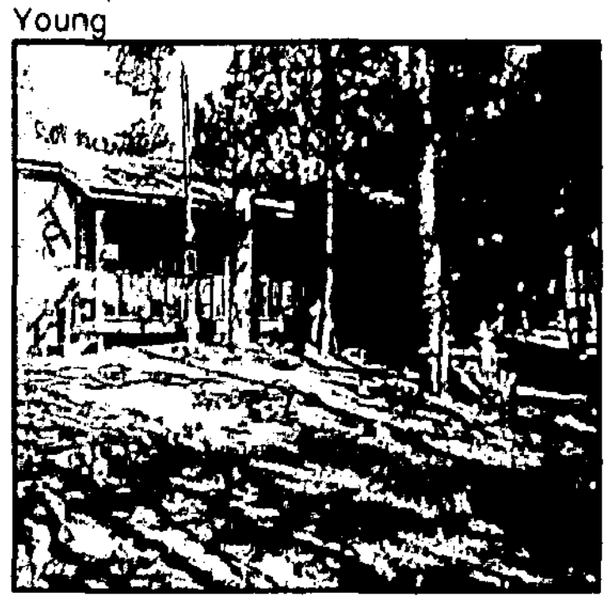


NICE 3 BR, 2 BA MFG HOME Den & huge open living area, big open kitchen. Nice lot w/valley views in a good area. Only 6 yrs old on permanent foundation. $110,900. #18197 Call Cindy Parkinson

APROX. 2.5 ADJOINING NATIONAL FOREST Includes 2 single wides, barn, insulated storage bldg, well, septic + additional 1 ac w/singlewide & septic. Proprties are not contig, but possible well share on the acre parcel. $109,900. #100428 Call Charlotta Stewart



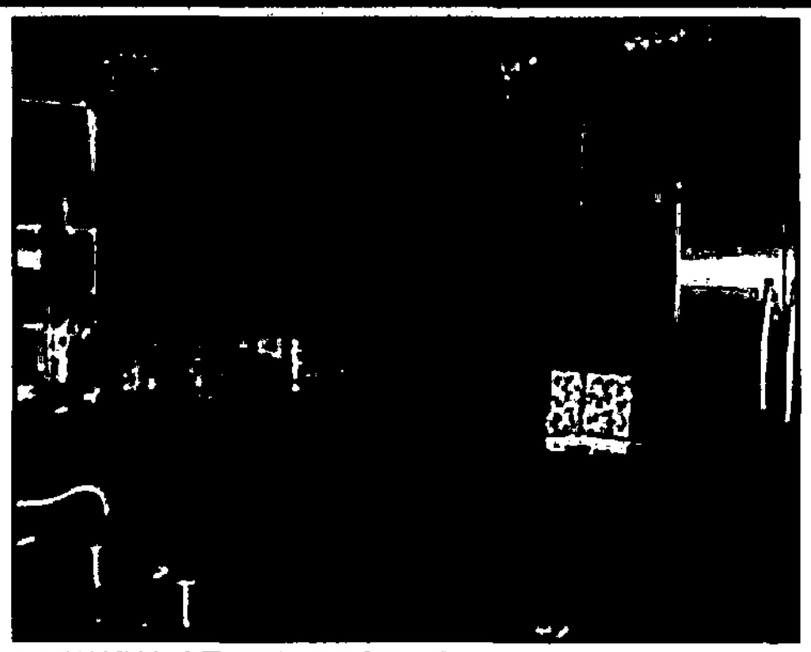
BEAUTIFULLY REMODELED HOME New cabinets, tile & butcher block, wood laminated floors, covered decks. Pipe fence. 2 stall barn & tack. Property is neat, nice, clean. Level 1 1/2 ac. $107,500. #18896 Call Joseph Zagone



CUTE & WELL MAINTAINED HOME W/SELLER FINANCING 1/4 Ac wooded lot. Nice views, single carport, covered deck, new paint, pitched 2nd roof, only 10 min from town. Same owner over 20 years! Very adorable! $59,900. #17753 Call Charlotta Stewart

ENJOY THE COOL MOUNTAINS! Park your RV for the summer. April-October. Great deck in a private area. Owner of Lot B2 & 1/36th of common area. $59,500. #100888 Call Jerry Ballard

Condos and Townhomes



LUXURY AT ITS BEST! Granite countertops, 2 FP's, Thermador appliances, gated parking garage. Prime downtown location. $575,100. #17673 Call Joseph A. Zagone

WONDERFUL 3 BR, 3 BA TOWNHOME Located on Alto's beautiful 9th Fairway. Step to golf course, walk to clubhouse. Dining, exercise room, tennis, social events & full golf membership. $349,500. #101195 Call Joseph A. Zagone

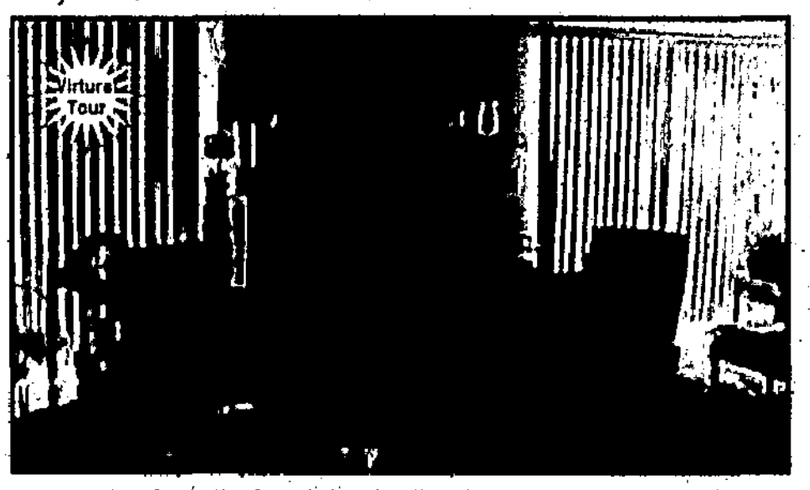
FINE INVESTMENT OR VACATION HOME See these remodeled units, level access, Sierra Blanca views. Enjoy the wood floors w/tile & carpet. Furniture addendum available. See these units today. Each $219,000. #14121 Call Jerry Ballard

VERY CLEAN, VERSATILE CONDO Lots of mountain flavor, master on 1st floor, 2nd living area up w/2 other Br. Includes a carport space. Excellent furnishings package. Owner/agent. $214,500 #100492 Call Scott Roser

A GOLFER'S DELIGHT! Located on Cree Meadows Golf Course, 3/2 condo is well kept & fully furnished! Beautiful views of Sierra Blanca, a pond, & of course, the golf course! $204,900. #101151 Call John Reynolds

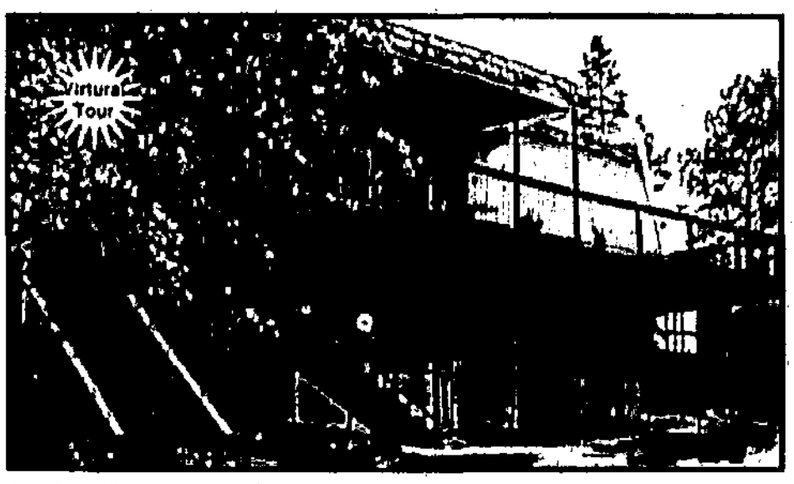
3 CONDOS W/VIEW OF SIERRA BLANCA Great rental property or full time residence. Range from 3 Br/3 full Ba to 5 Br/3 full Ba. Plenty of storage, great balconies & decks. Fully furnished $179,900 to $198,900. #16226 Call John Reynolds

QUIET LOCATION IN ALTO ALPS. Private covered & uncovered trex decking. Fully furnished, spacious open floor plan, refrig a/c, vaulted ceilings. Level entry, neutral color scheme. Built in 2005. Warm & fresh! Relax & enjoy! $159900 #101088 Call John Reynolds



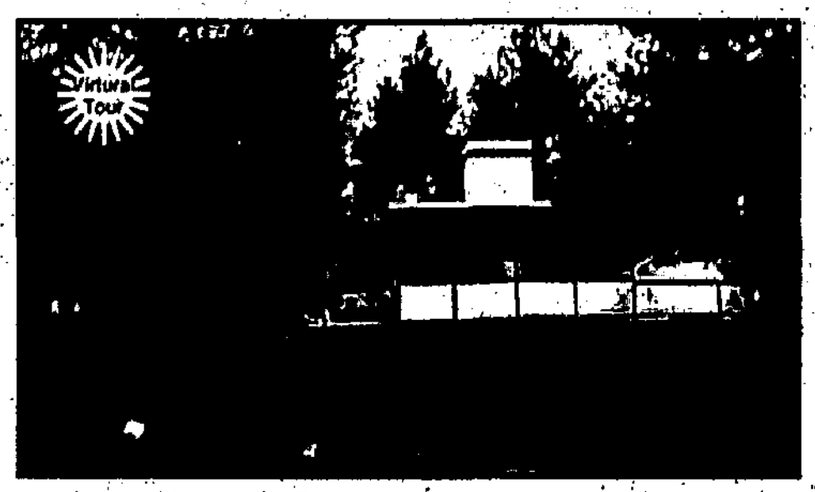
THE ALPS Fully furnished 4/2 1/2 condo. New countertops & oak cabinets coming soon. Great south view for good sun in winter. Lots of deer & trees. $159,900. #17264 Call Joseph A. Zagone

SPACIOUS 1 LEVEL CONDO Perfect for permanent or vacation home. Great condition w/3 Br, 3 Ba, FP, covered decks w/privacy & lots of storage & parking. $155,000. #18578 Call Jerry Ballard



LARGE 4 BR, 3 BA CONDO One of the larger condos, comes fully furnished. Ready for a new owner. Sierra Blanca view. $139,000. #16997 Call Rita Young

DARLING END UNIT IN RESORT FEEL CONDO PROJECT 3/2 & fully furnished. Would make a terrific rental-presently sleeps 10. Sunroom, decks, clean, neat & move in ready. $138,500. #100447 Call Charlotta Stewart



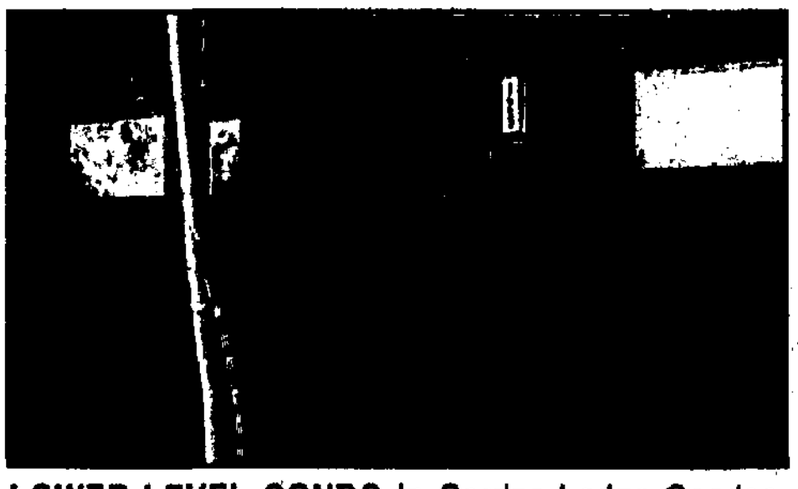
VERY NICE CONDO Nice furniture, up-dated, nice decks. Easy access, plenty of parking. Close transaction after 09/10/07. $137,000. #101069 Call Colleen Whitaker

BEAUTIFUL CONDO Alto Alps, 2 Br, 2 Ba unit. Nice furniture, nice condo & easy access. $135,000 #101018 Call Colleen Whitaker

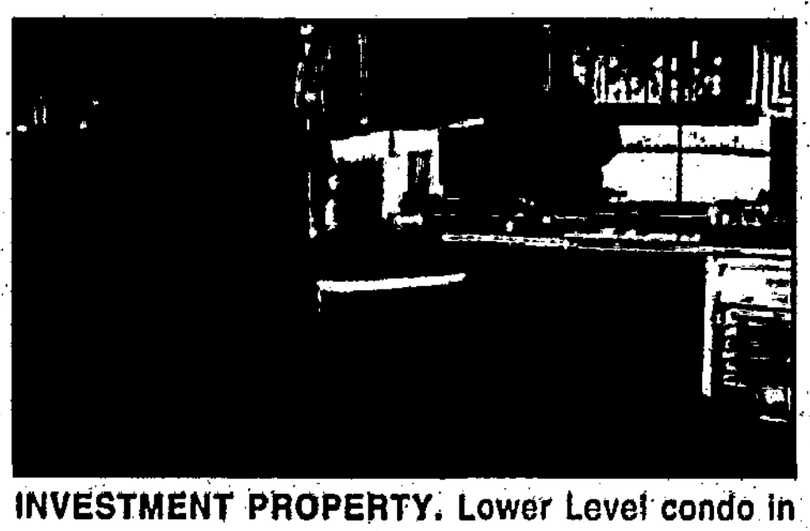
EXTRA CLEAN Seller offering $4,500. furniture allowance included in the price on this nice 2 Br, 1 1/2 Ba condo. Appliances included. $119,500. #100230 Call Kathy Craig

WILDLIFE GALORE 1 Level split Br (each w/Ba) condo. Fully furnished w/FP & deck. Good rental unit. New roof June 2007. $113,500. #100724 Call Sandra Scarborough

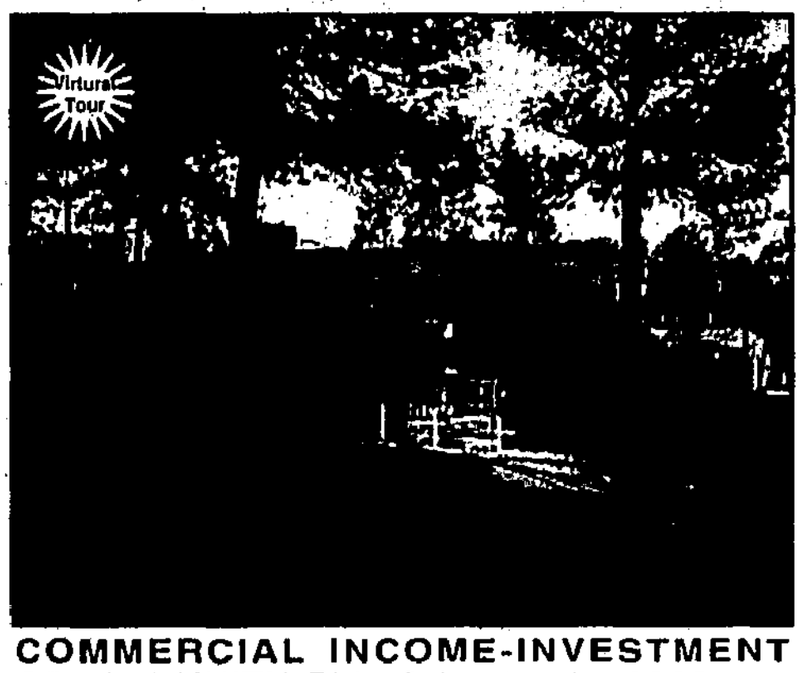
COZY 1/1 CONDO Lower level access. Listen to Carrizo Creek off the deck. Close to Inn of the Mt Gods. Fully furnished. Perfect weekender or rental. $62,500. #15996 Call Georgia Underwood



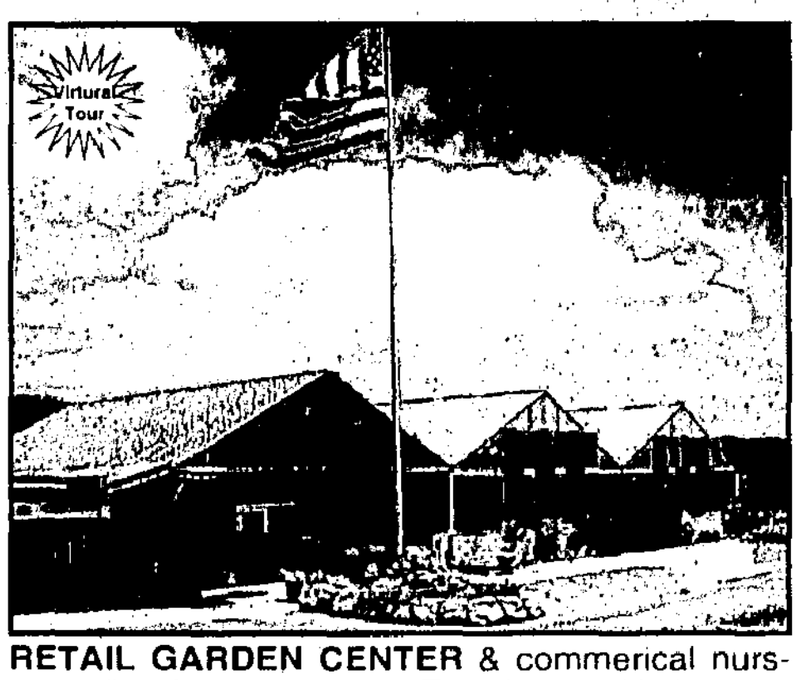
LOWER LEVEL CONDO In Carrizo Lodge Condos. Updated, look at creek from balcony. $62,500. #18865 Call Georgia Underwood



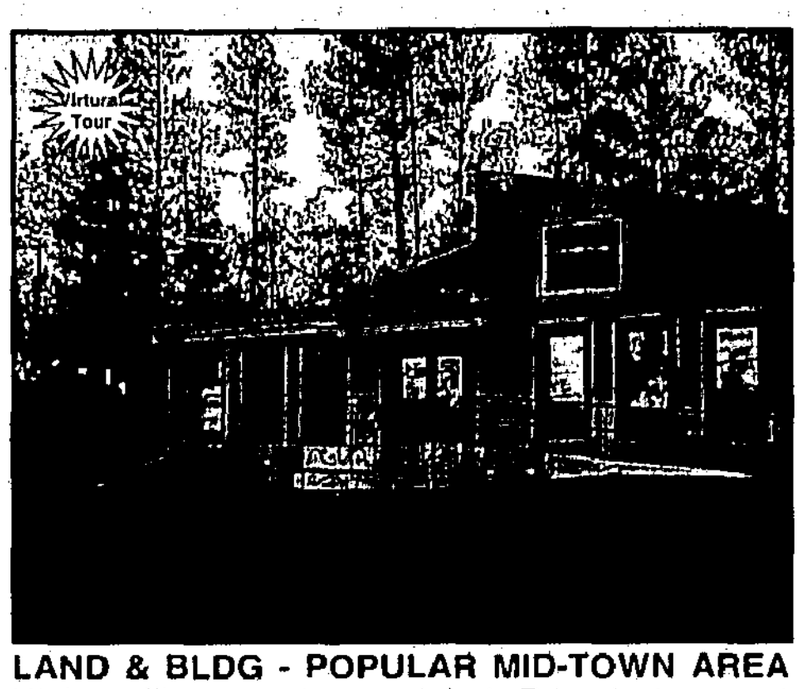
INVESTMENT PROPERTY. Lower Level condo in great shape with Carrizo creek running next to complex. What you see is what you get. $62,500 #18874 Call Georgia Underwood



COMMERCIAL INCOME-INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY Bldg & land only. 3800+ sq ft, 2 story, 4 dining areas, 30+ parking spaces, prime Mid-Town location for restaurant or retail shops. Excellent traffic exposure. $1,395,000. #18452 Call John Reynolds

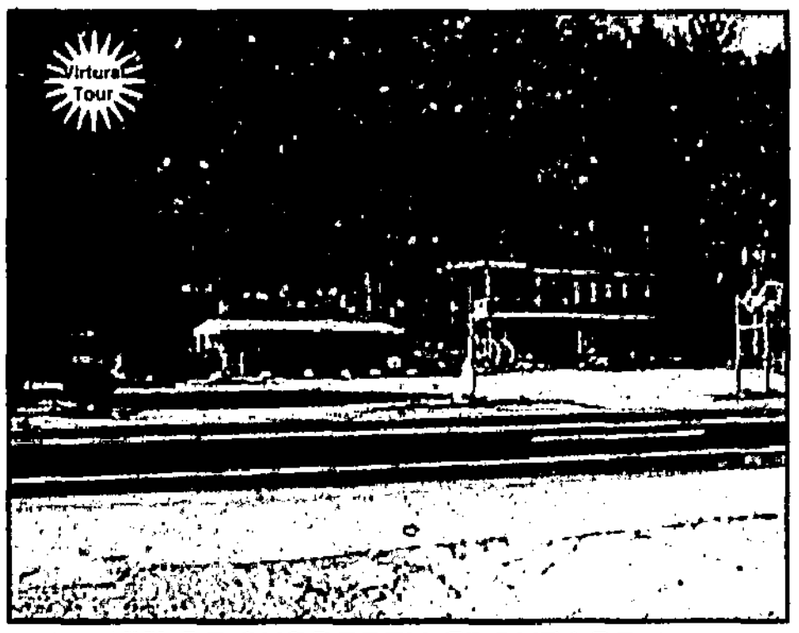


RETAIL GARDEN CENTER & commerical nursery w/landscaping dept. Two Nexus Vail green houses, 10,000 Sq Ft, state of the art computer controlled. Plant inventory, equip. & F&F $1,300,000. #97089 Call James Paxton

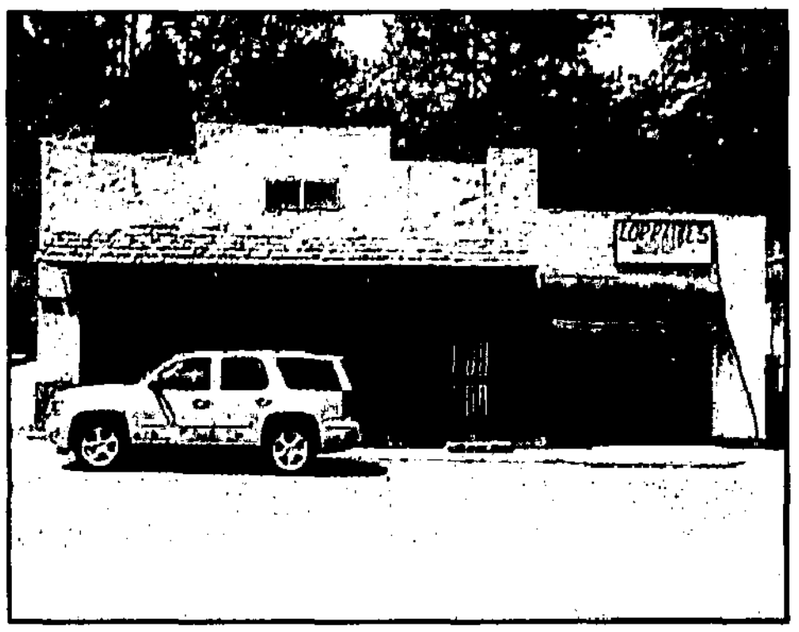


LAND & BLDG - POPULAR MID-TOWN AREA High traffic, recent remodeled. Priced at current appraisal. SBDC financial analysis to qualified buyer. Fixtures & business available. Lease-back possible. $650,000. #15682 Joseph A. Zagone

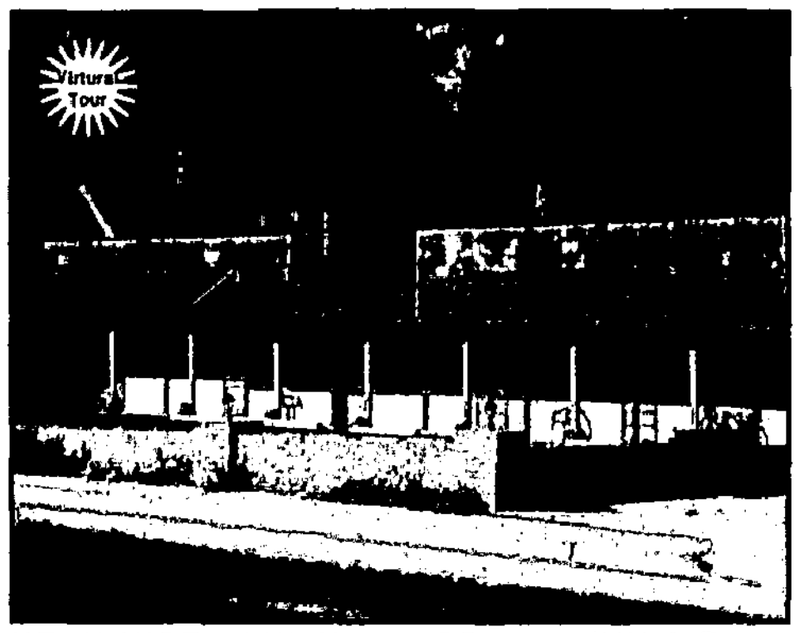
SUPER COMMERCIAL BLDG & LAND Separate 2 Br. 1 Ba home, many upgrades, being utilized as a bakery Bus=4900 sf, home 1200 sf Equip is separate Great exposure, river frontage, lots of parking. $560,000 #100298 Call Cindy Parkinson



150 FEET OF SUDDERTH FRONTAGE Just east of Cattle Baron 2 Buildings, 1967 sq ft office/apt Separate 590 sq ft bldg leased to Burger Trolley Great commercial location All city utilities $445,000 #14864 Call James Paxton



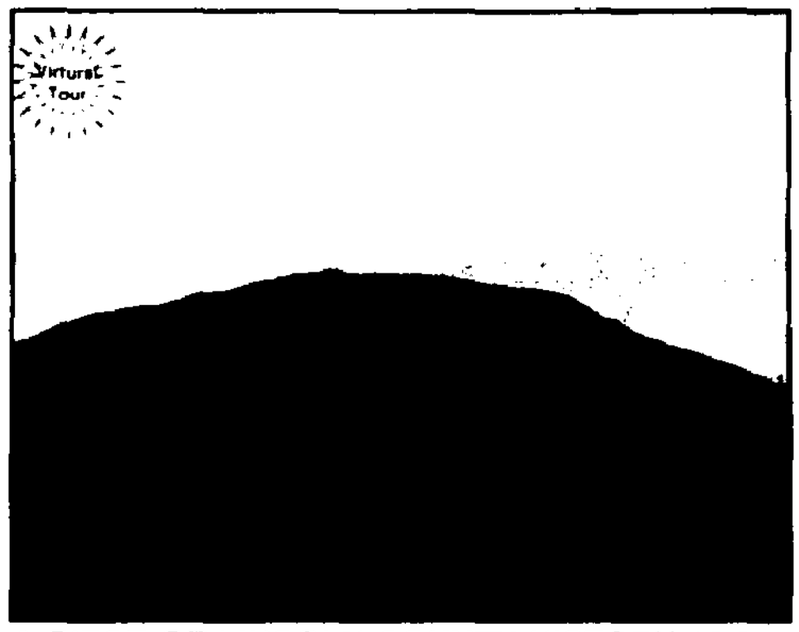
LAND & BUILDING Walking district in Mid-Town Retail frontage Tremendous potential w/living quarters & shop $425,000 #100734 Call Frank Reed



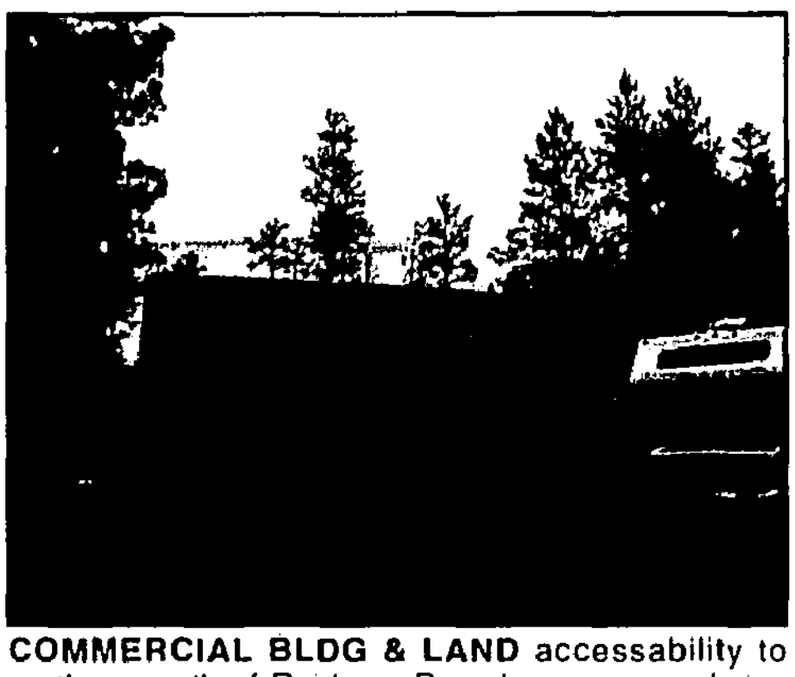
VERY NICE NEWLY REMODELED INN 8 Room motel! Recent paint, carpets, furnishings Prime location on Sudderth Dr Very nice living quarters Near River Crossing in town $419,000 #18165 Call Cindy Parkinson

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY 2700 Sq ft metal bldg & maintainance yard, 2 Br rent house & 4 + lots that could be mobile home park All city utilities $347,500 #13463 Call Scott Roser

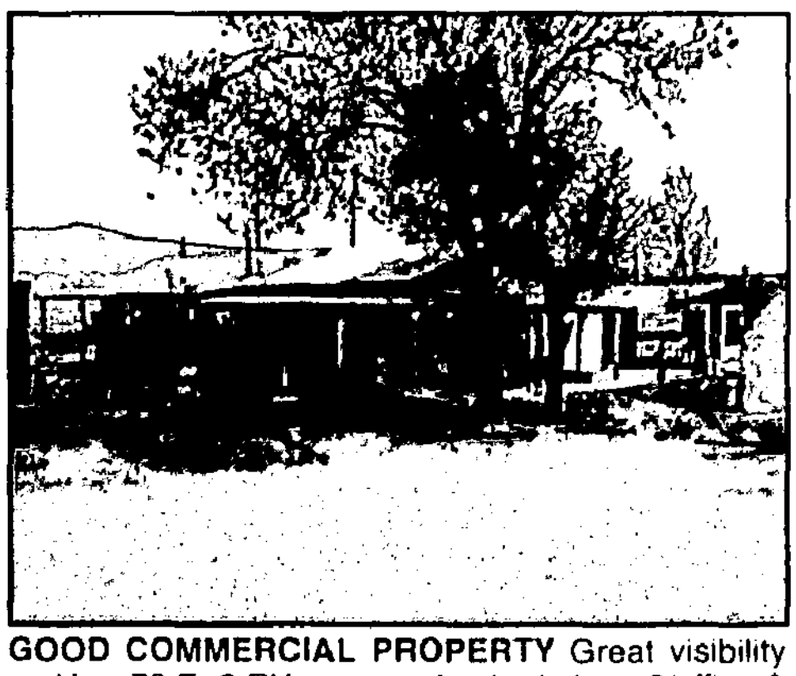
PRIME REAL ESTATE 4 Small cabins, newly painted & remodeled, renting $400 per mo each, in Mid-Town, great location, Sierra Blanca views, all city utilities Owner/agent $175,000 #100033 Call Cindy Parkinson



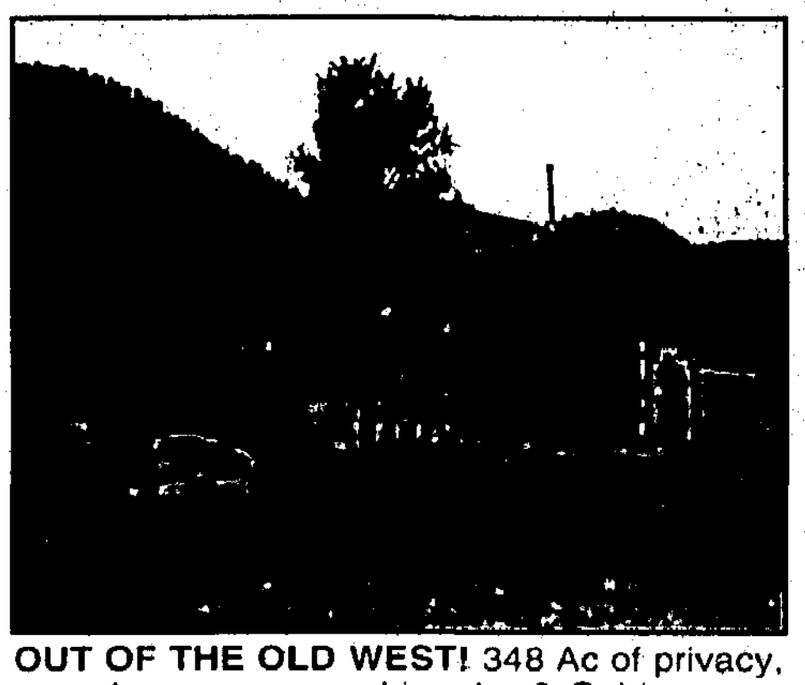
A PIECE OF LINCOLN COUNTY HISTORY 10,000 Sq ft in downtown White Oaks. On 4 lots. Total renovation needed, but great potential. Wonderful views & on paved rd $125,000 #16690 Call Joan Zagone



COMMERCIAL BLDG & LAND accessability to north or south of Ruidoso. Paved access, good visibility for retail or cabinet type shop. $109,900 #101165 Call Joseph A Zagone



GOOD COMMERCIAL PROPERTY Great visibility on Hwy 70 E. 3 RV spaces plumbed along 2/office & storage space $100,000 #100188 Call Tom Rheingans

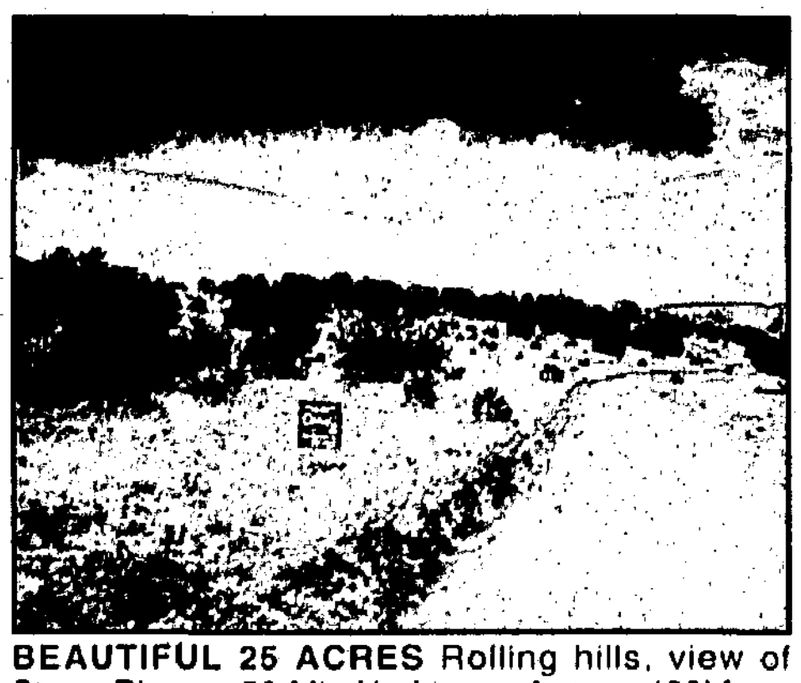


OUT OF THE OLD WEST! 348 Ac of privacy, paved access, near Lincoln. 3 Cabins, corrals, 4 wells. Last resting place of Sheriff Brady. Quiet, beautiful, multiple options, no neighbors! $1,398,000. #15981 Call Joseph A. Zagone

DEVELOPERS DREAM 12+ Acres w/Ponderosa pines, close to Alto Lakes G&CC. 10 Community water taps, gas, phone & elec at property line. Main rd completed & excellent access. $499,900. #16142 Call Jerry Ballard

RARE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO LINCOLN On Bonito River. Over 17.5 acres w/water rights, divided into 2 tracts, many bldg sites, mostly level. $399,000. #101087 Call Jerry Ballard

9.5 BEAUTIFUL & LEVEL ACRES Minutes from town in Alto area. Being subdivided into 3 parcels for $150,000 ea. Capped well will have a 3 party well share agreement. 1200 Sq ft bldg min. $372,000 #101212 Call Charlotta Stewart



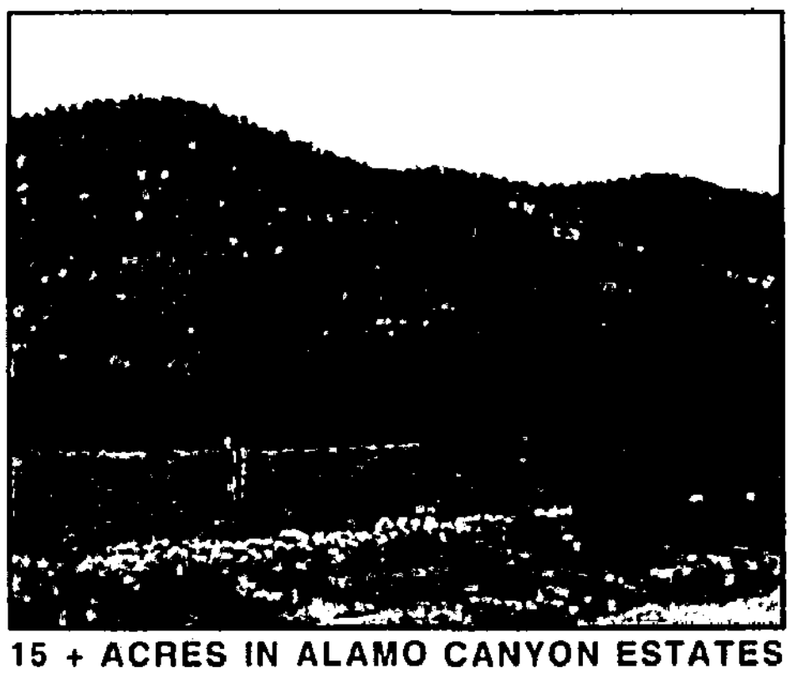
BEAUTIFUL 25 ACRES Rolling hills, view of Sierra Blanca, 20 Min N of town. Approx 400' from Hwy 37, MM4.1. Fenced w/level access, rural zoning. $298,900. #18929 Call John Reynolds

BEAUTIFUL 283 ACRES IN ARABELA 2 Separate tracts being sold together. Elec & phone there. Super views of the Capitans, very private property. $190,000. #17999 Call Cindy Parkinson

HONDO VALLEY RANCH LAND This 80 acres, just across the fence from The Chavez Canyon Ranch. Great views from proposed home site. $100,000 #17954 Call Tom Rheingans

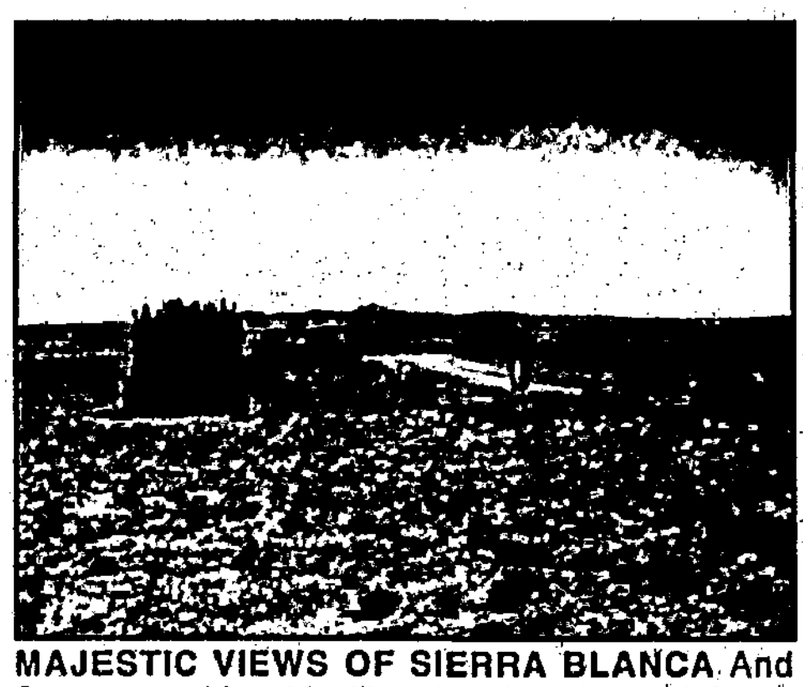
24 + ACRES IN ALAMO CANYON ESTATES Beautiful western setting & expansive views. Acreage for horses & livestock (no pigs). Good restrictions, quiet area, just east of Hondo. $98,000. #16289 Call Joseph A. Zabone

BEAUTIFUL 10 ACRE PARCES Below the Capitan Mts, super views, all useable, in Arabela. A great price, elec & phone available. $89,950. #18275 Call Cindy Parkinson



15 + ACRES IN ALAMO CANYON ESTATES Beautiful western setting & expansive views. Acreage for horses & livestock (no pigs). Good restrictions, quiet area, just east of Hondo. $62,000. #16290 Call Joseph A. Zagone

SUPER 10 ACRES Flat usable land, beautiful views of The Capitans, right off county maintained rd. Easy access, elec to property, 1/2 of mineral rights to transfer to buyer. Owner/Agent. $59,900. #101061 Call Cindy Parkinson



MAJESTIC VIEWS OF SIERRA BLANCA And Sacramento Mts, this 40 ac is the perfect pl for your weekend getaway or retirement home. Being offered w/easy & affordable owner financing. $49,500. #18887 Call Jorise Henry

TOP OF THE WORLD (OURS ANYWAY!) VIEW View from the south rim of this Alto non-golf membership lot. 2 acres, in Deer Park Meadows. If you want sun & blue sky w/the valley below, this is it! $225,000 #18085 Call Roser

REALLY NICE All level acreage tract w/beautiful tree cover. 1 Horse allowed, on-site construction only. Electric & telephone available. $80,000 #100674 Call Joyce W. Cox

ACREAGE NEAR TOWN! 5 Acre tract, all utilities there, except septic & can have horses. $30,000 #10935 Call Cindy Parkinson

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THE PREMIUM VIEW LOTS IN ALL OF ALTO 1.67 Acres, level at st. front, down sloping in back & views from every inch of the property. Non-golf membership offer tennis, swimming, dining & club house privileges. $550,000 #100189

LOOKING FOR COMMERCIAL LOT ON SUDDERTH? Corner of Sudderth & Carrizo Cyn has a location for your business. Lots of traffic. Between Pizza Hut & FunTrackers. $475,000 #101226

NEW SUBDIVISION Horses allowed. Forest land access. Shared well & underground utilities installed. Needs septic. Best location for your new home. $329,995 #100759

2.98 ACRES IN ALTO Large trees, fantastic 360 degree views, full golf membership. THE Deer Park Woods location for a magnificent home! $250,000 #72029

RARE BEAUTY MOSTLY LEVEL 5+ ACRES Backs up to nat'l forest. Prestigious subdivision w/beautiful high end homes. Have horses & wildlife as your neighbors. Well drilled in 2000, needs pump & elec. Call for price. #16060

BEAUTIFUL LAND OUTSIDE CAPITAN Private, nat'l forest surrounding 5 tracts. 40+ Acres, power & phone there. Easy access to meadows & trees. $249,900 #101145

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HORSES ALLOWED. Forest land access, shared well & underground utilities installed. Needs septic. $199,995 to $114,995 #100769

BEAUTIFUL 5.89 ACRES In Eagle Creek gated subdivision. Only 5 tracts in there views, meadows, all useable & underground utilities. Needs well & septic. $199,900 #100142

PREMIER RAINMAKER PUEBLEO TOWNHOME LOT Fantastic Sierra Blanca golf course & lake views. Underground utilities. 36 Hole golf course opening soon. Club memberships available. Adj lot also for sale. $187,500 #100444

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HIGH MESA RV RANCH A gated adult community catering to RV owners. Lots 0.418 ac. in a ponderosa forest. Full utilities provided. 1200 sq ft bldg requirements, paved rds & open all year. $175,000 - $75,000 #100260

VIEW OF SIERRA BLANCA 3/4 Acre level lot in beautifully treed subdivision. Tall pines, million dollar homes in the area, non golf membership. $110,000 #17537

BEAUTIFUL RIVER FRONTAGE LOT Nice buildable 5 ac lot. Paved access. $110,000 #100881

TREMENDOUS SIERRA BLANCA & VALLEY VIEWS. Can be had on this 6.74 acre lot located in The Ranches of Sonterra. $109,000 #100491

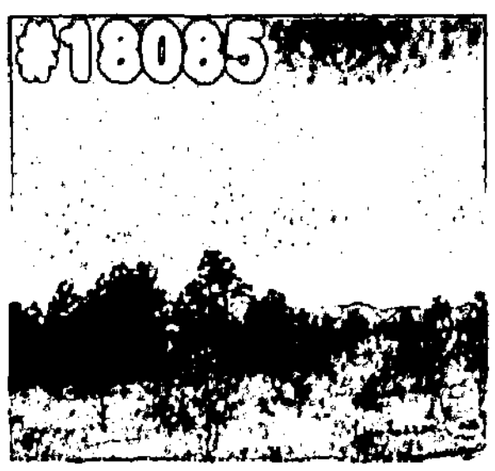
FULL GOLF ON DEER PARK DR 1.30 Acres w/fabulous views & in a wonderful location. Big trees, level, paved access. Surrounded by beautiful homes. $100,000 #17546

LOVELY LOT off cul-de-sac. Large lot with protected view on back. Looks across driving range. Secluded area near fairway. Non-golf membership. $89,500 #40240

BEAUTIFUL LOT Full golf membership w/soft Sierra Blanca view. Nice views to the north from this approx 0.76 acre lot. $86,900 #100601

BEAUTIFUL NEW SUBDIVISION In Ruidoso, private & secluded. Good views, paved, all city utilities underground. 25 Lots to choose from! $81,000 #18836

REALLY NICE All level acreage tract w/beautiful tree cover. 1 Horse allowed, on-site construction only. Electric & telephone available. $80,000 #100674



FABULOUS VIEWS OF SIERRA BLANCA Over 2.7 acres, paved rd, all utilities to property line, fairly level lot w/trees, well drilled w/great H20 volume. Bldg requirements 2000+ sq ft. Trees thinning complete. $159,500 #18866

BEST VIEW LOT IN HMRV RANCH Big lot w/full view of Sierra Blanca. Easy to build. 1200 sq ft building requirement. Class A motorhome lot w/club house, open all year. 1 of a kind. $150,000 #100804

CORNER LOT On Deer Park Dr. Alto golf membership, of course, level location, easy build. $149,000 #100289

INCREDIBLE VIEWS Of the Capitans, Nogal Peak & the valley. Very private w/many bldg sites. Forest mitigation completed. $144,900 #100845

PREMIER LOT Large golf lot, less restrictive septic regulations, cul de-sac location off Deer Park Dr. Gorgeous wooded location w/lots of space. Beautiful valley views. $120,000 #17538

VERY BUILDABLE GOLF COURSE LOT Overlooking #5 & #6 Tee Boxes. Beautiful trees, located at the end of a very quiet & secluded cul-de-sac. Drive your golf cart to clubhouse & golf course! $115,000 #17948

LOT BACKS TO NAT'L FOREST View of Sierra Blanca. Nice bldg site. Good size workshop w/electricity. Recently annexed A-R-1. 2 horses allowed per acre. Access rd from 806 Colorado Dr. $99,500 #18219

SPECTACULAR VIEWS Sierra Blanca & The Capitans. Horse property w/half of the lot being level. Good level access w/Ponderosa pines. Deer & Elk are abundant & trees thinned 2004. $99,500 #101229

GREAT PLACE TO BUILD A HOME Views of the valley on this 3.87 acres. Lot has 2 rd accesses & horses are allowed. Upscale homes in the area. 2200 Sq ft bldg requirements. Don't miss out! $98,000 #15988

ENJOY PONDEROSA PINES ON RIVER FRONTAGE A great lot w/Sierra Blanca & valley views, meadows & cottonwoods. Horses allowed. 2 Access points, 2 bldg sites & close to Assoc Park. $92,500 #16260

VIEWS, VIEWS, VIEWS ! Bldg a home on almost 10 ac. amongst the trees. Located at the end of a cul-de-sac w/gorgeous views of the Capitans, Sierra Blanca & the valley. $92,000 #16278

ACREAGE Mostly level, 5.21 acre tract w/pleasant valley & mt views. Restrictive Covenants allow 1 horse. Site built construction only. $79,900 #18212

GREAT BLDG LOT Big view of Sierra Blanca. Over 1.2 acres, lots of trees. Very few lots left in Alto with these qualities. Close to clubhouse. Golf membership. $79,000 #100716

2 FULL GOLF MEMBERSHIPS On this rare duplex Alto lot. Possible access from the top off Midiron. Nice trees & east views. Might trade down for single membership lot. $75,000 #15153

BUILDABLE LOT W/LOTS OF PRIVACY Bldg home on 7.187 acres, amongst the trees. Located at the end of a cul de-sad w/gorgeous views of the Capitans, Sierra Blanca & the valley. $73,000 #16390

BIG SIERRA BLANCA VIEW 1.3 Acre level lot on High Mesa Dr. Full golf membership. $70,000 #17536

A BEAUTIFUL TREED LOT W/VIEWS Look at the Capitans from this outstanding lot. Easy access, private & numerous bldg sites. Horses allowed. Beautiful homes in the area. $69,000 #16925

REALLY NICE PROPERTY All usable. views of Capitans & Sierra Blanca 2 Access roads to property, perfect homesites. Needs septic & well $68,000 #16294

BEAUTIFUL ALTO VILLAGE LOT Full golf membership Gorgeous Sierra Blanca mt view, also view of Alto Lake Great buildable lot $65,000 #18415

VERY NICE LOT Views & trees, very buildable lot w/gentle slopes Golf membership w/this 1/2 acre lot $65 000 #18551

ALL NEEDED IS YOUR HOME! Septic in, water in, landscape in drive in bldg pad in, frost proof spickets in Outstanding views are certainly in! 700 sq ft min site blt or mfg must be 0-4 yrs old $62 000 #18364

VIEW OF VALLEY And Sierra Blanca from this 1 2 acre+ lot Full golf membership $59 500 #16589

LEVEL TREED LOT IN WHITE MT ESTATES Don't miss out on this 333 acre corner lot A beautiful lot w easy access & an easy place to build a home $59 000 #17319

GORGEOUS, ALMOST 3/4 ACRE LOT Non-golf membership Soft views of Sierra Blanca & Alto Lake w seasonal creek down below Backs up to Village of Ruidoso land Good tall trees Owner agent $56 500 #18483

BEAUTIFUL VIEW LOT Gorgeous level meadow. Owner must build rd to access. Owner will look at all offers! Possible owner financing. $48,500. #18738

LOVELY GOLF LOT Across from The Sanctuary. Privacy & vistas galore. Great buy for your new home in the woods. $47,500. #100107

LEVEL CORNER LOT IN CAMELOT CROWN ESTATES 5% discount on lot, if home built by Sunova Bldg and/or 5% discount on additional lot purchased by same buyer 1400 Sq ft minimum $44,900 #15010

NICE FAIRLY LEVEL LOT Full golf This lot would be excellent for your spec builders $44,900 #100540

NICE LOT - RANCHES OF SONTERRA Approx 6.38 acres w/great access Several big pines, trees thinned Lot priced to sell Good south canyon views & paved roads $44,200 #18409

LEVEL, FULL GOLF MEMBERSHIP LOT In up & coming Deer Park Valey Creek at back, nice views, some trees All nice & new homes in area $40,000 #101164

4 RUIDOSO LOTS SOLD TOGETHER Total of 1 acre Pleasant neighborhood Buildable & wooded city water & sewer available $39,900 #16305

NICE LOT AT CAMELOT CROWN EST 5% Discount on lot price, if home blt by Sunova Bldr Or 5% Discount on additional lot purchased by same buyer 1400 Sq Ft minimun to build $39 500 #15014

FULL GOLF MEMBERSHIP Wooded lot at Alto entrance Easy access, big trees & walk to the store! $55 000 #40244

VERY BUILDABLE LOT Soft view of Capitan Mt nice large trees, gentle slope front to back on this 1 2 acre lot Also has golf membership $55,000 #100552

LARGE LOT IN ALTO Wonderful building site 1 acre full golf membership View of Sierra Blanca & Capitan views $49,900

ALTO Full golfing membership lot Possible Sierra Blanca view from this heavily wooded lot Great location for that "mountain cabin" $49,500 #40243

UPPER CANYON LOT CLOSE TO NAT'L FOREST Treed lot located on quiet cul-de-sac. Near great hiking & biking. A must to see! $49,000. #16478

VERY NICE BUILDABLE LOT Approx 1/3 acre, easily access, w/full golf membership $39,500 # 101050

GREAT LOT Great views, level & in the trees All city utilities $37,500 #18231

GORGEOUS, WOODED LOT Alto full golf, very nice bldg site w/lots of sun & tall trees Wooded & valley views $37,500 #18636

CORNER LOT W/GOOD ACCESS Good bldg sites Full golf membership & $400K to $500K homes next door This 1/3 + acre lot has a lot of building options $37,400 #100945

FULL GOLF & CLOSE TO GOLF COURSE Down sloping lot w/good east facing slope Great spec home site or bldg your own. Owner/agent. $36,000. #17366

LOOKING FOR MFG HOME SITE? 2 Nice lots w/all village utilities. Driveway & bldg site roughed in. Recently surveyed. Good tree cover, close to town. Mobiles allowed!. $36,000. #17850

GOOD BUILDING LOT Just off Sudderth Dr, across from River Crossing. Owner to entertain offers. $35,000. #18202

FULL GOLF MEMBERSHIP Nice buildable lot. Lot boundary 231 Brentwood to 115 Pine Cone Ln. $35,000. #100689

THE LAST VACANT BLDG LOT in the Woodwinds RV Resort park. Has a level gravel parking pad. $30,000. #18028

FULL GOLF ALTO LOT Good location, wooded w/usable slopes. Owner is licensed NM Realtor. $29,999. #16415

RUIDOSO DOWNS LOT All city utilities available. Double wides ok! Min bldg requirements 750 sq ft! $29,900 #101120

FULL GOLF MEMBERSHIP At a great price! Gently upsloping lot w/lots of trees in Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club $29,800 #18088

BUILDABLE LOT Sierra Blanca view possible, southern exposure, treed views Better hurry $29,500. #101274

NICE LOT Capitan views from this 1/3 acre lot w/golf membership. $28,500 #100895

NICE BUILDABLE LOT Non-golf membership, quarter acre w/wooded & valley views $27,500 #100542

BUILDABLE NON-GOLF LOT Tall pines, close to club house. South facing, rd to rd for easy access. $27,000 #16165

NICE VALLEY VIEW 2 Good buildable lots Non-golf membership w/valley views. $27,000 #100907

GREAT ALTO LOTS 2 Lots (63 & 64), 0 39 ac each Sierra Blanca views Non-golf membership $25,000 #100909

ALMOST 2 ACRES Non-golf membership Great southern exposure. Plant some trees & watch your value grow! #15773

LOVELY VALLEY VIEWS This is a large & easy to build on lot on Little Creek (when running). Don't miss out. Annual Assoc Fee=$120 00. #100730 $24,900

AT THE EDGE! This lot is a triangle. would be best to buy w/Lot 2. Views, views, views. Looks like you are on top of the world. Lots of new construction in the area. $24,500 #17132 88345

BEAUTIFUL VIEWS You can almost see forever. Would make a wonderful bldg site. Combine lots 1 & 2 for almost 3/4 acre. Lots of new construction in this area. $24,500. #17133

VERY BUILDABLE NON GOLF LOT Nice trees, fairly level. Would be a nice home site or buy w/the house next door for extra privacy. House must sell before lot. $24,500. #17738

FLAT LOT W/NICE VIEW IN ALTO VILLAGE In area of newer homes, Open, sunny location. Membership includes tennis, swimming & dining. Level, nice tree cover. $23,500. #17194

NICELY WOODED LOT Flat bldg site. Non-golf membership on this 1/3+ acre lot. $22,900. #100452

STREET TO STREET LOT Buildable w/trees, slopes & paved access, city water, all in a quiet area. $22,500. #18200

UPHILL SLOPE LOT Bldg site prepared already. Checking now to see if drive share agreement possible. Water available, but not sewer, city says septic will be required. $20,000. #17951

BUILDABLE & AFFORDABLE! Terrific view of Sierra Blanca. Easy access off of Hwy 48 onto Sandia Rd. Just below Swiss Chalet. utility easement on the backside of lot. $20,000. #101182

WOODED VALLEY VIEW All utilities available, level paved road, southern exposure & usable slopes. New modulars & new mfg double wides allowed. $19,900. #16810

VIEW OF WOODED VALLEY All utilities available, paved rd, southern exposure & usable slopes. New modulars & new double wide mfg allowed. $19,900. #16813

BEAUTIFULLY TREED LOT Tall pines, direct access to sloping lot w/good buildability, southeartern exposure for good sun & reasonable utilities. Potential savings w/regular septic system. $19,900. #100595

CLOSE TO NAT'L FOREST Black Forest, very secluded. Great price for a lot w/city utilities. $18,900. #17985

NON-GOLF MEMBERSHIP. Great valley views from this almost 1/3 acre lot. $17,000. #100906

VERY NICE SOUTH FACING LOTS 2 Lots 36 & 37. Sold together. Big pines, seclusion & privacy would make a great spot for nice mfg home. Sewer over on Ponderosa Dr. Need to develop an easement. $15,500. #15353

ALTO-GOOD VIEW OF SIERRA BLANCA & THE CAPITANS Downhill slope to this 1/3 acre lot. Non-golf membership. Just reduced! $15,000. #15366

RUIDOSO LOT Very nice mountain lot on almost 1/3 acre w/a valley view. $14,500. #101068

WOODED LOT, all utilities available. Close to town, yet secluded feeling. $13,000. #100354

WOODED LOT In Camelot, utilities available. Owner wants an offer. $3,500. #18027

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