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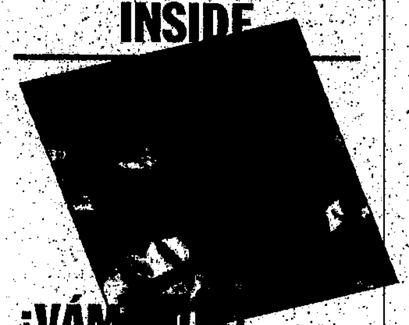

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Tax levy hike goes to voters

COUNTY'S RESIDENTS WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE AN INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES FOR EXPANSION OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER, RURAL CLINICS

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County voters will be asked to approve a new special property tax levy for the maintenance, expansion and operation of the hospital in Ruidoso and for Lincoln County rural health care clinics, but county commissioners aren't sure how high to set the cap.

Although James Gibson, administrator of the county-owned Lincoln County Medical Center, urged that to meet future growth demands, a 4.25 mills lid be set, up from the current 3 mills, County Assessor Rick Silva advised caution.

If voters in Ruidoso, a major portion of the county population, are asked to approve too steep a figure, they may reject the entire package, he said.

Property values go up each year in the county and would yield more money without increasing taxes, he said, pointing to a 2.96 mill levy in 1995 yielding $764,000 and a 2.01 mill levy 11 years later bringing in $1.5 million. One mill equates to $1 for each $1,000 of taxable property value.

He gave the example that the owner of a house with a taxable value of $70,000 and market value of $210,000 paid $182 in annual property taxes for the current 3 mill levy, but would pay $297.50 for 4.25 mills, an increase of $110.

Residents in Ruidoso may be experiencing tax fatigue facing a recent school bond issue and a new bond issue for a sewage treatment plant, as well as higher utility rates, Silva said.

"I don't know how this is going to fly," he said of any increase.

Without a vote, commissioners tentatively concurred that the November special election ballot would not specify what rural health clinics are covered to allow Hondo to be added, and possibly even a clinic in Capitan in the future. They agree to insert that the mill levy proceeds can be used for the ambulance operation at the hospital, which serves the entire county, and they agreed on a seven-year term, instead of the maximum eight years for the tax, to avoid having the next reauthorization election fall in a Presidential election year.

Commissioners told County Clerk Tammie Maddox they want a regular election, not one by mail, although the mail-in ballot option would be less costly and has shown a high turnout in other counties.

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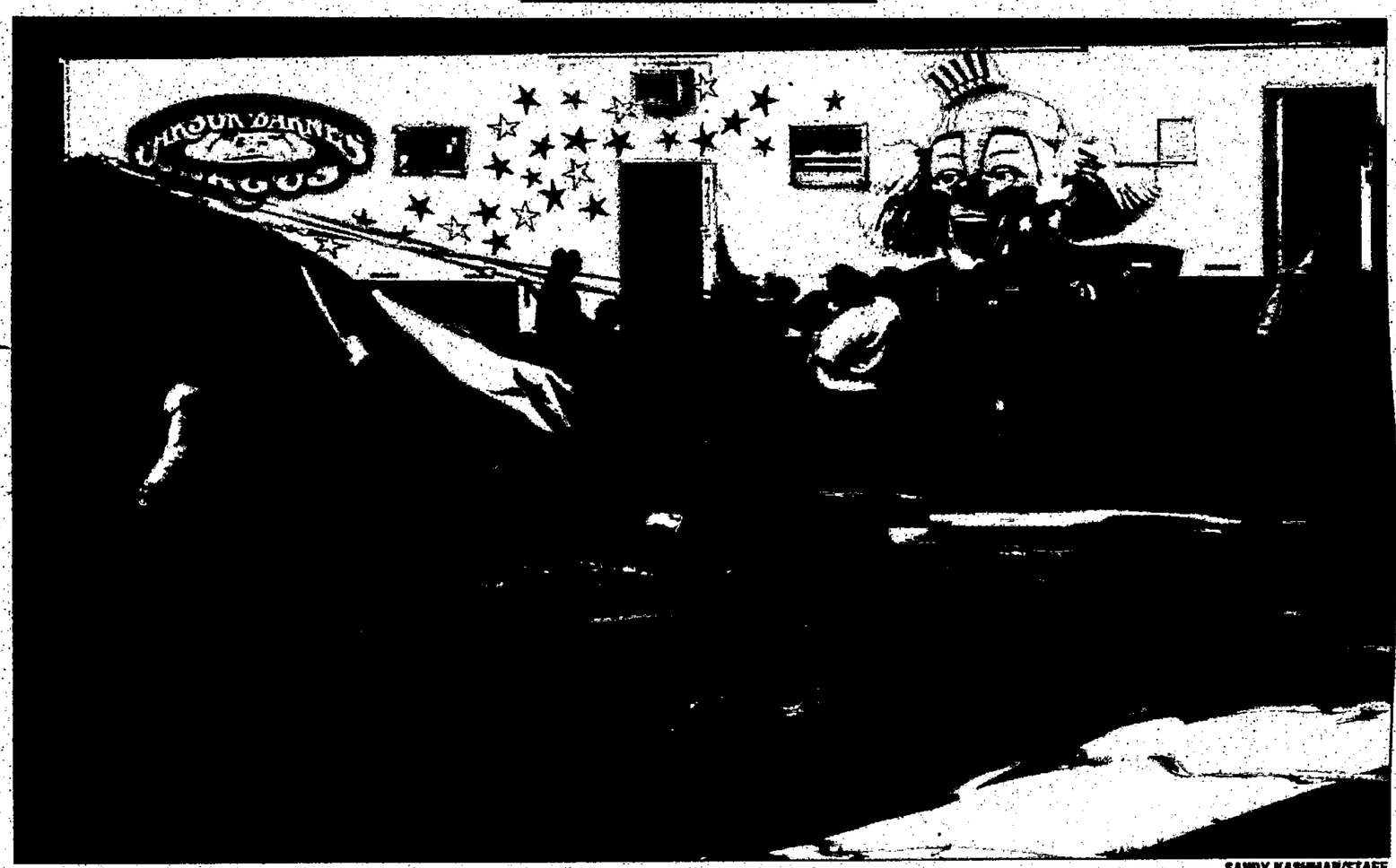

SANDY KASHMAN/STAFF

Men raise the Big Top as the Carson & Barnes Circus sets up Thursday at the White Mountain School Complex in Ruidoso. The workers first marked and drove in the posts, then rolled out the enormous canvas, finally securing it with ropes, which took a little more than an hour. Then they raised the front of the tent, took an elephant and a forklift inside, and the rest of it began to come up, looking like a balloon inflating. Children from the schools walked over to watch, as well as folks from the community.

Budget frustrates councilors

■ Some say it's time to consider a property tax increase to fund expenses

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Two Ruidoso village councilors say they are tired of "hitting a wall" each year as they try to put together a new annual budget with growing expenses and level revenues.

Councilors Ron Hardeman and Greg Cory said it is time for the council to consider an increase in property taxes or gross receipts taxes. Any increase would be too late for this year's estimated $29.7 million budget, but would kick in for the next fiscal year's revenue.

Village Finance Director Elaine Beltran asked for guidance. She brought the council a balanced budget the previous week and they didn't like it, because of some significant

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Street department considers special assessments

The idea, says Village Street Director J.R. Baumann, is to place the cost of fixing roads on the people who use them

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Future road surfacing and rebuilding work may only occur when property owners are willing to pay a special assessment.

Ruidoso Village Street Director J.R. Baumann told village councilors during a budget workshop Tuesday that his first assessment focus may be six miles of roads on Camelot Mountain off U.S. 70.

Precedent-setting

"We would put the cost back on the people for using the roads," he said. "It would be assessed based on the value of the property. We've never done it before. If it goes smoothly there, we could pick other areas and assess and they will get brand new roads.

"The state will give us the money up front because we would have a guaranteed repayment source."

Mayor L. Ray Nunley asked if the cost would be lower to put the projects out to bid to be paid through assessments, which would free up village crews for repairs on other roads.

He noted that roads in Cree Meadows, "are just about down to gravel."

Baumann said the village should be able to perform the work for less cost because no profit is involved, but he will look at both options.

An advantage would be realized not tying up street crews, he agreed.

Roads in the George White area also are in bad shape and he doesn't want them to deteriorate to the point where they must be totally reconstructed.

Councilor Greg Cory asked if the $150,000 councilors added back into to the street budget after a workshop two weeks ago will keep crews busy in the coming year.

"We'll just do fewer miles," Baumann replied. "There's 180 lane miles in Ruidoso. We get four to five done a year and the life (of the surface) is about 10 years. We fall behind every year."

Councilor Angel Shaw pressed, "When you stood here the time before last, you said materials were cut $150,000 and that's why we pushed so hard for $150,000."

Baumann clarified that he will come close to completing projects for the year under the village's five-year plan for streets, but added that major items such as bridges, which cost $500,000 each, never have been budgeted.

Cory asked Baumann to try to quantify how much work remains in the village's five year street plan and the cost of completing it.

Councilor James Stoddard quipped that police can't seem to slow the traffic on Hull Road, but maybe huge potholes can.

Speeders may see double

■ Judge says exceeding speed limits by 20 mph warrants stiffer fines

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Drivers exceeding Ruidoso speed limits by 20 miles per hour or more could face fines double current levels.

But to collect more revenue from fines and penalties, manpower in the village police department needs to be beefed up, said Municipal Judge Mike Line.

The judge attended a village council workshop Tuesday on the proposed Fiscal Year 2007-2008 preliminary budget that must be submitted to the state by June 1.

He offered a few suggestions for saving money and generating more income. He volun-

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Economic Development Summit: You've got to sell the area

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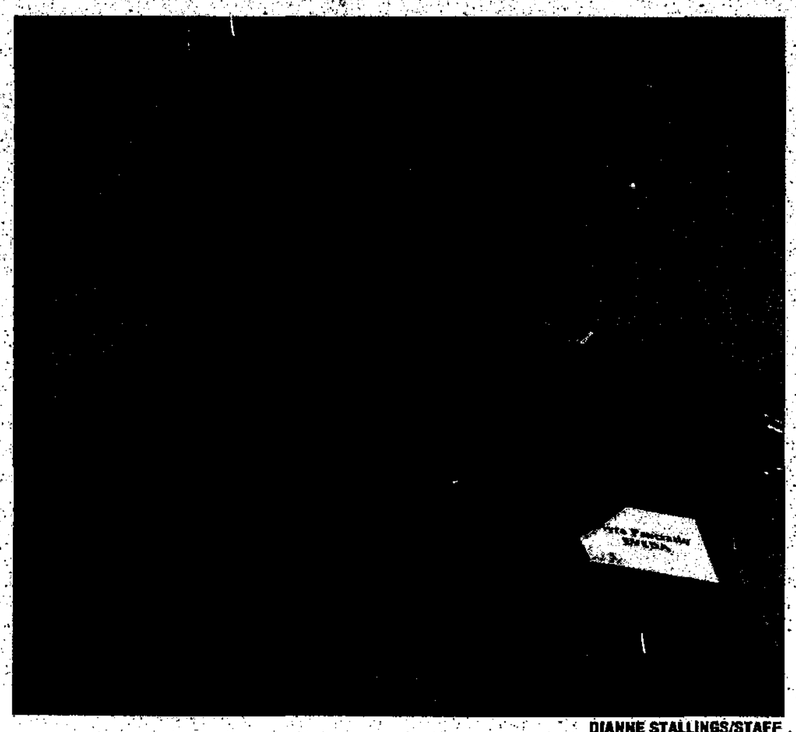
Find someone to act as the focal point for information, contact and promotion of a community, who is aggressive "and who can embellish," an expert in public relations, marketing and sales advised Ruidoso business and government leaders.

The performance of individuals or groups should be measured by what they bring to the community, said Myra Pancrazio, director of the Estancia Valley Economic Development Association. But an economic director should be judged by the number of site visits generated, she said, adding, "It's up to the leaders to make the deal happen."

"It's important that one person is responsible, so there is one source for numbers and everything flows through one place," Pancrazio said. "You will get a lot more done and a lot more attention from the state."

Speaking at the Ruidoso Valley Economic Development Summit earlier this month, she described the approach she took in selling her area.

Pancrazio secured funding for businesses that brought more than 1,500 jobs to Estancia Valley in the past three years, along with a growing association membership and an annual operating budget of $90,000. She represents three counties and six communities in an economic development partnership, who dictate through their Comprehensive Plans how they want to look, where they want to go and what qualities to protect, she said.



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Myra Pancrazio of Estancia says economic development in the Estancia Valley grew from a desire to keep families in the area.

"It's little old Estancia Valley and we're kicking butt over there around Albuquerque," said Pancrazio, who received the Dallin Sanders Award in 2006 as the most outstanding rural economic development organization in the state.

Her reach even extended into Carrizozo, although Pancrazio took no credit for luring away a brewery that previously was based there. She said Santa Fe Cider was supplying bottles to breweries and 15 ended up moving to one building, all sharing a $1 a year lease. The "free lease" incentive was offered to businesses that provide 10 or more jobs, she said.

The economic development thrust grew from the desire of citizens in Estancia Valley to see their children and grandchildren came back and work in the area they love, she said.

As for aviation, now is a good time to find money and connections, she said, with the emphasis on Spaceport, state officials are trying to bring in high tech, small manufacturing and aviation-related companies to New Mexico. But she advised that when attending trade shows and other events, the focus shouldn't be a community booth. "Walk the floors and set up meetings for afterwards," she said. "It may take a year (for something to bloom). Our biomass project is in its fourth year.

"It's important to know all the different sources of money and how to chase the dollars and find investors."

She told attendees that community leaders and residents have to know where the community is headed, what they want the community to look like, what kind of economic base they want and what the infrastructure needs are.

"Are your citizens happy or are they screaming, 'What about me?'" she asked.

Her economic development association includes corporate representatives on the board and they can share the cost and fruits of gathering data annually, she said.

To carry out any plan, a community must have a strategy and know how to implement it, Pancrazio said.

Her area tried economic development approaches unsuccessfully twice before. When the first effort failed, the county hired a person to run a department, but quickly discovered while government is good at getting money, it wasn't good in day-to-day operations.

Her board represents may facets, including elected officials and business owners, Pancrazio said. Fifty-one percent of the budget comes from private business owners, because they know how to run a business. But community power players and government officials also need to be on board, as do real estate agents and some developers. In her area, each member kicks in about $1,000.

"You need people with a passion, whether there is an economic director, a paid staff or volunteers," she said.

Realistically, a community that contributes dollars or offers incentives receives more attention, she said.

"You push those areas who participate with land and incentive packages," she said. "Moriarty gives $15,000 a year. It wouldn't be fair to push Vaughn, who pays nothing."

In that same vein, Village of Ruidoso officials also should seek certified government status, because of the funding doors that certification opens and the increased ability of state officials to sell an area, she said.

Be frank when assessing accomplishments or failures, she urged.

"Write it down and see where you are yearly," Pancrazio said. "Don't let it die."

In her ending remarks, she returned to the theme of one source and fixing responsibility.

"Who is responsible for the plan, who will follow up and carry it out?" she said. "When you leave here today, who will help you make that happen?"

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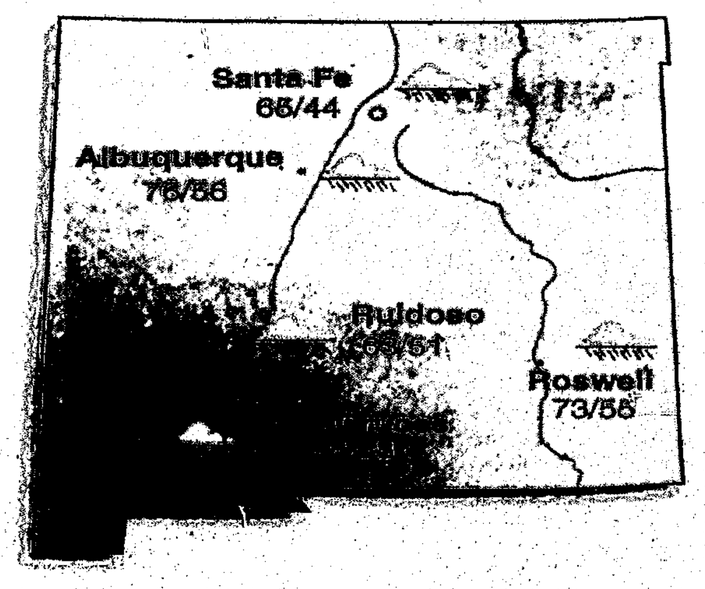

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Jun 1	Jun 8

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Sat	5/19	Very High
Sun	5/20	Extreme

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Alamogordo	79	55	t-storm	Grants	73	42	t-storm	Santa Fe	65	44	rain
Albuquerque	76	56	rain	Guymon, OK	70	49	t-storm	Santa Rosa	76	52	rain
Carlsbad	74	55	rain	Hobbs	72	53	rain	Silver City	70	43	t-storm
Chama	64	39	t-storm	Las Cruces	78	58	t-storm	Socorro	77	53	rain
Clovis	69	49	rain	Las Vegas	66	43	rain	St. Johns, AZ	84	51	t-storm
Deming	81	56	t-storm	Lordsburg	85	57	t-storm	Taos	69	38	rain
El Paso, TX	81	62	t-storm	Lubbock, TX	65	53	t-storm	Trinidad, CO	70	45	t-storm
Espanola	74	51	t-storm	Odessa, TX	70	54	t-storm	Truth or Consq.	77	57	t-storm
Farmington	79	47	t-storm	Raton	70	41	rain	Tucson, AZ	97	69	mst sunny
Gallup	72	43	t-storm	Roswell	73	55	rain	Tucumcari	70	48	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	75	50	pt sunny	Houston	83	61	pt sunny	Phoenix	101	77	mst sunny
Boston	52	45	rain	Los Angeles	76	61	pt sunny	San Francisco	73	55	pt sunny
Chicago	70	51	sunny	Miami	85	70	t-storm	Seattle	65	52	cloudy
Dallas	79	61	pt sunny	Minneapolis	83	64	sunny	St. Louis	75	54	sunny
Denver	76	50	pt sunny	New York	61	51	rain	Washington, DC	67	53	rain

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LEVY

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Commissioners appeared to agree not to specify how the mill levy would be divided between the clinics and the hospital, leaving the mix open to annual financial review. The one area where some disagreement surfaced was the amount of mill levy to ask voters to authorize.

Commissioner Don Williams noted that a substantial reserve would be generated in a few years at 4.25 mills. If that much is levied, it will be spent, he said.

Commissioners Dave Parks and Jackie Powell said they don't want to see the county slip behind in meeting health care needs and then face a crisis, as the village of Ruidoso did with its wastewater treatment plant. Gibson pointed out that health care is one of the major issues researched by people looking at Ruidoso for relocation, especially with an aging population.

County Manager Tom Stewart said based on his analysis, a 4.25 mill levy would generate about $4 million. The hospital and clinics need about $2,028,527 from the levy to supplement their budgets in the 2007-08 fiscal year. In four years that means the hospital could build a $6.412 million reserve and the clinics about $678,000. The figures do not reflect the $3 million already set aside for the third phase of expansion at the hospital.

The commission could decide to ask for the authorization of 4.25 mills, but after each annual review impose a lower figure, Stewart said. Over the past seven years, commissioners with a 3 mill authorization have levied the full amount and went as low as 2.6 mills. Stewart said he would not recommend going any lower than 3 mills.

County Attorney Alan Morel said the November election will be the third asking for authorization of a special mill levy for the hospital and clinics.

Gibson said it will be the job of the hospital community board and Presbyterian Healthcare Services, the company that manages the hospital and leases the property, to sell the voters on the higher figure. The reserve can be spent in stages on expansion and improvements for the hospital to keep up with double-digit growth and more in-hospital stays as people in the community age, he said.

"I think you will need a massive injection in 15 years," Gibson sad. "We think we can do it in stages as we have in the past. We can spend the money as it is collected and if the growth doesn't materialize, you can impose less."

Morel will suggest wording for the ballot next month when commissioners will decide on the amount of the mill levy.

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BUDGET

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cuts, especially in the street and parks departments. Anticipating that the sale of some village property could net $300,000, she added in that revenue to bump up the street department's road material budget by $150,000, utilities for the new fire station at $30,000, village hall maintenance for $20,000, various needs in the parks department for $60,680 and an assessment of the village's information technology system for $20,000.

Cory said he's not comfortable budgeting for the sale of property not yet approved by the council, although Beltran said officials with the state Department of Finance and Administration are willing to sign off on the idea.

He questioned why a series of anticipated grants for budgeted projects was not listed on the revenue side, which could improve the picture. Beltran said in the past, grants were added before they were received and then fell through. Now she waits until they are awarded and accepted by the council before she adds them into revenues.

She stressed that the budget is a preliminary document and, once approved by DFA, can be changed as revenues and expenses are altered, but it must balance when submitted to the state.

She moved ahead with the budget under the impression from the last workshop that councilors did not favor a tax increase, one of several revenue-generating options she presented.

"I haven't slept well since May 3 trying to figure out what you want us to do," Beltran said. "I have to present a balanced budget by (July 1) to DFA. The first wasn't good enough. I'm running out of ideas. I need your help."

"I don't recall us deciding we didn't want a tax increase," Hardeman said. "We did discuss that option and I don't think we can take that off the table until we do have some proceeds from land sales."

That's when Nunley reminded him that any tax increase wouldn't affect the FY2007-2008 budget.

"We need a cash infusion now," he said. "If we want to increase taxes, we can do that later."

Councilor Michele Rebstock said she told Village Manager Dan O. Higgins that she would not support a tax increase.

Cory said a tax increase may not save this budget, "but we need to have the discussion some time this year, because this is my second budget year and we hit the wall both times. If we have to do it to maintain basic services, we need to have this discussion."

Higgins said while selling village property may give a quick fix, it is not a source of recurring revenue, which is what the village needs to build a reserve over several years.

After deducting the additional department revenue allocations from the proposed property sale, about $24,750 will be left from the $300,000 for a village reserve in excess of the state-required $722,470 reserve, he said.

Cory also pointed to $1.6 million budgeted for water projects. The item isn't broken down by project and he said he's worried how the council will know if they are accomplished when they aren't listed separately.

"I just want to be sure we don't ask in nine months about the water leaks study and be told it wasn't budgeted," he said.

Nunley said a utility line leak detection project for $350,000 was encumbered in this year's fiscal budget and will be carried over into next fiscal year.

"I think we're a little apprehensive because in the past, some things got changed without notice to the council," Rebstock said.

Beltran said any changes will be reflected in budget recaps she provides monthly.

In reference to specific grants in the village forestry department, Director Rick DeIaco explained to Cory that four grants are anticipated totaling $848,000, that will generate $84,800 in administrative fees for the general fund. Grant money helps cover his salary and other department costs. Last year, grants hit $578,000 and generated $57,800 for the general fund, he said.

The only one reflected on the revenue side now is for $270,000, because the council has not yet signed off on the rest, DeIaco said.

Cory said in his experience as a banker in preparing a budget, he needs to see expected revenues as well as expenses.

"If I drop the ball on obtaining revenue, I need to be held accountable for it," he said. "I understand taking a conservative approach, but until today for instance, I didn't know the forestry department not only was paying its own bills, but throwing money into the general fund."

"I haven't slept well since May 3 trying to figure out what to do."

Elaine Beltran
Village finance director

He still was skittish about budgeting money from the sale of property not yet defined.

"I wholeheartedly support the sale of an asset to get it on the property tax rolls, but it is a nonrecurring source and we need to look at a tax increase," he said.

He joked with DeIaco, "So cut some more trees and make up about a $3 million deficit."

Rebstock asked about cooperating with logging companies and selling cut trees. She was told that locally there is a glut of wood and the trees become salvage.

"There are signs all over town for free fire wood," Councilor Angel Shaw said.

"But we're told by contractors (on village projects) that the price of wood is going up," Rebstock countered.

Chief: New fire station already strapped

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The new fire station in School House Park dropped into a financial hole before construction even started, says Ruidoso Fire Chief Virgil Reynolds.

He may open the two-story structure with fire engine bays in late October without furniture, not able to pay utilities and without a rock facade as designed.

Speaking during a workshop Tuesday, where councilors added $30,000 back into the budget to cover utilities, Reynolds said the architect initially estimated the cost at $5 million, then with cuts dropped it to $4.2 million.

"We were in a hole right away," he said. "We cut the rock, the furniture. The street department was going to do the paving and dirt work and all the money was cut for that. From day one, we were broke and it's been a problem ever since."

"In hindsight, we just didn't go for a big enough bond issue," Councilor Ron Hardeman said of the $4 million bond issue approved by village voters to be repaid through a designated gross receipts tax.

Village Manager Dan O. Higgins said he's reviewing architectural charges.

"I'm concerned about cutting things to save money," he said. "They took the rock facade from the concrete front and to me, it looks too stark. I want to look at other options."

The paved entry to the station and an oil pit also were eliminated, although once moved in, he will take another look at what might be done.

Hardeman said after the fire department moves to the new station, the old fire house on Eagle Drive will have to be demolished, because it is a liability.

"Where do we get the money for that?" he asked.

Higgins said selling the property is an option that would eliminate the village tackling the problem.

In the meantime, he and Reynolds are watching every dime for money to spend on furniture and the entrance. The latter is important for the safety of park and tennis court users, he said.

18th annual State Forestry Camp accepting registrations

Staff of the New Mexico State Forestry Division, in conjunction with the Cuba Soil and Water Conservation District and the USDA Forest Service, will stage the 18th annual Forestry Camp for teens, ages 13 to 18, on June 3-8.

The State Forestry Camp is a six-day outdoor workshop for New Mexico's youth to learn how to use, care for and appreciate the state's land and natural resources. Resource professionals will work with campers to learn about trees, streams, archaeology, insects, wildland fire, range management, wildlife, geology and more.

New Mexico Forestry Camp is conducted at Rancho del Chaparral Scout Camp in the Jemez Mountains. Meals are served in a dining hall and campers, counselors and staff sleep in platform tents.

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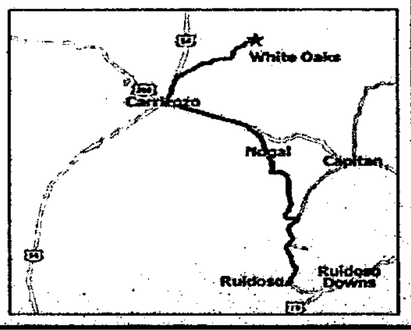

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OUR OPINION

The benefits of copying the City Different

Santa Fe's growing pains a lesson for Ruidoso

No, Ruidoso is not Santa Fe. No one is Santa Fe but Santa Fe, the City Different (from all others).

But regarding growth and economic development, the Capital City, which relies heavily on tourism and retirement as does Ruidoso, has been there-done that. And it has much to offer other communities in terms of imparting knowledge and suggestions on how (and how not) to pursue sustainable economic growth.

Thus, the recent Economic Development Summit did well by inviting the president of Santa Fe Development Inc. Among her points, Catherine Zacher spoke of "economic gardening" – the notion of retaining and expanding existing businesses. "You have to take care of your own, first," she said.

We agree. Ruidoso's charm lies in its locally owned businesses, many of them forming the core of Midtown. For this discussion we can equate Midtown to Santa Fe's Plaza – a unique architectural throwback at the heart of town that acts as a tourism magnet.

The village must do everything in its power to nurture such small, unique and quirky businesses.

Economic gardening is the antithesis of economic recruiting, the process of offering perks and incentives to outside companies or chains to relocate here.

Once those incentives expire, Zacher noted, such firms, which are not as rooted in the community, tend to lay off workers or relocate again.

In addition, Santa Fe stresses the importance of clean industry – industries like publishing, the arts and biotechnology that use little water and a lot of brains. Many of those "brains" are retirees starting their own businesses or volunteering in civic projects.

Economic gardening. Clean, brainy industries. We cannot stress enough how important it is for Ruidoso to, in some ways, be similar to the City Different.

Water budget cannot be implemented soon enough

It would be difficult, we surmise, to find anyone in Ruidoso who would oppose a Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan that included a water budget, as Village Council appears to favor.

Anyone, that is, except some developers.

Such a plan, we feel, is well overdue, for various reasons.

A drought contingency and conservation plan is a requirement for state funding of any water project in New Mexico – such as the mandated expansion and renovation of the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.

It would be crucial to having the village's floundering 40-Year Water Plan accepted by the State Engineer's Office.

And a plan that included an annual water budget would be a useful tool in managing growth while protecting, or at least monitoring, the village's water supplies. It would do so in a way that takes the emotion, guesswork and politics out of individual development proposals, and in a way that might stand up to a potential court challenge.

We also like the bi-partisanship of the village's water conservation committee charged with coming up with a drought contingency and conservation plan. It includes a village councilor and water experts, some of whom are longtime critics of village water policies.

In that spirit of cooperation, we urge that the water budget be put on the fast track.

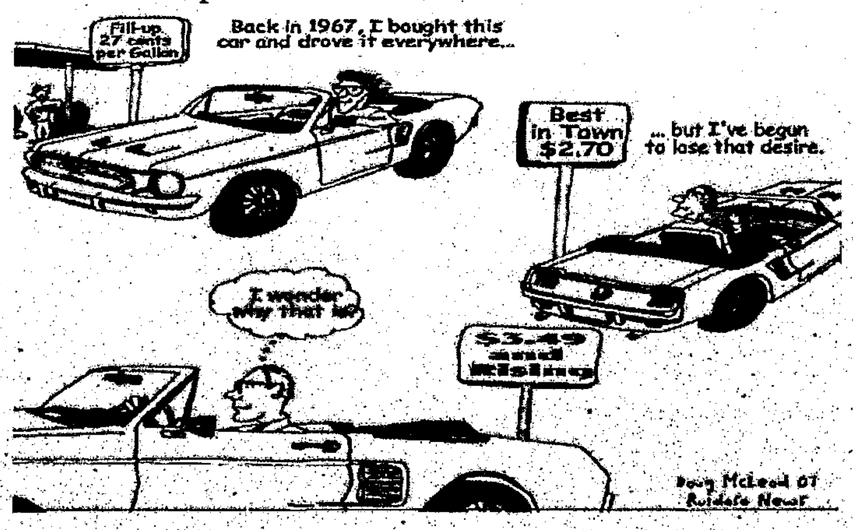
Ruidoso gas prices a poker game

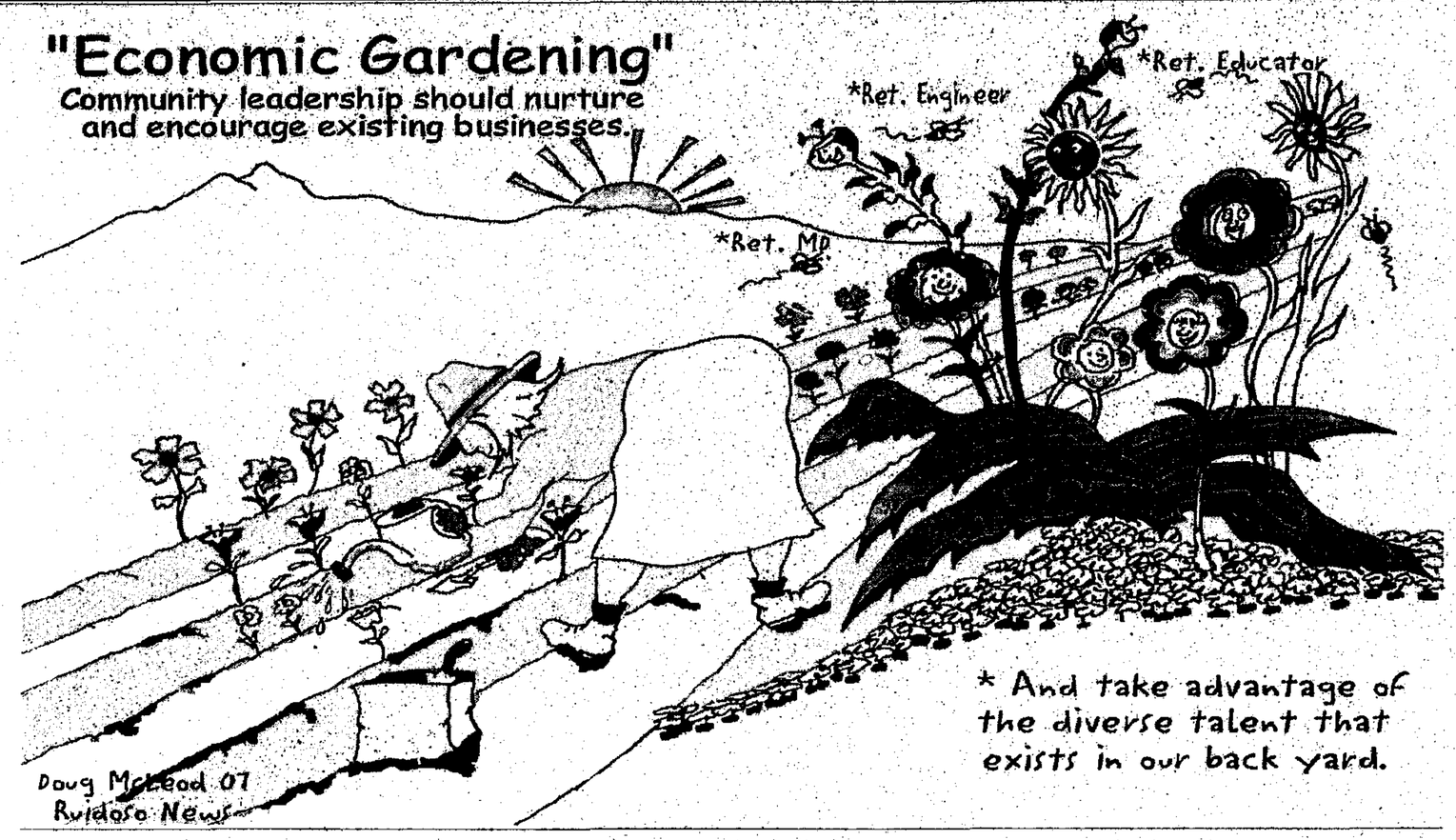
As of 9 a.m. Thursday, the price of regular gas at an Alto gas station was $3.35 a gallon. An hour later it was $3.39.

No delivery truck appeared during that time; gas prices should fluctuate by changes in the wholesale price.

Apparently, there's a poker game going on among area gas stations. One raises the stakes, another sees the bet.

This only stains our tourism reputation. For now, we suggest visitors and locals fuel up down the mountain or patronize Mescalero Travel Center.





YOUR OPINION

New ideas might generate sound economic growth

To the editor:

GREAT ARTICLE ON MS. ZACHER, almost verbatim what I heard at the [Economic Development] conference. The "just do it" quote is what is lacking in America these days.

Honda just announced today that they will be distributing in the U.S. next year a limited production of hydrogen fuel cell automobiles. The problem, only a few hydrogen fueling points exist. Why not Ruidoso in conjunction with Los Alamos, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, etc. jointly working together to make New Mexico the leader in the hydrogen economy?

As a newcomer, I have a lot to learn about my new town, but here are a few development ideas I think Ruidoso has to offer that will help the entire Lincoln County area develop nicely as well. These are just my ideas from observations in other towns and cities I have lived in and visited, but also playing into some of the issues in previous articles and from comments of my clients.

First, develop ENMU into a 4-year university, concentrating on clean technologies and the arts. Everything begins with education. America is a sports loving country – jointly develop a sports complex to offer citizens and our youth a place to congregate and invite regional tournaments, X-games, etc.

Why not arts? The state is giving incentives for movie production, so use others' money to achieve your goals. The traffic of new students and their parents to the area will develop a new following to the town, plus it will provide new opportunities for local businesses for a stronger workforce and prospective future buyers of their businesses. But affordable housing will be a major concern.

Next, the state is providing incentives for aviation businesses. Ruidoso wants an airport. Hopefully you can see where this is going. Give incentives for relocating a factory and then demonstrate the need for air traffic.

Next, have our leaders take a trip to Oklahoma City and visit the Bricktown development, so they can gather ideas on how to integrate sports, entertainment and a youth night life alongside the river. Mayors from across the country have turned to OKC's model for redevelopment success. After living 13 years in Dallas, I never thought Okies would beat Dallasites in the arena of redevelopment. Our river is one of our major assets and attractions.

Finally, in addition to all the current great offerings to adults in this area, consider New Braunfels, Texas, and Schlitterbahn "Slippery Road," a world-renowned water theme park and resort. They too have limited water resources, but boy what a name for a regional park "Noisy Water."

Whatever path Ruidoso decides to take, I am glad to share in its dreams and provide services and time toward achieving them. I look forward to the remaining articles and future events.

Edward Greenlee, CPA
Irving, Texas

Operation KidSight Golf Tournament a success

To the editor:

THE RUIDOSO VALLEY Noon Lions Club would like to thank the *Ruidoso News* for the fine article by Mike Curran in the 9 May edition on the club's recent 1st Annual Operation KidSight Golf Tournament which was a complete success due to the golfers who participated and the businesses and individuals who purchased hole sponsorships which were listed in the article.

Bonito River Services, which was not listed, also purchased a hole sponsorship. We regret the oversight. Again, a big thanks to all who supported this important fundraiser.

Bryson McCool
Secretary
Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions

Unpredictable violence

To the editor:

ON BEHALF OF Help End Abuse for Life (HEAL) and the Nest domestic violence shelter, we wish to extend a hearty thank you to Pastor Clary for his recent article "Help Break the Cycle of Abuse with Your Support."

Pastor Clary has been, and continues to be, an avid supporter of HEAL. His observations as a faith leader are often shared with his congregation and the community at large via his *Ruidoso News* weekly column.

In Pastor Clary's recent article, he stated "I know that I will catch some flack on this next observation. Some women demand abuse." I welcome the opportunity to reframe this inaccurate portrayal of victims.

Pastor Clary is absolutely right when he points out that many victims have lived through patterns of abuse and the eventual acceptance of abuse. We see it with POW's just as we see it in victims – thus the trend of increased diagnosis of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

One of the hallmark features of PTSD is the learned helplessness that comes from being the recipient of violence and, most importantly, *unpredictable* violence. They never know when they are going to be tortured – they only know that they are.

The "demand" part of the statement is what is not accurate – "demand" clearly implies want or desire and pins the responsibility squarely on the shoulders of the victim. This is what we refer to as classic "victim blaming."

The reality is much different. Victims tell us the tension and stress is excruciatingly unbearable as they try to control all of the environmental things that might trigger the abuser, like trying to make sure the phone doesn't ring at the "wrong" time, keeping the children quiet or hidden in their rooms or signaling the neighbors that now is not a good time to come over.

When all of that fails, and the attack is imminent, some victims will initiate a conversation or action they know will result in their assault – "just to get it over with and so I can control who is around to see me get my head kicked in," according to a current Nest resident.

This is *far* from demanding that he abuse her. Rather, she is attempting to control a very uncontrollable situation and, oddly enough, trying to do so with a bit of dignity while protecting her kids.

Thank you once again, Pastor Clary, for your dedication to preventing family violence. We look forward to seeing you at the Open House of the Nest on July 13 and at Survivor 3 on July 21. We truly appreciate your support!

Coleen Widell
Executive Director
Help End Abuse for Life, Inc.

Entry-level housing denied

To the editor:

THE *RUIDOSO NEWS* sharply criticized a local developer for attempting to develop and build entry-level homes in Capitan (editorial, April 25]. Upon completion of a survey of the housing shortage in Capitan, Dyer & Rossi Development, a local company [San Patricio], attempted to build the subdivision.

According to a local finance company, the average income level in Lincoln County exceeds the minimum requirement for low-income housing. The next level of housing is entry-level for first-time buyers. The minimum cost to provide this type of housing is $120,000 to $150,000, providing the lot does not exceed $15,000 to $20,000 including all development costs.

In order to produce lots in this range the lots must be kept to a minimum size. The lot size proposed by Dyer & Rossi Development was 6,500 to 7,000 square feet. These are hardly postage sized lots as stated by the *Ruidoso News*.

In Capitan you can only build one house on a lot of less than six acres. I don't think there is any city in the U.S. with this large of a minimum lot size. By enacting a three-acre minimum, the Village of Capitan has effectively stopped all building in the village, stymied growth and prevented first-time buyers the opportunity to own a new home.

Jim Dyer
Dyer & Rossi Development, LLC

Editor's note: Capitan's three-acre-minimum lot size applies only to the Subdivision Ordinance, not existing lots. The Capitan Planning Board rejected Dyer's request for a variance that would have divided five-plus acres into lots as small as 1/20th the size allowed.

Fill 'er up – with peanut oil

The inventor of the diesel engine had an idea before its time

Did you know that the inventor of the diesel engine, Rudolph Diesel, intended it to run on pure peanut oil? His original vision for the diesel engine was as a replacement for the steam engine that could be run off of fuels that farmers would have readily available.

Peanut oil was one of those fuels. It was later discovered that his engine could run just as well off of what later became diesel fuel, a by-product of the gasoline distillation process. Since diesel fuel was less expensive than peanut oil, Diesel's original vision for his engine was cast aside.

CHUCK HALL THE CULTURE ARTIST

Diesel vehicle owners worldwide are rediscovering Diesel's original intent as they search for sustainable fuel alternatives. A sustainable alternative to petroleum-based diesel, known as 'biodiesel,' is gaining popularity as more people learn about it.

Even celebrities are getting in on it. Woody Harrelson of television's *Cheers* is a vocal supporter of biodiesel (www.voiceyourself.com) and guitarist and songwriter Willie Nelson even has his own brand of biodiesel, called 'Biowillie' (www.biowillie.com).

Biodiesel can be used in almost any car or truck with a diesel engine. It is non-toxic and biodegradable.

Certain types of biodiesel may damage gaskets in older vehicles, so before trying to run it in your diesel vehicle you might want to check to see if yours is biodiesel compatible. You can find a list of biodiesel-compatible makes at the National Biodiesel Board's site at www.biodiesel.org.

One drawback of biodiesel is that it tends to gel in the engine fuel lines in cold weather. A way around this is to use a heater on your engine in cold weather. This heater assures that the engine remains at a high enough temperature to keep the fuel from gelling in the lines.

Another method of dealing with this problem is to mix biodiesel with regular diesel fuel.

The problem here is that mixing it with a fossil-fuel based product reduces its sustainability factor, but since you'd only have to do this in the winter months it shouldn't be much of a problem.

If you're a 'hands-on' sort of person, you can even learn to make your own biodiesel at home from recycled fryer-vat grease! The complete instructions are available at many places online. A good place to start is http://journeytoforever.org/biodiesel_make.html. I personally know several people who have worked out deals with local restaurants to cart off their used fryer grease so they can make their own fuel at home.

A word of caution if you go this route: you might want to let the local sheriff's department know what you're up to so they won't think you're making moonshine.

Another drawback is that if you're not the do-it-yourself type, it may be hard to find biodiesel in your area. The National Biodiesel Board maintains a list of filling stations that carry biodiesel, so you can check with them first if you're considering making the switch.

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The advantage to burning biodiesel is that if your vehicle will run on biodiesel, it will also run on regular diesel. This means that if you can't find biodiesel, you can always use regular diesel in a pinch.

If you don't have a diesel vehicle right now, but are considering purchasing one so that you may use biodiesel, I'd suggest buying an older model first, after checking the National Biodiesel Board's list of compatible autos.

The reason for this is that using biodiesel will void most manufacturers' warranties.

An older vehicle won't be under warranty, so that won't be an issue. Manufacturers are slowly coming around, though. B20 (a blend of 20 percent biodiesel and 80 percent regular diesel) was just approved under warranty for some makes and models; however, progress is slow and it may be some time before B100 (pure biodiesel) won't void your warranty. If you don't mind taking a chance on an older vehicle, biodiesel might just be your key to sustainable driving.

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YOUR OPINION

Going green: Recycle your trash

To the editor,

AS A CONCERNED CITIZEN of Ruidoso, I wish to stress the importance of collecting for recycling the tons of materials discarded each day in and around our village.

If we don't recycle properly and responsibly, we will automatically devalue the most important characteristic of our beautiful village, the environment

This kind of neglect of fundamentals is already changing our village.

When I first moved to Ruidoso 11 years ago, recycling bins were located behind IGA and the Dollar store. But, they were soon discarded, and along with this, people quit being conscious of the mounting garbage to be hauled to the landfill each day.

At least half of my dumpster trash is recyclable – newspapers, aluminum cans, etc.

The "Green" movement throughout the country is rapidly spreading, alerting us all that we need to be aware of the process of recycling aluminum, tin, magazines, newspapers, phone books, junk mail, plastics, etc.

What a wonderful opportunity to have a use for "junk mail"! I know that I will be told that the value of recycled materials is too low to justify the cost, but surely we are not making money shipping our trash a hundred miles to bury it.

So I hope our community will move rapidly to replace bins to collect these items and encourage one-hundred percent participation.

Betty Mason
Ruidoso

Can-do spirit

To the editor:

SO, YOU JUST FINISHED that can of soda, or maybe a beer. What are you going to do with the can?

Well if you are like most Americans, you'll probably just throw it. After all its just trash, right?

Wrong! Aluminum doesn't occur naturally in nature. Alcoa has to use the equivalent of that can full of gas to make a new one from bauxite.

That means for every 10.6 cans you consign to Oro Grande, you have wasted one gallon of gasoline. It's behavior like this that put us where we are when it comes to energy.

With $4 a gallon on the horizon, behavior like this will have to change. Next time you're at Wal-Mart, get a can crusher and make sure all the aluminum cans that go through your house find their way back to Alcoa.

Heck, they'll even pay you for it!

Glenn Remington
Ruidoso

Optimist Club confident that circus doesn't mistreat animals

To the editor:

I WOULD LIKE to clear up at least one of the many lies that were printed in the letters to the Editor in the May 16 paper regarding the Carson & Barnes Circus. One in particular came from Carol Maloney who wrote that last year an Optimist Club member stated that we would no longer host another circus and that she was disconnected this year after being told she was nothing but a do-gooder.

Both of these statements are outrageous lies! I would like Ms. Maloney to please identify which member she spoke to on these occasions. No one in the club remembers speaking to her. I spoke with her last year prior to the circus after she mailed a letter encouraging us to book a human act circus.

I contacted Ms. Maloney and thanked her for the information but told her we would still have the circus because we had already made a commitment to it.

There was not discussion about whether they would be coming back the next year or not and she was not called a do-gooder or any other name for that matter.

Normally the Carson & Barnes Circus would not come to the same town two years in a row. However we were lucky enough to be able to have them back again. They wont' be back next year or the year after that and probably not again for several years. I probably would not have been up to the task of hosting the circus again if it weren't for the protests last year. These gave me the extra fuel I needed to take it to the Optimists and encourage us to take on the project again this year.

The Optimist Club voted unanimously to take it on again this year after I was contacted by the circus and asked if they could come back. I speak personally when I say, had there been no protests, I don't think I would have had the energy to do it again.

So please keep in mind, PETA protesters, that what you do is counterproductive to what you are trying to achieve. Once again, the crowd showed up in record numbers with both performances being packed.

The Optimist Club took the time to investigate the Carson & Barnes Circus for animal cruelty and we were satisfied that they did not mistreat their animals. With the enforcement of such strict laws regarding animal welfare, the circus is highly monitored and has been for several years.

It would be extremely difficult for them to get by with any kind of cruelty to their circus animals. In fact these animals live a much better life and their life expectancy is much longer than animals living in the wild. The circus has also teamed up with an endangered species society that is dedicated to the preservation of elephants.

Last year at the circus, the only abuse I saw was of the children of the protesters who were made to stand in the parking lot and protest. Their parents were so concerned about animal rights that they neglected to see that their own children were in danger of being hit by a car in the parking lot.

Keep in mind animal welfare and animal rights are not synonymous.

As stewards of this planet, we should all be concerned about their welfare, but until animals can run businesses, negotiate contracts and pay taxes then they do not have any rights.

We belong to a community that hosts the All American Futurity and is home of one of the largest horse races in America. Why would we not welcome the circus to our community and why would we allow ourselves to be intimidated by a special-interest group that has a reputation for being dishonest?

Rita Griffin
Ruidoso

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Eby wants to spread the wealth

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It's little secret that *The Secret* has been atop the bestseller list of non-fiction books for some time now.

The book, which advocates the power of positive thinking to better yourself, has sold millions of copies in a short time, and has kick-started an entire self-help industry based on just thinking your way to what you want.

Local entrepreneurs Ann and Joseph Eby have decided their secret doesn't have to remain a secret anymore. That's whey they've taken part in a program called "Pass it On," having just returned from Las Vegas, Nev., where a film based on the concept had its world premiere.

"We're so excited about this, because it goes right along with our beliefs about success," Ann said. "It's not just about becoming successful, but also passing on the health and wealth ideas."

COURTESY

Joseph and Ann Eby pose with former heavyweight champion Ken Norton, far right, during the premiere of *Pass it On* in Las Vegas, Nev.

The film's premiere was sponsored primarily by the CyberWize company, for which the Ebys sell products such as Tunguska Blast, a dietary supplement made from plants grown in Siberia.

The couple have been one of the top sellers in the company, thus earning an invitation to attend. But Ann said they'd have gone to the premiere regardless.

CyberWize CEO and founder Mark McCool attended the event in Las Vegas, as did many who appeared in the film, including motivational speaker Charlie "Tremendous" Jones and former heavyweight fighter and boxing Hall of Fame member Ken Norton.

The movie also features such high-profile names as heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield and actors Lavar Burton, Elaine Hendrix and Neil Patrick Harris among the 60-plus individuals that give their testimony and advice.

Eby said the basic idea behind the film is to wake people up to their potential and what the world holds for them.

"So many people have a vision no bigger than punching a clock and working all day," Eby said. "Life has so much more for them. This is about passing on knowledge and dreams that make others succeed as well."

Part of passing on that knowledge is to become a "servant-leader."

"You have to find out what others' dreams are, and make them your own," Eby said. "People working together to achieve their dreams are very powerful."

Now that the Ebys have experienced the phenomenon firsthand, they want to bring it back home with them.

The possibility of a big-screen showing like the one in Las Vegas is low, as the price of such an event is just too high. But bringing the film on DVD and showing it to smaller groups *is* possible, and is just what Ann would like to see happen.

"We'd like to be available for businesses and schools to show this film," Eby said. "I believe this film can change lives and would like to get the message more into the mainstream."

Eby said anyone wishing to view the film and learn more about "passing it on" can contact her at 505-0115 or Joseph at 808-0114.

Leadership Lincoln graduates 13 after final session

The fifth Leadership Lincoln class graduated on May 10 after the final session of the year highlighting history and the media. The session took place in Fort Stanton and Lincoln while graduation took place at Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino.

"I am routinely amazed with how this class embraces each session with a genuine desire to seek more information," said Leadership Lincoln Board President Brad Treptow. "It has been a very rewarding day and year from start to finish and I am thoroughly proud of everyone's commitment and dedication this year."

Dr. Earl Pittman, with Fort Stanton Inc., discussed the historical significance and meaning of Fort Stanton and its relationship to this region. He provided a tour of the administration building while volunteer Barbara Heiser provided a tour of facility's stables and dairy barns.

The class then traveled to historic Lincoln. Local historian Drew Gomber led a tour of the buildings and sites while providing classic tales of the Lincoln County War.

Billy the Kid was the only person ever tried for any crime during the Lincoln County War," Gomber said.

A media panel of 2005 Leadership Lincoln graduate Julie Carter and KWES Newsman Jim Kalvelage followed. The class heard panelists describe what is newsworthy, what trends they foresee and what their most rewarding news reporting experiences have been.

Dr. Jim Miller provided a leadership module on crisis management. Aspects included defining crises and critical leadership behaviors that have proven both successful and unsuccessful. Miller distributed guidelines for working with the media.

Treptow discussed tips of working with the media as well as how to draft press releases for publication.

COURTESY

Earl Pittman, second from the right, describes Historic Fort Stanton from the porch of the administration building pointing to the facility's quad, its buildings and uses since it was built in 1855 while 2006-07 Leadership Lincoln class listens and looks on.

The session wrapped up with a panel discussing running for public office. Panelists included Lincoln County Commissioners Tom Battin and Dave Parks, Ruidoso School Board member Rifle Salas and Ruidoso businessman Jules Videau. Battin and Salas graduated from Leadership Lincoln in 2005 and Videau graduated in the organization's inaugural class in 2003. Panelists discussed why they ran for office, what expectations they had as well as what accomplishments have been made.

Graduation ceremonies concluded the day with a special dinner at Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino after Leadership Lincoln Curriculum Chair Joan Zagone recognized each of the thirteen students individually.

The graduating students are: Glenna Robbins and James Guevara from Carrizozo; Jackie Powell from Glencoe; Bart Garrison, Dr. Tim Harkins, Lisa McMinn and Josie Powell from Ruidoso; Gina Klinekole from Mescalero; D'Ann Dunigan from Ruidoso Downs; Deborah Abingdon from Nogal; Cheryl Strong from Alto; Barbara Sultemeier from Corona and Dr. Clara Farah from Lincoln.

Leadership Lincoln is an non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to discussing issues pertinent to Lincoln County and the Mescalero Apache Reservation. The program selects class members who meet monthly from September through May with a graduation ceremony during the evening of the final session.

Student enrollment applications for the 2007-08 class of Leadership Lincoln are due by June 29. Applications can be picked up from any Leadership Lincoln Board Member, State National Bank, Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, The Title Company or the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Prospective students can have an application either hand-delivered or faxed to them by contacting Executive Director Brad Treptow at the chamber at 257-7395 or via email at brad@ruidosonow.com.

Study finds state's business tax burden among heaviest

ALBUQUERQUE – The respected business accounting firm Ernst & Young has released a new study of state and local business tax policies among the 50 states.

Among the study's important findings is the fact that New Mexico's state and local business taxes were heavier as a percentage of private-sector economic activity – 6.2 percent – than business taxes in all but six other states.

The study also found that the share of overall tax revenue growth in New Mexico that was borne by businesses rose by 70 percent between FY 2002 and FY 2006.

Commenting on the study's findings, Rio Grande Foundation President Paul Gessing explained that two major factors were likely at play.

"Since 2002, New Mexico has seen significant income tax and capital gains tax cuts, thus lowering individuals' overall tax burden somewhat," Gessing said. "Unfortunately, over the same time period, we've seen significant increases in the gross receipts tax."

According to the study, the greatest portion of New Mexico's business taxes falls under the category "sales taxes on business inputs." Gessing noted that the Rio Grande Foundation has repeatedly pointed out that, "New Mexico's gross receipts taxes, unlike the sales taxes levied by most other states, is applied to inputs including services, thus placing a heavier burden on businesses.

"With some areas of the state taxing gross receipts at nearly 8 percent, businesses will look elsewhere or demand special favors before relocating to New Mexico, thus driving rates higher over the long term. Reforming New Mexico's gross receipts tax or abandoning it entirely and reverting to a sales tax would greatly reduce the business tax burden, thus boosting the state's economy."

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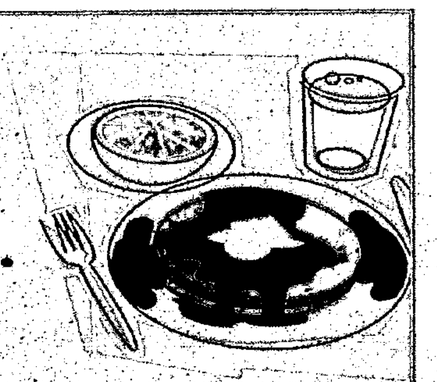

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Planners table plumber's application

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A request by Underdown Plumbing to build a shop near Upper Canyon seen as incompatible with neighborhood

A plumbing shop with outdoor storage doesn't appear compatible with the upscale development occurring on Sudderth Drive and Burro Lane near Upper Canyon, Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission members said Tuesday.

Before they vote on an application by Jimmy Underdown to put up a building on a .46 of an acre lot to the side of Lucy's restaurant and in back of the new Morsels eatery, they want to see a landscape plan, the exterior design of the building, an engineered retaining wall and more details on planned excavation and the fence to screen the business from homes on First Street.

On a motion by Commissioner Beth Hood, they tabled the application until Underdown returns with answers and plans. Underdown apologized to commissioners, saying he's new at such applications and was assured by his engineer that he submitted all the information required.

His current plumbing business operates out of a building a block down from the proposed site. He said before he purchased the land for $90,000, he checked with the planning department to see if a plumbing shop would be allowed in a neighborhood commercial (C2) zone.

Under village rules, that type of business with outdoor storage should go into a C4 zone, but since none exists in the municipality and the only Industrial Zone is on Gavilan Canyon by the street department and Ruidoso Paving, the commission has allowed C4 uses in C2 zones, said Village Planner Darrell Bremner.

But Commissioner Don Dutton said, "I don't want to continue the wrongs of the past. Just because there is a shop (down the street) today, I don't want to see more."

He offered a motion to deny the application, but it did not receive a second, and the board subsequently agreed to table the issue.

But Dutton told Underdown even with all of the information submitted, the commission could decide not to grant several variances based on the incompatible use in the neighborhood.

Business owner Jennie Dorgan pointed out that the plan submitted would require four "design variances," granted by staff. She disagreed with the staff on the definition of design variance, saying backing out into a street is a variance requiring commission action, as would be the lack of landscaping and too few parking spaces.

Commissioner Ray Alborn said he hecked out Underdown's existing business, where he found hot water heaters, piping and other items stored in a haphazard manner outside along with several vehicles.

"I'd have trouble approving another one until that is cleaned up," he said.

Charles Stallings, who owns a home on First Street, pointed out that the road is too narrow for two-way traffic now, although trucks use it as a shortcut from D Street to Sudderth Drive. Village officials are aware of it's substandard width of from 13 feet to 15 feet, and poor condition. If an accident occurred from increased traffic connected to the plumbing shop, the village would bear liability, he said.

Mark Doth, who renovated a former Domino Pizza building directly in front of Underdown's site, said the building will be home to the new Morsels Restaurant.

Burro Lane, also a substandard street, runs through his parking lot, between parking lanes, to connect to Sudderth Drive. No more development should be allowed along that road until it is improved or a plan is developed for it, he said.

He read letters from other neighbors who objected to the application, citing that if the building is metal it must be finished with an acceptable exterior material to disguise it and outdoor storage must be hidden with a solid wall.

A letter from John and Annie Houghton, who own the Adobe Gallery, expressed their concern that the entry road into Ruidoso's "famous Upper Canyon" would be marred by heavy industrial use.

They noted that, "Ruidoso is poised to capitalize on being an art community." The use of that land for a plumbing shop is not in the best interests of Ruidoso, they said.

Doth criticized the lack of information and detail in the packet he received as an adjoining property owner in the mail from the planning department.

With four design variances requested and many details lacking, the application is incomplete and not ready for action, he contended. "There's nothing here to vote on," he said.

"C4 projects should develop along a cohesive plan," Doth said. Allowing haphazard industrial development will weaken the overall business environment, he said.

"Why consider industrial development in a tourist area?" Doth asked. Village officials should create a C4 zone to accommodate those uses in a planned approach, he said.

"It seems like something we don't need in Midtown and will throw more trucks up and down the major street used by tourists."

He said complaints have been registered over the years about the existing outdoor storage at Underdown's.

"Little was done," he said. "Why do you think moving one block away would change anything?"

Dutton asked if the commission can consider past performance in deciding a new application.

Village Attorney Dan Bryant replied the commission could consider that argument because the area is developing in a certain direction and the application is for an amended site development plan.

Doth ended by pointing out the fragile nature of the eroding hillside at the back of the site, saying at a minimum, it should be terraced with retaining structures.

Commission Chairman Glen Barrow said Underdown should check out an automotive shop that was built on Mechem Drive.

"They did all the things requested by the commission and it looks classy, even though it's industrial," he said. "If we don't want (C4 uses in other zones), (the village council) needs to pass an ordinance not allowing it."

His major objection to the plan submitted is that it appeared to be too much development for the site and will create an industrial appearance in an upscale area, Barrow said.

He recommended changing the design to remove the need for variances, adding attractive landscaping, screening and a retaining wall.

FINES

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teered to wait one more year before relocating from the old municipal building on Wingfield Street into the spacious police station on Mechem Drive. In the interim, he will look for grants to help ease the financial burden of the move.

When he heard and read about the village's tight budget, he decided there were some things he could do. He explained that the idea of moving occurred when Deputy Manager Bill Morris approached him. The old building suffers from mold and structural maladies, but the situation is not hazardous, he said.

"He asked me if I would move and I said yes," Line said. But as he began putting things together, the judge found unexpected costs, such as $5,000 to transfer the telephones and $15,000 for bailiffs. He determined it would cost about $30,000 to move – money that was not in his budget.

He decided, "I'm not moving unless the council tells me to."

Line said he constantly watches for other sources of money, such as $62,000 from the state that paid for his computer and some other electronic equipment. The state collects $3 from every ticket to pay for judicial automated technology, he said. If the village fronts the money, the state will reimburse.

He also is working with a person in the state court system who will analyze the municipal court situation and the cost of the move. The village could then apply for money to cover some items, he said.

"I think (a move) would be better done a year from now," he said. "I know that's not a lot of money (saved), but it should help some."

Line also wanted to respond to a statement from the village finance director that the municipal court is subsidized by general fund money. He offered councilors a little history to show that fewer citations and fines are to blame.

When he was elected in 1994, he handled 975 cases of all types. Then in 1999 to 2003, federal grants allowed the police chief to hire more officers and the court averaged about 4,000 cases annually, Line said later after double checking his figures.

Generated revenue increased from $30,000 annually to $120,000 during those peak years, but when the grants ended, the police department didn't have the manpower and the number plunged.

"After that, it nose-dived and tickets were about half of the 1,500 annual high," he said.

"My job is not to create revenues for the village, my job is to see that justice is done and the law is followed," Line said. "But as a practical matter, I think the fines need to be increased. You need to look at giving tools to the police so they can get citations up and increase revenue."

State statutes set the limits on fines, but some places charge three to four times as much as Ruidoso, he said. A $400 fine for a 9 point speeding offense, which translates to 30 mph over the speed limit, is warranted because it amounts to reckless driving, Line said.

"It costs $120 here," the judge said.

He's spoken to the attorney for the New Mexico Municipal League, who told him the council can increase the fines. He suggested that Ruidoso's village attorney put together a proposal.

"It would be a simple thing to raise fines for offenses of 5 points or greater, which is 20 mph over the speed limit," Line said.

"You easily could double them and should see a significant increase (in revenue)."

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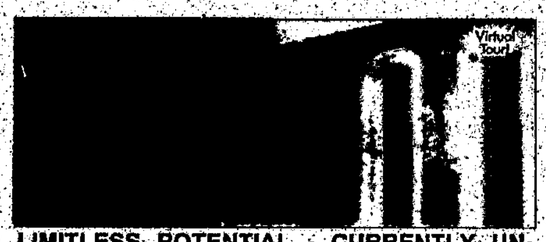

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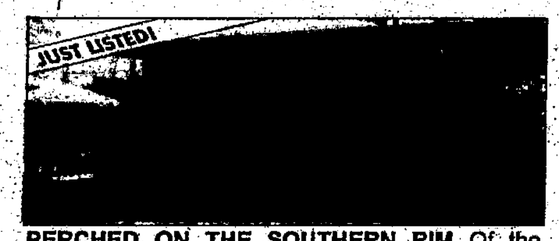

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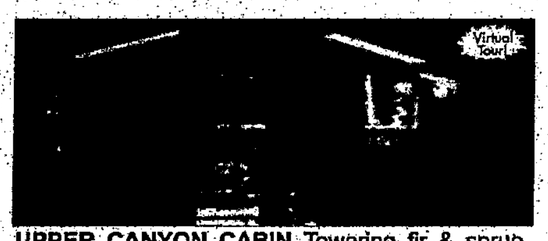

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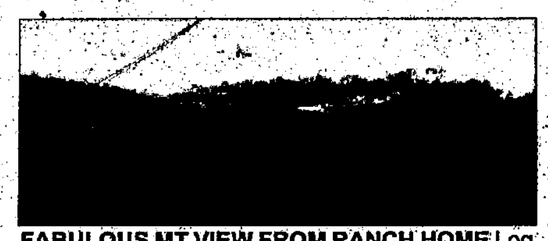

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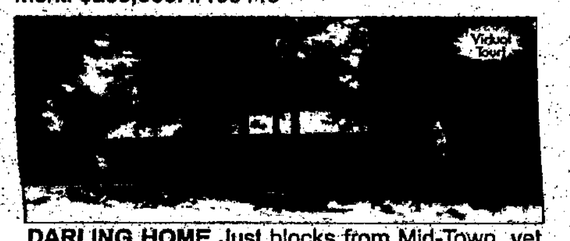

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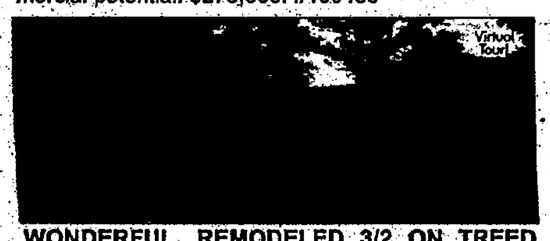

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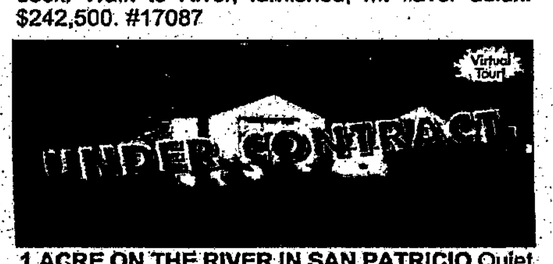

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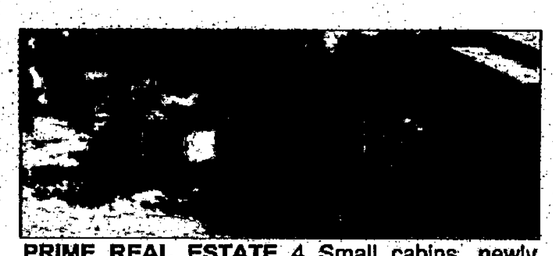

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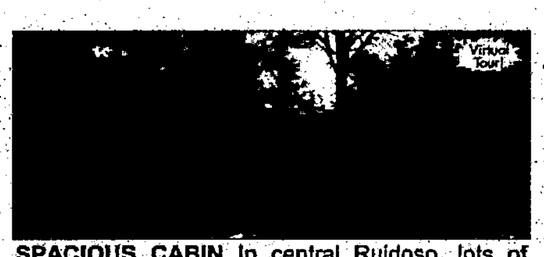

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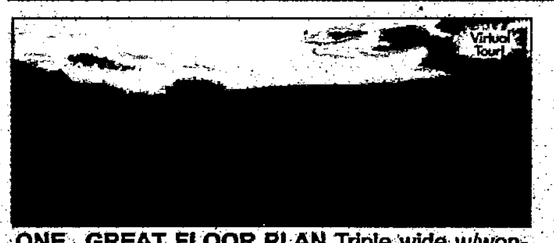

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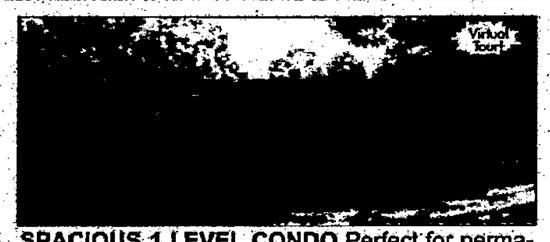

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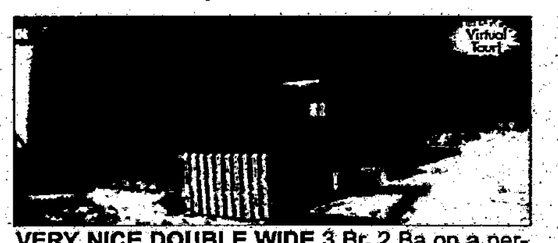

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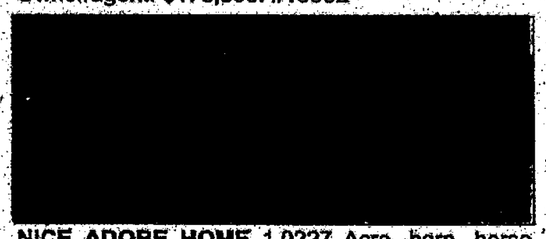

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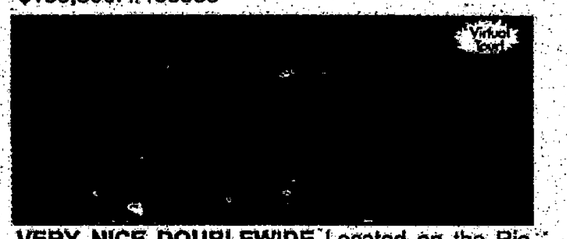

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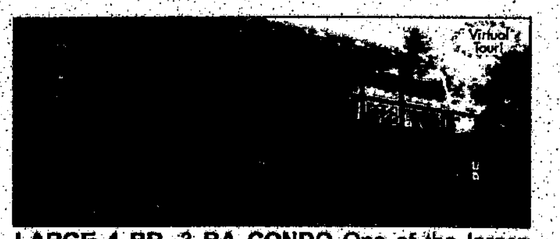

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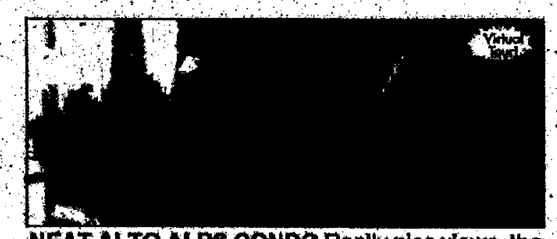

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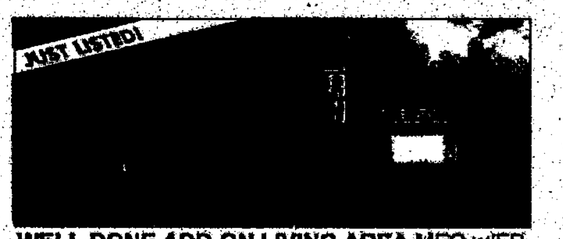

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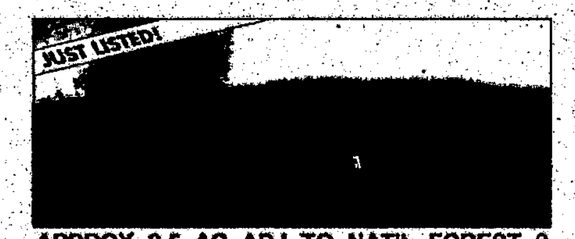

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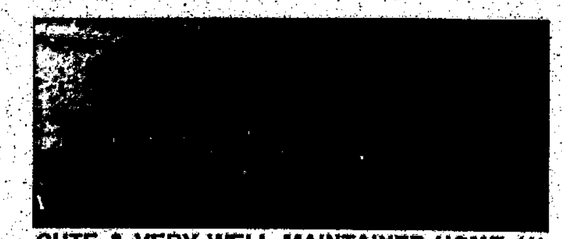

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Muncy, Merritt, McDaniel win in Mescalero

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The Mescalero High School rodeo last weekend was bittersweet for many, as the high school seniors were competing in their last round in that arena.

The Girl's All-Around title Jordan Muncy earned in Mescalero was her eighth for the season, but the Corona senior is nowhere close to done yet.

In four weeks, she will compete in five events at the New Mexico High School Rodeo Finals in Carlsbad, making it her last attempt to garner points in two long go-rounds and a short round.Muncy made her run at the title by winning the average in the goat tying and barrel racing. She also snapped up points in the team roping, breakaway roping and pole bending.

Depending on the outcome of the finals, Muncy is sitting high enough in four events to qualify for nationals in the barrels, goat tying, breakaway roping and pole bending.

Yeso's claim to fame and Corona's senior Stacy Merritt ended her last year of high school rodeoing with an average win in the breakaway roping. Merritt, an able and tough roping hand, placed a third Saturday with a 3.23-second run and a fourth Sunday with a 4.69.

With a tough, fast set of calves to rope, indicted by only eight qualified times Saturday and seven Sunday out of 22 ropers, getting on the books twice took some skillful maneuvering.

Claunch cowboy Quirt McDaniel started the weekend with a qualified 58-point ride that placed him third for the day in bareback riding. He made his comeback Sunday with a first place 67-point ride, winning the average in the event.

McDaniel will head into the state finals in second place in the bareback riding, 42.5 points behind top ranked Rankin Lindsey of Hillsboro.

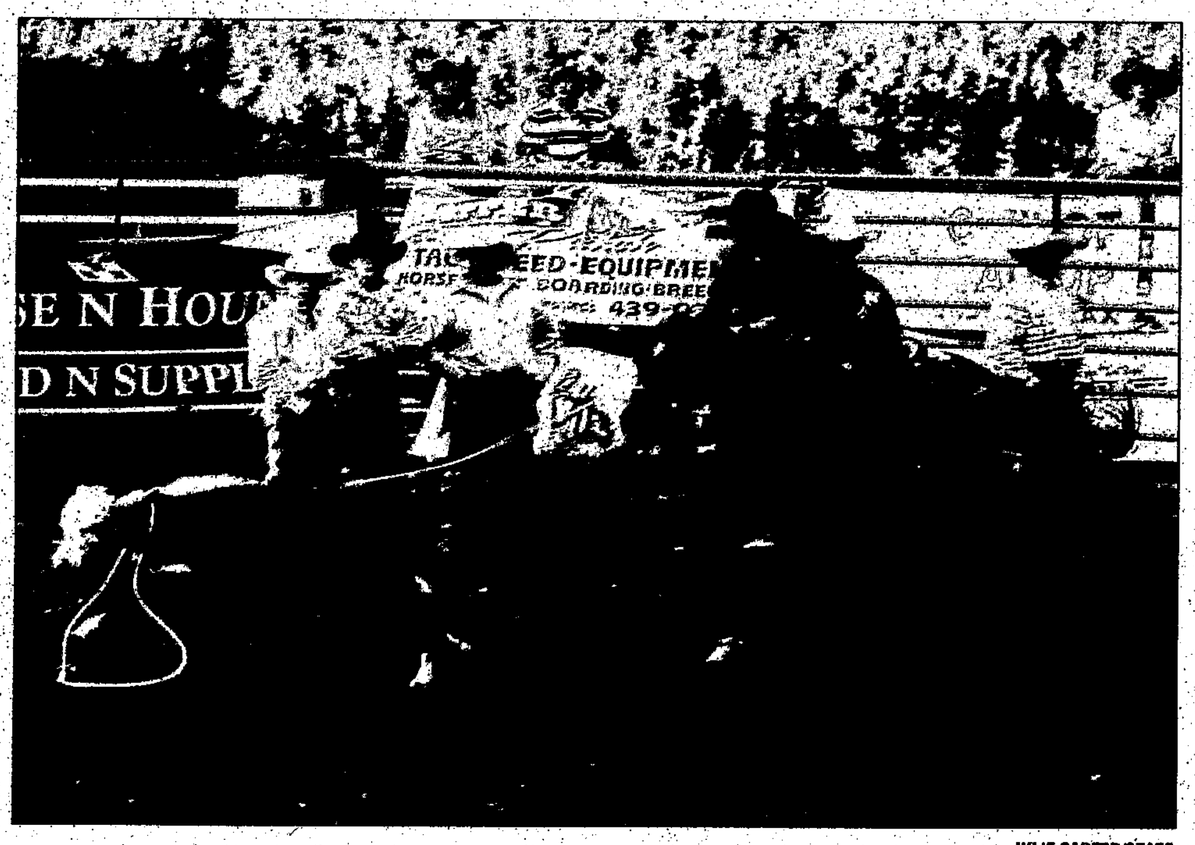
Another notable for the last regular season rodeo for the teen competitors was a Sunday go round win in the bull riding by Daniel Dictson, a senior from Hondo.

Dictson started the season hot as a pistol but came back this spring with all the skill but not the momentum. Sunday's win may have turned that tide as Dictson cowboyed up for a 76-point score.

Continuing to place regularly has kept Dictson in the top three in the standings where he now sits in third place going into the finals and near enough to the top that it is not out of reach. Staying in the top four will give him one more shot at the High School National Finals where he finished fifth in the nation last year.

The New Mexico High School Finals will be held in Carlsbad June 7-10 with go-round performances at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, the short round at 7:30 Saturday night and awards ceremony at 10 a.m. Sunday.

The New Mexico High School Finals will air on RFD-TV at 9 p.m. July 4 and again July 18.



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

Stacy Merrit throws a quick loop good for third in the round.

Results from Mescalero were:

Bareback Riding
Average: Quirt McDaniel
Saturday: 3. Quirt McDaniel 58
Sunday: 1. Quirt McDaniel 67

Bull Riding
Sunday: 1. Daniel Dictson 76

Calf Roping
Saturday: 3. Ronnie Eldridge 12.83 seconds

Team Roping
Saturday: 3. Lee Griggs-Calvin Brevik 7.48; 8. Quinton Bailey-James Sanchez 9.37; 9. Brock Kip-Jordan Muncy 16.33
Sunday: 3. Ethan Shelley-Ronnie Eldridge; 5. Bo Simpson-J.R. Shafer 8.36; 7. Lee Griggs-Calvin Brevik 11.38; 9. Brock Kipp-Jordan Muncy 12.64

Breakaway Roping
Average: Stacy Merritt
Saturday: 2. Jordan Muncy 3.03; 3. Stacy Merritt 3.23; 8. Chelsea Perez 21.55
Sunday: 2. Chelsea Perez 3.02 4. Stacy Merritt 4.69

Goat Tying
Average: Jordan Muncy
Saturday: 1. Jordan Muncy 7.72
Sunday: 2. Jordan Muncy 9.49; 8. Chelsea Perez 12.13

Barrel Racing
Average: Jordan Muncy
Saturday: 2. Jordan Muncy 17.755; 7 Morgan Gibbs 18.582
Sunday: 1. Jordan Muncy 17.449; 10. Stacy Merritt 18.819

Pole Bending
Saturday: 9. Jordan Muncy 26.062
Sunday: 4. Jordan Muncy 21.567

Lady Warriors drive their way to No. 2

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The RHS girls golf team finished a nice year, playing their way to No. 2 at the state finals recently. Last year the Lady Warriors finished fifth at state. For some of them it ended a five-year relationship they had maintained throughout as many seasons.

"They gave it their all at state – just as they had all year long," Warrior coach Melissa Misquez was pleased to say. "It was a bittersweet experience, however, because for three of my girls who are seniors, this will be the end of our player/coach connection at Ruidoso High School."

"Overall it was a great tournament – the girls played their hearts out. Mistakes were made, which is true of any sport, but they hung in there and took second place. Needless to say, I'm very proud of them."

The Lady Warriors expected to finish in the top three and they accomplished that objective.

For the five girls who made the trip to Socorro it also marked the end of a close relationship they had enjoyed. It was an emotional time for all of them as they completed the last round at state.

Individually, Alayne Lee finished fourth with a total score of 183, Olivia Lee was ninth with 199, Jenny Yorston came in tied 13th at 219, Ellyn Koehler scored 241 and was tied for 23rd and Genni Berg positioned herself 29th.

"Although, three of my players will soon graduate it will be exciting to follow their golf play in the seasons ahead, wherever they go," Misquez said. All of them have potential and should do well."

No. 1 player, Olivia Lee, is strongly considering matriculating to the University of Alabama while her twin sister, No. 2 seed, Alayne, has an offer to play for a Texas college and is examining her options. No. 3 on the team, Jenny Yorston, thinks she may attend Colorado State.

As for next year, the RHS team will include one junior, three sophomores and one freshman.

Right now they plan to practice through the summer, play in tournaments throughout New Mexico and rebuild for the future.

Boys

In order for the boys team to finish at the top they had to play perfectly at the state finals – but they were unable to realize that objective and ended up taking fourth place.

The Lovington Wildcats and the Portales Rams were tied for first after the first round of play at 319, while RHS came in at 353 – 34 shots off the pace.

At the end of day one, the mens team was fourth with St. Michaels in third. On day two of the finals, Ruidoso shot the second lowest total score, next to Lovington and closed the gap on all but the Wildcats.

But it just wasn't enough to overcome the disadvantage they had place themselves in on opening day.

Even though they didn't finish in the top three, the Warriors will only lose one player to graduation – Daniel Lucero.

Paul Chamberlain, who finished seventh individually, will be back as a senior next year, as well as next year juniors, Isaiah Herrera and Kamron Whitley. Adam Carruth will play as a sophomore.

"Coming home the boys talked about how to improve their game in the near future – for instance practicing every day," Warrior coach Eric Eggleston offered. "If the boys will commit to that they will surely improve but they have to want to work hard and make some sacrifices this summer."

The RHS boys will have to deliver on that wish if they expect to compete with Lovington, who will lose no one to graduation, and Portales who will lose two from their squad but both their No. 1 and No. 2 players will be back.

"Golf is a different game than most other sports," Eggleston maintains. "In this game you are able to build some close personal relationships because you have more one-on-one connections. You can build up a bond with some of these kids that will last years. For us the game of golf is always there – whenever two or more of us are willing to play."

MIKE CURRAN/STAFF

Coaches for RHS golf teams, Eric Eggleston and Melissa Misquez.

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Preps on Tap

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Wednesday, June 6-10
Rodeo
N.M. high school rodeo state finals in Carlsbad.

On Deck

Senior Olympics
Minimum age is 50 as of Aug. 1. All doubles, mixed doubles and teams will play down to age of youngest partner. $5 registration fee entitles you to participate in all events offered. Must compete locally to qualify for state & national games. Competition by gender in 5-year age groups. State registration: $45. Deadline: May 25. Extra fee for bowling, golf, swimming and triathlon. Final events, May 19 at Ruidoso High School in order to qualify for the August N.M. state meet. For men and women, age 50 plus, beginners welcome. Events held in RHS gym, 9 a.m. Frisbee accuracy and basketball free throw. On field at 9:30 a.m. for frisbee and softball distance throws. Soccer kick accuracy, javelin, discuss, shotput, long jump, standing long jump, and seven running events from 100 meters to 10 k. For info call Bart at 257-3193.

Basketball Camp
Final applications are now being evaluated for the Ten-Star All-Star summer basketball camp. The camp is by invitation only. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. Players from 50 states and 17 foreign countries attended the 2006 camp. College basketball scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American team. Camp locations include: Prescott, Ariz., Thousand Oaks, Calif., Sterling, Colo., Babson Park, Fla., Atlanta, Ga., Glassboro, N.J., Hickory, N.C., Commerce, Texas, and Blacksburg, Va. There is also a summer camp available for boys and girls ages 6-18 of all skill levels. For a free brochure on these camps, call 704-373-0873.

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Compestre Golf tourney comes to Mescalero

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Twenty golfers from the Compestre Country Club in Juarez came north Saturday to take on twenty players from the Mescalero/Ruidoso area at the Inn of the Mountain Gods (IMG) for "bragging" rights between the two courses.

For the past three years some IMG players have been traveling south of the border to Juarez to compete with the top Juarez/Chihuahua golfers and this year a team of four went.

But this year marks the first time the Juarez players have traveled north to take on their IMG counterparts – and with such a large contingent of golfers.

It is their hope this will become an annual reciprocal event between the two clubs. There will be a trophy for the top club and it will reside at the winner's course until it is lost in tournament action.

Dean Jones, Compestre's head pro, was heard to say, "A great time was had by all at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Compestre tourney and I would like to invite at least the same number of IMG golfers to Juarez to continue this important exchange between the two clubs."

It will be a "friendship game" to promote ideas and camaraderie among the two areas.

This year's event was won by IMG players as they came in first and third while Compestre golfers finished second, fourth and fifth in a two person scramble competition involving 40 participants. Only the top five places are recognized.

"Texas and Mexico are our two largest markets and obviously are consequential to the well-being of IMG," Charles Meeks, Inn of the Mountain Gods leisure sales manager said.

When it comes to fishing, golf, skiing and casino action, we value their business and the Compestre tournament gives us just that much more credibility among potential customers."

Meeks, was use to promoting the Mescalero/Ruidoso area during his six years as the director of Convention and Visitors Bureau in that city.

"To get visitors to El Paso we were strong advocates for this beautiful region also," Meeks explained.

"People from Mexico and Texas enjoy visiting this area and are important to this economy – it goes without saying, we need each other."

"We've been planning the Compestre tourney here for almost three years and it's finally come to fruition," Meeks continued.

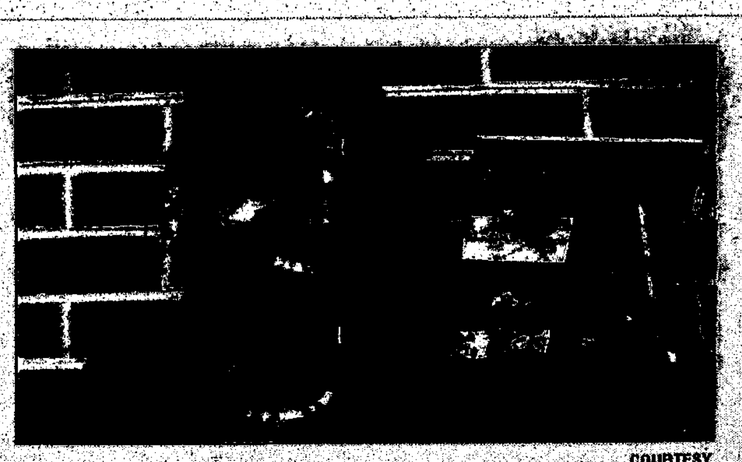
"Brian Parish, CEO of IMG, wanted to explore ways to break into the Mexico market, and when the Compestre event was presented to him, he gave his blessing."

Many of the Juarez players brought their families with them and, according to first-hand reports, all enjoyed themselves in the Mescalero/Ruidoso area during their stay.

Based on Saturday's enthusiasm, this could become another large annual event for the Mescalero/Ruidoso region.

MIKE CURRAN/STAFF

Handing out awards to the winners at the Compestre Golf Tourney are from l-r; North American speedskiing champion Ross Anderson, IMG Pro Daniel Nuñez, Leisure Sales Manager Charles Meeks and Assistant Pro Randall Tsosie.



COURTESY

Vincent Schilling shows his new book, *Native Athletes in Action.*

Local man in book

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The old adage, "Find a need and fulfill it," was once again successfully borne out in Vincent Schilling's new book, *Native Athletes in Action.*

It consists of 13 chapters dealing specifically with Native Americans/Native Canadians who have risen to the top of their sport, through courage, talent, determination and sacrifice.

Although 13 different people are covered in the book, more than that number of distinct sports are included – Jim Thorpe (of Sac and Fox heritage) participated in baseball, football, lacrosse and track and field (Summer Olympics, 1912).

Many will find the entire publication to be truly inspirational. *Native Athletes in Action* is aimed at sixth-grade readers and up but the courage of the athletes contained therein should be compelling to one and all.

Enriching accounts of such people as Cheri Becerra (Omaha), a paraplegic since the age of four, competing in the paralympics and winning medals in the three-wheeled wheelchair is truly heartwarming. Or perhaps the chapter on Naomi Campbell (Karuk), first female Native American to appear in the winter Olympics (2002), will give you encouragement.

Mescalero/Ruidoso residents, however, will find chapter 10 of interest as local luminary, Ross Anderson (Cheyenne/Arapaho and Mescalero), is prominently featured in an eight-page section concerning his sport – speedskiing.

"Ross definitely had to be included in the book as his sport, speedskiing, epitimizes the courageous nature of Native Americans," explained Schilling.

"Having the audacity to ski down a mountain at speeds approaching 150 mph is somewhat extreme. Besides that, he has a real cool uniform and neat equipment," he humorously added.

This is the first book Anderson has appeared in and, needless to say, he's quite excited about it.

"'I'm very honored to be included with such illustrious Native Americans as Thorpe, Becerra, Cory Witherill (Navajo) and all the others," Anderson proudly said. "I met Cheri Becerra back in 2000, at the Native American Sports Council in Colorado. She's a real credit to her tribe as well as being an inspiration to all people of handicap. She's a courageous individual."

Anderson, No. 2 in 2000 in the FIS World Speedskiing championships and No. 7 this year, is very happy to get the exposure for the sport of speedskiing – as are all of his competitors in FIS.

"What helps one of us, helps the entire sport of speedskiing," Anderson maintains.

Schilling (Mohawk) spent a year and a half researching *Native Athletes in Action* before he [illegible] it.

His publisher, Books Publishing Company, had been looking for a Native American author to write just such a nonfiction work and a chance meeting between the two worked out to the benefit of both.

This book is a testament to Native Americans and all who choose to be the very best they can be in their preferred sport. It showcases the necessary discipline and fortitude required to continue on in the face of adverse odds, and gives meaning to the phrase, "the loneliness of a long distance runner."

This work is the first in a series of books to be written by Schilling, and he has already begun his next project, which is titled, *Men of Courage. Native Americans in Action* may be purchased through Booksamillion.com, Borders and Amazon.com for $9.95.

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Police hiring program back in effect

Rep. Udall sponsors bi-partisan bill passed by House

WASHINGTON – A bipartisan majority in the House of Representatives passed H.R. 1700, the COPS Reauthorization Act, a bill co-sponsored by U.S. Representative Tom Udall, D-N.M., designed to help local law enforcement agencies hire an additional 50,000 police officers on the beat over the next six years, including an additional 219 officers for Udall's district.

"I am proud to have cosponsored this measure which will reinvigorate the highly successful COPS hiring grants program," Udall said. "The administration has targeted this program for elimination in the past, but this critical bill brings hiring grants back to continue what has proven to be highly effective in fighting crime and terrorism."

Over the last few years, the previous majority in Congress sharply reduced the funding for COPS hiring grants – reducing funding from more than $1 billion a year in the late 1990s to $198 million in 2003 and $10 million in 2005. Then, in 2006, Congress completely eliminated the program.

"This bill relaunches the COPS hiring grants program – this time calling for funding to allow for the hiring of up to 50,000 new police officers over the next six years," Udall pointed out. "To date the program has put almost 120,000 more officers on the street nationwide, including 513 in my district."

COPS has made a difference in Udall's Third Congressional District:

• The COPS program has helped law enforcement in Udall's district to put 513 police officers and/or sheriff deputies on the beat. With the bill's passage today, an additional 219 officers could be hired in Udall's district – 328 statewide – over the course of the next six years.

• 46,807,227 in COPS grants has been awarded to law enforcement agencies in Udall's district. With the passage of the COPS Improvement Act of 2007, an additional $14,280,171 could flow to the 3rd District of New Mexico.

• The COPS program has enabled law enforcement agencies in the Third District to hire 52 more school resource officers, who keep our children safe at school. With passage of the COPS. Improvement Act, an additional 22 school resource officers could be hired over the course of the next six years.

• The COPS program has sent $6,147,905 to purchase technology and training that helps cops get out from behind their desks to patrol a beat. With passage of the COPS Improvement Act, an additional $1,875,632 could be sent to Udall's district.

Under the COPS hiring grants program, our nation experienced a significant drop in crime rates – and independent studies confirm that these grants played a significant role. For example, a nonpartisan GAO study concluded, "COPS-funded increases in sworn officers per capita were associated with declines in rates of total index crimes, violent crimes, and property crime." According to the study, between 1998 and 2000, the hiring grants were responsible for reducing crimes by about 200,000 to 225,000 crimes – one third of which were violent.

Earlier this year, the Police Executive Research Forum, a prominent law enforcement association, released a report which found that violent crimes rose by double digit percentages over the last two years. Among the cities surveyed, since 2005, 71 percent had an increase in homicides, 80 percent saw robberies rise and 67 percent reported an increase in aggravated assaults with guns.

"With crime back on the rise, reauthorizing the COPS program is more vital than ever," concluded Udall. "This bill – by authorizing COPS hiring grants, COPS technology grants, and community prosecutor grants – is going to once again give our local law enforcement agencies the tools they need to fight crime and help us bring crime rates back down. I hope the Senate acts on this bill quickly and the President signs it."

This legislation has been endorsed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Sheriffs Association, the Fraternal Order of Police, the National Association of Police Organizations, the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities.

AG works with Mexico to bring criminals to justice

SANTA FE – Continuing the collaboration between the New Mexico Attorney General's Office and the Mexican state of Chihuahua, Attorney General Gary King has announced another cooperative effort that benefits both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border.

"An Assistant Attorney General from my office will conduct trial technique and procedures training for Mexican prosecutors and investigators in an effort to help them move away from confession-based trials toward forensic-based prosecutions," The Attorney General said. "Chihuahua is the first Mexican state to adopt this type of prosecution which is generally considered to be more effective in putting criminals behind bars."

Assistant Attorney General Maria Sanchez-Gagne, who heads the AG's Border Violence Division, is conducting the training April 24 through April 27 in Ciudad Juarez. Mexican prosecutors and investigators from throughout the state of Chihuahua are expected to attend. The training is a continuation of similar sharing of legal and educational knowledge that officially began in 2006 with an Agreement of Understanding between New Mexico and Chihuahua.

The agreement also provides for information exchanges in criminal investigation procedures, evaluation of new technologies and intelligence about criminal activities. New Mexico State Police crime scene investigators have also been invited to provide training for their Mexican counterparts.

AAG Sanchez-Gagne, who has provided legal training in Mexico before, says this type of state-to-state cooperation is all about apprehending and prosecuting criminals on either side of the border and New Mexico has already benefited from the collaboration.

"Michael Astorga's apprehension in Mexico and return to New Mexico to face charges for murdering a law enforcement officer is a good example of this growing cooperation," Sanchez-Gagne said. "We hope this spirit of collaboration on shared goals will lead to continued future cooperation on issues such as human trafficking and international border security."

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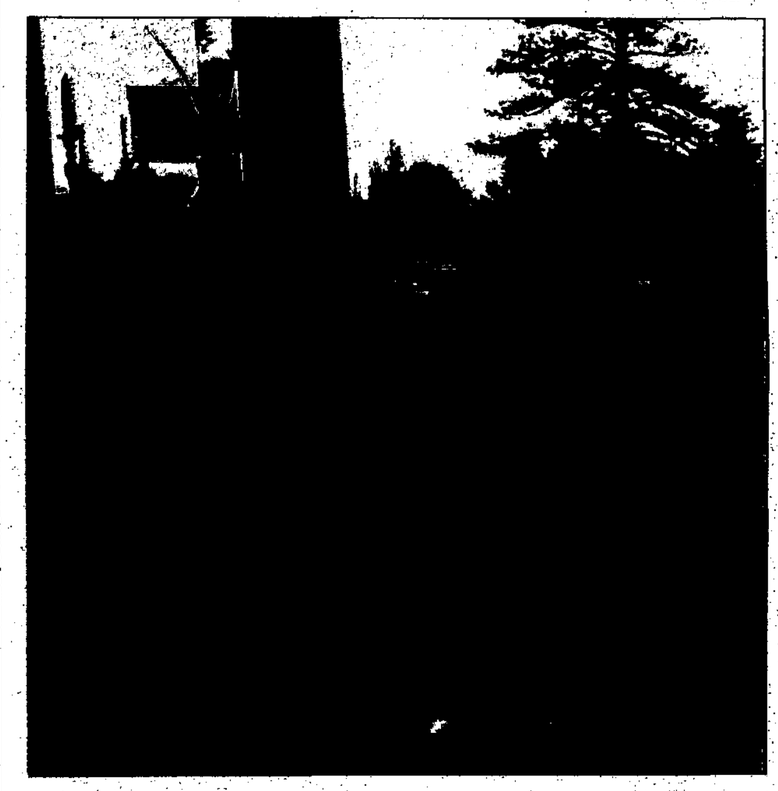

Midtown businesses have been the target of vandals in the past few days. These pictures were taken Wednesday morning, with another businesses' window reported to be broken on Thursday. Police are still investigating all the damage.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

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RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Clothes taken

Thieves broke into a truck parked in a free parking lot on Rio Street May 13 and stole two suitcases, each with a week's worth of clothes. The total cost of the two cases and clothes is $900. There are no suspects at this time.

Tile job

Eleven boxes of ceramic tile were taken from the loading dock of a building supply store sometime during the night of May 13. The tiles are worth about $500. There are no suspects at this time.

Minor in possession

Michael Cornelius, 19, of Ruidoso, was cited May 14 for minor in possession of alchohol while parked at the skate park at 200 While Mountain Drive. The alcohol was destroyed.

Caught in the act

Following a foot chase May 9, Robert Salas, 21, of Ruidoso Downs, was arrested after being caught stealing from a vehicle parked on the 100 block of Texas Street. Salas was positively identified by the victim and charged with larceny, auto burglary, resisting arrest and tampering with evidence.

Arrest warrant

Following his alleged abusive treatment of a 14-year-old girl May 15, an arrest warrant for Kelly Trapp, 40, of Ruidoso was issued for abandonment or abuse of a child.

Candy-napping

A break-in and theft of a candy store on the 1900 block of Sudderth Drive revealed a ring of about three suspects who had taken part in the burglary.

Nicholas Mancha-Miller, 18, of Ruidoso and two juveniles were found to have broken into the store May 6 and taken about 12 bags of candy, which was then stashed in various locations around town. Mancha-Miller was charged with burglary, criminal damage – for throwing a rock through the store's window – and larceny under $250.

Shoplifting

A pair of 18-year-olds, Gervase Peso and Desmond Warner, were arrested May 9 after they stole a shirt and belt from a department store on Highway 70. The two were charged with shoplifting.

Bar fight

Two men were charged with battery after a fight in a bar on the 2500 block of Sudderth May 9 after one had stated he wanted to press charges against the other.

James Boren, 55, and Arturo Carmona, 48 were eached issued a citation and ordered to appear in Magistrate Court.

Graffiti bandit

An unknown suspect used black spray paint to deface a home on Modoc Place May 11. Paint was on every exterior wall of the house. There are no suspects at this time.

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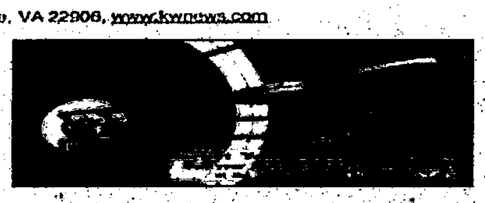

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First Assembly of God
El Paso Road, Ruidoso 257-2324. Rev. Stacy & Alicia Brunkel, Pastor. Sunday morning worship: 10:45 a.m.- Children's Church during a.m. service. Sunday evening worship 6 p.m.; Rock Youth Group Monday evening @ 6:30p.m., ages 12-18;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

BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CATHOLIC

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN

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

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LDS

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

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

EPISCOPAL

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

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

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

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

LUTHERAN

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

METHODIST

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

PENTECOSTAL

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

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

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

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

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

REFORMED CHURCH

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

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

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

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Foot of the Cross Christian Ministries
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NON-SECTARIAN

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

CAPITAN & LINCOLN CHURCHES

BAPTIST

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

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

CATHOLIC

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

EPISCOPAL

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

FOURSQUARE

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

METHODIST

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

NAZARENE

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

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

CARRIZOZO CHURCHES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

BAPTIST

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

CATHOLIC

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

EPISCOPAL

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

METHODIST

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

MESCALERO

Carrizo Christian Fellowship Leonard Kaneswah 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

Don't rain on my parade

As I write this column, I am sitting on the deck suffering from "green thumbitis."

I have daisies, day lilies and tomatoes in pots. I have beautiful hanging baskets of petunias and fuchsias. I have just finished the construction of a hot/green house.

Clary-fications
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

I have always had a garden when I lived in Texas. My father grew great vegetable gardens and somewhere in the DNA I got the gene of desire but not the gene of production.

And now, I have moved to Ruidoso. Boy! Do I have a lot to learn. My Dad always had a couple of cows to help him enrich the soil. All I have is a dog and passing deer. So I am beginning to learn to garden in the Sacramentos.

I have books that talk about ph and the technical sorts of things written by experts that have placed beautiful pictures of their wisdom and success of gardening in New Mexico.

All that happens when I read is that I become overwhelmed with the technical terms and jealous of their success.

I'm getting too old for learning by doing and from my mistakes. I want instant success.

I am also wise enough to know that instant success is not going to happen. But I sure hope those Sweet 100s and cherry tomatoes produce and the Early Girls, too. I'll be planting squash, beans, and peppers in a raised bed.

As I sit here, it seems as though the monsoon season has already begun. The clouds are building. But someone has already rained on my parade.

They said, "Don't you know it is a whole lot cheaper to get your veggies at the grocery store?"

I think it is the same person who told me that it was a lot cheaper to buy trout at the market. I think people like that have the spiritual gift of discouragement with a hint of negativism.

I keep on hoping and praying that my gene of desire will be joined with the spiritual gift of the "green thumb." And voila, success!

I'm not sure the Garden Club wants a raw recruit like me. So I will just hide my ignorance and failures and suffer in silence, and go it alone.

Some of the boo birds will never know the joy of picking a ripe, tasty tomato off the vine and popping it into their mouths. By God's grace, I will.

Through their clouds of discouragement, the sun will burst and the taste of a homegrown, vine-ripened tomato will burst on my taste buds. So there!

I have help for today and hope for tomorrow. Thank you Lord.

Shabbaton weekend in Ruidoso in June

A Shabbaton weekend will be celebrated June 1-2 with Uri Harel and Pat Power at the Bat-Tzyion Hebrew Learning Center, 2204 Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso.

Harel was born in Haifa, Israel, attended college in Buffalo, N.Y., where he graduated with a degree in education.

After moving to Phoenix, Ariz., in 1977, he began what became a life-long passion to explore and share with others the unique beauty of the Hebrew language, said Sonya Loya, founder of the learning center.

For the past 25 years, Harel has spoken, taught and lectured in private and public sectors. He founded the Center for Biblical Hebrew in response to growing interest in the original text of the Bible and the Hebrew language in which it was written..

The weekend will begin at 7 p.m., June 1, at the center, followed by a candle lighting, Kabbalat shabbat service and dinner at 7:25 p.m.

On June 2, a service and Torah study will begin at 10 a.m., with lunch from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. and a lecture on the Secrets of the Hebrew Bible from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

After a break, Havdalah is scheduled for 8 p.m..

The cost is $36 per person or $54 per couple. For more information, contact Loya at 257-0122.

RELIGIOUS BRIEFS

The entire Jewish community of Ruidoso and nearby areas is invited to a 1 p.m. meeting June 24, to discuss establishing a synagogue.

The meeting will be conducted at the Bat Tzyion Hebrew Learning Center at 2204 Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. Rabbi Stephen Leon, spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Zion in El Paso, will be the guest speaker.

"Please make every effort to attend this very important gathering as the future of the Ruidoso Jewish community will be discussed," said learning center founder Sonya Loya.

For more information, call the center at 257-0122.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.
1 Peter 3:15

Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."
Matthew 24:35

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FUNERALS DEATHS

Curtis Pinson

Former White Oaks Fire Chief Curtis Pinson passed away May 16. Services will be at 4 p.m. May 18 at the Carrizozo First Baptist Church 314 Tenth Avenue.

Nita Fay Jarmillo

Nita Fay Jarmillo, 1958-2007, will be remembered by her friends at 5 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at the Ruidoso Elks Lodge on Highway 70. Potluck will be served. For more information call Kelly at 354-1389.

Audrey Bennett

Audrey Bennett, one day shy of 74, passed away April 19 at the Mescalero Care Center. Audrey was born in Long Prairie, Minn. to Mary and Armand Nentwich. She grew up in Long Prairie and married her high school sweetheart Bradly Bennet aug. 29, 1952.

She received her degree in Music Education. Brad and Audrey moved to El Paso, Texas in 1956 where Brad was stationed at Fort Bliss. Their only child, Laurie, was born in 1958.

Audrey taught music for the Ysleta Independent School District in El Paso from 1957-1987. She was loved by her fellow teachers and the students.

Following retirement, Brad and Audrey opened up Rosedale Antiques in El Paso. They moved to Ruidoso Downs in 1992 and ran their antique shop for four years. They shared a love of antiques.

Audrey is preceeded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband Brad of Ruidoso Downs; her sister Lila Nelson of Minneapolis, Minn.; her daughter and son-in-law Laurie and Gary Garland of Alto; and her grandson Ian Hewitt of Hobbs.

Audrey was a warm, caring soul. She made the world a better place for many.

Memorial contributions can be made to the local humane society or animal shelter.

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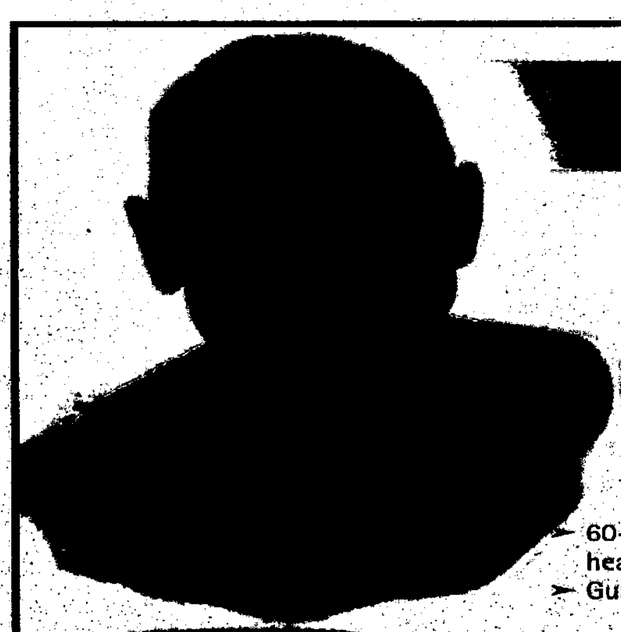

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COURTESY CAPITAN HIGH SCHOOL

The Capitan Union High School 60th Reunion will meet at 5:30 p.m. today at the Casa Blanca Restaurant and at 5:30 p.m., Saturday at Cattle Baron. The class of 1947 was a conglomeration of county students picked up by "Coke" Hedgecoke's bus that run from Ruidoso to Hondo to Lincoln, Fort Stanton and on to Capitan. Ruidoso did not have a high school until 1948 so students were sent to Capitan. Thirteen of the students are expected to attend the reunion, five are deceased and two have not been located. According to class president Lee Cooper, in the winter the bus left the Hondo area in the dark and got home in the dark.

New police officer in Capitan; curfew ordinance upgraded

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Capitan Chief of Police Randy Spear got approval Tuesday at the Village Council meeting to hire a third officer for the police force.

Stephen Barnett, currently with the Las Cruces Police Department and with 20 years experience, will join the Capitan Police Department mid-June. Barnett owns property in the Capitan area and, according to Spear, is ready to move to the smaller town and rural area offered by Lincoln County.

Barnett is an instructor with the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program in Las Cruces and Spear feels he will be a great asset to Capitan and the Capitan School District.

Spear also requested an amendment to existing curfew ordinance for Capitan. The current curfew in Capitan for minors addresses nighttime time limits – 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday nights and midnight on Friday and Saturday nights. Spear is requesting a curfew for daytime during the times school is in session.

"Basically," he said, "it will be designed to make parents accountable for their kids during school hours. If a student is enrolled in school, he has to be in school, not on the streets or visiting friends who are home-schooled. If a student is home-schooled, he will be required to be at home, not on the streets. Employment is the only exception to the curfew." Spear said fines and court appearances will target the parents of youths charged with breaking the law set forth by the ordinance.

Capitan trustees agreed to move forward with the ordinance amendment and will schedule a public hearing for it prior to approval.

Lodgers tax requests indicated continuing plans for activities and events in Capitan. Smokey Bear's Hometown Association was approved for $500 for the Taste of Capitan event scheduled for June 9. The Agri-Tourism Advisory council was approved for $750. A request for funds for a September Western Art Show was tabled.

Re-platting and utility easement changes were approved for the Family Dollar Store owned by Hinkle Services Inc. The store will be located off East Smokey Bear Boulevard across from Hall Automotive.

The 2007-08 interim budget was approved by the trustees and can now be sent to the state Department of Finance and Administration.

The next regular meeting of the Capitan board of trustees is at 6:30 p.m., June 12.

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Carrizozo Airport is fully open for business

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With a completely new runway and new lighting, the Carrizozo Airport is open for business according to airport manager Bill Hayes.

Hayes said he has been getting calls inquiring about availability and he wanted everyone, including the town council he was addressing at Tuesday's meeting, to know the gates are open and it is business as usual.

Carrizozo councilors formally accepted a letter of resignation from Trustee Van Shamblin who wrote in April of her intention to move from the area. Shamblin's position will be appointed by the council and Mayor LeeRoy Zamora said he is accepting letters of interest for the position as well as for her position on Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) board representing Carrizozo.

Barbara Bradley was approved as the new municipal court clerk. The judicial activity report for the month of April indicated there were eight cases docketed, four marriages performed and two bench warrants issued. Collections totaled $1,605. Municipal Judge Chuck Rominger included a letter with the court report advising that the Carrizozo Municipal Court began handling DUI cases as of April 16.

He advised the Municipal League Court Automation System Manager that Carrizozo Chief of Police Carrie Spencer had completed and was certified on the IR 8000 analyzer and that the alternate judge, Dusty Voss and he, had completed the DWI Regional Seminar in Las Cruces at NMSU.

The Carrizozo Police Department activity report indicated 19 cases logged of which three were felony, three accidents and nine misdemeanors. Thirteen cases were closed and two arrests were made.

Approval was given to the police department for us of LEPF funds to purchase a server and database software for record keeping at the department.

Low bid for a 500,000 gallon water storage tank and the rehabilitation of the existing water storage tank was awarded to D&R Tank Company of Albuquerque for $547,915. The other bid submitted was from Brown Minneapolis Tank for $681,280.

Zia Natural Gas Manager of Regulatory Affairs Mercedes Fernandez-Wells informed the council of a process begun by the company for developing energy conservation programs. According to Fernandez-Wells, the programs are being developed in order to implement the mandates of the Efficient Use of Energy Act and the rules developed by the New Mexico Public Relations Commission.

"The first step in developing these programs," Fernandez-Wells said, "is to receive input from the affected communities Zia serves. We intend to develop programs that will address the needs of citizens in the specific areas and we need guidance and suggestion from the elected officials and community leaders who will be impacted by these programs."

Questionnaires will be sent to Zia customers with the next billing or can be picked up at Carrizozo Town Hall.

In other business the trustees:

•Approved a zoning change for Fred Lockery.

•Heard a report of near completion of street numbering and naming from Bob Hemphill.

•Approved the appointment of Leann Weihbrecht to the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority Board.

•Approved nine business licenses and one livestock permit.

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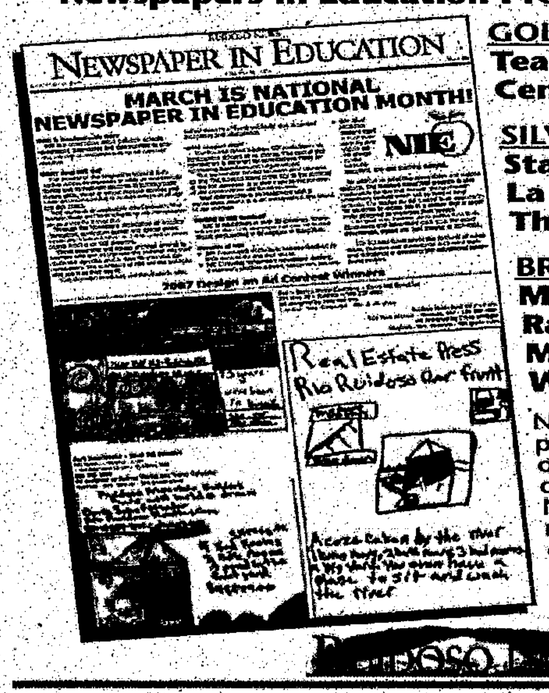

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Planet ZoZo's grand opening will usher in a new level of fine dining

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Marc and Julie Cohen are, in their own words, creating a galaxy of stars with their newly owned restaurant that they have christened "Planet ZoZo."

At the home of the former Buffalo Gal Eatery, the Cohens have kicked the offerings of the coffeehouse/restaurant up a few notches to create their version of a café and bakery with added fine dining ambience offered Friday and Saturday evenings.

While taking in the sights of the southwest on a trip from their home in New York City, the Cohens fell "head over heels for the town and its arriving Renaissance," said Marc. "We had lunch at the establishment that has now become Planet ZoZo and first met our prized general manager, Tracie Ebbs. We jumped in and by the end of this summer we will have made our final move from NYC to Carrizozo."

The new Planet ZoZo will greet customers with a full bakery offering when the baked-goods case arrives mid-June. Until then, they will continue with an assortment of palmiers, tartlets, croissants, turnovers, éclairs and Napoleons created by pastry chef Daniel Olsen. Olsen comes to Planet ZoZo with 10 years experience in bakery artistry in a bakery in Frisco, Colo.

Ultimately, Olsen will also offer a selection of French baguettes and sweet breads. "Custom order cakes will always be my specialty," he said. "Need a cake for a special occasion? Give us a call and I can create it."

A breakfast menu includes blue corn pancakes or waffles, omelets and pastries, complimented by the specialty coffees and drinks menu. The lunch menu offers soups, salads, burgers and pizza. Daily specials give variety to the regular menu which is served 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

The Friday and Saturday hours offer the regular menu until 4 p.m. after which it is no longer available, but a specialty menu promising exquisite but affordably priced meals with a southern France Mediterranean flavor then replaces it.

"We are creating an atmosphere of relaxation, fun and fine dining," said general manger Ebbs. "Candles, low light, music and excellent food –all things that make for a good first date, an anniversary evening or just a quiet dinner is what we want to offer."

Evening menus will include entrees like lamb zöe with cous cous, polenta salmon with ratatouille, Gorgonzola chicken with white cream sauce over fettuccini, Southwest piñon pesto chicken over fettuccini, and steak medallions with caper roumalade. Created by a specialty chef, the Bistro-style meals promise to be delectable and out of the ordinary.

Planet ZoZo has employed seven people from the area and "we are still hiring and still training," said Ebbs. "We pay competitive wages and offer part-time schedules."

The cafe will also deliver to area offices and cater to group meetings. "Our intention is to do what it takes to serve the community without boundaries," she said.

May 23 is the official grand opening day for Planet ZoZo and a surprise menu is in the works. The chef will select one of his specialty meals to offer at luncheon prices in honor of the day.

For more information or to place orders, call 648-5637.

JULIE CARTER/STAFF

Planet ZoZo general manager Tracie Ebbs, left, and pastry chef Daniel Olsen welcome customers with a full line of specialty coffees, a breakfast and lunch menu, a complete bakery offering and French-Mediterranean meals Friday and Saturday nights. At left, is a Napoleon that is a daily morning special, promises Chef Olsen.

Mommas, your babies grew up to be cowboys

Cowgirl Sass & Savvy
BY JULIE CARTER

When Waylon and Willie made the song, "Momma Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys," there were already generations of cowboys behind them and several more ahead of them.

The advice, while not wrong, didn't slow down the numbers of babies growing up to be cowboys.

With each generation of little cowboys comes a time to turn them loose on the world.

Each generation of mothers prays a little harder that their cowboys (and cowgirls) are prepared for what lies ahead.

In the realm of youth and high school rodeo, the journey, at times, seems endless.

Then one day the last rodeo is on the schedule, the trailer is loaded for the last time and those cowboys' and cowgirls' names are called by a rodeo announcer one last time.

A coming-of-age for them is brought on not by a graduation ceremony but by the last trip through a rodeo arena as a high school competitor.

Friendships and kinships formed over many years from toddler events to serious high school competition stand in danger of erosion by miles and time that had not been a barrier as long as there was "next year."

The excitement of a "job well done" by parents is touched on the peripheral by concern that these dedicated, focused young athletes will be able to continue in a positive forward direction in the world of young adulthood.

The "kids" see a blur of activity at the end of their senior year with the completion of academics along with their high school rodeo careers.

Anticipation and optimism erupt in high energy and the eternal belief that life is only going to get better forever.

Like the hands of time, nothing stops the natural progression of the momma's babies growing up and making their way into the world.

However, from my perch high on a fence post with my camera and from my keyboard that year after year has recorded their progress like a school-marm with a grade book, I can tell you with certainty that the world needs more kids just like them.

These hard-working, dedicated young athletes we call high school cowboys and cowgirls are polite, caring, giving individuals who would rather help each other win than take the honors all for themselves.

Over the miles and the years, they become family to each other and share in the wins and the losses, no matter which way the scales tip with either.

I do recognize it didn't happen all by itself. There are legions of parents out there who cared enough to be there.

For some, they simply passed on the joy of the competition they themselves once enjoyed.

For others, they signed on because a kid desired to be part of it and the parents didn't have to look far to see the advantages of it.

No matter the reason, it was the hands-on raising of a child offered by years of supervised weekends of family support that formed a young adult that will independently enter the next phase of life a little worldlier than most.

It will be a few years before this round of graduates will fully understand the work, effort and sacrifices made by their parents to make it all possible, but parents don't do it for that reason anyway. They just do the best they know how to do and for rodeo America, this was it.

God bless those senior competitors who gave it their all right down to the last slam of the gate.

May your journey beyond this arena make an even better mark on the world than the one you left behind.

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CLASS OF 2019

COURTESY

Carrizozo Kindergarten graduates will walk across the stage tonight at 6:30 in Old Gym at Carrizozo Schools. Graduates are **Front row:** Jared Guevara, Savannah Sanchez, Aurora Vega, Orion Wyatt, John Wyatt Hemphill, Jayden Kassel, Patrick Hooten and Julian Garcia **Back Row:** Dominic Barela, Tristen Barela, Daniel Zamora, Isaiah Ysasi, Detrick Miller, Clayton Swift and Austin Dennis

Project Adopt a Soldier has local drop-offs

Following in the path of other counties in the state, Lincoln County now has a "Project Adopt a Soldier" set in place. The project allows citizens to thank and support soldiers serving and defending overseas.

Non-perishable items are requested to make a soldiers service a little more comfortable. A list of suggested items include beef jerky, hard candy, note books, feminine napkins, foot powder, bars of soap, mini-boardgames, Neosporin, lotion, chips, pens, pencils, tablets, baby wipes, socks, non-drowsy cold meds, band-aids, cookies, pencil sharpeners, pre-stamped envelopes, Visine, deodorant, playing cards, sun block and crossword puzzles.

The list is not all-inclusive. Other items may be donated as long as they are non-perishable. Boxes will be sent overseas monthly with donated funds. Letters to soldiers are welcome.

Adopt a Soldier drop-off boxes are located at *Ruidoso News*, Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, State National Bank (all locations), Ruidoso Downs Police Department, Zia Natural Gas, City Bank (Mechem), Dizzy Fridays, Mountain View Animal Clinic, Insight Books and Movie Gallery.

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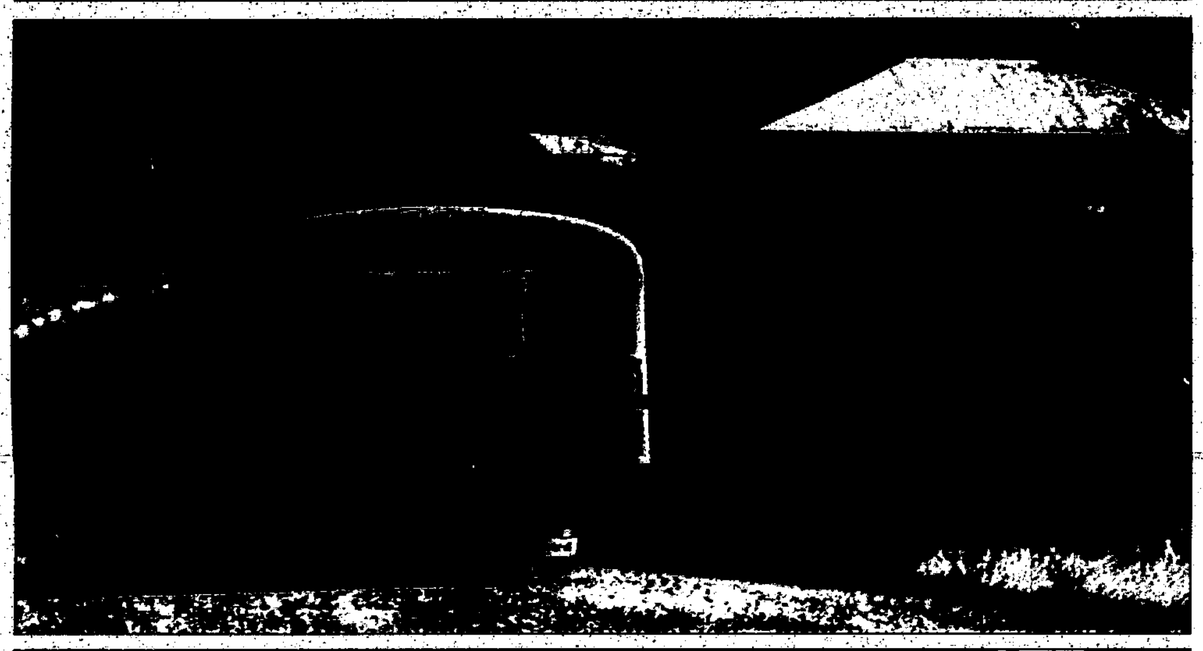
Classes return to historic White Oaks School House

■ The sounds of laughing children once again echoed through the rooms of the White Oaks School House last week – a sound that had been absent from there for more than half a century.

BRAD COOPER
For the Ruidoso News



Sixty-five years after closing, the sound of students once again filled the White Oaks Schoolhouse last Friday when Carrizozo teachers held classes in the historical centerpiece of this gold-mining ghost town.

The two-story, four-room schoolhouse, currently under the care of the non-profit White Oaks Historical Association, was built in 1895 when White Oaks was reportedly the second largest city in the state (behind Santa Fe). White Oaks "died" when community fathers attempted to sell the railroad right of way (instead of give it to them), and the gold panned out.

The last classes taught in White Oaks, until Friday, were in 1942.

Carrizozo teachers Becca Ferguson, Rima Davis, Annie Serna, Polly Chavez and Dena O'Dell organized the living history field trip tagged "Pioneer School Day 1895." Many of the 43 third, fourth and fifth-graders bussed to the school house were wearing period clothing supplied by White Oaks resident Ruth Birdsong.

"I have always believed in experiential education, doing things hands on, and I think that most people learn best through hands-on experiences. Those are the times that I remember from my school years. They're the best way to teach anybody...kids or adults," said art and music instructor Dena O'Dell, who lives in a historic adobe on the outskirts of White Oaks.

Classes were conducted on era clothing by historian Pat Cooper, as well as an oral history session with area residents, now in their 80s, who actually went to school in the structure.

"Do you know what the first day of school was like?" asked Larue Wetzel, a retired Carrizozo teacher, of a class. "We came to school with a bag, we didn't have backpacks back then, and we always had our Big Chief tablet and a pencil," she said, pulling a tablet out of a bag, "and it was up to us to supply our own pencils. School always started the day after Labor Day.

"It used to be that there were a lot of empty houses here in White Oaks. In the summer the families would be out on the ranches and then in late August they'd come in and fix up an old house and the women, the mothers and children, would live here so the kids could go to school. The men would ride in whenever they could to be with them," she said.

"Some people say that you don't get a good education (in a four-room schoolhouse like White Oaks), but we've got teachers, inventors and scientists, and lots of important people who came through this school," said Wetzel, who still resides in a historic Victorian two-story brick home in White Oaks known as the "Hoyle House." She attended classes at the schoolhouse in the late 1930s.

Other former students discussing the "old days" with today's school children were Clarence Leslie and Inez Ballenger, whose mother was the only teacher (thus principal) of the school when electricity was first introduced from a power plant near the community.

"My brother was one of the boy janitors here and when my mother had electricity put into the room downstairs he tested it out with a rusty nail and another boy told on him and he lost his job," said Inez Ballenger. "He went on to become an important inventor, inventing the underwater telephone."

Three of the four classrooms at the schoolhouse still do not have electricity and depend on large windows for light. White Oaks was an "eastern influenced" frontier town with many of the buildings constructed from brick made in nearby Ancho (instead of adobe) and with pitched roofs (instead of New Mexico flat).

"Are those the only restrooms available?" one student asked a teacher about the "his" and "hers" outhouses nearby.

Other class activities included a poetry recital (many from memory, though a group of gentlemen read from Edgar Allen Poe's "The Raven"), paper quilt making session, and a day-ending floor-clearing dance from the era.

The "main room" of the schoolhouse has an inlaid floor miners paid to have installed so that they could roller-skate there.

"This is what this building was meant to do and it's good to see it back at work," said Leslie, who is also the historical association's board chairman. "This needs to happen more often."

The Pioneer School Day 1985 was a prototype of a curriculum that may soon be offered to teachers regionally. "Absolutely," said O'Dell, "it's a very transferable experience. I think that other schools could come up here and experience a similar kind of classroom day very easily. You could bring any grade level here, but I really think that it'd have the most impact on upper elementary (grades 3-5). You might have to adapt it for older students.

"Next year we're hoping to add an experience where the students write a letter to someone as though they were living here in the late 1800s," she added.

The association is currently looking into grants to help regional school districts with transportation costs and study guides in order to offer the historical school day to other teachers in September-October and April-May.

For information, email theschoolhouse@whiteoaksnewmexico.com

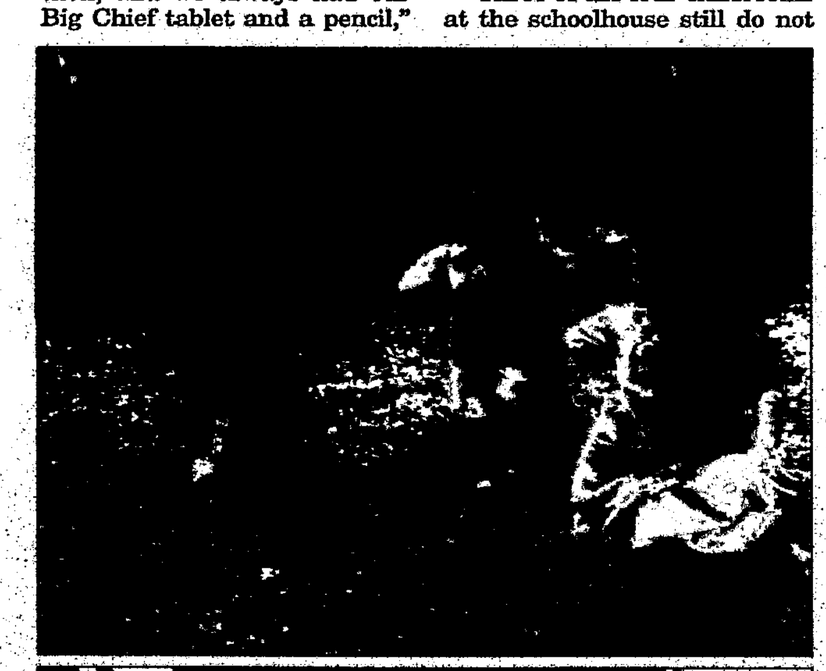
One of the grant line items will be for firewood. The schoolhouse has no central heating and only one pot-bellied stove is left to heat the classrooms, making late fall and winter months impossible.

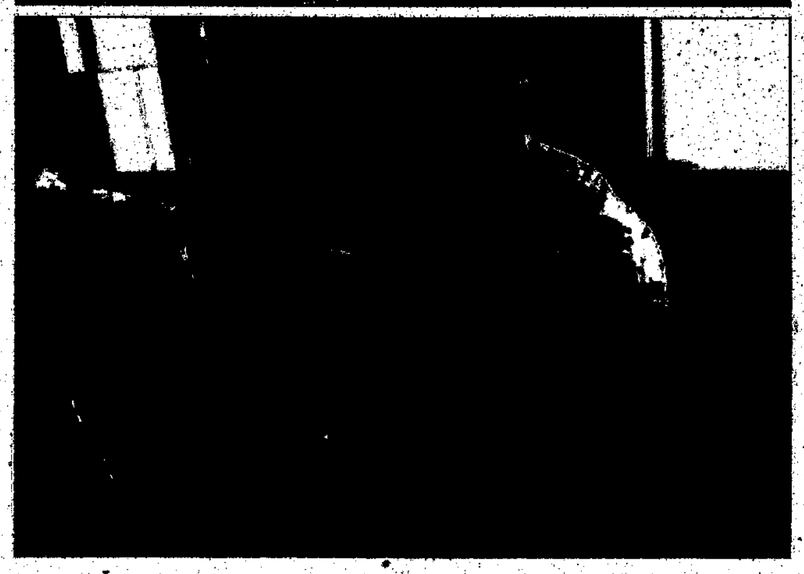
The White Oaks Schoolhouse (Museum) is currently open to visitors Saturdays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sundays noon - 4 p.m.

The historical association, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, has been concentrating on a decade-plus quest to raise funds to replace the structure's roof.The once-again schoolhouse (which residents pitched in $10,000 to build in the 1890s on land donated by the state's first governor) will need a $23,000-plus roof in the near future.

The new White Oaks

Though listed in several guides as a "ghost town," the community is more of a ghost of what it used to be, than an abandoned town. About 15 residents live in the old township, and dozens more outside of it. It's dotted with artist studios and a recently gentrified "No Scum Allowed Saloon" with wireless Internet, a wine rack and real indoor plumbing.





Top left: Larue Wetzel, White Oaks resident, retired teacher and former White Oaks student explains to a Carrizozo student what things were like when she was his age.
Top right: Carrizozo grades 3-5 enjoyed a day of class in White Oaks and pose on the school house steps.
Middle right: The school bus makes its way to the school to begin a day of historical education.
Bottom right: Students sit in decades old desks and listen to Larue Wetzel and Inez Ballenger speak of old day in White Oaks.
At left: The sight of children in period clothing running from the school at lunchtime was eerily reminiscent of the same at the turn of century.
Bottom: Pat Cooper and Polly Chavez explain to students the merrits of a bustle versus a a hoop under a skirt.

TOP THREE PHOTOS BY BRAD COOPER
BOTTOM THREE PHOTOS BY JULIE CARTER/STAFF

HOROSCOPES by Linda C. Black

With years of professional expertise and accurate astrological information, Black helps readers make the best choices possible. Her daily rating system guides readers to get the most out of their horoscopes -10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging. Her horoscopes are brief and concentrate on career and personal goals. Also available in Spanish.

Today's Birthday (05/18/07). Life's a game, and money might be one of the ways we keep score. It might be a lot less important then, say, what brand of tea we choose to drink or how well we treat our friends. Ponder this in the coming year.

Aries (March 21 April 19) - Today is a 7 - Communication is a skill, a talent, an art and a miracle. Keep practicing, even if you don't get your message through at first.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 9 - Count your winnings carefully. Each and every penny adds up, as you well know. This time they amount to a very lot.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - You're being asked tough questions now, and you should be ready. Don't make anything up. Have the facts to prove your assertions.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - There you are, locked in the darkest closet with your own fears. Oh, the horror of it all! What to do? Turn on the light! Then laugh.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - Your friends are eager to tell you more than you wanted to know. Don't follow all the advice you hear. Some of it just won't work.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Don't talk a lot about what you're doing, except with the people involved. There are still quite a few bugs to work out, and you haven't found all of them yet.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - Gather as much information as you can from a new contact. Let the other person do most of the talking. Then verify the information.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - Now that you know how much you can spend, it's time to go shopping. Get necessities for your workplace and a luxury for your home.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - Prepare to debate a sharp-witted person who thinks he knows it all. That will be his downfall, if you've done your homework.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - Talking about the job with co-workers is mandatory now. Otherwise, somebody's likely to make a colossal mistake.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - What you need is a friend who will tell you the complete truth. Choose one person to ask. Taking a poll will only get a meaningless consensus.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - You're doing OK financially, if you can resist temptation. Don't ask friends for help with this. You have to set your own standards.

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No waste left behind; medical disposal critical

This time, it was a "hot load" of medical waste illegally dumped in a dumpster and delivered to the LCSWA yard by a solid waste truck driver.

Last Fall, it was an anything but routine dumpster site inspection along Gavilan Canyon Road that turned up plastic drinking water bottles and numerous used needles and syringes laying on the ground next to the dumpster.

In the latter instance, a few yards away was also a Ruidoso School bus pickup stop, creating an immediate and life-threatening danger to children waiting to be picked up by the bus.

Much of this improperly dumped waste may contain various biohazards – diseases such as HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, tetanus and syphilis.

Despite considerable patient education efforts, what to do with medical waste is a growing Lincoln County problem. As a result, improper disposal places innocent children, other adults and solid waste employees at risk.

Medical waste today is generated by hospitals, home care and hospice agencies, public health clinics, and private physician offices. It is also generated by many home patients recuperating or treating conditions such as diabetes, heart disease or any one of a hundred other illnesses that create medical waste at home – empty syringes, needles, lancets and other sharp objects (sharps), used dressings and empty medication containers to name a few.

A variety of patient education and supportive disposal methods are currently used by the Lincoln County medical community.

Lincoln County Health Office Nurse Administrator Sharon Miller states that the public health office provides a locked biohazard drop box and disposal station for waste generated by its patients in front of the office at 105 Kansas City Rd. in Ruidoso. The lock box, placed away from environmental elements such as wind and rain, is provided under the state's Harm Reduction Program.

Lincoln County Medical Center offers patients a returnable container for needle disposal following discharge from the hospital. Also underway is development of a red bag disposal program for wound care according to LCMC Administrative Secretary Debbie Perkins.

Physicians in private practice, according to Southern New Mexico Medical Associates and Ruidoso Family Practice, encourage patients to place medical waste in coffee cans or heavy plastic containers and then to return filled containers to their physician's office.

Outlying clinics in Carrizozo, Capitan, Corona and Hondo use similar procedures. Ruidoso Home Care and Hospice encourages their patients to use similar containers or a safe container provided by the agency and later to return materials for agency disposal.

All medical providers in this region use one of several medical waste disposal companies including Stericycle Inc. and Waste Management Inc. of Albuquerque or BioHazard Inc. of Roswell for weekly pickups of hospital, clinic or office collected waste.

The practical advice for proper disposal at home is simple. "Sharps" should never be thrown directly into the garbage. Syringes, needles, lancets, scalpel blades and other sharp objects should be placed in puncture-proof hard plastic or hard metal containers with a tightly secured lid.

Never use aluminum or glass containers. Disposable containers may be purchased at local pharmacies. A 'sharps collector' can be made at home using a heavy grade plastic detergent or laundry soap bottle with a narrow neck in which to dispose of used "sharps." When about full, put the lid on and seal it tightly with strong tape. Return sealed containers to your physician's office, hospital or agency or place in the trash, not into recycling containers.

It is also recommended that soiled bandages, disposable sheets and medical gloves be placed in securely fastened plastic bags before placing with other trash. Don't throw loose sharp objects in the trash, or flush used needles down the toilet. Finally, make sure that all containers with sharp objects be kept out of the reach of children and pets.

Sharps and other medical waste can end up in locations where they do not belong such as streets, parks or playgrounds. Improper disposal can threaten public safety, puncture and injure waste haulers, and contaminate recycling programs.

Further information on proper disposal of bio-hazardous material can be found at www.stericycle.com or at the New Mexico State Environment Department site, www.nmenv.state.us.

For more information about proper disposal of medical waste in Lincoln and Otero Counties, contact Operational Supervisor Debra Ingle at 378-4697 or toll free 1-877-548-8772. The Spring 2007 recycling and solid waste disposal brochure for Lincoln and Otero counties is also available via email by request at lcswa@valornet.com.

Food product development

Food Processors now have access to the Food Product Development Lab (FPDL) at NMSU.

The 800-square-foot food lab and adjacent sensory lab will enable small and medium sized food processors to test family recipes and fine-tune commercial formulations before embarking on full-scale production.

Hints for the Home
BY MARSHA PALMER
LINCOLN COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT - HOME ECONOMICS

The food product development lab, located in the Tejada building (corner of Frenger and Knox Streets) is equipped with approximately $150,000 in commercial kitchen equipment, from a pasteurizer and freeze dryer to an industrial-sized oven and stove. The lab will help New Mexico businesses that are not large enough to have their own research and development capability, and the lab will be a new opportunity for students to learn valuable skills in food product development research.

The sensory lab gives processors the ability to conduct strictly controlled tests on texture, flavor and appearance. It includes five booths for taste testers. A separate heating and cooling system lets food processors control the airflow, which keeps cooking odors away from the taste testers.

Even the color of the lighting in the sensory lab can be controlled, which helps focus decision-making on the taste itself, rather than the appearance of the food being tested.

The Food Product Development Laboratory and the Sensory Lab will be a resource for food processors across New Mexico, as well as NMSU students, for research.

NMSU and Lincoln County Extension will hold a mini-Food Processors work shop at 9 a.m. June 16 at the Lincoln County Fair Grounds meeting room. The class will be free of charge and taught by Nancy Flores, Ph.D., Extension Food Technology Specialist from NMSU. Interested persons can call Lincoln County Extension office at 648-2311.

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Victims of sexual assault are offered help and report-free assessment

TINA GODBY-WARE, R.N.
For the Ruidoso News

Studies have shown that the most significant way to reduce the effects of sexual assault trauma is to intervene as soon as possible.

Throughout history, sexual assault has been a subject that has not been talked about until the impact of two waves of political feminism. National organizations such as the Department of Justice began to take surveys, statistics were compiled, and the numbers are alarming.

Not by strangers

Instead of the majority of rape being committed by a stranger wearing a ski mask using a weapon with an immediate report to law enforcement, the opposite is true.

According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC), one in three girls and one in six boys by the time they are 18 years old will have been sexually abused.

The 2005 Survey of Violence Victimization in New Mexico states that the primary perpetrators of the sexual abuse of children are chiefly the father, step-father, uncles, cousins and brothers.

Adult males are the offenders in approximately 85 percent of sexual assaults. This is true even when the victim is male. Victims stated in the New Mexico survey that they did not report because they were too young at the time of the abuse, fear of the offender, fear that they would not be believed, thought it was their fault, shame and humiliation, to name the most stated.

The NSVRC states that our society accepts and even glamorizes rape and sexual violence. Value is placed on claiming and maintaining power. There is a tolerance of aggression with blame to victims. Masculinity is equated with domination and control. Secrecy and silence have been promoted and women and children objectified.

Sexual assault response

In 2006, agencies in Otero County and Lincoln County that had been responding to sexual assault joined forces to become the 12th Judicial District Sexual Assault Response Team (SART).

There are 19 agencies at present that form a Multidisciplinary Team committed to organize and improve our response that includes a standard of excellence requiring continuing education on sexual assault and violence.

The SART supports victim recovery, and is asking victims to come in for confidential services no matter when the sexual assault occurred.

Free counseling

Our Rape Crisis Counselors provide five free counseling sessions without a report to law enforcement. Call The Counseling Center at 437-7404 in Alamogordo or 257-5038 in Ruidoso.

Our Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) can provide a no-report free assessment for injuries, medicines to prevent Sexually Transmitted Diseases, a urine test for pregnancy, and medicine to prevent pregnancy.

This must be done within five days of an assault for a victim 13 years and older.

Call the SANE cell phone at 430-9485. If a victim decides to report the crime to law enforcement, our Victim Advocates can provide information to assist the victim in making informed choices and will follow the victim through the legal process. Call the District Attorney's Office at 437-3640. Start your road to recovery today.

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Senior Care Coalition trains volunteers to assist county seniors

The Senior Care Coalition had its first training for volunteers on Friday, May 11, at ENMU-Ruidoso's computer lab.

Ten volunteers are now ready to assist Lincoln County senior citizens with information on the options involved in getting their prescription medications. If you need this information, call the helpline at 630-8004.

The Senior Care Coalition is a Lincoln County Collaborative effort to aid with specific Senior Citizen issues. This collaborative has identified many pressing issues with the top two priorities being assistance with navigating the prescription medication options and transportation. Establishing a volunteer network will help meet both of these priorities.

The helpline will be active on May 21 to take calls for requests to transport seniors to appointments with physicians, dentists, physical therapy, and to pick up meds at a pharmacy.

This is a completely volunteer organization and needs help from all of Lincoln County to reach its goals. Those that have some time to help, call Karen at 378-8160 for more information on volunteering. Participating organizations in this effort are: Lincoln County Indigent Health Care; Lincoln County Senior Citizen Centers; Ruidoso Homecare & Hospice; The Heritage Pro-gram; NM Dept of Health Disabilities Program Navigator; and Community United Methodist Church. Over the next few months organizers hope the list will grown.To be a part of the Senior Care Coalition, attend the meetings at 8:30 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Meetings are held at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Road.

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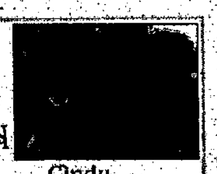

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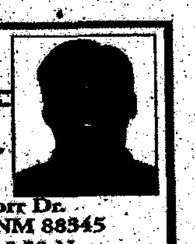

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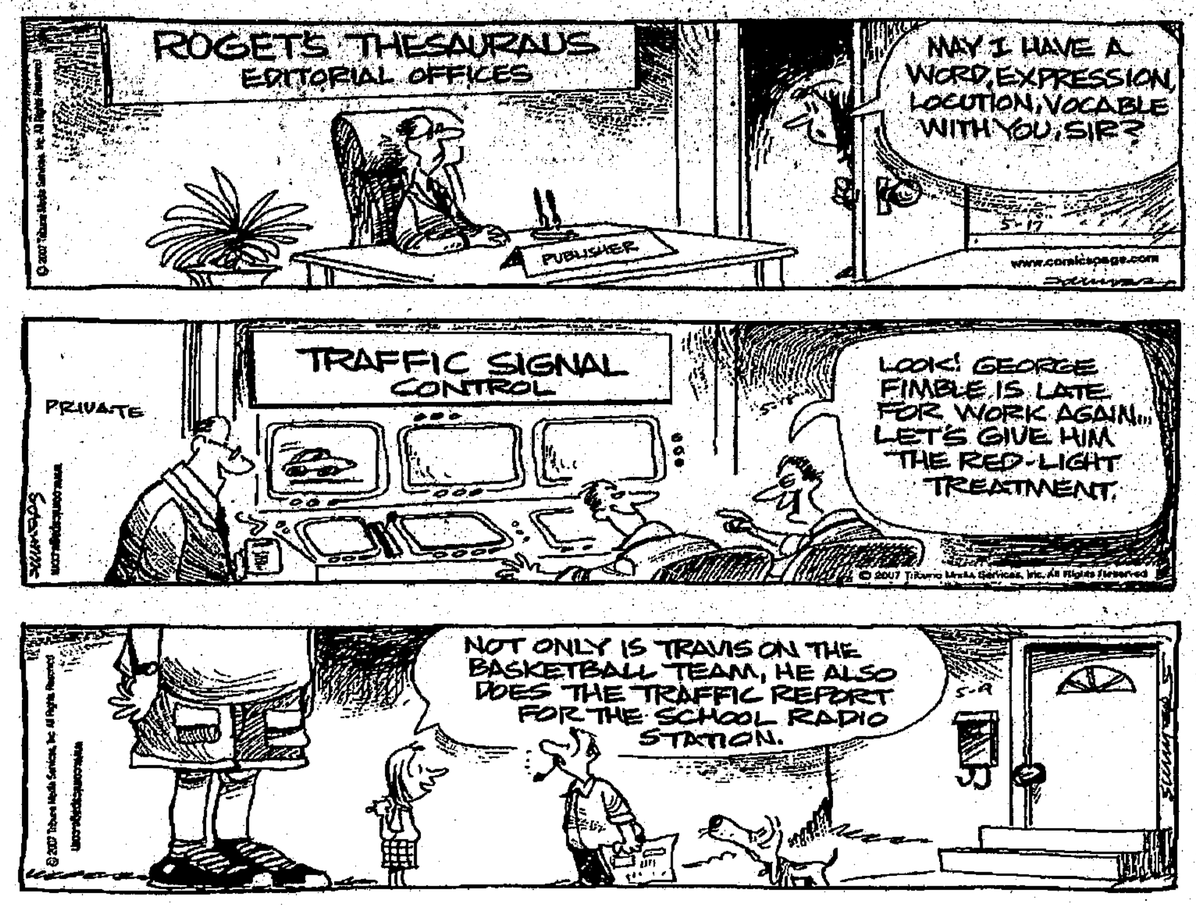

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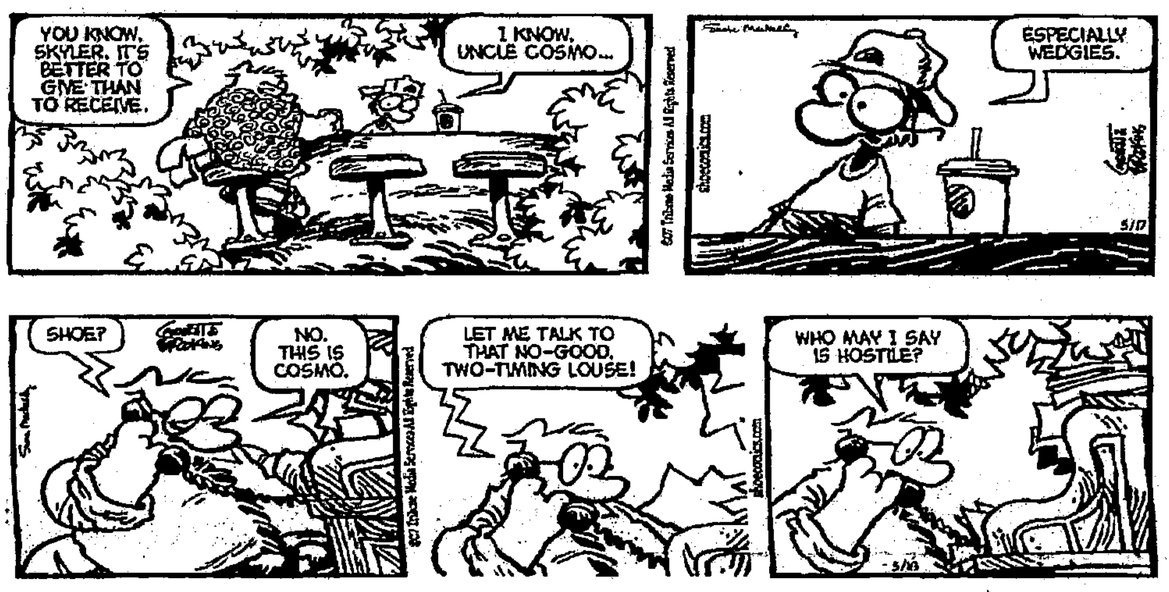


Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

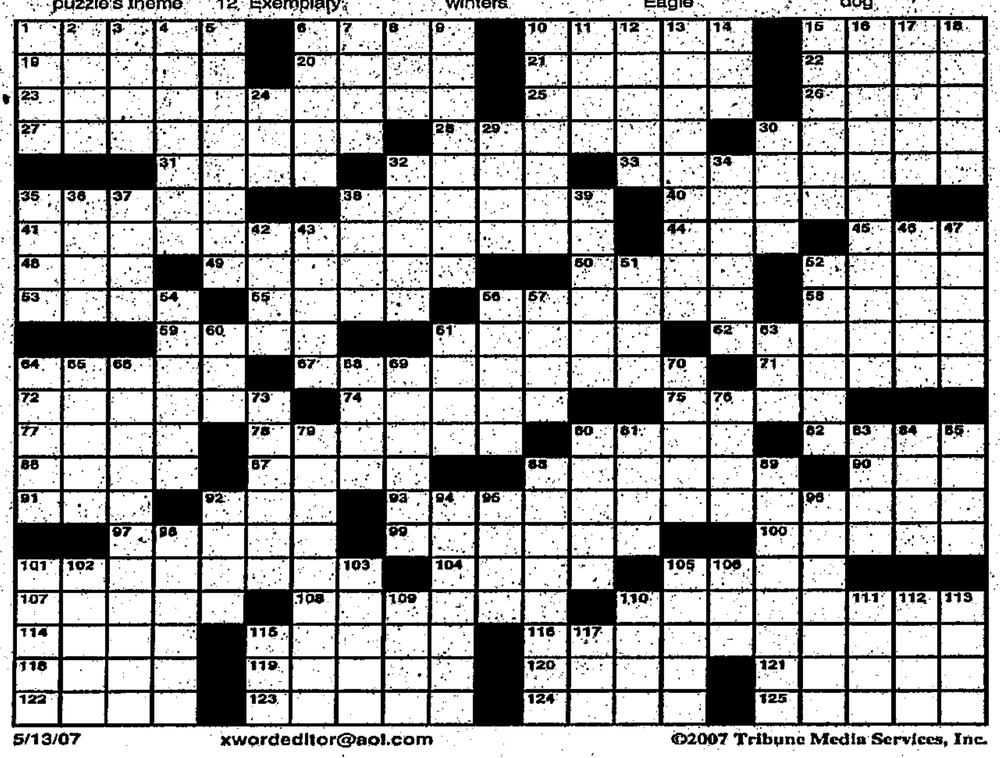
"HIDDEN TALENT" By ARLAN & LINDA BUSHMAN

ACROSS

1 Buffy portrayer
6 Tickled pink
10 "Enough!"
15 Classroom nudge
19 Writer Rogers St. Johns
20 Mythical con man
21 Polite address
22 Small margin of victory
23 Ice-T genre
25 Entreat with urgency
26 Wasatch Mountains ski resort
27 It usually corresponds with height
28 Go for avidly
30 Miser's sin
31 Just skip it
32 Whale groups
33 Game with 10-player teams
35 Story for storage
38 Least obstreperous
40 Tribute with friendly insults
41 Kitchen nook, perhaps
44 Bash
45 Dawning shout
48 Batter's place
49 Voiced, in phonetics
50 It gives you the big picture
52 Squeeze
53 Westernmost Aleutian island
55 More, in ads
56 Comics character with a corncob pipe
58 16th-17th-century Mughal Empire capital
59 Street shout
61 "Tattered Tom" novelist
62 Bullying
64 Relish
67 San José is its capital
71 Thomas and Green
72 Two-door cars
74 Calm unit
75 Holiday shorthand
77 Actress Vima
78 Needing to be put out, maybe
80 Hudson Bay tribe
82 Monopolizes, with "up"
86 Hammett pooch
87 Griffin component
88 Stained
90 Long March leader in 1930s China
91 It may require a cart and a caddy
92 It goes over the road
93 Importer's concern
97 French coronation city
99 Salad follower
100 1945 conference site
101 Women's group
104 Orange Free State settler
105 With 42-Down, '70s sitcom actor
107 Novelist Walker
108 Defender of Troy
110 Some commutes
114 Like most sports broadcasts
115 Image maker
116 1980s-'90s talent show, and what you need to do to find this puzzle's theme
118 Flush
119 Fix, ostensibly
120 University founder Cornell
121 Pioneering company originally named Syzygy
122 Ancient Persian
123 Avian mimics
124 Face-off
125 Got together (with)

DOWN

1 Gives a little
2 Wife of Esau
3 Clinton cabinet member
4 Camus's birthplace
5 Easy chair neighbors
6 Potter's supply
7 Folk wisdom
8 Dossier letters
9 Skilled negotiator
10 Standoff
11 Fictional wrestling coach
12 Exemplary
13 Plenty to choose from
14 Common pair?
15 Alexandria lighthouse, one of the Seven Wonders
16 Rep's goal
17 High-tech destinations
18 Swap
24 Subject of an anonymous call, maybe
29 River near Kassel, Germany
30 Light weight
32 City on the Ganges
34 Wheedled
35 "Mamma Mia" inspiration
36 Bring (out)
37 Primer
38 Onetime monarch
39 Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall site
42 See 105-Across
43 Lark
46 Like cold, snowy winters
47 Hoard
51 Hired soldier, briefly
52 Pet
54 More work
56 Smoothing gadget
57 Brute
60 Vote for
61 Subject of a split
63 "Psych" airer
64 Elaborate display
65 Banging and clanking
66 Came in last?
68 European capital once called Christiania
69 Ideological position
70 Sasha Cohen jumps
73 Dell hanger
76 Track event
79 Normandy invasion force
80 Pigeon, at times
81 Cold covering
83 Mickey Mouse adversary __ Eagle
84 Float, as a scent
85 Chesterfield, e.g.
88 Emphasized
89 Flight of fancy
92 Enervate
94 Straightens
95 Ancient gathering spot
96 Send out
98 Epoch in which modern mammals first emerged
101 "The Crucible" setting
102 Girlfriend of 56-Across
103 Southernmost Arabian peninsular country
105 Bucolic
106 Pothook shape
109 Granny
110 Unadorned
111 "Confound it!"
112 Stocking shade
113 Bark or junk
115 Nonstick acronym
117 Shih __: Tibetan dog



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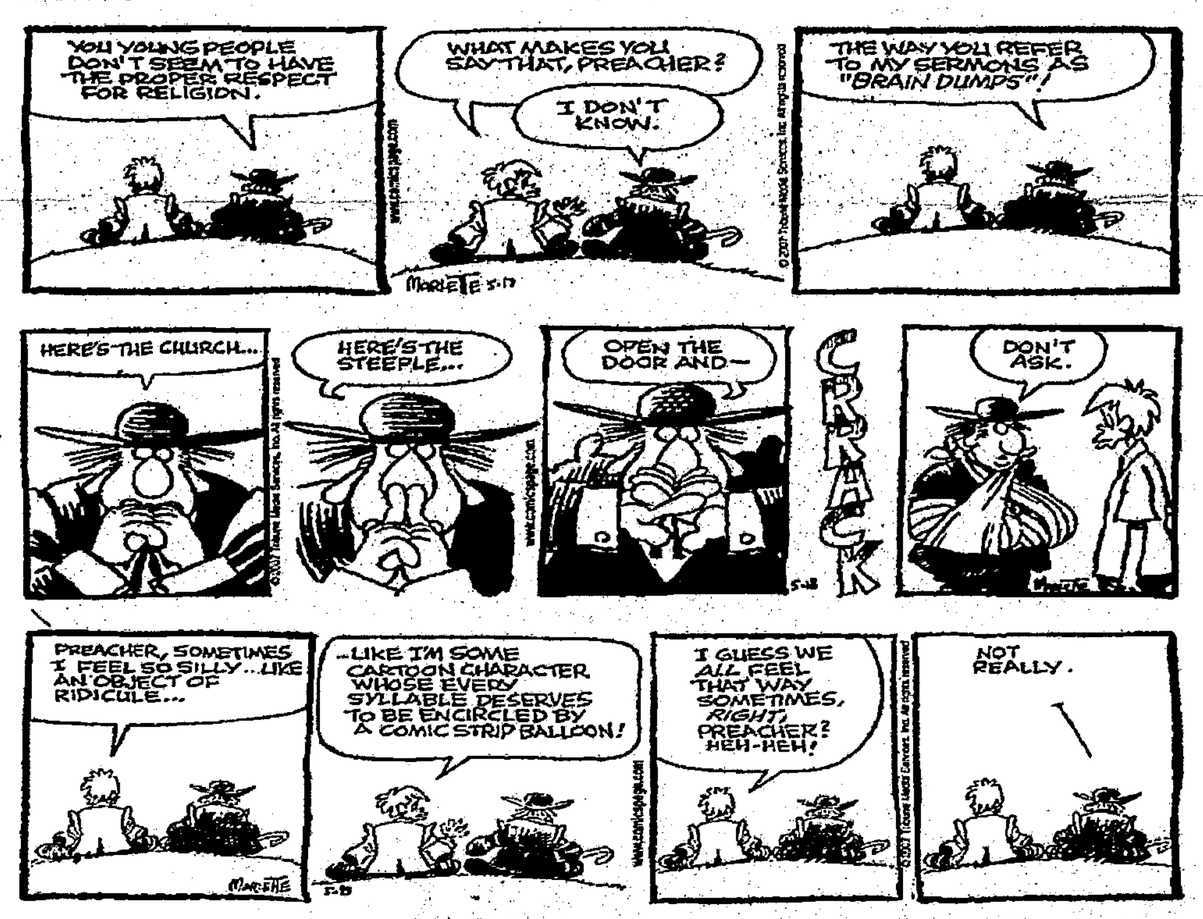

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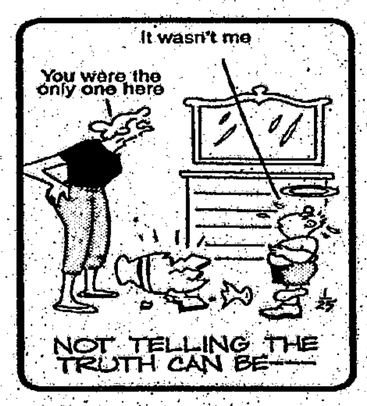

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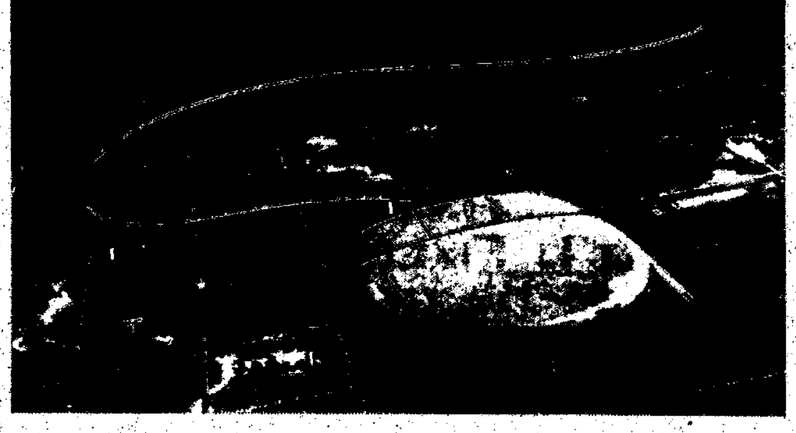

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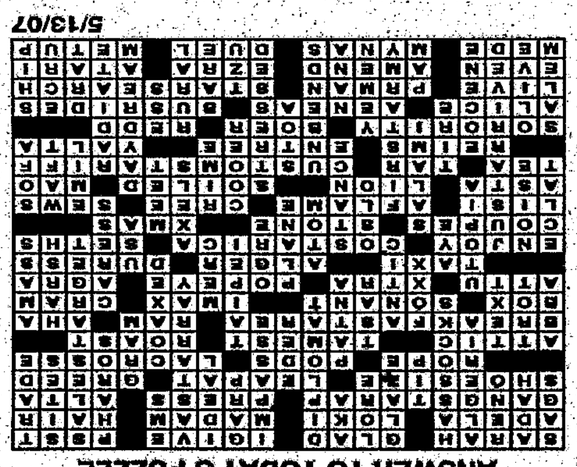

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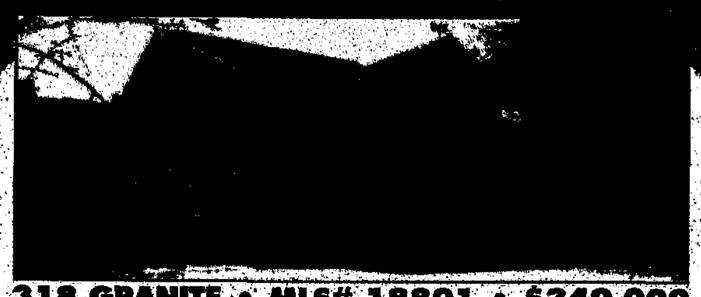

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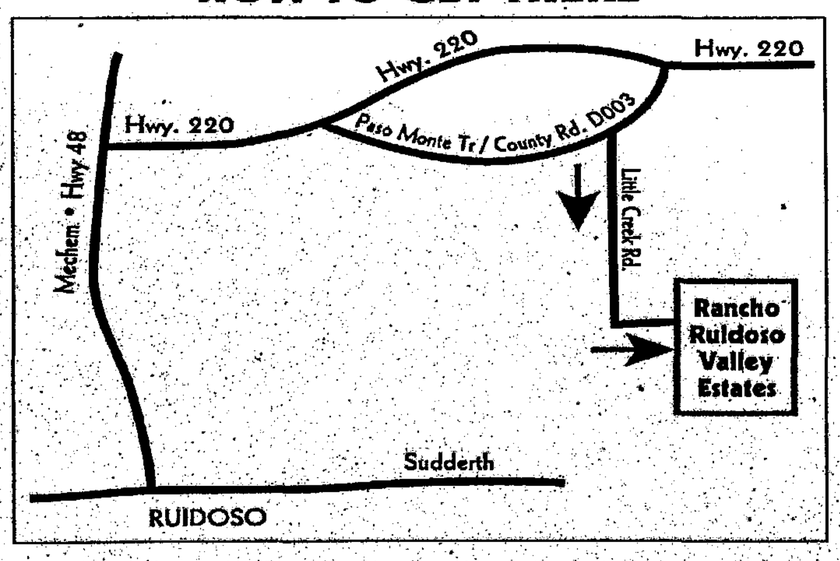

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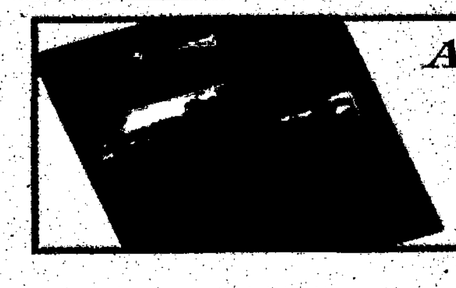

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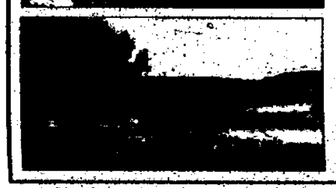

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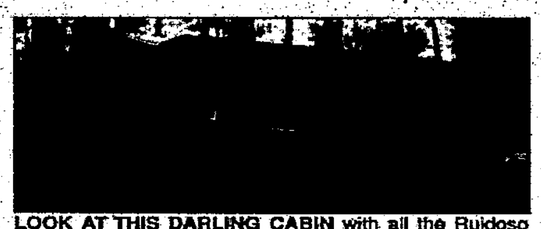
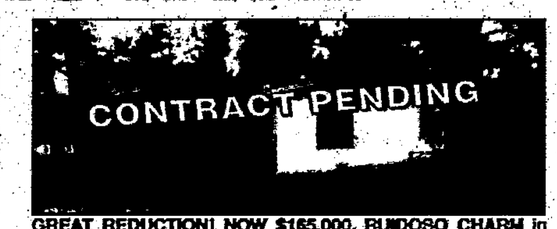


LOOK AT THIS DARLING CABIN with all the Ruidoso charm that you would expect. Close to downtown shopping. Makes an exciting getaway for the horse racing and skiing seasons. Don't miss this opportunity. #100450 $169,500

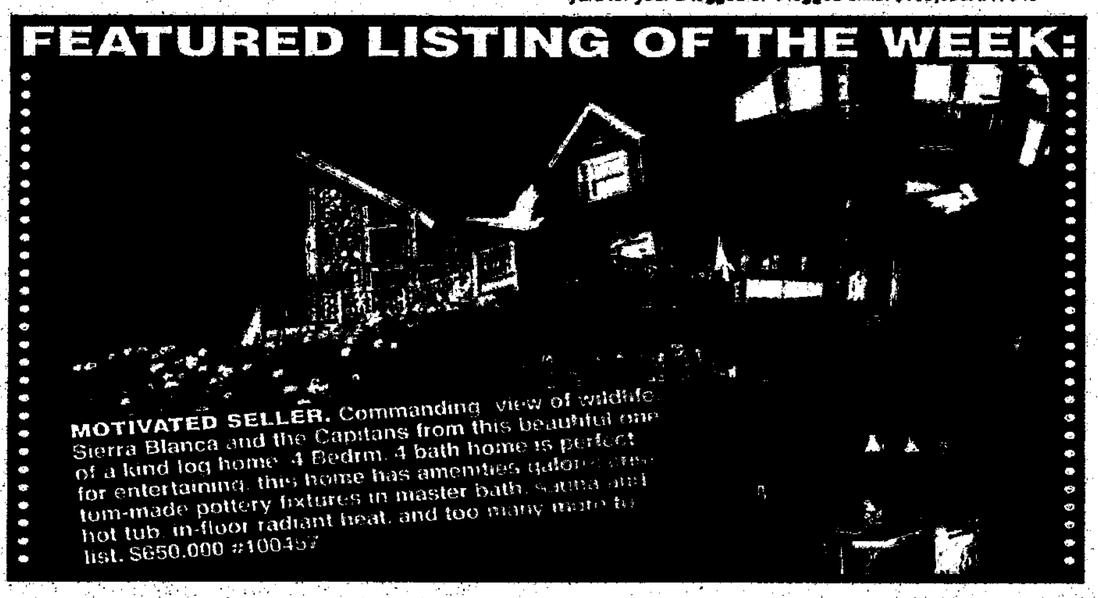
UPPER CANYON Great get-away cabin with Ruidoso charm. Neat, clean, 3 beroom, 1.5 bath with city utilities. Cozy rock fireplace, wooded view, nice location. Possibly the best bargain in Upper Canyon. $112,000. #18449



GREAT REDUCTION! NOW $165,000. RUIDOSO CHARM in this 2 bdrm, 2 bath home with knotty pine walls, cozy rock fireplace, covered and uncovered decks, large pine trees, fully furnished. It has a great location and easy access. Even a fenced yard for your 2-legged or 4-legged child. $165,000. #17945

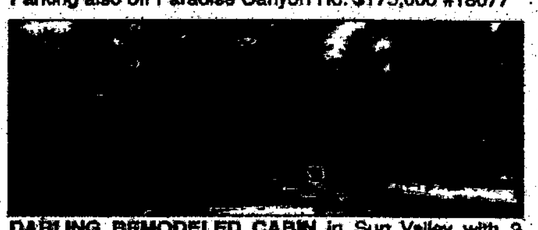
HWY 70 FRONTAGE, great location for you business! Easy in and out. Plenty of parking for customers. Has .5 bath. Let your imagination run with the possibilities for this remarkable store. Store front/Commercial. Auction/feed lot. $550,000 #18690

THIS NEWLY REMODELED, 2 bedroom 1 bath cabin is what everyone is searching for. The interior is bright and cheerful with tile floors and light wood throughout. New appliances in kitchen and a wood stove keeps it cozy." $145,000

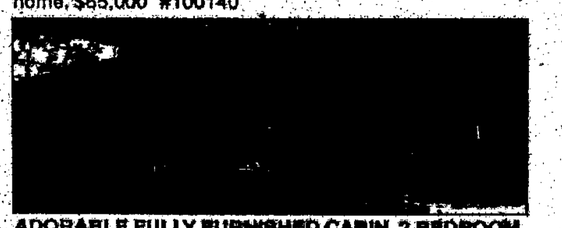


WONDERFUL HOME: 2 STORY, 3 BEDROOM, 1.75 BATH, OFF PARADISE CANYON. Great weekend or full time residence. Must see to appreciate. Turn right on Debord at top of hill, home and parking on the right. Parking also off Paradise Canyon Rd. $175,000 #18077

CORNER OF SECOND ST. AND SOUTH ST. Take a look at this great buy. Two bedrooms, one bath. Close to town with great views of the mountains from the back deck. Come and enjoy the cool pines in your first or second home. $65,000 #100140

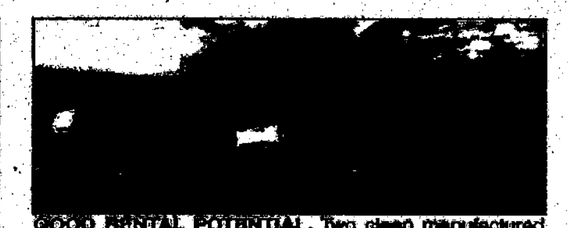


DARLING REMODELED CABIN in Sun Valley with 2 bedrooms, 1.75 baths. Half acre heavily wooded lot. Garage & carport, lots of parking room for your RV. Large inviting deck to enjoy the wildlife. $175,000 #100284

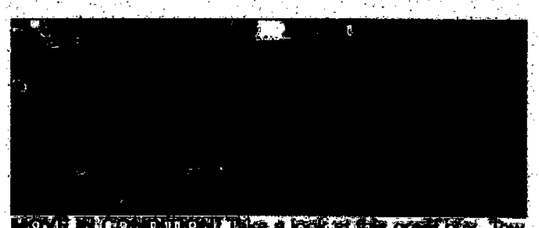


ADORABLE FULLY FURNISHED CABIN, 2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH in great location. Very inviting decks with view of Sierra Blanca. What more could you ask for! $175,000 #100324.

PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP shows in this comfortable 3 bdrm, 2 bath family home. 1987 Oak Creek-26x56. 2 living areas, fireplace built in bench in dining room, split floor plan, master has large walk in closet. New roof in 2006, newer refrigerator and dishwasher. New floor in kitchen, fenced yard with storage shed. $139,500 #100046



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



MOVE IN CONDITION! Take a look at this great buy. Tow bedrooms, one bath. Close to town with great views of the mountains from the back deck. Come and enjoy the cool pines in your first or second home. $65,000 #100302

NEW SUBDIVISION IN LINCOLN HISTORIC DISTRICT. Almost 2 acre 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. $99,000 #13489

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 #15736

HANDYMAN SPECIAL! Set against the majestic Capitan Mountains, this 4 bdrm, 2 bath mobile has its own aerobic system. Close to Capitan Schools and the town center. $78,000 #18595

PRICE REDUCTION!!! CUTE LITTLE SET UP ON 6 ACRES in Capitan. 2bdrm, 1 bath mobile with new AC window grill, new water heater, stackable W/D stays. Septic has been inspected as brought up to code. Several outbuildings, 4 horse pens, 2 with shade. $78,000 #18951

BRAND NEW CARPET. Three bdrm, 2 bath mobile has partial cedar fencing with a great back yard. Covered decks to enjoy the afternoon. Level lot with easy access. $110,000 #100084

A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH!! This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home lies beneath beautiful tall pines on an incredible lot. Heavily wooded lot in a beautiful neighborhood convenient to golf, shopping, recreation, restaurants, etc. Call us on this one. $189,000

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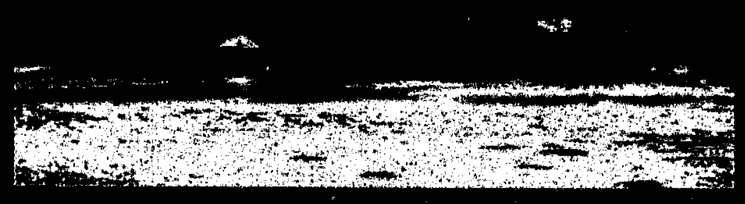

MLS# 16149 $700,000

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# 18230 $999,999
Lincoln Historic District. BELOW APPRAISAL. 2 living areas, courtyards front and rear, extensive landscaping, sprinkler system, study, indoor heated pool, heated triple garage, new 1200 sq.ft. 2 bedroom 2 bath guest house! + Alto golf membership.

ALTO

MLS# 17797

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 course resort. Buyer pays transfers.

ALTO

MLS# 15776
Exquisite home - completely furnished with high-end furnishings throughout. 2 master - 2 living areas, triple garage, granite counters, decorator items, 8 ft. doors, high ceilings - 1.3 acre lot - seller will upgrade to golf at closing.

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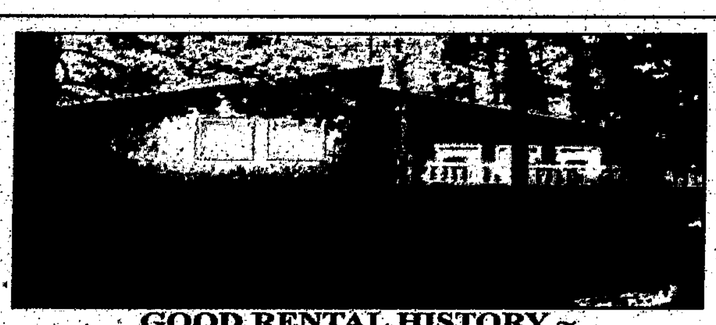
GREEN PEACE –
If you enjoy peace and quiet, come home to this 3 bdrm., 2 bath home secluded in the woods and yet only minutes from town. Open kit. & living area with a FP. Nat'l. Forest is your back yard. Located on a small cul-de-sac. **$159,900. #16561.**

TUCKED AMONG THE PINES!
3 bdrm. mtn. home with wood accents, corner FP, split level with large guest rooms & private master + loft, cozy kit. & dining, 2 large decks overlooking the level lot & soft views! Don't miss this! **$229,000. #17427.**

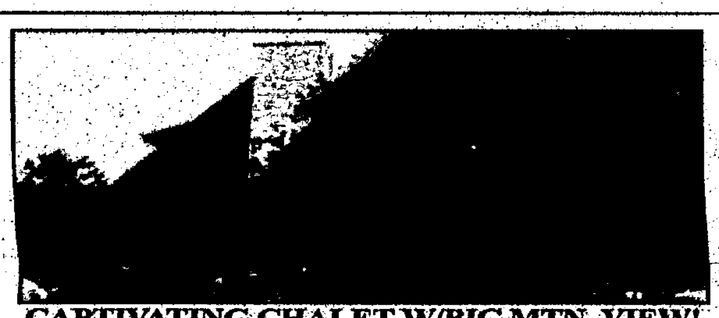
SPACIOUS –
4 bedroom, 2-3/4 bath + 1/2 bath home with 2 living rooms, dining & breakfast nook & large redwood deck makes for ease of living. Level lot, easy access & convenient to shopping. **$259,900. #16964.**



GOOD RENTAL HISTORY ~
Recently remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, quiet neighborhood, pool table, hot tub, game room & soft Sierra Blanca views. Approx. 2300 sq. ft. This one is ready to move into. **$278,500. #18112.**

QUIET CUL-DE-SAC, FRESHLY PAINTED IN-SIDE & OUT ~
3 bdrm., 2 bath, approx. 2200 sq.ft.. Log sided, bonus rm. & fenced back yd. Ready for your personal touch. Dbl. attached gar. has been converted to office - can be changed back easily. **$279,500. #100192.**

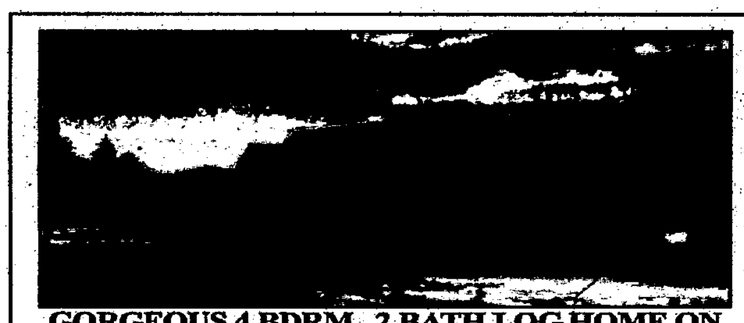
BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY HOME ON LITTLE CREEK
2 stall barn w/50' pipe fencing. Wonderful country kit. w/solid surface countertop, plantation shutters, & lrg. entertainment ctr. in fam.rm. DSL-satellite TV. Lots of storage, gar. & wrkshp. Approx. 2 more acres can be purchased separately. **$355,000. #100322.**



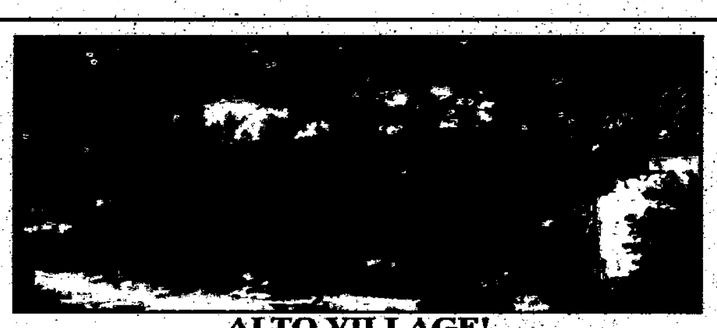
CAPTIVATING CHALET W/BIG MTN. VIEW!
Pine interior, tall stone FP, chestnut look floor, Persian rugs, leather sofas, antler chandeliers & more. 2 bdrm., 2 bath on main level; loft/den, 1 bdrm., 1 bath up. Newer furnace & large deck. Ext. stain planned. **$398,333. #18413.**

***EXQUISITE SOUTHWEST* RUSTIC STYLE**
...throughout this 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath Alto home w/full golf membership. Conveniently located at the entrance of Alto. Flat easy access. Approx. 2928 sq.ft. with built-in gas log fireplace. **$414,888. #100442**

UNDER CONSTRUCTION!
3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 level log style home, approximately 2238 sq.ft. Built-in fireplace, covered deck with Valley views. Estimated completion date of September 30, 2008. **$419,900. #100434.**



GORGEOUS 4 BDRM., 2 BATH LOG HOME ON 2 ACRES w/SECLUDED, LOVELY SETTING
Features a large great rm w/vaulted ceiling, real log stair steps. Large covered deck to enjoy wildlife. Real mtn. charmer. Includes historic 1880's homestead cabin. **$425,000. #18900.**

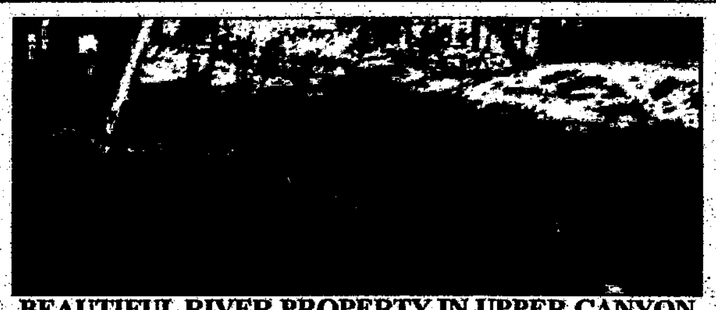


ALTO VILLAGE!
Full golf mem. comes w/this one lvl., 3 bdrm., 2 bath, delightfully open w/pretty views, designed for entertaining, flows beautifully. Formal din. & breakfast area, master private from others. Close to club & gorgeous course! **$439,900. #100468.**

GREAT MOUNTAIN HOME WITH FULL GOLF MEMBERSHIP ON 14TH FAIRWAY
Soaring wood ceilings, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, approx. 2032 sq. ft., rock FP's, granite kit. counters, decks on 3 sides. Great views front & back. Very classy home! **$443,000. #18315.**

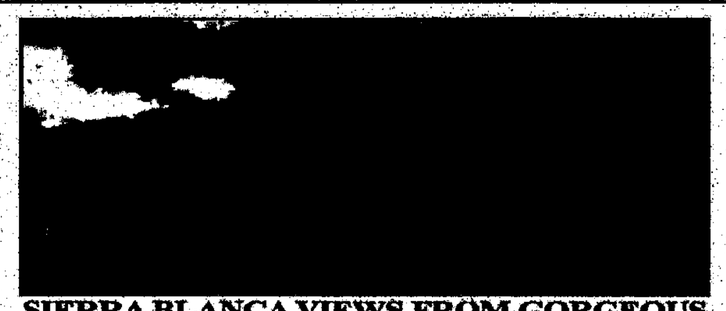
CONTEMPORARY ALTO STUCCO ON FAIRWAY!
This full golf architectural beauty has a super open concept plan with wonderful fairway views. Master has it's own fireplace and "his and her baths"! Wet bar w/ice maker too. Close to clubhouse! **$449,500. #16767.**

CHARMING FRENCH COUNTRY BEAUTY!
Trees with views. Successful B & B for 11 years! 2 master suites: one upstairs. Commercial kit., spa rm., spacious, warm & comfortable. Price includes full Alto membership lot. **$590,000. #100050.**

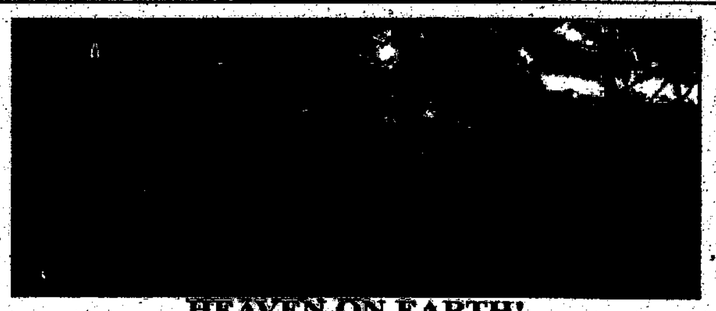


BEAUTIFUL RIVER PROPERTY IN UPPER CANYON
Wonderful knotty pine interior w/lots of windows to capture river view. 3 bdrm., 2 1/2 bath, 2 FPs, cozy kitchen, super covered patio w/hardwood floors, hot tub & much more. Tastefully decorated & furn. **$679,000. #18455.**

AWESOME 4 BDRM., 3 BATH HOUSE & PROPERTY IN THE HEART OF RUIDOSO
Big Sierra Blanca view on large 1.12 acre lot. Plenty of elbow room from your neighbors. Perfect house for large family or corporate retreat. Being sold furn. as viewed. **$789,900. #100207.**



SIERRA BLANCA VIEWS FROM GORGEOUS 7.5 ACRE MTN. RANCH!
Dammed pond + 2 springs & creek, 3800 sq. ft. horse barn & greenhouse, 4 horse stalls, tack & hay room, fenced pasture. Custom 3 bdrm. 3-1/2 bath home w/vaulted ceilings. **$962,000. #17160.**



HEAVEN ON EARTH!
See agent for feature sheet! 2 mobiles, adobe built in 1874. 2000 ft. river frontage, 10.5 acres of water rights! Everything you need for a working farm/ranch. Fruit & walnut trees, lush green fields. A real cowboy's dream! **$1,237,000. #17914.**

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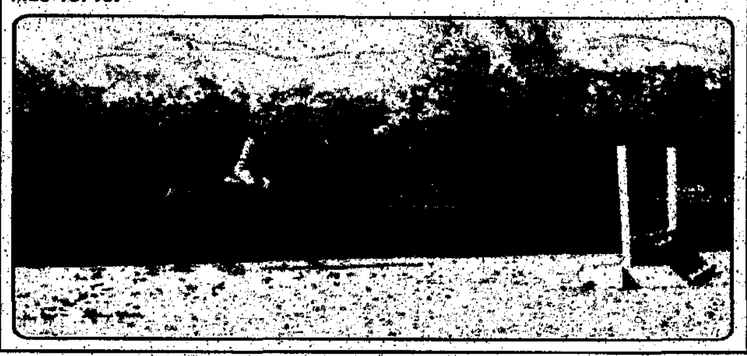
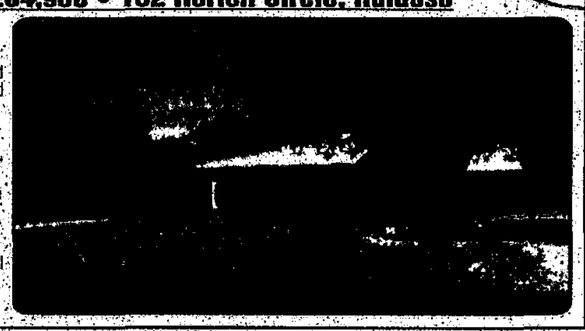


$284,900 • 132 Horton Circle, Ruidoso

2 BD / 1 ½ BA Ranch style, one level home. Looks great inside and out! Study could be a 3rd bedroom. Large lot zoned neighborhood commercial, can be divided. Dependable private well. Lush green lawn and gardens surround house. Large patio and flagstone walkways will accommodate large family gatherings. Very large carport with RV hookups. Natural gas floor heating is low maintenance and very efficient. **MLS 100227**

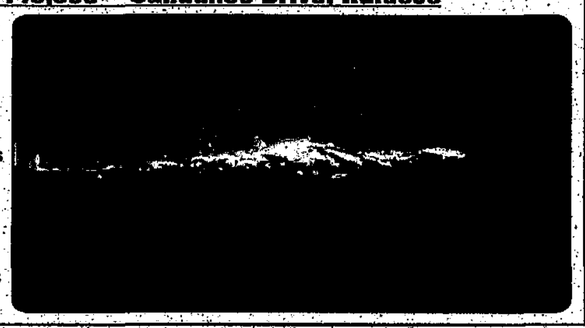


$114,900 • 819 Hwy 70 E, Champions Run Condominiums #408

2 BD / 2 BA condo completely remodeled with new carpet and wood flooring. Also, new faucets and other fixtures. New paint throughout. High vaulted ceiling in living room. Patio on balcony, porch has view of racetrack. **MLS 100219**

$449,000 • Sundance Drive, Ruidoso

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

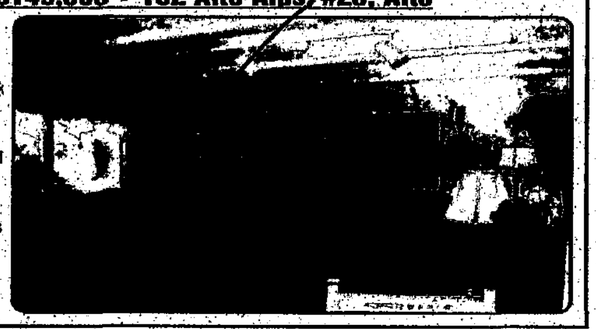


$299,900 • 214 Nogal Place, Ruidoso

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# 17620**

$149,500 • 102 Alto Alps, #23, Alto

3 BD / 1 BA / 1-¾ 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 & master bath have Mohawk wood floors. Entry & 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! **MLS 100104**

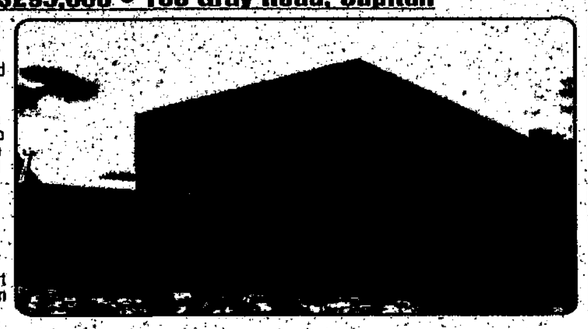


$158,888.88 • 303 Brady Canyon, Ruidoso

Perfect vacation, retirement or year round home in a quite canyon, only five minutes from Midtown. This immaculately furnished home has vaulted ceilings, skylights, double pane windows and ceiling fans. Large covered and uncovered decks make it easy to enjoy the tall pines. Terrific opportunity and a must see!

$295,000 • 108 Gray Road, Capitan

2BD / 1, ½, ¾ BA great home w/ large living area, huge panoramic windows, hardwood and tile floors. Vaulted wood beam ceilings, breakfast bar, and wrap around deck and gazebo to take advantage of the grand S.B. views. Good well with Ozone water treatment system and recently upgraded septic. Also included is large storage shed, 30'x60' insulated Mueller building, carport and plenty of land to run a business. See MLS C100426. **MLS 100425**

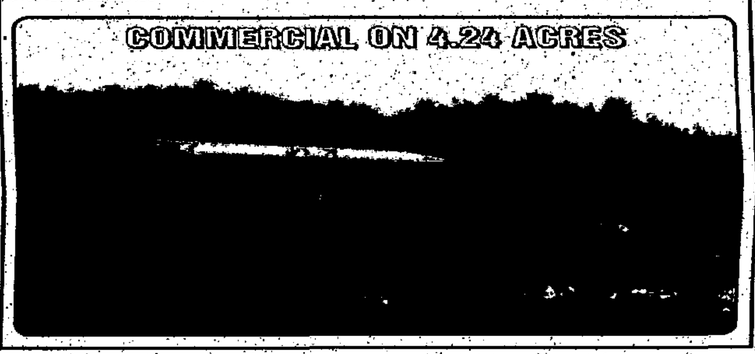


$480,000 • 330 Airport Rd., Alto

Terrific mountain home on 4+ acres with expansive views of Sierra Blanca. 3 BD / 2 BA w/ a great open floor plan, tall vaulted ceilings, wood burning FP, large windows to take full advantage of the views, and oak hardwood floors. The large redwood deck is ideal to enjoy the majestic views of S.B. and the tall pines below. Beautiful wooded acreage has gentle slopes, is zoned commercial and can be subdivided (per owner).

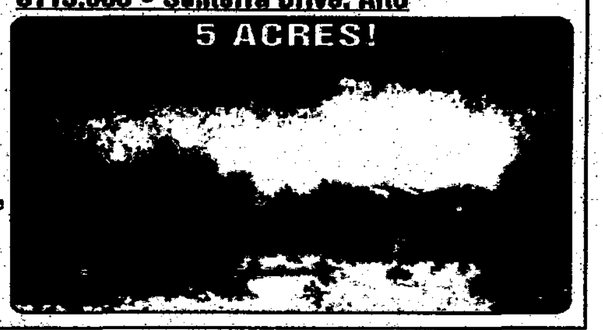
$265,000 • 116 Hideaway, Ruidoso

3 BD / (2) ¾ BA beautiful new stucco home, with walking distance to Midtown. Tile and hardwood floors throughout main level. Built-in fireplace, kitchen, dining and master bedroom all on first floor. Vaulted ceilings, art niches and design colors give this home a great feel. Big decks and plenty of room for expansion in the basement. **MLS# 18882**



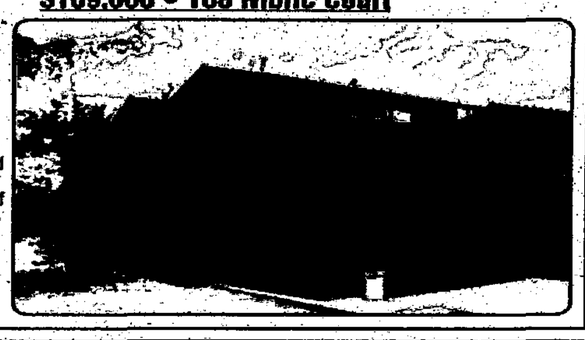
$115,000 • Sonterra Drive, Alto

Spectacular building lot on 5 acres in Ranches of Sonterra. Big views of Sierra Blanca and the Capitans. Lots of trees and very level. This is an excellent site for your dream home or ranch. Come and take a look! **MLS 100157**



$169,000 • 108 Nibilc 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#16500**

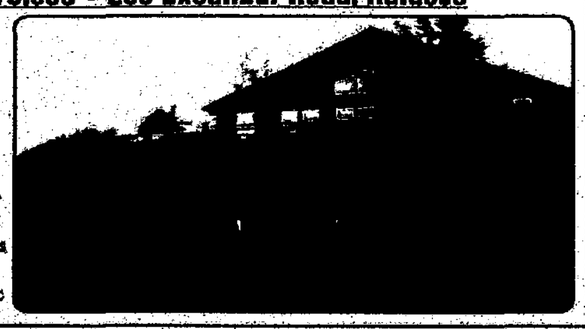


$465,000 • 111 Coker Ln, White Mountain Meadows

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!

$879,900 • 208 Excalibur Road, Ruidoso

5 BD / 4-½ BA - Absolutely gorgeous home with the biggest views available (Sierra Blanca, Grindstone Lake, and Village of Ruidoso). This spacious home has vega beams, saltillo tile, double oversized garage, and a gourmet kitchen. Large master suite has walk-in shower and granite vanity. There are windows everywhere, bringing the light and the views into the home. Huge wrap around decks take advantage of the dramatic scenery. **MLS 100467**

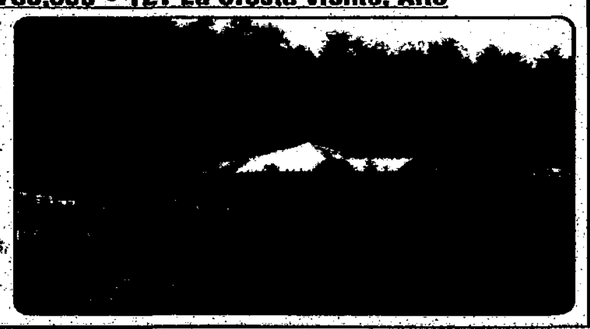


$289,900 • 323 Cedar Creek Drive, Ruidoso

3 BD / 3 BA beautiful home in a great area. Impeccably maintained, featuring 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 w/ beautiful knotty pine and large windows. Fully furnished, set up to sleep 15. **MLS 100291**

$750,000 • 121 La Cresta Viento, Alto

3 BD / 2-½ BA home. Exceptional attention to detail in this custom built home on over 10 acres. Architecturally designed to take advantage of superb Sierra Blanca views. In floor radiant heat, stacked F/P, gated courtyards, covered patios, slate floors and cathedral ceilings, huge barn and great fencing. 2976 sq. Ft. Sq. Ft. Per seller. **MLS 18912**



LAND

$100,000 7.83 Acres in Capitan with gorgeous views. Level, buildable lot with trees. Super location, close to Capitan. Make offer!! **MLS# 14623**

$20,000 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**

$25,000 121 Kiva Orchard, 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**

$100,000 140 Mill Country Road, Alto 9.28 wooded acres across from Rainmakers Dev. Rainmakers corn. Water. Access from (D003) Paso Monte and Hill Country. ...street to street. Beautiful, big, big views and very buildable. Horses okay. Very private, easy access. **MLS# 18583**

$60,000 Hawk Canyon Tract 1 - 10+ acres with great views from this ready to build location. Heavily wooded w/lots of Ponderosa Pines. 337ft of National Forest frontage. Only 17 miles to Ruidoso. Many different building locations. Additional 9.86 acres available. See MLS 18062 and 18063. **MLS# 18061**

$60,000 Hawk Canyon Tract 2 - 9+ acres with spectacular views from this ready to build location. Heavily wooded w/lots of Ponderosa Pines. 337ft of National Forest frontage. Only 17 miles from Ruidoso. Many different building locations. Additional 10.3 acres available. See MLS 18061 and 18063. **MLS# 18062**

$100,000 Hawk Canyon Tract 1 and 2: 20+ acres with beautiful views on these two tracts of land. Plenty of great building sites. Roads are cut and multiple building lots are ready. Heavily wooded. 674ft of National Forest frontage. Only 17 miles from Ruidoso. Great property. **MLS# 18063**

$21,000 116 Reader Dr., Ruidoso - 1/4 Acres great views from this southern exposure lot. Buildable downhill slope, recently cleared to forestry standards. Make an offer! **MLS# 18015**

$24,000 1st & Southwood, Ruidoso Quiet seclusion on large lot at the end of the cul-de-sac. Great location for a manufactured home or site built. Recently cleared to forestry standards. **MLS# 18016**

$60,000 108 Whitewater Dr., Ruidoso - .80 acre upper canyon lots with great views of Sierra Blanca and 250 feet of National Forest frontage. Very buildable with gentle downhill slope. Perfect for your Ruidoso cabin. Lots 1 and 2 to be sold together. **MLS# 100004**

$60,000 124 Whitewater Dr., Ruidoso - .78 acre large beautiful wooded lot with views. This down sloping lot is very buildable and is over ½ of an acre (per owner). Large new homes being built in this upper canyon neighborhood. Lot has been cleared to Forestry standards. **MLS# 100005**

$60,000 126 Whitewater Dr., Ruidoso - .76 acre wonderful building lot in the upper canyon with beautiful views down a wooded canyon. Perfect setting for your Ruidoso cabin. Not many of these lots left. Cleared to Forestry standards. **MLS# 100036**

$60,000 110 Alhambra Dr., Ruidoso - .51 acre great building lot with tall pines and views. The upper canyon, beauty slopes gently downhill. This would be the perfect spot for your mountain cabin. **MLS# 100037**

$1,000,000 Everest Drive - 75 Acres of probably the largest tract of land to be developed this close in to Ruidoso. Adjoining National Forest. 4 lots developed. 6-8 more with great views available. Some restrictive covenants in place, may be rewritten. Large plat and topo available in the office. Seller will finance! **MLS 18530 and 18531**

$44,000 000 257 Hwy 70 (North), Glencoe Great building lot just East of Ruidoso. Great 1.6 acres with 360° from flat buildable tract. Seller to plant basement to top of lot. Must walk lot to appreciate. Call Rose (505) 973-1260. **MLS 17181**

$20,000 Lot 30 in Black Forest Expansive valley and wooded views. Mostly level, easy uphill useable slope. Near Nat'l Forest, lot cleared Certified for fire safety. **MLS# 18079**

$19,000 000 Madison Dr., Ruidoso - Great one half acre commercial lot on Mechem. Adjoining one half acre lot also available. Next door to Stroud Insurance. **MLS 100358**

$19,000 004 Madison Dr., Ruidoso - Rare corner one half acre commercial lot on Mechem. Adjoining one half acre also available. Next door to Stroud Insurance. **MLS 100359**

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$24,000 Wild Sweet Catalina Tract If privacy, seclusion, great trees, good neighborhood and wonderful building location is what you are looking for, this is it! This is a wonderful lot on over 2 acres with multiple building locations. **MLS# 18795**

$29,000 Hotel T, Lookout Suite, Ruidoso - 3.094 acres. Privacy in the heart of Ruidoso. Usable slopes with some open views. Lots of Cedar Creek Frontage. Access from Hanley Drive or Paradise Canyon. Private drive to be cut into Hanley Drive. Call agent with questions. Owner/Agent. **MLS 100431**

RESIDENTIAL

$129,000 110 Mid 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# 17730** Call office for other MLS Nos.

$130,000 004 Wells 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# 16725**

$119,000 110 Lone 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# 16656**

$180,000 113 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# 18008**

$229,000 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# 18000**

$140,000 120 Butler Street, Ruidoso 3 BD / 1 BA traditional Ruidoso cabin! Three lots. Two commercial. Log sided cabin, prime location, just a few steps to Sudderth. Large area in heart of Ruidoso. Zoned C3: No setbacks and no parking required. Located directly behind Misty M. Gourmet!

$100,000 110 White Pine 4 BD / 1-¾ BA Wonderful home on quiet wooded lot that backs up to the National Forest. Great views all around R. Sierra Blanca and the Capitans. Vaulted ceilings, playroom, loft and great living area. Two sheds allow for plenty of storage. A must see! **MLS# 18309**

$230,000 300 Gallant 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 18292**

$100,000 70 Big Bend, Ruidoso - 1BD/1/2 BA very cute cabin on the Rio Ruidoso River. Walk to Midtown. Very good nightly rental. Casey's Cabins will handle rental. Owner will consider financing. Owner is New Mexico Real Estate Broker. **MLS# 18026**

$179,000 129 West Dakota, Harbour Homes 3 BD / 2 BA Solitaire home, 1568 sq.ft. Open floor plan with front and back views. Kitchen has center island and pantry w/ large dining area. Master BR has spacious walk-in closet, garden tub and shower. All of the rooms have ceiling fans and lights. Yard is completely xeriscaped with drip system. Double carport, 2 large covered decks, 12x20 workshop, RV parking with hookups. Lots of storage room in and underneath this conveniently located home. Some furniture available for purchase!

$400,000 140 Sioux Road, Ruidoso Rare riverfront property bordering the private area of Ruidoso Cabin Owners' Association! Rustic 3 BD with two ½ baths, red cedar interior, vaulted ceilings, enclosed porch, indoor grill, separate guest cottage and the river at your doorstep. **MLS# 18421**

$240,000 104 Blackberry Drive, 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. Near the National Forest and close to Grindstone Mesa Trail.

$192,000 100 N. Valley Ste K1C, 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 plan. Sellers are motivated!! **MLS 18362**

$134,000 212 Woodland 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. Remodeling includes laminate wood floors, new kitchen, new paint, and new carpet. Electrical and plumbing have been updated. All city utilities. **MLS# 18023**

$180,000 300 La Luz Lane, Ruidoso 2 BD / 1-¾ BA wonderful inviting home in the tall pines. This remodeled residence has an open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, built-in fireplace, skylights and great deck out back. Kitchen boasts new stainless steel appliances and pantry. New low maintenance front gardens and large storage/ work area with enclosed carpeted 10'x10' room. A must see! **MLS 100240**

$99,000 1331 Mechem Dr., #6, Ruidoso 2 BD / 1 BA bright and cherry furnished cabin in the tall pines. New paint, floors, appliances and heater. This home has vaulted ceilings, large living area and charm galore! All linens, dishes, etc., stay. Bring your toothbrush and move in. Cute, cute, cute! **MLS 18747**

$175,000 Wind 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**

$125,000 204 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# 17796**

$210,000 214 Hale Drive, 1246, Ruidoso - 3BD/3 1/2BA spacious, fully furnished condominium in desirable Innsbrook Village, three bedrooms, each with private bath, large fireplace, two decks overlooking golf course and pond. Newer carpet, level entry. **PRICED TO SELL. MLS 18424**

$190,000 200 Bryan 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# 17200**

$180,000 201 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**

$165,000 003 Main Road, Ruidoso 4 BD / 1 & 2 ¾ BA Beautiful home located in Upper Canyon. Sit on the deck and listen to the Rio Ruidoso. Great master suite downstairs with rock fireplace and sitting area. Lots of windows offer an airy, bright living room and breakfast area. Large formal dining, perfect for entertaining. Charming guest cabin for out of town visitors. Garage has large loft for extra storage. Three building lots, house sits on one. **MLS 100132**

$99,000 240 Apalachee Trail, Nogal 2 BD / 2 BA Nice, clean and well maintained home on beautiful lot with views of Sierra Blanca and rolling hills. This fully furnished home has raised ceilings, metal pitched roof and is on a permanent foundation. Over 3 acres of horse property with seasonal creek. **MLS 100323**

$242,000 100 South Drive, Ruidoso 3 BD / 1-¾ BA Come and see this beautifully maintained and updated home in the lovely enchanted hills sub. This home features two living areas, two dining areas and spacious bedrooms, a two car garage and a large sunroom to enjoy all year. Located close to shopping and schools. New carpet. Priced to sell! **MLS# 100154**

$100,000 106 Jack Little Dr., 014, Ruidoso 3 BD / 3-½ BA updated beautiful, fully furnished condominium with views of Sierra Blanca. Great home for entertaining with third bedroom converted into a game room. This home is extremely clean and tastefully decorated. Three covered decks to enjoy the views. Fees include onsite management, water, sewer/trash, cable and exterior maintenance. **MLS 100385**

$200,000 405 Paradise Canyon Road, Ruidoso - 2 BD / 1-½ BA home. Privacy & Convenience all in one. 2 Lots w/over 4 acres already subdivided in Ruidoso. 800 sq ft deck space w/hot tub. Home completely remodeled. New floors, vanities, appliances, fixtures, carpet. Interior & exterior paint. Paved drive. Over 500 ft of Cedar Creek. 1 tract from National Forest. This cabin would make a great nightly rental. Extra tract can be accessed from Hanley Dr. Owner/Agent. **MLS 100400**

$100,000 121 Flower Road, 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# 18396**

$230,000 106 Raton Place, Ruidoso 4 BD / 2-1/2 BA Beautiful, newly constructed home with finishing work being completed. Large open kitchen with stainless steel appliances, vaulted ceilings throughout, and master bath has Jacuzzi tub. A lot of room to expand this home below. Home is prewired to be a smart home and has a new aerobic septic system. Priced to sell! **MLS# 18075**

$240,000 000 14 Hwy 48 3 BD / 2 BA home on beautiful property Zoned R-3 currently occupied as residence with 1800 sq.ft. And workshop/garage, land is already subdivided and can be purchased separately. Refer to MLS Nos. 16090, 16094 and 16093. Great commercial or residential property. **MLS 16287.**

$675,000 114 Sky Road, Ruidoso 5 BD / 2-½ BA Beauty and serenity describe this furnished home, in prestigious Steepy 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. Oversize master bedroom has its own rock FP. The 305 sq.ft. guesthouse has a full bath. **MLS 18765**

$41,000 601 US Hwy 70, #104, Ruidoso 3 BD / 2 BA condominium fully furnished and ready to enjoy. This home is all one level, has large bedrooms, two full baths, fireplace and spacious living area. Kitchen has a breakfast bar and dining area that leads to outside patio. Fees include phone, indoor pool, hot tub, cable, sewer, garbage and exterior maintenance. **MLS 100419**

$100,000 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 hook-ups, mature trees, pond, covered and uncovered decks. Property has underground pet fence. **MLS 100156**

$212,000 106 Pine Knoll Trail, Ruidoso 3 BD / 2 BA like new 2002 cabin nestled in the tall pines, impeccably maintained. Spacious home w/ large game room that could be converted into a 4th bedroom. Already in established rental pool w/ a rental history and website. Designer touches throughout and furnishings are negotiable. Plus a large basement that could be finished out. Awesome price! **MLS 18791.**

$300,000 373 East Dakota Road, Nogal 3 BD / 2 BA home plus 7+ acres. Great property for horse lovers; ride into over a million acres of Nat'l Forest! Huge barn, tack room, corrals, riding ring and pasture, plus 2 large workshops. Every detail has been remodeled or newly built. Open knotty pine kitchen w/ Saltillo tile, and tons of counter and cabinet space. Large master w/ separate entrance to the courtyard, his & hers walk-in closets, and a large Jacuzzi tub. All this plus dramatic views of S.B. & Capitans. Seller will also offer acreage as two separate parcels. **MLS# 18638**

COMMERCIAL

$225,000 226 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# 17466**

$295,000 100 Bear Road, Capitan Many possible business opportunities for this 4+ acre lot that includes a 30'x60' insulated Mueller building, large detached carport/storage area, built-in walk-in cooler and plenty of parking. Mueller building has separate office area, half bath, air compressor, walk-in cooler and huge oversize doors. 1,977 square foot home on property has great living area with hardwood and tile floors. Two bedrooms, 1 and ½ baths, dining area and utility room. See MLS 100425. **MLS C100426**

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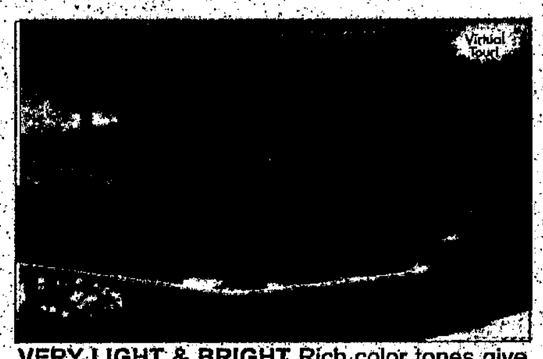
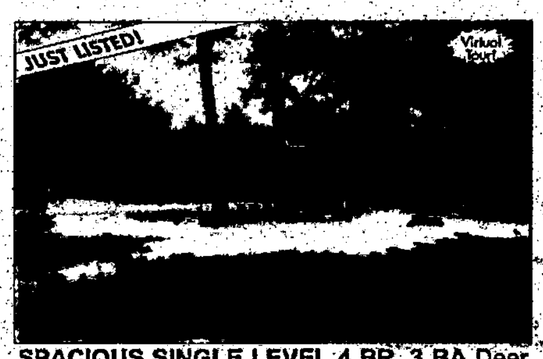


VERY LIGHT & BRIGHT Rich color tones give this home a comfortable, warm & inviting feel. 4 Kiva FP's throughout, including 1 on the large patio. Perfect for entertaining or relaxing. $895,000. #100266

WELL PLANNED, DESIGNED & APPOINTED New Construction -Alto, full golf w/huge view of The Capitans. High end appliances, Aspen ceilings, maintenance free exterior, butler's pantry, coffee bar, gourmet kit. $859,000. #18861

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

LOCATION - LOCATION ! No glare lg windows to enjoy ALGCC golf course & lake. Remodeled. Granite breakfast bar & counters. Tile work thru-out. Furnished, golf, aerobic septic 8/05. $670,000. #18076



SPACIOUS SINGLE LEVEL 4 BR, 3 BA Deer Park Dr territorial home. Golf membership. Extensive Xeriscaped front yard. Expansive great room & well appointed kitchen, all the comforts of home. $649,500. #100437

BEAUTIFUL STUCCO HOME Tile roof, nice wooded view. Full golf membership. Furniture can be purchased separately. $485,000. #18159

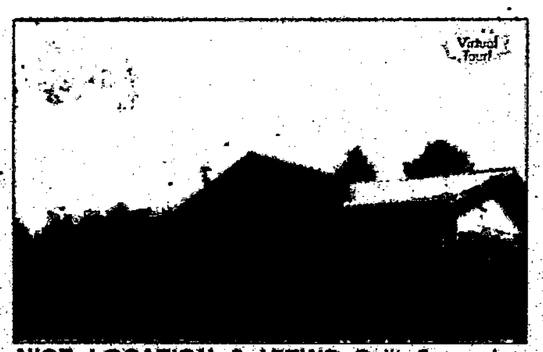
REALLY NICE ALTO HOME 3 Br, 2 Ba, single garage + golf cart storage. New floor covering thru out, new appliances, paint in & out. Views of golf course, on #14 Fairway, golf mem. Owner/agent. $410,000. #18285

CUSTOM BUILT ALTO HOME This 1 level, full golf, Alto beauty on #9 Tee Box, looks across 2 fairways, 1 way & to the Capitans to the north. Open liv, din, kit. Glorious, sunny back deck. $389,000. #17978

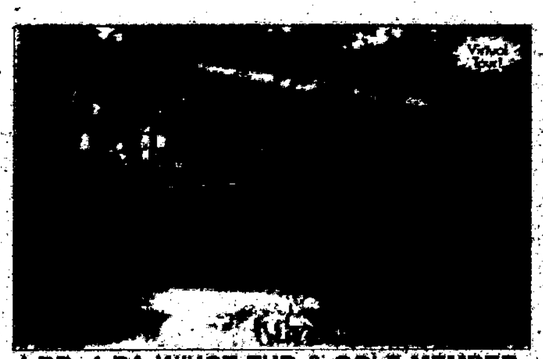
ALTO SPANISH CONTEMPORARY Quiet & comfortable Alto home. Spanish style home w/large family room & cozy patio. $365,000. #16394

FULL GOLF, CHALET OVERLOOKING 12TH GREEN Panoramic views. Open living, kitchen, dining. Dry sauna underneath. Owner relocting & very motivated. $359,000. #100297

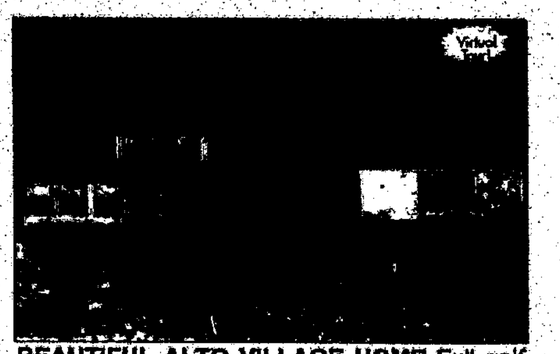
CHARMING, GOLF HOME Desirable High Mesa neighborhood. Light & bright! Like new (2006) countertops & sink, (2005) Redwood deck & ext paint, carpet & interior paint. Golf cart garage. $342,500. #100190



NICE LOCATION & VIEWS Split floor plan w/open living, dining & kitchen area. Corner FP, 9' ceilings throughout w/cathedral ceiling in main living area. Easy access. Fir siding w/metal roof. $289,900. #17016



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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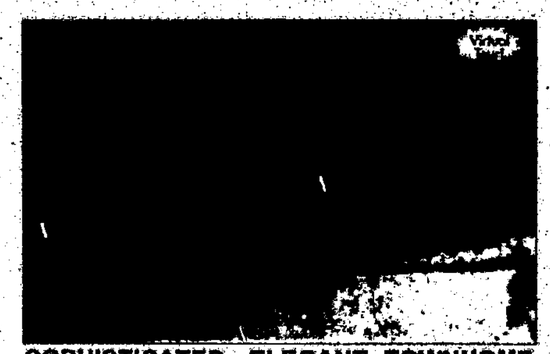

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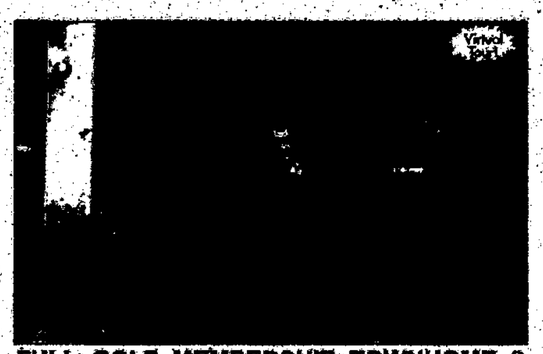

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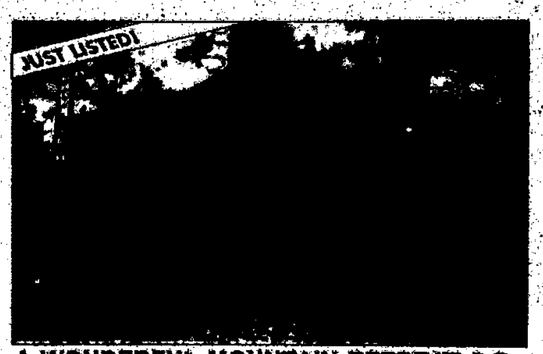

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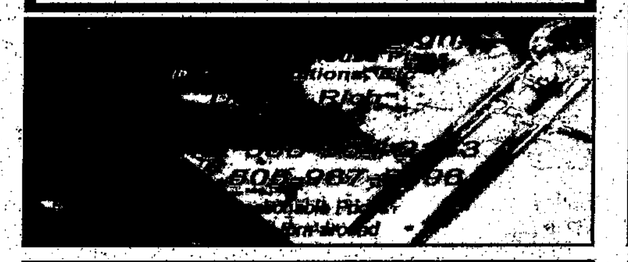

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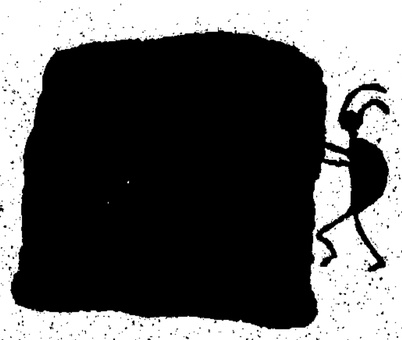

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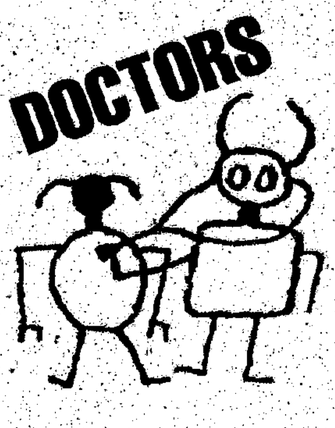

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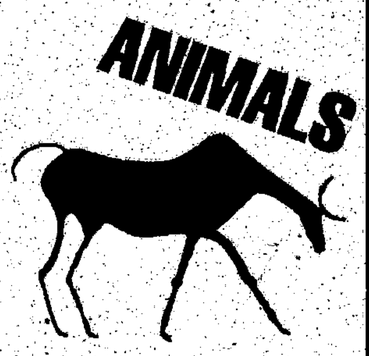

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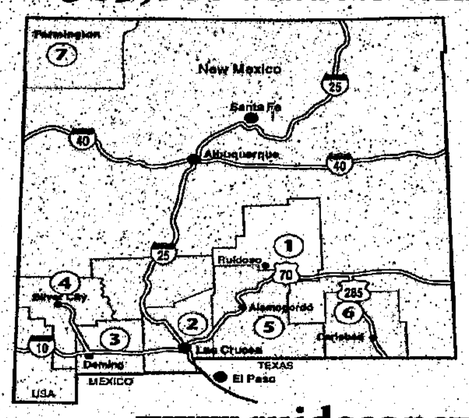

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: All Customers and the General Public

New Mexico Department of Transportation's

"DRAFT" FY2008-FY2011 STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP)

Is available for Public Comment at the following websites:

New Mexico DOT: http://nmshtd.state.nm.us/main.asp?secid=11408

Mid Region COG: http://www.mrcog-nm.gov/index.htm

Las Cruces MPO: http://lcmpoweb.las-cruces.org/index.shtm

Santa Fe MPO: http://www.santafenm.gov/holtopics/sfmpo/sfmpohome.asp

Farmington MPO: http://www.farmingtonmpo.org/mpo

If you have no computer your local Public Library will have one available where you may also access these websites.

The "Draft Public Comment Document describes proposed projects that have been recommended for inclusion" in the FY2008-FY2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. The document includes projects reprogrammed from the previous Commission / FHWA / FTA approved FY2006-FY2011 STIP. Included with each STIP is a comment sheet. Your comments, where applicable, will be considered in drafting the final version of the program. The New Mexico State Transportation Commission will to approve the final version of the FY2008-FY2011 STIP during their May 18, 2007 meeting of the Mid-Region Council of Governments building in Albuquerque.

Please return your comments via e-mail, fax, mail, or in person by May 30, 2007 to the addresses listed below:

You may also request an electronic copy of the STIP document from the e-mail address listed below:

By e-mail: Maurice (Moses) A. Mondary, maurice.mondary@state.nm.us

By FAX: (505) 989-4983

Or, By Mail at: P.O. Box 1149, SB1-S Santa Fe, NM 87504-1149

Or, In-Person at: 1120 Cerrillos Road, SB1-S

#7687 2T (5)16,18

Region IX Education Cooperative Coordinating Council meeting Tuesday, May 22, 2007, 9:00 am.-REC IX Conference Room. The meeting is open to the public. Agenda items include proposal applications, personal recommendations and program plans for 2008. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, community members are requested to contact Sandy Gladden at 257-2368, if public accommodations are needed.

/s/
Sandy Gladden
Executive Director

#7688 4T (5)11,18,25 (6)1

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN

CITY BANK NEW MEXICO, a New Mexico Banking Corporation,

Plaintiff,

-v-

ANGELO I. VEGA, RUBY WHITE, and PETER WOLFE,

Defendants

No. CV-07-38
Div. III

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that on June 7, 2007, at 10:00 A.M., at the front entrance to the Village of Ruidoso Municipal Building located at 313 Cree Meadows Drive in Ruidoso, New Mexico, the undersigned Special Master will offer at public sale and sell the following described real property to the highest bidder for cash:

A tract of land being 100 feet wide by 146 feet in length, behind and adjoining Lots 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block 40, McDonald Addition to the Town of Carrizozo, said Tract being a part of Sections 2 and 3, Township 8 South, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the Amended Boundry Survey Plat filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on November 4, 1999, in Cabinet G, Slide No. 536.

The real property is also known as 1200 11th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

The Special Master's sale will be conducted pursuant tot he Judgement, Degree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered by this Court on May 2, 2007, in an action for collection of a Promissory Note and foreclosure of Mortgage.

Plaintiff's Judgement directed foreclosure of the real property and improvements to satisfy the following Judgement liens:

Principle and interest through 6/07/07 ——— $91,006.31

Costs of suit ——— 1,221.00

Attorney fees ——— 2,695.31

Special Master's fee ——— 250.00

In addition to the Judgement liens referred to above, there will be accruing costs, including costs of publication of this notice.

The Special Master may continue the date of sale by appearing on the date and time designated in this notice and announcing the postponement to another specific date.

/s/
Sarah Prothro
Special Master

/s/
Lee Griffin
1096 Mecham, Suite 102
Ruidoso, NM 88345
(505) 258-5546
Attorney for Plaintiff

#7690 4T (5)16,18, (5)23,25

NOTICE OF AIR QUALITY PERMIT APPLICATION

Pursuant to the requirements of New Mexico Air Quality Control Regulations 20NMAC 2.27, WW Construction, Inc., 1000Gabaldon Rd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104, hereby announces its intention to apply to the New Mexico Environment Department, Air Quality Bureau, to relocate their existing 20 NMAC 2.72 air quality permit #2628 for a rock crushing plant. An air quality relocation permit is sought to allow WW Construction, Inc. to operate a 440-ton per hour crushing plant.

The proposed location of this facility will be approximately 9 miles South of Corona NM Section 18 & 13, Range 12E, Township 2 South, Lincoln Co.

Comments or inquires regarding this permit should be directed to:

Program Manager,
Technical Analysis and Permits Section
New Mexico Environment Department
Air Quality Bureau
2048 Galisteo
Santa Fe, NM 87505
(505) 827-1464

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PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority Board has called a Public Hearing for discussion of possible Rate Increase which will take place on May 24, 2007, beginning at 10:00 a.m., immediately followed by the regular monthly Board Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority Office at 222 2nd Street, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico.

Copies of Agenda may be picked up at the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Region IX Education Cooperative Related Service Providers (Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Speech/Language Pathologists, Motor Service Assistants, Clinical Psychologists, School Psychologists, Social Workers, Educational Diagnostic Consultants)

Minimum requirements:

1. Public Education Department Licensure.
2. State of New Mexico license, as appropriate.

Complete Request for Proposal information available at REC IX Office. Proposal submission deadline is Friday, June 8, 2007 @ 4pm. Only fully qualified candidates need inquire. For additional information, please call (505) 257-2368 Fred Romero or Teresa Barnett. REC IX is an equal opportunity employer.

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LEGAL NOTICE

CAPITAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS NOTICE OF INVITATION TO SUBMIT BIDS

The Capitan Board of Education is accepting bids for the 2007/2008 Copy Machine Maintenance for the Capitan Municipal School District. Bids must be sealed and marked "Bid for 2007/2008 Copy Machine Maintenance" and received by 1:00 P.M. on Monday, June 11, 2007, in the Office of the Superintendent, Administration Building, 150 Forest Street, Capitan, NM, at which time all bids will be opened and read aloud.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all technicalities. The Board will award the bid at the June 14, 2007 Regular meeting at 6:30 P.M. in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

Specifications are available at the Office of the Superintendent or by phone (505) 354- 8500.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

CHARLES E. HAWTHORNE, LTD., A New Mexico professional corporation,

Plaintiff

vs.

Tracy Haragan,

Defendant

Cause No. CV-2007-136

TO THE DEFENDANT:

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: TRACY HARAGAN

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, a certain cause of action wherein Charles E. Hawthorne, Ltd., as the Plaintiff, and you are the defendant, the same being Cause No. CV-2007-136, Division III.

The object and purpose of the said suit is to collect on a Complaint for Money Due on an open account.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that unless you enter your appearance or file pleadings herein on or before June 18th, 2007 the plaintiff will make application to the Court for a judgement by default, and judgment will be rendered against you as prayed for in the complaint.

The name of the plaintiff's attorney is CHARLES E. HAWTHORNE and whose address is 900 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico this 15th day of May, 2007.

/s/
Jolene Biggs
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Lincoln County, NM

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*****Selections for employment will be based on the Mescalero Apache Tribal Ordinance 06-02.*

For additional information and application:

Mescalero Apache School
Personnel Office
P.O. Box 230; 249 White Mountain Drive
Mescalero, NM 88340
Phone: (505) 464-4431 Fax: (505) 464-4822

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P.O. Box 1723
RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO 88355-1723
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Real Summer Jobs
New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps
Corpsmembers Needed !!!

Age: 16 to 25 All Genders

Capitan Mountains: Peppin Burned Area Trail Restoration
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Trail Construction on BLM lands
Build a 32' X 40' Pavilion
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$7.00 and up with Workers Compensation Insurance for 18 Corpsmembers

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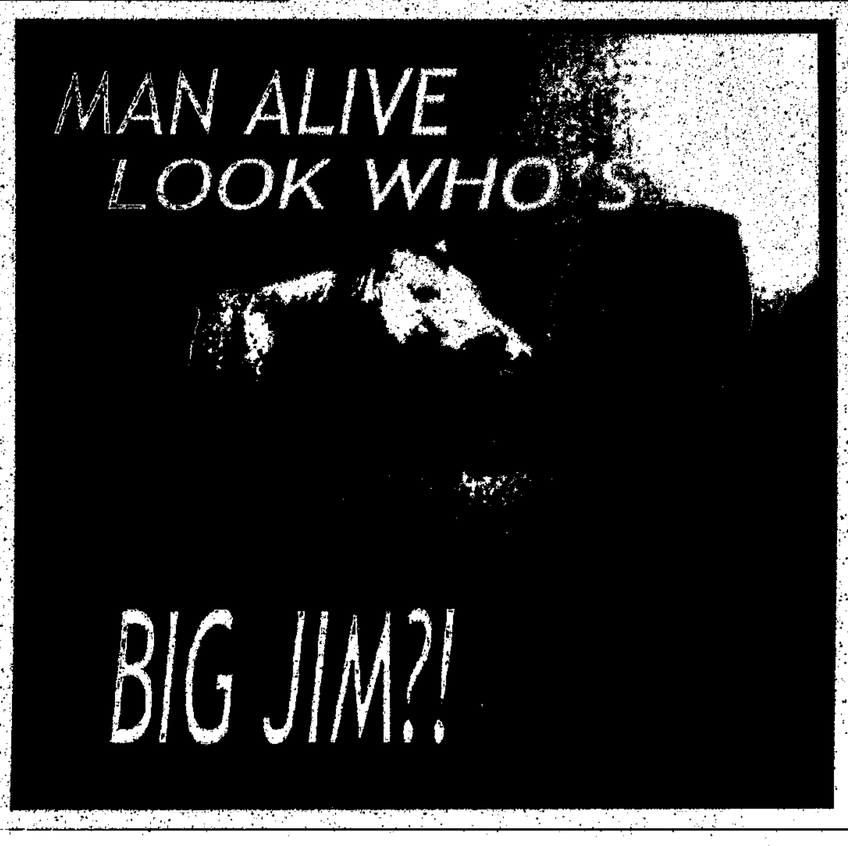

Surprise!

Party!
For: Nan Wierwille
When: May 18th @ 4:00pm
Where: The Lodge
(old Hawthorn Suites)
Why: She is retiring after teaching school for 35 years!

Congratulations!

Cherylee "Heart" Enjady

It was only yesterday,
when you graduated from Head Start.
Now, it's your High School Graduation!
You've worked hard to get your diploma;
It's time to take a bow!
Congratulations Heart
We are PROUD of YOU!
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It's My 1st Birthday

Sydney Annette Lopez's 1st Birthday Party
Sunday, May 20, 2007
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Grandma & Grandpa Lopez's House
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Ruidoso, NM
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Mescalero Care Center

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HELP WANTED:
- Tree Thinners
- Landscapers
- Laborers
- Yearly Maintenance Personnel

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Light Equipment Operator

Salary $11.21 hourly. **Excellent benefit package included (vacation, sick, retirement & insurance).** Applications accepted until **4:00 p.m. Thursday, May 24, 2007.** Complete job description and applications at the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345. Phone 258-4343 or 1-877-700-4343. Fax: 258-5848. Website: www.ruidoso-nm.gov. *"Drugfree Work-place"* EEOE

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If you have experience in automobile finance and insurance, we have a real opportunity for you to live and work in one New Mexico's premiere communities-RUIDOSO-if you meet our requirements, you can join one of the most successful dealerships in the country.
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Hiring immediately
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Backhoe & Forklift experience required.
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HOTEL SALES MANAGER

The Lodge at Sierra Blanca in beautiful Ruidoso is seeking a dynamic person to join our sales team. This unique individual must possess excellent communication and customer relations skills and be aggressive in targeting new business while building on existing client base. Candidates must be proactive, team-oriented, possess good work ethic, and be results driven. An entrepreneurial spirit is a definite asset. Conference and event planning experience a plus.

Applicant must have reliable transportation and be willing to undergo a background check. Hospitality degree/certificate or minimum two years experience in sales or hotel sales desirable. Package 25-$30K plus bonus plan, Medical/dental, 401K, paid vacation.

Resumes accepted through May 29, 2007, at The Lodge at Sierra Blanca, 107 Sierra Blanca Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345, or submitted by electronic mail to: dcheney@thelodgeatsierrablanca.com.

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Full time maintenance man & assistant needed, 40 hrs per week. Top pay Inquire within. See General Manager Tom Polson at 1451 Mechem.

KOKOPELLI Apply in person, Lincoln Tower, Suite 312. Full time positions available. Bussers, Servers, Dishwashers, prep cooks & line cooks.

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TeamBuilders is looking for Behavior Management Specialists. No experience necessary. A desire to help children is a must. Please contact Terry at (505) 258-2380

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Benefits available.
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EMT

TRACK MAINTENANCE
Landscaping/Laborer
Custodian(s) - Day & Night

TRACK OPERATIONS
Ticket Salespeople
Pari-Mutuel Tellers

DEADLINE: Applications are being accepted immediately.

INFORMATION: For information regarding job qualifications, please call 505-378-4431.

HOW TO APPLY: Applications are available at the Receptionist Desk located on the 2nd floor of the Executive Offices.

REQUIREMENTS: Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino positions require licensing by the New Mexico Racing Commission (NMRC) and /or the New Mexico Gaming Control Board (NMGCB), which will entail a background/ criminal record investigation. All employees hired are subject to mandatory random drug screenings during employment.

PAY: Competitive Wages - Salary/Hourly Pay varies depending upon position applying for and experience relating to that position.

RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK & CASINO IS A DRUG-FREE WORK ENVIRONMENT AS WELL AS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

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Salary $8.82 - $9.18 hourly ($24,319 - $25,292 annually based on a 24 hour on and 48 hour off schedule). **Excellent benefit package included (vacation, sick, retirement & insurance).** Applications accepted until **4:00 p.m. Monday, May 21, 2007.** Complete job description and applications at the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345. Phone 258-4343 or 1-877-700-4343. Fax: 258-5848. Website: www.ruidoso-nm.gov. *"Drugfree Work-place"* EEOE.

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Salary $14.35 hourly. **Excellent benefit package included (vacation, sick, retirement & insurance).** Applications accepted until **position is filled.** Complete job description and applications at the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345. Phone 258-4343 or 1-877-700-4343. Fax: 258-5848. Website: www.ruidoso-nm.gov. *"Drugfree Work-place"* EEOE

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Starting salary $10.00+ w/experience

Front Desk Person
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Baby Sitting at my Capitan home. Day or night Mon-Fri. 354-3115

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Business Opportunity 244

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Townhouses/ Condominiums 342

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2600 Sq.Ft. House in Alto
- Furniture
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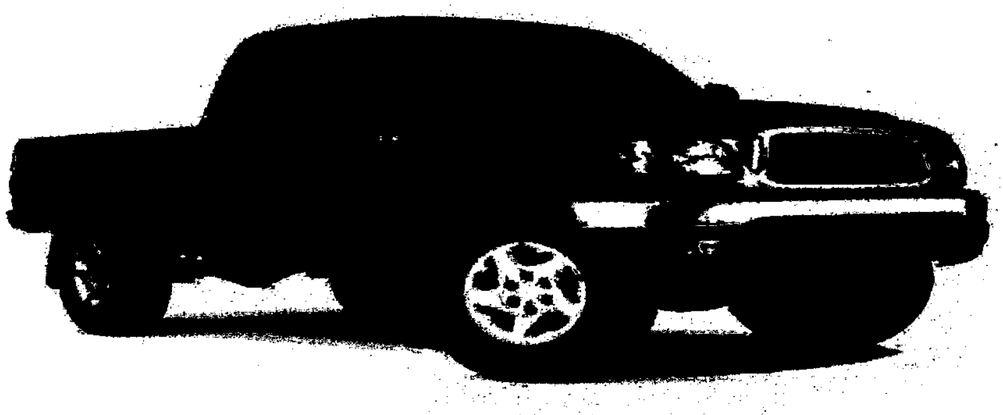

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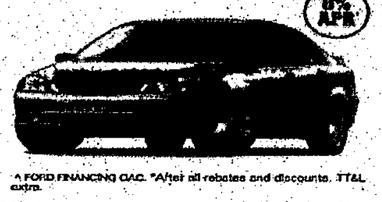

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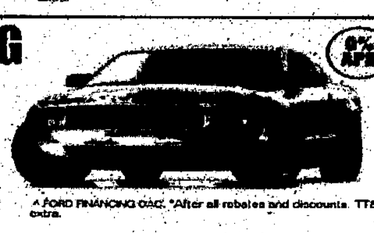

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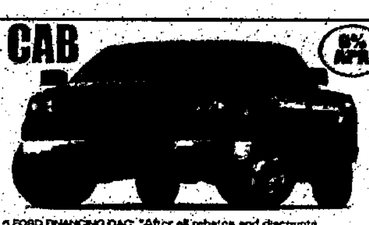

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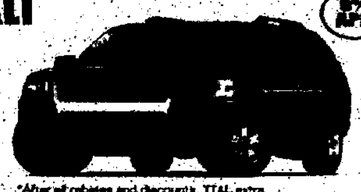

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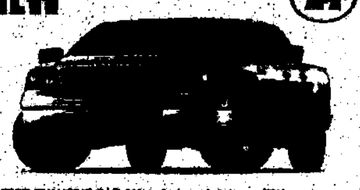

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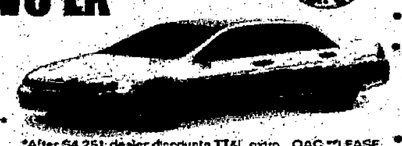

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AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT ... $4,291
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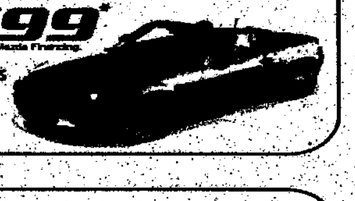

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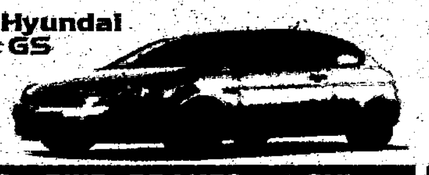

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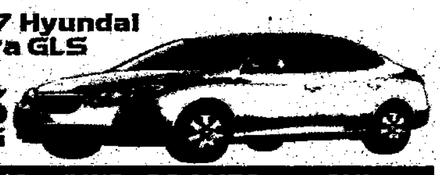

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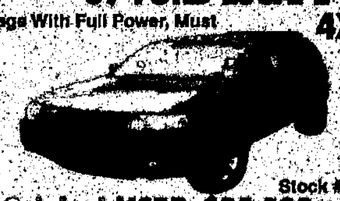

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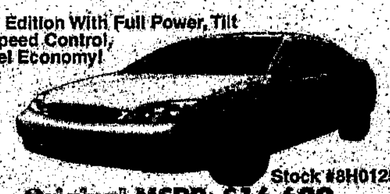

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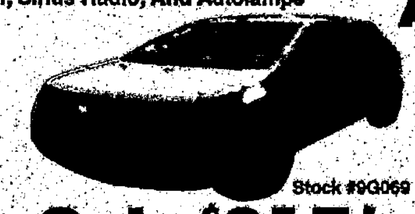

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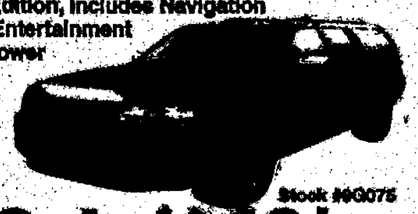

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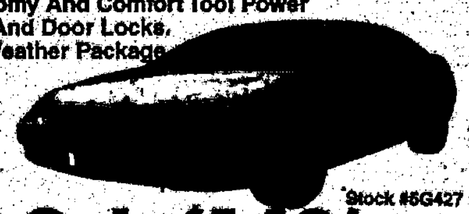

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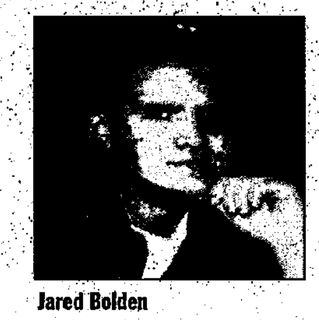
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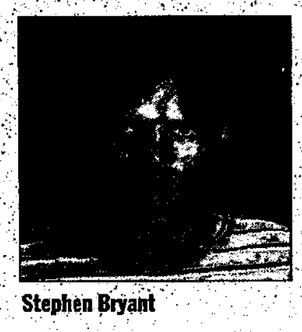
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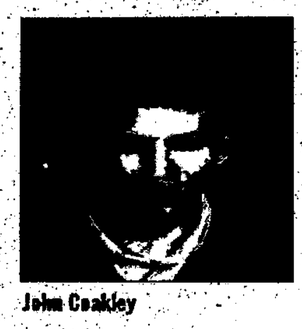
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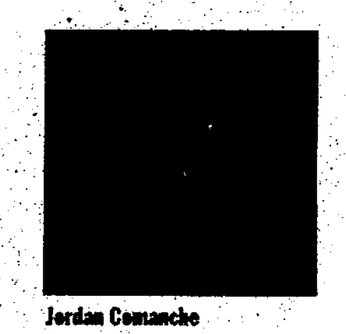
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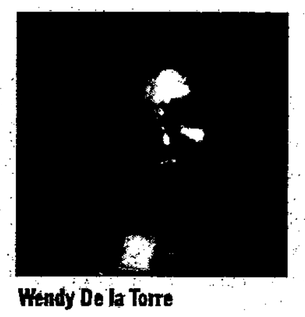
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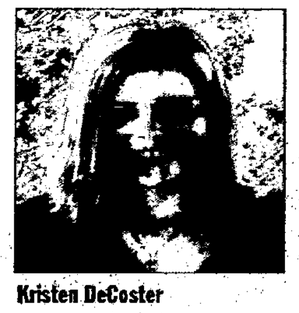
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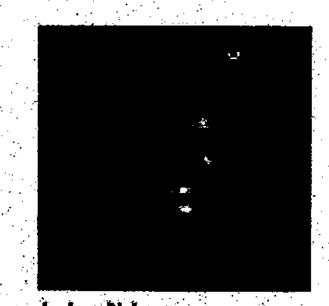
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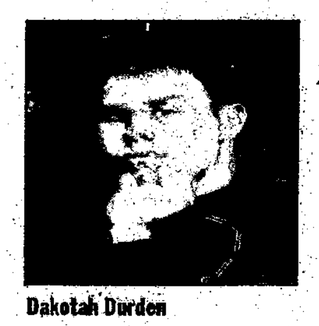
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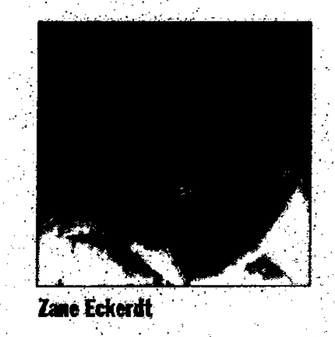
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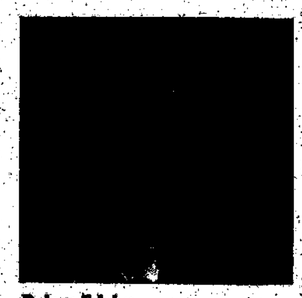
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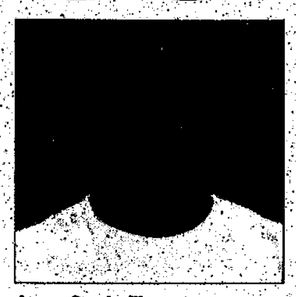
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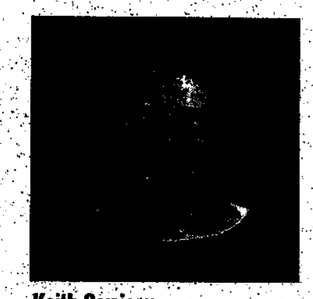
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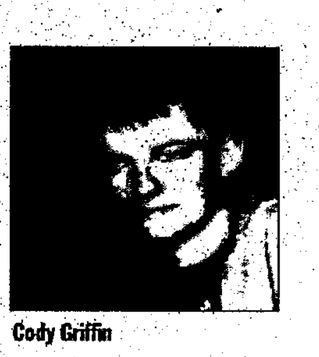
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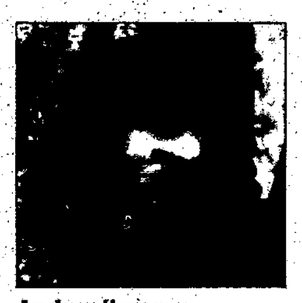
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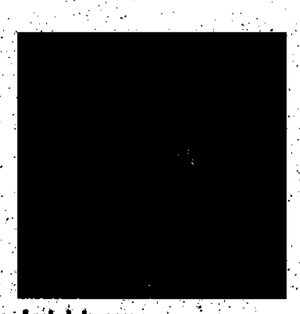
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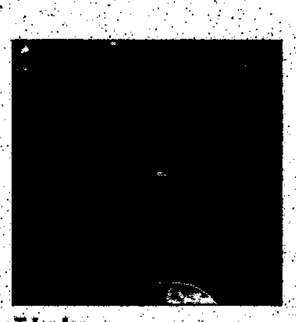
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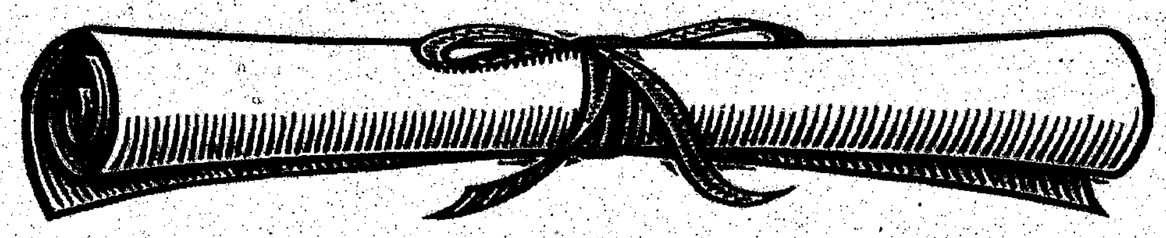

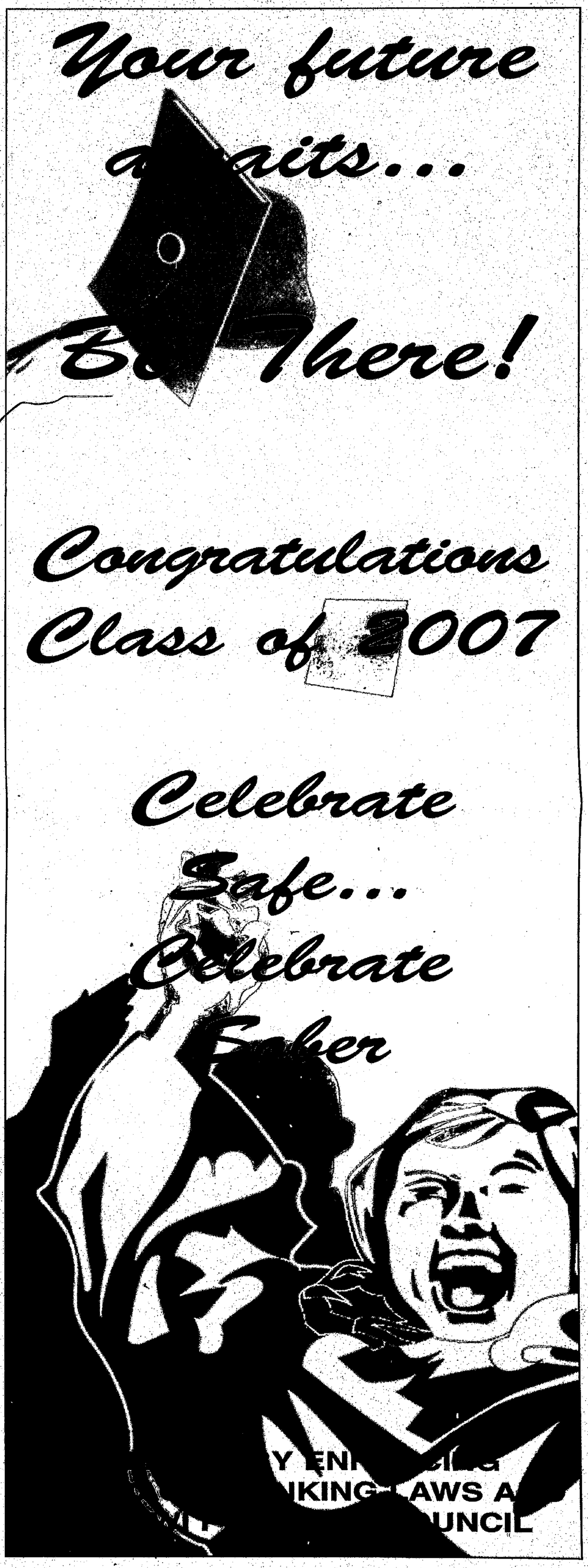

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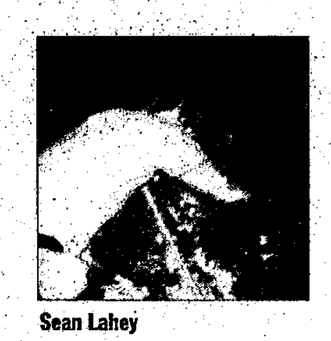
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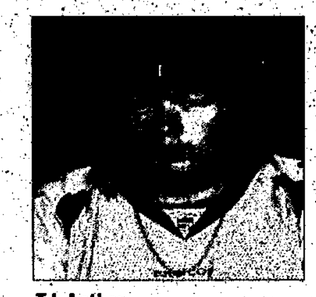
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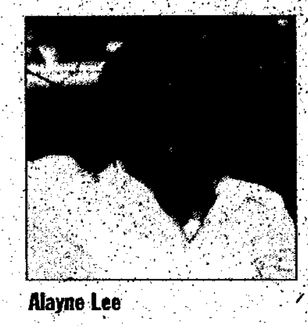
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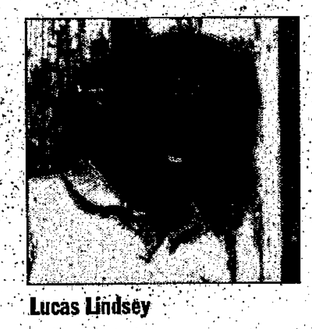
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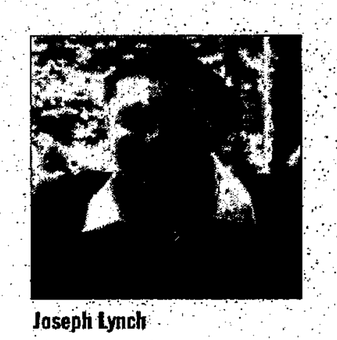
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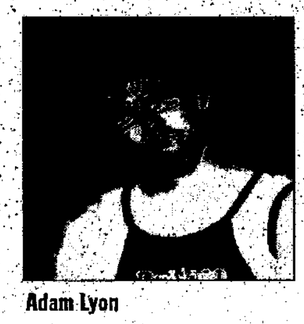
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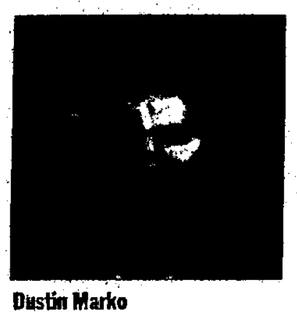
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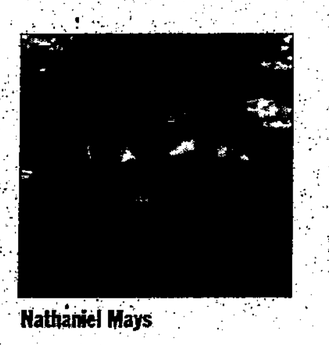
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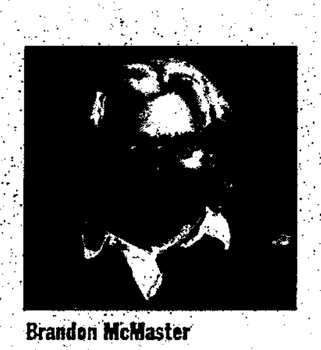
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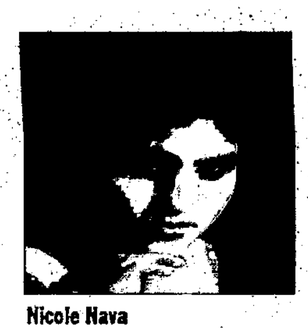
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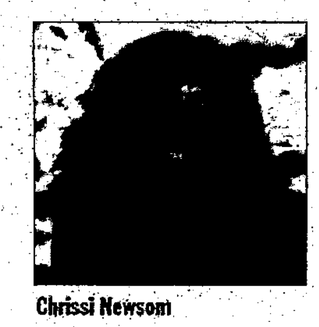
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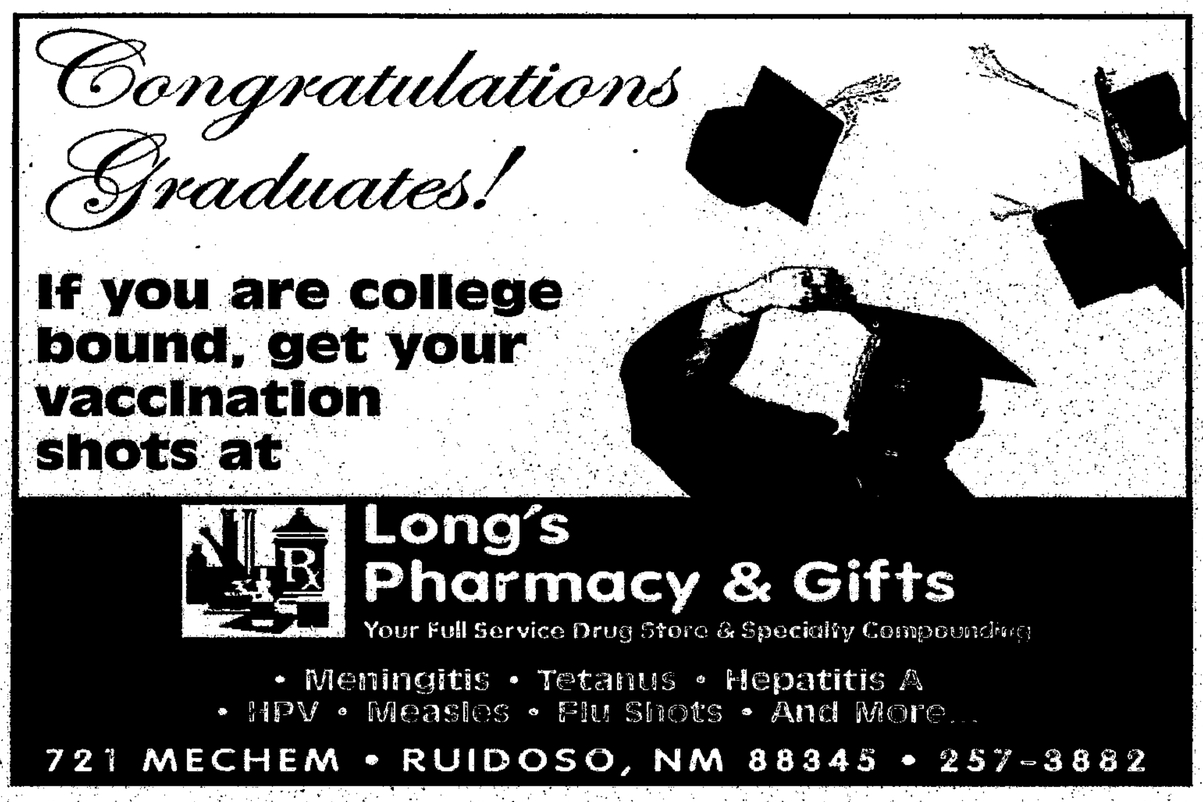

Game-playing yields unexpected preparation for college experience

Editor's Note: On March 27 Ruidoso High School senior – and editor of the school's newspaper – Lucas Lindsey gave a speech at the RHS awards ceremony. Following is the transcript of that speech.

For a while now, I've had a fair amount of apprehension regarding my settling down into some college town after the beauty of summer fades to fall. You see, I had myself completely convinced of the idea that I was fully unprepared to make it on my own in this chaotic world. That there's so much to handle so soon. But then it hit me-maybe I'm wrong. Maybe I've been built up for these next few years my whole life, crafted and tempered by thousands of seemingly insignificant occurrences, matured, however unwillingly, by the daily course of life, by whatever resolve it takes to make it through each day. Eh, maybe. That's a long shot, though.

But seriously, I thought and thought and wondered, trying to recall the moments that really trained me up in the backwards laws of this life. And what I arrived at, what I can attribute my battle ready soul to may surprise you. It's not this teacher or that uncle or this grandmother or that dad of mine, though they did contribute their fair share, I must admit. They gave me confidence and love and all that fuzzy stuff, but in the way of hardcore, pedal to the medal life lessons and laws of the universe, their influence falls a bit short.

Instead, when I searched the memory of my childhood, I realized I spent countless hours playing games. And it is to them, those games, that I am forever indebted. So, in honor of their lasting contribution to my future, I have compiled a very abbreviated list of games and the subluminal lesson I unknowingly drew from each:

The first... Tic-Tac-Toe-In some situations, nobody wins.

Then there's Hangman-Choosing the right words can be even an issue of mortality

And, of course, Monopoly-How to get ahead in a capitalist society and no, crime does not pay. Also, someone else will always get to the free parking barely a roll before you.

Tag-Being 'it' isn't quite always a good thing. Neither is being slow.

Yahtzee-A little luck doesn't hurt.

Jenga-Most important to growth is a firm foundation to build upon.

Scrabble-Success comes when one improves upon and builds from the existing work of others.

Finally, The Game of Life-Never have a family with more members than you have seats in a car.

All of these little morals help comfort me in a way that makes me sleep better at night because above all things, I hate going into something unprepared. However, I can't help but feel a bit wary of the dark unknown I'm about to throw myself into. In a way, the world has been spoon fed to me for years and years, through books and statistics and tear-jerking talk shows and first hand war stories. I've learned of heart-stopping love really only through movies adapted from Nicholas Sparks books and cooked a gourmet meal only vicariously through the Food Network. So suddenly I'm being handed the opportunity to finally dirty my own hands in the soil of the Earth and not just sit back and watch from that little table in the corner that the adults set up for the kids on Thanksgiving. So suddenly, I will be able to draw the lines of my own life.

Life... I just don't know. And yet, like a game of Hide and Go-Seek, here it comes, ready or not.

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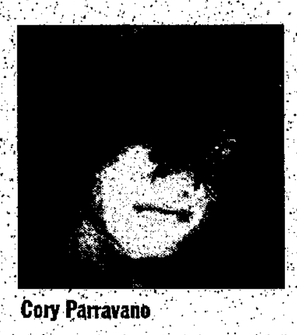
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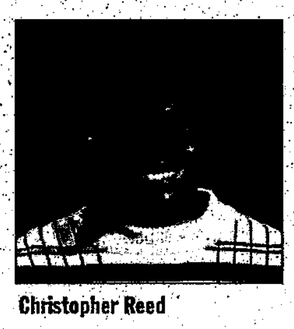
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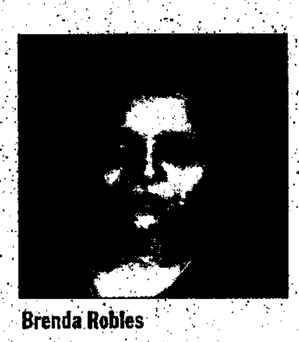
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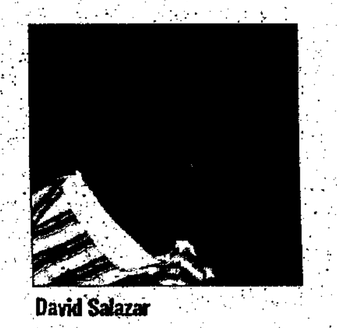
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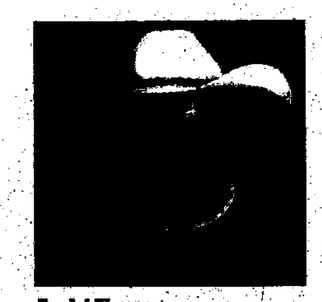
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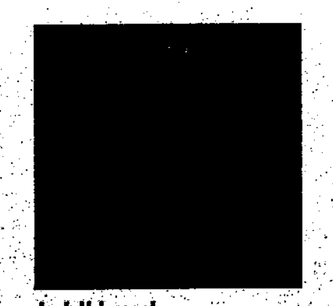
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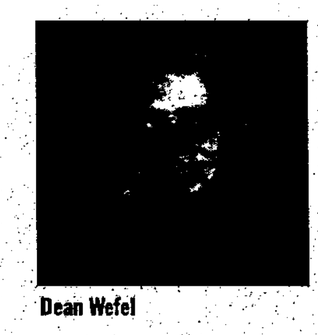
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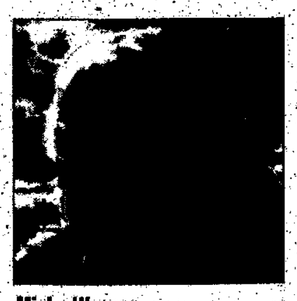
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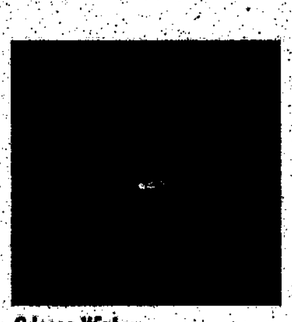
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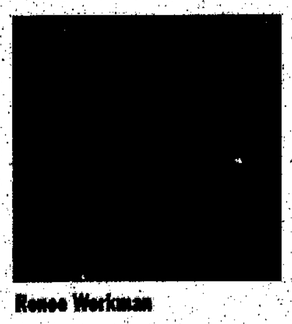
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Howland honored as Teacher of the Year

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Joan Howland, honored as the 2007 Teacher of the Year by Wal-Mart for the Ruidoso area, stands with her first-grade class at Sierra Vista Primary as they show off their hand-made guitars and sport cowboy hats as part of their year-long cowboy theme.

Until two weeks ago, Joan Howland had never heard of Wal-Mart's Teacher of the Year program.

Now, she is a Teacher of the Year.

The first-grade instructor at Sierra Vista Primary was honored with the award as a local winner, earning a $1,000 education grant for her school and making her eligible for the State Teacher of the Year award, as selected by the Phi Delta Kappa international educational fraternity.

State award winners earn a $10,000 educational grant for their school, and are then eligible for the National Teacher of the Year and an additional $25,000 for their school.

Howland is currently in the process of applying for the state Teacher of the Year award, but never thought she would even be honored at the local level as she has.

"It totally surprises me," Howland said. "There are so many in this school to choose from, and so many great teachers in the area."

Howland was the teacher chosen by Wal-Mart of Ruidoso, picked from teachers nominated from the Ruidoso, Mescalero, Carrizozo, Hondo, Capitan and Corona school districts.

She got her start teaching kindergarten in 1980 in Alamogordo, moved to Odessa and worked with parents and volunteers in teaching children with developmental delays.

Howland returned to Alamogordo in 1989 to continue working with developmentally delayed children, and ended up working with several students and parents in the Mescalero area.

She later moved to Ruidoso, teaching in the first all-day kindergarten, and has taught first grade at Sierra Vista for the past decade.

"I wanted to make a difference and secure their future," Howland said when asked why she made the decision to become a teacher. "I wanted to make sure they had a fun experience when learning. It is so much fun for most of the time."

Making things fun includes bringing in animals from her farm, hatching eggs and creating a lot of hands-on work for the kids.

Currently, Howland's class is in the middle of a cowboy theme that has been running all year long, with students donning cowboy hats, making cut-out guitars, singing around make-believe campfires and envisioning themselves as cow-punchers out on the open range.

When addressing the Ruidoso School Board after accepting the Teacher of the Year Award, Howland quoted Proverbs 22:29: "Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings."

The point behind the quote, Howland said, is that a person can be infinitely skilled at what he or she does, but that person owes their talent to a much higher authority, and that's just how she views being honored as Teacher of the Year.

"If you're wondering how important excellence is, remember the King you are serving," Howland said.

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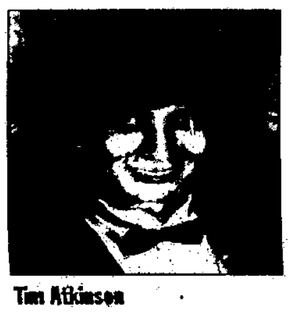
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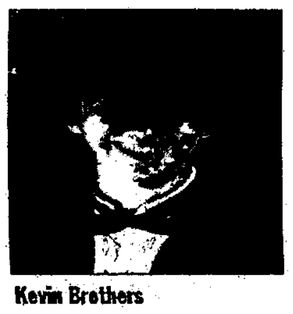
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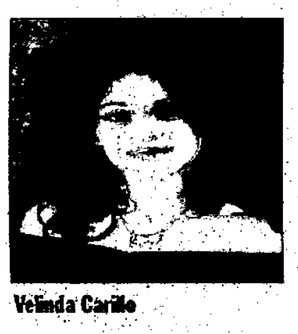
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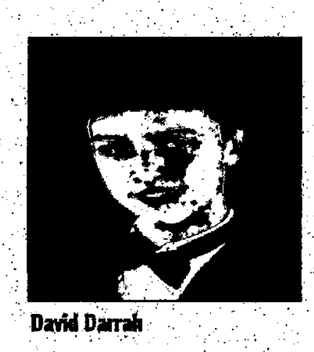
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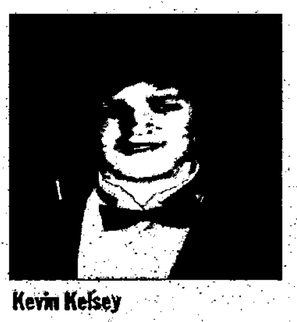
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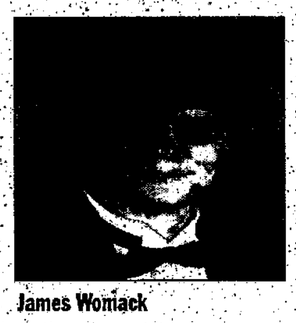
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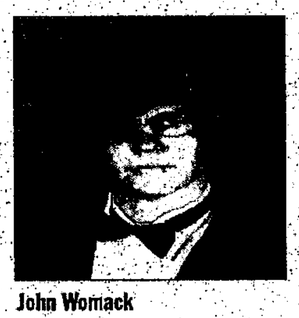
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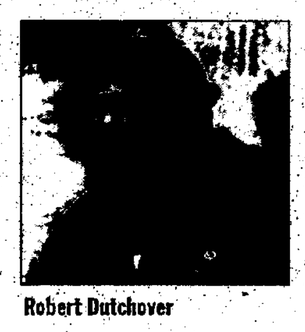
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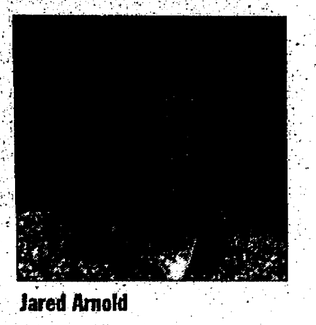
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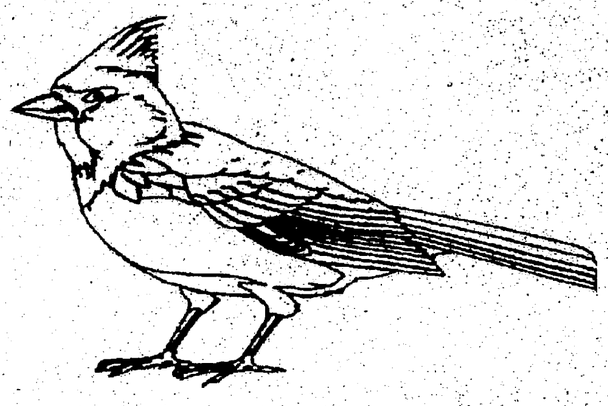

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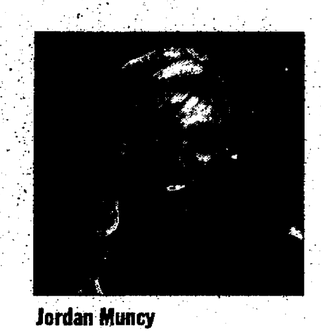
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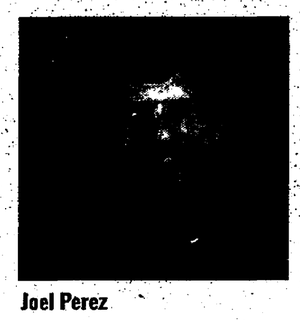
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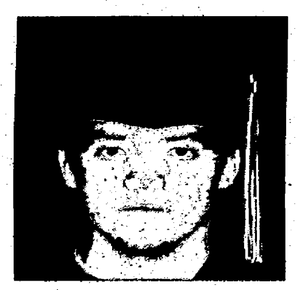
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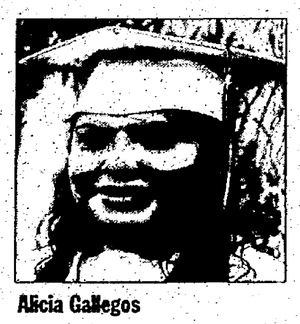
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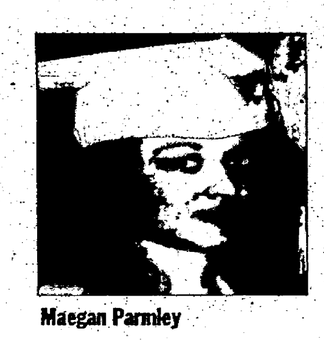
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White Oaks gold

BY BRAD COOPER
FOR ¡VAMONOS!

Gold panning, music and kids' rodeo highlight White Oaks Gold Rush Days next weekend.

"Mud, water and a gold pan...it doesn't get much better than that," said White Oaks Gold Rush Days organizer Steve Cloutare. "Of course, that's kind of a guy thing."

The former gold-mining boom town of White Oaks turns back the clock next Saturday and Sunday (Memorial Day Weekend) with two days of activities including gold panning, a parade, shootouts and chuck wagon/campfire grub.

Three hundred gold pans are on their way to White Oaks for the event (pan, gold collectors and small vials to keep the gold in). The kits, along with a bucket of ore, are expected to run between $5-$8. Do-it-yourself prospectors are allowed to keep all the gold they find. "If we see we're going to run out," noted resident Dave Spencer, "we'll hold some back to loan out."

The gold panning process calls for putting fine ore in a shallow pan and swirling the lighter dirt off. Gold, one of nature's heaviest metals, accumulated to the bottom of the pan. It's a process that calls for patience, and wide-brimmed hat and sun block. Those wishing to finish off their bucket at home are asked to bring their own bucket.

"If it were easy, none of us would be doing it for long," noted Cloutare, a Vietnam veteran who has done a fair share of prospecting in the past.

Gold panning is scheduled to run between 10:10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, and starting around 9 a.m. Sunday.

The first-time celebration starts off with vendor booths and museum/displays opening by 9 a.m. Saturday (Schoolhouse Museum, Miner's Home Museum and chuck wagon displays) followed by a 10 a.m. parade. Old West shootouts take place at high noon, and again near 1 p.m.

Saturday there will be a kids' rodeo at 1 p.m. at Spencer's Moondance Ranch on the main road, sans live animals (stick horses; boot race and the white cow milking will feature a cut-out cow). Sign up for the rodeo is between 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

A "Voices From The Past" performance is scheduled for the stage of the White Oaks Schoolhouse at 3 p.m. followed by a Gold Rush Town Fashion Show at 4:30 p.m. Music and cowboy poetry start up at the campfire pit at the Spencer's at 6 p.m., followed by a Gold Rush Fandango at the No Scum Allowed Saloon from 7-midnight.

Sunday's events start with vendors opening at 8 a.m., a chuck wagon breakfast at 8:30 a.m., and a Cowboy Church Service at 10 a.m.

Kids will be invited to make their own stick horses at 11 a.m., followed by a shootout at noon and another performance of "Voices From The Past" at 2 p.m.

Directions to White Oaks (Google-map White Oaks Schoolhouse) and a complete schedule of events are available at www.whiteoaksnewmexico.com.

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On the cover

SANDY KASHMAR

Pippin *opens tonight at the Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center. Story on page 12.*

EVENT CALENDAR

Performances

Pippin

May 18-20, 25-27: (Ruidoso) The Lincoln County Community Theatre kicks off its 2007 season with six performances of *Pippin*, Tony award-winning musical by Stephen Schwartz (*Godspell, Wicked*). A tongue-in-cheek fairy tale of a young prince, longing to discover the secret of true happiness, with contemporary music and a talented cast of local actors. 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. 2 p.m. Sundays. Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center on Warrior Drive. Info: 257-4328 or http://www.ruidoso.net/lcct

Ruidoso Dance Ensemble Recital

May 19: (Ruidoso) See dancers perform in a variety of styles. Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center on Warrior Drive. 4 p.m.

John Anderson in Concert

May 26: (Ruidoso Downs) Ruidoso Downs Racetrack and Billy the Kid Casino present John Anderson in concert.

Mountain of Blues Festival

June 2: (Ruidoso) Mountain of Blues Festival at Wingfield Park (Village Events Plaza), at Wingfield & Center St. Tab Benoit headlines a day of blues. Bands performing 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Concessions and kids activities available all day. $15 advance tickets at The Quarters, $20 at the gate. (No coolers or pets.) Info: Quarters 257-9535, 866-207-4816; Web: www.ruidoso.net/bluesfestival.

Tennessee Three

June 2: (Alto) With music honoring Johnny Cash at Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m. Tickets $39. Info: 336-4800; Web: www.spencertheater.com.

Beach Boys in Concert

June 8: (Mescalero) Inn of the Mountain Gods. Info: 1-877-277-5677 or visit www.innofthemountaingods.com.

Copelia

June 9: (Alto) Three-act ballet presented by the Ruidoso Dance Ensemble at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m. Tickets $25 benefitting the non-profit dance company. Info: 336-4800, or visit www.spencertheater.com.

Compadres

June 16: (Alto) Oscar Lopez and James Keelaghan perform Irish folk, flamenco, Latino, jazz, blues and pop music in an intimate acoustic set. Two world-class guitarists unite to present their signature Nuevo Flamenco 'Celtino' sound. Tickets $36 and $39. Info: Spencer Box Office, 336-4800 or www.spencertheater.com.

Shadowlands

June 23: (Alto) *Shadowlands* is a play depicting a fictionalized version of the relationship between C.S. Lewis and Joy Gresham. Presented by the Wayland University Theater Workshop at Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. Info: 336-4800; Web: www.spencer-theater.com.

Special Events

Aspencash Motorcycle Rally

May 17-20: (Ruidoso) Ruidoso Convention Center. Info: info@motorcycleraily.com.

Relay for Life Garage Sale

May 19: (Ruidoso) Casa Décor, 1214 Mechem, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. A fundraiser for Relay For Life, this garage sale is sure to have something for everyone. Century 21 will accept any suitable donations for resale at their Mechem Office beginning May 4. Help a worthwhile cause, unclutter your life and be sure to participate in the Relay For Life event at the baseball field behind White Mountain Schools on June 29-30. Info: Jodie, 630-4006 or Carol, 257-4750.

The New Fiber Fest

May 19-20: (Lincoln) 9 a.m.–6 p.m. A fabulous showing of Lincoln County weavers, spinners and artisans working with all-natural materials will be held in the Lincoln Historical State Monument Visitors Center. Their works will be on display and there will be demonstrations of the art of weaving. Info: 653-4025.

Search & Rescue Open House

May 20: (Ruidoso) Recruitment/Open House for White Mountain Search & Rescue will be at White Mountain Estates Pavilion on Gavilan Canyon Rd. 2-4 p.m. Search vehicle, gear and more will be on display. Info: www.whitemountainsar.org.

"Old West Thunder"

May 20: (Ruidoso Downs) Fourth in the "Echoes of the Past" series, this program at the Hubbard Museum of the American West promises to be lively and entertaining. For more information, visit www.hubbardmuseum.org or call 378-4142.

Spring Is Bustin' Out All Over

May 21: (Ruidoso) Luncheon, fashion show and inspirational speaker. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Mountain Annie's, 2710 Sudderth Dr. $12 inclusive. For prepaid reservations, call Glenda at 258-2588 or Sara at 258-3694.

Flying J Ranch Opens

May 25: (Ruidoso) Chuckwagon supper & Western stage show open Mon-Sat nights through Labor Day. Gates open at 6 p.m., dinner at 7:30. Info: 1-888-458-3595 or 336-4330.

Racetrack Opens

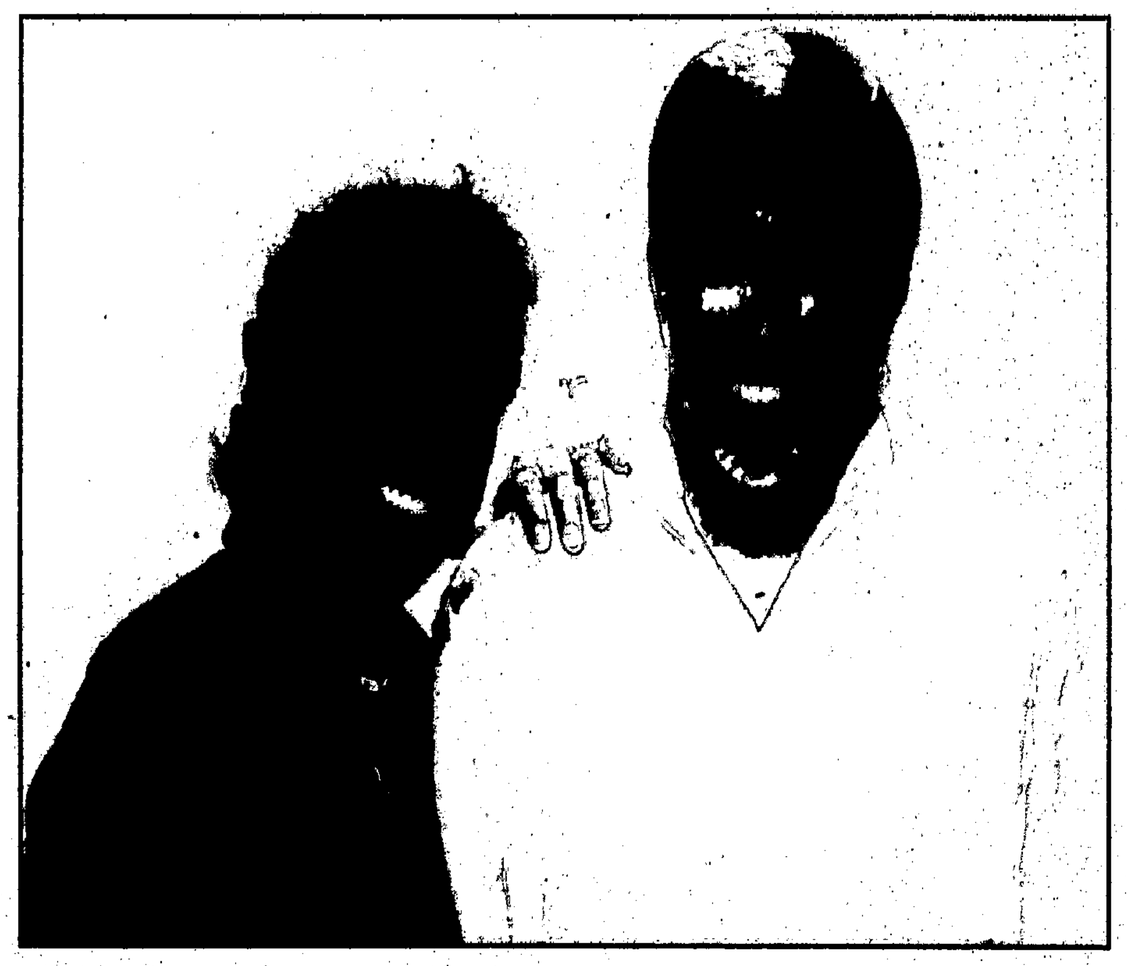
May 25: (Ruidoso Downs) Ruidoso Downs Racetrack opening day. Info: 378-4140.

Mayfair Juried Art Show

May 26-27: (Cloudcroft) Zenith Park, behind Visitors Center. Come on up above stress level for this fun annual art show. Over 60 art vendors will be on-hand, plus live music and great food. Hours 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily, admission is free. Info: Cloudcroft Visitor Center at 682-2733 or www.cloudcroft.net.

White Oaks Gold Rush Days

May 26-27: (White Oaks) Saturday events include an authentic 1890s Gold Camp, 'Voices of the Past' (a live drama on the old Schoolhouse), a Chuckwagon Cook-Off, food and craft vendors, a Kids Stick Horse Rodeo, campfire stories, tall tales and music under the night sky, and a Sunday morning Cowboy Church Service. Info: Steve Clouatre at 648-5618.



An eclectic blend of music is presented by world-class guitarists as The Compadres take the Spencer stage June 16.

6th Annual Memorial Day Gourd Dance

May 26-27: (Mescalero) Mescalero Community Center Gym at Tribal Office on Hwy 70, Mescalero. The Mescalero Gourd Society presents this traditional Honor Dance to all living and fallen U.S. veterans. Featuring Head Singer Robert Tehano and MC Ted Rodriguez. Free admission, hours noon - 9 p.m. Info: Clair Eyelash, 505-464-4039, 464-2130 or ceyelash@yahoo.com.

Municipal Swimming Pool Opens

June 1: (Ruidoso) Municipal Swimming Pool opening day at School House Park. Open swim 11:45 a.m.-4:45 p.m. daily through mid-August. Admission is $2.50/day swim only and $6/day water slide. Season passes available.

Registration for lessons begins May 21 for ages 5+. Info: 257-5030.

Youth Fishing Days

June 2: (Ruidoso) Activities include casting contest, flying exhibit, canoe rides and a visit from Smokey Bear. Refreshments and raffle prizes will be provided. Be sure to bring fishing gear, sunscreen and a hat. 9 a.m.-noon for ages 12 and under at Grindstone Lake. Info: 257-4095.

RRCA Art After Hours

June 8: (Ruidoso) Self-guided gallery walks each month are free and open to the public. Visit Mountain Arts Gallery, accessoreez-the gallery, Earth-N-Stone, Imagine That! and The Art Gallery, all on Sudderth Dr. 5-8 p.m.

Blessing of the Animals

June 9: (Ruidoso) Attention pet lovers – from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. local clergy will perform blessings on your family pets. Info: 336-7297 or www.thunderingpaws.com.

A Taste of Capitan

June 9: (Capitan) On Smokey Bear Blvd. Capitan restaurants will be participating, each offering a taste of their specialties for a dollar donation. All proceeds benefit the Capitan Public Library and Smokey Bear Park Playground. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Info: 257-2327 or www.atasteofcapitan.org.

Western Heritage Days

June 15-17: (Cloudcroft) A boot-scootin' great time for the whole family. Friday night BBQ at 5 p.m. and the world famous pie auction at 6 p.m. Saturday's parade is at 11 a.m. Info: 682-2733.

High Rolls Cherry Festival

June 16-17: (High Rolls) 44th annual cherry festival with arts & crafts, pies and much more. Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Info: www.highrollsfestivals.org.

Art in the Pines

June 16-17: (Ruidoso/Ruidoso Downs) Self-guided tour through artists' studios. Brochures with maps available at Visitors Center, RRCA and Midtown merchants. Info: 257-4156.

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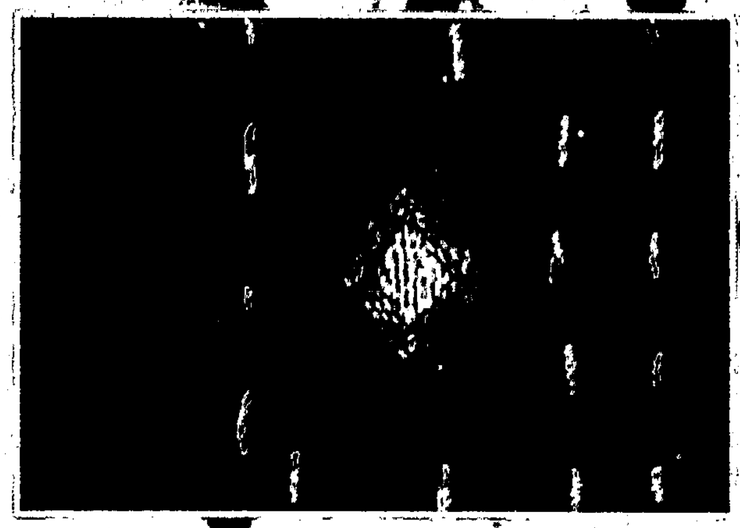

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Special Screenings

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• *Roving Mars* poses the questions: 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.[illegible]theatre.org

May 18-24 • *The Italian* (Director: Andrei Kravchuck • Russia • 2006 • 1 hour, 30 minutes). A childless, affluent couple from Italy comes to a provincial Russian children's home to find a child for adoption. The orphanage is a harsh place, run by two rival internal factions. Alongside the official, adult administration, run by a corrupt headmaster with the help of greedy adoption broker Madam, there is also a shadow children's gang operating out of the institution's boiler room. When the Italian couple singles out six-year-old ragamuffin Vanya Solntsev as their prospective choice, the other orphans give Vanya a new nickname: The Italian. But he decides to track down his birth mother, teaching himself to read in order to learn her address from his personal file locked in the home's office. After stealing his records, Vanya sneaks out of the orphanage and boards a commuter train headed for the city, with the orphanage staff and police in close pursuit.

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

May 19 • *The Day the Earth Stood Still* (1951, 92 minutes). This outstanding science-not-so-fiction film is being shown as a warm up for the annual ITI Came From the 50's Science Fiction Film Retrospective, which will take place Memorial Day weekend in El Paso. Presenting the film will be festival co-chairperson and film historian, Jay Duncan.

In 1951, movie aliens were generally considered hostile and their missions to planet Earth were anything but friendly and peaceful. An adaptation of a short story by Harry Bates entitled "Farewell to the Master" broke the cycle and became one of the screen's first adult treatments of a Science Fiction theme.

Michael Rennie stars as KLAATU, accompanied by his robot companion GORT, who travels 250 million miles to our world to force Mankind to reexamine its very humanity in The Day the Earth Stood Still. [redacted]

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– Gary Thompson
PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS

Philip K. Dick's paranoid, futuristic works have frequently made the same leap – sometimes as brainy puzzlers, but more often as star-powered action vehicles. *Next* (based very loosely on Dick's short story "The Golden Man") falls squarely in the latter category, with always-game Nicolas Cage as Cris Johnson, a man with the ability to see two minutes into the future. Afraid that all sorts of frightening demands will be made on him if the true scope of his ability becomes known, Johnson limits the use of his powers to a hokey, third-rate Vegas stage show and reading slot machines to gauge their payouts. Meanwhile, terrorists have imported a nuclear device into the U.S., with the intention of detonating it in a major metropolitan area, and F.B.I. agent Callie Ferris (Julianne Moore) has discovered that Cris's ability is no fake and that he might be able to prevent the disaster. Unfortunately for Cris, he has just met Liz Cooper (Jessica Biel), a gorgeous schoolteacher who gets more involved in this international intrigue than she had any intention to.

Now showing in Alamogordo, starring Nicolas Cage, Julianne Moore, Jessica Biel, Thomas Kretschmann, Tory Kittles, Peter Falk. Directed by Lee Tamahori. Rated PG-13.

Shrek the Third

Opens May 18

When Shrek married Fiona, the last thing he had in mind was becoming the next King. But when Shrek's father-in-law, King Harold, suddenly croaks, that is exactly what he faces. Unless Shrek – with the help of his trusted companions Donkey and Puss In Boots – can find a suitable King for Far Far Away, the ogre could be stuck with the job. The most promising candidate, Fiona's cousin Artie, an underachieving Medieval high school slacker, proves to be more of a challenge than they bargained for.

Now showing in Alamogordo and Ruidoso, starring Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz, Eddie Murphy, Antonio Banderas, Julie Andrews, John Cleese, Rupert Everett, Justin Timberlake, Regis Philbin, Cheri Oteri, Eric Idle, Maya Rudolph, Amy Sedaris, Conrad Vernon, Aron Warner. Directed by Raman Hui. Rated PG.

Shrek's so-called "friends" – Donkey and Puss In Boots, just can't leave the poor ogre alone, can they?

Delta Farce

"Like *Paths Of Glory*, *Apocalypse Now*, and *Platoon*, *Delta Farce* is a difficult, harrowing work offering little relief or humor. Unlike those movies, though, *Delta Farce* is supposed to be funny."

– Steven Hyden
ONION AV CLUB

Down on his luck after losing his job and his girlfriend on the same day, Larry decides to join his neighbor, Bill, and his combat-happy buddy, Everett, for a relaxing weekend of drinking and target practice. But when the three hapless guys are mistaken for Army Reservists by the hard-nosed Sergeant Kilgrove, they're loaded onto an army plane headed for Fallujah, Iraq – and mistakenly ejected in a Humvee somewhere over Mexico. Convinced they're actually in the Middle East, the clueless wannabe soldiers save a rural village from a siege of bandits and become local heroes. But when Carlos Santana, a ruthless, karaoke-loving warlord, strikes back, Larry, Bill and Everett have to lay down their beers and take up their arms – and prove they just might be real soldiers after all...

Now showing in Alamogordo, starring Larry the Cable Guy, Bill Engvall, DJ Qualls, Marisol Nichols, Danny Trejo, Keith David. Directed by CB Harding. Rated PG-13.

Spider-Man 3

Critic's Quip: "The best of the three movies due to the added complexities in its storytelling and the evolution and growth of the characters as a whole since the first movie."

– Edward Douglas
COMINGSOON.NET

After the oppressive truth about his double life has finally emerged, Peter Parker, aka Spider-Man (Tobey Maguire), is set to start a real relationship with his beloved Mary Jane Watson (Kirsten Dunst), but naturally, he will also have to face the resulting consequences. J. Johan Jameson (J.K. Simmons), Parker's relentless boss, is angered by Mary Jane's decision to leave his son for the clumsy photographer and hires an investigative reporter named Eddie Brock (Topher Grace) to track Parker and dig up any juicy secrets. In the meantime, Spider-Man takes interest in an escaped convict named Flint Marko (Thomas Haden Church). After a dreadful mishap transforms him into a shape-shifting sand creature with superhuman strength, Marko becomes Spider-Man's newest foe, the Sandman.

While at the scene of the accident, a black substance fuses with Spider-Man's costume, spawning a new hero with superior abilities. As it turns out, he will need all the strength he can get. It's not only Mary Jane that knows Spider-Man's secret identity, but also his best friend, Harry Osborne (James Franco), who is still bent on destroying Spider-Man after the web-crawler killed his father. Equipped with his dad's tricks and disguises and partnered with the Sandman, Osborne sets out to create chaos and kill Spider-Man in the process.

Now showing in Alamogordo and Ruidoso, starring Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, Thomas Haden Church, Topher Grace, James Franco, James Cromwell, Bryce Dallas Howard, Dylan Baker, Rosemary Harris, J.K. Simmons. Directed by Sam Raimi. Rated PG-13.

The Invisible

Critic's Quip: "It's all, y'know, such a deep metaphor for alienation, man, especially since nobody truly 'sees' Annie for who she really is. And yes, you are supposed to take this all extremely seriously."

– Luke Y. Thompson
L.A. WEEKLY

The Invisible is a supernatural thriller about a writer who finds himself trapped between the world of the living and the dead – completely invisible to the living. Nick (Justin Chatwin) has a bright future until he is brutally attacked and left for dead. Now in limbo, his only chance to live again is to figure out the mystery of what happened to him and why, before his time runs out. But how do you solve a murder, when the victim is you?

Now showing in Ruidoso, starring Maggie Ma, Michelle Harrison, Justin Chatwin, Marcia Gay Harden, Chris Marquette, Margarita Levieva, Kevin McNulty, Andrew Francis. Directed by David S. Goyer. Rated PG-13.

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National Bestseller List

Based on sales from hundreds of independent bookstores across America for the week ending May 13, 2007.

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. The Yiddish Policemen's Union
Michael Chabon, HarperCollins, $26.95, 9780007149827

2. The Good Husband of Zebra Drive
Alexander McCall Smith, Pantheon, $21.95, 9780375422737

3. The 6th Target - Debut
James Patterson, et al., Little Brown, $27.99, 9780316014793

4. Simple Genius
David Baldacci, Grand Central, $26.99, 9780446580342

5. The Children of Hurin
J.R.R. Tolkien, Houghton Mifflin, $26, 9780618894642

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. The Secret
Rhonda Byrne (Ed.), Atria/Beyond Words, $23.95, 9781582701707

2. Animal, Vegetable, Miracle
Barbara Kingsolver, et. al., HarperCollins, $26.95, 9780060852559

3. Einstein
Walter Isaacson, S&S, $32, 9780743264730

4. I Feel Bad About My Neck
Nora Ephron, Knopf, $19.95, 9780307264558

5. Grace (Eventually)
Anne Lamott, Riverhead, $24.95, 9781594489426

PAPERBACK FICTION

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

2. Suite Francaise
Irene Nemirovsky, Vintage, $14.95, 9781400096275

3. The Road
Cormac McCarthy, Vintage, $14.95, 9780307387899

4. The Memory Keeper's Daughter
Kim Edwards, Penguin, $14, 9780143037149

5. The Inheritance of Loss
Kiran Desai, Grove, $14, 9780802142818

PAPERBACK NON-FICTION

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

2. Three Cups of Tea
Greg Mortenson, David Oliver Relin, Penguin, $15, 9780143038252

4. The Year of Magical Thinking
Joan Didion, Vintage, $13.95, 9781400078431

3. Mayflower
Nathaniel Philbrick, Penguin, $16, 9780143111979

5. The Glass Castle
Jeanette Walls, Scribner, $14, 9780743247542

Lamott responds to the times

BY FRECERIC AND MARY ANN BRUSSAT
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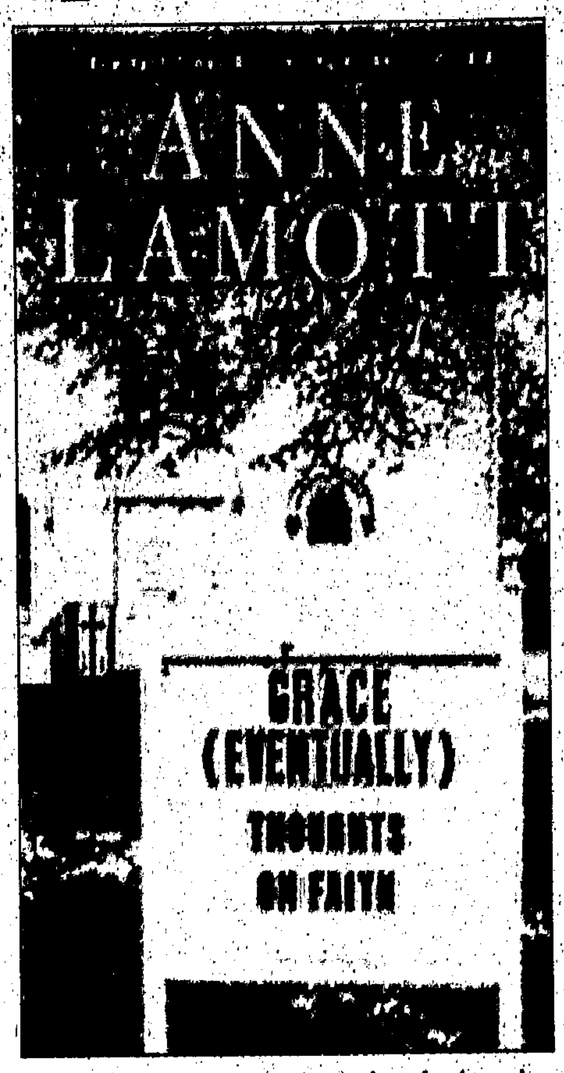
This quirky and appealing collection of 28 essays is Anne Lamott's third volume, after *Traveling Mercies* and *Plan B*, on her journey of faith as a contemporary Christian. Once again, she shares her idiosyncratic responses to the times in which we live. She sees God as "an equal opportunity employer" and believes it is possible "to experience the divine anywhere." So she stays on the lookout for the spiritual meaning of every experience.

Lamott probes the fear that leads to a junk food binge; she wonders where her hatred of President Bush and his policies is taking her; she worries about the way the back of her neck looks in certain harsh lights and comes up with the insight that "Joy is the best make-up"; she participates in an emergency read-in to stop the closing of a library in Salinas, Calif.; she struggles with her personal demon of jealousy; she honors the 20th anniversary of her sobriety; she agonizes with the rebelliousness of her 17-year old son; she defends a woman's right to make her own reproductive choices at a spiritual conference of progressives; and she decides to help a dying friend to a dignified death.

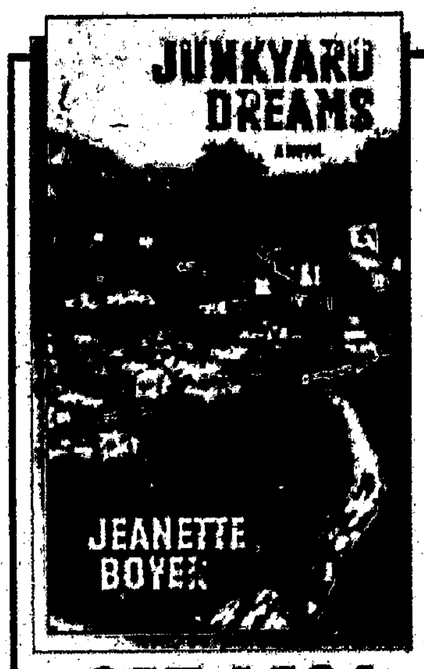
Lamott finds solace in the fact that all of us are, as she puts it, struggling to wake up, to be loved, and to not feel afraid all the time. Luckily she has a church to attend that offers her a moral boost: they like to clap and drive the devil away. She also has a priest friend who keeps her alert to the immenseness of God's grace as something to bank upon when personal or public storm clouds appear and things seem especially bleak. Here is an example of what she learns from him:



Grace (Eventually) – Thoughts on Faith
Anne Lamott
Riverhead Books 03/07
Hardcover $24.95
ISBN: 159448942

"When my priest friend Tom is at his most despondent over Bush and global warming, he goes around his neighborhood picking up trash and dog s(***). It definitely helps on days when you can't see much hope for this sweet old planet. In the long haul, grace will win out over everything, over the misery, the stupidity, the dishonesty, but it would be so yoked, as [my son] Sam would say, if our species were around to witness that."

Lamott feels carried by grace and holds to the faith that help is always on the way "a hundred percent of the time." That kind of feistiness percolates through these essays and convinces us once again that this Christian's voice and message are worth attending to and taking seriously.



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$	Low-priced (most entrees under $8)
$$	Mid-priced (most entrees $8-$15)
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T	Alcoholic beverages served
☎	Reservations required or suggested
V	Vegetarian friendly
NS	Non-smoking restaurant
DS	Has a designated smoking section

Alamogordo / Otero County

Bar-B-Que

Phat Phil's • 213 12th St. • Alamogordo • 430-8090.

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

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

Cafés

Airport Grille • 3500 Airport Rd. • Alamogordo • 439-1093 • Open Mon-Fri, 7:30a.m.-3p.m • Specialty sandwiches, and daily specials. Designated smoking outside. **$$ DS**

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

Brown Bag Deli • 900 Washington •Alamogordo • 437-9751 • Open Mon-Sat, 9a.m.-9p.m, Sun 10 a.m.-9 p.m • Deli, daily special. **$ V NS**

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

Cloudcroft Deli • 505 Burro St • Cloudcroft 682-5588 • Open 7 days, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Soups, sandwiches, pastries. Carry-out Only. **NS**

Dave's Café • 300 Burro St • Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thur 10 a.m.-5 p.m, Fri-Sat 10 a.m.-8p.m • Hamburgers/Coney Islands. **NS**

Front Porch Eatery Café • 94 Ja.m.es Canyon • Cloudcroft • 682-7492 • Open Mon-Thur, 8 a.m.-9 p.m, Fri-Sun, 8a.m.-9p.m. **NS**

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

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

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

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

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

Mayhill Café • Mayhill • 687-3066

Mayhill Mercantile • Mayhill • 687-3425.

Mountain Top Mercantile Deli • 105 James Canyon • Cloudcroft • 682-2777 Open 7 days 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Soups, deli, BBQ, pasta & pies. Carry-out only. **NS**

Nature's Pantry • 915 New York • Alamogordo • 434-1670 • Open Mon-Thur 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m, Fri-Sat 9 a.m.-5 p.m • Organic foods. **$ V NS**

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Olive Branch Coffee & Deli • 123 N White Sands • Alamogordo • 443-8151 • Open Mon-Sat 6a.m.-6p.m, Sun 7a.m.-4p.m • Specialty coffees & teas, breakfast fare, sandwiches. **$ NS**

Plateau Espresso • 2724 N Scenic, Alamogordo • 434-4466 • Open Sun-Thur 6a.m.-10p.m., Fri-Sat 6a.m.-11p.m • Specialty coffees, sandwiches/soups. Wireless Internet. **$ NS**

Plaza Pub • 1004 N White Sands, Alamogordo • 437-1092 • Open Mon-Sat, 11a.m.-9p.m • Historic building. Green chile stew, sandwiches; salads. Bar featuring local micro brews. **$** All smoking.

Mountain View Café & The Bistro (GCRMC), Alamogordo • 2669 Scenic Dr. • 443-7456 (Mountain View) / 443-7457 (Bistro).

Sweet Shop • 300 Burro Street • Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thur,10a.m.-5p.m., Fri-Sat, 10a.m.-8a.m. Smoothies, ice cream, fudge & truffles. **NS**

Tularosa Dry Goods Coffee & More • 308 Granado • Tularosa • 585-4575. **NS**

Tulie Oasis • 512 St. Francis • Tularosa • 585-2102. **$$ DS**

Weed Café • Weed • 687-3611.

Western Bar & Café • 304 Burro Street • 682-2445 • Cloudcroft • Open 7 days 6 a.m.-9 p.m. (café), 7 days 9a.m.-12a.m. (Bar). Smoking in bar only.

Chinese / Asian

Chinese Express • 3199 N. White Sands, Alamogordo • 434-8880.

Golden Palace • 700 E. 1st St., Alamogordo • 434-2136.

New China Buffet • 607 White Sands, Alamogordo • 434-9100.

Nui's Restaurant • 915 Texas, Alamogordo • 434-0650.

Taiwan Kitchen • 110 N. White Sands, Alamogordo • 434-4337.

The Wok Inn • 1010 S. White Sands, Alamogordo • 434-4388 • Buffet, carry-out or dine in • 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily. T

Yee's Oriental Express • 1115 S. White Sands, Alamogordo • 437-7423.

Casual Dining

Al-O-Mar • 7400 US 54/70 • Tularosa • 585-2129.

Aspen Restaurant • 1315 James Canyon • Cloudcroft • 682-1031 • Open Mon-Sat, 6a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun 7 a.m.-8 p.m. **NS**

Big Daddy's Diner • 1705 James Canyon • Cloudcroft • 682-1224 • Open Tue-Thur, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun 10 a.m.-3 p.m. **NS**

Chef Lupe's • 7401 US 54/70 • Alamorosa • 585-9638.

Chili's Grill & Bar • 202 Panorama • Alamogordo • 437-5903.

Compass Rose • 2203 1st St. • Alamogordo • 434-9633.

Denny's • 930 S White Sands • Alamogordo • 437-6106.

Gallo's Red Rooster Café • 306 Burro Street • Cloudcroft • 682-2448 • Open Sun-Thur, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat-Sun, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. **NS**

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

Maria's Hired Hand • 905 Central • Tularosa • 585-5574.

MOBI 360 Bistro & Gallery • 1905 10th St. • Alamogordo • 443-9200.

Mom's Home Cooking • 604 1st St. • Alamogordo • 439-0288.

Mustard's Last Stand • 1920 James Canyon • Cloudcroft • 682-2333 • Open Fri –Sat, 5p.m-9p.m. Dining and dancing.

Old Montreal Café • 750 E. 1st St. • Alamogordo • 437-3123.

Palm Side • 905 S. White Sands • Alamogordo • 437-8644.

Fast Food

Arby's Restaurant • 421 S White Sands • Alamogordo • 437-3534.

Blake's Lota Burger • 1320 N. White Sands • Alamogordo • 434-0466.

Burger King • 117 S. White Sands • Alamogordo • 437-9297.

Hi-D-Ho Drive In • 414 S. White Sands • Alamogordo • 437-6400.

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.

Tulie Freez • 419 St Francis • Tularosa • 585-4409.

Waffle & Pancake Shoppe • 950 S White Sands • Alamogordo • 437-0433.

Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers • 301 S White Sands • Alamogordo • 437-0865.

Fine Dining

Memories Restaurant • 1223 N. New York • Alamogordo • 437-0077.

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

Rebecca's at The Lodge • 1 Corona Place • Cloudcroft • 682-3131 • Smoking in Bar Area. **DS**

Mexican

Alfredo's • 801 Delaware • Alamogordo • 437-1745.

Casa de Suenos New Mexican Restaurant • 35 St. Francis Dr. • Tularosa • 585-3494 • Fax 585-3496. **$$ T, V, NS**

El Camino Restaurant • 1022 N. White Sands • Alamogordo • 437-8809.

Juan's Cactus Café • 3199 N. White Sands • Alamogordo • 434-2368.

La Hacienda • 800 S White Sands • Alamogordo.

Margo's Mexican Food • 504 E 1st • Alamogordo • 434-0689.

Maria's Mexican Food • 604 E 10th • Alamogordo • 434-4549.

Maximino's • 2300 N. White Sands • Alamogordo • 443-6102.

Ramona's • 2913 N. White Sands • Alamogordo • 437-7616.

Si Señor Restaurant • 1480 N. White Sands • Alamogordo • 437-7879.

Pizza/Italian

Gigi's Pizza • 600 S. White Sands • Alamogordo • 434-5811.

Pizza Hut • 120 S. White Sands • Alamogordo • 437-9785.

Pizza Mill & Sub Factory • 1315 E. 10th St. • Alamogordo • 434-1313.

Pizza Patio • 3199 N. White Sands • Alamogordo • 434-5885.

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** T

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Circle J Barbecue • 1825 Sudderth • 257-4105 • Sun-Thurs 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. **$ DS**

Cafés

Alto Café • Hwy. 48 & Cavilan Canyon Rd. • 336-1980 • 6:30-3 daily. **$$**

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Dining Guide

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Ruidoso / Lincoln County

Calamity Jane's • 500 W Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan, 354-8309 •

Cornerstone Bakery Café • 359 Sudderth • 257-1842 • 8-11 & 11:30-2 daily • Gourmet sandwiches, 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. **$**

Dream Catcher Café • 2629 Sudderth, in the Courtyard in Midtown by Kawliga's • 802-2222 • 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Sun-Thurs, 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Fri-Sat • Breakfast, lunch, dinner, smoothies, coffee • Live music Fri-Sat. **$ DS**

Flatlanders Café • 1009 Mechem • 258-2220 • 7-4, M-F • Gourmet sandwiches. **$ NS V**

Hummingbird Tearoom • 2306 Sudderth in The Plaza • 257-5100 • 11-3 Mon-Sat. • Soup & sandwiches. **$ NS V**

PLANET ZoZo • 113 Central Ave., Carrizozo • 648-5637 • Breakfast, pastries, burgers, O'Horgan Heaven, deli specials, pizza, salads • Wi-Fi Hotspot • 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon-Sat. **$$ NS V**

Sunflower Café • 806 Carrizo Canyon Rd. • 630-0173 • 7-3 Th-Su • Homestyle meals. Fresh baked goods. Customized catering. **$ V NS**

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

Roy's Ice Cream Parlour • 1200 Avenue E. • 648-2921 • M-F 9-6, Sa 12-6 • Old-fashioned ice cream sodas, milkshakes, malts, banana splits, & other fountain treats. **$**

Ruidoso Roastery • 113 Rio St. • 257-3676 • M-F 7-4, Sa 8-4. **$ NS**

Sacred Grounds Coffee and Tea House • 2825 Sudderth • 257-2273 • 11-2 M- Sat. • Sandwiches, quiches organic coffee, espresso bar. **$ V NS**

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

Casual Dining

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

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

Cattle Baron • 657 Sudderth • 257-9355 • Summer Hrs: Mon-Thurs 11a.m.-10p.m., Fri-Sat 11a.m.-10:30p.m., Sun 11a.m.-9:30p.m. • Steak, seafood, salad bar, lounge. **$$ DS** Y

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

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** Y

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Log Cabin • 1074 Mechem • 258-5029.

Lucy & Ethel's • Midtown Ruidoso at Four Seasons Mall, 2500 Sudderth Dr. • 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. • 630-1221. **$**

Outpost Bar & Grill • Voted as "Best Green Chile Burger" in Lincoln County • Family Dining • Open 7 days a week • 415 Central • 648-9994. **$$ DS** Y

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

Weber's Grill • 441 Mechem • 257-9559 • Wed-Mon, 11a.m.-9p.m. Fri-Sat, 11a.m.-10p.m. **$$ DS V** Y

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

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

Smokey B's Grill • 2584 Hwy. 70 inside the Casino Apache Travel Center, Mescalero • Open 24/7 • 464-7928. **$$ DS** Y

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

The Quarters • 2535 Sudderth • 257-9535. **$$ DS** Y

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

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Burger Trolley • 647 Sudderth • 257-3868 • 11-7 daily • Voted best green chile cheeseburger in Lincoln County. Take-out only. **$** ☎

Hall of Flame Burgers • 2500 Sudderth, in Four Seasons Mall • 257-9987 • 10-5 M-F, 10-8 Sat-Sun. • Burgers, steak tacos, salads. **$ NS V**

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

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

Mr. Burger • 1203 Mechem • 258-3616 • 7-8 daily, 7-5 Sun. **$ NS**

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

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

Taco Bell • 654 Sudderth • 257-4246 • 10-1 M-W, 10-2 Th-Su. **$**

Fine Dining

Ellis Store Country Inn • Hwy 380 MM 98, Lincoln • 800-653-6460 • Gourmet Dinners • M-Sat • Reservations only. **$$$ NS** Y ☎

Greenhouse Café • 103 S. Lincoln Ave. • Capitan • 354-0373 • Dinner, 5-9p.m., Sunday brunch 10a.m.-2p.m. **$$/$$$ NS V** Y ☎

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

$$$ DS V Y ☎

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

Sundance Steak & Seafood • 2523 Sudderth • 257-2954 • Open Mon-Thurs, 5-9p.m. Fri-Sat, 5-9:30p.m. **$$$ NS** Y ☎

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

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

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

Mexican Food

Casa Blanca • 501 Mechem • 257-2495 • 11-10 daily • New Mexican cuisine, lounge. **$$ DS** Y ☎

Chef Lupe's • 1101 Sudderth • 257-4687 • 6-midnight Su-Th, 6-3a.m. Fr-Sa • Traditional Mexican food, American & seafood specialties, menudo. **$$** Y **DS V**

Chileo's • 135 W. Hwy. 70 • 378-4033 • 7-9 daily. **$** Y

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

El Camino Nuevo • 1025 Mechem • 258-4312 • 11-9 daily. **$** Y

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

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

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

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

Eva Maria Mexican Restaurant • 2087 Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • 378-9184.

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

Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant & Entertainment Club • 2931 Sudderth Dr. • 257-8754 • Karaoke with DJ Pete Thurs & Fri, Surprise Sat. • 11a.m.-9:30 p.m. Mon-Sat, 11a.m.-4p.m. Sun. **$$** Y **DS**

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

Peña's Place • 2963 Sudderth • 257-4135 • Thurs-Tues 7a.m.-2p.m. **$$ NS**

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

Olé Tacos • 319 Sudderth • 257-5040 • Readers recommend the burritos & tacos. **$$**

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

Terraza Campanario • 1611 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso. 257-4227. **$$**

Chinese / Asian

Great Wall of China • 2913 Sudderth • 257-2522.

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

Yee's • 633 Sudderth • 257-5888 • Chinese eat in our take out * Open daily 10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Pizza / Italian Food

Café Rio • 2547 Sudderth Dr. • 257-7746 • 11:20 a.m. to 7:50 Daily. **$$ DS V** Y

Domino's Pizza • 1717 Sudderth • 257-8888 • Mon-Thur 11a.m.-10p.m., Fri-Sat 11a.m.-midnight Sun11a.m.-10p.m. **$$**

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

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

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

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

Dinner Theater

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

Flying J Ranch • Chuckwagon Suppers & Western Show • Hwy. 48 • Alto • 888-458-FLYJ • Gates open 6pm. Dinner at 7:30. Showtime 8:20pm. Opening May 25. ☎

Food, fun and smiles at the Flying J. Opening May 25. Photo by Brad Cooper.

The Outpost – say no more

Dining out

with Ivana B. Diningwell

Even if one doesn't live in Carrizozo, there are plenty of reasons to take you there.

One is the truly fun art scene that is developing, with old buildings being renovated and galleries opening at a dizzying rate.

Another is that just-can't-drive-another-mile feeling when coming home from Albuquerque or Santa Fe. And the county courthouse is in Carrizozo, and whether you're on the administering or receiving end of justice, or only on the soporific sidelines in jury duty, one must still eat. Even Justice has to, from time to time, put down those scales, take off the blindfold and head for the Outpost.

The building is the Outpost's own best advertisement, hunkered down on the corner of Central and Fifth, its cinder block walls painted with murals that display the culinary items to be found inside. The interior is refreshingly dark after the blaze of a 'Zozo afternoon, with most of the light coming from lights hanging over the two pool tables.

Ivana needs her spectacles to read the menu, which is one of those illuminated ones with little stick-on letters. They've kept the choices simple.For the big spenders, there are three steaks – top sirloin, T-bone and ribeye. But as far as Ivana is concerned, the reason to go to the Outpost is to forget the diet and savor a green chile cheeseburger and an order of onion rings.

Owner Harold Garcia took over the Outpost in 1981 when it was one of six bars in Carrizozo.

"There were a lot of military installations in the area," Garcia remembered. "On weekends those guys would come to town. We decided to start serving food, trying to tone it down a bit. Looking back, it was the best thing we ever did."

Ivana thinks the second-best thing they did was make a deal with a High Rolls taxidermist to buy all the work that never got claimed. You can play "name that critter" while you wait for Rachel Niederstadt, the world's most hard-working waitress, to bring your cheeseburger. Ivana spotted an elk (which originally graced the walls of the old Yucca Bar), pronghorn, javelina, oryx, moose and sailfish, as well as a display of various styles of barbed wire.

Fans of the truly spicy will enjoy the red chile stew. The French fries were spuds the moment before you placed your order, and the servings are huge.

The obvious accompaniment to all this is one of the 27 bottled beers that the Outpost stocks, including Corona, Fat Tire, Dos Equis, Heineken and all the usual domestics.

After this pleasant interlude, it's back to the highway, the art scene, the jury box or the jail. On your way out, check the wooden bar for Billy the Kid's initials. Ivana isn't saying that you'll find them there, but it's the kind of place that the gregarious Kid would call home, and they've got his picture on the wall.

The Outpost
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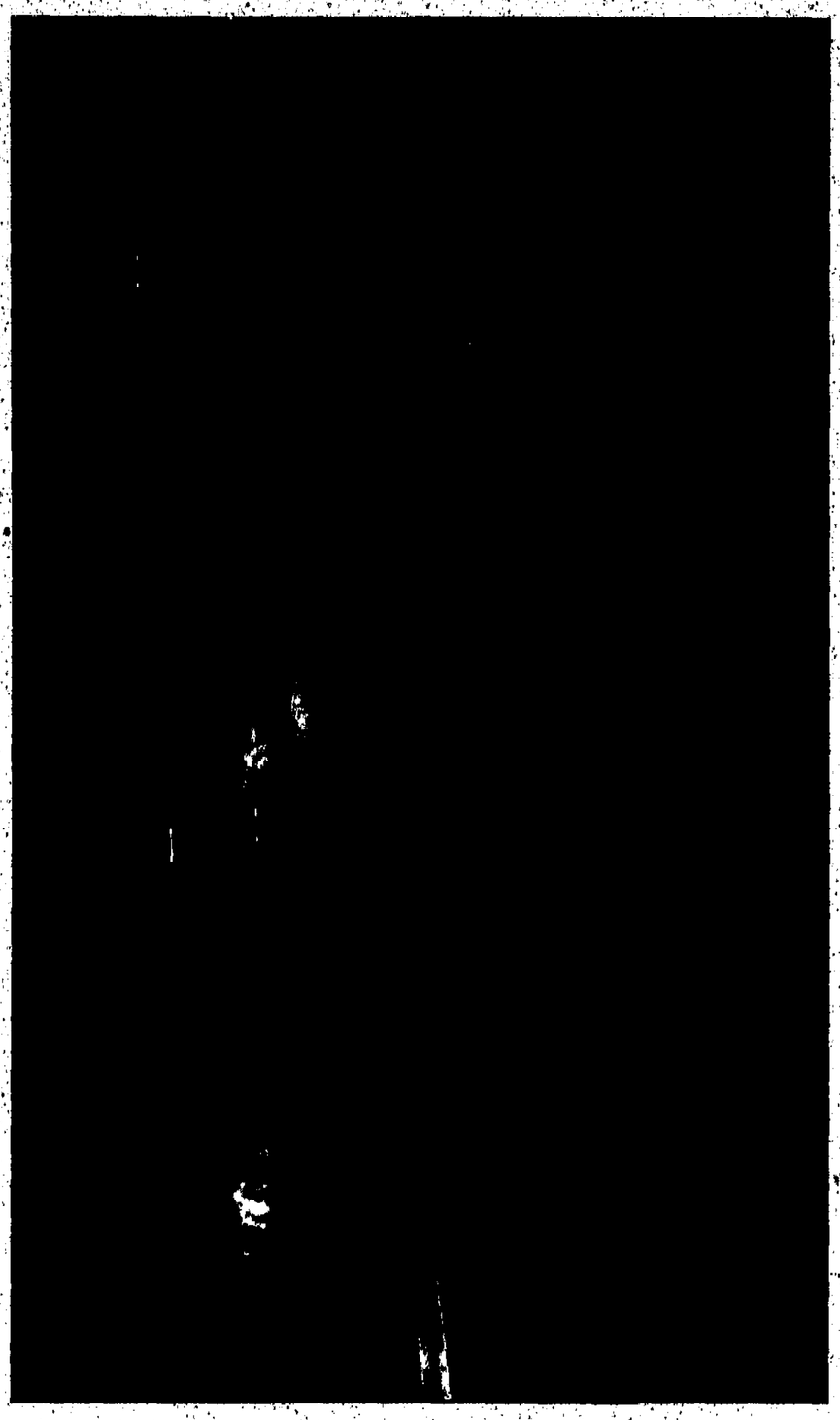


The Leading Player (stage veteran Hannah Kashmar) watches the action unfold with theatre newcomer Briana Harrington (right). Below, Clay Allen and Sarah Lyle per-

A young man, fresh out of the university, seeks fulfillment in life – such a simple premise for a wildly successful musical comedy written by Stephen Schwartz (*Godspell, Wicked*). Mischievous, eternally contemporary, humorous and captivating, Tony Award-winning *Pippin* is the lively coming-of-age story of King Charlemagne's eldest son.

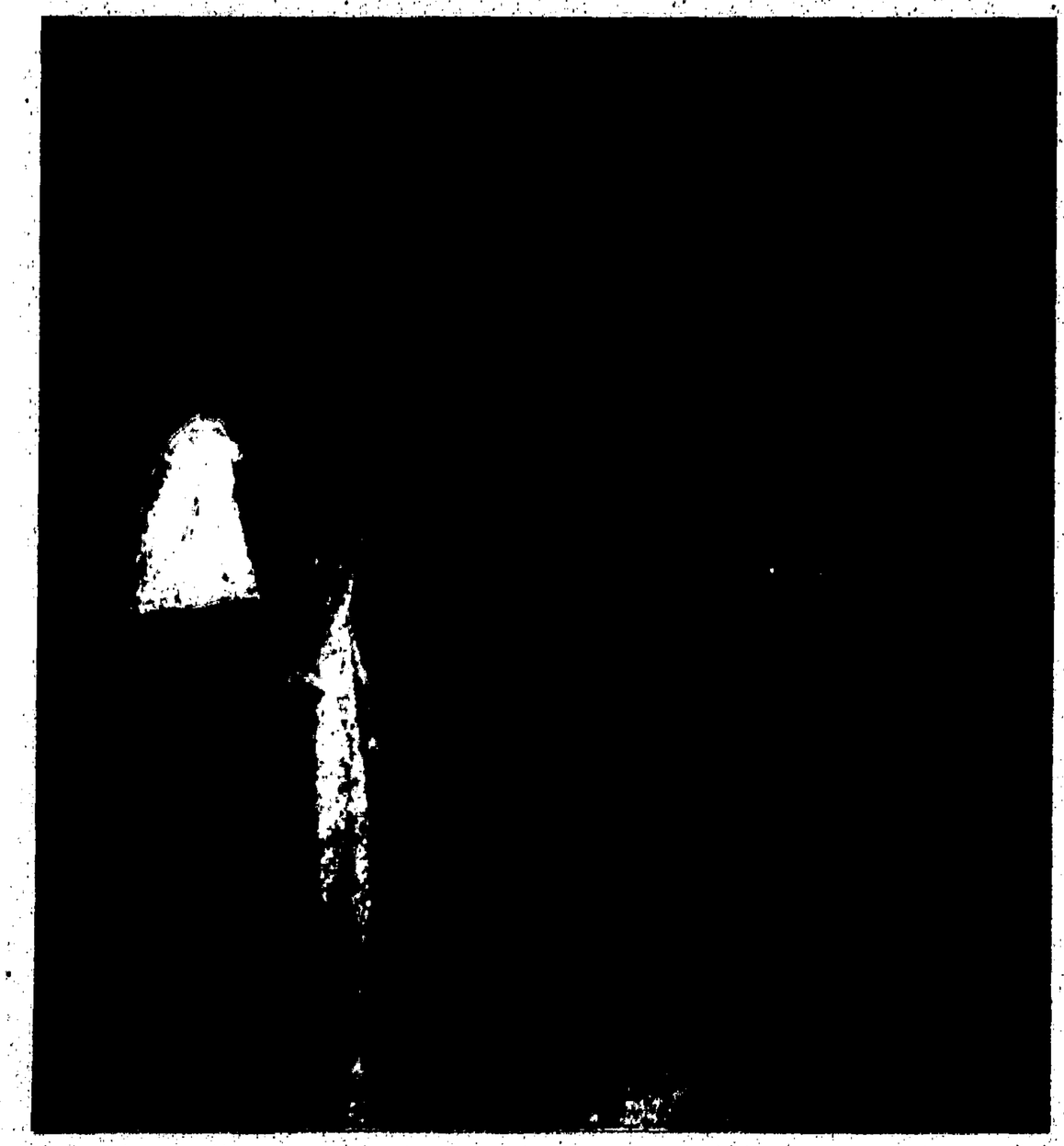
A surprise waits around every corner as Pippin wanders through the worlds of politics, love and war before finding his true calling, guided by The Company of Players toward their ultimate 'Finale."

Lincoln County Community Theatre kicks off its 2007 season with *Pippin* this weekend, May 18-20, continuing through the Memorial Day weekend, May 25-27.

Pippin deals with realizations about war, identity, love and fulfillment. The pr duction is easy to relate to for young and old audiences alike. *Pippin* is particularly known for the way it toys with the traditional conventions of theatre, and presen its story in a unique and entertaining wa

This very different musical comedy is not placed in a world that is separated fr the real world, and was considered by many critics to have been one of the mo realistic musicals ever produced when it opened under the direction of Bob Fosse 1972. The innovative and theatrical essence of this musical is apparent in the interactions between the Leading Player, the Company of Players, and Pippin, as well as in the characters' acknowledgem of the audience during the performance.

The Company of Players, under the gu journey of discovery through war, politic show the hard-working cast in rehearsals Performing Arts Center on Warrior Dri



'magic to do'

With the able assistance of Ed Spurr's technical team and the creative lighting design by graduating Ruidoso senior Sean Furphy, the Players, who all perform multiple roles, bring the color and energy of theatre directly to their audience, with some newcomers as well as veterans of the Ruidoso and Alamogordo stages.

The production features the talents of Bj Williams as Pippin, Hannah Kashmar as the Leading Player, and Lesley Schaffer (Berthe), Sarah Lyle (Catherine), David Salazar (King Charles), Clay Allen (Lewis), Jordan Kelley (Fastrada), Sarah Michael Martinez (Leah), Marc Stewart (Baron, Keeper of the Flame), Lori Lamphere-Stewart (Leading Dancer), Micah Hancox (Leading Dancer), Heather Hixon (Catherine's Dreamgirl), Briana Harrington (Catherine's Dreamgirl) and Leo Mitchell (Vocal Player).

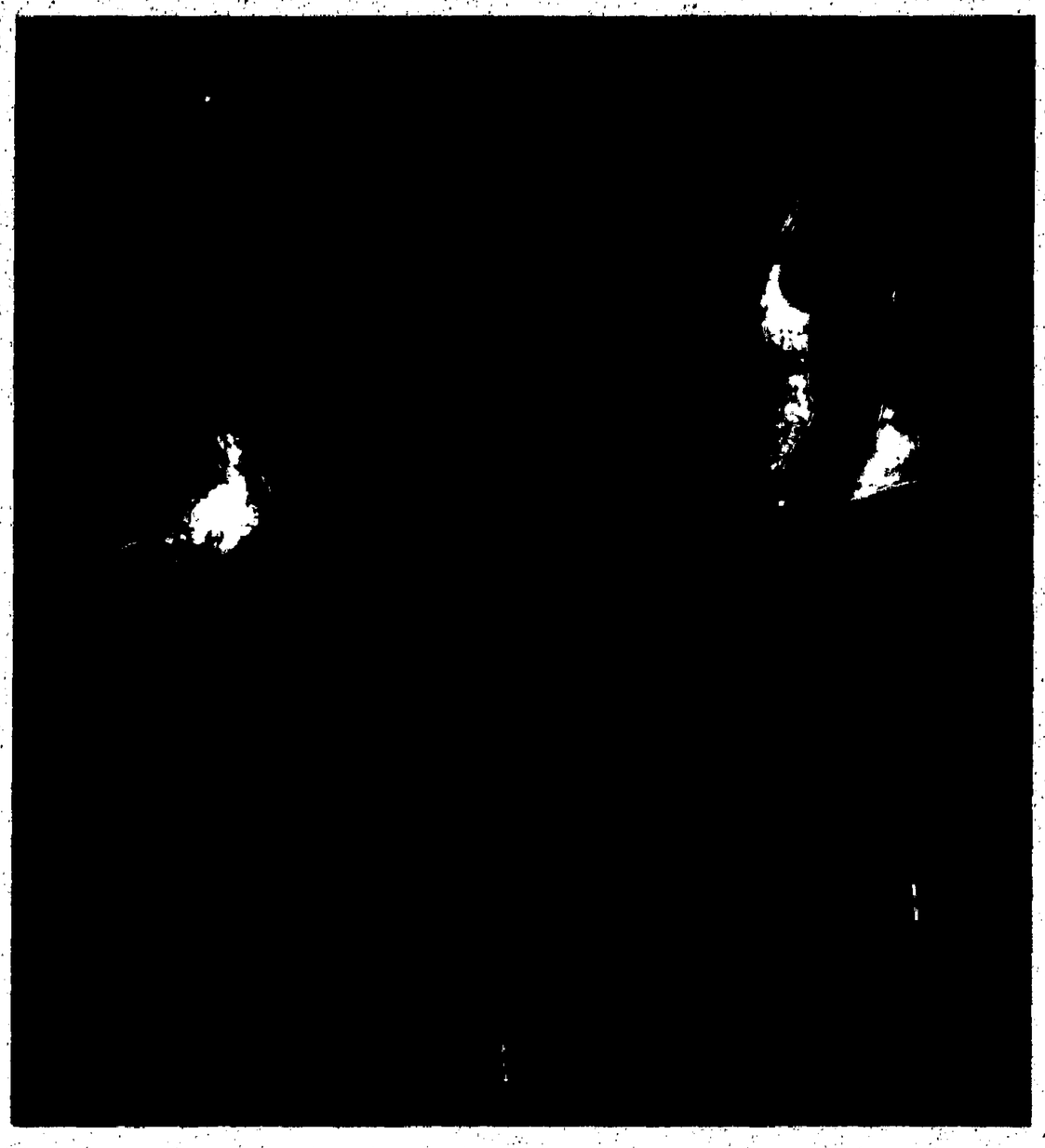
This energetic evening of theatre is full of magic, with dynamic musical numbers in a varied range of styles including rock, calypso, folk, R & B and pop as well as traditional show tunes. And there are plenty of memorable comic moments.

See the production at the Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center on Warrior Drive off Hull Road. Tickets are $8 for adults and $5 for students, and may be purchased at the door.

Performance times are 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, May 18-19 and 25-26, and 2 p.m. on Sundays, May 20 and 27. A wonderful way to celebrate the end of school and Memorial Day, *Pippin* is sure to enchant audiences of all ages.

Lori Lamphere-Stewart announces the court of King Charles, above, while theatre newcomer Sarah Michael Martinez, as Leah (below left), asks Pippin (Bj

dance of their Leading Player, take Pippin on his and love in his search for fulfillment. Photos for tonight's opening at the Ruidoso Schools e. Tickets are $8 general admission and $5 for



Blues & BBQ

Locals are calling it "an amazing combination." Judge for yourself as Gary Stamper and Mark Kashmar, who switch off on guitars, vocals and upright bass, team up with remarkable blues drummer Styve Homnick Sunday at The Quarters. The trio's unique combination of blues styles keeps patrons on the dance floor when they are not busy eating The Quarters' incredible $1 ribs. The restaurant opens at noon and the band plays 2-6 p.m.

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Mountain of Blues news

Get ready for great food, fun and the best live blues around, as the annual Mountain of Blues Festival takes place on June 2. The Festival location is on the south side of the Ruidoso Midtown area at 501 Wingfield. There is plenty of parking as well as easy pedestrian access to shopping, dining and lodging. This is one festival not to miss.

Gates open at 10 a.m. and the bands start at 11 and play until 8 p.m.

Tickets are just $15 in advance and $20 at the door.

For information on tickets, call The Quarters at 888-54-Blues. Credit card sales are available.

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COMMUNITY LISTINGS: LINCOLN COUNTY

Help & Healing

H.E.A.L. (Help End Abuse for Life): Domestic abuse crisis hotline: 1-866-378-6378.

Al-Anon: Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at 613 Sudderth, Ruidoso; Info: 257-9397.

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m., 8 p.m. daily at 613 Sudderth; Call for additional times and special meetings; Info: 257-9397.

Alcoholics Anonymous Women's open meeting: 6:30 p.m. every Monday at 613 Sudderth; Info: 378-8391.

Mountain High Recovery Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 7 p.m. at Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church, 361 Highway 70 East.

Co-Dependents Anonymous: 6:45 p.m. Thursdays. For location and further information phone 808-2959.

Sex Addicts Anonymous: 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall meeting room, 121 Mescalero Trail; Info: 653-4937.

Diabetes Support Groups: Learn more about how to manage your diabetes and avoid complications; first Wednesdays at Capitan Senior Center, second Wednesdays at Carrizozo Senior Center, and third Wednesdays at Ruidoso Public Library; 1:30-2:30 p.m.; sponsored by Ruidoso Home Care and Hospice.

Gentle Yoga: High Mesa Healing Center, 101 Mader Lane, Alto; 9-10:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays with Shiva Reinhardt.Info: 336-7777.

Healing Touch Practice: High Mesa Healing Center, 101 Mader Lane, Alto; 6:30 p.m. third Wednesdays and 1 p.m. second Thursdays.Info: 336-7777.

Kirtan: High Mesa Healing Center, 101 Mader Lane, Alto; 6 p.m. second Sundays; Led by Sawyer Ward. Info: 336-7777.

Massage Therapy: High Mesa Healing Center, 101 Mader Lane, Alto; Massage therapy by Linda Schreiber by appointment; Info: 336-7777.

Meditation Practice: High Mesa Healing Center, 101 Mader Lane, Alto; 6:30 p.m. first Wednesdays with Jim Blackburn; .1 p.m first Saturdays with Kate Winner; Seated and walking meditation.

Meditation Group: Wallflowers Bed and Breakfast, 573 Highway 380 West, Capitan, hosts a weekly 9 a.m. Tuesday Meditation group. Free. Info: 354-0967.

Parenting Classes: Counseling Center Prevention Program facilitates all parents seeking to enhance parenting skills, resolve issues and prevent substance use. Families with children ages 5-17 years of age that complete all requirements of the class qualify for a $150 stipend. Qualifications for stipend are: Complete registration and all pre-tests, attend all 5 sessions and complete all post-tests. Info: Brenda Motley-Lopez or Salli Mason at 257-0520.

Pilates Mat: High Mesa Healing Center, 101 Mader Lane, Alto; Beginning level 5:30 Tuesdays; Intermediate-/Advanced level 9 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Instructor Vanessa Armstrong.

Prepared Childbirth Classes: Meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, at the Lincoln County Medical Center's conference room. Six classes per session with qualified, certified instructors; Info: 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.).

Stretch & Tone Class: For men and women of all ages, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Senior Center, 501 Sudderth; RSVP Terry Franklin, 257-4565.

T'ai Chi: High Mesa Healing Center, 101 Mader Lane, Alto; 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 8:30 a.m. Saturdays; Instructor Jim Blackburn.

Wisdom Circle: High Mesa Healing Center, 101 Mader Lane, Alto; 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays; Facilitation rotates.

Clubs & Associations

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

Angus Wood Carvers: 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, junction of Highways 48 and 37; Info: 336-9161.

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

Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, plus a 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays; Ruidoso Senior Center; Info: 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Insighters Book Club: 6:30 p.m. first Wednesday of each month at Insight Books, 1860 Sudderth. No charge and all are welcome. Info: 257-4625.

Lincoln County Bird Club: Monthly field trips to various locations. Open to the public. For more information, call 257-5352, or 258-3862.

Lincoln County Garden Club: 9:45 a.m. every third Tuesday at various locations; Joyce, 258-4663.

Lincoln County Right to Life Chapter: 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday at 309 L.L. Davis Dr.; All are welcome; Info: 258-5108.

Mountain Money Managers Investment Club: Meets the second Monday of each month at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: Jim Miller, 336-7710.

Mountaintop Turners: Woodturning club, 10 a.m. every third Saturday at the woodshop of Steve and Madeleine Sabo; Info: 354-0201.

Party Bridge Group: 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Center; 336-4808.

Photographic Society of Lincoln County: 7 p.m. every second Thursday in the conference room at the Region IX office at 1400 Sudderth Dr.; 258-4003.

Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

Ruidoso Book Review/Discussion Group: Local author Lois Glass Webb reviews her book, The Spectre of Death Rode the Land.10 a.m. May 2; Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Road; Public is welcome.

Sierra Blanca Swingers: 7:30 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center for basic and mainstream square dancing; Info: 336-4808.

Youth Chess Club: 3:30-5 p.m., Thurs-days; Ruidoso Public Library; Info: 258-3704 or 336-2246.

Education

Fun at the Library for Ages 6-12: Every Saturday afternoon, 1-3 p.m. Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. Info: 258-3704.

First Friday Adult Lecture Series: Monthly, Capitan Public Library, free. Info: 354-3035.

La Junta F.C.E.: 10:45 a.m. every third Wednesday at San Patricio Senior Citizens building; Info: 653-4718.

Service Organizations

Altrusa Club: 7 p.m. every first Tuesday for program; Noon every third Tuesday for lunch; Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail; Info: Beth, 258-4244.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59: 6 p.m. every second and fourth Monday, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount; Info: 378-4880.

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

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. Info: 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; Info: 257-2081, www.fbcruidoso.com.

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

Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at Western Grill; Rutalee, 258-1431.

OES Ruidoso Chapter 65: Meeting every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 144 Nob Hill Dr. Info: 257-5313.

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): Noon every Wednesday at Western Grill. New members always welcome; 257-5938 or 258-9218.

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club: 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. During the school year, meetings every first Tuesday are at the Teepee Lounge at Ruidoso High School. Info: Barbara, 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555 or Greg, 257-1255.

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

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

Ruidoso 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; Info: 257-7936.

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

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club: Meets at 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club; Info: 257-0363.

Sierra Blanca Daughters of the American Revolution: Info: 258-3045.

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

White Mountain Search & Rescue: 7p.m. every third Monday in the conference room at Ruidoso Police Station on Mechem Drive; Info: 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; Info: 257-5796.

VFW Post 7072 and Auxiliary, Jerome Don Klein Post and its Women's Auxiliary: 7 p.m. in the summer, every second Monday at American Legion Hall, Highway 70 and Spring Rd., Ruidoso Downs; Info: 257-5796.

Political

Democratic Party of Lincoln County: 6:30 p.m. every first Thursday at Western Grill, Highway 70 West; Info: Joyce, 336-4501.

Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County: Noon meeting at Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club every fourth Tuesday. Info: Genevieve, 336-2694.

Republican Party of Lincoln County: Dinner at 6 p.m., program at 7 p.m., every second Monday. For location and other info: John, 808-4321.

COMMUNITY LISTINGS: OTERO COUNTY

Veterans / Military Groups

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1257: Open meeting/luncheon at 11:30 a.m. every second Friday at Base Enlisted Club; Visits to area veterans in local care centers every third Saturday, starting at the Betty Dare Center on North Florida Ave. promptly at 10 a.m. Gil Isley, 434-5552.

American Legion Riders Association, Chapter 8: Meets every first Wednesday at American Legion Post 108, 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; Ed Summerall, 430-4322.

VFW Post 7686 and Ladies Auxiliary: Meetings are at 7 p.m. every third Tuesday at 700 U.S. 70 West in Bingo Hall; 437-0770.

Service Organizations

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

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

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

Altrusa International: 1st and 3rd Thurs-days, 5:30 p.m. at Margo's. Linda, 437-0703.

Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority: Focusing on cultural, social and service activities. Alberta, 437-4258.

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

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

Downtown Lions Club: Meets on second and fourth Mondays at 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 preschool children with or without disabilities. Free meals. Alamogordo Center: Maria Gallegos. 434-6313; La Luz Center: Martina Travis, 437-4485; Tularosa Center: Annette Chavez, 585-4818.

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

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

Help & Healing

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

American Cancer Society Quality of Life Center and Gift Closet: 3 - 5 p.m. every Tuesday at Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center Conference Center. "Look Good – Feel Better" sessions are available with reservations; Vivian Smith, 434-5874 or Lillie Lewis, 439-8409.

Alamogordo City Disability Council: Meets at 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.

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Help & Healing

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

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

Father Hay Thrift Store: Donations accepted, 1640 N. White Sands Blvd. Proceeds benefit Father Hay Catholic School. 434-5450.

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

Habitat for Humanity Store: Open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. every Wednesday & Saturday New and used discounted home improvement materials. Donations welcome; 1109 10th St., Alamogordo; 437-0160.

Humane Society of Otero County: Meets at 6:30 p.m. every first Thursday at Margo's Mexican Restaurant. 437-0157.

Low Income Housing: Applications are accepted 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Alamogordo Housing Authority, located at 104 Amigo Ave. Laura, 437-5621 ext. 11.

New Life Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Sun. 6 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday 8 p.m., Friday 5:30 p.m. First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St.

Salvation Army Social Services: Open 10 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 10 a.m.-noon Friday; 443-0845.

Salvation Army Thrift Store: Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, and from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. 443-0845.

Search and Rescue: Meets every second and fourth Thursday at the National Guard Armory, 1600 S. Florida Ave. Leroy Lewis, 430-2987 or Dan Josetosky, 437-4813.

St. John's Community Kitchen: Free meals 5-6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 437-3891.

ZTrans: Public transportation for $1. Serves Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, La Luz, Alamorosa, Tularosa and Mescalero. 439-4971.

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

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

Political

Democratic Party of Otero County 6:30 first Tuesday of every month at 700 1st Street, Suite 773, Alamogordo. Info: 437-8590.

Mountain Democrats: Noon every third Wednesday at Big Daddy's Restaurant on U.S. 82, Cloudcroft. Dr. Harvey Hilbert, 687-3219, HarveyHilbert@yahoo.com.

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.

JULIE CARTE

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: Bi-monthly, Jan.-Nov. 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at Otero PATH, S. Florida at 1st St. Guest speaker, alt. energy/efficiency ideas. Public welcome. Chuck 434-6296.

Noel Southard Chapter of the National Wildlife Turke Federation: Meets at 7 p.m. every first Monday at th Aristocrat Assisted Living Center on Robert Bailey Drive 434-8356 or 434-1467.

Singles of Otero County: Weekly activities to provide social network for singles in the area. 18 & over wel come. 437-4035.

Tularosa Basin Rockhounds: Meets every secon Tuesday at First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St. Fiel trips every fourth Saturday, annual campouts and picnic 437-3377.

White Sands Dart Association: Double team tourna ments 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Fraternal Order o Eagle's Club, 471 24th St. Join to play or learn. Chris an Cathy Smith, 443-1746.

Other Ongoing Activities

Bingo: 7 p.m. every Monday at the Elks Lodge, 229 Hamilton Road. Doors open at 6 p.m. $1,00 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. Ages 10 an over welcome with an adult. 437-0770.

Coffee Club: 7:30 - 9 a.m. every third Wednesday a Edward Jones Investments, 1106 E. 10th St. Topic include current events, identity theft and Socia Security. Breakfast rolls and juices provided. 443 1900.

Joyful Noyse Recorder Consort: Every other Sunda in Alamogordo; various locations; Seeking soprano alto, tenor & bass recorder players; Info: 937-2006.

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

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

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

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Get in the swim...

A sure sign of summer in Ruidoso is the opening of the community swimming pool, complete with that fabulous water slide. Features of the pool's program include family passes, special group swim rates and parties.

But don't forget about lessons. Classes for anyone over 5 years old include beginners, advanced beginners, parents and tots and more. Registration begins Monday at the pool, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and will continue until classes are full. Swimming classes will fill up fast, so register early.

Lessons follow American Red Cross Standards and will be taught by certified instructors. Lifeguard training is also available for $75 for persons 15 years and older.

Better, and sometimes dumber, than TV

Past Tense

by Drew Gomber
Historian

Probably the best-known outlaws from the early days of Oklahoma were the Dalton and Doolin gangs, all of whom were either dead or incarcerated by the turn of the last century. Among Bill Doolin's recruits was "Little" Dick West, one of the few gang members still alive when Doolin himself was dispatched to the Hereafter by lawman Heck Thomas one dark night in August of 1896.

West failed to see the writing on the wall. Rather than seek healthier climes and a new line of work, Dick elected to form his own gang and basically pick up where Doolin left off. This decision cost him his life, but before his own demise, he managed to launch the careers of the Jennings brothers, who were shall we say, *different* than most of their contemporaries.

Attorneys extraordinaire

No doubt there are many who would argue that the transition from attorney to outlaw is no transition at all, which is of course, a matter of opinion. Whatever the case, all four of the Jennings boys began their outlaw careers while practicing law.

Among their rivals in Woodward, Okla., was Temple Houston, son of the legendary Sam. A volatile character himself, Temple had several verbal altercations with the Jennings' and after a time, locals began to wait – breathlessly – to see if the feud ended in a shootout. They didn't have to wait long.

One night in October 1895, as Houston and an ex-sheriff friend by the name of Jack Love were having a few drinks, Ed and John Jennings approached. As soon as Houston saw Ed, he got to his feet. "Ed," he said, "I want to see you for a minute."

"See me here and now," snarled Ed, and both men went for their guns. As their pistols roared, the lights in the saloon were suddenly extinguished. Pandemonium reigned as muzzle flashes illuminated the room in a surreal, almost black-light effect. When the lights came back on, John Jennings lay moaning on the floor with a shattered arm. Ed Jennings lay nearby, a bullet from Temple Houston's revolver through his skull.

Embittered when Houston was absolved of any wrongdoing, both Frank and Al Jennings hit the outlaw trail, vowing revenge. Neither of them ever confronted Houston, luckily for them, because neither was his match with a gun.

It was in 1897 that the pair sought out Little Dick West and joined him in planning robberies, something they did hurriedly, as the results prove beyond any shadow of a doubt.

Their outlaw careers were something other than illustrious. First, the *attempted* robbery in Edmond, Okla., resulted in them leading a posse on a merry chase across the countryside, without a nickel in loot. Then, they attempted to rob the "Katy" train south of Muskogee. After spending a good deal of time piling railroad ties and other debris on the track to stop the train, the outlaws gaped as the engineer simply poured on the steam and plowed right through their obstruction.

They were spotted "casing" the Santa Fe station at Purcell, Okla., but skulked off before lawmen arrived.

Klutzes deluxe

These guys were amazing. Even when they were successful, they weren't. On October 1, 1897, the gang captured a group of section hands of the Rock Island Railroad and forced them to flag down the train. Dick West and Al Jennings climbed aboard and set an obscenely large charge of dynamite between the two safes in the Express Car. The car itself was blown to smithereens, but the safes remained unopened.

Once again they fled empty-handed, with a huge contingent of possemen hunting everywhere for them. Little Dick West, possibly recalling how much more successful it was to ride with Bill Doolin, but still not remembering what *happened* to Doolin, went off to get himself killed by lawmen elsewhere – which is, of course, another story.

On Nov. 27, 1897, lawmen received a tip that the band now known as the Jennings Gang was holed up at the Spike S Ranch, some four miles south of Bixby. They formed a posse, two of their recruits being Joe Thompson and his son, Gus, deemed old enough by his father to go on such a dangerous mission. Unbeknownst to Joe, two of his younger sons, Noble and Roy, were tagging along some distance behind the posse, both riding the same mare.

At the Spike S, the boys watched as the Jennings Gang lived up to their reputation for incompetence. First, the posse captured a man asleep in a wagon. I guess it's almost needless to say *he* was the one left on guard duty...

At first light, one of the outlaws, Clarence Enscoe, came out of the house, heading for the barn to feed the stock. Upon entering, Enscoe was taken prisoner by posseman Bud Ledbetter, trussed up and placed with the man who had been left on guard duty, similarly immobilized. When Enscoe's sister, who operated the ranch, came looking for him, the possemen confronted her and sent her back to the house with a message: surrender – "or else."

They told her that, should the outlaws pick the "or else" option, she should leave the premises immediately. In this way they got their answer when the lady, in the company of another female and a small boy, exited the house a few minutes later. Al Jennings had sent a message of his own out with her. He said he would "die first."

The shootout

As soon as the civilians were clear, the lawmen poured a heavy fire into the house, shattering most of the crockery inside as well as wounding gang member Morris O'Malley and Al and Frank Jennings (there is a *reson* you've never heard of most of these guys). The bandits burst out the back door with guns blazing and managed to make the relative safety of a nearby orchard. At this point, Noble and Roy Thompson withdrew.

The gang stole a buckboard from a nearby ranch and headed in the direction of Okmulgee. But the lawmen outwitted them, taking a shortcut and felling a tree across the road. When the buckboard came to a stop the lawmen leaped from hiding and took the trio prisoner. Despite his claims of not being taken alive, Al Jennings meekly turned his weapons over to the lawmen.

Epilogue

Al Jennings managed to live long enough to tell some mighty big windies about his outlaw days, to say nothing of leading a fairly bizarre life. He ran for Governor of Oklahoma 12 years after his release from prison in 1902. Don't laugh! He came in third for the Democratic nomination, with an amazing (all things considered) 21,000 votes. Then, he became an evangelist...

Al lived to be nearly 100 years old and would eventually find his niche as an advisor on Hollywood films. He capitalized, one way or another, on his criminal career all the way. One might even say that his ineptitude as a criminal eventually paid the bills.

And the two boys? Roy and Noble? Well they certainly had a tale to tell their grandchildren, and they did, too. Much of the corroboration of this story came from Nora Midkiff, a descendant of Roy.

SOURCES: *The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters* by Bill O'Neal; *The Historical Atlas of the Outlaw West* by Richard Patterson; The Files of the *Tulsa News* 1/15/1961, and Nora Midkiff.

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 on CD, call 505-653-4026 or email Gomber at drew@pstnet.net

Celebrating dance

Highlighting the jazz, hip-hop, Irish hard shoe, Scottish and modern dancers from the school, the Ruidoso Dance Ensemble presents "Small World," a recital featuring dancers ranging from 3 years to 50 years of age. The performers have been working for months in preparation for this show.

All of the proceeds will go to the Ruidoso Dance Ensemble, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

SMALL WORLD

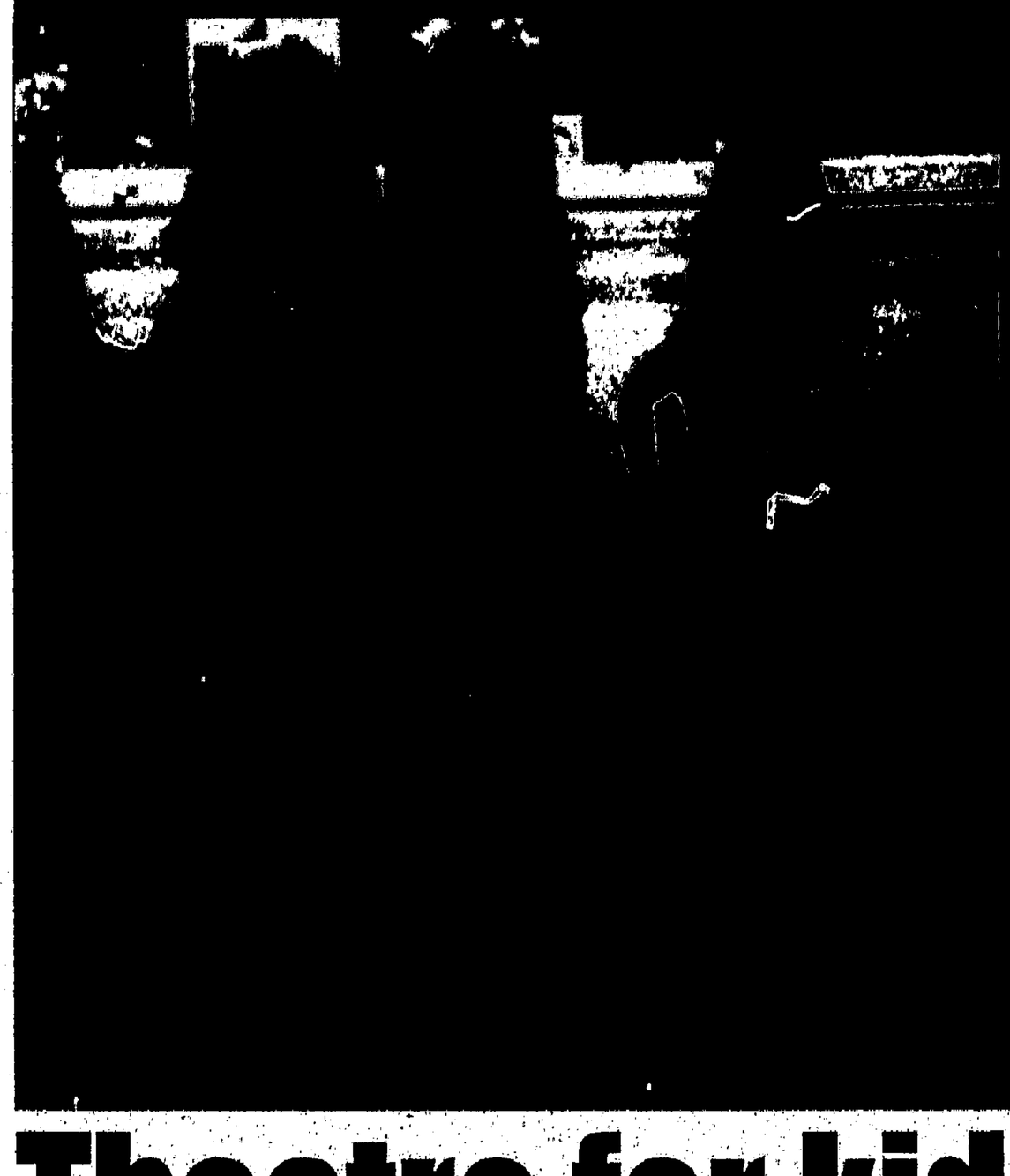
Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center on Warrior Drive

Saturday, May 19

2 p.m.

Tickets are $5 and may be purchased at Ruidoso Dance Ensemble or at the door.

Ruidoso Dance Ensemble's founder Deborah Rogers instructs young performers in a rehearsal for Saturday's "Small World" dance recital.



Theatre for kids

Children from Alamogordo, Tularosa, Cloudcroft and surrounding areas have an opportunity to learn about musical theater, participate in a musical production and have fun in Alamogordo Music Theatre's Children's Theater Workshop June 4-July 1.

Registration for the workshop takes place Tuesday and Wednesday, May 29 and 30, at 6:30 p.m. at the White Sands Mall (next to GNC). The workshop is for children ages 8-12.

Workshop classes will meet 6:30-8 p.m. on a schedule to be announced, but mostly on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The price for the workshop is $15 per participant, with a maximum of $25 per family, regardless of the number of participants. Although applicants need to attend only one of the two registration sessions, the workshop class will be limited to 40 participants, first-come, first-served. AMT recommends coming to the first registration session to ensure a slot in the workshop.

In addition to instruction and theater games, workshop participants will prepare for a family musical, which will be presented June 29 and 30 and July 1 at the Rohovec Fine Arts Center at NMSU-A. All workshop participants will be cast in the musical, in which they will perform with some of AMT's biggest stars.

The musical is *A Mother Goose Tail*, written and composed by JD Droddy of Alamogordo. The original version of the show had its world premiere in Alamogordo in 2004, and received a rave review from the *Alamogordo Daily News* theater critic. The revised show has more music and a bigger cast.

Art Galleries & Studios

The following art galleries and studios are open to the public on a regular basis. This does not include numerous studios that are open only for special events.

To add or correct a listing, email vamonos@ruidosonews.com or fax (505) 257-7053

Lincoln County

Art and Artifact • 107 S. Lincoln • Capitan • 354-2316.

Earthly Greens & Ran La Roca Glass • Lincoln, NM • Open 10-6 daily • 800-386-7258 • Fine art fused glass "paintings."

Benson Fine Art • Off Highway 70 • San Patricio • 653-4081.

Fruit of the Trees Gallery • Highway 380 in Lincoln • 653-4699.

Gallery 408 • 408 12th Street • Carrizozo • 505-648-2598 • Oils, photography, ceramics, collage, jewelry, pottery, baskets, etc. Special artist showings and musical events in their sculpture garden.

Georgia Stacy, Artist • Studio located on Nogal Canyon Road, in Nogal • 354-4206 • Wood sculpture, doors, and home interior furnishings.

Grizzly's Bears • 2804 Sudderth • 257-3542 • Bears carved from tree trunks by chainsaw and other power tools.

Hondo Iris Farm and Gallery • Highway 70, MM 284 in Old Hondo • Tuesday - Sunday: 10-5 • 653-4723.

Hondo Iris Farm Annex • Highway 70, MM 286 • Tuesday - Sunday: 8-5. Free Jewelry Factory tours. 653-4062.

Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery • Off Highway 70 • San Patricio • 800-658-6912 • 653-4331.

James Mack Studio • 400 12th St. • Carrizozo • 648-5203.

J. Kiker Gallery • Highway 70 MM 284 in Old Hondo • 653-4510 • Kiker's oil landscapes of New Mexico and the Hondo Valley. • Other featured artists: Ann Templeton, Dee Wescott, Ted Robertson and bronze artist Melvin Lewis. Wed.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. 12-5 p.m.

Moondance Gallery • Central White Oaks • 648-2319 • Hand-crafted furniture, jewelry, traditional tinwork, Southwest artifacts.

Oso Art • 100 Lincoln Avenue • Capitan.

White Oaks Pottery • 4 mi. NE of White Oak Township • Ivy Heymann • 648-2985 • Open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed on Thursday.

ZW's Gallery • Highway 37 W, MM 4.75 (the road to Nogal) • 354-4263.

Ruidoso Area

Accessoreez • 2306 Sudderth • 257-0740 • www.accessoreez.com • Handmade, uniquely "hot fired" jewelry made from cane glass.

The Adobe • 2905 Sudderth • 257-5795 • www.theadobefineart.com • Fine art, jewelry, decoratives.

Ann Buell's Fine Art • 2825 Sudderth • 257-9102 • www.mcmahonfineart.com • Original fine art paintings and sculpture. Artists include Martha Kellar, Charles N. Pruitt, Ann Templeton and many more.

The Art Gallery • 1712 Sudderth • 257-7272 • Featuring original works by regional independent artists. Home of the Ruidoso Regional Arts Council office.

California Colors Art Gallery • 201 Country Club Dr. • 257-1964.

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

Classic Bronze Foundry • 610 E. Highway. 70 • Ruidoso Downs • 378-1417 • Open M-F, 7:30-4 • Sculptures by Lincoln Fox, Sandy Scott, Angela Mia de la Vega. Paintings by members of Western Artists of America.

DJ's Jewelry • 618 Carrizo Canyon • 630-1514 • Hand-crafted silver and semi-precious stones, Southwest style.

Earth & Stone • 2117 Sudderth • 257-2768 • Pottery by Alan Miner. Thrown vessels, tableware, vessel sinks, platters, sculpted pieces. Watch the artist at work.

El Presidio Gallery • 1206 Mechem Dr. • 258-2225 • Fine art gallery representing original work by top painters, sculptors and mixed-media artists of the Southwest.

Galleria West • 2538 Sudderth • 257-4560 • Fine art, gifts, artisan jewelry, knives, fetishes.

GD Garrett Fine Art • 2306 Sudderth • 257-7695 • Studio and gallery of wildlife painter Gary Garrett.

Imagine That! Artful Living • Fine art gallery, books, gifts. The only authorized JD Challenger representative in southern NM and West Texas. Local artists' work, too. • Tuesday - Saturday, 10 - 5 • (505) 630-0444.

J. Mauritsen Studio • 624 Carrizo Canyon Rd. • 257-6348 • Wood carver transforms tree trunks into fine art, furniture.

Josie's Framery • 2917 Sudderth • 257-4156 • High quality, affordable & custom framing and local art.

Kindred Spirit • 2306 Sudderth • 257-3846.

Many Moons Jewelry • 2501 Sudderth • 630-9201 • Hand-crafted silver.

McGary's Studio / Expressions in Bronze Gallery • 2002 Sudderth • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday • 257-1000 • Gallery and finishing studio for world-renowned bronze artist famous for Native-American figures.

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

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

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

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

Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts • Highway 220, 12 miles north of Ruidoso off U.S. 48 • 336-4800 • Dale Chihuly glass art installation • Tours 10 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday include behind-the-scenes look at theater.

Studio-W • 1311 Mechem • 258-1117 • www.Studio-W.com • 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Wed - Sat; 12 - 6 p.m., Sun; Closed Mon. & Tues. • Representing more than 100 artists showing more than 500 pieces.

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

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

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

Mescalero

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

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

Stronghold Gallery • 464-7777 • Gift shop and art gallery inside the Inn of the Mountain Gods, featuring paintings, sculpture and other work by Mescalero artists.

Alamogordo Area

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

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

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

Copeland's Frame Shop and Gallery • 622 9th St. (corner of 9th and Texas Ave.) • Tuesday-Friday 10 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.

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Come See What's New At
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Rhymes and the imagination

"Hey diddle, diddle, the cat and the fiddle, the cow jumped over the moon. The little dog laughed to see such fun and the dish ran away with the spoon."

Polly's Potpourri

by Polly E. Chavez

Wilma Salzman held my attention with her workshop at Ruidoso Public Library last Saturday. I accompanied Dena Odell, Carrizozo Schools music teacher, to the workshop. We rubbed elbows with a music and choral director, an educational assistant, a dance instructor, an English teacher, an artist and a teacher-to-be. Salzman's Big Books teach pre-reading skills, colors, shapes, numbers and counting skills with folk songs and rhymes. She stressed the value of using music and song in the language acquisition process.

The workshop was sponsored by the Art and Literacy Encounter in conjunction with the New Mexico Community Foundation.

"Music is the art by which a composer, through a performer as intermediary, communicates to a listener certain ideas, feelings or states of mind. Music, which makes use of tones, singly and in combination with various rhythmic configurations, may be subjective or objective, appealing to the emotions or the intellect. It is, in essence, a tonal design created to stir and influence the listener." - Wow! A mouthful.

This information I obtained from *Encyclopedia Americana*. The workshop pointed out that reading is fun and easy when learned through music.

Salzman told about a former student that wrote, "My life was shaped by my childhood," and went on to say of his rich experience when Salzman was his teacher. Salzman's teaching career covers early childhood education, kindergarten, elementary education, primary music, and ESL. Salzman shared this tidbit: *Music is a more potent instrument than any other for education.* – Plato.

I was attracted to Salzman's nursery rhymes book and music, which I am listening to as I compile this column. Salzman agrees that, "Rhymes stimulate the child's imagination and are a joy to chant and sing. They are short and easy to remember." The book includes a melodies notation section.

Excuse me... I am going to translate the music notes to my violin strings. I will join the cat in a bit o' fiddling.

Laura on life

BY LAURA SNYDER
FOR ¡VAMONOS!

My son is going into sixth grade next fall. This is the grade where they stop giving out treats when they've had a "good" day, and the students are now allowed to pick the "special classes" they want to take. Their choices are pretty limited, but I guess it makes them happy to be able to choose what they will be doing while they're at a place where they'd rather not be.

My son's choice surprised me, though. He wanted to take music. Music never interested him before. Maybe because music provided him with yet another choice: which instrument he wanted to play. He could've picked any instrument, but the one he picked was drums. Ugh!

My older son took music as well, but he learned trombone. Now that he's out of high school, though, he's never picked up another trombone to play. So I knew that we had that trombone lying around somewhere. I suggested to the 10-year old that he might want to learn the trombone, also. I know I was being a tiny bit selfish because I really didn't want to buy another instrument that would be left lying around the house in a few years, especially a drum set. Those tend to take up some space.

I tried, I really tried, to talk that boy into learning trombone. Unfortunately, his decision to play drums was the only thing he'd ever truly been committed to in his short life. Why did he have to start now? With this particular decision? I mean, we've already got a trombone; it would have been perfect!

Oh well, maybe my daughter would choose to play a trombone when it comes time for her to pick an instrument.

We went to the meeting where the child would have to sign up for the instrument he intended to learn. When we got there, however, we noticed that "drums" were not on the list of things to choose from. I thought, "Well, this is a good thing, right?"

My son asked the band teacher where the sign-up sheet for drums was. She answered with the sweetest words I ever heard. "If you want to play drums, you must choose trombone now and audition in the fall for drums. Those who do well at trombone will be the ones considered for drums. Those who do not, will play trombone the rest of the year."

Yes! Dismissing the fact that she obviously didn't feel the need to have a terrific trombone section, her decree meant I wouldn't have to buy a set of drums; unless, by some miracle, he is still interested enough in drums by the fall to do well at the trombone (which is still a confusing concept). I really thought that, given his attention span for most other things, his interest would wane by that time.

I consoled him on the way home and told him, that he still stood a chance to play drums if he did what the teacher said. He nodded but didn't say anything. He was clearly upset.

When we got home, I started my search for the trombone. By the end of the day, I still had no trombone. I called my older son and asked him where it was. He answered with the ugliest words I ever heard:

"We sold it in the garage sale last summer, mom."

Do you remember that scene where Daffy Duck slaps his hand onto his forehead and then slides it down his face? Yeah, that was me.

I got my son drum lessons.

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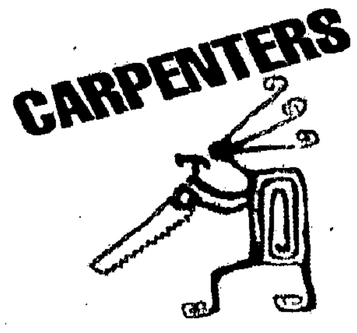

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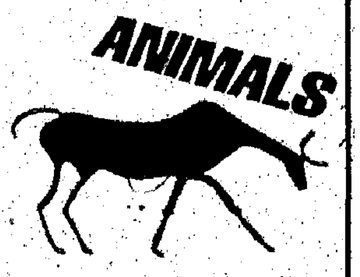

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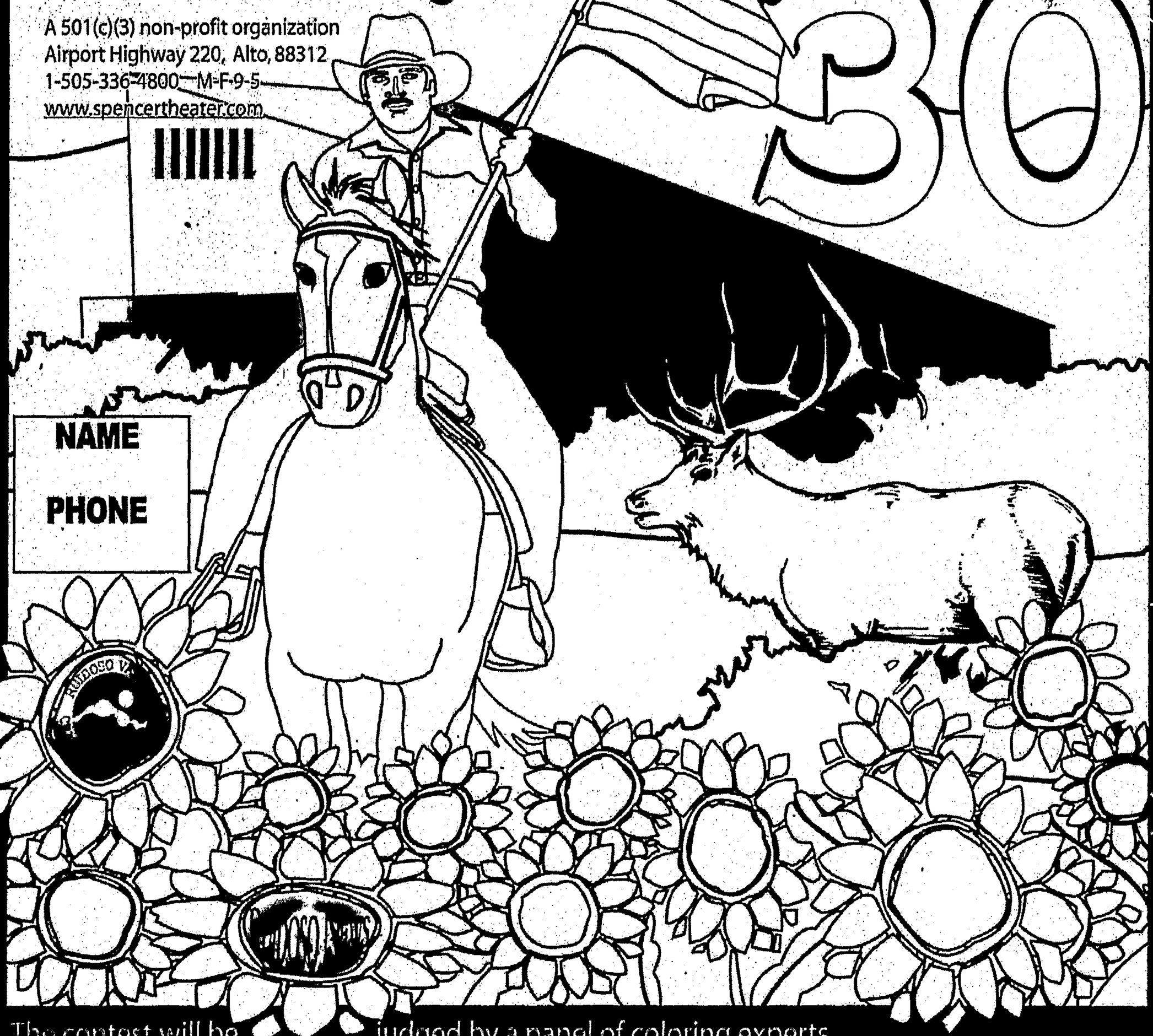

The contest will be judged by a panel of coloring experts.....

ASTRONOMY

Innermost planet

In Our Skies

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Astronomer

The planet Venus has been lighting up our nighttime skies for several months now, and will continue to do so for about another month and a half before it slips between Earth and the sun and passes over to our morning sky later this year.

Meanwhile, our solar system's other planet that orbits between us and the sun, Mercury, is also becoming visible in our evening sky, although it's located much closer to the western horizon than is Venus. The best viewing times should come during the last week of this month, and then after mid-June it, too, slips between us and the sun and passes over to the morning sky.

It's fair to say that, compared to most of the other planets of the solar system, we know comparatively little about Mercury. Part of this is due to Mercury's small size: only slightly over 3,000 miles in diameter –just 40 percent larger than our moon, and in fact smaller than two of the moons that orbit around the other planets.

What really makes Mercury so unknown a place, though, is its proximity to the sun, which means that it generally has to be studied in twilight when close to the horizon. Prior to the beginning of the Space Age, only some vague telescopic detail was detected on Mercury's surface, but this wasn't enough to tell us much of anything.

For a long time Mercury was believed to rotate synchronously with its orbital motion around the sun, i.e., it would keep the same face towards the sun throughout its 88-day orbital period (in the same manner that the moon keeps the same face towards Earth). Radar measurements in the mid-1960s, however, revealed that this was not the case; Mercury's rotational period, or "day," is actually 59 Earth days long. This rather curious result means that Mercury rotates on its axis three times for every two times it orbits the sun.

The first and, so far, only spacecraft to visit Mercury has been NASA's Mariner 10 probe, which flew by Mercury three times in 1974 and 1975. Mariner 10's photographs revealed Mercury's surface to be quite heavily cratered, rather reminiscent of the moon's surface (although Mercury's surface, being located much closer to the sun, is significantly hotter). One very large impact crater, known as the Caloris Basin, is surrounded by concentric rings of mountains, and, curiously, experiences local noontime at every second occasion when Mercury is closest to the sun in its orbit.

Mariner 10 revealed several other surprises about Mercury as well. Mercury turns out to be very dense: about five and one-half times denser than water, meaning that a significant fraction of its interior – approximately two thirds, or twice that of Earth – must be made of metal. Mercury also has an unexpectedly strong magnetic field, suggesting that much of the metal in its core must be molten, although there is probably a portion that is solid (as is the case with Earth).

Once Mariner 10's flybys were over, there hasn't been much new that we've learned about Mercury. One rather surprising finding came in the early 1990s, however, when radar bounce experiments indicated that Mercury's surface near its poles is unusually reflective. There are craters near the poles that remain permanently in shadow, and the most likely explanation for the radar results is – paradoxically, given Mercury's extremely hot environment – water ice.

This ice (if this is indeed what is causing the radar effects) would have come from comets that have struck Mercury's surface throughout its billions of years of history, and once the water molecules drifted over to the polar craters they never had the chance to be evaporated afterward.

The three-decade-long hiatus in studying Mercury via spacecraft is about to come to an end, as NASA's MErcury Surface, Space ENvironment, GEochemistry and Ranging (MESSENGER) spacecraft was launched on August 3, 2004.

After distant flybys of Earth and Venus and a close flyby of Venus early next month, MESSENGER will make three close flybys of Mercury (to within 120 miles) in January 2008, October 2008, and September 2009 before arriving into orbit around that planet in March 2011. Once in orbit around Mercury MESSENGER will be carrying out a variety of scientific investigations, including determining why it is so dense the nature of its magnetic field, and exactly what at Mercury's poles (water ice, or something else) is causing the radar results. MESSENGER will also be carrying high-resolution cameras which will provide much more detailed views of Mercury's surface, including those regions (over half of the planet, actually) that Mariner 10 never saw.

The European Space Agency, in collaboration with Japan's Institute of Space and Astronautical Science, is also developing a Mercury exploration mission, called BepiColumbo.

This mission actually comprises two spacecraft, one of which will be devoted to mapping, the other to examination of Mercury's magnetosphere; one of the mission's goals is the determination of what, if any, kind of tiny atmosphere Mercury might possess. BepiColumbo is currently slated for launch in 2013, with the anticipated arrival at Mercury taking place in 2019.

Within a few more years, then, we should start learning a lot more about this still-mysterious world in our solar system.

While Mercury will always remain a somewhat elusive object to view in our nighttime sky, we can at least envision a time when knowledge of its physical nature won't be quite so elusive.

Alan Hale is a professional astronomer who resides in Cloudcroft. He is presently raising funds for the Earthrise Project, an educational and humanitarian program described at www.earthriseinstitute.org.

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Merry Mountain Christmas

Ruidoso's Festival of Lights has a new twist for 2007, and all area artists are invited to apply. Innsbrook Village Country Club & Resort, in collaboration with Community United Methodist Church and The Community Youth Warehouse at CUMC, will host a "Merry Mountain Christmas."

Artists who submit a design for a diorama to be part of the beautiful display to be held Dec. 14-15, 21-22, and 28-31, will be eligible to enter a Poster Contest for the event. Half the proceeds of the poster sales will go to the artist whose design is selected.

The other half will benefit the Community Youth Warehouse project. A calendar will also be produced from selected designs, with part of the proceeds going to participating artists.

Interested artists can obtain more information from Dianne Doan at dianned@hughes.net, or by calling 653-4217.

Deadline for submissions is July 1, but spots are going fast. Be part of this inaugural display, and you'll also be able to display your work for sale at the Innsbrook Village Community Center during the event, with 25 percent of sales going to the Warehouse.

Jewelry Making with Zoe de Negri

Thursdays: (Carrizozo) Instructor Zoe de Negri has more than 30 years experience making jewelry. Learn jewelry making techniques, including soldering, with a variety of metals and stones. 1-4 p.m. $35 each class. The Studios on Twelfth Street. For more information call 648-2598 or email gallery408@tularosa.net.

Judy Corlett

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Western artist show

Ann Buell Fine Art is pleased to announce a show and sale featuring Western Artists of America's Ron Stewart. In the over-crowded field of contemporary Western artists, Stewart's professional achievements have made his work familiar to a wide range of discriminating collectors.

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The one-man artist show and sale is May 25, 5-7 p.m. at the gallery at 2825 Sudderth Dr., Suite E.

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Summer gallery walks

Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts presents the first of four Art After Hours events on Friday, June 8. The self-guided tour allows art patrons to visit five galleries on Sudderth Drive – Mountain Arts Gallery, accessoreez-the gallery, Earth-N-Stone, Imagine That! and The Art Gallery.

The event is free and open to the public, offering a chance to visit with artists and view some exceptional work.

Other gallery walks for the summer will take place on July 13, Aug. 10 and Sept. 22.

Meeting the artists is a feature of the RRCA Art After Hours gallery walks. Last year's event at Imagine That! featured (l-r): Madeline Sabo, Ann Templeton, Gino Mendonza and Carolyn Arcure.

Both inside and outside, Imagine That! gallery is visually appealing. Below, Pam Topper's sculptures titled "Mountain Fire/Mountain Rain" provide art for everyone to see.

The Art Gallery, home to the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts.

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