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Sudden snow snarls traffic

UNEXPECTED STORM CAUSES WHITE-OUT

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A semi-tractor truck jackknifed on U.S. 70 in Mescalero and cars careened into ditches in Ruidoso Thursday afternoon as an unexpected storm moved across the area and dropped 4 inches of snow in less than two hours.

Forecasters had called for clearing Thursday after sporadic snow Tuesday and Wednesday. A warming and clearing trend is still expected to begin this weekend — though the latest band of storms out of Arizona has brought with them an unpredictable weather pattern.

Ski Apache Resort reported 3 inches of new snow at 2 p.m. Thursday, with more coming down. Ski Run Road required chains for two-wheel drive vehicles. The mountain received 8 inches in the past 48 hours and 13 inches since last Friday.

Lt. Michael Aviaucea with the New Mexico State Police office in Alamogordo said snow was falling Thursday afternoon on U.S. 70 and U.S. 380, "and on all the roads in and out of Ruidoso."

Travel was discouraged on U.S. 70 over Apache Summit and on N.M. 48. As of 5 p.m. heavy snow was reported in Mescalero heading toward Ruidoso. It was snowing in

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SIAM BIRDSONG/STAFF

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Murder charges filed

JUTH CARTER
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Lincoln County Sheriff's Department officers arrested and charged a man with murder in connection with the death of Johnathan Lopez, 20, of Ruidoso.

James Woodall, 18, of La Luz, was arrested in Ruidoso Downs by officers Ken Cramer and Robert Shepperd, primary investigators on the Lopez case. The investigation led officers to Woodall after information was received that Lopez had been killed following an altercation with Woodall and his brother, Michael Woodall.

Michael Woodall, 19, was arrested and charged Jan. 11 with tampering with evidence in a capital crime as the result of locating and identifying the body of Lopez in a wilderness area near the Hondo Valley. He is in the Lincoln County Detention Center under a $200,000 cash bond.

Ruidoso Magistrate Court's probable cause statement said the altercation took place the day after Lopez allegedly burglarized a Ruidoso gas station the night of Aug. 26-27.

According to records, Michael Woodall said Lopez had pointed a gun at James, at which time Michael hit him on the head with a liquor bottle, causing him to fall to the floor. According to Michael, James then began to also strike Lopez. Those actions escalated and were, in part, responsible for Lopez's death.

According to informants, Lopez's body was buried the following day in the forest where it was located by sheriff's officers five months later.

James Woodall is incarcerated in the Lincoln County Detention Center under a $5 million cash-only bond. He is charged with an open count of murder, which is a first-degree, capital felony.

He is also charged with tampering with evidence in a capital crime and conspiracy to tamper with evidence in a capital crime, which are third- and fourth-degree felonies.

"These officers have worked diligently on this case," said Lincoln County Sheriff Rick Virden.

"Their long hours and hard work paid off. This is an example of very good police work."

Bond issue raises concerns

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Capitan school officials, board members and students may be excited about the upcoming bond election which would appropriate $7.5 million for infrastructure needs if passed, but some residents in the outlying areas of the district were less than pleased when they heard about the upcoming election just this week.

Guy Hence, a resident of Ranches of Sonterra north of Ruidoso located in the southern edge of the district, said the proposed bond, if passed, would increase taxes on some properties in the area by as much as 35 percent.

"Because the homes are

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Bill to ban cockfighting passes major hurdle

■ Measure is endorsed by committee that killed it two years ago

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SANTA FE – A bill to ban cockfighting in New Mexico cleared what was expected to be its toughest hurdle Thursday when it was endorsed by the Senate Conservation Committee.

The bill must still pass through the Judiciary Committee before it is heard on the Senate floor and then moves to House. However, the Conservation Committee, which killed the bill two years ago, was expected to be the toughest challenge.

The bill's sponsor, Senate Majority Whip Mary Jane Garcia, D-Doña Ana, said this was the first time she has gotten the bill through that committee.

"I have a very good feeling about it in my heart, that we will get it on the floor, that it will pass, that we will pass it in the House, that it will go up for the governor's signature and that it will become law," Garcia said. "That's my dream."

Thursday's hearing was moved from the normal committee room to the Senate chambers to accommodate the hundreds of people who came to Santa Fe to be heard on the bill. It was standing-room-only in the Senate gallery, with people lined up two and three deep behind the final row of chairs.

Debate was limited to 30 minutes for both supporters and opponents. Committee Chairman Phil Griego, D-San Jose, explained that lawmakers have heard the debate several times in the past few years.

While the arguments this time were similar to those made in the past, Garcia had additional support for her bill this year, with Gov. Bill Richardson and the New Mexico Catholic Conference both joining the fight for the first time. She said there were also hundreds of phone calls made to lawmakers in support of the bill.

Those who spoke for the bill included Bernalillo County Sheriff Darren White, who argued that there was a clear connection between animal cruelty and other incidents of violence.

Allen Sanchez, executive director of the Catholic Conference, said it is a "basic teaching of the church" that cruelty to animals is wrong. Deputy Economic Development Secretary Kelly O'Donnell told the committee that cockfighting has a negligible impact on the state's economy.

Garcia stressed that, to her, the issue was not one of culture or tradition, but one of violence.

"This is not a cultural tradition by any means," Garcia said. "Rather, it is an underground tradition of illegal gambling. That's what cockfights are all about."

But Diana VanHoozen of Las Cruces said cockfighting has been a part of life for her and her family since she was a child, and it is a tradition she is now handing down to her children.

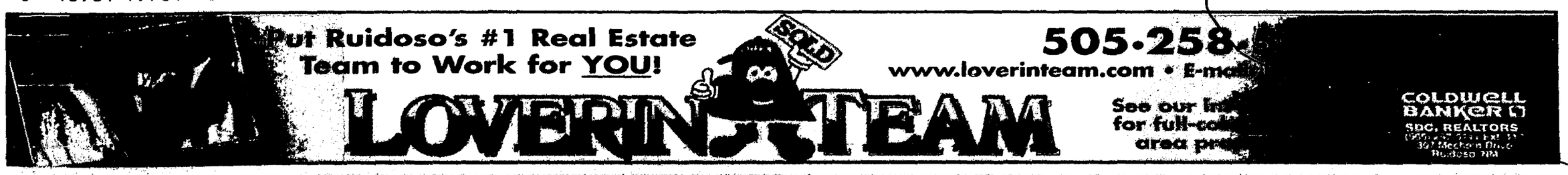
"They are not barbaric and neither am I. This is part of my culture," VanHoozen said.

Ron Barron, president of the New Mexico Gamefowl Breeders Association, said cockfighting contributes $70 million to $80 million a year to the New Mexico economy.

"I can come out of Sen. Garcia's bar and run over somebody. And if I don't kill them, it's a misdemeanor. But if I fight a rooster it's a felony. It's 18 years. That's not right," Barron said.

The bill would add cockfighting to existing legislation that outlaws dog fights. Either would be a fourth-degree felony. New Mexico is one of just two states that still allow cockfighting, along with Louisiana. It is illegal in 13 New Mexico counties.

The bill is SB10, and can be found on the Internet at legis.state.nm.us. Walter Rubel can be reached at wrubel@lcsun-news.com.



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Downs meeting

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Agenda items include discussion of professional legal services for the city as well as city budgetary items.

The meeting will be followed by an executive session. For more information, or to make special arrangements for persons with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting, call 378-4422.

Planners replan

The Lincoln County Planning Commission canceled its Feb. 7 meeting. The next session is set for 6 p.m., March 7, at the county courthouse in Carrizozo.

PLURAAC meets

Members of the Lincoln County Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the county courthouse in Carrizozo.

Business will include election of a chairman, vice chairman and secretary, adoption of the Open Meetings Act resolution, a recommendation to the county commission to fill the positions of two alternate members and discussion with Jerry Carroll on mining issues in the county's Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

No bullying

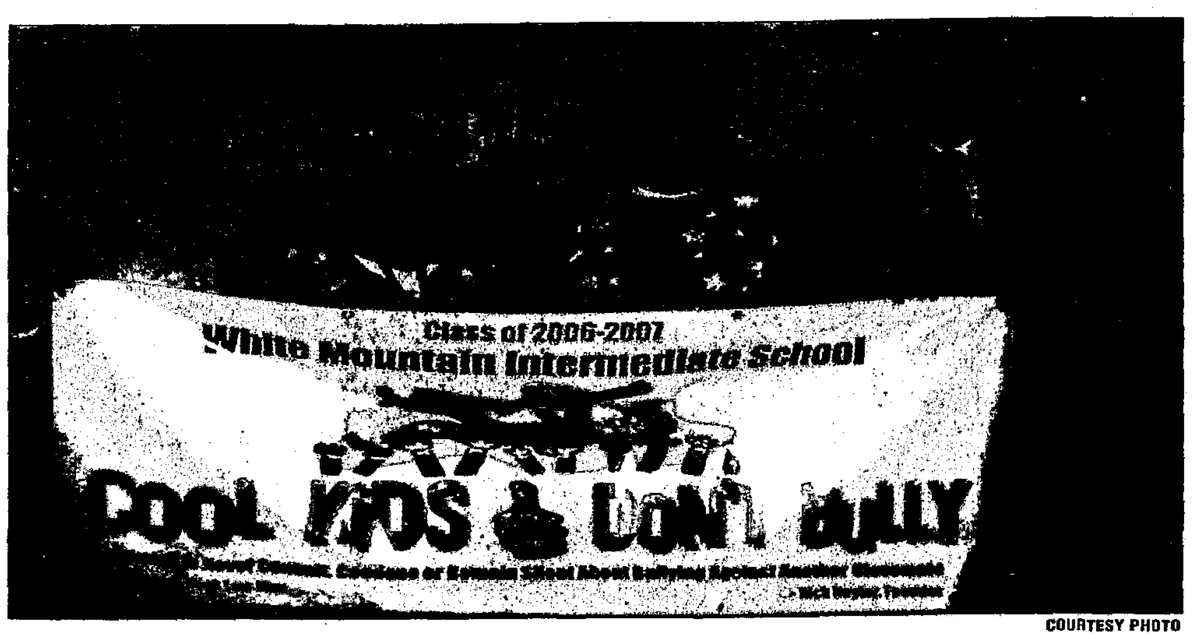
Ruidoso attorney Angie Schneider-Cook of the Schneider-Cook Law Firm has provided White Mountain Elementary School and White Mountain Intermediate School with the new "Cool Kids Don't Bully" banners.

Cool Kids is an anti-violence program targeted at reducing bullying in schools. Bullies in the schoolyard are oftentimes victims of child abuse at home. The Cool Kids campaign aims to stop this type of school violence by classmates.

Before signing the banner, children and youth from each school are asked to take the Cool Kids Pledge to not bully and not allow others to bully, their classmates.

The Cool Kids Don't Bully campaign was endorsed by the Lincoln County Commissioners. Cool Kids is a program of the New Mexico Men Against Domestic Violence.

For further information, call founder Rick Naylor at 505-973-2225.



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Left to right are Angie Schneider-Cook, White Mountain Intermediate School Counselor Susan Roberts and Nurse Mary Lou Moore-Estes and Lincoln County Commissioner Tom Battin.

Positive choices

In October 2006, Rep. Steve Pearce invited a group of students from SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) to attend a methamphetamine awareness meeting in the Ruidoso High School library.

Members of PCI, left to right, are Danielle Lugo, RHS Junior and President of Students Against Destructive Decisions; Andrea Montes, RHS Junior; and Lucas Lindsey, RHS Senior. In the background to the left of the teens is Substance Abuse Counselor – Region IX Education Cooperative, Kelli Shaw.

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These students then met with school administrators and together decided action, not talk, was the best policy.

Born was Positive Choice Initiative. PCI is students dedicated to educating their peers and elders on the worldly vices around all of us. The PCI adopted motto is "Ruidoso: Your Natural High."

These students have been busy communicating their ideas in the community. They spoke at the Methampheta-mine Town Hall Meeting, appeared at the Lincoln County Community Health Council, appeared on the KBUY Morn-ing Show and sponsored a health fair at the Ruidoso High School gymnasium.

They certainly have demonstrated action! Our hats are off to these dedicated teens!

– Maury St.John
Community Health Council

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 2/2	Sat 2/3	Sun 2/4
44 29	50 33	55/38
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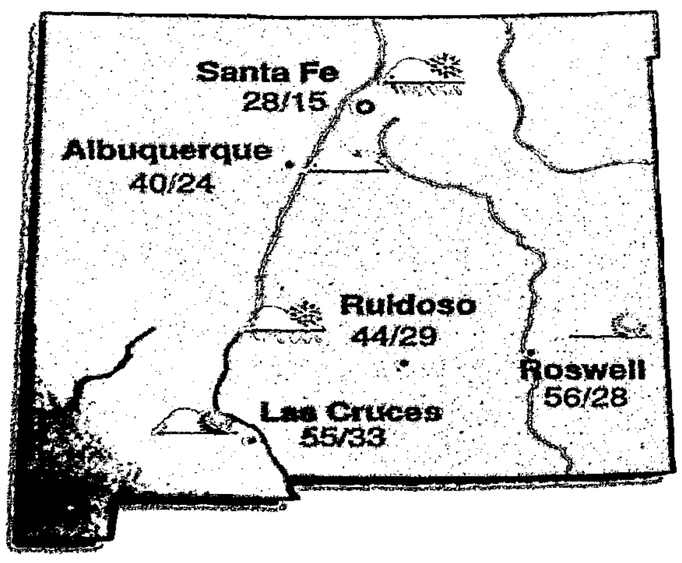

Moon Phases

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New Feb 17

UV Index

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Sat	2/3	4	Moderate
Sun	2/4	4	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	57	30	pt sunny	Grants	35	9	sn shower	Santa Fe	28	15	sn shower
Albuquerque	40	24	cloudy	Guymon, OK	26	15	snow	Santa Rosa	40	24	sn shower
Carlsbad	58	30	pt sunny	Hobbs	58	29	pt sunny	Silver City	43	19	sn shower
Chama	21	3	sn shower	Las Cruces	55	33	pt sunny	Socorro	46	25	pt sunny
Clovis	40	22	sn shower	Las Vegas	33	14	sn shower	St. Johns, AZ	45	23	pt sunny
Deming	55	29	pt sunny	Lordsburg	53	28	pt sunny	Taos	30	1	sn shower
El Paso, TX	55	34	pt sunny	Lubbock, TX	41	23	pt sunny	Trinidad, CO	26	8	snow
Espanola	44	26	sn shower	Odessa, TX	56	30	pt sunny	Truth or Consq.	50	28	pt sunny
Farmington	32	9	cloudy	Raton	27	5	snow	Tucson, AZ	60	39	pt sunny
Gallup	36	11	sn shower	Roswell	56	28	pt sunny	Tucumcari	37	21	sn shower

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	50	30	cloudy	Houston	68	41	pt sunny	Phoenix	64	44	pt sunny
Boston	38	26	snow	Los Angeles	64	45	pt sunny	San Francisco	58	37	pt sunny
Chicago	19	5	sn shower	Miami	84	70	t-storm	Seattle	44	32	sunny
Dallas	53	28	pt sunny	Minneapolis	4	-6	flurries	St. Louis	30	13	sn shower
Denver	15	8	snow	New York	39	27	mixed	Washington, DC	44	28	cloudy

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Clarifications

•The death of 47-year-old Robert McCarty in a tragic accident Monday is still under investigation. McCarty's body was found in the compactor of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority trash compactor truck.

After the report of the accident, a number of citizens expressed concern about safety in using the stationary compactors. LCSWA legal representative Angie Schneider-Cook clarified that the accident took place in the truck and not in a stationary compactor. She said the stationary compactors are safe for use as long as posted instructions are followed and warnings heeded.

•A spokesman for the Glencoe-Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Department said department firefighters were dispatched to a house fire in the Glencoe-San Patricio area at 10:20 p.m., Saturday. They arrived on the scene by 10:30 p.m., and stayed until 5 a.m. Sunday. Conflicting times previously were provided to the *Ruidoso News*.

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GRIP, gaming impacts send Downs city manager to Santa Fe

DEANNA CHENEY
For the Ruidoso News

RUIDOSO DOWNS – Funding for GRIP II and a fair share of gross receipts tax collected by the state from Ruidoso Downs Racetrack and Casino compelled Ruidoso Downs City Manager John Waters to forego a meeting of his council this week in order to be present at hearings in Santa Fe.

Waters said he learned late Friday that the House Taxation and Revenue Committee would be convening Monday, and decided that participation by a representative of Ruidoso Downs was important.

Under discussion was whether or not lawmakers should approve $250 million for city and county road improvements over the next five years at a time when the state is facing a $300 million shortfall on GRIP I, passed in 2003.

"Representatives from 30 municipalities attended the meeting to show support for [Governor Richardson's Improvement Partnership] bill," Waters said, "Last year the House passed it but the Senate did not. This year we hope and believe it will pass both, despite the opposition."

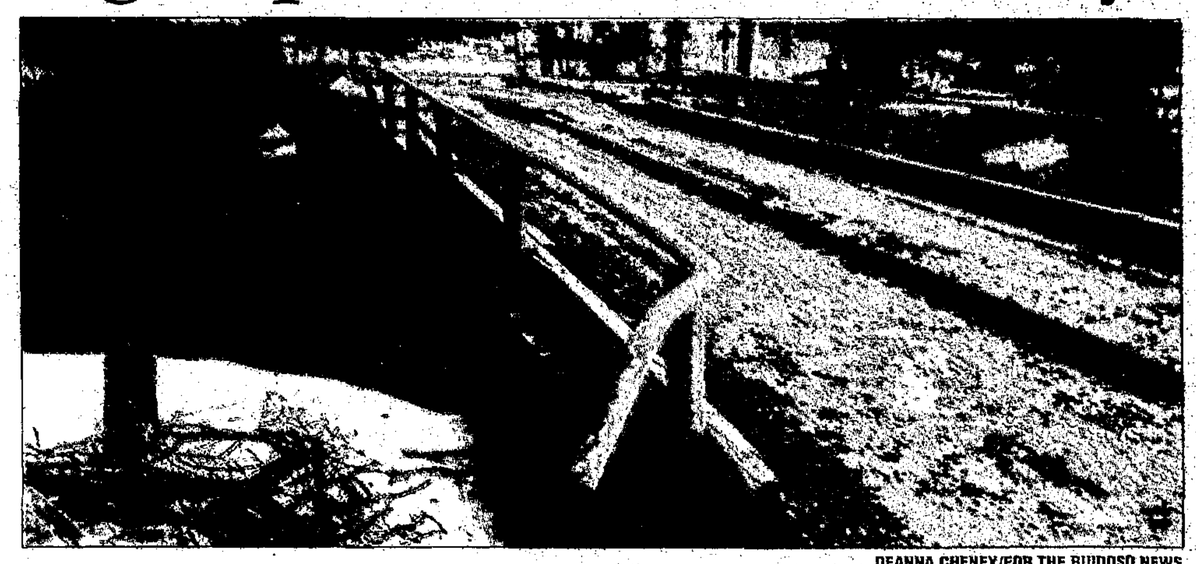
Included in the City's GRIP II package for 2007 is a request for $260,000 for the replacement of a bridge on Parker Road. The city wants to replace the old, one-lane, wooden bridge, at a total cost of $400,000, with a wider-two lane, steel-enforced bridge and install lighting and a pedestrian walkway.

"In addition to the bridge being inadequate, a small flood or forest fire could easily trap this neighborhood without a means of escape or keep emergency vehicles from accessing the people that live in this secluded area of town," Waters petitioned. "Also, a new bridge will make it possible for the city to bring water and city utilities to the area.

"Right now you have to go over the bridge or under the river to get utilities up there and that is not possible," he said.

Other requests included in the city's general Capital Outlay Request are: $2 million for upgrades to the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, $280,000 for phase I of a new fire station on Wood Lane, $200,000 for drainage and street improvements in the River Park Subdivision, $300,000 for a new 1 million gallon water storage tank at Turkey Canyon and $75,000 for a lighting system for All American Park.

In addition, $500,000 is being sought from the state's Economic Development Capital Outlay Fund for the city's east extension water and sewer infrastructure.



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Parker Road Bridge (south view) has a lot more than automobiles riding on it. Officials with the City of Ruidoso Downs are hoping that the need to replace the old, wooden, one-lane bridge will help "sell" GRIP II to lawmakers this session. The project is the only "bridge" work listed among the 110 projects contained in GRIP II, a five-year $250 million dollar package. The city is asking for $260,000 from the matching gifts program, should it pass.

Gaming impact

While in Santa Fe, Waters met with several lawmakers to gain support for a gaming impact bill to be proposed by Rep. Dub Williams. The bill, similar to that introduced by Senator Cynthia Nava (D-Doña Ana) of Sunland Park, proposes that the city receive a share of money collected by the state from gaming operations for impacts to its infrastructure.

Waters said that while Rep. Williams will introduce one bill, he and others have asked Senator Nava to amend the language in her bill to include all municipalities that have gaming operations in their cities.

Currently, New Mexico is the only state that does not return a share of GRT collections on gaming operations to municipalities.

"The tourists bring in revenue through their spending but that also means there are more people using our water and sewer and increasing the costs to maintain our roads," Waters explained about negative economic impacts to cities. He noted that on race days, "The entire Ruidoso Downs police force" is diverted from regular patrol duty to help with directing traffic at the track, adding yet another negative impact.

"We're a city of just 2,500 people, the poorest of the cities that have gaming operations, and this sort of thing hurts," he said. "We're the canary in the mine here."

Waters said the city is not interested in raising the gaming industry's tax payment, "just looking to get back a percentage of the tax that is being collected."

In addition to the Williams and Nava bills, Representative Jim Trujillo (D-Santa Fe) is seeking state tax collections on Indian-owned gaming operations. If passed, that measure could result in revenues to the Village of Ruidoso.

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State paves way for Downs sidewalks

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RUIDOSO DOWNS – The City of Ruidoso Downs is recipient this week of monies promised for new sidewalks by the New Mexico Department of Transportation in September.

Monday, Councilor Sue Garrett announced that a grant for $213,750 has been received from the NMDOT's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

It is to be matched by the city with $71,250 with which "pedestrian-friendly facilities such as sidewalks, curbs and a gutter along U.S. 70, primarily located in front of the racetrack, can be constructed, improved, and/or expanded, tying in with existing curb and gutter in the city."

The project is expected to include roughly 3,500 feet of concrete walkways stretching from the area around Wal-Mart to Zia Natural Gas at 707 Short Dr. and along both sides of the highway.

City officials said they hope the new walkways will not only improve the appearance of the city's frontage road, but will encourage residents and visitors to utilize the walkways for on-foot access from homes and hotels to restaurants, retail outlets and recreational venues.

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OUR OPINION

Regional water model begins taking shape

Village Hall session today is a promising initiative

The issue of water availability is again on tap today in a session conducted by Sandia National Laboratories of Albuquerque.

Proceedings begin at 2 p.m. in Village Hall council chambers, 313 Cree Meadows Dr. And you are invited.

The effort stems from a 2005 formation of an economic development council headed by Mike Byrnes of the Ruidoso Small Business Development Center. Byrnes understood that business expansion does not occur without water.

If we cut through the clutter of opinions regarding growth and development in Ruidoso and Lincoln County – and there has been no shortage – we might arrive here: an unbiased and experienced third party helping us devise a water model that will be unambiguous and fair "regarding water allocation between all users and stakeholders in the region," according to Sandia investigator Thomas Lowry.

What strikes us is the guiding principle behind this effort: The realization that economic expansion and prosperity are dependent upon a *consensus* on water reliability and sustainability; Sandia recognizes that expansionists would do themselves harm by misinterpreting water resources.

This brings "environmentalists" and slow-growth proponents into the same room with developers. Sandia's process is, Lowry says, "an open and transparent methodology that is designed to avoid" conflicts among factions.

Which is to say, everybody in the debate on growth needs to slake their thirst.

WALTER RUBEL THE SANTA FE TRAIL

Navajo spokesman's absence leaves void in Senate

SANTA FE – The familiar brown, white and gray Navajo blanket is still draped over the brown leather chair in the middle of the second row of the Senate chambers, as it has been for years. But the chair itself has remained empty this session.

Leonard Tsosie of Crownpoint, who was elected in 2004 to his fourth term in the New Mexico Senate, was forced to give up his seat when he won election as a delegate to the Navajo Tribal Council. Tsosie had been hoping to serve both the state and the Navajo Nation, but the Navajo Supreme Court ruled that he could not be both a delegate and a state senator, and gave him until Monday to choose one.

Tsosie explained to The Associated Press that he felt he could better attend to the daily needs of the people in the Torreon, Pueblo Pintado and Whitehorse Lake chapters as a Council delegate than he could as a state senator.

While it is understandable that Navajo law would require Council delegates to be devoted solely to the Tribal Council, the unfortunate consequence of the court's ruling is that it removes a senator who had been the most passionate and articulate advocate for the Navajo Nation in the New Mexico Legislature, and perhaps in all of state government.

Tsosie's office, which he shared with Sen. Bernadette Sanchez on the second floor of the Roundhouse, was a daily gathering place for Native Americans from throughout the state who would come to Santa Fe during the session seeking relief for a myriad of problems.

As a member of the Finance Committee, Tsosie made sure that not only Navajos but all Native Americans were included in the discussion on any bills dealing with the spending of state funds.

It didn't matter if the topic was education or agriculture, Tsosie understood how each bill would impact Native Americans, and he did all he could to make sure they were protected.

And, he wasn't afraid to take on the powerful.

In a committee meeting last year, Tsosie grilled the head of the State Police as to why the DWI roadblocks in northwest New Mexico always seemed to pop up on the roads leading home from the powwows, but never on the roads leading home from the Chamber of Commerce banquets.

Tsosie, Sanchez and Sen. Lee Rawson took on the governor and lieutenant governor last year because they wanted a payday lending bill that was much tougher than the one coming down from the governor's office.

County commissioners in the district Tsosie served had until Friday to submit names for his replacement. Gilbert Gallegos, a spokesman for Gov. Bill Richardson, said they are hopeful a new senator can be named and sworn in by early next week.

He or she will have large shoes to fill.

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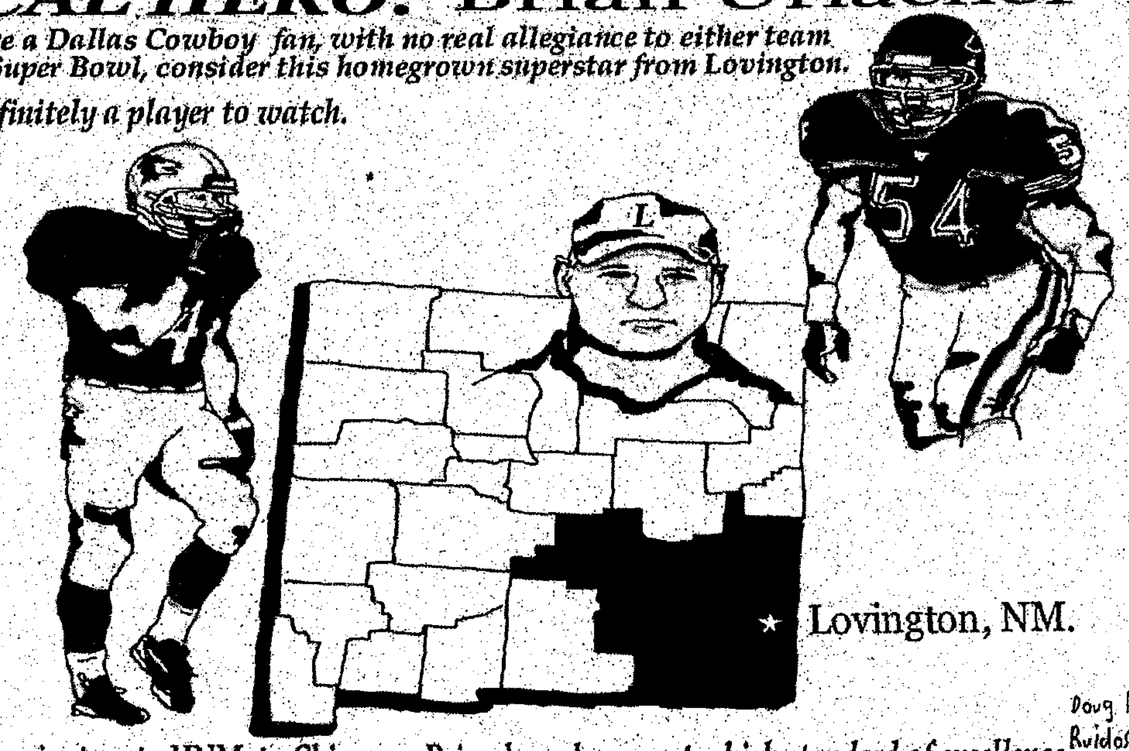

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From Lovington, to UNM, to Chicago... Brian has always set a high standard of excellence.

YOUR OPINION

Story minimized property tax impact

To the editor:

ON PAGE 1A of the Jan. 19, 2007, edition of the *Ruidoso News,* a headline read, "Capitan schools hope to acquire road yard." A better headline would have been, "Capitan schools propose $7.5 million in bond obligation," with a subhead saying, "An approximate 50 percent increase in property taxes for many in County."

The news of the Feb. 6 election in Capitan and the resulting tax increase did not appear until a third of the way into the article. Nor did the paper state that county homeowners from Alto out toward Nogal and Lincoln were in the Capitan school district, would be directly affected and would need to go to Capitan to vote.

Interesting. One wonders why all the focus was on what seems to be a mere swap of real estate for the road yard.

Genevieve Phelan-Duncan
Alto

Editor's note: See today's paper for a story on the bond issue.

Vote Yes on mill levy

To the editor and Ruidoso School District voters:

PLEASE MAKE THE TIME in your busy schedules to support our children, our community and our school district by voting "YES" on continuing the Ruidoso School District Two Mill Levy.

When you go to the polls on Tuesday, Feb. 6, and vote "YES," you will continue a history of positive community support for our schools.

Monies from the mill levy are used for building maintenance, equipment upgrades, computer technology, activity vehicles and the general upkeep of security and safety upgrades.

Ruidoso has time and again demonstrated its commitment to our students, our community, our state and our nation by supporting every bond issue and mill levy ever presented on the ballot. "Yes" votes are an investment in our current students as well as in those in the future.

Take pride in our great students, our great community, our great staff and our great administration! Vote "YES" on Tuesday at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center.

Mike L. Gladden
Superintendent - Retired
Ruidoso

Qualifications, please

To the editor:

LET ME FIRST SAY that Todd Fuqua is doing a great job. I was happy to see the write-up on Ruidoso School Board candidates. I am elated that we have local people who care enough about kids, and their education, to run for that office.

At the same time, I feel all candidates deserve the same opportunity to have their job resumes posted equally in a news story. I'm not endorsing any candidate, but I was disappointed not to see Dan Austin's experience and qualifications listed in "School board candidates see challenges." Mr. Austin, as well as all candidates, deserves a fair chance.

Harvey Twite
Ruidoso Downs

Billy the Kid trail ride is rough going

To the editor:

I HAVE GONE ON THE Billy the Kid trail ride the last two years. Both years it was mishandled terribly, last year in particular.

Chris, a woman from Taos, fell from her horse and was severely hurt. She compressed two discs in her back , fractured three vertebrae, fractured her cheek bone and a bone in her nose. She is still suffering from these injuries 10 months later.

I was riding behind Chris when one of the three organizers started telling Chris to hurry, that she was behind and would cause a delay. She obeyed and her rented horse turned around a bush and she fell.

This happened just before we arrived at Las Tablas on the Block Ranch. The accident took place at 11 a.m.

They tried to get Chris back on her horse but she was in too much pain to mount, so she walked to where the pickups and trailers were parked. She was then transported about 10 miles to where we were to camp the second night and she was placed on a tabletop in her bedroll.

Chris went into shock and was finally taken to the emergency room in Ruidoso. After she was seen at ER, she was dumped at the Ellis Store in Lincoln to find her own way back to Taos. Her car was in Lincoln but she could not drive. The owner of the Ellis Store was kind enough to drive her to Santa Fe where a friend from Taos met her and drove her home.

I have canceled checks paid to trail organizers for $1,725. Chris rode one and a half days of the ride, but paid for the entire ride.

She called one of the organizers, who did not return her calls. She sent him a certified letter that he did not accept. Another organizer was good enough to not cash her check for the rented horse.

In 2004 a woman fell from her horse and broke her leg. In 2005 a man fell from his horse but was not hurt. And in 2006 Chris was badly hurt and then ignored for 12 hours.

This ride is very expensive and clearly not safe. Should it be continued? In my opinion, no.

I have been on other trail rides that cost one-fourth the amount and have a medical doctor and a vet on the ride. The Billy the Kid ride has neither.

Chris has spent thousands of dollars on medical bills and is not able to work. She is having back surgery this summer because of her injuries on the ride.

Chris was just an inconvenience after she was hurt. I would not recommend this ride to anyone.

Nathalee Taylor
Capitan

Editor's note: In the interest of fairness the names of the organizers are omitted.

CHUCK HALL THE CULTURE ARTIST

Sustainability requires a paradigm shift

With issues like global warming, overpopulation, pollution and depletion of our natural resources looming on the horizon, it is clear that we cannot continue with a "business as usual" approach to life on this planet without major future consequences.

The economist Adam Smith, in his work *Wealth of Nations,* suggested that in a free-market economy change occurs because the people in that market have a vested interest in making that change. In layman's terms, when faced with an economic decision, people generally ask, "What's in it for me?"

Unfortunately, a lot of the time we tend to focus on our present short-term goals rather than on further-reaching future goals. When it comes to taking care of our home, planet Earth, there doesn't seem to be any immediate advantage to living in a more sustainable and environmentally-friendly way. We're creatures of habit, and it's hard to change if we don't see any immediate advantage in doing so.

The problem is that an increasing body of evidence indicates that we're having a significant negative impact on the ecosphere. If we don't focus on the long-term damage we're doing to the Earth now, it may be too late tomorrow.

While environmental awareness is on the rise, there are still many who think that sustainability isn't an issue they

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BRAD COOPER LINCOLN LOGS

A book for messy people – if I can find it

There's a new book out and making noises that should make people with messy desks very happy.

In fact, it's wonderful news for the I-put-it-somewhere impaired in the world of the perfectly organized, a world where there's actually a WHOLE magazine called "Closets" and a Texas-based chain called "The Container Store" is pushing annual sales approaching a half-billion dollars.

I made a note about that book here somewhere. I know it's here. I'll find it.

Messy desk books come out every couple years. I'm sure that I have a couple of them on that side of the desk, because I'd never put them on this side. That's not where they'd go.

Messy desk books put out by pop organizers are less frequent than the irrigation ditch constant-flow of pop psychology books with interchangeable titles like, "What Men Want," "Getting Your Man to Talk," "Listening To Your Man" and "10 Ways To Keep Your Man" (that's an "engineering approach"...lots of pop psychology books like to make lists for you).

Men don't buy pop psychology books, they are given them, and they hold onto them because men don't throw anything away and you get Chick Bonus Points just for having them in view, more if you bend a few corners down. Other than that they're pretty useless. You point a remote at them and hit a button and they just sit there doing nothing.

Every man knows how to please a woman. You ask them how their day went, how they're feeling, and listen, and respond caringly. Experts can do it all in commercial breaks.

Messy desk book publishers love how-to-organize books every couple years because it's getting harder and harder to get pop psychology book authors interviews on major news and talk shows. A good book on how to organize your desk is a welcome break, and, unlike plants, dogs and women...one doesn't have to talk with one's desk in order to have a meaningful relationship.

Here it is. ""A Perfect Mess: The Hidden Benefits of Disorder (How Crammed Closets, Cluttered Offices, and On-The-Fly Planning Make the World a Better Place)," by Eric Abrahamson and David H. Freedman (Orion, $17.93 if you look around).

For those with messy desks (and closets and, I guess, even cars), you can tell right from the cover that this is a great book, and it gets better inside.

Apparently, according to Eric and Dave...we are MORE efficient, resilient and MORE effective than others around us that seem to have nothing else better to do than keep their desk and office organized.

Eric is a professor of management of Columbia and Dave is a business and science journalist. From the authors:

"...we argue that there is an optimal level of mess for every aspect of every system. That is in, in any situation there is a type and level of mess at which effectiveness is maximized, and our assertion is that people and organizations frequently err on the side of over-organization. In many cases, they can improve by increasing mess, if it's done in the right way.

"At a minimum, recognizing the benefits of mess can be a major stress reducer–many of us are already operating at a more-or-less appropriate level of mess but labor under the mistaken belief that we're failing in some way because of it."

While that doesn't clarify the existence of the thieving and playful Sock Gnome, it's been largely heralded along the book tour that a messy desk makes that person 36 percent MORE efficient than the office of the anal office worker.

Actually, they state that the well-organized clean-desk worker takes 36 percent MORE time to find and do things that they've organized away.

While not totally the same, I'll sign off on that. So what if their "well, we talked-to-people surveying" is being passed off as science? It's real if you can convince someone else it is.

And I'm convinced. I'm 36 percent more efficient at work.

That means that I actually work a week *and one third* for every week a neat freak co-worker works.

That's why I'm going to take Fridays off.

BRAD COOPER is a syndicated columnist writing out of White Oaks, Lincoln County, New Mexico. While he actually hasn't read the book yet, he's made a note to.

THE WATER FEATURE: POLITICS, HISTORY, OPINION

'Year of Water' could cost taxpayer unnecessarily

STATE REP. DON TRIPP (R)
Agriculture and Water Resources Committee

Water is the most vital resource in our state. It is one of the most significant issues we face today.

Ownership of the supply of water is critical to life in New Mexico. For many hundreds of years, the inhabitants of New Mexico have regulated water supplies.

In 1848, New Mexico became a territory, and by 1851, the Territorial Legislature began establishing water laws. Now the State Engineers Office oversees water rights administration and is the caretaker of the state's water rights. Water rights can be confusing here in New Mexico. In the East, water is usually tied to the land; not so here. A water right is considered property and can be separated from the land. It pertains to only the right to use the water and not the water itself.

Throughout New Mexico's history, few topics have generated more passion than water. Today, battles are fought by legislators at the Round House in Santa Fe rather than settlers on the plains with shotguns. The issues are many and certainly changes need to be made. But it is agreed by all that there are no simple solutions.

You will see much legislation this session that will unnecessarily spend taxpayer's money. One bill proposes that 1.6 million dollars be appropriated for research on water quality, affordability and availability. As has been pointed out, water has already been researched for quality, affordability and availability. We need solutions, not more research.

Another piece of legislation wants $40,000 to pay for 50 people to attend a water conservation conference in Albuquerque.

The New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute has many ideas for potential large savings of water. This institute is already funded by the state. We do not need to pay people to go to a conference when we have a research institute that stands ready with many solutions for water conservation.

The Republican House agrees with the Governor that we need solutions with regard to our water problems in New Mexico. Our water supply is finite. But let's have solutions that do not spend the taxpayer's money foolishly.

One good solution would be to put a large part of the excess revenues into the Water Trust Fund. This fund is used to support critically needed projects that preserve and protect New Mexico's water supply. A healthy Water Trust Fund is one of the most powerful legacies we could leave behind during this "Year of Water".

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should be concerned about.

I think the main reason for this is that people focus on the short-term expense and inconvenience of moving to a more sustainable lifestyle instead of seeing the bigger picture. Building greener homes, driving greener cars and using more energy-efficient appliances can require more money to start with, but over time the savings can add up, and a sustainable lifestyle can pay for itself many times over. But before this can happen, we need to recognize and realize the benefits.

What is needed is a paradigm shift. We can evolve to a more sustainable way of living. It means switching to resources that can be replenished or recycled instead of depending on resources that are being rapidly depleted. It means seeing ourselves as a part of the life cycle here on Earth instead of as separate from nature. Our culture will have to grow and adapt to make this happen. We will need a new culture; one that that is sustainable without being uncomfortable, spiritual without being dogmatic and artistic without being exclusive. With these goals in mind, I began The Culture Artist. All culture is a process. I think the best process of creating a culture is to create one consciously and deliberately.

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International money manager to impart financial wisdom

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Local investors interested in increasing their wealth will get a rare opportunity to speak with a major financial player next week.

Steven Stribling, an international portfolio manager for the Pelican Bay Group at Smith Barney Investments, will be in Ruidoso at the Kokopelli Club at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. The event is an open invitation to all investors, but there is room for only 25 guests that aren't already Smith Barney clients.

To apply for the event, call Traci Miller or Angela Ricono of Smith Barney of El Paso at 1-800-756-0077.

Miller said this type of event is typical of what her office does to bring in top financial expertise to investors that might not otherwise get the ear of such an accomplished investor.

"This isn't a seminar, it's more informal," Miller said. "We allow people to ask investment questions and get some good, solid information."

Stribling is currently vice-president of wealth management for the Pelican Bay Group's office in Dallas, and has more than 20 years experience in the financial services industry. Prior to that, he served as branch manager for Smith Barney and oversaw more than one billion dollars in assets and clients, including a number of Fortune 500 companies.

Due to restrictive investing rules, Stribling won't be giving investing advice – what people do with their own money is their business – but he is looking forward to this trip from his Dallas office as a way to get a better idea of what the average investor is concerned with.

"We tend to get too stuck in Wall Street and not see the opportunities that are out there," Stribling said. "I usually do this type of visit once a quarter, both to help the investors and to help me.

"I like to hear the questions people are asking and what they're thinking," he added. "Markets are psychological, and we need to know what people are thinking and how they might react."

Miller said Stribling's expertise and willingness to be in Ruidoso is an opportunity that investors should not pass up.

"People who want to know what's going on in the international markets really should be there," Miller said. "Any time you can get this information from people in the know, it's a good thing."

Business branding travels to Iraq

In our nation's culture of brand loyalty, many purchase clothing and other items simply because of the brand or logo they sport.

Joining the branding movement, Print Write Now, a printing business in Ruidoso, has adopted a new symbol reflecting its "Printed in Ruidoso" pride of printing services. The company isn't yet selling T-shirts with the emblem on it, but is offering customer discounts for the placement of this new branded logo whenever applicable for all custom printed goods and services.

Thanks to one intrepid soldier, this logo is now traveling the globe.

COURTESY PHOTO

Clint Berge, son of Ruidoso local Dave Berge, displays a bumper sticker printed by Print Write Now in Ruidoso and ordered by his father.

"We are encouraged. So many want to bear our new symbol and support business-to-business locally," said Laura Reynolds, general manager and owner of Print Write Now. "Many graphic designers and printing firms across the country have been placing their own contact information and Websites on collateral material for years without being asked if it could be there. We are taking the approach that if people are going to advertise for us, they should be rewarded to some degree."

This type of branding is not just recognized locally. Its message is carried as far as the product spreads.

Last fall, Dave Berge, a Ruidoso local, asked Print Write Now to reprint bumper stickers they had previously created and donated as a public service message that read: "Our Colors Don't Run." Berge's son Clint is serving in Iraq for his second term, and Berge wanted to show his pride with the stickers.

"The guys in Iraq need to know Americans have not forgotten the prayers and thoughts of those faced with serving the ongoing war," Berge said.

Quickly, more supportive bumper stickers were printed and shipped. A few weeks later, Berge received an email from his son with photos showing how the bumper stickers were affixed to many of the military armored units.

Patronage can spread farther than the eye can see, bearing the sense of personal investment, ownership, bonding and association. It brings a sense of familiarity or taste of home to those in Iraq and to those in Alto.

DOUBLE DUTY

DEANNA CHENEY/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

A crew with the Ruidoso Downs Department of Public Works installs a water line Thursday as construction workers install windows in a new 63-room, two-story hotel on U.S. 70. The La Quinta is scheduled to open early March, owner Tejas Ganjawala said, and will include an indoor pool, spa, meeting room and business center. Ganjawala said that the interior facilities are virtually finished while rain and snow has delayed an application of stucco from being applied to the exterior.

Southeastern New Mexico air service a strong possibility

Improved air service to our region is one step closer to reality, as a result of a recent survey and visit to major airlines this past week in Phoenix and Dallas. The Southeastern New Mexico Air Service Coalition conducted surveys of local residents and travelers in Roswell, Carlsbad, Artesia and Ruidoso.

The results of this survey show that Southeastern New Mexico should produce a minimum of over 64,000 round-trip passengers per year. This represents a huge potential gain for airlines seeking to fly out of Roswell, according to Jon Hitchcock, who chairs the committee on behalf of the Chaves County Development Foundation.

This is a cooperative effort from all the communities in Southeastern New Mexico: Roswell, Carlsbad, Artesia and Ruidoso.

"We have pledges of financial support from Roswell, Carlsbad and Artesia as well as Chaves and Eddy counties. Gov. Bill Richardson has designated $1.2 million dollars from set-aside funds to help make this a reality," Hitchcock said. "This really must be a regional project in order to be a success. None of our individual communities has enough population to make this work on their own. But together, we have the population and resources to make this a reality. That's the message we are sending to the airlines."

At this time, the three carriers, who have yet to be made public, are considering presentations. The committee's goal is to have air service by Sept. 1, with an offer from one of the airlines within the next 75 days.

"I am so pleased to see the long hard work of CCDF come to fruition on this project and I am very optimistic for the future," said Roswell Mayor Sam LaGrone. "This is an excellent example of cooperation between the various communities. It is critical to have good air service available for our business community and our citizens in general."

Local contractor earns master status

Kenneth D. Huey, owner of K.D. Huey Company in Capitan, has successfully completed requirements to earn the status of Master Ground Water Contractor from the National Ground Water Association (NGWA).

The NGWA contractor certification program establishes standards of technical competency in ground water contracting professions. As ground water is the drinking water supply for 53 percent of Americans, a designation of master contractor is important for the protection of local and national supplies.

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Village Council bolsters convention center

■ Moves to make it more competitive

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In an effort to generate enough revenue for the Ruidoso Convention Center to break even, village councilors approved a few changes in the rules of operation that include new criteria for future fee reductions.

This time, councilors unanimously adopted the operation rules as an ordinance. Previously, plans were outlined in a resolution, which carries no effect of law.

In a related issue, Steve Tally, formerly with Leisure Hotels, which operates the Lodge at Sierra Blanca and handles sales and marketing for the convention center, was selected for contract negotiations as the village's first director of tourism.

Tally was one of eight who responded to a request for proposals. Evaluation committee members met Jan. 9, and the top three were invited to interviews. They were Ben Hart of Colorado, Stephen Fuhlendorf of Taos and Tally of Ruidoso.

Councilor Michele Rebstock, who served on the committee, commented, "It was a tough competition."

Councilors are looking for someone to pull together different promotional and advertising aspects to maximum the dollar punch and to unify the message about the village.

Giving background on the review of the convention center rules, Councilor Ron Hardeman explained that concerns were voiced in May about the center losing money.

"Over the years, for various reasons, it got into the red and stayed there," he said.

One of the reasons could be heightened competition from the Inn of the Mountain Gods, which also propelled center supporters to advocate cosmetic and, possibly, structural improvements and to seek new markets. A task force was formed that included Tally, the convention center manager, the convention sales person, the chamber of commerce director, Hardeman and Councilor Angel Shaw.

A main thrust was to bring the fee structure back to reality.

"In the past, over time, the council allowed fees to be waived and sanctioned others to pay less," Hardeman said.

One of the changes will give the village manager or his designee, which could be the center manager, discretion regarding the cost of rentals.

"We wanted to end groups coming to the council on a regular basis and asking we waive the fees, whether for a bridge group or square dancing, because it became a political issue. We wanted it to be strictly a business decision," Hardeman said.

Rebstock asked if the fees, overtime and equipment charges would cause the village to "outprice" the center, but was told by Hardeman that the charges compared well with convention centers in Carlsbad, Santa Fe and Lubbock, Texas.

Removed from the ordinance was wording dealing with how far in advance reservations must be confirmed and a 50 percent "down payment" paid.

Added to the wording was that a sanctioned event must:

- be able to prove a three year history of economic benefits to the community to be designated and to retain the sanctioned designation.
- not change in sponsor or organization.
- be non-profit.
- exist for at least five years.
- prove economic benefit to the community.
- be at least a three-day event.
- be booked between Nov. 1 and March 31.
- provide some proof on the number of people attending.
- use the entire facility.
- donate a portion of proceeds to the community.
- be subject to review annually by the village manager or designee.

When a representative of the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally questioned the new requirement that sanctioned activities must return a percentage to the village, he was told the rally is one of 10 events already "sanctioned" and grandfathered under that heading. The rules apply to new requests, councilors said.

Councilors removed a $25 higher rental fee based on a square footage figure for Room C, which is slightly larger than the $100-a-day rooms, but not large enough for a different setup, according to manager Manny Cordova. They previously changed another item that will expand the rental day from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Rebstock said midnight would be more appropriate, because people who want to stay and clean up would have to pay the overtime charge

Hardeman said the committee contemplated the use of the convention center by schools and the Region IX Education Cooperative for student screening and kindergarten registration. State agencies with direct funding connections to the village also are to receive special consideration.

Good news, bad news reported on village finances

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At the halfway mark of Ruidoso's 2006-07 fiscal year, revenues sit at 46 percent of the budgeted $27.9 million and expenses at 35 percent, Village Finance Director Elaine Beltran reported Tuesday.

But she warned that the village's collection of gross receipts taxes is not growing as it did in the past.

"We usually put in a growth factor of 3 percent and then we were getting 2 percent on top of that," she explained Thursday. "But we're stabilizing now with no more revenue growth (than budgeted). The only increase is because of a tax increase that took effect."

She told councilors, "We used to have a big cushion, but we don't have that cushion. We're right on budget."

Total gross receipts tax revenues through the second quarter of the fiscal year of $4,728,386.75 are 51 percent of the budgeted $9.234 million, she reported. While that figure leads last year at the same time by $217,976, if the $151,985 collected in GRT to repay bonds issued for the construction of a new fire station is subtracted, the overall overage drops to $65,990.69, she noted.

General Fund revenues are 47 percent of budget and expenditures are 44 percent. The general fund covers basic operations, excluding enterprise funds such as water, sewer and solid waste collection.

In response to a council inquiry, Beltran said the target date is Feb. 28 for a FY2005-06 audit to be submitted to the village for review. Three auditors from the firm hired are working in village offices this week and five will be here next week, she said.

Village officials are trying to get back on the correct timing track for regular annual audits after a few years of missing the deadlines for various reasons, some tied to the auditing firms, a special audit and to the village.

SUDDEN

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Capitan at 6 p.m. Depending on location, snowfall was expected to continue into Friday.

Equipment operators from the state Department of Transportation were working to keep the roads clear and New Mexico State Police put several extra patrol units on the road, Lt. Aviaucea said.

"We're working two crashes, the semi and another motorist, both without injury," he explained. "It's snowing hard, but it's not freezing yet and that's good."

A Ruidoso Police Department spokesman said several cars went off Hull Road into ditches and a non-injury accident occurred in front of the Circle J Barbecue on Sudderth Drive.

"We're working two crashes, both without injury. It's snowing hard, but it's not freezing yet and that's good."

Lt. Michael Aviaucea
New Mexico State Police

Blades and salt trucks were among the equipment from the Ruidoso Street Department that rolled out early in the afternoon to accommodate school bus routes.

They initially concentrated on Hull Drive, Warrior Drive and White Mountain Drive, but fanned out as the day progressed. By 4 p.m., patches of blue sky signaled at least a temporary break in the storm.

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Becker's Mountain Laundry on Highway 70 received a shoveling at the height of Thursday afternoon's snowstorm.

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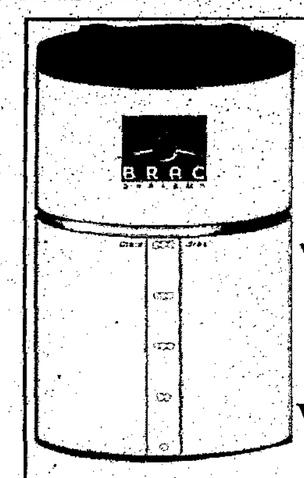

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CONCERN

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higher priced in our area, the tax will have to be carried by us, an inordinately small amount of people," Hence said. "We'll have to eat an increase of one-third, and that's not counting more taxes that will be raised down the road."

According to a brochure provided by the board, the annual tax increase on a home valued at $100,000 would be $142. A home worth $250,000 would see a $372 increase in one year. Those increases are based on the taxable value, not the actual value, of the home.

As for future taxes, Hence was talking about money collected by Lincoln County government to keep up infrastructure and improve roads as the area grows, but according to information prepared by RBC Capital Markets – the district's financial advisor – this election would be the first of three bond cycles over eight years, eventually totaling more than $25 million by 2015.

Larry Miller, superintendent of Capitan schools, said the money is needed to make much-needed improvements to the campus.

"We really took some time to figure out where the most pressing needs are," Miller said. "We wanted to make an immediate difference in the classroom, and we have to correct and improve a lot of the infrastructure."

Capitan hasn't had a capital bond since 1999, and the board had to make do with other finances. Because there hadn't been a bond election in so long, Miller said the district's bonding capability had diminish and further state funds were unavailable.

"That takes exceptional effort in this day and time not to have to go to the voters all the time," Miller said. "We've been very prudent about how we have handled our finances in this district."

As for announcing the bond election to the general public, Miller said members of a blue ribbon committee made reports on a monthly basis to the school board and had planned to travel extensively in January to discuss the bond with various organizations and community groups.

But with the heavy snows that have inundated the area of late, several of those meetings were canceled or postponed, leaving the committees without a way to get the message across.

The district did advertise the proposed bond in the *Lincoln County News*, as required by law, and all the pertinent information contained in the brochure is also available at the school's Web site, www.capitan.k12.nm.us, with a link at the bottom of the page titled "2007 Bond Issue Election Brochure."

"We've certainly not tried to keep information from people," Miller said.

Hence disputes this, as the district only advertised in a paper published in Carrizozo, and not in the *Ruidoso News*, a paper to which most residents of Ranches of Sonterra and Alto Lakes subscribe.

"Not advertising in the biggest paper in this area is condemning," Hence said. "I still feel they did it under the radar."

School board members Robin Parks and Ed Vinson presented the bond plan to more than 100 members of the Alto Lakes Homeowners Association Tuesday, a meeting which prompted several calls and messages to the *Ruidoso News* regarding the suddenness of the announcement.

"I understand their concern because of the increase," Parks said. "Historically, the Capitan school district has been so fiscally responsible that we never asked that much of taxpayers. There were options, and we chose what we thought was most fiscally responsible and best for students.

"This bond would make the area's taxes close to what people are paying in Ruidoso, but they still have a great value."

A comparison of tax rates from surrounding districts supplied by RBC showed the proposed bond rate of 6.5 mills would make Capitan's rate about just over eight mills, slightly higher than Ruidoso's. Only Hondo would have a higher rate.

Kevin Powers, director of RBC, said this type of multi-year bond obligation plan has been implemented successfully in several New Mexico districts.

"The plan incorporates a conservative approach that results in a series of bond issues with rapid amortization of principal and a level tax rate over time," Powers wrote by email. "These features, combined with a conservative assessed valuation growth assumption (four percent for Capitan), will determine the amount of bonds that can be authorized and sold in future years with revenue generated by the 6.50 mill rate."

Parks said all that can translate to as much as a $600 tax increase for the most expensive homes in the area, but emphasized that this is money sorely needed to better the education of Capitan students.

She also pointed out the efforts the board and blue ribbon committee made to inform the public.

"We have been working for two to three months to get information out to the areas affected by this," Parks said. "We've not tried to blindside anybody on this."

Hence, however, still disputes this, and said a little more communication could have allowed all parties to come up with a bond plan more palatable and – ultimately – more passable.

"I think if the community had known about this, that bond issue could have been created to raise the money without taking this huge bite," Hence said. "We all support our schools, but we need to get the school what it needs and lessen the impact on taxpayers."

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Newcomers enter Ruidoso school board election

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Shane Holder and Rhonda Vincent are two newcomers to the Ruidoso School Board elections, but not to Ruidoso schools.

The two are running for two of three contested positions in next Tuesday's election.

Actually "contested" is somewhat of a misnomer, as only Holder is challenging Frank Sayner for Position 2. Vincent, running for Position 3, is unopposed, as incumbent Kirk Taylor will not be running.

Holder has four children, two of whom are currently in Ruidoso schools and one a graduate of RHS. He said his experience as a parent of school-age children would give him a fresh perspective on the school board's business.

"So many issues happen at school that people without kids in school never see," Holder said. "You want the best for your kids, and I want to see us progress."

Holder contends there aren't enough books to go around in some classes, based on the experience of his high school-aged child, and that some students enter college from high school still lacking some fundamental skills to succeed at the next level.

"It's frustrating for kids and parents," Holder said. "A kid can be advanced and a high achiever in high school, then have to start all over once they get to college."

Regarding board policy, Holder said there's a lot the general public doesn't know about the board's authority.

"We have to make the community more aware of that," Holder said. "I never realized how much is actually out of the board's hands. The administration sets a lot of the policies."

Bottom line, Holder wants to see policies and tools in place in order to give teachers more control in the classroom, so they can better concentrate on doing their job of educating students.

Vincent was born and raised in Ruidoso, and feels she has a solid understanding of the school system, having spent seven years as a school classroom volunteer and serving on parent councils.

"This has given me a great interest in all of our children's futures," Vincent said. "I believe I am being led in this direction to be a positive addition to this board."

While she's excited at the opportunity her election to the board would afford, Vincent said she has no specific agenda to pursue.

"I want only to reinforce the vision of parents, the school administration and this board that our children deserve the best education possible," Vincent said. "We will equip our children with the knowledge and cultivation they must have to succeed in this world."

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Village Council continues hearing on residential-retail complex

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Although the developer wanted to take his chances and move forward on an appeal he filed when a site development plan was nixed for a residential-retail complex in Midtown, Ruidoso village councilors weren't ready to take action.

Four of them said they wanted a few answers first and a motion to continue the hearing on the appeal to Feb. 13 passed 4-2. Councilors James Stoddard and Michelle Rebstock voted against the motion by Councilor Ron Hardeman.

Members of the village Planning and Zoning Commission approved a conditional use to allow residential units in a commercial zone as requested by Mary and Rick Riddle, and Bill Good. But they rejected a motion to recommend approval of the site development plan for Villa Nueva Condominiums with a tie vote, Village Planning Director Bob Decker said.

The council vote to continue the hearing falls within the requirement for action within 15 days after an appeal is filed and satisfies the developer's call for a hearing to proceed, Village Attorney Marc Prelo advised.

Decker said the plan will not be referred back to the planning commission. His staff will clarify the questions raised on the record, he said. His department's recommendation previously was to refer the issue back to the planning commission, because some of the information changed.

Councilor Don Williams said Riddle's appeal was tied more to the process used by the planning commission than to specific objections about the development plan, including that planning commissioners did not state a reason for denial and the commission did not have up to date drawings from the staff.

Riddle replied that rebuttals to the objections about to the project by commissioners were not listed, "because we were given none."

"It was just confusion," he contended. The village street department director was not concerned about the idea of backing out into Butler Street, a small side street, to provide more parking spaces, he said. But to avoid having to ask for a variance, which that would have required, the parking was redesigned to a parallel arrangement and spaces that customers of merchants could have used were eliminated, he said.

Residential limit

"We still exceeded the number required for the residential units," he said. Midtown businesses are not required to provide customer parking. Riddle and his partners propose 20 retail and 24 residential units to replace the existing LeClaire's Alpine Village and to extend into an adjoining lot at back, according to a village staff summary.

Decker explained that by ordinance, all information for a hearing is to be submitted 17 days before the date to ensure planning commissioners are given complete packets with all questions covered. But he was receiving changes almost up to the hearing day, he said. The acreage was upped from 1.1 acres to 1.25 acres, assuming one street would be abandoned.

"The staff needs time to verify all the information before a hearing is scheduled," Decker said. "Now we get an application, schedule a hearing and then find something is missing," sometimes essential information needed to obtain comment from one of the village's infrastructure departments.

Earlier in the hearing, Williams asked to limit input just to the basis of the appeal and not to allow a total presentation on the project.

"There are only five or six items and to me they are relatively minor," he said.

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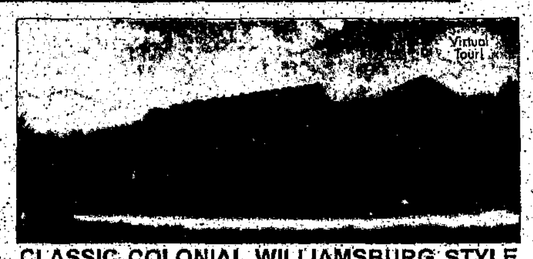

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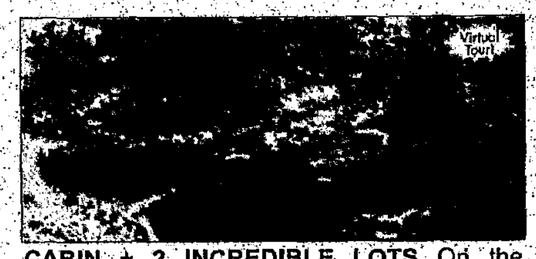

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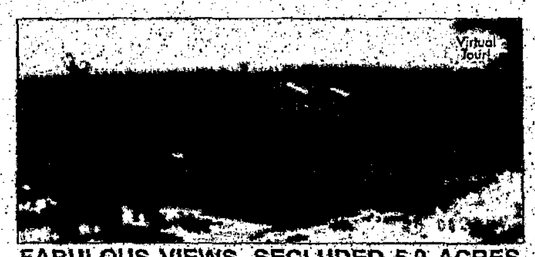

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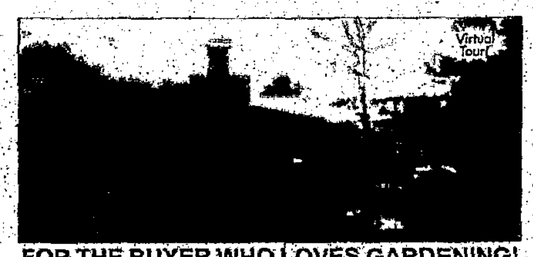

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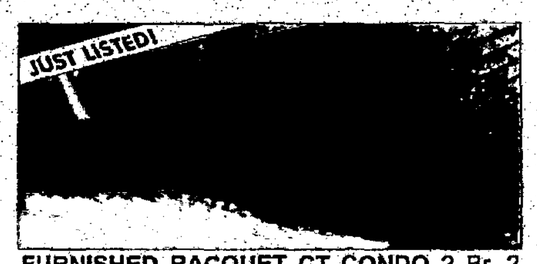

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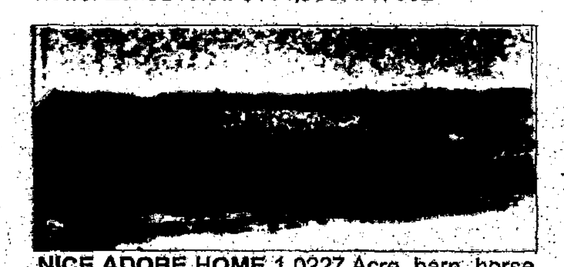

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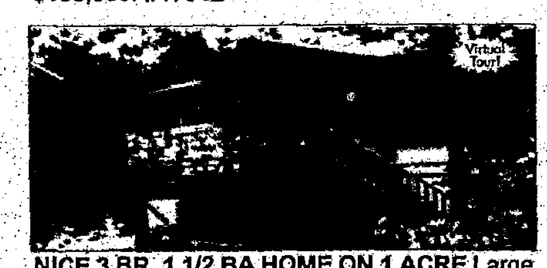

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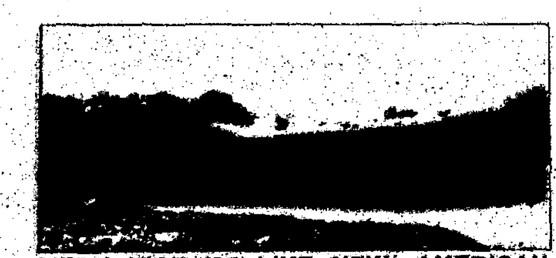

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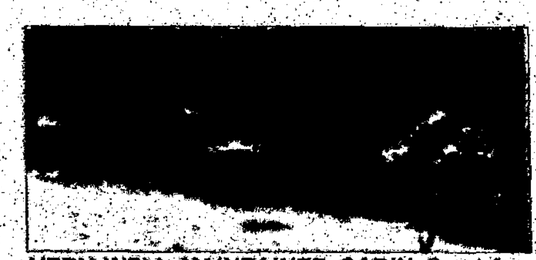

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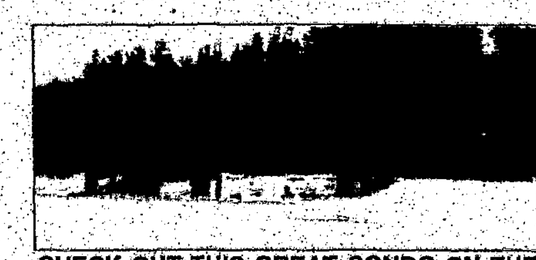

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Warriors lose tough in double OT

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Tuesday's game at RHS was a great one and, even though the Warriors eventually lost to NMMI, 88-85, it had everything you would ever want to see at a sporting event. Melodrama, disappointment, courage and passion were there for all to see. It was the epitomy of the greatness of high school sports.

The Warriors started out strong, with Ben Sanchez and Brand Franklin pumping in 10 and eight points, respectively, to help give Ruidoso a three point advantage, 22-19 at the end of the first period.

The momentum of the game slowed somewhat in the second quarter, but RHS still outscored the Colts by three, and the Warriors built up a six point lead, 38-32, at the finish of half-time.

NMMI closed the gap to within two at the close of the third period, 51-49, setting up an exciting conclusion to the end of regulation play. Three of the Ruidoso starters were in foul trouble at that juncture but, other than that, the outcome looked to be positive.

In the fourth, the Warriors missed some crucial free throws and the Colts continued to "push" the issue, outscoring RHS by two and tying the game, 60-60, with 2:04 left in the period. The intensity of each squad remained unchanged and the end of regulation play closed with both teams knotted at 65.

Overtime action saw both teams compete with heightened vigor but neither could pull away enough for the victory and, at the end of the first overtime, the score still remained deadlocked, 77-77.

With three Ruidoso starters, Kiel Burkett, Sanchez and Thomas Rodriguez having fouled out, plus Schuyler Talsma gone for medical rea-

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MIKE CURRAN/STAFF

NMMI player, and Ruidoso native, Andrew Cowan, right, attempts to block layup by Warrior Schuyler Talsma Tuesday at RHS.

Keep your eye on the donut

CURRAN EVENTS

BY MIKE CURRAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Today I would like to write something to all student athletes, and especially to those of you who find yourselves struggling on losing teams in whatever sport you participate, at whatever high school you attend. I want to share a story with you, something that I have never forgotten and that has helped me from time to time in my life. Maybe it will have a meaning for some of you and you will then be able to use it as your own, as I have.

When I harken back to my formative years, in daydreams arbitrarily remembered, I recall the old Mayflower Restaurant, once located in my hometown. I think it was the best eatery in the city and many others had the same opinion too, because it was almost always filled to capacity whenever I ventured through its doors. Needless to say, the food was always good but the crowning achievement on its menu were the handmade donuts that were baked, daily. They were the best in "Da Burgh."

It had very high ceilings as did most of the buildings of that period, and, upon its white and turquoise-green tiled walls, was a quotation, which for some obscure reason I still recall. Above the quote was a large picture of a donut and underneath it said:

"As you ramble through life,
whatever be your goal,
keep your eye upon the donut,
and not upon the hole."

Let me tell you what this passage means to me, but not necessarily what it should mean to you. It tells me to always stay focused on the mission at hand, whether long-term or momentary. Don't look beyond where you're headed and, at least, have some ambition or design to your life. Understand that hurdles will arise and sometimes impede your progress, but always stay centered and find a way through to your desired destination.

Roberto Clemente of the Pirates is a good case in point. The "Great One" as he was known around town, had a lifetime .317 batting average in 18 years with the Buccos. He was a very proud man, and sometimes this was a disadvantage to him, but when he stepped to the plate, he was all business. The business at hand was to hit and hit he did. When you wanted to intentionally walk "Bobbie," the pitcher would have to throw the ball a good three feet away from the plate. Clemente hated walks and one time he hit a ball at least a foot away from the plate. From then on, intentional walks were thrown more toward first base than the plate, if you know what I mean.

Some amazing still photos were taken of Bobbie hitting a baseball and what many of them revealed was quite spectacular. At the moment of impact, that is, at the very moment the ball was hitting the bat, not only were Clemente's eyes on the baseball but his head was centered on it too. The reason this was so extraordinary was because Roberto hit the ball so "deep." This takes exceptional focus. Really great hitters wait so long to swing at the ball, it's almost past them when they finally do. A hitter like Bonds, for example, waits until the baseball is almost to his belt-buckle before he makes contact. This is what is known as hitting deep. Most players will make contact at their front hip, or slightly into it, but the best of the best hit deep. When Sean Casey goes to the plate he carries a note in his pocket which reads, "Almost let the ball beat me."

Clemente was great and he knew it. He didn't broadcast that to the world, he just let his bat and glove speak for his greatness. Roberto wanted to be known, not only for his hitting, but for his defensive skills, too. To achieve that ambition, he won 12 consecutive Golden Glove Awards playing right field. Today, when an outfielder possesses an exceptional throwing arm they call it a "Clemente arm."

I tell you, he was something to see. One time, in old Forbes Field, he hit a screaming line-drive just over the pitcher's head. By the time it passed over second base and the center fielder it was still going up. When it left the park at some 400 plus feet it was still ascending. People back there still talk about that.

Okay, so now you think I've lost my focus and I'm just blathering on, reminiscing about fond memories – not so.

As great as Clemente was, he failed more often than he succeeded at the plate. For every 10 appearances he made in the batter's box, he was unsuccessful seven of those times (Unless of course he walked, which to Roberto, was unproductive.) Admittedly, this is true of every .300 hitter but few of them have or had the fierce pride he did.

He took the failure that baseball deals out to all players and kept a sound mental approach to his game. I never saw, or heard of, him losing his concentration. He always knew where he was headed. Putting it another way, I don't ever think he lost sight of that donut.

KAREN BOEHLER/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Warrior Garrett Griffin, 160, gets a hold on Belen's Jerry Hunter during Friday's quarterfinal consolation-round match at the Cardinal Classic in Las Vegas.

Rivals Rumble in Ruidoso

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The Sierra Blanca Invite, postponed from Jan. 20 due to inclement weather, will take centerstage, Saturday, as 13 teams from all over the southern part of the state come to do battle at Ruidoso High School.

It's been three weeks since the Warriors have tasted battle and all members of the team are eager to see action once again.

"The fact that we haven't wrestled for a while could be a factor, but I'm sure the great competition included in this contest will motivate the kids to the level they need to be," Ruidoso coach Brian Brown said.

Three teams from Las Cruces, as well as two Roswell squads, Goddard and Roswell High School, will be on hand for the activity. Some of the other competitors will include Cobre, Deming, Hobbs, Carlsbad and Wingate.

"We haven't seen Tucumcari on the mats yet but they will be here and we expect them to be tough," explained Brown. It should be a great day of wrestling and the Warriors should be very competitve at quite a few of the weight classes."

Whether you prefer Sierra Blanca Invite or Rumble in Ruidoso, Saturday should be an entertaining day in the Village. And best of all – admission is free.

Capitan loses OT shootout

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Capitan lost a squeaker in overtime at Jal, Tuesday, 42-40. Jal led throughout the first three quarters but the Tigers closed the fourth period with an exciting play to deadlock the game.

Jal started the first quarter with intensity and took a 14-6 lead going in to the second period.

"We started out flat and paid the price in that first quarter," Capitan coach Steve Foust offered. "We missed some shots we should have made but at least we started to come around in the last part of the first half."

The Tigers outscored the Panthers in the second quarter, 10-5, and closed out the half with Jal ahead, 19-16.

"The third period was ugly," exclaimed Foust. "Both defenses dominated that time frame."

With 15 seconds left in the contest and Jal up by three, Brett McInnes hit a do-or-die 3-pointer to tie the game at 38 and send it into overtime.

In the four minutes alotted to both teams, the Tigers were just not able to capitalize on the opportunities afforded them and wound up losing by two.

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side line

Ski Report

Ski Apache
For ticket prices and latest snow totals, call 257-9001
Ski report culled from www.skiapachesnowreport.com
New snow past week: 13 inches
Weather at report time: Mostly sunny Friday with a high near 35. Breezy, with gusts as high as 35 mph
Midway depth: 59 inches
Season total snowfall: 112 inches
Surface conditions: Powder
Skiing conditions: Excellent
Trails open:
Least Difficult: Bunny, Easy Street, The Ramp, Lower Deep Freeze, Snow Park, Moonshine Gulch, Lower Moonshine, Upper Spruce, SBT
More Difficult: Ambush, Chino, Meadows, East Meadows, East of East, Geronimo, Bone Yard, Chair 7 Lift Line, Capitan Lite, Capitan Heavy, Apache Bowl, Upper Deep Freeze, Game Trail, Elk Ridge, Bull Run, Bambi
Most Difficult: Wild Onion, Rover, Screaming Eagle, Dead End, The Terrible, Incredible, Upper Peebbles, Lower Peebbles, Chute, Mescalaro, Caliente, Roys Run, Upper Snow Park, Lincoln Lift Line, Gondola Lift Line, Buckhorn, Oscar's, Bear, Cliff, Elk Lift Line, Top Notch, Sunny Side
Lifts open: 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 Gondola (weather permitting)
Trails groomed: Bunny, Easy Street, SBT, Moonshine Gulch, Lower Moonshine, Lower Deep Freeze, Capitan Heavy, Top Notch, Elk Ridge, Bull Run, Oscar's, Apache Bowl Ridge, Game Trail, Ambush, Chino, East Meadows, Wild Onion, Screaming Eagle, Rover
Snowmaking past 24 hours: No
Forecast: Mostly sunny, Saturday, with a high near 37

Prep Results

Tuesday, Jan. 30
Boys Basketball
NMMI 88, Ruidoso 85 Dbl OT
Carrizozo 69, Vaughn 24
Jal 42, Capitan 40 OT
Hondo vs Corona postponed rescheduled for Feb. 12
Girls Basketball
Hondo vs Corona postponed rescheduled for Feb. 12

Preps on Tap

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Friday, Feb. 2
Girls Basketball
Dexter at Ruidoso 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 3
Boys Basketball
Hondo at Mountainair 4 p.m.
Eunice at Capitan 5 p.m.
Mescalero at Lordsburg 6:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Hondo at Mountainair 2 p.m.
Eunice at Capitan 3:30 p.m.
Lordsburg at Mescalero 6:30 p.m.
Wrestling
Ruidoso at Sierra Blanca Invite in Ruidoso 8 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 6
Boys Basketball
Mescalero at Tularosa 6:30 p.m.
Ruidoso at Portales 7 p.m.
Corona at Vaughn 7:30 p.m.
Hondo at Carrizozo 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Corona at Vaughn 5:30 p.m.
Hondo at Carrizozo 6 p.m.
Lovington at Ruidoso 7 p.m.

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Roy Parker inducted into New Mexico Ski Hall of Fame

YVONNE LANELLI
For the Ruidoso News

Accolades fell faster than snowflakes in a blizzard as Roy Parker of Ruidoso was inducted into the New Mexico Ski Hall of Fame Tuesday in Albuquerque.

Parker

Parker recently retired after serving 39 years as General Manager of Ski Apache Resort.

"Roy was hired to manage a ski area in a part of the world where practically no one skied," said Mickey Blake of Taos, as he introduced the honoree.

The New Mexico Ski Hall of Fame selected Parker and four other inductees as "worthy pioneers or athletes who have made significant contributions to the sport of snow skiing," said Bill Miller, President of the Hall of Fame's Board of Directors, who presented the Nambé plaque to Parker in ceremonies held at the Tanoan Country Club.

"I arrived at Sierra Blanca [as Ski Apache was formerly known] from Colorado in the summer of 1964," recalled Parker. "The ski area, which had been recently purchased by the Mescalero Tribe from developer Robert O. Anderson, was closed and nearly bankrupt. It had been a bad snow year and all the employees quit. Someone handed me a box of full of keys and disappeared. That was my introduction to the ski area. I looked around and thought, 'What an opportunity.'"

Originally planning to "give it two years," Parker's "opportunity" stretched to a lifetime career as he envisioned more and better skiing every decade. "In 1964 there were three T-bars, the Gondola and the restaurant. The only trails were Meadows, Sierra Blanca Trail, Smokey Bear, Snow Park and Capitan – and that was covered by trees."

COURTESY PHOTO

Roy Parker, as he appeared on the slopes circa 1967.

Today, skiers ride eight chairs or the Gondola to any of 55 trails and relax in several dining venues in two lodges.

"Roy's visions resulted in success, not only for the ski area and its owners, but also for the Village of Ruidoso who now had access to income during the winter months," said one Ruidoso resident who attended the ceremony.

"The area went from selling 25,000 tickets our first year to a record of 275,000 tickets our most successful year during the 80s," Parker recalled with pride.

"But I didn't do it alone," he pointed out. "I was fortunate to work with dedicated employees such as Denny Grover." Grover served as the area's Mountain Manager, "undoubtedly the best mountain manager and snow maker in the United States."

Grover, who also recently retired, formed part of the large contingent from Ruidoso attending the induction.

Also inducted Tuesday was Kingsbury Pitcher, who designed and built Ski Apache for Anderson and hired Parker. Pitcher is the current owner of Wolf Creek Ski Resort in Colorado, and former owner of Ski Santa Fe.

Others inducted Tuesday evening included Allen Church, Chief of Timing for ski events at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah; and Harvey and Reserl Chalker of Santa Fe, owners of the Alpine Ski Shop since the early 60s.

The New Mexico Ski Hall of Fame was founded in 2003 to "preserve and protect the history and tradition of the sport of snow skiing in New Mexico." The Hall of Fame is located in Albuquerque at the base of the Sandia Peak Tramway and is visited by over 250,000 persons annually, said Miller.

Ruidoso ski team logs miles and gains experience

LAURA DOTH
For the Ruidoso News

The Ruidoso ski team split venues once again, as the team headed north into Colorado for races on a variety of different hills. Casey Cultreri competed in the Smartwool Giant Slalom at Winter Park on Jan. 20-21, while Lexie Doth tried her hand at the Super G at Durango Mountain Resort in southern Colorado. Peter Zagone followed his team mates to Colorado as he competed in a Giant Slalom and Super G at Beaver Creek Resort Jan. 23-24.

"Because the kids are all at different levels of race competition, we find ourselves in a variety of places," said coach Mark Doth. "It certainly keeps things interesting."

Cultreri traveled the farthest when he faced a tough weekend of competition at Winter Park Resort. Facing some of the top racers in the region, his time on the hill was short lived Saturday. He ran into trouble in his first run of the day and did not finish. Because ability level racers combine times for their race results, he was not allowed a second run.

Although he wasn't feeling well, he was determined to do better Sunday. The Colorado skies opened up and it was snowing as the first race went off. The packed powder on the course held up for the racers, and Cultreri finished the morning race with a clean run. Unfortunately, he physically felt too bad to continue racing, so he packed up his skis and headed for home, opting not to finish the competition.

In the southern part of the state, Lexie Doth was fighting her own battles at the Super G in Durango. Saturday was a typical day on the mountain. It was snowing lightly as the racers booted up in the lodge, but the sun began to peak out by the 10 a.m. start of the race. Not her favorite discipline, Doth was looking to improve her skills over a wide open Super G course. Set by the Flagstaff, Ariz. ski team coach, the race course was set for speed. Doth skied the upper part of the hill a bit tentatively, and her time reflected that hesitation. She posted a time of 53.79 to finish 14th.

Fog settled on the course in the afternoon, making visibility a problem for the racers. Despite the changing weather conditions, Doth was a bit more comfortable with the run and worked on getting low and forward to improve her time. She skied to a 10th place finish with a time of 52.79.

Fresh snow greeted the racers on the morning of Jan. 21, but the storm cleared and bright blue skies were on tap for the final race of the Jesse Scott Memorial. Encouraged by her improved runs the previous day, Doth approached the days run aggressively. She roared down the course and finished the race in a time of 47.27. Although she finished 12th, her time was only 2.37 seconds off of the gold medal time.

"I was really pleased with Lexie's run on Sunday," said coach Doth. "She nailed the upper part of the course and really had a nice line. She's beginning to get the feel of running a speed event, and her determination was easy to see."

As his team mates were competing over the weekend, Zagone prepared to travel to Beaver Creek and two days of competition. Zagone hit the slopes Jan. 23 for a Giant Slalom. Course setters set 40 gates with 38 direction changes over a vertical drop of 1,060 feet for the 93 racers. The weather was sunny and the snow conditions were listed as hard packed. Always an aggressive competitor, Zagone hit the first run hard but encountered problems on the course and did not finish the first run. Done for the day, he prepared to race the Super G Jan. 24.

A much longer race, the racers would cover 6,076 feet with a vertical drop of 1,775 feet. Only 47 gates were set up with 44 direction changes to challenge the competitors. The times for Super G races are not combined, so the races are listed as individual events.

On his first race of the day, Zagone posted a time of 1:26.81 for a 45th place finish. This placed him in the middle of the pack. For the afternoon race, Zagone improved his standing by finishing 40th with a time of 1:27.68.

"The quality of the competition in the Rocky Mountain/Central Division is amazing," said coach Doth. "The kids are racing against the top athletes in the country. I'm really pleased with how well they're doing."

Members of the Ruidoso Ski Team will be heading to Colorado for more races throughout February and March.

TIGERS

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In a losing effort Teke Eldridge scored 12 and Craig Barton "played consistently," contributing 11.

"Shooting-wise, this was one of our poorest games," Foust maintained. "Additionally, we did not take advantage of the chances that were open to us."

The Tigers played at Carrizozo Thursday and will square off at home against Eunice tonight.

WARRIORS

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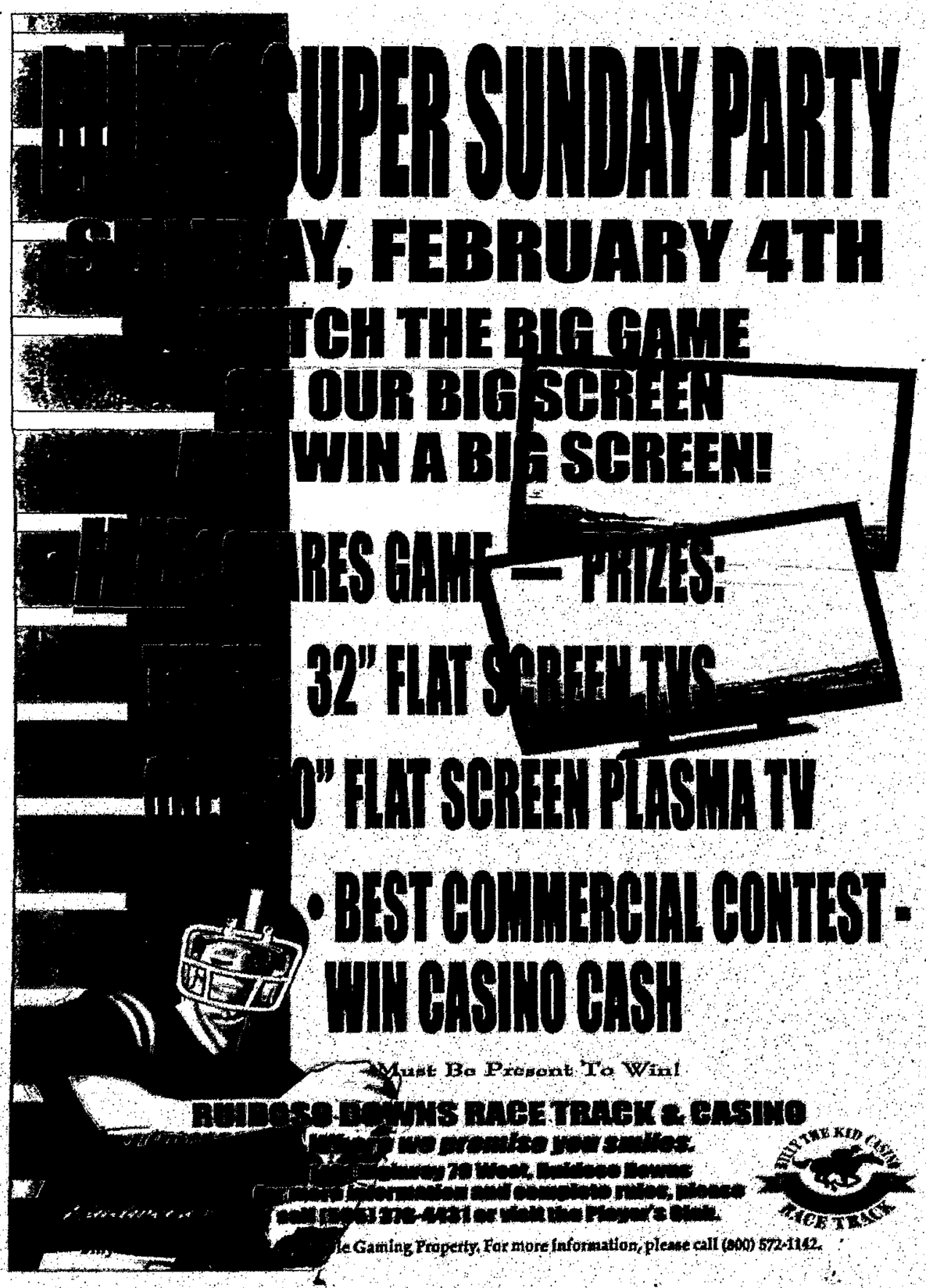
sons, the Warriors were forced to really kick it up a notch. But it was not to be, as the Colts, to their credit, continued their consistent attack and came out on top at the finish, 88-85.

"These kids have passion and a love for the game, they work so hard and they really deserve to win," Warrior coach Billy Page said. "We had a chance to win but missed some free throws and that was that. It hurts when you lose, because it means something after playing so hard but I'm very proud of their effort in any case."

The Warriors next see action on the hardwood at Portales Tuesday at 7 p.m.



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Oil rights bill still faces challenges

WALTER RUBEL
Santa Fe Bureau Chief

SANTA FE – Supporters of a bill to protect land owners when oil and gas companies drill on their property said Tuesday they are close to reaching a compromise, and are confident it will pass this year.

But Bob Gallagher, president of the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association, said there are four sticking points in the proposed legislation.

"We are not on board with this bill as we speak. But, I don't think the bill is done. I don't think the bill has been introduced yet," Gallagher said.

Gallagher said at a press conference Tuesday afternoon that he was hopeful a compromise could be reached that day. But, as of 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, he said he had not been contacted by advocates of the bill.

The bill would establish rights for land owners in situations where there is a split estate – with the land owned by one party and the mineral rights by another. Under the bill, oil companies would be required to negotiate with land owners for things like compensation for damages.

Gallagher said that, philosophically, his association agrees that current law does not give land owners adequate protection.

"We want to help identify those one or two percent of companies that come in and don't do things right," he said. "We want to help find them and we want to help throw them out of the state."

Gallagher refused to elaborate of what the four areas of contention were. During an interim meeting last fall, Deborah Seligman, director of government affairs for NMOGA, said the four "deal breakers" at that time were:

- A requirement that surface owners be paid for the use of the land. She said oil producers already made that payment when they bought the mineral rights.
- Payments for expanded damages. She said oil producers will pay for damages they cause, but the land owners want land restored to its exact original condition.
- Giving tenants the same rights as land owners.
- Increasing the bond from $2,500 per well to $25,000 per well.

Gallagher said Tuesday they could not accept a bill that would delay drilling operations.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Andy Nuñez, D-Hatch, said numerous changes have been made to the bill since it was presented to interim committees in the fall.

"After about the third year, I think we're getting close to the point where we'll have a bill go up to the governor to be signed this session," Nuñez said. "I learned a long time ago that compromise is the secret to getting things done."

Mike Eisenfeld of the San Juan Citizens Alliance said it was important for property owners in the Farmington area that the bill gets passed this year.

"San Juan County has seen unprecedented population growth, with an increased reliance by the state and country on natural gas derived from the San Juan Basin," Eisenfeld said. "It's our opinion that surface owners deserve protection from oil and gas impacts."

Freshman Rep. Paul Bandy, R-Aztec, said he hadn't seen the bill, but hoped the compromise would be agreeable to everyone.

Nuñez said he hoped to have a compromise version of the bill that he could introduce Wednesday.

Legislative notebook

WALTER RUBEL
Santa Fe Bureau Chief

SANTA FE – The House unanimously passed a joint memorial Thursday introduced by freshman Rep. Nathan Cote, D-Organ, that would urge Congress to fully fund medical care and services for the children of Vietnam veterans who have spina bifida as a result of their parents' exposure to agent orange.

The federal Department of Veterans Affairs has acknowledged that 1,200 children of Vietnam veterans have some degree of disability resulting from their parents' exposure to agent orange, according to the memorial. About 200 are designated as level three, which is considered totally disabled.

Cote said the government does not now pay for the medical care of these children. The memorial was the first piece of legislation to be passed by the new lawmaker.

Partner coverage

A bill that would require private, commercial insurance carriers to offer health insurance coverage to the domestic partners of employees when the employer requests such coverage has passed its final committee hurdle.

House Bill 15 was endorsed Thursday by the Health and Government Affairs Committee, and will next be heard on the House floor.

"This legislation is an Insure New Mexico! Council recommendation as an initiative to get more uninsured New Mexicans the health care coverage they need," said Human Services Secretary Pamela Hyde.

According to the most recent Census, 401,000 New Mexicans are uninsured, with the highest population between the ages of 18 and 34.

Medical tax cut

The gross receipts tax paid by medical providers would be phased out over four years under a bill introduced by Sen. Carroll Leavell, R-Jal.

"For too long New Mexico has taxed medical services, which is basically a tax on pain and suffering," Leavell said. "New Mexico is one of only a couple states that taxes medical services."

Senate Bill 664 would reduce the tax by 25 percent beginning in July, and then by an additional 25 percent each year until it is eliminated. Visits to physicians, dentists, optometrists, physical therapists, chiropractors and other licensed health-care providers would all be tax-free.

In 2004, the Legislature removed the gross receipts tax on medical services by managed care providers. This bill would remove the tax from all other medical care.

Bilingual honors

MacArthur Elementary in Las Cruces and Columbus Elementary in Deming were among 20 schools honored Thursday for the service of English language learners.

Students at MacArthur produced a bilingual video broadcast, which is aired daily in all classrooms. The school has gone from being on the brink of corrective action four years ago to making adequate yearly progress this year.

The student body at Columbus Elementary is 99 percent first-generation Mexican-American. The school is on a year-round model so they do not regress in learning English.

"These schools demonstrate that English language learners can achieve academically at high levels, especially when they are taught in high-quality bilingual programs such as dual language immersion programs," Education Secretary Veronica Garcia said.

Quote of the day: "I come from an organization with 2,000 years of baggage. Some of our traditions have to be put aside." Allen Sanchez, executive director of the New Mexico Catholic Conference, arguing for a bill to ban cockfighting.

Water bill approved by committee

Members of the New Mexico Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Wednesday approved legislation authored by U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici to ensure additional federal aid is available to the state as officials sort out its water future.

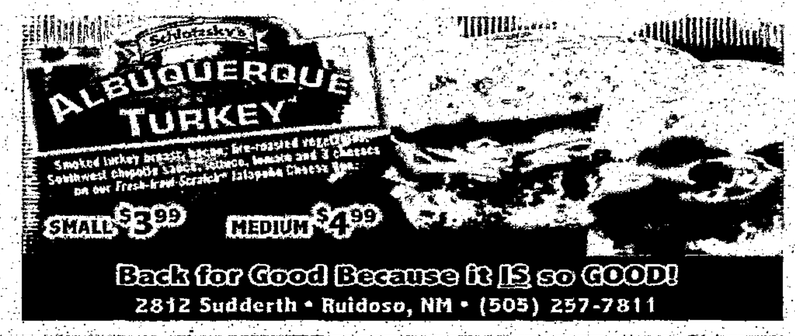
The New Mexico Water Planning Assistance Act (S.255) is ready for consideration by the full Senate.

The legislation, cosponsored by U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), authorizes the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and U.S. Geological Survey to provide specific technical assistance to the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (OSE) for assessing water resources in New Mexico and their future use.

"We want the federal government to be able to share its expertise with New Mexico as serious efforts are made to better understand the scope of our water resources and how best to apply them for our state's future growth," Domenici, a Republican from New Mexico, said. "I'm pleased that this facet of my plan to help New Mexico deal with its water issues is moving forward."

"New Mexico communities planning for their long-term water needs would benefit from this legislation," said Bingaman, Senate Energy Committee chairman. "The bill has already cleared its first hurdle, and I hope we can continue to advance it through the Senate quickly."

The bill authorizes the state of New Mexico to receive technical assistance from the BOR and USGS, and authorizes $3 million per year for 2008-2012 for the OSE to perform hydrologic models of New Mexico's most important water systems, basins and tributaries.



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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.

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

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Sacred Heart Catholic Church
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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.

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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.

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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

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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
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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
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NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

MESCALERO

Carrizo Christian Fellowship Leonard Kanesewah 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

How do various Christian denominations differ?

Q: I've always wanted to know the fundamental differences between the many Christian denominations. I know Christians believe that Jesus Christ is the Messiah, but as a Christian searching for a new church to join, where do I start?

What are the basic differences between Catholics, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Methodists, Lutherans, Baptists, etc.? For example, does one denomination put more emphasis on Mary as a saint, while another doesn't focus on Mary at all? Is there a document or Web site that explains these differences between denominations? – D., via e-mail

The God Squad
TOM HARTMAN AND MARC GELLMAN
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

A: The denominational differences between Christians are subtle and often abstract. The fundamental Christian beliefs are that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah sent to live and die and be resurrected to purify us of our original sin. That belief is shared by all Christians.

The Catholic Church takes a stronger view of Mary's role in God's providence than other denominations. Some denominations believe more strongly than others in salvation by faith and not by works. Some groups, such as Pentecostals, revere speaking in tongues. Beliefs and practices can also vary greatly depending upon the beliefs of the pastor, priest, reverend or minister leading a congregation.

Our strong suggestion to all readers who write us about church shopping is to spend a good deal of time attending different worship services and meeting with clergy. You wouldn't buy a car without kicking the tires. How can you pick a church without kicking the pews?

See which church greets you most warmly. Check out what services different churches offer for you and, if you have children, for them. Ask the lay leadership at each church you visit if the church is run by a closed clique of people or if it's open to new voices and fresh ideas. Most of all, ask yourself which church in your area has the ability to lift up your soul and embrace you in a community of faith.

Q: My daughter is making her first Holy Communion this year and I have a few questions about this rite. When I made my First Communion, we were told not to eat one hour before receiving, to let the host melt in your mouth, and to cover your face and pray for your loved ones in heaven when you returned to your seat. My son was told it was all right to chew the host and to say a prayer after receiving communion. What is the proper way today to receive communion, so I can advise my daughter?

Also, my husband and I disagree on confession. He says the only way to confess your sins is in the confessional with a priest present. I say you can also do it during the mass when you recite, "I confess to almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters that I have sinned..." – L., via e-mail

A: Not eating one hour before taking communion is a required practice. All other practices are pious traditions but not required. Today's hosts are chewable, unlike the old ones that were very thin and melted in the mouth. The main spiritual attitude ought to be one of deep joy and gratitude.

With regard to confession, the only way mortal sins can be forgiven is through sacramental absolution through a priest. Venial sins can be forgiven in other ways through a variety of penitential acts.

(Send *questions only* to The God Squad, Telecare, 1200 Glenn Curtiss Blvd., Uniondale, NY 11553; post them on the God Squad Web site: www.askthegodsquad.com; or email them to: god-

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also."

Matthew 5:38-39

Christ died so we don't have to

Q: I believe that when we die our life doesn't really come to an end, but we come back to earth and live another life. I know Christians don't believe in this idea of reincarnation, but why not? – G.H.

Billy Graham
MY ANSWER
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

A: Just a few weeks ago, we celebrated Christmas – and one reason Christians don't believe we must return to earth time after time is because of what happened that first Christmas.

Let me put it this way: Christians reject reincarnation because they believe in the Incarnation – the coming of God into this world in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ. The word "incarnation" literally means "in the flesh" – and that's what happened when Jesus was born in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago: God took upon Himself human flesh and became a man. The Bible says, "The Word was God ... (and) the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:1, 14).

Why did God come down to us in this way? For one reason: to make it possible for us to escape this world and go to be with Him forever. All our sins were placed on Christ, and He took upon Himself the judgment and death we deserve. Our greatest problem is sin – and God has now provided the way for us to be saved from our sins, because of what Christ did for us.

The Bible says, "Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once . . . to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him" (Hebrews 9:27-28). Don't risk your soul by trusting in something that is only an illusion. Instead, put your trust in Christ, "who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age" (Galatians 1:4).

(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.)

Honor those we have selected to lead us

As Christians and citizens of the United States of America, what is the proper attitude toward presidents, governors, senators, representatives and other elected officials? Should we hate them if we disagree with their politics, positions and power? Of course not! Should we blindly accept what they think, say or do? Of course not!

Clary-fications
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

We need to search the Scriptures to make sure that our attitudes and behavior square with God's Word.

In Romans 13:1, Paul writes that there is no governing authority except that which God has established. In the old days, it was called the divine right of kings to rule. In the current times, the authority has been given the people to elect the governing authorities. We are blessed today to live in a nation that is a republic operating on principles of democracy.

The writer of Hebrews states in 13:17 that we should submit to the governing authorities and that they must give to God an account of what they do, as well as giving an account to man.

Peter writes in his first letter, chapter 2 and verse 17 that we should honor the king. Written in a day that did not have democratic electorates, the implications are today that we should honor the president, the governor and all elected authorities.

Paul writes in I Timothy 2:1-2, that we should pray for kings (elected officials) and all those in authority.

From these four Scripture passages, we can develop a Biblically based approach for respect, response and reaction to those who are governing authorities in our land.

First, try to imagine what it would be like to live in a nation where the governing authorities would answer to no one, not even God. Then, thank God that you live in a nation of the people, by the people and for the people.

Second, under law hold the governing authorities accountable. Remove them from office or vote them out.

Third, give honor and respect to the governing authorities...whether they deserve it or not...the office deserves it. God's Word cuts no slack, deserving or not.

Fourth, pray for those who have governing authority over us...whether you agree with them or not. Your sincere prayer to God might change them and it might change you.

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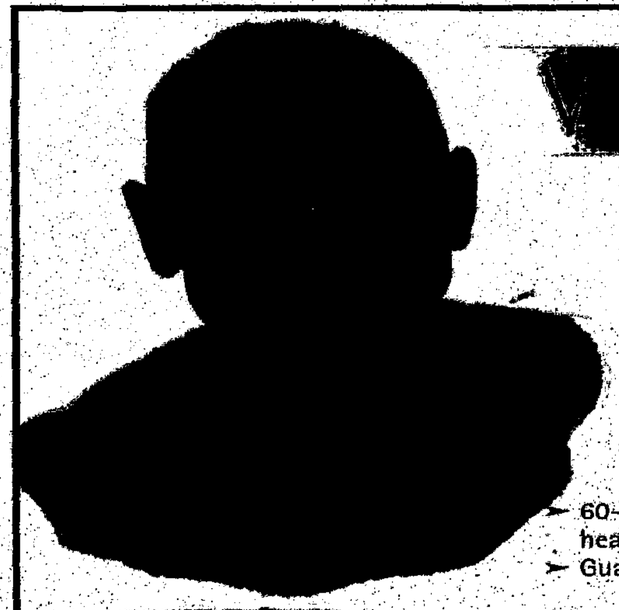
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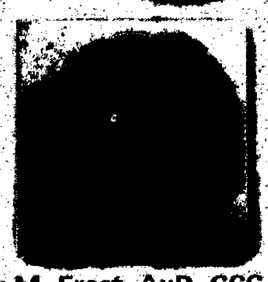
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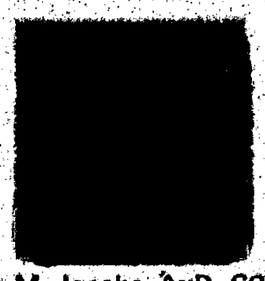
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FUNERALS DEATHS

Daniel A. Latimer

Visitation for Daniel A. Latimer, 62, of El Paso, will be at noon-2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 2, at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso with a graveside service at 3 p.m. in the Salas Family Cemetery near San Patricio.

Mr. Latimer passed away Sunday, Jan. 28, in El Paso. He was born June 6, 1944 in Riverside, Calif. and had lived most of his life in El Paso.

He served in the Army during Vietnam, and was a retired comupter techinician with Civil Service at Ft. Bliss.

He married Yolanda Salas on Aug. 10, 1991, in El Paso.

He is survived by his wife Yolanda; his children, Amity Rose Latimer, Charlie Chavez, Isaac Chavez and Selena Chavez; his mother, Teddy Vega; brothers and sisters, David Latimer, Tim Latimer, Debbie Latimer, Jolie Crapeau, and Janine Crapeau and 14 grandchildren.

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

Robert Glen McCarty

Rosary for Robert Glen McCarty, 47, of Ruidoso will be at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 3, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Capitan where the funeral mass will be at 1 p.m.

Mr. McCarty passed away Monday, Jan. 29, in Alto.

He was born Nov. 16, 1959 in Socorro. He moved to Lincoln County 30 years ago.

He worked for Lincoln County Solid Waste as a driver. He attended Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Capitan.

He married Bernadette Romero on Nov. 28, 2005, in Las Vegas, Nev.

He is survived by his wife, Bernadette; a son, Jonathan McCarty and his wife, Monica; a step-son, William Paul Garza; 11 brothers and sisters, Barbara, Tommy, May, Lonnie, Raymond, Don, Pearl, Sue, Jerry, Joyce and Dolores.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert David McCarty, Oct. 3, 1997.

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

Richard DoBrava

Graveside service for Richard "Dick" DoBrava, 79, of Ruidoso Downs will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 3, at Ft. Stanton Cemetery.

Mr. DoBrava passed away Jan. 27, 2007, in Ruidoso. He was born March 1, 1927, in Minneapolis, Minn.

He was in the U.S. Navy and worked for the Ford Motor Company in St. Paul, Minn., for 30 years. He moved to Lincoln County in 1998 from Alamogordo.

He married Vicky K. Lewis on Nov. 23, 1981, in Watertown, S. D. He is survived by his wife, Vicky; eight children, Michael Allen DoBrava, Patrick John DoBrava, Maria Louise Jaworski, Rachael Stringfellow, Richard Lee DoBrava, Timothy Stewart DoBrava, Jason Kennedy DoBrava, and Christopher Paul DoBrava; step-brother, Steven Freund; step-sister, Louise Smith; 55 grandchildren and 60 great-grandchildren.

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

Mary Lou Jones

A funeral service for Mary Lou Jones, 83, of Ruidoso was Thursday, Feb. 1, at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount in Ruidoso.

Mrs. Jones passed away Sunday, Jan. 28, at the Mescalero Care Center. She was born Sept. 17, 1923, in Huntington, Ark.

She was a passionate artist, very active with the Methodist Church in Perryton, Texas, and has had a second home in Ruidoso since the early 1950s. She married Loyd Jones on Nov. 8, 1941 in Konowa, Okla.

She is survived by her husband, Loyd; her children, Mary Beth Fowler of Capitan, Buddy Page Jones of Perry, Okla. and Loyd Kevin Jones of Sapulpa, Okla.; two sisters, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The family has requested memorials to American Stroke Association, National Center, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231.

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

Ernie J. Garcia

A prayer service was held for Ernie J. Garcia, 52, of Dexter Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007 at Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home. Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 29, 2007, at Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Ruben Rodriguez officiating. Burial followed at Hagerman Cemetery.

Ernie passed away Friday, Jan. 26, 2007, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Ernie was born in Roswell Feb. 18, 1954, to Jose Guadalupe Garcia and Ruth Ester Urban Garcia. He was an artist the majority of his life, having spent many years in the Ruidoso area.

Ernie is survived by his children, Nicolette Knowlton and her husband Cully of Sierra Vista, Ariz., Guadalupe Garcia and his wife Matilda of Albuquerque, and Jeremy Garcia and his wife Stacy of Roswell; mother Ruth Garcia of Hagerman; sister Debora Garcia Munoz of Dexter; 12 grandchildren and numerous aunts and uncles.

Ernie was preceded in death by his father, Jose Guadalupe Garcia; grandparents, Steve and Ramona Urban and brother-in-law, James Munoz.

Pallbearers were Guadalupe and Jeremy Garcia, Eric Ament, Vic and Tony Regalado and "Mongo" Archuleta. Honorary pallbearers were all family members and friends.

To sign the register book online go to www.anderson-bethany.com. Services were under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

A memorial fund in his honor has been set up at City Bank. Those wishing to make a donation can go to one of the three City Bank locations at Lincoln Tower, River Crossing and Carrizozo. Donors should tell the teller that they would like to make a donation to the Ernie Garcia account. The teller will deposit it to the account and make note of the donor and the amount.

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Eddie and Kathy Hedin, of Ruidoso Downs, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebekah, to Lane Dixon. Rebekah is the granddaughter of Don Miner of Ruidoso. Lane is the son of Mark and Lisa Dixon, of Walden, Colo. A June 9 wedding is planned.

Rebekah is a 2006 graduate of Ruidoso High School and is currently majoring in Health Promotion at Colorado State University. Lane is a 2002 graduate of Carrizozo High School and a 2006 graduate of New Mexico State University. He is currently attending the Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

The couple will make their home in Fort Collins, Colo.

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Valentine's Day is fast approaching and you need to get that special someone flowers and also get a subscription to the Ruidoso News. You may feel that you can't do both – but now you can! If you subscribe to the Ruidoso News for a year, you will receive a beautiful Valentine's Day Rose vase with roses from **Art & Flower Nook**. Act now to take advantage of this great offer! There's only a limited quantity available.

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Fact or Fiction: Super Bowl Sunday sees increase in domestic violence

COLEEN WIDELL
For the Ruidoso News

Is it true that domestic violence increases on Super Bowl Sunday? Many people believe it is so – even many victims advocates profess its truth.

This concept was born in January 1993 at a press conference, where several nationally-known advocates spoke of an anecdotal increase in victims seeking medical or refuge services during and after the Super Bowl Game.

According to these sources, psychologists, victim's centers, hospital emergency rooms and law enforcement agencies all saw a sharp increase in women being battered by their football-loving partners during what came to be known as the "Abuse Bowl."

For many who work in the very dark, troubling trenches of relationship violence, this anecdotal evidence made good sense.

After all, we do see substantial increases in victims seeking services at various times of the year.

Why would Super Bowl Sunday be any different? The idea that drunken or testosterone-saturated men would turn their disappointment of losing – or their ecstasy of victory – to a violent attack against their wife or girlfriend didn't seem much of a stretch. Or did it?

For 14 years now, well-meaning advocates have perpetuated the connection between increased domestic assaults and the Super Bowl.

While hinging on an American tradition, this "connection" utilizes an interesting platform to discuss the impact of intimate partner violence in America.

It is no secret that, as a community, we have long turned a blind eye to domestic violence. Having resting comfortably on the laurels that the brutal attacks are "a personal matter" or "family business", we have justified ignoring it.

We were, in fact, condoning the violence by not speaking out against it. The truth is that silence equals complicity.

Together, they create an inadvertent conspiracy that has been burst wide open – at least here in Lincoln County.

Thanks to the progressive community of Lincoln County, we are no longer part of that "conspiracy."

We no longer pretend there is no domestic violence problem here. We know Lincoln County has had the highest rate of domestic violence in the state of New Mexico.

It is not something we are proud of. Nor is it something we will ignore. We all deserve better than that.

In a matter of a few days, victims of domestic violence will be walking through the doors of the Nest, a shelter operated by HEAL – Help End Abuse for Life. To that end, Lincoln County has put an exclamation point at the end of the sentence.

By the way, there is no valid research documenting that domestic violence attacks increase during Super Bowl Sunday. It is an urban myth.

Check it out for yourselves at www.snopes.com/crime/statistics/superbowl.asp.

Coleen Widell is the executive director for Help End Abuse for Life, Inc.

MADD asks fans to add a designated driver to their Super Bowl party playbooks

DALLAS – The Super Bowl, one of the biggest sporting events of the year, is just around the corner with plans for a memorable half-time show and viewers making their own memories at big-screen watching parties nationwide.

To help ensure those memories are fun and not fatal, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) dispels myths about drunk driving, provides free safe party tips and reminds everyone to include a designated sober driver in their party playbooks.

"Whether you're a stadium vendor, a party host, the spouse of someone who drinks too much and tries to drive or a tailgater, everyone will be safer if action is taken to prevent drunk driving," said Glynn Birch, MADD national president.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), during the 2005 Super Bowl, 46 passenger vehicle occupants (41 percent) were killed in traffic crashes involving a driver or a motorcycle operator with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher.

MADD myths and facts

The following MADD myths and facts were provided to help the public be responsible behind the wheel:

Myth 1: Many people believe that after drinking they will be capable of making a decision regarding whether they are capable of driving or not.

Fact: Impairment at varied levels often begins after one standard drink. It is difficult to tell if someone is able to drive sometimes by just looking at them so it is important to be cautious and plan ahead for alternate transportation before drinking begins.

Myth 2: Beer and wine are less intoxicating than hard liquor.

Fact: A 12 ounce can or bottle of beer, a 5 ounce serving of wine, and a 1.5 ounce shot of hard liquor all have about the same amount of alcohol.

Myth 3: Coffee, cold showers, exercise, or other home remedies can make someone sober.

Fact: Only time can help make someone sober. It takes about one hour for someone's body to metabolize a standard alcoholic beverage.

The public should also be aware that many states can hold those who over serve alcohol to individuals, as well as those serving to minors, responsible for any potential deaths and injuries that may result once those patrons leave a bar or party.

Additionally, 41 states and territories have an open container law that prohibits the possession of any open alcoholic beverage container and the consumption of any alcoholic beverage in the passenger area of a motor vehicle.

As part of the Designate a Driver campaign, MADD offers a Safe Party Guide, available on the MADD Web site.

Safe party tips include: urging party hosts to be responsible by offering a variety of non-alcoholic beverages for designated drivers; never serving alcohol to those under the legal drinking age of 21; asking guests to appoint a designated driver before the evening begins; not letting guests mix their own drinks; and never allowing guests who have had too much to drink to drive home.

The guide also provides non-alcoholic "mocktail" drink recipes and can be found at www.madd.org/party.

In 2005, more than 1,000 people died in Florida crashes involving a driver with a blood alcohol level of at least .08 BAC.

Founded in 1980, MADD's mission is to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime and prevent underage drinking.

MADD's Campaign to eliminate drunk driving calls for intensive, high visibility law enforcement, mandatory ignition interlocks for all convicted drunk drivers, development of advanced vehicle-based technology and community support.

For more information, please visit www.madd.org or call 800-GET-MADD.

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Diet, exercise have same effect on fat distribution

■ Study contradicts notion that workouts target specific fat deposits

HealthDay News – Whether you eat fewer calories or burn them off through exercise, the effect on body composition and fat distribution is the same, a new study says.

Researchers at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Baton Rouge, La., found that dieting alone is as effective as a combination of diet and exercise at cutting weight and fat – as long as calories consumed and burned equal out.

Their study also indicated that adding exercise to a weight-loss program doesn't change body composition and abdominal fat distribution. That challenges the theory that specific exercises can reduce fat in certain areas.

For example, some exercises are supposed to specifically target abdominal fat.

"It's all about the calories. So long as the energy deficit is the same, body weight, fat weight, and abdominal fat will all decrease in the same way," study senior author Dr. Eric Ravussin said in a prepared statement.

The study

He and his colleagues studied 35 overweight people. They were divided into three groups:

One group went on a diet that reduced their caloric intake by 25 percent (550 to 900 fewer calories a day); the second group reduced their caloric intake by 12.5 percent and increased their physical activity to burn 12.5 percent more calories.

The people in the third (control) group were put on a healthy diet designed to maintain their body weight

After the test

After six months, the people in both the calorie-restricted and the calorie reduction/exercise groups had lost about 10 percent of their bodyweight, 24 percent of their fat mass, and 27 percent of their abdominal fat. However, their distribution of body fat remained the same.

"The inability of the interventions to alter the distribution of fat suggests that individuals are genetically programmed for fat storage in a particular pattern and that this programming cannot easily be overcome," Ravussin said.

While dieting alone can reduce weight, the researchers noted that exercise also improves aerobic fitness, which has many other health benefits.

"For overall health, an appropriate program of diet and exercise is still the best," Ravussin said.

The study, by Robert Preidt, is published in the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism.

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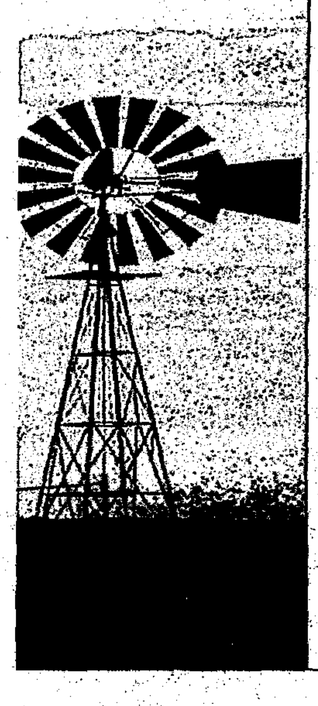

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Meeting is scheduled statewide to discuss bear, cougar management

ALBUQUERQUE – The Department of Game and Fish has scheduled public meetings in communities statewide to discuss bear and cougar hunting and management strategies.

"The main reason for these meetings is to speak to the public about bear and cougar hunting, discuss bear and cougar management, present the details regarding changes to the cougar regulations and to gather public input regarding current bear and cougar management," said Rick Winslow, large carnivore and furbearer biologist for the Department.

Here is a list of meetings currently scheduled:

•**Bloomfield**: 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 14, Multi-Cultural Center, 333 South First St.

•**Albuquerque:** 6-9 p.m. Feb. 19, Department of Game and Fish office, 3841 Midway Place NE.

•**Silver City:** Feb. 22, time and location to be announced.

•**Las Cruces:** 6-9 p.m. Feb. 27, Department of Game and Fish office, 2715 Northrise Drive.

•**Gallup:** 6-9 p.m. Feb. 28, Chamber of Commerce, 103 West Highway 66.

•**Carlsbad:** 6-9 p.m. Mar. 6, Eddy County Extension Office, 1304 W. Stevens St.

•**Raton:** 6-9 p.m. Mar. 7, Department of Game and Fish office, 215 York Canyon Road.

•**Capitan:** 6-9 p.m. Mar. 8, Village Hall.

For more information, and times and locations of meetings in your area, please contact Rick Winslow, 505-268-6347 or frederic.winslow@state.nm.us.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact Shirley Baker at 505-476-8030.

Please contact Baker at least three working days before the set meeting date.

Public documents can be provided in various accessible forms.

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Vacation options for the ranch wife

Ranchers have a calendar marked full of red-letter dates from November to March, which they will call "vacation options for the wife."

The schedule for a "holiday off the ranch" is specifically targeted to fit between fall shipping and spring calving. Actually getting off the ranch will depend on the weather and an assortment of other things that can, and usually do, go wrong.

County Views
BY JULIE CARTER

With the dead of winter backgrounding these plans, the options always include some sort of livestock convention or like event with agriculture tags all over it.

Destination titles read Stewards of the Range Conference, National Angus Convention, National Con-ference on Grazing Lands, National Auctioneers Winter Sem-inar and the state's annual livestock convention held in every state that has a cow.

The little pretty will pack her best prairie skirt, a few strands of silver and turquoise and maybe even get her roots touched up.

Off she'll go with Livestock Man to stay in a fancy motel, eat at endless buffets, wait out never-ending meetings and hope she can make a dent in the fall cattle check at the nearest mall.

Sometimes getting that far away from home isn't possible for a change of pace and a dose of cabin fever medicine.

So Livestock Man will take the little woman to a local happening which can often be as worldly as the 54th Annual Fall Testicle Festival or as simple as a community church supper.

Wives of competition ropers always get set up for an outing that is supposed to be for their pleasure but you can bet there will be a roping involved.

The church ropings are an example of the blending of reverence with "hey, may as well, we're here anyway."

Sometimes the roping "wolves" will try to slip in and win the money away from those church ropers only to find that these holy ropers have been spending a little more time practicing than in church.

Men with livestock are a dedicated bunch.

They have been known to postpone a funeral until after the Wednesday auction because, during the fall, sale day has priority over life itself.

There is no rush to get the deceased in the ground. He will still be dead on Thursday.

As a last resort, Livestock Man will take his bride to the all-you-can-eat catfish night at the local watering hole and actually call it a vacation.

Hollering over the noise of the jukebox and peering through a smoky haze originating from the patrons and the kitchen, she knows this is the pinnacle of her winter fun.

The bartender, who never sold a sip he didn't first test with his own liver, offers some conversation amidst the clacking of the balls on the pool table as a few locals hold their own version of the world championships.

While he chats, she listens and occasionally ducks when the back end of a pool cue is aimed at her head during a strategic shot.

Wherever "the vacation" ends up this winter, know the bride of Livestock Man will soon be back mucking through melting snow to find a new baby calf.

She'll be breaking ice on the drinkers on her half of the feed route and mentally planning for warmer days head.

A day with temperatures above freezing will make her simply giddy.

As the saying goes, "if this ain't livin' then kick us all out."

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GIDDYUP

COURTESY

Melanie Chrismer, a 2005 Texas SPUR award winning author, visited Capitan Elementary School in January. Chrismer did rope demonstrations for the students and included her prop horse, Medium-Rare. Chrismer is a Houston native and has written numerous childrens' books. She frequently speaks at schools and libraries giving hints for developing writing strategies and techniques. Phoebe Clappsaddle is a character Chrismer developed by using the mannerisms of her grandmothers and the name of a great aunt. Clappsaddle is a spunky southwestern belle with a no-nonsense Western spirit. Students were able to purchase books about Clappsaddle and have them signed.

It is coming up Valentine roses in Corona

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One thousand long-stem roses will soon be rewarded with Valentine hugs and kisses from recipients and lining the coffers for Corona FFA and student council members.

The annual rose sale fundraiser for the Corona students will offer red roses, along with an assortment of pinks, yellows and some specialty colors, in arrangements priced at $4 to $50. There is something to fit everyone's budget.

Taking orders now, the roses are sold by the dozen, half-dozen, in vases, bud vases, boxes and tissue-wrapped.

Edie Porter, who has headed the project for seven years, has made more than 100 satin ribbon bows to be used in the bouquet designs.

Porter owned flower shops in Houston and comes to the project with many years experience in professional flower arranging.

The roses will arrive Sunday by bus from Burgett's geo-thermal greenhouse in Animas, and bouquet production will start first thing Monday morning. Every year has been a sell-out for the project, making the long hours and hard work a profitable venture for the students.

Fliers were sent out to the community to collect vases that each year are recycled for the event, and other supplies for professional finishing touches have been stockpiled.

The students, parents and local volunteers work long hours receiving and filling the orders, but it is also enough fun that volunteers are willing to be part of the project year after year. Porter said more than 25 adults pitch in to help the students, making it a true community project.

The students will be filling orders Feb. 12-14. To place an order call Corona Schools at 849-1911.

Volunteers help measure NM storms

New Mexico is the fifth largest state in the country, but official rain gauges are few and far between, especially in more rural parts of the state. A lack of rainfall data makes measuring storms and warning others of their intensity a difficult task. That's where the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) comes in.

"It's a volunteer network of people who measure precipitation in their backyards," said Deborah Bathke, assistant New Mexico state climatologist and assistant professor in New Mexico State University's Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences. She heads up CoCoRaHS in New Mexico along with Leeann DeMouche from NMSU's Department of Extension Plant Sciences.

The program began in 1998, a year after a major storm dropped more than 12 inches of rain over a small portion of Ft. Collins, Colo. Other parts of the city received less than two inches of rain. Five people died in flash flooding. The storm caused millions of dollars in damage.

"Precipitation is highly variable," said Bathke. "Even in a city the size of Las Cruces, it can be raining in one part of a city, but not the next. This network lets us quantify those differences in precipitation."

The National Weather Service can use information from CoCoRaHS observers while tracking major storms and forecasting their paths and rain fall potential.

"The weather service can get a better idea of what happened after a major storm event by looking at what was collected in different areas," said Bathke. She said that's what happened in El Paso and Doña Ana counties following a series of major storms and floods in the summer of 2006.

Volunteers are asked to record rainfall and other measurements and post them online daily at 7 a.m. – the same time official weather results are gathered.

Sixteen states are now part of CoCoRaHS. New Mexico was the fifth to adopt the program in spring 2005 and currently 524 observers are registered in the state. New observers can register and take an online weather observer training course at http://www.cocorahs.org/. CoCoRaHS will provide all the necessary equipment for volunteers to get started.

CoCoRaHS in New Mexico is supported by the NMSU College of Agriculture and Home Economics Water Task Force and the Rio Grande Basin Initiative.

Ag in the Classroom workshop planned for Ruidoso

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A free teachers' workshop hosted by New Mexico Agriculture in the Classroom will be held at the Inn of the Mountain Gods July 25-27.

The workshop is limited to 20 participants and is open to K-5th grade teachers from across the state of New Mexico. Two nights at the Inn will be provided for participants along with several meals.

The agenda includes a standards-based curriculum and activities incorporating math, science, English, social studies, art and more. The second day of the event includes a field trip to learn about pecans, pistachios and cattle. Teachers will explore available resources to help bring ag to their students in a fun and functional way.

Ag in the Classroom is designed to increase the student's ability to function more effectively as agriculturally literate citizens, supportive of wise environmental policies and programs. New Mexico Ag in the Classroom strives to assist educators with teaching more about the source of our food and fiber and the role of agriculture in the nation's total economy and society.

Agriculture is incorporated into general subjects already being taught rather than as an "added" subject.

Lessons for K-12 are developed by New Mexico teachers and offered through in-service trainings for teachers throughout the state. A resource library is available, which includes environmental and agricultural facts and figures as well as curriculum material from across the nation.

Ag in the Classroom is a program of the N.M. Farm and Livestock Bureau in cooperation with the N.M. Beef Council, N.M. Cattlegrowers' Association, N.M. Department of Agriculture, NMSU-Agricultural Extension Education Department and the NMSU Cooperative Extension Service.

The Web site for NM Ag in the Classroom is www.nmaitc.org.

To register for the July workshop, contact Dalene Hodnett at 505-532-4714.

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Dixon indicted by grand jury

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A Lincoln County grand jury indicted 28-year-old Dale Ray Dixon on eight charges earlier this month, including escape from jail, escape from the custody of a police officer and battery on a peace officer.

The charges stem from two incidents, Oct. 28 and Nov. 30, according to court documents. Dixon was indicted on one charge of escape from jail, a 4th-degree felony; three counts of battery on a peace officer, 4th-degree felonies; two counts of resisting, evading or obstructing an officer, misdemeanors; one count of escape from the custody of a peace officer, a 4th-degree felony; and one count of criminal damage, a petty misdemeanor.

If convicted on all counts, Dixon could be sentenced to a maximum of 7 1/2 years in prison and fined $25,000 for the felonies, less than one year each on the two misdemeanors and/or $1,000 fine on each count, and six months and/or $500 on the petty misdemeanor.

According to the indictment, Dixon is accused of escaping from the county jail in Carrizozo on Oct. 28, and then resisting arrest and escaping Nov. 30 from Dyke Sullins, an officer with the Ruidoso Police Department. In the process, he is accused of intentionally damaging a pair of Smith & Wesson hinged handcuffs valued at less than $1,000.

Court records show that Dixon was wanted on a warrant when he failed to report back to the county detention center in Carrizozo after a furlough. He is accused of escaping again after tussling with a police officer in November. He was finally arrested in December, when officers with the Bureau of Indian Affairs executed a search warrant on the Mescalero Apache Reservation after a tip was received through CrimeStoppers.

Downs man to stand trial for infant death

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A Ruidoso Downs man charged with killing his infant son in May 2006 is set to stand trial March 26.

Brandon Pablo, 26, was charged with child abuse resulting in death and child abuse causing injury in a May 28 incident. Judge Karen Parsons of the 12th Judicial District in Carrizozo will preside over the trial.

According to reports at the time, the 1-year-old child was still warm to the touch, but not breathing, when Ruidoso Downs police officers and emergency medical personnel arrived at the mobile unit in the Willow Trailer Park about 5:50 a.m. in response to a call about a child in distress. The infant was pronounced dead at 6:16 a.m. at the Lincoln County Medical Center. Two other children were removed to the custody of the state Department of Children, Youth and Families.

Pablo, the boyfriend of the dead boy's mother, faces a 1st-degree felony, punishable by 18 years in prison and a $15,000 fine, if convicted. For the other child abuse charge, a 2nd-degree felony, he faces 9 years and a $10,000 fine.

According to district court records, on Aug. 14, 2000, Pablo was charged with abuse of a child causing great bodily harm. He pleaded no contest and was sentenced Aug. 8, 2002, to three years in prison with 628 days credit for time in jail.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Secure that car

A quartet of visitors to the Tube N Tow had their purses stolen from their vehicle Jan. 20. Cellular phones, credit cards and driver's licenses – among other items – were listed as stolen. Police could find no evidence of forced entry, even though the victims stated they had locked the car. There is no suspect at this time.

Firing away

Troy Volk, 37, of Ruidoso, was charged Jan. 27 with firing his pistol and causing damage to a telephone cable and causing $10,000 in damage a month earlier. He was charged with two counts of negligent use of a deadly weapon, but was not arrested.

Truckin'

On Jan. 17, a vehicle towing the body of another vehicle was stopped for having no tail lights on the towed vehicle. The driver, Lawrence Garcia, 38, of Mescalero, was found to have marijuana and drug paraphernalia in the truck and was issued citations for both. He was also issued a warning citation for having no tail lights on the towed vehicle and ordered to appear in court on the drug charges. Garcia was then released.

Too young to drive

A pair of juveniles were charged for curfew violation and and one for driving without a license when the two were found in a truck Jan. 26 parked along Sudderth Dr. The parents of each child took custody at the scene and both were ordered to appear in the Juvenile Probation Office.

AG office reports scams throughout state

In January, Attorney General Gary King's office received reports from consumers about a number of different scams.

A sample for the public to be aware of include:

• LAND SALE SCAM

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• FRAUDULENT CHECK SCAM

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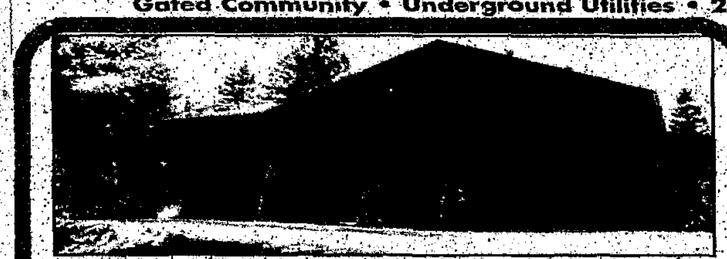

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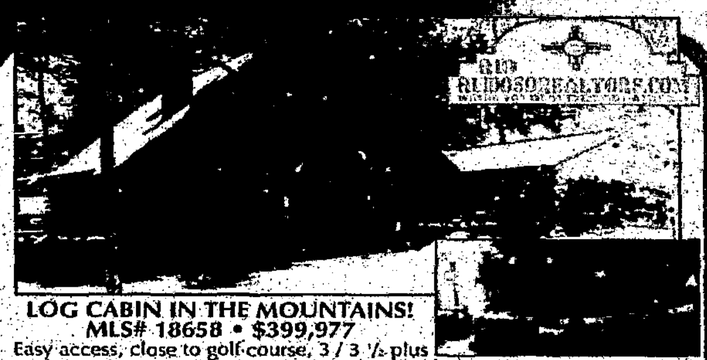

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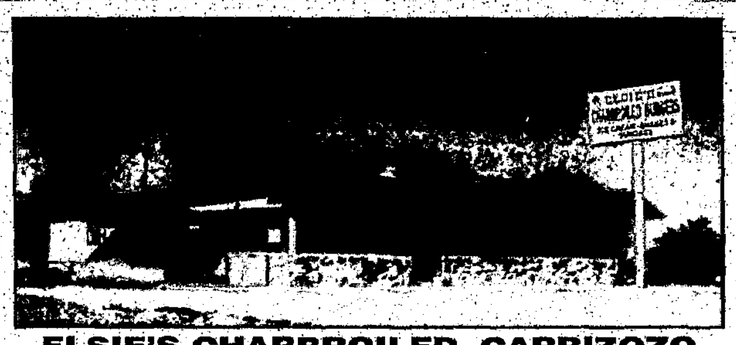

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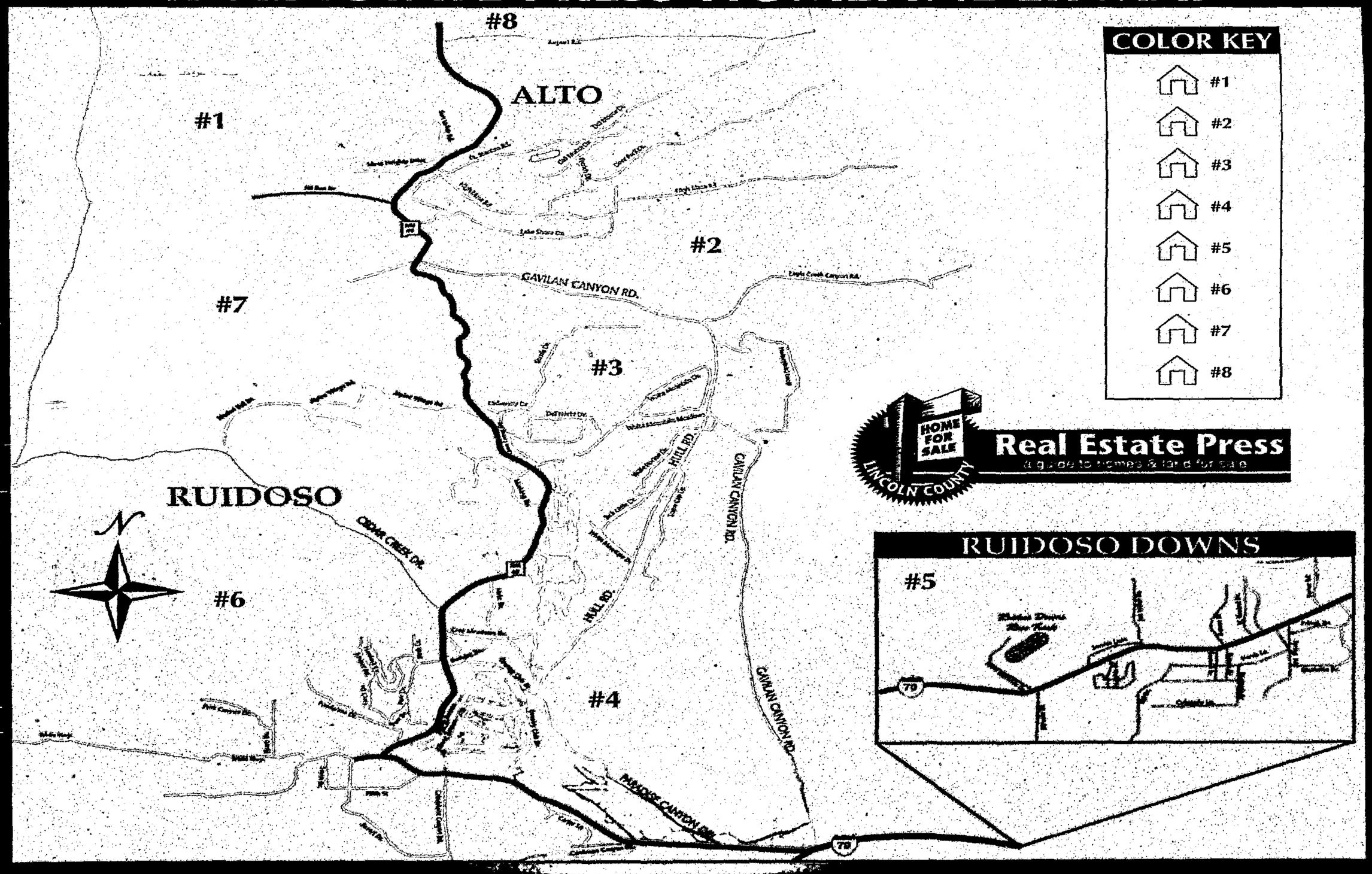

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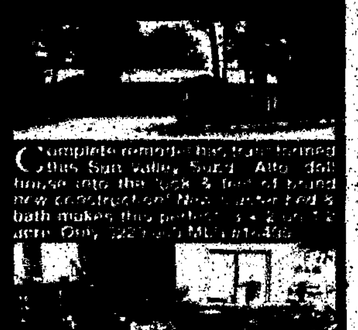

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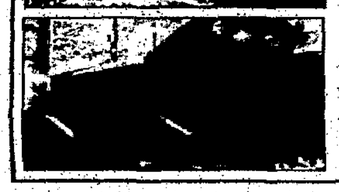

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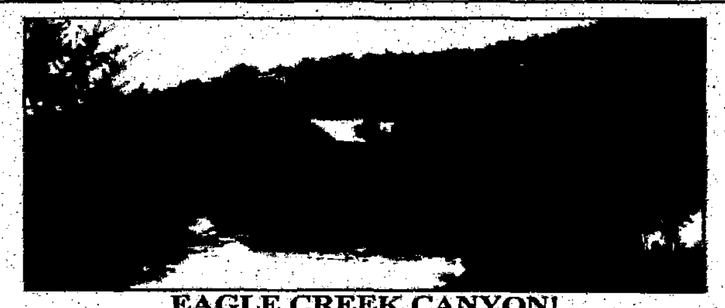
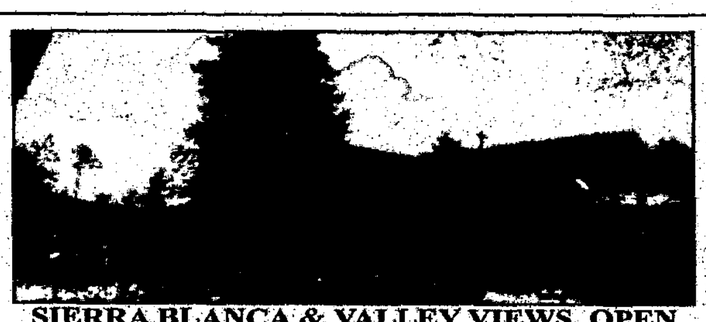


EAGLE CREEK CANYON!
Country living in town! 4 bdrm., 3 bath, 2 living areas. Super corner fireplace, beautiful views, close to National Forest & adjoins state land. On 2 acres! $439,900. #15531.



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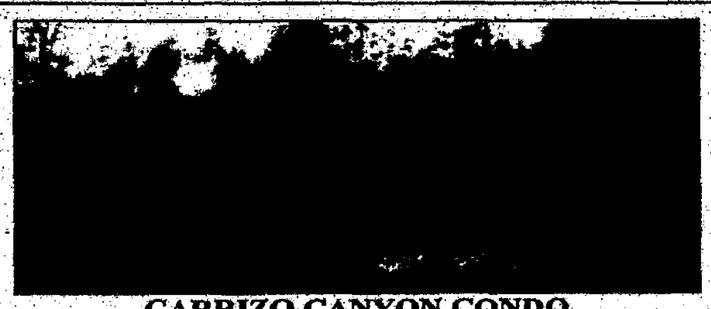
2 bdrms., 1-3/4 bath, one level, close to National Forest. Horses allowed. Gas log fireplace. Must see! $399,900. #17721.

SURPRISE!
A lovely remodeled 4 bedroom, 2 bath home, furnished w/ approx. 2232 sq. ft. 2 living rooms, 2 fireplaces + bonus room. Full membership! Attention to detail throughout! $325,000. #18271.

BRIGHT & CHEERY 3 BDRM. ON SNOWCAP!
This convenient one-level home has a 345 sq. ft. heated shop/studio w/ 1/2 bath. Dbl. gar. incl. a storage you'll love. Open concept liv., din. & kit. create a wonderful living space. Nice decks & paved driveway. So nice! $325,000. #18625.

GREEN PEACE
If you enjoy peace and quiet, come home to this 3 bdrm., 2 bath home secluded in the woods and yet only minutes from town. Open kit. & liv. area with a FP. National Forest is your back yard. Located on a small cul-de-sac. $159,900. #16561.



CARRIZO CANYON CONDO
1/1, remodeled kit., bath, liv. area & hall. Wood parquet entry, Venetian plastered liv. room. New sink w/gar. disposal. New microwave-convection oven, refrig. & many more upgrades. Furnished & sleeps 6. Carrizo Creek out backdoor. $62,900. #18621.

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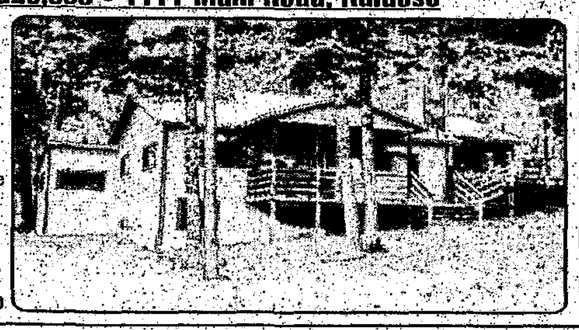
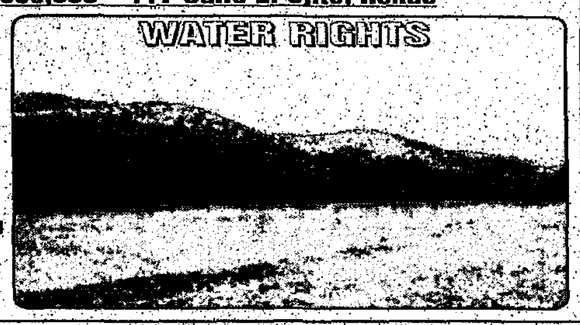
$229,900 • 1111 Main Road, Ruidoso

3 BD / 2 BA home completely remodeled and fully furnished located in the Upper Canyon. Great location across from the river. Large new deck. Very private setting on a large wooded corner lot. Two entrances. New aerobic septic system. A must see! **MLS# 16660**



$850,000 • 117 Calle El Ojito, Hondo

24 pristine acres of pasture land in the Hondo Valley with 20-1/2 acre feet of senior water rights and 1500 ft. Of river frontage! 100 year old 2 BD / 1 BA adobe home. Fully fenced. E. On 70 to MM 284 Rt. Onto Old School Road. Rt. On Calle El Ojito. **MLS# 15917**



$345,000 • MM10 Hwy 48

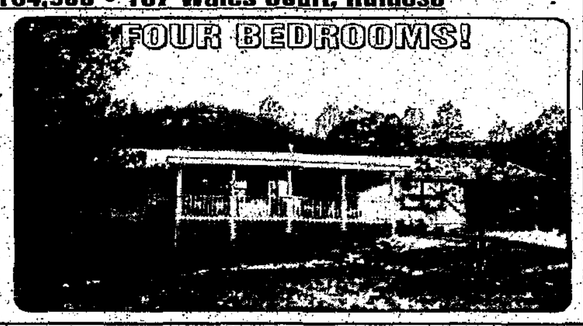
Beautiful property zoned R-3 currently occupied as residence with 1800 sq.ft. workshop/garage. Land is already subdivided and can be purchased separately. Refer to MLS 19090, 16091, 16094. Great commercial or residential property. Approximately 2.75 acres. **MLS 16207**

$279,000 • 108 Don Snyder Drive, Ruidoso

Beautiful 4 BD / 3 BA home with open floor plan. Great views of Sierra Blanca and golf course. Tons of storage, large two car attached garage. Covered and un-Covered decks. Close to schools, Midtown and golf. **MLS# 16845**

$164,900 • 107 Wales Court, Ruidoso

4 BD / 2 BA beautifully decorated home, convenient location, quiet, private cul-d-sac. Features oak hardwood flooring, ceramic tile, ceiling fans, laundry room, walk-in closets and newer appliances and furnace. Priced to sell!! **MLS# 18485**



$229,900 • 197 Wolf Creek Road, Nogal

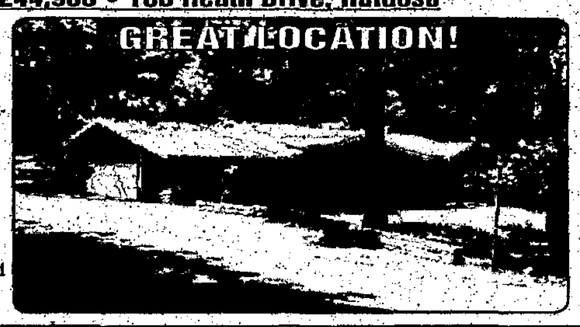
3 BD / 2 BA beautiful home in the gorgeous setting of Wolf Creek Estates. This home features a huge two car garage/workshop. An open floor plan and high ceilings add to the feeling of spaciousness. Great windows capture the wonderful wooded views. The kitchen has lovely hickory cabinets with a cozy island. **MLS# 18343**

$124,999 • 118 Largo Road, Capitan

3 BD / 2 BA well maintained home on three acres. Expansive views of the Capitans and the valley. Living Room has views and large rock fireplace. Location provides easy access to town. Safe neighborhood with quiet atmosphere. Hwy 380 West to Long St. To E. Lobo to Largo. **MLS# 16856**

$244,900 • 108 Heath Drive, Ruidoso

3 BD / 1-¾ BA beautifully maintained and updated home in the lovely enchanted hills sub. This home features two living areas, two dining areas and spacious bedrooms. 2 car garage and a large sunroom to enjoy all year. Located close to shopping and schools. Priced to sell. **MLS# 18036**



$585,000 • 103 Stump Road, Ruidoso

Rare riverfront property bordering the private area of Ruidoso Cabin Owners' Association! Rustic 3 BD with two ¾ baths, red cedar interior, vaulted ceilings, enclosed porch, indoor grill, separate guest cottage and the river at your doorstep. **MLS# 18421**

$99,900 • 702 White Mountain Drive, #2

1 BD / 1 BA Rarely on the market Palisades unit. Great rental unit or full time home. Centrally located with easy access year round. Large master bedroom with access to community club house. Vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace and furnished! Ready to move in! **MLS# 17702**

$139,900 • 213 Wingfield Road, Ruidoso

2 BD / 1 ¾ BA home located in a great location close to Mid-Town. Convenient to shopping, dining and entertainment. Inside home has been completely updated and remodeled, including laminate wood floors, new kitchen, new paint, and new carpet. Electrical and plumbing have been updated. All city utilities. **MLS# 16923**

$459,900 • 106 Pat Thompson Court, Ruidoso

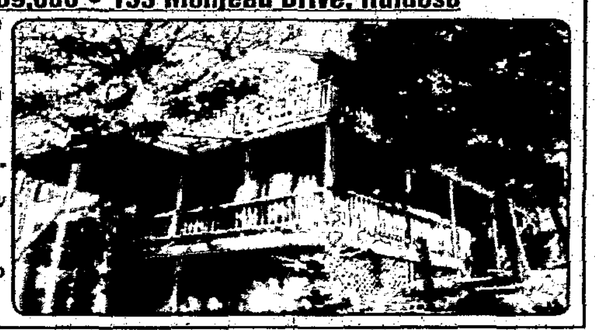
Exquisite spacious 6 BD / 3 ½ BA newer home with magnificent views of Sierra Blanca. Located on a very desirable cul-de-sac. Very upscale finishing touches. Great decks with all the amenities. **MLS# 17472**

$159,000 • 208 Grove Drive, Ruidoso

Very clean home in the pines. Great private sunroom, off of large living room with brick fireplace. Open kitchen with double pantry and additional windowed laundry. All appliances and furniture included. Double pane windows, level entry and hand painted cistern. Covered entry from carport and fenced yard. **MLS# 17209**

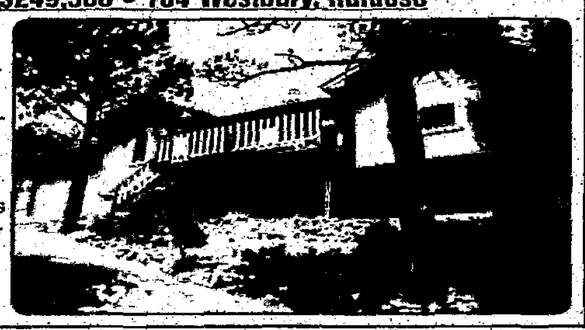
$269,000 • 133 Monjeau Drive, Ruidoso

Very roomy home suitable for a big family or vacationers with large deck facing Sierra Blanca. Remodeled to provide extra large living room. Ample windows provide great view from entire west side of house. Spacious basement converted to workshop.



$249,500 • 104 Westbury, Ruidoso

3 BD / 2 BA newer home in perfect condition. Unique brick exterior offers strength, durability and energy savings! Chalet design features trimmed in white cedar. Clear views of mountain tops. Close to Grindstone Mesa Trail at National Forest.

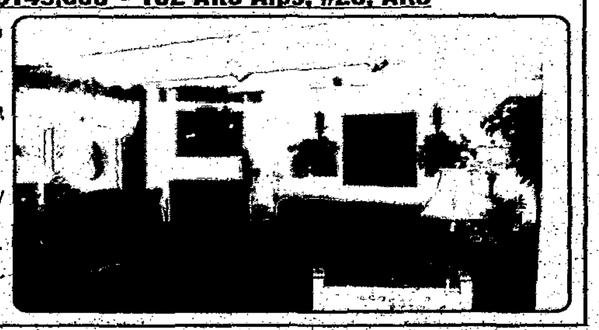


$239,000 • 305 College Drive, Ruidoso

3 BD / 2 BA home with terrific views from covered front deck. Beautiful wood lot. Secluded feeling. Storage shed. Spectacular great room with wood covered walls. Level entry. Asphalt driveway. Very desirable location. **MLS# 18252**

$149,500 • 102 Alto Alps, #23, Alto

3 BD / 1 BA / 1-¼ BA / 1-½ BA. Great condo in Alto Alps. Very spacious living/ kitchen/ dining area and large open deck that opens to the tall pines for that Ruidoso feel. Kitchen and master bath have Mohawk wood floors. Entry and guest baths have tile floors for easy maintenance. Tiled counters and decorator's touch throughout. Easy level entry. Grill and most outside furniture stays. This is a must see!



$154,000 • 303 Brady Canyon, Ruidoso

Cute, cozy and close! Charming 3 BD / 2 BA manufactured home nestled in the pines. Lovely décor, fully furnished with covered and uncovered decks. Just minutes from Midtown. Terrific opportunity. **MLS# 16781**

$180,000 7.53 Acres in Capitan with gorgeous views. Level, buildable lot with trees. Super location, close to Capitan. Make offer!! **MLS# 14623**

$19,900 MM 287 Hwy 70 (North) in Glencoe – Nice 1.63 acres of land with southern exposure. Great views from this buildable lot. Seller to create easement to top of lot. Amended plat – Gonzales Land Division, Gonzales Tract 1. As shown on that certain plat recorded June 3, 2003 in Cabinet H, Slide 608, records of the Lincoln County, State of New Mexico. **MLS# 17101**

$39,000 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**

$235,000 235 Paradise Canyon, Ruidoso Land, building and well established woodworking/ cabinetry business for sale. Terrific location with high traffic volume. All woodworking equipment and inventory included. **MLS# 17458**

$89,500 E044 County Road, Arabela 30 acres. Great opportunity to own that private getaway. Wildlife everywhere. Terrific dead-on view of the Capitans. Wonderful building sites. On county road. 17 miles to one of the best restaurants in Lincoln Co. 1.5 miles past paved road #368. **MLS# 19095**

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$155,000 129 Butler Street, Ruidoso 3 BD / 1 BA traditional Ruidoso charm! Log sided cabin, prime location, might be 30 steps to Sudderth. Walk to breakfast, shopping and all Midtown services. Old, but wonderfully situated and super comfortable. Located directly behind Misty Mt. Gourmet! Three lots! **MLS# 16529**

$465,000 803 Main Road, Ruidoso 4 BD / 1 & 2 1/2 BA beautiful home in Upper Canyon. Sit on the deck and listen to the Rio Ruidoso. Great master suite downstairs w/ rock FP and sitting area. Lots of windows offer an airy, bright living room and breakfast area. Large formal dining room, charming guest cabin and garage has large loft for extra storage. 3 building lots, house sits on one.

$435,000 MM .5, Hwy 37 Beautiful 26.87 acres of land overlooking the Bonito River Valley. Very conveniently located near Highway 48 and Highway 37. Must see to appreciate! **MLS# 17582**

$119,900 5 Paint Horse Trail, Tularosa 2 BD / 2 BA home on three acres with awesome views of the mountains and the White Sands of the Tularosa Valley. Home has been remodeled and looks great! Property joins BLM Land with improved road for easy access. **MLS# 18126**

$29,000 Lot 24 King Richard Dr. Expansive wooded and valley views. Near National Forest. Cleared and certified for fire safety. All city utilities. **MLS# 16118**

$129,000-$149,000 Rio Pine Condominiums 2 BD / 1 BA and 3 BD / 2 BA terrific condominiums in a very desirable location. Close to Midtown and the Golf Course. Good for full time or put in the rental pool with on site management. Beautiful patios and large decks. Great investment. **MLS# 17738 Call office for other MLS Nos.**

$199,900 113 Little Road, Capitan 3 BD / 2 BA immaculate home with gorgeous views. Spacious split floor plan, vaulted ceilings, storm windows, heavily insulated and wood burning fireplace. Great quite location, would make a super horse property. 8'x12' workshed with electric. **MLS# 18000**

$102,900 100 N. Billy the Kid, Alto 5 BD / 2 BA home in Rancho Ruidoso Village. Fenced yard with fruit trees and R.V. Parking. Lots of living space, vaulted ceilings, ceiling fans and open floor pan. Sellers are motivated!! **MLS 18362**

$29,900 121 King Richard, Ruidoso Great views from this 1/3 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**

$199,000 1430 Wood Lane Splendid views of Sierra Blanca and the racetrack, bordering on the national forest. Nice quiet area at the top of Dipaolo Hill Drive, across from racetrack entrance. Can be subdivided. Horses allowed. **MLS# 16766**

$295,000 123 Clover Drive, Ruidoso 3 BD / 2 BA large home in great neighborhood! All one level home on beautiful corner lot. Oversized garage with work area. Master has walk-in closet and private bath. Spacious home with huge rock fireplace and vaulted ceilings. Renters currently living in home. **MLS# 18306**

$199,500 159 West Deer Trail 3 BD / 2 BA nice home on quiet cul-de-sac with over an acre of land. This newer home, on a permanent foundation, is tape and textured throughout. Split floor plan w/ a garden tub in the master bath, and large living area. 6" walls and storm windows make this home very efficient. Owner motivated, make an offer! **MLS# 18026**

$195,000 West Lake, Capitan 2 BD / 2 BA home fully furnished in a quiet neighborhood. Two large master suites, one with a built-in fireplace and private deck with panoramic views of the Sacramentos and Sierra Blanca. Additional loft could be 3rd bedroom. Cute garden setting in backyard with pond and sprinkler system. **MLS# 17528**

$190,000 118 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**

$149,000 504 Main Road, Ruidoso Charming 2 BD / 1 BA home located in the upper canyon. Very neat and clean. Perfect getaway for the weekends in terrific area. Wonderful rental potential, corner of Main and Whitaway. Can't last! **MLS# 16726**

$175,000 River's Edge, Glencoe Terrific riverfront property! 3 BD / 2 BA manufactured home on a full acre of river front with 2400SF garage/workshop, 2 RV hookups, mature trees, pond, covered and uncovered decks. Property has underground pet fence.

$105,000 108 Mont Blanc, Ruidoso 3 BD / 2 BA lovely, inviting home on a quiet lot. Split floor plan with wood burning fireplace in living room. Bright kitchen with separate dining area. Large fenced backyard, back ups to National Forest. This house is extremely clean. A must see! **MLS# 17026**

$194,900 201 Fourth Street 2 BD / 2 ½ BA – This is a remodeled charmer close to Midtown and Grindstone Lake. New gas forced air heating, and wood flooring in living areas, bedrooms and sun room. Double car garage, work shed with electricity running to it. Plenty of storage and a great wooded lot. **MLS# 17703**

$199,900 148 NM County Road, Alto 9.28 wooded acres across from Rainmakers Dev. Rainmakers com. Water. Access from (0003) Paso Monte and Hill Country. . .street to street. Beautiful, big, big views and very buildable. Horses okay. Very private, easy access. **MLS# 18503**

$299,900 214 Nogal Place, Ruidoso 3 BD / 2 BA fabulous custom built Prewitt Construction home with many extras including knotty pine ceiling, hardwood floors, California redwood bar, oversized windows to maximize Sierra Blanca views. Great home in terrific neighborhood! Will consider all reasonable offers. **MLS# 17628**

$199,000 100 Magic Court Magnificent townhome perfectly located between the 16th green and 17th tee at Cree Meadows. 2 BD / 2+ BA, 2 car attached garage, renovated in 2004, new deck and views of golf course and Sierra Blanca from front. **MLS#16566**

$99,000 254 West Circle Drive, Ruidoso Downs 3 BD / 1-½ BA home. Here is the deal you are looking for! Great fixer upper in good neighborhood. Home is across from park on a nice size lot. 2 kitchens, 2 living areas – perfect for in-law quarters. Large family room w/ access to nice deck. This is a fixer upper with lots of room for sweat equity. **MLS# 18590**

$154,900 225 Yellow Pine Road, Ruidoso 3 BD / 2 BA brand new SOLITAIRE HOME never been occupied. 1680 Sq. Ft. Textured walls, upgrade faucets, ceiling fans, raised ceilings, crown molding, bull nose corners and open floor plan. Master bath w/ his/her sinks, sep. Shower and garden tub. Sit in the dining area or step to the deck for breathtaking views of SB. Quiet neighborhood, permanent foundation. Move in ready! **MLS# 17444**

$289,900 323 Cedar Creek Drive, Ruidoso 3 BD / 3 BA beautiful home in a great area. This large home has been impeccably maintained and features 2 dining areas, 2 living rooms, newer refrigerated air, newer carpet and a huge garage workshop area. Lots of storage and workshop space underneath. Addition in 2003 with beautiful knotty pine and large windows. Fully furnished, set up to sleep 15.

$465,000 111 Coker 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!

$117,900 941 Eighteenth Street, Carrizozo 3 BD / 2 BA wonderful family home in quiet secluded neighborhood. Great functional kitchen with center island, dining area, and hanging pot rack. Master bedroom is a "parent retreat" with sitting room/nursery. Vaulted ceilings throughout home that give it that spacious feel. Oversized garage/ workshop. Don't miss the beautiful views of the Sacramentos and Capitans. Call Rose at (505) 973-1260.

$195,000 100 Everest Drive 2 BD / 1-½ BA cute cabin in secluded area. Living area has beautiful wood panelling, wood burning fireplace, and sliding glass door which leads to large covered deck. New cabinets in spacious kitchen. Lots of storage under home. Owner in the process of painting exterior. **MLS# 17705**

$185,000 120 West Drive, Ruidoso Downs 3 BD / 2 BA Solitaire home w/ 1568 Sq.Ft. Open floor plan w/ front and back views. Kitchen has center island, pantry & large dining area. Master BR has spacious walk-in closet, garden tub and shower. All rooms have ceiling fans & lights. Completely xeriscaped yard w/ drip system. Double carport, 2 large covered decks, 12x20 workshop, RV parking w/ hookups. Lots of storage room in and under this conveniently located home. Some furniture available for purchase.

$199,000 222 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso 3 BD/ 1 ¾ BA charming, bright and unique home. This inside of the house has a lot of appeal. Original hardwood floors, knotty pine, and stone fireplace. Plenty of room for growth and expansion. Lots of storage. Home is located across the street from the river. Walking distance to Midtown.

$875,000 114 Sixy Road, Ruidoso 3 BD / 1-¾ BA + Office riverfront home beautifully remodeled and partially furnished. Located in prestigious Sleepy Hollow w/ 75' of Rio Ruidoso frontage! Great home for entertaining or just relaxing in the hot tub on the 12'x30' deck. Large rock FP in the living area, open kitchen w/ breakfast bar, formal dining room, vaulted ceilings and hardwood floors throughout main house. The oversize master BR has its own rock FP. The 305 sq.ft. guesthouse has a full bath.

$129,000 294 Hwy 246, Capitan 3 BD / 2 BA home, plus studio apt. Above garage. Close to town. Grand master suite on second level, walk out balcony to view Sierra Blanca and the Capitans. This home is priced at 2003 appraisal. Motivated seller!! **MLS# 17795**

$295,000 123 Clover Drive, Ruidoso 3 BD / 2 BA large home in great neighborhood! All one level home on beautiful corner lot. Oversized garage with work area. Master has walk-in closet and private bath. Spacious home with huge rock fireplace and vaulted ceilings. Renters currently living in home. **MLS# 18306**

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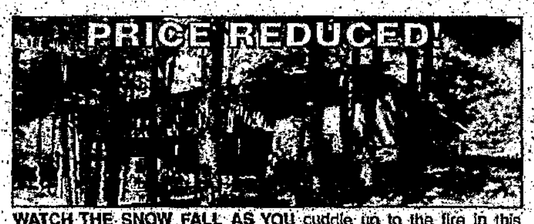
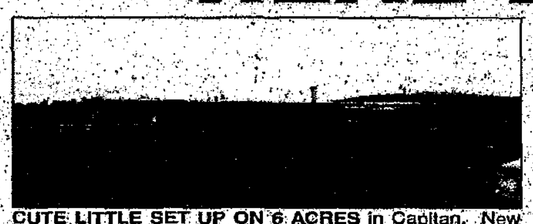


WATCH THE SNOW FALL AS YOU cuddle up to the fire in this delightful family home. Corner lot in White Mountain Estates w/easy care landscaping. 3 bedroom, 2.5 baths, spacious, open floor plan with huge living room, dining room, and kitchen. Get your buyers inside this one. **PRICE REDUCED TO $335,000 #17598.**



CUTE LITTLE SET UP ON 6 ACRES in Capitan. New A/c window unit, new water heater, stackable W/D stays. Septic has been inspected an brought up to code. Several outbuildings, 4 horse pens, 2 with sheds. $80,000 #18361

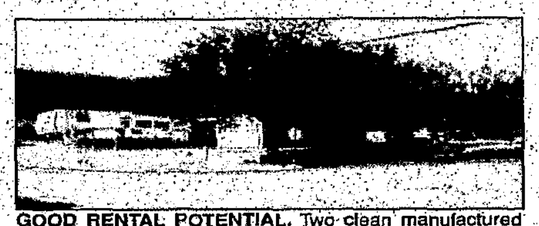
A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH! This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home lies beneath beautiful tall pines on an incredible lot. Here's a Ruidoso home located in a beautiful neighborhood convenient to golf, shopping groceries, movies, etc. Call us on this one. $189,000

BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with fuel efficient wood stove in very nice area. The perfect full time or second home in very nice area. Move-in condition. Great views including the Capitans. Beautiful landscaping with wildlife in your back yard. Lovely neighborhood. $155,000 #16936

EXTRA NEAT AND CLEAN, this older mobile home is on wooded lot with 12'x20' covered deck. Home is completely furnished and ready to move into. Close to town yet private. New Storage building. #16035 $59,900

COMMANDING VIEW OF WINTER, WILDLIFE, Sierra Blanca and the Capitans from this beautiful log home. Perfect for entertaining, this home has amenities galore: custom-made pottery fixtures in master bath, sauna and hot tub, in-floor radiant heat, and too many more to list. $750,000 #18292

WONDERFUL HOME: 2 STORY, 3 BEDROOM, 1.75 BATH, OFF PARADISE CANYON. Great weekend or full time residence. Must see to appreciate. Turn right on Debord at top of hill, home and parking on the right. Parking also off Paradise Canyon Rd. $175,000 #18077



GOOD RENTAL POTENTIAL. Two clean manufactured homes on two lots. Has hookup for an RV and good storage building. $117,500 #17723

HANDYMAN SPECIAL on a seasonal creek. Great rental possibilities on two lots. Bright sunroom with lots of windows. Will make a great weekend get-away close to town. $95,000 #18401

GREAT VIEWS with new free standing fireplace. Super home for part time or year round. Sq. footage per county records. Some work still being done, but feel free to look. Home has aerobic system for sewer. $65,900. #17078

HANDYMAN SPECIAL!! Set against the majestic Capitan Mountains, this 4 bdrm, 2 bath mobile home has its own aerobic system. Close to Capitan and Capitan Schools. $76,000 #18565

UPPER CANYON. Great get-a-way cabin with Ruidoso charm. Neat, clean, 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath with city utilities. Cozy rock fireplace, wooded view, nice location. Possibly the best bargain in Upper Canyon. $112,000. #18449

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GREAT SUBDIVISION LOT with all underground utilities available. Level lot so not much dirt work needed - save $$$$$. Sierra Blanca view too! $19,900 # 18237

NEW SUBDIVISION IN LINCOLN HISTORIC DISTRICT. Almost 2 acres with drive, good well and electric already in. Beautiful Bonita River Valley views. Buildings must comply with Historical District guidelines. Has shared well with Lot 3. $39,000 #13483

LOT HAS TWO OLDER MOBILES, but no value given to improvements. Good mobile lot with septic and water installed. $35,000 #16711

ONE HALF JOCKEY CLUB MEMBERSHIP (2 SEATS) included with this almost level wooded lot. Easy access. The owner will pay one half of the transfer fee. $54,000 #15735

10+ FLAT ACRES IN SONTERRA! Has shallow well. Great building sites, close to park area. Newly paved road. Lots 375 and 376 $98,000 #16737

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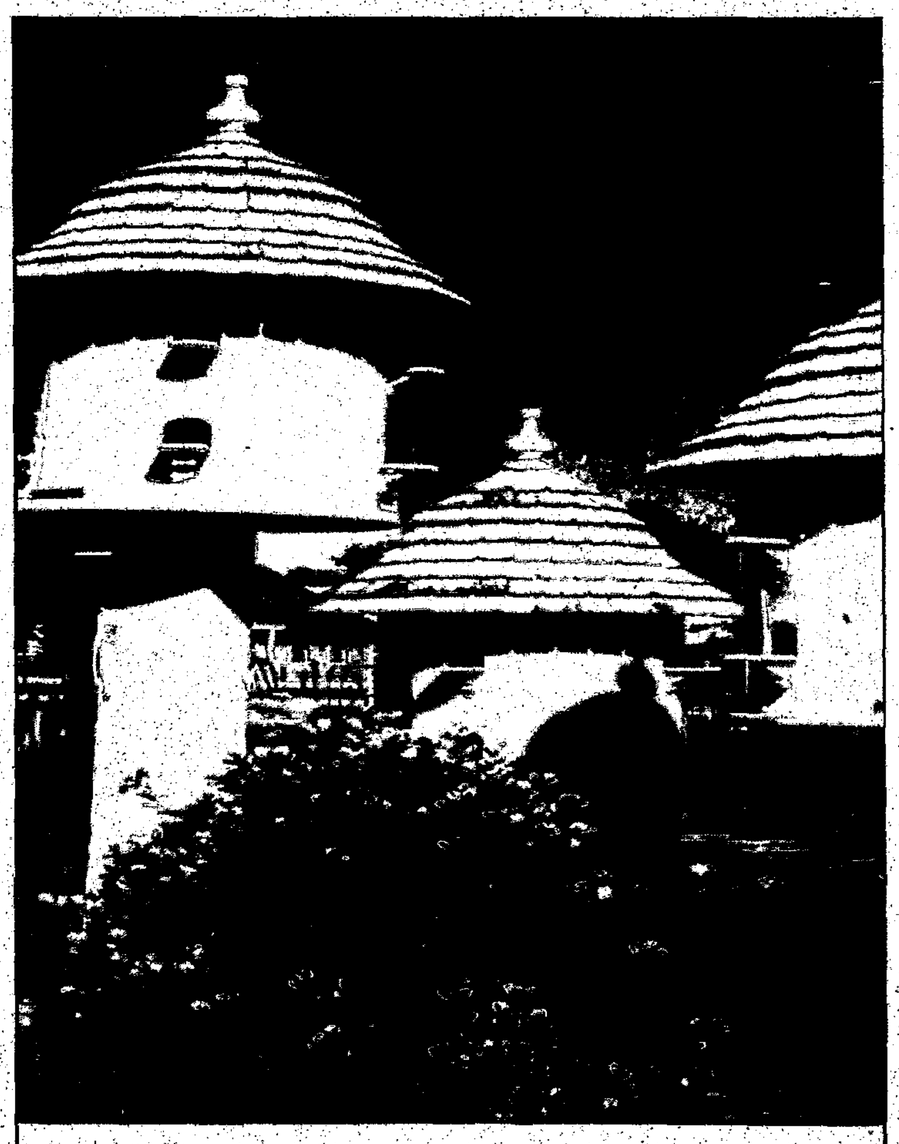

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EAGLE CREEK

MLS# 18149 $700,000
FANTASTIC BUY IN EAGLE CREEK, main house, 2 guest houses, apt, dbl garage, rec. room, 2 wet bars, shop. Beautiful acreage, paved drive. $700,000 + current appraisal, good condition but dated. Horses allowed.

MECHEM FRONTAGE

MLS# 10693 $649,000
Adobe Plaza with large lot adjacent to complex. Total of 9 units. Zoned C-2 commercial business, adobe & frame construction. All units have leases in place effective April 1st. Restaurant unit (formerly the Deck House) has evap. cooling. Includes land & bldg, city utilities. 5K SELLING BONUS!!

HISTORIC LINCOLN DISTRICT

MLS# 18250 $1,100,000
Traditional Hacienda in Lincoln Historic District, living areas, courtyards in front and in rear, extensive landscaping, sprinkler system, study, 1692 sq.ft. indoor heated pool, 1584 heated triple garage, ref A/C + 2 bedroom, 2 bath guest house!

ALTO

MLS# 17597
FANTASTIC, CUSTOM, TERRITORIAL NEW MEXICAN HOME. Six car garage, 1,000 sq.ft. guest house, landscaped, drip irrigation, outdoor living w/ fireplace, stainless grill, granite counters, gourmet kitchen, in-floor heat, ref A/C. Call L/O for packet, 2 golf

ALTO

MLS# 15167 $189,000
CHEAPEST HOME IN ALTO! Just remodeled. Secluded in tall pines. Four decks. Big rock fireplace, radiant hot water heater. 2 levels. Oversized lot. Sq.ft. per county. $235,000 upgrade to golf membership, buyer pays transfers.

ALTO

MLS# 15776
Exquisite home, completely furnished with high-end furnishings throughout. 2 masters, 2 living areas, triple garage, granite counters, decorator items, 8 ft. doors, high ceilings, 3/4 acre lot. seller will upgrade to golf at closing.

MECHEM FRONTAGE

MLS# 15943 $659,000
Bear Mountain Lodge, 6 units, re-modeled in 2002 with mountain charm. Great location, Mechem frontage, over 6,000 sq.ft. Great nightly rental, corporate retreat, furnished, easy access.

RANCHES OF SONTERRA

MLS# 18404 $1,275,000
FANTASTIC SIERRA BLANCA VIEW from this custom New Mexico home. 12 ft ceilings throughout, 8 ft doors, Pella windows, 3 fireplaces, two 5,000 gal. water storage tanks, 3 car garage, courtyard front & back, patios, Viking & Kit Aid appl, in-floor heat, A/C.

ALTO

MLS# 17292 $439,000
BIG VIEWS ON CUL-DE-SAC, BUILT NEW IN 2005. High ceilings, 2 living areas, solid granite, dry stack rock fireplace, large deck, jacuzzi tub, carport, fully furnished, social membership. $5,000 bonus to selling office.

ALTO

MLS# 17222
ONE OF THE FINEST MTN. FLAVOR HOMES IN ALTO. Blue Max const., heated drive, in-floor heat + forced air & A/C. Open floor plan, 2 lvg areas, Travertine floors, stainless steel appl., granite countertops, furn. addendum, upgrades throughout!

SIERRA BLANCA VIEW

MLS# 17941
TUSCAN VILLA W/ SIERRA BLANCA VIEW FROM EVERY ROOM. Exclusive gated community, Buena Vista Estates. Immaculate 4 bdrms, 2 living areas, office. Cabinets by Kristie's - El Paso, hand-troweled walls, stucco, 2 fireplaces, wood floors, granite tops.

ALTO

MLS#16034 $759,000
WELL KEPT ONE LEVEL HOME with golf membership. Two living areas and triple garage. 2 fireplaces, A/C, courtyard, paved drive office, stucco with tile roof.

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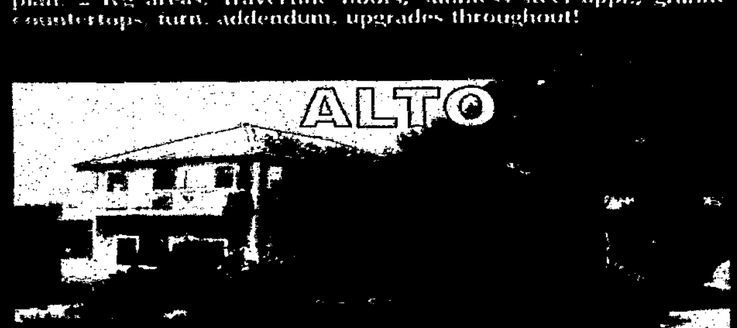
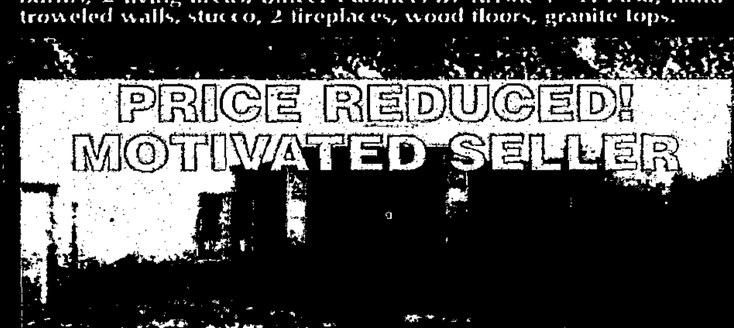


MLS #18048
GREAT SIERRA BLANCA & CAPITAN VIEWS FROM THIS SECLUDED 2 AC PLUS LOT. Adjoining 2 acre lot available separately. Good access, new kitchen appliances, 2 large master suites, 2 living areas, plus office. Golf membership, almost 1,000 sq.ft. of deck.

PRICE REDUCED! MOTIVATED SELLER



MLS# 17358 NOW $349,000!
BEAUTIFUL CONTEMPORARY SANTA FE STYLE HOME. 4 Bedrooms, 4 1/2 Baths. Big views towards Capitan Mountains. 2 Living areas, granite tops, triple garage. Social Membership to Alto.

SIERRA BLANCA VIEW

MLS# 16995 $175,000
CHARMING ONE LEVEL HOME WITH SIERRA BLANCA VIEW. Close to town with fireplace and paved drive. Large deck. 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Go to 5th Street, turn right on K Street, then right on Apache Hills. Yellow house on the right.

ALTO

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GREAT LOCATION & VIEWS Gourmet kitchen w/granite counters, split br plan, theater room, wood/carpet flooring, landscaped, sprinkler sys, private courtyard facing Sierra Blanca. $1,210,000. #16455

BEAUTIFUL, LIKE NEW, ALTO GOLF HOME Sitting above the gorgeous 14th Fwy. 5 Br, 6 Ba, built to code+, high efficiency heating & cooling, fast recovery & looped lines for instant hot water, fire sprinkler.$900,000. #18098

BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM SANTA FE STYLE HOME 3 Br, 3 full Ba, 2 (1/2) Ba, all the extras, plus a theater. Full golf membership. Nice views of the Capitan Mts. $795,000. #13232

PERHAPS THE BEST BUY IN ALTO Tile roof, stucco, 4 Br or 3 Br + office + 2 living areas, 6 Ba. Wonderfully located on 14th Fairway, heated dr. Master w/2 Ba, formal dining, storage, hot tub. $750,000. #18009

LOCATION - LOCATION ! No glare lg windows to enjoy the ALGCC golf course & lake. Remodeled. Granite breakfast bar & counters. Tile work thru-out. Furnished, golf, aerobic septic 8/05. $720,000. #18076

CUSTOM SOUTHWESTERN HOME Single level home. 3600 Sq ft of custom features & oversized rooms. 10' Ceilings in Br & cathedral in great room. Lots of deck, 3 car garage. Full membership. $669,500. #16323

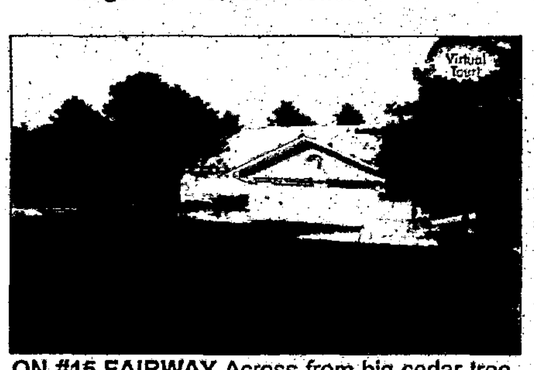
JUST A PUTTER AWAY FROM THE GOLF COURSE Office area loft upstairs. Great decks, workshop & golf cart below. Quiet cul-de-sac location, close to clubhouse. Very well cared for home. Furn pkg $15K. $449,900. #16267

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. $410,000. #18285

CUSTOM BUILT ALTO HOME This 1 level, full golf, Alto beauty on #9 Tee Box, looks across 2 fairways, 1 way & to theCapitans to the north. Open liv, din, kit. Glorious, sunny back deck. $392,500. #17978

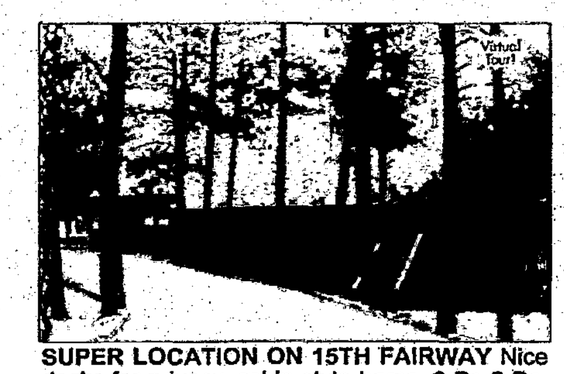
A "REAL" CABIN IN THE WOODS 3 Car detached garage, 12" logs, wood floors, open w/loft & downstairs bonus room. 12" Thick walls, sitting on 2.25 acres, paved rd. $369,000. #17032

ALTO SPANISH CONTEMPORARY Nestled amongst the pines in Ruidoso. Large family room that flows onto a second entertainers patio. $365,000. #16394



ON #15 FAIRWAY Across from big cedar tree, Alto full golf, tile roof, covered deck, stucco. Just an outstanding location & home. Dbl garage & paved driveway. $364,000. #18258

VERY NICE WELL KEPT HOME Golf membership. Decks for relaxing or entertaining family & friends. Bonus room w/wet bar & wood burning stove. Non-golf lot next door is also available. $339,000. #17726



SUPER LOCATION ON 15TH FAIRWAY Nice decks for privacy, cabin style home. 3 Br, 2 Ba, 2 living areas, 2 FP's. Close to club house w/full golf membership. $335,000. #18301

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. $269,000. #17352

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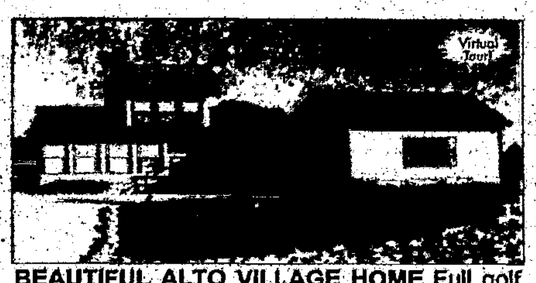
REMODELED IN 2005 Golf membership, decks, view of Sierra Blanca, wood floors, carpet, tile, furniture addendum. Level access. The 2 units are ea. $219,000. #14121



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. $260,000. #18025

CLEAN OLDER 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

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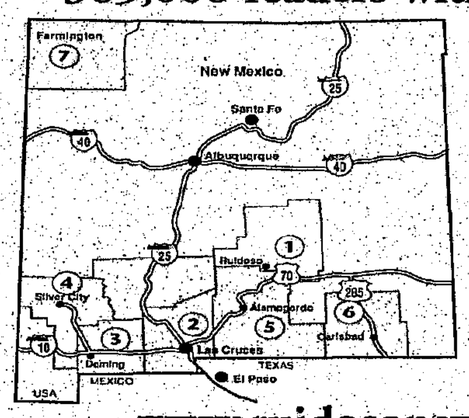

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Engagement!

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Pine are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Tracy to Andrew Purdy. They will be married May 5, 2007, at St. Clement's Episcopal Church. Tracy is the daughter of Gregory and Carlie Pine of El Paso, Texas, and the granddaughter of William B. and Joyce Hooten, Roderick Fraser, the late Mary Austin Fraser, and the late Josephine and Robert Pine, all of El Paso. Andrew is the son of Patricia and William Schweitzer of Parker, Colorado, and the grandson of Jennie and Delwyn Carlton Stone of Winchester, Virginia. Tracy graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in Public Relations, and Andrew graduated from the University of Colorado-Boulder, with a degree in Political Science. They are both employed at Vail's Mountain Haus, Vail, Colorado, and will continue to reside in Vail.

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Notice of Public Meeting on Agency Plan

The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 requires Region VI Housing Authority to prepare a 5 Year and Annual Plan covering the operations of the Public Housing and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. In accordance with these requirements a copy of the Annual Plan for fiscal year 2007 is available for public viewing at the Administrative Office of Region VI Housing Authority at 106 E. Reed, Roswell, New Mexico.

The public is welcome to view the Plan and submit comments to the Region VI Housing Authority by March 14, 2007. A public hearing will be held on March 15, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at 106 E. Reed, Roswell, New Mexico to review public comments.

For information regarding the 2007 Annual plan, please contact Irene Andazola at 505-622-0881 x 17.

#7552 3T (2)2,9,16

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given an election will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 to elect three (3) members to the Board of Directors of Sun Valley Water and Sanitation District.

Janetta Britten has declared her candidacy for re-election. Marc Stewart has declared his candidacy for a two-year term, to complete a six-year vacated term of office. A four-year term is open at this time.

Any tax-paying elector living in the district is eligible as a write-in candidate for any of the positions.

Eligible to vote are all tax-paying electors of the district. "Tax-paying elector of a district" means a person, registered to vote in any precinct in the state, who: (1) is a resident of the district; (2) is a nonresident of the district who pays, or will be liable for paying, rates, tolls or charges set by the board; or (3) is a nonresident of the district who either has paid or incurred a general tax liability on real property within the district in the twelve months immediately preceding the election or who is purchasing real property within the district under a real estate contract where a property tax has been paid or incurred on the real property in the twelve months immediately preceding the election.

The polling place is the Alto-Bonito fire station in Sun Valley. The polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2007. Results of the election will be reported to the Board of Directors at a special meeting immediately following the closing of the polls on Tuesday, February 20, 2007. The meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at the Alto-Bonito fire station.

/s/
Karen Payton, Secretary
Sun Valley Water & Sanitation District

#7554 2T (1)2,9

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE E. WATROUS, Deceased.
PROBATE NO. PB 07-04

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at 1221 Mechem, Suite 2, Ruidoso, NM 88345, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County.

WILLIAM L. WATROUS
Personal Representative of the Estate of George E. Watrous

Attorneys for the Personal Representative:
RICHARD A. HAWTHORNE, P.A.

Richard A. Hawthorne
1221 Mechem Drive, Suite 2, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, (505) 258-3483

#7555 1T (2)2

LEGAL NOTICE

The Eastern New Mexico University Board of Regents will meet in a special meeting on February 7th at 9 a.m. in the Regents Room at Eastern New Mexico University - Portales. Regents will act upon business so presented and may meet in the executive session. Agendas for the meetings are available at the President's Office located in the ENMU-Portales campus Administration Building. The public is invited to attend the regular meeting. Eastern New Mexico University is an EEO/AA institution.

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MESCALERO Apache SCHOOL

NOTICE FOR
REQUEST FOR BIDS
Bid File # 2 06-07 SY

The Mescalero Apache School wishes to receive bids for Janitorial Supplies. Copies of the specifications can be obtained at the office of the Superintendent, Dr. J. Charles Harrison, 249 White Mountain Drive, Mescalero, NM 88340 or by phone (505-464-4431)

In order to be considered all bids must be received at the Office of the Superintendent no later than **2:30 p.m. on January 31, 2007.** NO FACSIMILE TRANSMISSIONS OF A BID SHALL BE ACCEPTED. All bids must be addressed as follows:

Dr. J. Charles Harrison, Superintendent
Janitorial Supplies Bid File #2 06-07 SY
249 White Mountain Drive (hand-delivered) or
P.O. Box 230 (mailed)
Mescalero, NM 88340

Bids will be opened and reviewed publicly by MAS Business Officials and the lowest bidder announced at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Results will be determined pending Board approval.

This bid may be canceled and any and all bids may be rejected in whole or in part when the School District determines that it is in the best interests of the School District.

/s/ Dr. J. Charles Harrison
Superintendent
Mescalero Apache School

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING –

Eastern New Mexico University's BSN Completion Program is accredited by the National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). An upcoming site visit by NLNAC is scheduled for Feb. 27 through March 1. A public meeting will be held Feb. 28 in Lea Hall, Room 122, on the Portales campus of ENMU from 6:45-7:30 p.m. All persons interested in speaking with NLNAC site evaluators about the Nursing Program are welcome.

Roma Vivas
Communication Services
phone: (505) 562-2250
fax: (505) 562-2256
address:
Office of Communication Services
ENMU Station 6
Portales, NM 88130

EMPLOYMENT

Employment 204

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Employment 204

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The Carlsbad Current-Argus seeks a Staff Writer.
The main duties of this position are reporting, interviewing, and covering beats. Writing stories for publication, and research and building sources, are also some of the duties required for this position.
We're looking for someone with a command of the English language. A Journalism degree is preferred, and at least one year experience in newspapers or related experience in journalism. Recent grads strongly encouraged to apply. Evening, and rotating weekend and holiday work would be required. Scheduling is flexible. The Current-Argus is a good place to learn about the newspaper business.
Our concern is for the health and safety of our employees, therefore we offer a smoke-free work environment and conduct pre-employment drug testing.
Send letter, resume and examples of your work to Human Resources, Carlsbad Current-Argus, PO Box 1629, Carlsbad, N.M.
E-mail: aprilh@currentargus.com.

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer and require pre-employment drug screening.

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You may apply in person or submit resume to:

Human Resources
Carlsbad
Current-Argus
620 S. Main Street
Carlsbad, NM 88220

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Medical/Health Care 220

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(505) 622-WELL (9355)

Gen. Help Wanted 224

ALL ABOUT YOU full service salon has space for rent esthetician nail and or hair tech call Glenda @ 257-1870

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Employment 204

LAS CRUCES SUN-NEWS

ACCOUNTING MANAGER

The full time Accounting Manager position has responsibility for managing the month and closing process, reconciling general ledger accounts, analyzing financial statements, directing general accounting staff and performing all related accounting functions.

Individual should have 3-5 years experience in an accounting or finance function with a Bachelor's degree in accounting. Managerial experience in an accounting/finance function would be helpful.

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Attention: Human Resources
256 W. Las Cruces
Las Cruces, NM 88005
FAX 505-541-5497
jluna@lcsun-news.com

Your application/resume will be reviewed in the HR Dept. If you meet the listed qualifications, your application/resume will be forwarded to the appropriate department for further consideration. Due to the large number of applications and resumes received, only those chosen for further consideration will be contacted.

Medical/Health Care 220

LMSW, LISW or LPC - Licensed, Master's Level Program Therapist position on an **As Need Basis (PRN)** at Geropsych outpatient treatment program in **RUIDOSO, New Mexico.** Exp. in gero and/or psych. Must love working with elderly. Patient population is high functioning. Excellent pay. Program Hours are M-F 8-5 Fax resume to 281-397-6482 or visit *www.diamondheritagehealth.com*

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GROWING LAW OFFICE NEEDS YOUR TALENT! Three civil practice attorneys in Ruidoso are looking for assistants with strong written and spoken communication aptitudes, organizational skills and healthy work ethics. Accounting and bookkeeping experience a plus! Send reply letter, resume and references to 106 Rio Street, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

Guardiola Construction is seeking a part-time Equipment Mechanic to maintain and service heavy construction equipment. Please call (505) 257-2279.

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Gen. Help Wanted 224

Housekeeper needed for small motel every other weekend and Tuesdays. Dependable a must! Please apply in person at 627 Sudderth Drive.

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Ruidoso News online at www.ruidosonews.com

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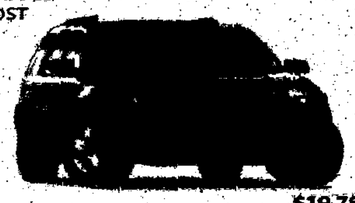

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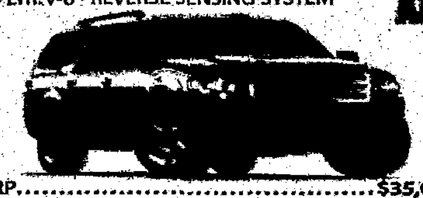

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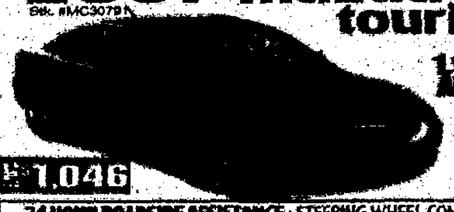

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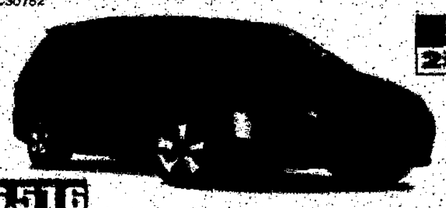

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Gen. Help Wanted 224

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT in Carrizozo, New Mexico, is accepting applications for a full-time temporary COURT MONITOR position. Work involves producing complete recording and logging of verbatim testimony in judicial proceedings; marks and tracks exhibits; and ensures the proper filing of tapes, logs and exhibits. Hourly rate for this position is $14.72 hr.

QUALIFICATIONS:
- A high school diploma or GED;
- One year of clerical or secretarial experience;
- Must obtain and maintain New Mexico Certified Court Monitor Certification;
- Training as a paralegal, or experience in a court clerk's office is desirable;
- Knowledge of generally accepted office practices, procedures and equipment, proper English usage, grammar, vocabulary and spelling;
- Must be able to type accurately at a reasonable rate of speed and operate a computer; organize and prioritize workload; maintain accurate orderly records and files

Applications and a copy of the job description may be obtained from the judicial website: www.nmcourts.com/newface/jobs/jobs.html or may be picked up at the Twelfth Judicial District Court Clerk's Office, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Applications along with resume must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 9, 2007 to the following:

The Honorable Karen L. Parsons
Twelfth Judicial District Court
300 Central Avenue
P.O. Box 725
Carrizozo, NM 88301
(All envelopes to be marked "CONFIDENTIAL")

Recruitment opens Wednesday, January 31, 2007 and closes Friday, February 9, 2007.

THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF NEW MEXICO STATE GOVERNMENT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Lincoln County is now accepting applications for the position of FULL TIME and PART TIME DISPATCHER in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, located in Carrizozo, New Mexico. Applicant must be 18 years or over, have a high school diploma or G.E.D. and must be able to obtain a New Mexico Dispatcher Certification within one year from date of hire and N.C.I.C. Certification within six months of hire. Employment will be conditional upon applicant's successful completion of a physical examination and substance abuse test. Obtain applications at the Lincoln County Manager's Office in Carrizozo or by calling 505-648-2385. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. Lincoln County, Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA Requirements, Title II-A.

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As a per diem employee, after in-house training, you will become a member of a bank of per diem employees, allowing you the flexibility to create your own schedule. *After one year of employment and designated vested hours, a per diem employee become part of our profit sharing plan.* All applicants must be 21 years of age or older and must be able to pass drug/alcohol screening, health exam and background check. New Horizons Developmental Center, Inc is an equal opportunity employer

Applications may be obtained at: New Horizons Developmental Center, Inc 810 "E" Ave. Carrizozo, NM 88301 or call 505-648-2379

Gen. Help Wanted 224

VERDE REALTY

Heritage Preserve is a division of Verde Realty, a rapidly growing real estate acquisition and development company. Heritage Preserve develops retirement and second home communities and is looking to hire an experienced Sales Manager, Sales Professionals, and Administrative Assistant for our Ruidoso, NM office and community. Verde offers a competitive compensation and benefits package. If interested, fax cover letter and resume to 915-990-2700 or email recruiting@verderealty.com. EOE.

Gen. Help Wanted 224

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Gen. Help Wanted 224

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Gen. Help Wanted 224

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RUIDOSO ORTHOPEDICS AND SPORTS MEDICINE is now hiring a part time medical assistant. Please mail or fax resume to:2301 Indian Wells, Alamogordo, NM 88310. Fax: 505-434-4148.

SCHOOL CAFETERIA EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

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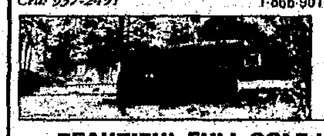

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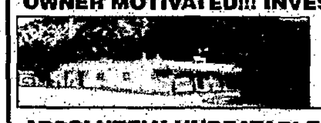

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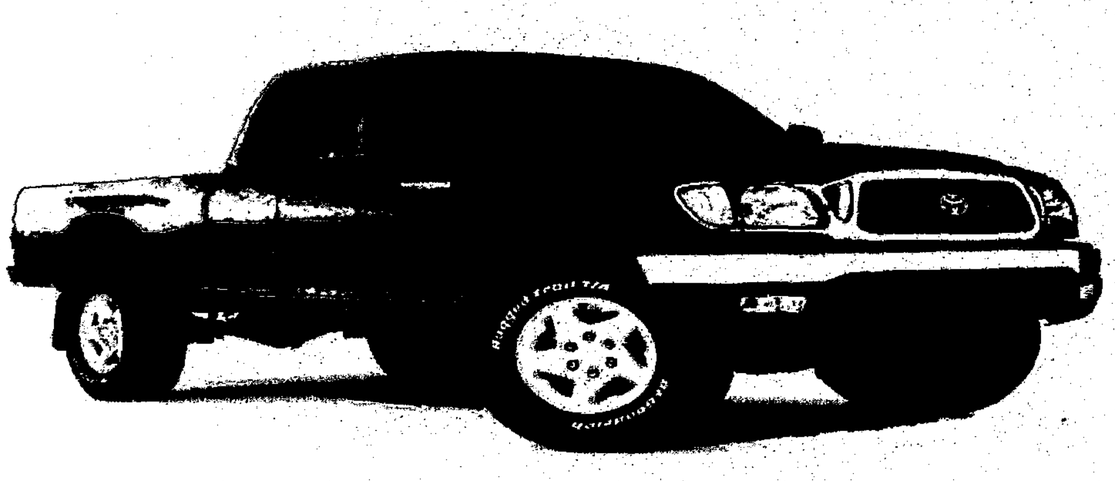

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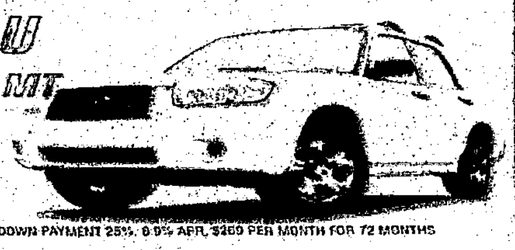

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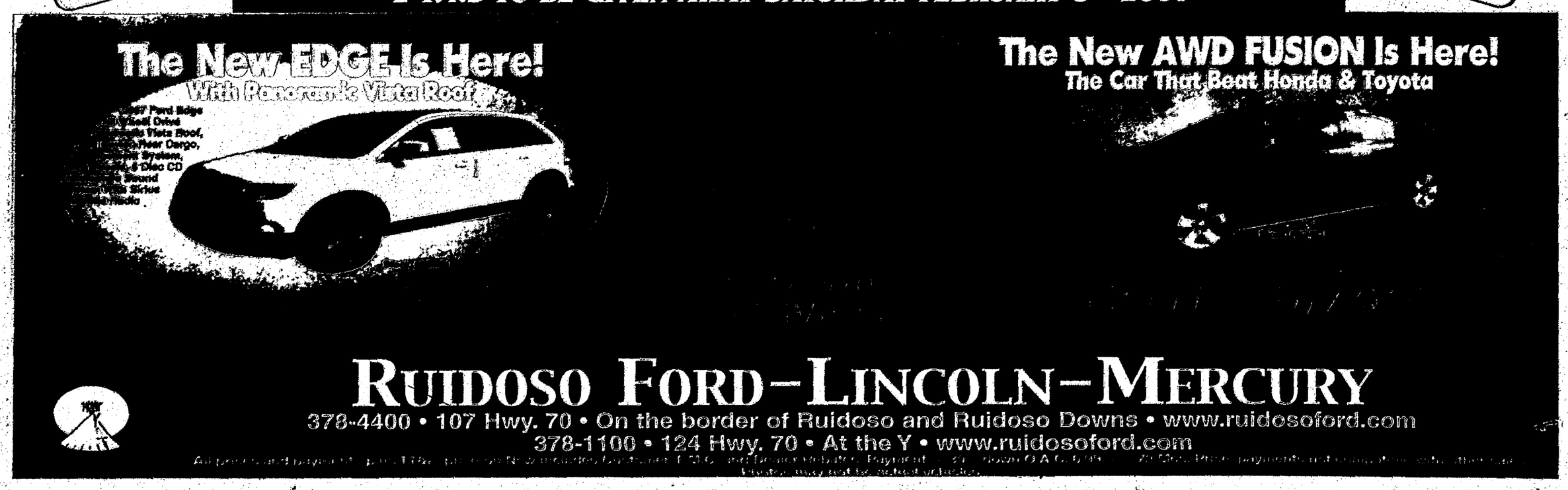

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LARISA PENDENCHUK

Moscow Festival Ballet presents the classic ballet **Don Quixote** *on the Spencer Theater stage at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7. The dance company is touring the United States, and thrilling audiences at each of their performances. See the story on page 14.*

COURTESY

Viver Brasil Dance Company features passionate music and dance on the stage of the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3. With a fusion of ancient and contemporary art forms, the Afro-Brazilian dance troupe brings to Alamogordo their breathtaking and colorful show, with tickets at $10, $18 and $25. Info: 437-2202.

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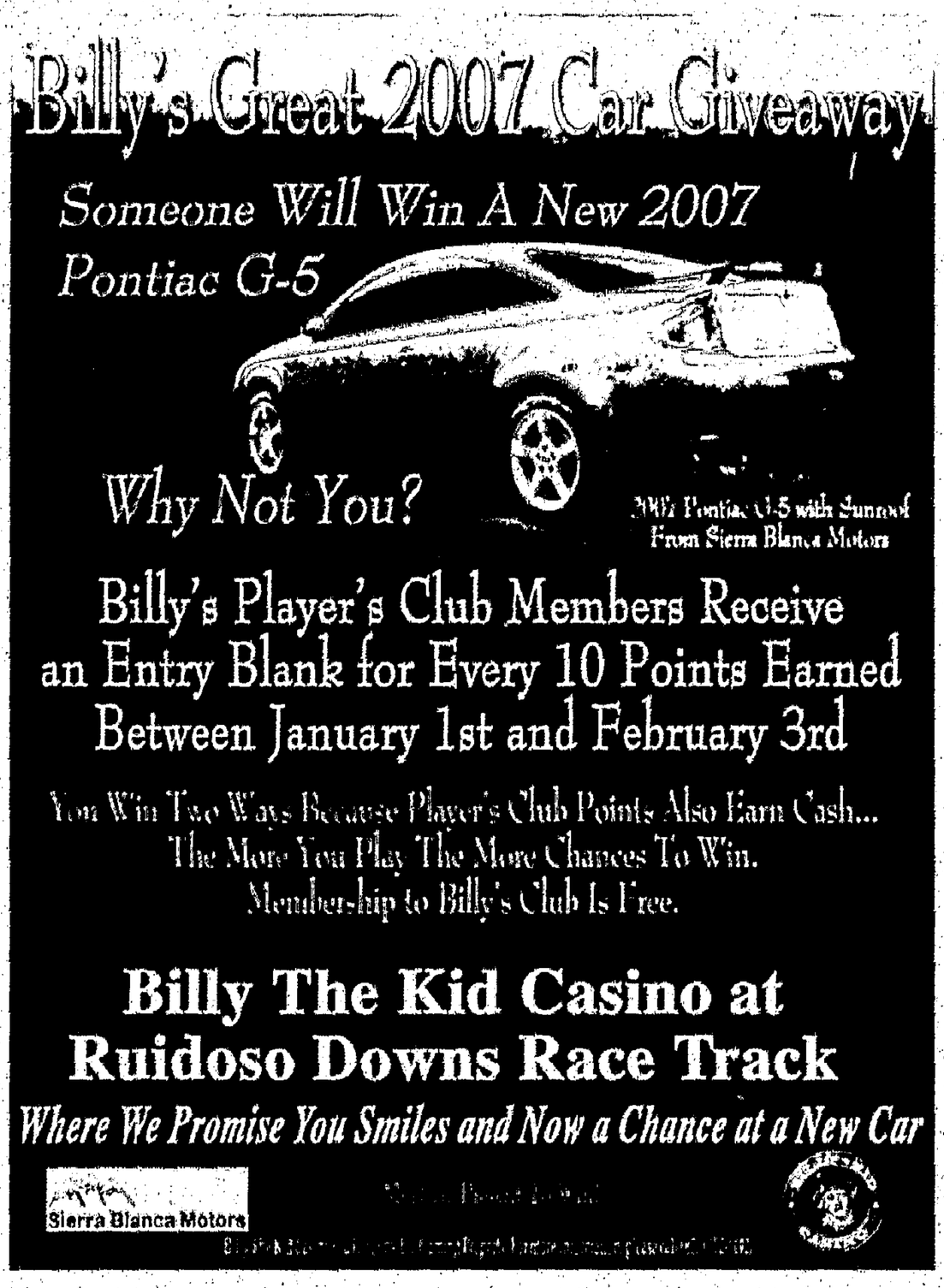

EVENT CALENDARS

Performances

High School Musical

Feb. 2-4, 9-11: (Ruidoso) Ruidoso High School's yearly theatrical/musical offering is *High School Musical*, an upbeat, contemporary look at high school life and rivalries, featuring the jocks, the brains and the skaters. Nominated for several Emmys, the made-for-TV movie has become Disney's hot new contribution to the world of family musicals. Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center, Feb. 2-3 & 9-10 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 4 & 11 at 2 p.m. $10 adult/$8 students. Info: Cathi McIntosh, 258-4910.

"In the Mood"

Feb. 3: (Alto) The music of Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman, The Andrews Sisters and more come alive on the Spencer Stage. Tickets: $46/$49. Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. 8 p.m. Info: 336-4800.

Viver Brasil Dance Company

Feb. 3: (Alamogordo) *Alamogordo Daily News* presents Brazilian music and dance that is passionate, riveting, breathtaking and unforgettable. 7:30 p.m. Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts, 1110 New York Ave. $10/$18/$25. Info: 437-2202.

Don Quixote

Feb. 7: (Alto) The Moscow Festival Ballet presents the classic story of a hero trying to save a maiden in distress. Fifty top Russian dancers with beautiful sets, costumes and music. $46/$49. Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. 8 p.m. Info: 336-4800 or go on line to www.spencertheater.com.

Roger Landes

Feb. 9: (Alamogordo) Alamogordo Area House Concert Series presents Roger Landes, premier bouzouki player, and singer-songwriter Chipper Thompson at the Unitarian Fellowship, 1010 16th St. Optional potluck 6 p.m., music 7-9 p.m. Suggested donation $10 per person at the door. Fully handicapped accessible. Info: SKY or John Yates, 437-0325.

Preservation Hall Jazz Band

Feb. 15: (Ruidoso) The Ruidoso Concert Association presents the best of New Orleans music. 7:30 p.m. Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center on the High School campus. Info: 257-9508 or 258-5702.

Lost in Yonkers

Feb. 16: (Alto) The Spencer Theater presents Montana Repertory company in Neil Simon's hilarious story of two brothers and their eccentric relatives set above a New York candy store. Montana Repertory has a stellar touring record, and with Simon's hit play they'll draw out both our laughter and tears. $46/$49. Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. 8 p.m. Info: 336-4800 or go on line to www.spencertheater.com.

Little Joe y La Familia

Feb. 16: (Alamogordo) With one of the most popular Tex-Mex bands in the music industry, Little Joe has been entertaining for more than 40 years and has been described as the "King of the Brown Sound." 7:30 p.m. Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts, 1110 New York Ave. $18 for reserved seating. Info: 437-2202.

Wonderful Town

Feb. 27: (Alto) A glorious musical, winner of the 2004 Tony Award for Best Choreography, *Wonderful Town* features 30 singers, dancers and musicians, period-rich costuming and wonderful sets. $46/$49. Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. 8 p.m. Info: 336-4800 or go on line to www.spencertheater.com.

Vienna Boys' Choir

March 3: (Alto) The boys' mesmerizing repertoire includes everything from medieval motets to classical songs, playful waltzes and contemporary Broadway hits. Get ready to be seized by the tidal force of the boys' sweet harmonies. $36/$39. Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. 8 p.m. Info: 336-4800 or go on line to www.spencertheater.com.

Urban Cowboy: the Musical

March 15-16: (Alto) *Urban Cowboy* hits the Spencer stage in the form of a Broadway musical, much like a revue of popular country and Broadway tunes with a boy-meets-girl story. When it debuted last year, audiences were heard hootin' and hollerin' to music that was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Original Score. $36/$39, Thursday, March 15; $43/$46, Friday, March 16. Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. 8 p.m. Info: 336-4800 or go on line to www.spencertheater.com.

Special Events

Cowboy Cabaret and Chocolate Buffet

Feb. 14: (Alamogordo) A delicious Valentine's Day tradition, featuring the music of "Junior" Daugherty with Thelma Pearl and Daybreak Express. 7:30 p.m. Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts, 1110 New York Ave. $14/person or $25/couple. Info: 437-2202.

Cross Your Heart Ski Races

Feb. 15: (Ski Apache) Annual costume (female) and fun race. 10 a.m. Entry fee: $15 with donations gladly accepted. Post race party at Casa Blanca, 6 p.m. Info: 464-3641.

Mountaintop Mardi Gras Cajun Heaven

Feb. 16-18, 20: (Cloudcroft) Large variety of activities each day for both children and adults. Parade, costume contest, food, story times and much, much more. Info: 682-2733 or visit www.cloudcroft.net.

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Feb. 17: (Ruidoso) Don't miss the great gumbo, live music and silent auction with mask-making, gumbo and costume contests. Sponsored by the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts at the Ruidoso Convention Center. 6-11 p.m. Admission: $10 adults, $5 children age 12 and under. Info: 257-7272 or rrcarts@valornet.com.

White Sands Film Festival

Feb. 20-24: (Alamogordo) An international film festival screening the top competitive films in five categories: documentary/educational, drama, comedy, animation and children's films. World premieres of a film by Nat Christian, *Channels*, and IMAX feature *Ride Around the World*. Additional events include seminars by film professionals, the "Taste of Otero County," an awards breakfast and a special film screening at the Family Recreation Center pool. Visit www.whitesandsfilmfestival.com for schedule and updates, event tickets and all other information.

"Wyatt Earp Goes to the Movies"

March 21: (Ruidoso Downs) Opening of new exhibit exploring "Hollywood Myth and Reality" at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. The show runs through Aug. 12. Visit www.hubbardmuseum.org for information.

Workshops

Painting on rocks

Feb. 15: (Carrizozo) The necessary materials will be available. You are welcome to bring your own brushes, acrylic paints, and special flagstone or smooth river rock. Jeannie Adams, instructor. 1-4 p.m. at The Studios on Twelfth Street. $30. Info: 648-2598 or email: gallery408-@tularosa.net.

Jewelry making

Feb. 22: (Carrizozo) Four-week class includes March 1, 8 and 15. Learn jewelry-making techniques with a variety of metals and stones. Instructor: Zoe de Negri. 1-4 p.m. at The Studios on Twelfth Street. $35 each session. Info: 648-2598 or email: gallery408-@tularosa.net.

Workshop opportunities

Spring: (Ruidoso) Scheduling is underway by Ardis Hood for 5-day workshops, or sessions of ten weekly classes, in "Drawing on the Creative Side," "Portrait Drawing," and "Figure Drawing" – all suitable for any skill level. "Advanced Drawing Techniques" will also be offered. All will begin in early Spring. To reserve a place in these classes, or for more information, call Hood at 257-8864.

Watercolor workshop

June 2-9: (Umbria, Italy) Retreat to a beautiful 12th Century Italian villa with Sketchbook Tours, www.sketchbooktours.com. 7 nights, meals, lodging and art supplies included. All levels of experience welcome. Join instructors Michael and Victoria Copeland for their 8th year of international touring and watercolor workshops. Call Copeland's Gallery in Alamogordo: 442-9594.

Super Bowl Media Day: a game in itself

Dave's World

by Dave Barry
Tribune Media Services

Tuesday was Super Bowl Media Day at Originally Joe Robbie Stadium. Media Day is when the players for the Super Bowl teams get interviewed into a stupor by several thousand members of the press corps. Each team gets interviewed for 60 minutes, which is approximately 58 minutes longer than necessary, because the players all make pretty much the same three points over and over and over:

Point 1: They are happy to be in the Super Bowl.

Point 2: They want to win the Super Bowl.

Point 3: They would rather have their prostate glands examined by an irate scorpion than sit through Media Day.

They don't actually express Point 3 out loud, but you can tell they are thinking it, especially when they're being interviewed by a hand puppet. There were actually two hand puppets at Media Day, both operated by a guy from a Mexican TV station. (The Super Bowl is big in Mexico, where it is called "The Super Bowl.")

The hand puppets were supposed to represent a bear and a colt, but in fact they both looked more like mutant fur-bearing frogs from space. The Mexican TV guy was thrusting these things into the faces of professional football linemen the size of convenience stores and asking them questions. Then, pretty much regardless of the answer, the hand puppet would go, "AY AY AY!"

Then the football player would pick up the TV guy by his neck and crush his windpipe like a Bud Light can.

OK, that last part did not happen, unfortunately. But I did see a Chicago Bear – specifically, safety Tyler Everett – tackle a Mexican TV reporter. I am not making this up. This was a different Mexican TV reporter, a woman wearing high heels and a very short skirt and a top that proclaimed, in no uncertain terms, the message, "Here are my bosoms!" She told Everett that she wanted him to tackle her, for her TV show. (Apparently she forgot to bring her hand puppets.)

Everett, to his credit, tried to get out of it, but she was very insistent, in the way certain women can be when they have self-proclaiming bosoms, so finally he gave in and kind of picked her up. Then *she* insisted on tackling *him*, and to avoid hurting her, he pretty much had to fall down. This suggests a weakness in the Bears defense, but I doubt that the Colts offense will be able to exploit it, unless they have more bosoms than they revealed on Media Day.

I know what you're thinking. You're thinking, "Were there any media at Media Day who *werem't* Mexican TV reporters?"

Yes, of course! This is the *Super Bowl* we're talking about! So the media corps also included two failed contestants from "American Idol." I am not making this up, either. Their names are Kenneth Briggs and Jonathan Jayne, and apparently they were not very good in their auditions, and Simon Cowell said mean things about them, so now – this being America – they are famous. They were representing the "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" show, conducting interviews with the players (sample question: "What's your favorite sport?"). They also sang - many times, for no apparent reason - "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," which is not really about football, but then neither is Super Bowl Media Day.

There were also some actual sports journalists on hand; mostly they crowded around the stars of the two teams. I would say the biggest star for the Bears is linebacker Brian Urlacher, who is often described as "intimidating" because he looks as though at any moment he will beat you to death with your own femur. The biggest star for the Colts is quarterback Peyton Manning, who football experts believe will eventually surpass both Dan Marino's and Joe Montana's records for most total career TV commercials. Manning can sell (*anything*. He could do an ad for a feminine hygiene product and guys all over America would be going, "Dang! I *need* that!"

SUPER BOWL GAME ADVISORY: Tickets for the game are still available from the office of U.S. Rep. Tom Tancredo, who will also be twirling baton in the halftime show ("A Salute to the Third World"). The game itself will be held Sunday at Originally Stadium, weather permitting. As you know, South Florida has been bludgeoned by a brutal cold wave, with temperatures dropping down toward 45 degrees, at which point human life becomes impossible.

The impact has been devastating, especially on the most vulnerable, least-protected members of our community: Hooters waitresses. Until the danger passes, we are urging everybody to stay indoors with your doors locked. Especially Mexican TV reporters. Thank you.

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••Dave Barry will be blogging live from the game at blogs.herald.com/-dave_barrys_blog.••

Polly's Potpourri

by Polly E. Chavez

A week ago I attempted to buy a bottle of vanilla extract (flavoring) at one of three convenience stores in town. No luck. A friend was at the same store looking for dried lima beans. No luck. The friend offered to go to Capitan to purchase my vanilla extract, along with lima beans. Carrizozo residents look forward to the day when we get a grocery store; meanwhile we "make do." We share and borrow. We borrow from the neighbors – a cup of sugar here, two eggs there. We are creative and resourceful.

For this column I offer the following tips, which, in "a pinch," may help someone, any where:

• Apply a drop of clear nail polish to the threads of eyeglass screws before tightening them tight.

• Pour liquid craft glue over a splinter. Let dry, then peel off the glue from the skin. The splinter may be removed if it is not imbedded too deep.

• Don't discard lemons after you have made lemonade. Rub your face with them. The citric acid in the lemon acts as an astringent, removing excess oil and deep-cleaning pores.

• Buttons from discarded clothing can be saved on the twist top wires that come with plastic food bags. Sort the buttons by color, size and design.

• For frayed shoelaces, rub glue on the ends, forming a point. When the glue hardens, it will be easier to rethread through shoe eyelets.

• Cover a skin blemish with a dab of honey and cover with a band-aid. Honey is said to keep skin sterile and speeds healing.

• Transform an old necktie into a Barbie doll's party dress.

• You can have your cake and eat it too. A friend buys the ingredients for two cakes and you do the baking. One for your family and one for theirs.

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THE TOMBAUGH IMAX DOME THEATER, at the New Mexico Museum of Space History, is the smallest large-format theater in the country. The projection dome and state-of-the-art surround sound system completely absorbs the audience in the action, whether it's an underwater dive following the wake of a beaver, the swirling ferocity of a tornado or the explosive beauty of a supernova. Features are shown daily from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., with a 6 p.m. planetarium show and movie on Friday and Saturday nights. Located at the top of Highway 2001 in Alamogordo, approximately 2 miles east of the intersection of White Sands Boulevard and Indian Wells Road. Call for IMAX show times and prices. Info: 877-333-6589 or 505-437-2840 or www.nmspacemuseum.org.

• *Magnificent Desolation: Walking on the Moon* takes audiences to the surface of the moon to walk alongside the extraordinary Apollo astronauts.

• *Deep Sea* takes moviegoers on a swim with some of the planet's most unique, dangerous and colorful creatures. Directed by world-renowned underwater cinematographer, Howard Hall, produced by Toni Myers and Michele Hall and narrated by Johnny Depp and Kate Winslet, with an original score by Danny Elfman.

• *Roving Mars* poses the question: Is there life on Mars? This IMAX film details the journey of "Spirit" and "Opportunity", two rovers exploring the red planet. The documentary uses images shot by the "MERs" (Mars Exploration Rovers) vehicles that fly to Mars and send back images to Earth.

Las Cruces

Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe, 1/2 block south of the plaza in Mesilla, is the historic theater, operated by the Mesilla Valley Film Society. Feature films at 7:30 p.m. daily, plus 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Admission: $6 ($5 seniors and students; $4 society members); $4 on Wednesday, $5 for Sunday matinee. Information, film schedule: 505-524-8287 or www.fountaintheatre.org

Feb. 2-8 • *Rules of the Game* (Director: Jean Renoir • France • 1939 • 1 hour, 50 minutes). Director Jean Renoir's masterpiece, is at once frivolous and poignant – a melancholy lament for a world gone awry, delivered in a tone so light you might think you had missed it. *The Rules of the Game* follows the amorous exploits of a group of aristocrats invited to a hunting party at a French château. Their hectic intrigues find an uncanny echo in the affairs of their servants, upstairs and downstairs comically crossing paths on the way to a tragic conclusion. The film's dazzlingly labyrinthine script never mentions the coming war, yet its menace permeates a milieu that seems to have lost all moral compass, and where the ideal of happiness had been sacrificed to one of mere amusement. And amuse themselves these people do – along with us. Their spineless yet sympathetic host, the wealthy, Jewish Marquis de la Chesnaye, when he's not attempting to rid himself of a cumbersome mistress, entertains himself with mechanical toys that mirror his own vacuity. The film was cut twice, and its original negative was destroyed by Allied bombing. The occasion for this re-release is its complete restoration from a master print. It is required viewing, if only to understand the ideal that filmmakers from the late Robert Altman to Woody Allen have been after. And even if you think you know it, see it again for its newly rediscovered depth of field, and even more, for its infinite wellsprings of character and empathy.

NEW MEXICO CONNECTION MATINEE at the Fountain Theatre presents films that have a New Mexico connection or touch on life in the West. One screening a month will be chosen from other genres such as foreign, animation, or contemporary classic. Screenings are at 1:30 p.m. Saturdays. Admission: $3; free for Fountain members. Info: 505-522-4100

Feb. 3 • *Bandiddas* (2006, 92 minutes, Rated PG-13). Set in Mexico in 1888, *Bandidas* is a fun and light western comedy about two women, Maria Alvarez (Penelope Cruz) and Sara Sandoval (Salma Hayek), who seek to avenge the tragedies befallen both their fathers under robber baron, Tyler Jackson (Dwight Yoakam). Jackson, employed by the Bank of New York, is sent to Mexico to buy land and open banks to the detriment of local culture. Jackson kills Sara's corrupt father, Don Diego, while bandits burn down Maria's home. The two ladies band together for the community's cause. Under the tutelage of Bill Buck (former N.M. resident Sam Sheperd), Sara and Maria develop bank robbery skills. When criminologist Quentin Cooke (Santa Fe resident Steve Zahn), hunts them, they convert him with their strong moral sense and good looks. Like any Thelma and Louise-ish tale of women who take charge, Maria and Sara are foil characters who eventually become an invincible, sisterly team.

Now Showing in Ruidoso & Alamogordo

Showtimes • Ruidoso : Sierra Cinema, 257-9444 Alamogordo : Cinema 5, 437-9301
Or log on to www.allentheatresinc.com.

Clive Owen, left, gets more than he bargained for when agreeing to see a pregnant woman to safety in "Children of Men."

The Messengers

Opens Feb. 2

This dark supernatural thriller from brothers Oxide Pang Chun and Danny Pang stars Dylan McDermott, Penelope Ann Miller and Kristin Stewart as a family trying to take over and run a remote sunflower farm. But the ominous signs that something is very, very wrong with their new home increase and crystallize following the arrival of a drifter.

Now showing in Alamogordo, starring Dylan McDermott, Penelope Ann Miller, John Corbett, Kristen Stewart, Dustin Milligan. Directed by Oxide Pang. Rated PG-13.

Children of Men

Critic's Quip: "*Children of Men* is filled with scenes which dazzle you with their technical complexity and visual virtuosity. On this level alone, it's easily one of the best films of the year and represents a new level of artistry for Cuarón."

– Ethan Alter
FILM JOURNAL INTERNATIONAL

Children of Men is not a popcorn movie. With its almost relentlessly bleak perspective of the future, Alfonso Cuarón's film doesn't make for pleasant viewing. But it's an exhilarating experience because the picture is an incredible dystopian drama that lacks all of the typical trappings of the genre. Set uncomfortably close to the present, it paints a frighteningly realistic picture of the future. In 2027, every woman on earth is infertile. With the loss of their ability to have children, the world has also lost hope. Clive Owen plays Theo, a Briton attempting to make a life in this hellish world. His estranged wife convinces him to help transport a young woman to safety. When Theo learns that the woman is pregnant, their journey takes on a significance – and a danger – he never imagined.

Now showing in Alamogordo, starring Clive Owen, Julianne Moore, Michael Caine, Chjwetel Ejiofor, Peter Mullan, Charlie Hunnam, Pam Ferris, Danny Huston, Jacek Koman. Directed by Alfonso Cuarón. Rated R.

Because I Said So

Critic's Quip: "Everything about *Because I Said So* screams out generic chick flick – and we do mean scream, literally – from the forgettable title to the excruciatingly corny ending."

– Christy Lemire
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Filmmaker Michael Lehmann makes a return

CINEMA

to the director's chair with the genial comedy *Because I Said So.* Diane Keaton and Mandy Moore star as a mother and daughter, with the former desperate to find the right man for the latter to ensure she doesn't make the same mistakes her mother did.

Now showing in Alamogordo and Ruidoso, starring Diane Keaton, Mandy Moore, Piper Perabo, Tom Everett Scott, Neil Hopkins, Lauren Graham, Stephen Collins, Tony Hale. Directed by Michael Lehmann. Rated PG-13.

The Queen

Critic's Quip: "*The Queen* is the most reverent irreverent comedy imaginable. Or maybe it's the most irreverent reverent comedy. Either way, it's a small masterpiece."

– Derek Elley
VARIETY

Helen Mirren delivers a royally stirring performance as Queen Elizabeth II in Stephen Frears's fictional romp, *The Queen*. The year is 1997, and Great Britain has a newly elected prime minister, the youthful, optimistic Tony Blair. In Buckingham Palace, the Queen doesn't appear to be fazed by Blair's arrival. Then again, she doesn't appear to be fazed by anything. But when Diana – her son's ex-wife and the mother of her grandchildren – is killed in a tragic car accident, her authority is tested as never before.

Now showing in Ruidoso, starring Helen Mirren, Michael Sheen, James Cromwell, Sylvia Syms, Alex Jennings, Roger Allam, Helen McCrory. Directed by Stephen Frears. Rated PG-13.

Epic Movie

Critic's Quip: "Strays so far from the solid fundamentals of filmmaking that it calls the very foundation of humor into question."

– Nathan Rabin
ONION AV CLUB

Numerous big-budget movies are parodied in *Epic Movie*, with the central narrative allowing its cast to poke fun at films such as *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Nacho Libre, Snakes on a Plane* and many others.

Now showing in Alamogordo, starring Kal Penn, Adam Campbell, Jennifer Coolidge, Fred Willard, Jim Piddock, Faune A. Chambers, Darrell Hammond, Kevin Hart. Directed by Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer. Rated PG-13.

Happily N'Ever After

Critic's Quip: "Tolerable, but far from magical, *Happily N'Ever After* is just another one of what is becoming a genre: Lackluster CGI-animated films."

— Linda Cook
QUAD CITY TIMES (DAVENPORT, IOWA)

For those who couldn't get enough of *Shrek, Happily N'Ever After* supplies a similar take on fairy-tale traditions. Set in Fairy Tale Land, this comedy features the heroes and villains of stories from Rumplestiltskin to Sleeping Beauty. The job of the wizard (George Carlin) is to ensure everyone has happy endings. But when he leaves on vacation, he entrusts his tasks to his inept assistants. Cinderella's evil stepmother (Sigourney Weaver) begins to wreak havoc on the endings of fairy tales. Though she's interested in menace in general, she particularly wants her stepdaughter, Ella (Sarah Michelle Gellar), to suffer. She vows to keep her from Prince Charming (Patrick Warburton), much to the delight of his servant, Rick (Freddie Prinze, Jr.), who is in love with Ella himself.

Now showing in Alamogordo, starring Sigourney Weaver, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Freddie Prinze, George Carlin, Michael McShane, Patrick Warburton, Andy Dick. Directed by Paul Bolger. Rated PG.

The Queen. *"Oh, hurry up and paint the bloody picture! I can only hold this semi-smile for so long!"*

Freedom Writers

Critic's Quip: "Although Freedom Writers is the latest in a long line of saint-saves-students stories, it takes the bold approach of being earnest, honest and unafraid to be called naive. As a result, it's extremely affecting."

— John Anderson
VARIETY

Based on actual diary accounts of several teenagers following the L.A. riots, *Freedom Writers* is the story of an idealistic teacher's attempts to make a difference in the lives of her at-risk students.

Now showing in Alamogordo, starring Hilary Swank, Imelda Staunton, Patrick Dempsey, Scott Glenn, Robert Wisdom. Directed by Richard LaGravenese. Rated PG-13.

Apocalypto

Critic's Quip: "A true vision in every sense of the word, realized as a stunning ballet of unforgettable visuals and unrelenting violence."

— Edward Douglas
COMINGSOON.NET

Jaguar Paw (Rudy Youngblood) and his fellow villagers lead a peaceful life in the forest until a savage, unprovoked attack turns their world upside down. After hiding his pregnant wife and young son from the invaders, Jaguar Paw joins in the fight, only to be taken prisoner with the rest of the survivors.

Uncertain of what the future holds, Jaguar Paw has just one goal – to return to his wife and child. Jaguar Paw's journey is a coming-of-age saga running the gamut of love, loss, courage, and redemption.

Now showing in Ruidoso, starring Dalia Hernandez, Mayra Serbulo, Gerardo Taracena, Raoul Trujillo. Directed by Mel Gibson. Rated R.

Stomp the Yard

Critic's Quip: "Dave Scott's choreography is often dynamic and imaginative, but only a true fan is going to crave this much stepping."

– Kirk Honeycutt
HOLLYWOOD REPORTER

A young dancer from a troubled background in Los Angeles finally finds his calling in life as two fraternities compete for his skills when he enrolls at a university in Atlanta.

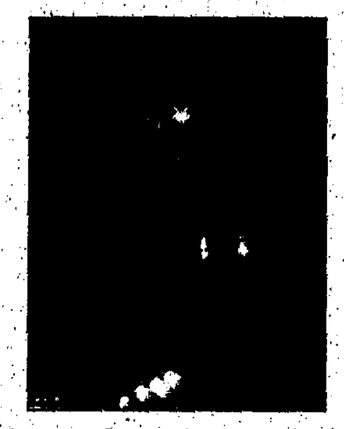
Now showing in Ruidoso, starring Columbus Short, Meagan Good, Laz Alonso, Harry J. Lennix, Jermaine Williams, Brian J. White, Ne-Yo. Directed by Sylvain White. Rated PG-13.

Prepare your senses!

Your eyes, your ears and even your taste buds will get a workout at the third annual White Sands Film Festival in February.

Make plans to catch any or all of the exciting films from all over the world. There will be seminars, events, and, yes, great food, too.

There are multiple ticket packages available. Call today and make your plans for February, 505-437-2202.



Poncho Sanchez!
The Grammy winner and Latin jazz legend will kick off the Film Festival with a concert Wed., Feb. 21, in Alamogordo.

For Tickets Call (505) 437-2202

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Based on sales from hundreds of independent bookstores across America for the week ending Jan. 28, 2007.

HARDCOVER FICTION

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Christopher Moore, Morrow, $21.95, 9780060590291

2. The Castle in the Forest – Debut
Norman Mailer, Random House, $27.95, 9780394536491

3. Plum Lovin'
Janet Evanovich, St. Martin's, $16.95, 9780312306342

4. Water for Elephants
Sara Gruen, Algonquin, $23.95, 9781565124998

5. For One More Day
Mitch Albom, Hyperion, $21.95, 9781401303273

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. The Audacity of Hope
Barack Obama, Crown, $25, 9780307237699

2. Palestine
Jimmy Carter, S&S, $27, 9780743285025

3. The Best Life Diet
Bob Greene, S&S, $26, 9781416540663

4. About Alice
Calvin Trillin, Random House, $14.95, 9781400066155

5. I Feel Bad About My Neck
Nora Ephron, Knopf, $19.95, 9780307264558

PAPERBACK FICTION

1. The Memory Keeper's Daughter
Kim Edwards, Penguin, $14, 9780143037149

2. The Inheritance of Loss
Kiran Desai, Grove, $14, 9780802142818

3. Snow Flower and the Secret Fan
Lisa See, Random House, $13.95, 9780812968064

4. The History of Love
Nicole Krauss, Norton, $13.95, 9780393328622

5. Arthur & George
Julian Barnes, Vintage, $14.95, 9781400097036

PAPERBACK NON-FICTION

1. Dreams From My Father
Barack Obama, Three Rivers, $14.95, 9781400082773

2. The Worst Hard Time
Timothy Egan, Mariner, $14.95, 9780618773473

3. The Measure of a Man: A Spiritual Biography – Debut
Sidney Poitier, HarperSanFrancisco, $14.95, 9780061357909

4. The Places in Between
Rory Stewart, Harvest, $14, 9780156031561

5. The Glass Castle
Jeannette Walls, Scribner, $14, 9780743247542

The sins of the mothers

REVIEW BY MEREDITH MCGUIRE
BOOKPAGE.COM

At the beginning of Vendela Vida's second novel, *Let the Northern Lights Erase Your Name*, Clarissa Iverton's mother informs her that she was named Clarissa in order to rewrite history. Though it will be years until Clarissa fully comprehends this statement, Vida explores whether such a revision is, in fact, possible. Throughout the novel, she poses the question: Can we escape who we are? Her answer, quite simply, is yes, we can.

From the time her mother forever turns her back on her family during a holiday shopping trip to the mall, Clarissa views herself as the opposite of her mother's daughter. After years of trying to bask in the fickle spotlight of her mother's love, with her mother's absence Clarissa becomes caring, responsible and trustworthy – in short, the antithesis of her mother. This idea, however, is abruptly shattered after the unexpected death of her father and a grief-fueled trip to Lapland. In the outer reaches of the Arctic Circle, she discovers not only that she shares similarities with her mother, but also that their lives are eerily parallel. Confronted with knowledge concerning both her mother's past and her own, Clarissa is faced with the option of correcting the mistakes of both. In doing so, she realizes that the sins of her mother are surprisingly easy to replicate – or to avenge. It is up to Clarissa, however, to determine which path to choose.

Let the Northern Lights Erase Your Name
By Vendela Vida
Ecco, $23.95
240 pages
ISBN 9780060828370

An editor of the literary magazine *The Believer* (and wife of novelist and *McSweeney's* editor Dave Eggers), Vida has a clean and crisp writing style, almost staccato in the way it punctuates details and illuminates emotions. As she sweeps through different stages of Clarissa's life, Vida changes the narrative style, capturing both the warped logic of a teenager and the jaded attitude of an almost-30 woman with equal skill. Her language does not compete with her story, yet it is not rare to pause over a particularly well-crafted phrase or description and turn it over in one's mind with delighted approval. Through the stories of Clarissa and her mother, Vida explores the notion of how much of our past we are able to escape and how much we are burdened to repeat.

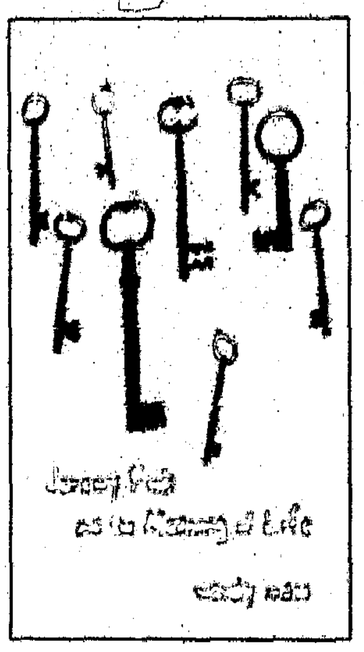
Meredith McGuire writes from San Francisco.

The keys to life

REVIEW BY ROBIN SMITH
BOOKPAGE.COM

"My sweat smells like peanut butter." So opens *Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life*, a moving, hilarious and altogether engaging tale of self-discovery by Wendy Mass. Jeremy and Lizzie are best friends and have been since they were one-year-olds. They have lived through the departure of Lizzie's mother, who ran off with a Dakota cattle rancher, and the death of Jeremy's father. They are friends in the almost-like-a-sibling sort of way and not, definitely not, in the I-have-a-secret-crush-on-you way. Their bedrooms share a wall between their apartments and they have been passing notes, getting into spats and bossing each other around for nearly 12 years.

When he is about to turn 13, Jeremy opens a package from his father, deceased five years earlier. Engraved on the box are the words, "THE MEANING OF LIFE: FOR JEREMY FINK TO OPEN ON HIS 13TH BIRTHDAY." The box has keyholes on four sides and an accompanying letter explains that the keys have been accidentally lost. Intrigued? Well, so are Jeremy and Lizzie. And, as you might imagine, they embark on a search for the mysterious missing keys – and for the meaning of life.



Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life
By Wendy Mass
Little, Brown, $15.99
304 pages
ISBN 9780316058292
Ages 9-15

Mass manages to create both a mystery and a universal story. And she does it with no hint of moralizing or pretension. The characters have believable quirks: Jeremy collects mutant candy, is fearful of using public transportation, prefers to stay in his house or neighborhood and is obsessed with junk food. Lizzie has a collection of accidentally-found playing cards, likes adventure but lacks judgment, is used to taking care of herself and her father and makes quick decisions. The adults in the story, from the mother and father to Jeremy's plainspoken Grandma, are blessedly normal as well. They are busy, overextended and challenged by their lives as single parents. And everyone in this story is looking, in his or her own way, for the meaning of life.

Mass stays true to her characters and doesn't wimp out on the ending. Jeremy does discover the meaning of life, and you will, too. This is an unforgettable book that you will want to give to someone the minute you reluctantly turn the final page.

Dining Guide

Key Code:

- $ Low-priced (most entrees under $8)
- $$ Mid-priced (most entrees $8-$15)
- $$$ High-priced (most entrees over $15)
- 🍸 Alcoholic beverages served
- ☎ Reservations required or suggested
- V Vegetarian friendly
- NS Non-smoking restaurant
- DS Has a designated smoking section

Ruidoso / Lincoln County

Bar-B-Que

Apache Summit • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at Inn of the Mountain Gods next to pro shop • 464-7695. **$$ DS** 🍸

Can't Stop Smokin' • 418 Mechem Dr. • 630-0000 • Bar-B-Que to go. Beef, Poultry & Pork. **$ NS**

Circle J Barbecue • 1825 Sudderth • 257-4105 • Sun-Thurs 11a.m.-8:30p.m. Fri-Sat, 11a.m.-9:30p.m. **$ DS**

Cafés

Alto Café • Hwy. 48 & Gavilan Canyon Rd. • 336-1980 • 6:30-3 daily. **$$**

Books & Beans Espresso Deli • 2501 Sudderth • 630-2326 • Full espresso bar, deli, soups, salads. **$$ NS V**

Buffalo Gal Coffee & Gifts • 500 W Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan, 354-8309 • DriveThru at 203 E. Hwy. 70 at Beall's, Ruidoso, 378-1890 • 113 Central Ave., Carrizozo • 648-5637 •Coffee, pastries, smoothies, hot & cold drinks. Lunch served at Capitan location, sandwiches, pizza, salads; breakfast & pastries. Phone-in orders OK. **$ V NS**

Cornerstone Bakery Café • 359 Sudderth • 257-1842 • 8-11 & 11:30-2 daily • Deli, desserts, fresh breads, coffee. **$$ NS V**

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

Flatlanders Café • 1009 Mechem • 258-2220 • 7-4, M-F • Gourmet sandwiches. **$ NS V**

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Ruidoso Roastery • 113 Rio St. • 257-3676 • M-F 7-4, Sa 8-4. **$ NS**

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Four Winds Restaurant • 111 Central Ave., Carrizozo • 648-2964 • Mon-Sat, 6a.m.-9p.m. Sunday 7a.m. to 9p.m. • American variety, Mexican, freshly baked goods, lounge. **$$ DS** 🍸

Cree Meadows Restaurant • 301 Country Club • 257-2733 • Mon-Sat, breakfast 7a.m.-11a.m., lunch 11a.m.-3p.m. Thurs-Sat, dinner 5p.m.-9p.m. Closed Sunday • Steak, seafood, lounge, banquet room. **$$ DS** 🍸

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

Western Grill • 157 W. Hwy. 70 • 378-4747. **$$ DS V** 🍸

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Weber's Grill • 441 Mechem • 257-9559 • Wed-Mon, 11a.m.-9p.m. Fri-Sat, 11a.m.-10p.m. **$$ DS V** 🍸

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Alamogordo / Otero County

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Cafés

Brown Bag Deli • 900 Washington •Alamogordo • 437-9751 • Open Mon-Sat, 9a.m.-9p.m, Sun 10a.m.-9p.m • Deli, daily special. **$ V NS**

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

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

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

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Compass Rose • 2203 1st St. • Alamogordo • 434-9633.

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Long John Silver's • 19 S. White Sands • Alamogordo • 434-0330.

McDonald's • 222 S. White Sands, Alamogordo, 437-2414 • Wal-Mart, 437-4339.

Sonic Drive In • Alamogordo • 504 S. White Sands, 437-6505 • 101 Glacier Dr, 434-5263.

Subway Sandwiches & Salads • 100 Central, Tularosa • 585-8410.

Subway Sandwiches & Salads • Alamogordo • 630 S. White Sands, 437-7461 • 1101 E Tenth St, 437-0200.

Taco Bell • 201 Panorama • Alamogordo • 437-3873.

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Waffle & Pancake Shoppe • 950 S White Sands • Alamogordo • 437-0433.

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Margo's Mexican Food • 504 E 1st • Alamogordo • 434-0689.

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Maximino's • 2300 N. White Sands • Alamogordo • 443-6102.

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Ingredients

2 pkg. (8 oz. each) PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, softened
1 pkg. (8 oz.) KRAFT Shredded Sharp Cheddar Cheese
1/2 cup KRAFT 100% Grated Parmesan Cheese
1/2 cup MIRACLE WHIP Dressing
1/4 cup chopped green onions
1/4 tsp. black pepper
1 pkg. (3 oz.) OSCAR MAYER Real Bacon Bits Pimientos or roasted red pepper strips (optional)
RITZ Crackers
Instructions

BEAT cheeses and dressing in medium bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended.

ADD onions and black pepper; mix well. Cover. Refrigerate several hours or until chilled.

PLACE on serving plate; form into football shape. Sprinkle evenly with bacon bits. Add pimento strips for "lacing." Serve with the crackers.

CUISINE

The place for romance

Dining out

with Ivana B. Diningwell

Gentlemen, Ivana just wants to remind you that Valentine's Day is approaching and that it's not too early to start making plans for you and your sweety. Believe me, you don't want to be standing in line at the drugstore on the big day, shoulder to shoulder with all the other hapless males in town, desperately clutching a pink heart-shaped cardboard box filled with chocolates of dubious quality.

If you can't quite swing a weekend in Paris, consider instead a quiet dinner for two at Sundance Steak & Seafood. The lights are low, the wine flows freely and – who knows? – by the end of the meal you might walk out onto snowy Sudderth and think you're on the Champs-Élysees. (Just don't fall on your derrière.)

Robin Ciccarelli and Linda Jouett bought the former La Lorraine and opened Sundance a little more than a year ago. Their backgrounds in engineering and manufacturing didn't make the restaurant business an obvious choice, but Robin is quick to point out that all the actual cooking is left to the real professionals.

"If I were cooking, you'd be eating cereal, or macaroni and cheese," she said, laughing.

Be assured, dear readers, you will not be eating cereal. In fact, Ivana suggests that you cut right to the chase and go for the Australian lobster tail (after all, look what you're saving on airfare.)

Chef Leslie Largo has planned some yummy specials for Valentine's Day, in addition to the regular menu offerings. Mushroom stuffed, bacon wrapped bobwhite quail should be exotic enough for almost any taste. (Roasted nightingales, anyone?) Then there's the combo of a filet mignon and an eight-ounce lobster tail for those who just can't choose between the land and the sea.

The scrumptious crustaceans also make an appearance in the creamy lobster bisque. Another soup of note is the spicy Poblano chile corn chowder – "not for gringos," according to veteran waiter John Raven.

Raven reports that the restaurant's most popular dishes are the duck breast, served with a cherry chipotle sauce, and lamb in a variety of manifestations. Steak lovers can think small with a filet mignon or go for the gusto with a 14-ounce Black Angus ribeye.

The restaurant's interior is elegant yet warm and intimate – if you remember La Lorraine, not much has changed. In fact, the pastry chef Liyi Martin came as part of the furnishings, making all the restaurant's breads and desserts.

Her Valentine's Day contribution is a strawberry crème brulée and chocolate-dipped strawberries. Ivana wishes to report that her Key lime pie has just the right blend of tart and sweet – very much like Ivana herself, come to think of it. Another popular cold-weather dessert is the hot apple dumpling, topped with hot caramel sauce.

The wine list has more than 80 varieties, and there is a nice selection of beers as well.

Sundance seems to be a place for romance – Robin reports that numerous marriage proposals, anniversaries and bridal party dinners have taken place there.

"Then there was the woman from Amarillo who called and said that she'd bought a new outfit and she needed a place to wear it, and wanted to make reservations," Robin said. "A few nights later they showed up, and she was wearing her new outfit." She paused a moment, then confessed, "I'm not sure I'd drive five hours to eat dinner, but I'm glad that people do."

And you'll be glad you did, too, and you probably don't have to travel nearly so far.

So, love on, gentle readers. Ivana leaves you with some words from that wintry poet, Robert Frost:

"Love is the irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired."

PERFORMANCE

Rockin' at the high school

Picture a large group of high school students doing a musical set in a high school about a high school doing a musical. Most of us grown-ups experienced at least one high school production in our lives, and can readily relate to the story of *High School Musical*, which opens tonight at the Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center.

High School Musical, Disney's hot new addition to the world of family-oriented stage shows, set viewership records when the made-for-cable TV movie debuted on the Disney Channel Jan. 20, 2006, and has since been seen by millions of viewers thanks to reruns and a DVD release. Although initially aimed at the 9- to 14-year-old crowd, the Emmy award-winning television film's appeal exceeded expectations. The soundtrack went triple-platinum and was the top-selling CD of 2006, and "*High School Musical*: the Concert" is currently on tour to sell-out audiences around the U.S.

Disney Theatrical Productions announced last April that it would release a stage version of the show for local productions beginning in the fall, and Ruidoso High School drama teacher and director, Cathi McIntosh, was "waiting in line" to secure production rights when they became available last October.

For readers who may not have seen the movie, the story is straight out of high school. There are self-centered cliques – in this case, the Jocks, the Skaters, the Brainiacs and the Thespians – and no one is let in, or out. Two high school students, Troy (a jock) and Gabriella (a brainiac and the new kid in school), have met through singing Karaoke together over the New Year's holiday, and when they want to audition together for the school's upcoming musical production, their peers can't believe they would do something so uncharacteristic. Soon, other students are confessing their passions beyond their stereotyped places in the high school social scene. Jealousies and rivalries, even among the teachers, lead to scorn, deceptiveness and saboutage, with quite a bit of humor, great songs and a happy ending.

Ruidoso's cast and crew, under the direction of McIntosh, with musical direction by Sherry Taylor and technical direction by Ed Spurr, have a done an outstanding job of putting together a show that audiences of all ages will love. Performances are Feb. 2-4 and 9-11, with Friday and Saturday shows at 7 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 for adults and $8 for students. For more information, contact McIntosh at 258-4910.

Be sure to come out and show your support for these young performers. You will have a great time. See you there!

Cast

THE NERDS

Jack Scott: JJ Wood

Kelsi: Lizzi Jackson & Jessica Salas

THE BRAINIACS

Gabriella: Fricka Olvera

Taylor: Jordan Kelley

Martha: Chelo Amador

Other Brainiacs: Brequel Corman, Stephanie DiPaolo, Alina Telles, Josie Parsons

THE JOCKS

Troy: Connor Reveley

Chad: Joey Baldonado, Curtis Hobby

Zeke: Jacob Rigsby

Other Jocks: Chris Reed, Curtis Hobby, Jacob Rigsby, Nate Huffman, JJ Wood

THE THESPIANS

Sharpay Evans: Krysta Snowden

Ryan Evans: Schuyler Talsma

James: Nate Huffman

Alan: Cody Jones

Susan: Kendall Kelley, Shawee Lawrence

Cathy: Kristin Heathcock

Cyndra: Jamie Wyla

Dancer: Josie Parsons

[illegible]: Ellen Koehler, Lindsey Porter, Bebe Garcia

SKATER DUDES

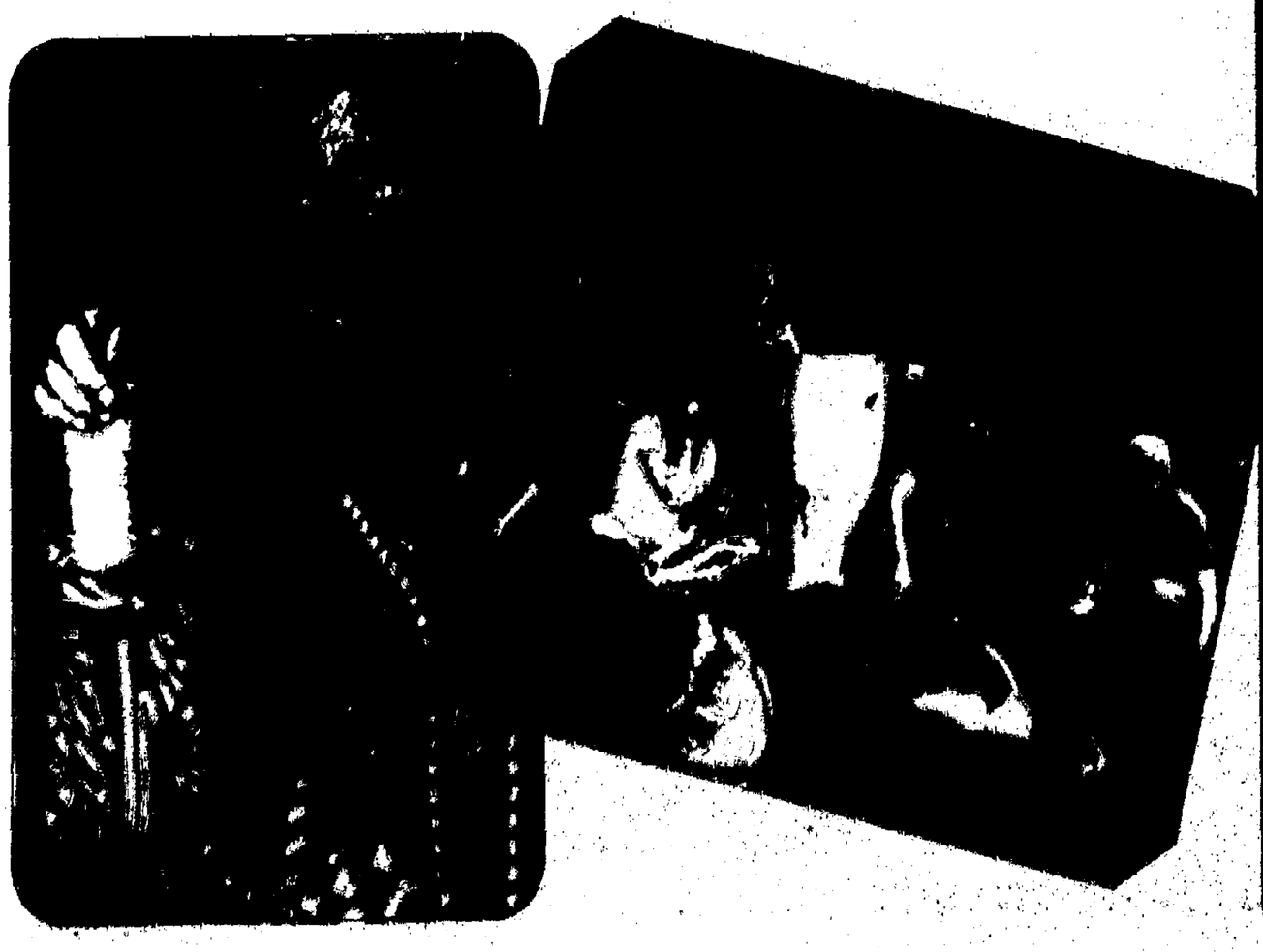
Cody Jones, Nate Huffman

CHEERLEADERS

Lindsey Porter, Bebe Garcia, Marisa Olvera, Ellen Koehler, Erika McCrea, Keibi Miller, Jessica Salas, Lizzie Jackson

Ms. Darbus: Samantha Ivens

Coach Bolton: Tyler Jones



Film festival guest

BY JAN WAFFUL
FOR ¡VAMONOS!

Ann Marcus? Do you know the name? If you don't know her name, you certainly know, and have seen, her work. Marcus is a Hollywood Executive Producer with a string of credits behind her name, which gives a long list of her work and accomplishments. These accomplishments were the results of years of hard work and a brilliant creative mind. You will recognize many of her projects; these creations have been written with an intuitive mind and a passion for life. Marcus has imbued her characters with realism drawn from a creative working and personal life, well-lived.

Born in Little Falls, New York, Marcus moved to New York City as a young woman with a degree from Western College, intent upon a career in journalism at the *Daily News*. First, she worked as a "copy boy" in New York for $15 a week. After being promoted and becoming a reporter, she began to work with *Life* magazine as a researcher-reporter.

After WWII, Ann married Ellis Marcus, a writer. While she concentrated on their home and family, her husband was finding success in television as a writer, which took them west in 1951.

Following in the footsteps of her sister, Tracy Roberts, Marcus decided to try acting. She appeared on stage and in television episodes for a brief stint. Realizing she did not think she would have a substantial career as an actress, Marcus wrote a play, *A Woman's Place*, which was staged at the Desilu Playhouse on the Paramount studio lot in 1960.

Once this successful venture was made, things began to happen for her writing career. She was able to get an agent. A new job was offered to Marcus and she wrote scripts for an episode of *The Hathaways*. Albeit the producer asked that she write the program with the collaborative help of her more seasoned writer-husband, Marcus had at last broken into the medium and was offered other writing jobs quickly.

The rest is history. After writing *Peyton Place*, she became an icon in the world of soap operas. Marcus went on to win an Emmy Award for writing the pilot for the soap opera parody *Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman*, of which she was the co-creator and writer. From there she served as a head writer, first for *Days of Our Lives*, and then for a serial at the end of its long run, *Love of Life*.

In the early eighties, soap operas became prime time in a big way. Marcus and her husband joined *Knots Landing* during its second season. She subsequently moved over to *Falcon Crest* and was elevated to supervising producer, then returned to daytime television as head writer for the wildly popular *General Hospital*.

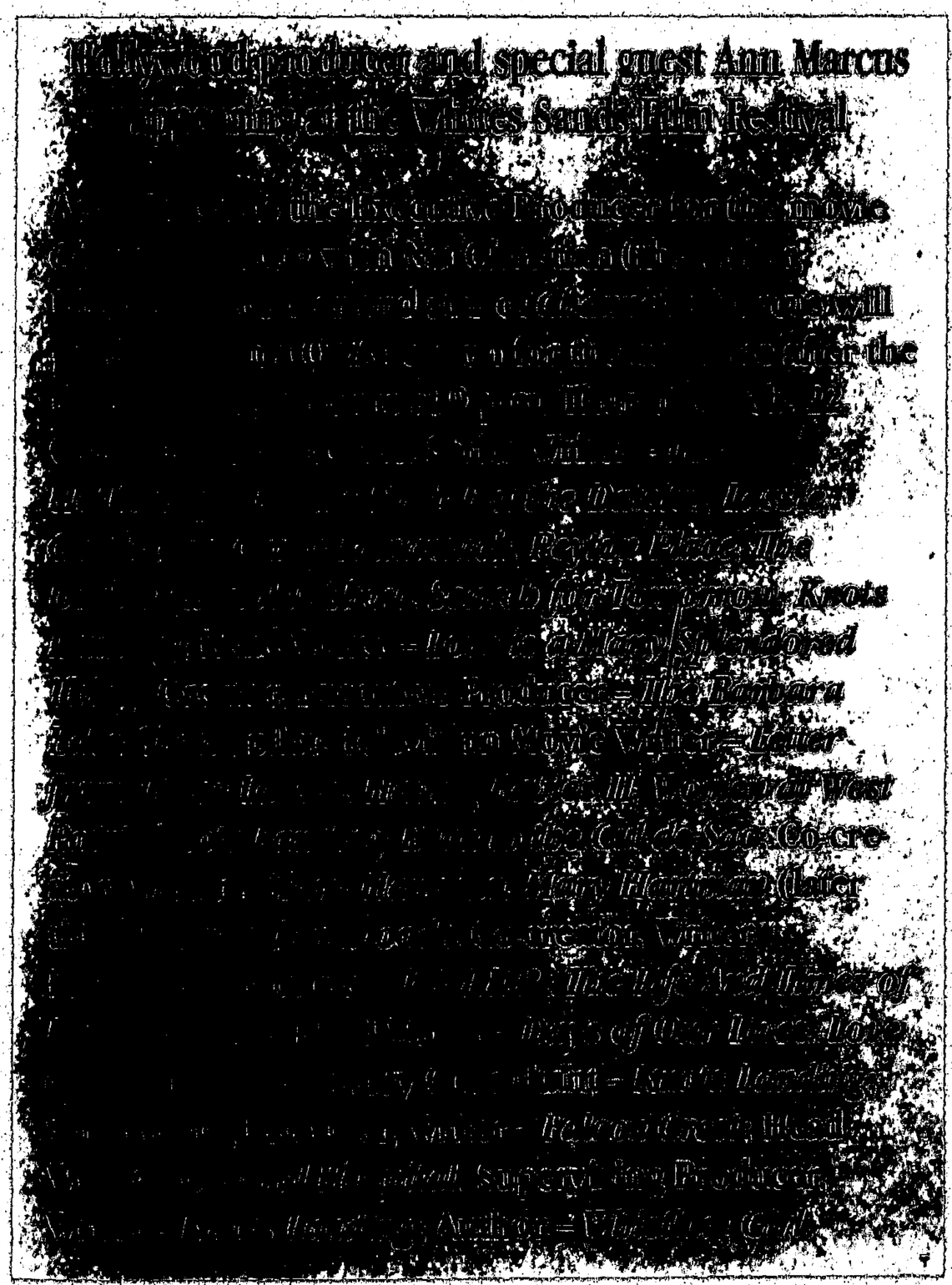
Marcus was so valued and admired by the producers of *Knots Landing* that she was asked back in the nineties when the show was having trouble. It was her stories and her ability to craft multiple story lines that saved the show. In 1997 she was asked back again to co-write the reunion miniseries.

Not only were producers and directors her fans, but she won the respect and admiration of her colleagues as well.

Ann Marcus was elected to the board of directors of the Writers Guild of America on eight occasions, and she also served as the secretary-treasurer for two years. In 1998, Ann wrote her memoir, *Whistling Girl*. Deep down, Marcus knew she wanted to be a writer, and cataloguing her collection of work is like driving down a memory lane of life and times for most of us.

After such a long and distinguished career, she has become a real treasure of the writing industry. She is a shining example, and proof that you can make your own success, just keep living, working and striving toward your initial goal.

What a wonderful journey she has made it.


Hollywood producer and special guest Ann Marcus

PERFORMANCE

Russian invasion

The Moscow Festival Ballet continues its 17-week 2007 tour of the U.S. with a performance of *Don Quixote* Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. Tickets are still available for the 8 p.m. performance ($46-$49) at the Spencer Theater box office, 336-4800, 888-818-7872 (toll free) or at www.spencertheater.com.

The Moscow Festival Ballet was founded in 1989 when legendary principal dancer of the Bolshoi Ballet Sergei Radchenko sought to realize his vision of a company which would bring together the highest classical elements of the great Bolshoi and Kirov Ballet companies in an independent new company. Radchenko follows his heart and brings his beloved classical dance form to venues and small cities that otherwise would have little, if any, opportunity to see Russian professional ballet – live.

This year, the Moscow Festival Ballet is touring – sets and all – with a classical repertoire including *Don Quixote, Giselle, Romeo and Juliet* and *Swan Lake*.

"They never go out of style," Radchenko said of the classical ballets.

Radchenko tours with the company. He sees his role very much as a father figure to his "family" of 50 dancers and crew.

"The dancers, they must know that there's somebody looking after them," he said.

Such hands-on involvement isn't common in theatrical productions. Andrew Lloyd Webber doesn't travel from show to show during each off-Broadway run of *Cats*, for example, but Radchenko is always there to keep his group on task.

"After each show I have a small meeting, they stay on the stage, and I'm telling them what was mistaken and what they're going to do next time," he said.

He might be found backstage, in the orchestra pit or among the crowd during the performances. And he's always taking notes. From time to time, he'll take his eyes off his "family" to look around at audience members enjoying ballet for the first time.

Don Quixote is a love story in which Quixote tries to help young Kitri marry her love, Basilio, and avoid an unhappy future with her father's choice, Camacho.

"People love it," Radchenko said. "It's my favorite."

Radchenko graduated from the Moscow School of Dance in 1964 and then joined the Bolshoi Ballet, where he worked for 25 years. He founded the Moscow Festival Ballet in 1989. The company has toured the world and often performs in the United States.

"We enjoy everything here. It's very cozy for traveling," Radchenko said.

Don Quixote is done in three acts, lasting about 21/2 hours. Moscow Festival Ballet brings its own costumes, drops and scenery. Radchenko calls Moscow home in the summertime but other than that, home is where Moscow Festival Ballet performs.

"It's my life. I like it very much," Radchenko said.

"My life is the ballet."

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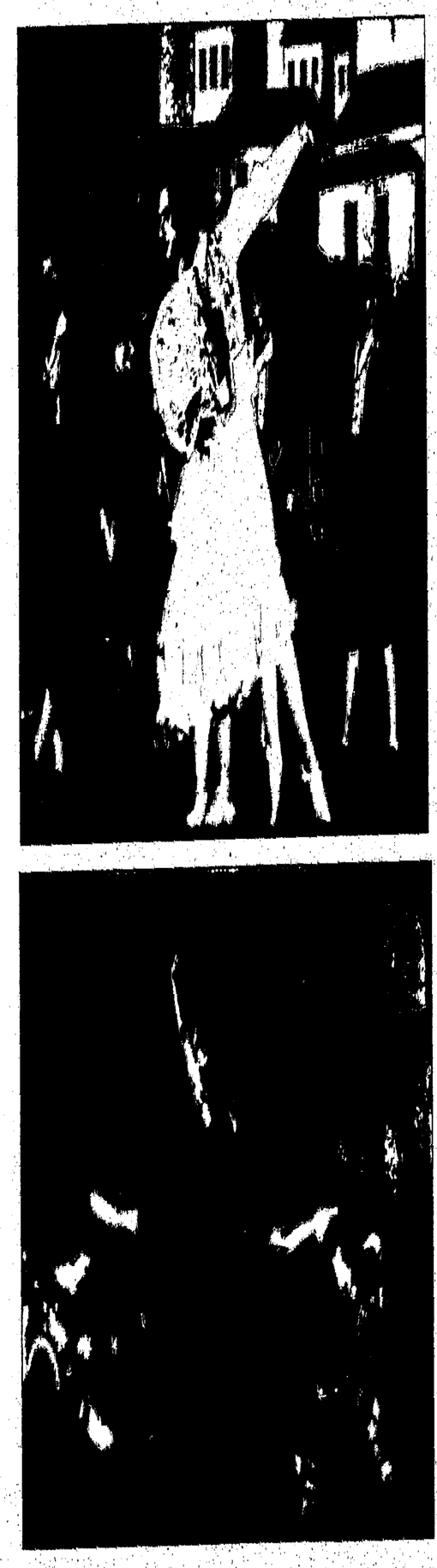

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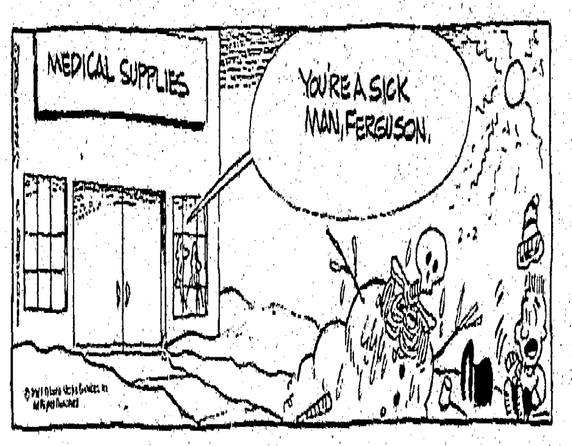

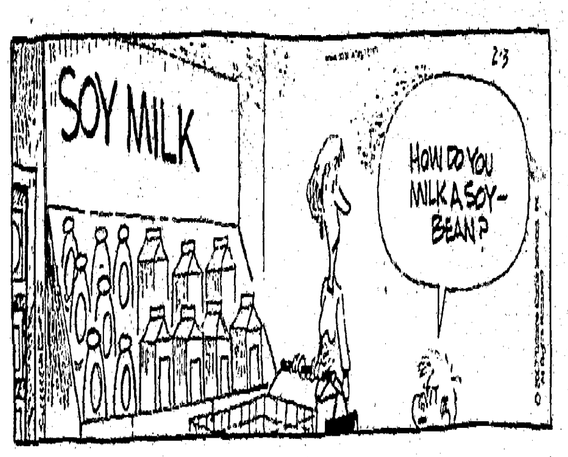

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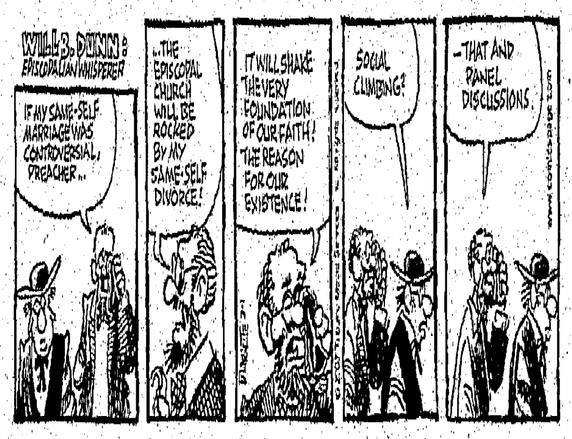

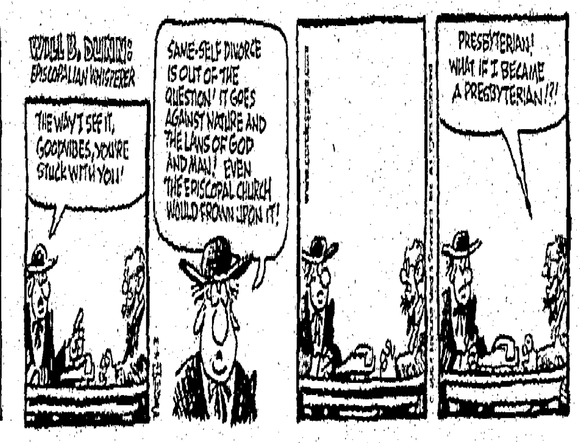

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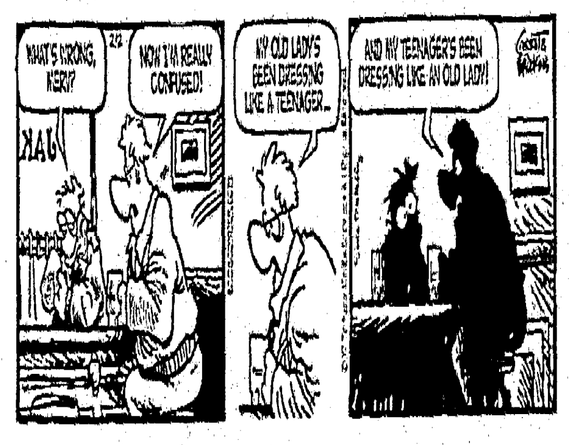

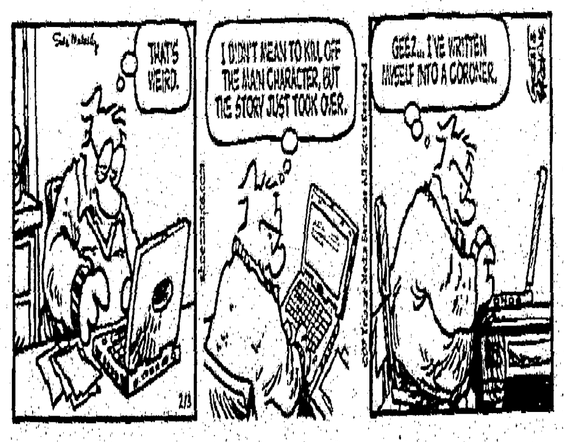

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Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

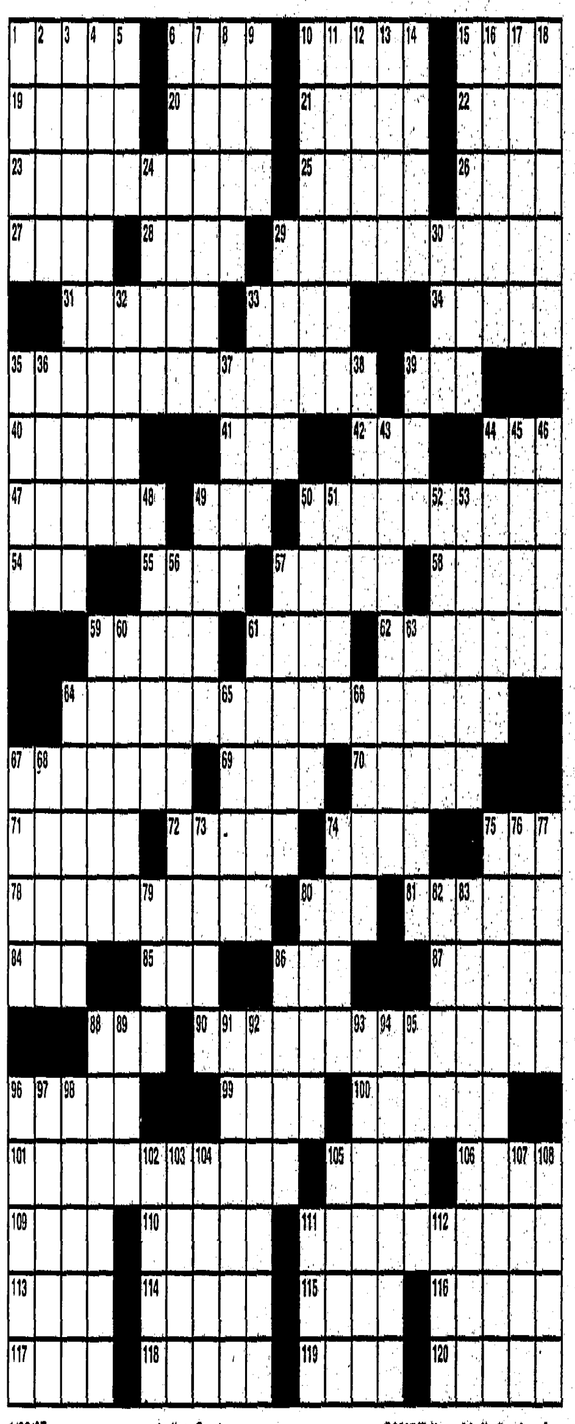
"THWARTS AND ALL" By NORA PEARLSTONE

ACROSS

1 Can't avoid it
6 ices, so to speak
10 Grabs
15 Send
19 Role for Liam
20 Defendant's answer
21 Dvorák's "Rusalka," e.g.
22 Blur
23 Kiosk for philosophers?
25 Charlemagne's father
26 Stadium support
27 Kay of "Breezy"
28 "The Wizard __"
29 Side with two extra helpings?
31 One using chalk
33 WWII enlistee
34 Evokes wrinkled noses
35 Sacred place with a bit less room?
39 Bowl-shaped cookware
40 Affectionate Hollywood nickname
41 19th pres.'s monogram
42 Beast of burden
44 Giant word
47 Horrified
49 Reggae relative
50 Participate in a strongman competition?
54 Q-U link
55 They often require referrals: Abbr.
57 Bedroom piece
58 Showing regret
59 Barbizon school artist
61 The Third of May painter
62 Ghost
64 Aristocratic pulse?
67 Still at sea?
69 Easy stride
70 Castle with steps
71 Lateral remark
72 New Eng campus
74 Lyric poems
75 Hall of MCII
78 Stuffed animal feature?
80 Oohing cause
81 "Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH" author Robert C.
84 Erie Canal mule
85 "Oedipus __"
86 Rose of Guns N' Roses
87 Arab League member
88 Ironic
90 Family team at Henley?
96 Longhorn rival
99 Source of milk used for Romano cheese
100 Trojan War hero
101 Storm garb?
105 Jeer
106 Pronto, on "House"
109 Be partial
110 Be friendly, in a way
111 When songbirds regularly appear?
113 Year in old Rome
114 Middle of three black keys
115 Stole stuff
116 City on the Aar
117 Pack
118 Hearty meals
119 Glasses holder
120 "Awake and Sing!" playwright

DOWN

1 "The __ Baltimore": Wilson play
2 Tennis legend
3 Like leotards
4 Indian Ocean republic
5 TV planet on which people age backwards
6 Choose
7 Pen names
8 Resist, with "off"
9 Melancholy
10 Tails partner
11 Brief summary
12 Cap with a flat, circular top
13 Speed skater Heiden
14 Levelheaded
15 "Boo!" reaction
16 Oahu outsider
17 "The Compleat Angler" author Walton
18 Tear-off lines, to a printer
24 Unique
29 Dash dial
30 Duffer's helper
32 Supermodel Sastre
33 L.A. Sparks' league
35 Way up the slope
36 "You can't have any!" types
37 Old riverboats
38 Viking I destination
39 Elko-to-Reno dir.
43 "Neener neener!"
44 Belief system
45 Alternative media anthology
46 Cath. VIP
48 Severe pang
49 They're lit
50 Mint family herb
51 Passion
52 West Coast blue-and-gold wearer
53 Little bit
56 "Might makes right" situation
57 Clucking sites
59 Scold
60 "What little town by river __ shore ...": Keats
61 Icky
63 Playground back talk
64 Rotate rapidly
65 Hullabaloo
66 Stash
67 RFK Stadium team
68 Watchdog gp. created under Nixon
73 Blended, old-style
74 Big-eyed fliers
75 Dollar Tree ancestor
76 Look of questionable intent
77 Taverns
79 Like Chianti
80 Fires
82 Bunch of bits
83 Went over and over
86 League with Angels: Abbr.
88 Silt
89 Glowing, maybe
91 Bray
92 Looks forward to
93 Babes in burghs
94 Call on the carpet
95 Till fillers
96 Book with a key
97 Belgian treaty city
98 Natural fertilizer
102 Those, to Tomás
103 Sunbathing spot
104 Noah of "ER"
105 Italian coachbuilder Giacinto
107 Polly, to Tom
108 "__ bien!"
111 Cable letters
112 Cable letters



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JUMBLE

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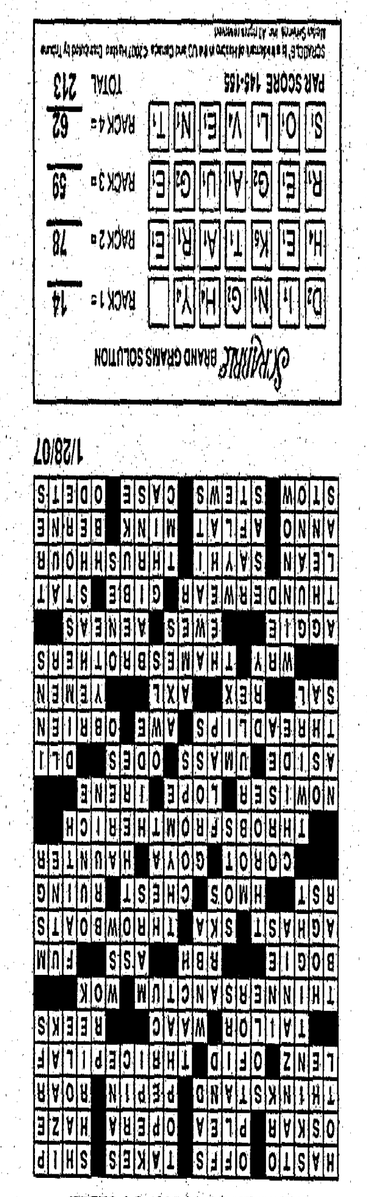
Answer: Recalling holidays past left them — FINING!

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE



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ADVENTURE

A romantic sunset sail? (Think again!)

Care to sail your Valentine around the world?

"People think sailing is so romantic. Not a care in the world, just lazing on the deck, sipping a Piña Colada and watching the sunsets. Hah!"

Hans rolled his eyes.

"No comment."

Follow Me!

by Yvonne Lanelli

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No, Hans is not the Valentine version of Scrooge.

He and his wife Tanya sailed their 48-foot ketch *Dream Catcher* from Saipan in the Marianas Islands to Australia via many of the Micronesian and Melanesian Islands, a journey of nearly two years.

"And believe me – we did a lot more than laze on the deck romanticizing!"

Follow me into the heart of a squall!

One leg of the voyage led from the Solomon Islands to Vanuatu; their goal was to scuba dive a famous sunken ship, the *USS Coolidge*.

One calm evening as they scanned the horizon, a bank of rain appeared far in the distance. "We turned on the radar. It showed only one small spot. We were not concerned."

But within moments, clouds and blackness surrounded their little *Dream Catcher*. They were enmeshed in the heart of a squall.

"It was so black – pitch black – you couldn't see any difference between sky and water. We lost our sense of direction."

Their only guide: a compass. Wind had overpowered the auto-pilot.

Tanya explains, "Auto-pilot is an instrument that steers the boat. It is connected to the rudder. On an automobile, cruise control controls the speed and the driver controls the steering wheel. On a boat, auto-pilot is controlling the boat's 'steering wheel.'"

But 30- to 40-knot winds had taken over steering control. "We had too much sail."

Adding to the Stygian nightmare: screaming winds and confused seas – water coming in all directions, peaking waves.

Hans and Tanya continued methodically securing their little craft.

"It took about three hours, but we finally got the boat under control and back on course. I was off watch so I went below to sleep," recalled Hans.

Tanya remained on watch, handling the boat confidently as she had throughout the two-year voyage.

But at about 10 p.m., Hans was jerked awake. Tanya was yelling.

"The forestay is broken!"

The forestay holds the furler which holds the jib. The entire assembly had gone overboard, rendering the boat out of control, pitching, rolling and yawing.

Hans leaped on deck. The main sail had been dropped earlier that night but the mizzen was still up. "We needed to haul the forestay and jib out of the sea and back on deck."

He and Tanya attempted to crawl forward along the slippery, heaving deck, but the boat was carrying too much speed. "We could not work the decks safely under such conditions. We had to reduce the speed of the boat."

The mizzen sail needed to be dropped. "The wind generator that was mounted on the mizzen mast was screaming in the high winds. But in my anxiety to drop the mizzen, I let out the halyard (a cable that raises and lowers the sail) too quickly. It became entangled in the wind generator, snapped the blades, and stopped the mizzen from coming down."

Everything froze.

"But at least we had lost the speed," Hans acknowledged with a wry smile.

Tanya attempted to put the boat into the wind to slow it even further. "That served our purpose, but the boat was now rolling up, down and sideways on 18-foot chopped seas."

Hans finally made it forward. The furler had disappeared, slipping into sea water thousands of feet deep. "The sail had gone underneath the boat. We hoped we could get it back on deck in one piece."

In the black night, their shoes slipping on the heaving deck, Hans and Tanya hauled salt water-soaked canvas inch by inch out of equally black seas.

Finally, they secured the sail topside. "It was streaked and stained with red paint from the bottom of the boat, but wasn't torn!"

Stowing the forestay and sail so it wouldn't blow away, they ran a temporary halyard from the top of the main mast to the bow (front) of the boat "without which we could have lost the mast!"

The engine started up and Tanya continued her watch. Hans crept back to sleep. "I had to rest before my turn to watch!"

Change course

The squall altered their original plans beyond recovery. "We had traveled 80 miles that day but had progressed only five miles. We were running low on fuel." Hans shook his head ruefully. Vanuatu and its promise of fabulous diving would remain only a promise. "We decided to limp to New Caledonia."

But even New Caledonia would prove a challenge for *Dream Catcher's* intrepid crew. "According to our GPS we were only a few miles off-shore. But we couldn't see the island – even though we knew we were sailing along its side!"

Dust from mining operations hung over the island, obscuring it. "We had to be vigilant at all times because of the dangers of the reefs. We navigated purely on our trusty GPS."

They motored at low speed in the still-rough seas, trying to conserve fuel as they sought the first opening in the New Caledonia lagoon.

Finally they spotted Port Moselle in the haze and made for land.

AHH, romance. . . .

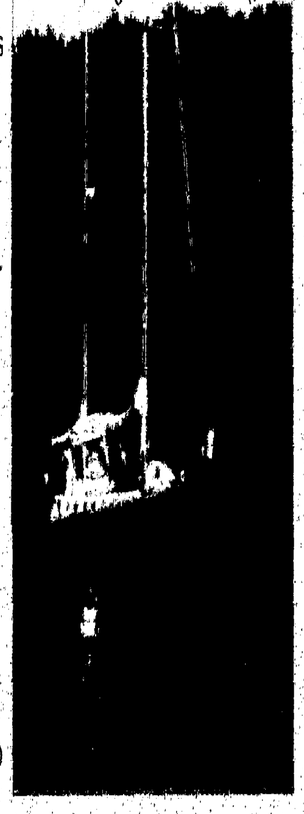
The next day, Hans set about securing new parts and a furler while Tanya scoured the island for provisions. "Food in New Caledonia is imported from France and very expensive, though really good. But the government of New Caledonia subsidizes baguettes, so we could buy the finest French bread at little cost."

Tanya's eyes grow misty at the memory. "Fine wine, exquisite cheese and French baguettes this long..." She extends her small hands three feet apart. Hans gently enfolds his wife's extended hand in his larger ones. His blue eyes meet her soft green ones. They smile the smile of shared memories.

"That night, we sat on deck – still surrounded by the broken furler, forestay and sail – watching the most magnificent sunset ever – a blood-red sun disappearing into the clearest, bluest water." Breaking off pieces of fresh baguette and soft cheese, they toasted their successful sail with wine as red as the sunset.

Ah, romance. . . .

Next time: It's summer in South America. Let's go whitewater rafting!



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ASTRONOMY

Military space

In Our Skies

by Alan Hale
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Astronomer

Later this year we will mark the 50th anniversary of the launch of the first artificial satellite. During the half-century that has elapsed since then, satellites for a wide variety of purposes have been launched; in addition to the numerous scientific missions there have been spacecraft launched for such purposes as communications, navigation, weather forecasting, and a variety of others. Among these "others," and which perhaps is less comfortable to discuss, are satellites launched primarily for military purposes.

The phrases "military space" and "the militarization of space" might conjure up images of space as an active battlefield, perhaps something akin to the battle scenes depicted in movies like *Star Wars*. The reality is far more complex. Even from the very beginning there has been a distinct military component to human space activities; for example, the early rocket flights conducted from White Sands Proving Ground in New Mexico (a U.S. Army installation) with German V-2 rockets (a military weapon used during World War II). Many of the early satellites launched from both the U.S. and the former Soviet Union had involvement with their respective countries' militaries, and almost all of the early American astronauts and Soviet cosmonauts came from military backgrounds; the same is still true for many of today's astronauts. Many communications, weather, etc., satellites can be and are used to augment military operations, and the Global Positioning System (GPS) satellite navigation system so widely used today was originally designed for military purposes.

Perhaps the foremost military satellites are reconnaissance satellites that have been utilized by both the U.S. and the Soviet Union (now Russia) since the 1960s. Such satellites have proven quite useful for verification of arms control treaties, and a solid argument can be made that, despite their ostensible military nature, these satellites have proven to be especially valuable in keeping the peace and in keeping the arms race during the Cold War from becoming worse than it already was.

In this context, then, space has already been militarized, although in a passive and benign way. The far bigger concern is the "weaponization" of space, i.e., the stationing of weapons in orbit. While all sides in the Cold War (and since) have had advocates for such activities, for the most part common sense has prevailed, and in 1967 the so-called Outer Space Treaty, which prohibits the deployment of weapons of mass destruction in space as well as the establishment of military bases on the moon and other celestial bodies, was drafted and signed. Both the U.S. and the Soviet Union were among the original signatories, and most of the other nations of the world either signed it at the time, or have acceded to it during the years since then.

Over the years there have been occasional proposals to circumvent the Outer Space Treaty or to exploit its loopholes. The early 1980s saw the publication of the High Frontier study, which advocated the deployment of an orbiting fleet of battle fortresses armed with lasers and particle-beam weapons to shoot down ballistic missiles in flight. Although critics pointed out that these orbiting fortresses could be destroyed for a tiny fraction of the cost necessary to deploy them, the High Frontier idea was embraced at least in part by then-U.S. President Ronald Reagan, who started the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI).

During the years (and various presidential administrations) since then, SDI has evolved into a primarily ground-based effort (and has also undergone some name changes), but some of its original legacy remains. For example, the DC-X prototype single-stage rocket which performed several flight tests from White Sands Missile Range during the mid-1990s and which had an enormous influence on the commercial spaceflight industry that is blossoming today, was originally conceived under SDI as the first step toward a system that would deploy and service the kinetic energy weapon satellites in the since-cancelled Brilliant Pebbles program.

One arena of military space activities that is of significant concern is that of anti-satellite (ASAT) weapons – especially since so much of our modern society depends upon satellites. While military planners in both the U.S. and the Soviet Union began discussing ASAT systems early on, the Soviet Union actively tested such a system during the 1960s and early 1970s, and again in the late 1970s and early 1980s. The capabilities of the Soviet ASAT system, which maneuvers close to a target satellite and then explodes, destroying the target with shrapnel, were dramatically demonstrated on orbiting satellites in 1982.

COURTESY

Peeking into the DC-X.

The American ASAT system, developed under SDI and partially in response to the Soviet system, utilizes a missile launched from an F-15. This system was tested once – in 1985, when an aging but still functioning Air Force scientific satellite was destroyed – but as a result of Congressional moratoria has not been tested since in space.

There the matter has stood for the past two decades, with neither the U.S. nor the Soviet Union (and, later, Russia) testing any more ASAT systems in space. Research on such systems has continued, meanwhile, and during a single test in 1997 a laser beam from the Mid-InfraRed Advanced Chemical Laser (MIRACL) based at White Sands temporarily blinded an Air Force satellite. Nevertheless, the threat of deployment of active ASAT systems seemed to have receded.

Until now, that is. On this past January 11 the Chinese government destroyed an aging Chinese weather satellite with a kinetic weapon fired from a ground-launched ballistic missile, demonstrating that it, too, now has an active ASAT capability. At this writing very little information has come officially from the Chinese government, but the turn of events is dismaying, and hopefully does not presage a new ASAT arms race.

In the end, the solution to such developments cannot be technical in nature, but must be political. The best way, and perhaps the only way, to prevent our taking our wars into space with us is to prevent them from occurring in the first place.

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by Drew Gomber
Historian

When he led the Regulators into Lincoln on July 14, 1878, Alexander McSween was setting the stage for what was to be the final battle of the Lincoln County War. The Murphy faction was in San Patricio, but when they got word that the Regulators were at Lincoln, they immediately returned to town. They thundered into town the next day amidst a great deal of ineffectual shooting.

The Regulators had already taken position up and down Lincoln's street. Some of them had gone into the Ellis Store, some into the Montano Store and about 15 of them, including McSween and the Kid, forted up in McSween's home, about 75-100 feet west of the Tunstall Store. For four days there was a great deal of shooting with only one fatality. All that changed, however, on the fifth day when the Army came to town.

Colonel Nathan Dudley, the commander of Fort Stanton, claimed to the day he died that he had never shown favoritism to either side, but the record says otherwise. He appears to have been almost deferential to the Murphy men, despite his claims to the contrary. He certainly went out of his way to verbally humiliate Susan McSween – who he didn't like anyway – when she came to him for help.

Dudley and his men proceeded to go up and down the street, pointing a Howitzer and a Gatling gun at the various Regulator positions until they were evacuated. He did not do this with the McSween house because there were women and children inside – and more importantly – everyone *knew* there were women and children inside, which made it politically tricky. Nevertheless, he had drastically changed the odds to favor the Murphy faction.

This was Friday, the fifth day. About two in the afternoon, two of the Murphy men – Andy Boyle and a mysterious character known only as "The Dummy" – managed to sneak up to the far western side of the McSween adobe, and set fire to the wooden kitchen that was located at its end.

The McSween house was shaped like a "U." It was entirely adobe, except for the kitchens on each side, each one located at the top of the "U." The open courtyard faced the mountains and the rear wall of the place faced the street. The building began to burn – slowly, because of the lack of wood, but it *did* burn. All day, the Regulators retreated from room to room as the fire consumed the house. About six in the evening, the women and children were allowed to leave, and by the time it was dark, about 9 p.m., the men were huddled in the eastern kitchen – the last room, and were waiting for McSween to command them.

Fat chance. McSween sat in a corner, his head in his hands, and it was at this juncture that Billy took command for the first time. He grabbed McSween, shook him, and told him to get ready to make a break. Then, he asked for volunteers for a decoy party. The Kid intended to lead this group while the others escaped. It must have seemed at the time to be very much like a suicide mission. It was.

"The Big Killing"

At first, the Kid and his four volunteers tried to sneak out and perhaps get a little bit of an edge, but it didn't work. They were seen and had to run for their lives amidst a hailstorm of bullets (experienced Army officers who were present estimated that there were 2,000 rounds fired that night alone). Their objective was the Tunstall Store, which must have seemed like it was 100 miles, rather than 100 feet, away.

As Billy and his four volunteers bolted through the little gate on McSween's picket fence about 15 feet from the house, one of their number, Harvey Morris – a law student who had come West for his health – was hit in the head and died instantly.

Miraculously, none of the others were hit, but the gunfire was so heavy that they re-directed themselves away from the Store and raced down the hillside, splashed across the Rio Bonito at the foot of it and hid themselves in the trees on the opposite bank. In the darkness, no man dared follow.

But it had all been for nothing. McSween, instead of taking advantage of this diversion, reached the back door, faltered, then raced about ten feet farther to his chicken coop, where he stopped entirely. The others piled up behind him.

McSween screamed that he wanted to surrender and was there anyone there who would accept his surrender and protect him from a lynch mob. Bob Beckwith, who held a deputy U.S. Marshal's commission, stepped forward and said that he would oblige. However, when he got close to McSween, Tunstall's former partner then screamed that he would "never surrender," and all hell broke loose.

To be fair to McSween, it should be noted that particular phrase sounds very much like something Jimmy Dolan, Murphy's protégé and the man who really ran the Lincoln County War, would put in McSween's mouth later on.

Whatever was said, *something* happened, and virtually everyone opened fire. McSween, Beckwith, and two others fell dead in a pile in less time than it took you to read this sentence. The victors embarked on a drunken orgy of theft and violence that lasted until dawn. As the sun cleared the Capitan Mountains, McSween's own chickens were pecking his eyes out.

The old-timers forever after referred to it as "The Big Killing."

War's end and new beginnings

For Billy and the others who had been lucky enough to escape this holocaust, there was nothing to indicate that the War was over. As far as they were concerned, they had not been defeated. In fact, there were deaths related to the War for years afterward.

It was rumored that Juan Patron's 1884 murder was connected to the Lincoln County War. As to casualties, there is no effective way to know the exact amount of them, either. We can count the bodies that we know about, but that doesn't mean that there weren't a great deal more murders than anyone has ever known. Many people left the area during the War – or did they? My own guess, when all was said and done, would be about 100 killings. The fact is, we will never know.

It was not until the last few months of his life that he was known as Billy the Kid, but the popular young man known at the time as Kid Antrim, or just "Kid," embarked on a career of rustling – particularly from John Chisum, against whom the Kid held a grudge. Billy and his gang, while undeniably guilty of

many stock thefts, were blamed for virtually every missing cow or horse in about a 500-mile radius, which was, and is, ridiculous. Finally, Pat Garrett ran for Sheriff on a law and order ticket, was elected, and his first order of business was to get the Kid.

The attitude at the time was that "it takes a thief to catch a thief," which may possibly indicate that Pat had ridden with the Kid on a rustling foray or two. Pat and Billy were never the close friends the movies would have us believe, but there is no doubt that they were quite well acquainted.

Next: To catch a thief.

SOURCES: *High Noon in Lincoln* and *Billy the Kid, a Short and Violent Life*, both by Robert Utley; *A Documentary History of the Lincoln County War* and *The West of Billy the Kid*, both by Frederick Nolan.

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 505-653-4036 or email Gomber at drew@pvtnetworks.net.

COMMUNITY LISTINGS: LINCOLN COUNTY

Help & Healing

Al-Anon: Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at 613 Sudderth, Suite H, Ruidoso; 257-9397.

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m., 8 p.m. daily at 613 Sudderth, Suite H, Ruidoso; Call for additional times and special meetings; 257-9397.

Alcoholics Anonymous Women's open meeting: 6:30 p.m. every Monday at 613 Sudderth, Suite H; 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.

Recovering Couples Anonymous: 6:45 p.m. Thursdays at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall meeting room, 121 Mescalero Trail; 505-808-2959.

Sex Addicts Anonymous: 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall meeting room, 121 Mescalero Trail; 505-653-4937.

Meditation Group: Wallflowers Bed and Breakfast, 573 Highway 380 West, Capitan, hosts a weekly 9 a.m. Tuesday Meditation group. Free. Info: 354-0967.

Messages from God through Rebecca S. Brown: High Mesa Healing Center, 101 Mader Ln., Alto. 11:30 a.m. Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays. Suggested donation: $33 (not required). Private sessions, $77. Sliding scale. Info: 937-7822 or email wearonebeloved@yahoo.com.

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; 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.

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; 336-9161.

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

Lincoln County Adult Singles: Meets every first and third Thursdays at various locations. Other meeting or event times will vary during the month. Darrell, 354-2635 or Sharon, 585-8535, or www.highcountryeng.com/LCASG.

Lincoln County Garden Club: 9:45 a.m. every third Tuesday at various locations; Joyce, 258-4663.

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

Party Bridge Group: 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens 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: 10 a.m. Wednesday Feb. 7. Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Road. *Why Casey Has to Die*, with author L.C. Hayden reviewing the book. Hayden lives in El Paso and has been a full time author since 2001. This is her 6th mystery novel. She is a repeat guest author and we happily welcome her back. Everyone is invited and refreshments will be served.

Sierra Blanca Swingers: 7:30 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center for basic and mainstream square dancing; 336-4808.

Education

After-School at the Library: Every Tuesday afternoon, 3:15-5 p.m. Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. Info: 258-3704 or 258-4619.

Adult Awareness/Brown Bag Luncheon: Wednesdays, noon-1 p.m. Variety of topics. Bring your lunch and enjoy the presentation. Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. Info: 258-3704 or 258-4619.

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; 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; Beth, 258-4244.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59: 6 p.m. every second and fourth Monday, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount; 378-4880.

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

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

Capitan Smokey Bear Lions Club: 5 p.m. every Thursday at Capitan Village Hall. Kitty or Bob Callender, 258-1345.

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; 257-2081or www.fbcruidoso.com.

Sierra Blanca Daughters of the American Revolution: Chapter meets every third Saturday morning, Sept.-May, time and place TBA; 258-3045.

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

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. 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; 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. Mike Zaragosa, 937-0768 or Harold Oakes, 937-7618.

Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club: 1:30 p.m. every second Wednesday Sept. - May in the Woman's Club Building, 116 Evergreen Rd., behind Ruidoso Office Supply; Game day: 11:45 a.m. Monday, potluck lunch followed by bridge and other games; 257-7936.

Ruidoso Shrine Club: 6:30 p.m every fourth Wednesday at Cree Meadows Restaurant; 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; 257-0363.

Zia Girl Scout Council: 6 p.m. every third Thursday at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Leaders encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in Girl Scouts may attend; 437-2921.

White Mountain Search & Rescue: 7 p.m. every third Monday in the conference room at Ruidoso Police Station on Mechem Drive; 378-5237 or 257-2339.

Veterans

American Legion Robert J. Hagee Post 79: 6 p.m. every third Wednesday, American Legion Hall, Highway 70 and Spring Rd., Ruidoso Downs; 257-5796.

VFW Post 7072 and Auxiliary, Jerome Don Klein Post and its Women's Auxiliary: 6 p.m. in the winter and at 7 p.m. in the summer, every second Monday at American Legion Hall, Highway 70 and Spring Rd., Ruidoso Downs; 257-5796.

Political

Democratic Party of Lincoln County: 6:30 p.m. every first Thursday at Western Grill, Highway 70 West; Joyce, 336-4501.

Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County: Facilitates increased and more informed participation in the political process. Noon every fourth Tuesday. All women welcome. For location and other info: Genevieve, 336-2694, or email gduncan@valornet.com.

Republican Party of Lincoln County: Dinner at 6 p.m., ptogram at 7 p.m., every second Monday. For location and other info: John, 808-4321.

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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 second Monday at time and place TBA. 437-7200.

Downtown Lions Club: Meets on second and fourth Mondays at Margo's Mexican Restaurant, 504 E. First St. Terry Reed at 434-3968 or Martha 437-7515.

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 pre-school children with or without disabilities. Free meals. Alamogordo Center: Maria Gallegos. 434-6313; La Luz Center: Martina Travis, 437-4485; Tularosa Center: Annette Chavez, 585-4818.

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

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

Help & Healing

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 1 p.m. every third Wednesday at the Disability Resource Center, No. 772 in the Granada Shopping Center; 439-4889.

Free Blood Pressure Screening: 9 a.m. - noon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Red Cross office, 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.

St. John's Community Kitchen: Free meals 5-6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 437-3891.

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.

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

Mountain Democrats: Noon every third Wednesday at Big Daddy's Restaurant on U.S. 82, Cloudcroft. Dr. Harvey Hilbert, 687-3219, HarveyHilbert@yahoo.com.

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 CAPPED Offices at 907 New York Ave. 437-1899.

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: Bimonthly Jan.-Nov. 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. at Otero PATH, S. Florida at 1st St. Public welcome. Chuck: 434-6296.

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 Eagle's Club, 471 24th St. Join to play or learn. Chris and Cathy Smith, 443-1746.

Other Ongoing Activities

Bingo: 7 p.m. every Monday at the Elks Lodge, 2290 Hamilton Road. Doors open at 6 p.m. $1,000 Jackpot. Free coffee. 437-1897.

Bingo: 7 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and Sun., 2 p.m. Saturday at the VFW, 700 U.S. 70 West. Age 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.

Art Galleries & Studios

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

Copeland's Frame Shop and Gallery • 622 9th St. (corner of 9th and Texas Ave.) • Tuesday-Friday10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Saturdays by appt. • 442-9594 • Custom framing, original paintings, collage, photography, sculpture, jewelry. • Victoria and Michael Copeland, proprietors.

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

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

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

The Nut House • 32 Ivy Lane, La Luz. • Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Saturday - Sunday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Lunch served 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. • 437-6889 • Original paintings, prints, pottery, jewelry, bronze sculpture by local artists.

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

Cloudcroft

Bear Track • 502 Burro Ave. • 682-3046 • Native American art &crafts, gifts.

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

Cloudcroft Pottery, 502A Burro Ave. • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. • 682-3321 • Functional stoneware and raku. Don and Donna Ellis, proprietors.

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

Hummingbird Nest • 306 Burro Ave. • 682-2728 • Ceramics, paintings. Kathy Powell, proprietor.

Off the Beaten Path • 100 Glorietta Ave. • 682-7284 • Eclectic gifts and original artwork, wacky wire art, jewelry, yard art, artistic lamps, and more. Berle Van Zanat and Donna Rand, proprietors. Open daily.

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

Tularosa

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

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

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

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

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High Mesa Artists Studio Tour

The High Mesa Artists Studio Tour, which will be held April 7-8, is seeking artists for participation in the upcoming tour. Eligible artists are those residing in the area, which begins at the intersection of Hwy. 48/37 and continues north to Nogal. Interested artists should contact Patty at 354-1432. Deadline is Feb. 10.

Artists for The Art Gallery

The Art Gallery, a cooperative of professional, independent artists throughout the Ruidoso region, is calling for artists to display works in the gallery. Artists should call 257-7272 to discuss membership and commission rate charged per sold items. The Art Gallery represents nearly 100 artists and offers the widest variety of fine art to be found within Southern New Mexico.

mARTi-Gras Mask Competition

mARTi-Gras Mask Competition & Fine Art Show/Sale, organized through the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts, is currently seeking interested amateur individuals or groups and professional artists to take part in the mARTi-Gras Art Mask Competition, Feb. 17. Competitors are challenged to make a work of art with the theme of a mask. Three categories are available: wearable art, display art and wall art; any medium, no size restrictions, and each piece must be for sale during the event's silent auction. The proceeds for each art mask will go the to the submitting artist(s) less a 15 percent commission for operations at RRCA. Call now for more information: 257-7272, or email rrcarts@valornet.com.

Artists for RRCA Web site

Artists needed for new Web site. Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts has purchased a new Web site, www.ruidosoarts.org, to promote the talents and variety of works produced by regional artists. A minimal fee is required; benefits and perks come with membership. Call the RRCA at 257-7272 or email, rrcarts@valornet.com.

Trail of Painted Ponies

Artists from across America are invited to participate in this prestigious competition with this year's title: "America the Beautiful." Categories: The American West, The Spirit of America and Americana. Submission deadline has been extended to Feb. 14. Visit www.trailofpaintedponies.com for information and application.

Auditions

NMSU-A Theatre on the Hill will hold auditions for *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory* at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 17-18, at the Rohovec Fine Arts Center. Roles are available for adults and children (ages 9 and above). For more information, call Diana at 439-3670.

SouthWest Writers

Now accepting entries for the SouthWest Writers Annual Contest – 2007, which encourages and honors excellence in writing. One of the most comprehensive writing contests worldwide, with 20 separate genres/categories (including a Spanish language category), 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category receive cash prizes. First place winners compete for the $1,000 Storyteller Award. A small entry fee is required, and entries must be postmarked by May 1. Visit www.southwestwriters.org for details.

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AMAZING SIERRA BLANCA VIEWS!

This open-concept 4 br, 3 ½ bath White Mtn. Home, will wow you! Two master suites. Spacious new master downstairs w/large closet. Wonderful deck w/panoramic view. New stucco exterior. Exceptional home on McBride! **$445,000.** #14001.

ALTO MOUNTAIN CONTEMPORARY ON 16TH FAIRWAY

This light-filled, full-golf home is enhanced by Sierra Blanca views. Two fireplaces and two open-concept living areas create a warm & luxurious living environment. Fabulous decks. An exceptional home. **$598,000.** #18257

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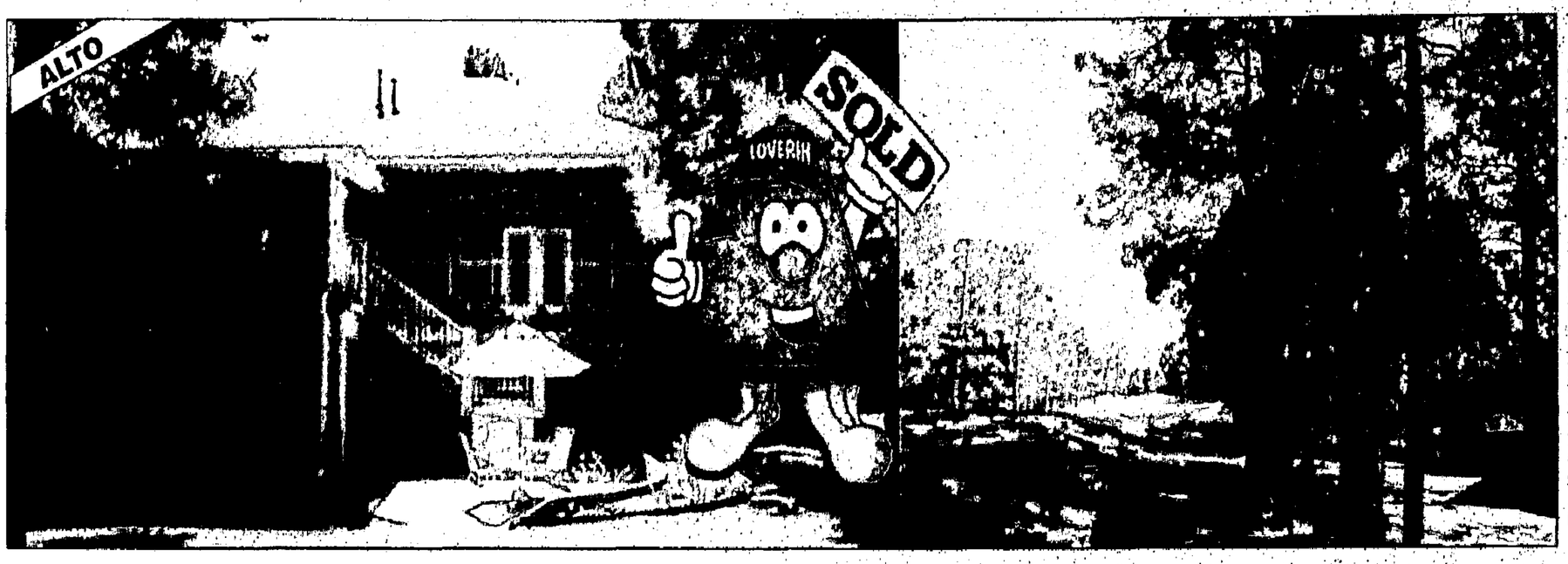


AMAZING 11th TEE SETTING FOR THIS LUXURIOUS ALTO STUCCO!

Spacious 4 br., 4 ½ ba. full-golf membership home is appealing in every way. Quiet cul-de-sac setting. 2 master suites & 2 living areas. Marvelous kitchen and patio area. Fabulous fairway views from this very prestigious home! **$749,500. #17496**

ALTO ARCHITECTURALLY DESIGNED MOUNTAIN MODERN IN GORGEOUS SETTING!

A 1 acre lot with big views is perfect for this 4 br., 4 ba. full-golf home with 2 masters and 2 living areas. Double garage plus one for the golf cart! Fabulous low-maintenance deck, new wood flooring, and 2 cozy fireplaces for warmth and ambiance. **$798,500. #17437**

AMAZING ALTO FULL-GOLF MTN. HOME!

5 brs. and a living area & a den make for luxurious Alto living. Superb Sierra Blanca & Capitan views. Exquisite furnishings included. Excellent floor plan. Wonderful deck. Comfortable & elegant in every way! **$865,000. #17313**

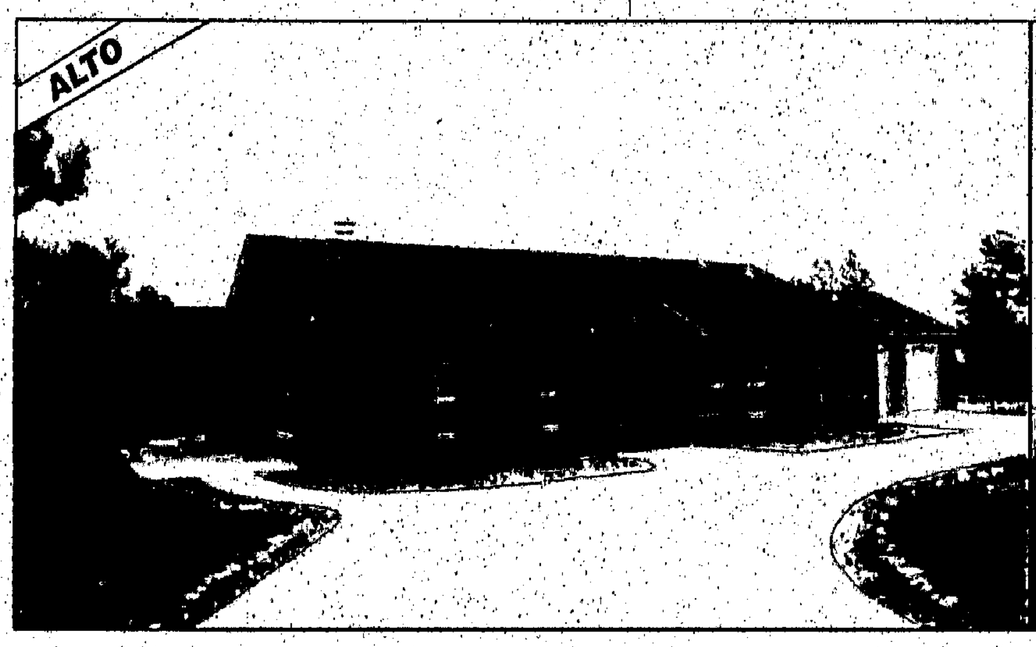
ELEGANT 3 BR. STUCCO SITUATED ON 5 ACRES WITH VIEWS!

Luscious interior w/ beautiful tile floors, expansive windows, and lofty ceilings. 3 ½ baths. Fabulous views of the Capitans and Sonterra Valley. Upscale features throughout. Gourmet kitchen will WOW you! This home is appealing in every way! **$649,500. #15265**

"As long-time members of Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club we can certainly attest to the many enjoyable times that our family has enjoyed at this fine facility. Richard has served on the numerous Alto committees for many years, and we have enjoyed watching the club grow. It's reasonable dues structure and the beautiful amenities make Alto a place you'll want to be.

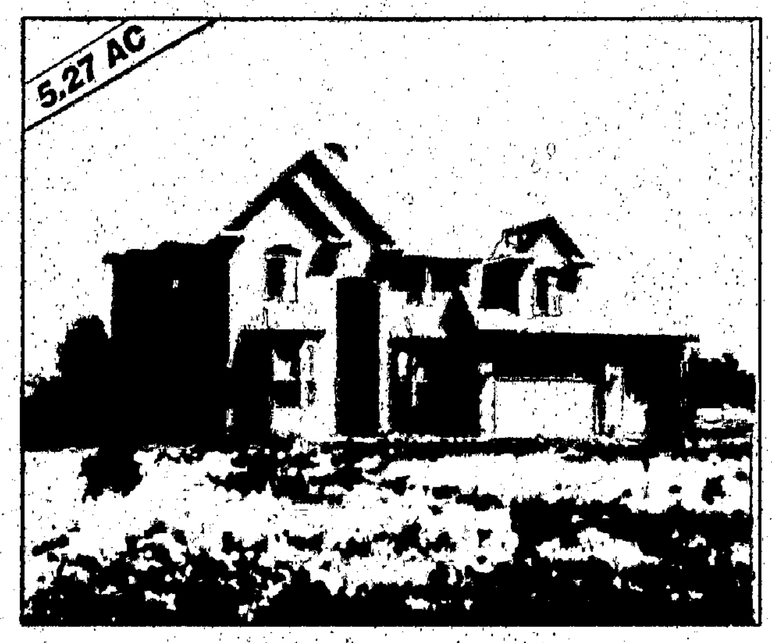
We look forward to helping you in your Alto search."

— Richard and Janis



ATTRACTIVE 4 BR. ONE-LEVEL ALTO HOME

Great views of Sierra Blanca enhance this Alto beauty w/ open concept and lovely tile floors. You'll love the courtyard too,.. sit back & enjoy luxury mtn. living in Alto! **$384,500.** #17302



CUSTOM-BUILT HOME WITH 5+ ACRES!

The views are spectacular from this 4 br., 5 ba. Sonterra home. 2 dining areas and 2 living areas make for truly comfortable living. 3 fireplaces, hot tub and upscaled kitchen. Fully furnished and dreamy! **$799,000.** #17045

TASTEFULLY FURNISHED ALTO GOLF MEMBER-SHIP HOME

This classy 4 br. home with interior wood accents is perfect for entertaining. Fabulous open concept. Cozy and elegant on a corner lot. Great kitchen w/ exquisite handmade tile. Master on main level. Very desirable! **$559,000.** #18352

CONTEMPORARY ALTO STUCCO ON FAIRWAY!

This full-golf architectural beauty has a super open-concept plan with wonderful fairway views. Master has its own fireplace and "his and her baths"! Wet bar w/ ice maker. Close to clubhouse too! **$449,500.** #16767

CHARMING ONE-LEVEL ALTO HOME. UNDER $310 K!

Perfectly placed on a ½ acre lot in Deer Park Woods! This 3/2 is light-filled and is accented by a beautiful river rock fireplace. Full golf too. Desirable and well-priced! **$308,500.** #16068

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4 BR., 4 BA. ONE-LEVEL ALTO TOWNHOUSE

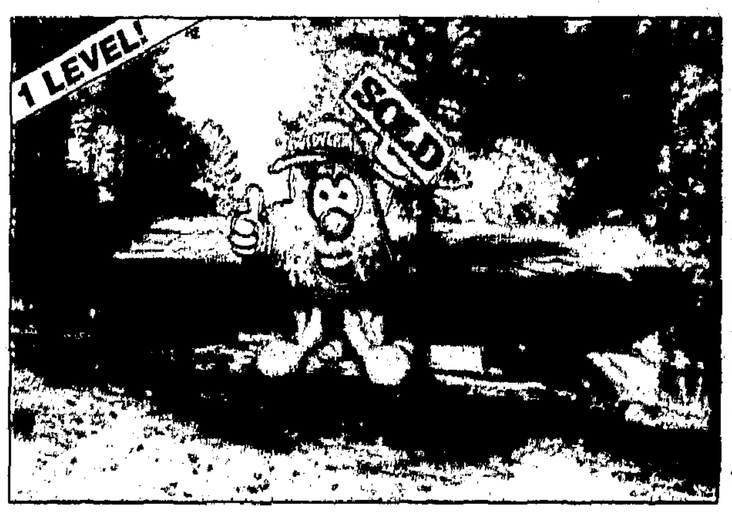
What an excellent unit! You'll love the one-level floor plan, lovely Capitan views, and close proximity to the Alto golf course. Full golf too. Very desirable! New stucco gives it a fresh look w/ low maintenance. **$369,500.** #16009

FULL-GOLF ALTO 3 BR. HOME WITH CHARMING CHALET FLAVOR

Beautiful area in Alto and Sierra Blanca view too! New septic system, metal roof, natural gas furnace & deck! Luggage & grocery lift for your convenience. Great price! Great Alto offering under $270K. **$269,500.** #17316

CHARMING 3 BR. SIERRA BLANCA VIEW HOME!

This home is perfectly placed on a large, level lot with nice views! Full golf membership. Built-in fireplace. Double garage & great doggie run. Super Alto offering under $300k! Won't last long! **$285,000.** #17426



ONE LEVEL ALTO STUCCO HOME ON 1.01 ACRE!

This "full-golf" membership 3 br. stucco home has one-level convenience and a large lot with a very secluded feel. Oversized garage, covered deck, and paved drive complete this desirable package. Furnished too! **$325,000.** #18282

AMAZING SIERRA BLANCA VIEWS FROM THIS NEW ALTO HOME!

Lots to love here! Wood floors, media room, and front courtyard. Great room and Master open to a marvelous Trex-type deck with astonishing Sierra Blanca view. Great style and quality by Blue Spruce Construction. **$399,500.** #16668

ALTO 3 BR., 2 BA. FULL-GOLF HOME UNDER $260K!

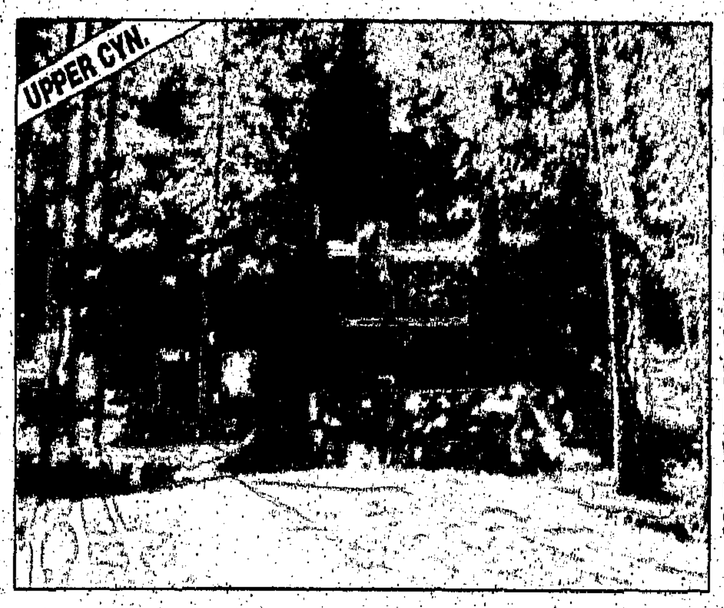
This attractive open-concept home is light-filled and cheerful! Vaulted ceilings. Large deck for entertaining. Beautiful wooded lot! Won't last long! **$259,500.** #16516

ALTO 3 BR. CHALET ON BEAUTIFULLY WOODED LOT

This one-owner full golf Alto home has a wonderful deck surrounded by tall pines. The living area is accented by a rock fireplace and expansive windows. Circular drive for easy access. **$249,500.** #17439

NEW ALTO STUCCO WITH VIEWS, VIEWS VIEWS!

Both Sierra Blanca and valley views are there for you to enjoy as you experience luxurious living in this spacious new Alto home. An amazing setting for this 3 br., 2 ½ ba.! Over 600 sq.ft. heated storage too! Large lot. An exceptional home w/ 2 living areas & game area too. **$465,000.** #18321



CLASSY UPPER CANYON 4 BR. HOME!

A true Ruidoso charmer. Vaulted ceilings. Knotty pine. Fabulous deck w/roll-out awning. Skylights too. Papa, Momma and Baby Bear would all give this one a unanimous "Just Right!" **$239,500**. #15983

ELEGANT STUCCO WITH SUN-SPLASHED INTERIORS!

This amazing 4 br., 3 ½ ba. has quality features throughout. Radiant heat, granite countertops, and Sub-Zero fridge to name a few. Appealing in every way. Fabulous gourmet kitchen... elegant, warm, & charming. **$595,000**. #15733

CHARMING STUCCO HOME WITH SIERRA BLANCA VIEW!

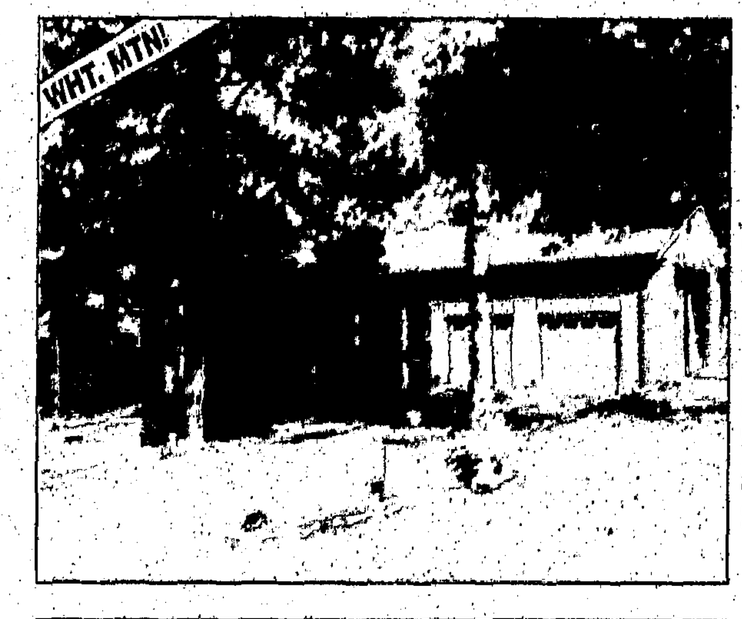
This super 3 br., 2 ½ ba. mountain home has lots of style and character. Great lot. Double garage and gas fireplace. Sit on the deck and enjoy a fabulous Sierra Blanca view! **$299,500**. #16494

BEAUTIFUL 2004 STUCCO WITH ATTRACTIVE LANDSCAPING

A marvelous one-level 3 br., 2 ba. home with custom interior and cozy fireplace. Wonderful setting in the Meadows. Solid surface countertops. Stainless steel appliances. Very desirable!! **$289,000**. #17104

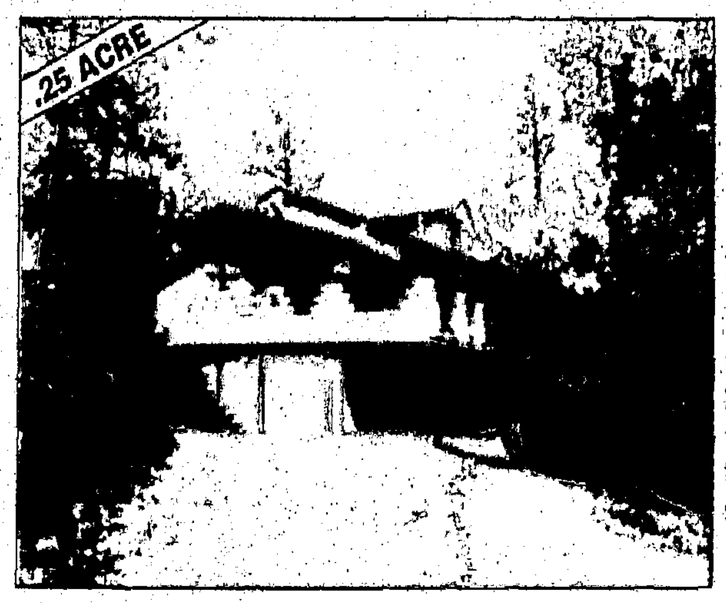
ATTRACTIVE WHITE MTN. MEADOWS STUCCO

Overlooking the meadow is this great 3 br., 2 ba. with custom features and a wonderful deck for summer evening grilling and enjoying the mountain air. 2 car garage, fenced back yard, and lovely kitchen. Great location too! **$259,500**. #16380



GRACIOUS WHITE MTN. MEADOWS HOME ON QUIET CUL-DE-SAC!

This 5 bd., 3 ½ ba. home is located on a beautiful .382 acre lot. Lovely home in a great location. Wonderful kitchen-dining area. Fabulous porch! **$325,000**. #16396



GREAT STUCCO HOME CENTRALLY LOCATED IN RUIDOSO

Enjoy the valley views & kiva fireplace from a delightful deck. This 3 br., 2 ba. home is situated on .25 of an acre. Great master suite w/ fireplace. Nice setting. **$329,500**. #17324

TALL PINES SURROUND THIS CHARMING HOME

This 2 br home captures the essence of mountain living. Warm, wood interior. Fully furnished and centrally located. One level and a 2-car garage w/ workshop. Very livable! **$239,500**. #17057

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This 2 br., 2 ba. home has a lovely location and is beautifully remodeled. You'll love the open - concept, one - level plan that is enhanced by this fresh re-do. Great porch for enjoying our beautiful mountain climate. Very desirable! Easy Access. **$190,000**. #17956

SUPER 3 BR. CHALET IN UPPER CANYON

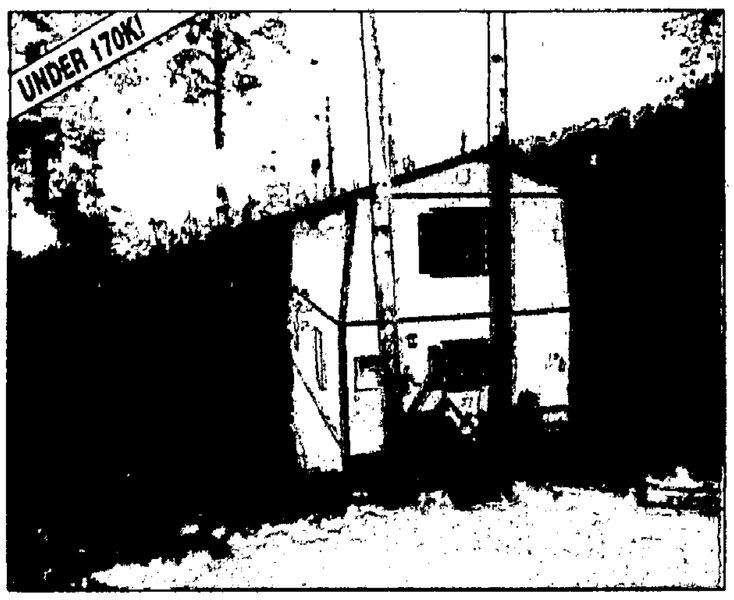
This chalet is nicely accented by a courtyard and a hot tub. From its peaceful setting, you can hear the Rio Ruidoso. Storage & partially furnished too! Wooded view. **$199,500**. #18125

CONTEMPORARY MTN. HOME ON APPROX. 3/4 ACRE

This classy 3 br. has 2 ½ baths plus a study! The knotty pine interior is classic Ruidoso. Charming upscale kitchen, exterior landscaping and a studio add even more appeal. Great decks & nice views! **$369,500**. #18376

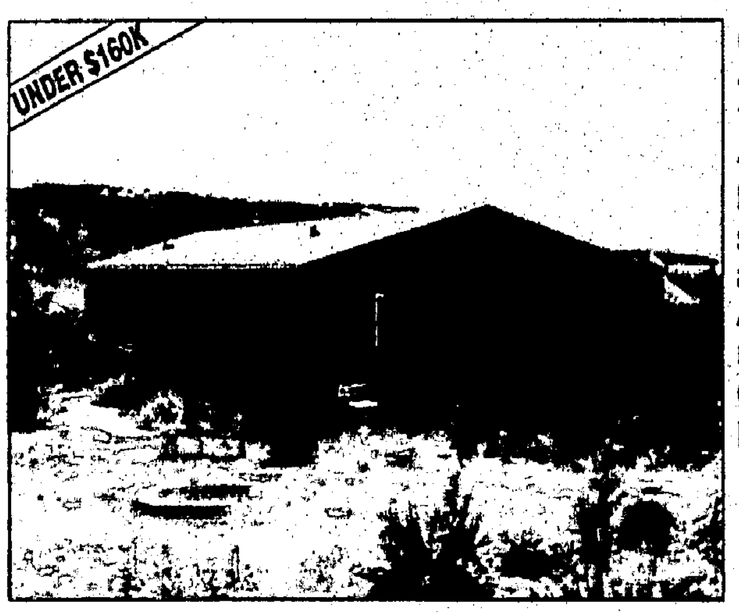
ENJOY COZY, YEAR-ROUND MOUNTAIN HOME!

This manufactured home has 2 super add-ons, a large den with a built-in fireplace plus a bonus room! Relax in the hot tub on the back patio. Ample storage & workshop area. **$119,500** #18086



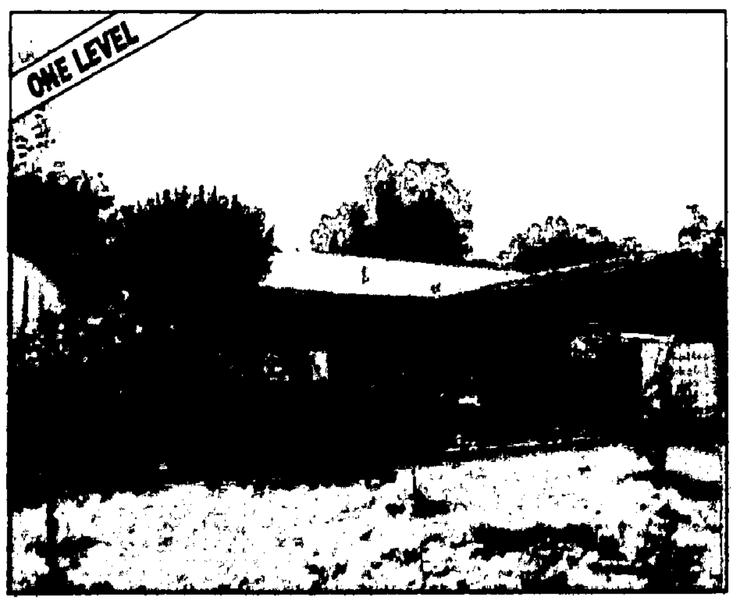
UPPER CANYON 3BD., 2 BA. CHALET!

Enjoy the sounds of Perk Canyon Creek while relaxing or cooking out on the deck. Easy access. Great for permanent residence or vacation getaway. Surrounded by beautiful tall pines! **$169,500**. #18060



GREAT 3 BR., 2 BA. HOME ON .377 ACRES!

Enjoy country living at a super price. Custom deck and wonderful back yard. A nice home for a permanent family or vacation getaway. Must see at this price!... **$159,000**. #16429



GREAT 3 BR. AT A SUPER PRICE!

This attractive 1-level home has many desirable features: level access for convenience, great deck for enjoying the outdoors, partially fenced & city utilities too! Storage and shop building are a real bonus! All this for a mere **$150,000!** #17569

VIEWS! VIEWS! VIEWS!

If you're looking for that mountain cabin, you're in luck! 2 br., 2 ba., 2 kitchens, 2 living areas, and a carport for your convenience. Expansive mountain valley views! New metal roof. **$179,500**. #18224

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A fabulous setting with amazing river frontage is the perfect place for this recently remodeled showplace. Wonderful deck. Lovely interior with large kitchen accented by stainless steel appliances. A rare offering. **$475,000.** #18199

SPACIOUS 6 BR., 6 ½ BA. CONDO IN BEAUTIFUL SETTING!

This unit has a fabulous Sierra Blanca view. It has been updated, and is fully furnished. Great for friends and family or 2 families! Super game room too! **$269,500.** #16645

ENJOY A BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAIN HOME ON 1-LEVEL!

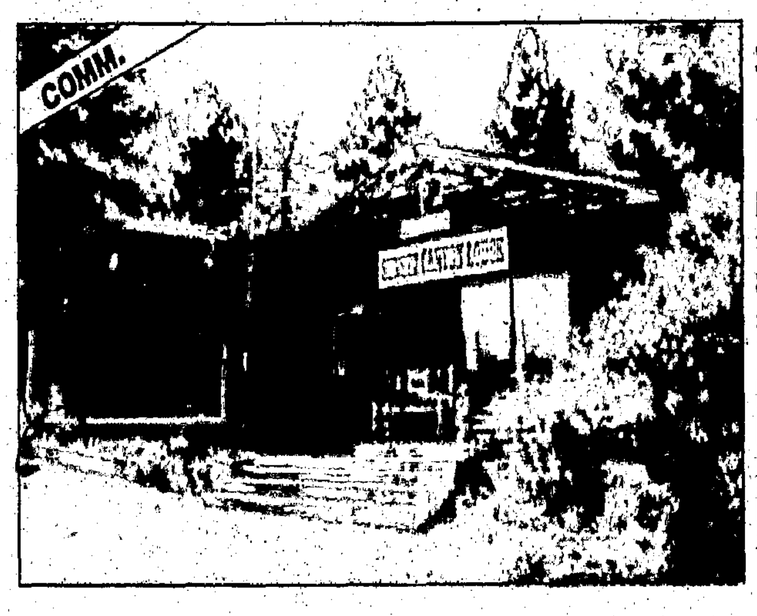
This well-priced 3 br. home sits on .37 acres and has an enchanting deck for enjoying the pristine mountain scenery. 2 fireplaces create a cozy ambiance, and it's furnished too! A perfect choice at a super price! **$215,000.** #18317

CHARMING ONE-LEVEL ON CREE MEADOWS!

This 3 br., 2 ba. home is centrally located in a super neighborhood. Fenced back yard, great front porch, and golf course views! Custom crown molding adds a really nice touch to interior. **$315,000.** #16825

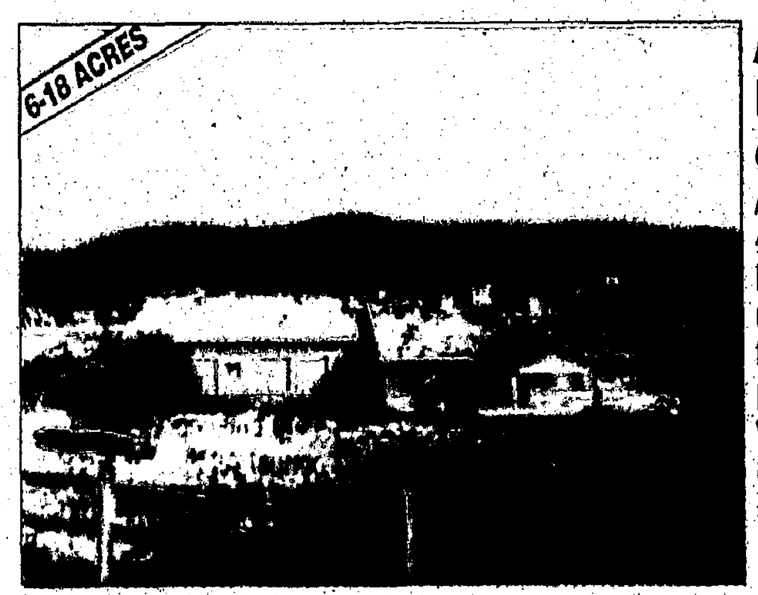
ENJOY THE SIERRA BLANCA VIEW!

You'll be delighted with this 3 bedroom, 2 ba. featuring vaulted ceilings and spacious decks. Nice neighborhood. Easy access. Double garage and hot tub too! Super views! **$289,500** #16806



SUNSET CANYON LODGE OOZES RUIDOSO CHARM!

Excellent midtown location. Close to shopping, and art galleries. Cabin-style rooms and suite w/ hot tub area & barbeque. Across from River Crossing on Sudderth. Opportunity knocks! **$420,000.** #18006



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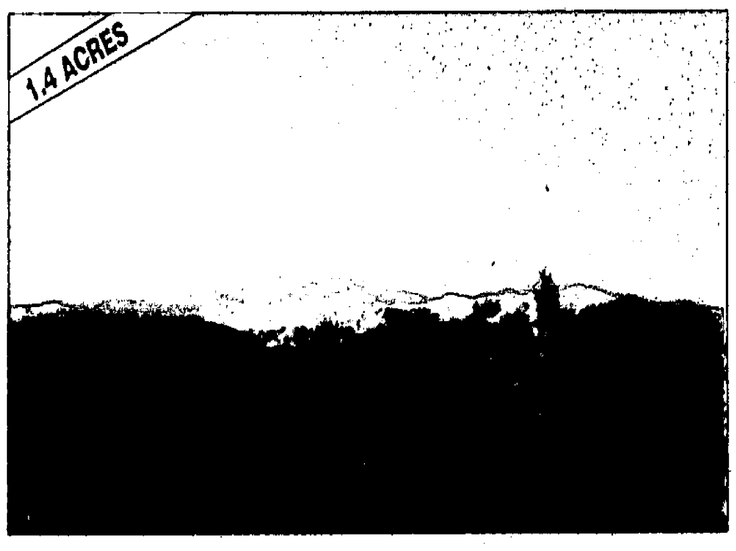
NICE BUILDABLE REGULAR GOLF MEMBERSHIP LOT

Alto Village. Approx. 1/3 acre. Wooded & valley views. Buyer to verify utilities. **$36,500.** #18274

VERY NICE BUILDING LOT W/ SIERRA BLANCA & VALLEY VIEWS

Buyer to verify utilities. Adjacent lot also available. **$69,500.** #18346



GREAT LOT W/ HUGE PANORAMIC SIERRA BLANCA VIEWS

Approx. 1.4 acres. City water & sewer available. Private & treed! **$194,500.** #17568

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BEAUTIFUL WOODED LOT

On corner of Westbury and Westminster. Big valley view possibilities, Buildable. Buyer to verify all utilities. **$39,500.** #15424

SIERRA BLANCA VIEW LOT

with full golf membership! Lake view also. Buyer to verify all utilities! **$89,500.** #18354

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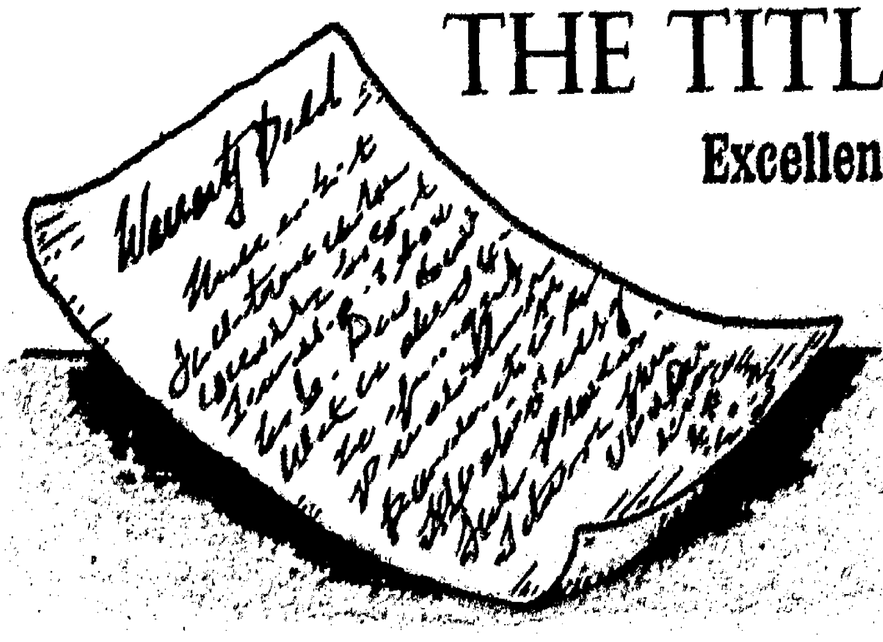

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