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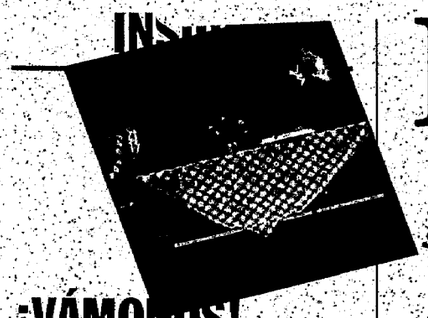

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Links settlement upheld

Court ruling reverses state auditor's finding

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A district court declaratory judgment may signal an end to one of the most contentious debates stemming from a 2005 special state audit of village contracts.

Judge Karen Parsons of the 12th Judicial District Court in Carrizozo issued the ruling after Ruidoso village councilors asked for a decision on whether they acted properly in reaching a $143,172 settlement in 2006 with Allhub Investments Inc. in a dispute over lease terms for public land.

"I'm glad that situation is over," Mayor L. Ray Nunley said Wednesday. "The council was satisfied that they acted correctly, but we needed a judge to verify that and now it is over with and done. We had to do that to get it off the books for a good audit."

Based on a 15-year lease, The Links at Sierra Blanca Public Golf Course was built by Allhub on village property next to a hotel and convention center off Mechem Drive. But within a few years, questions arose over the terms and the trigger for payment to the village.

A special state audit concluded the village was owed more than $1.8 million and an independent auditor hired by the village placed the dollar mark even higher.

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But Allhub representatives pointed to formal minutes of council meetings and to previous presentations on the lease, insisting the company paid the proper amount under the first 15-year lease, which contained an earnings threshold before money was due. A subsequent second 15 year lease approved between the village and Allhub eliminated that threshold.

The council agreed to a $143,000 settlement, but the State Auditor would not sign off on the arrangement. Subsequent auditors preparing annual reports

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COURTESY

Earlier this month, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lincoln County, including Big Sister Sheri Rodgers and Little Sister Kylee Martinez, 10, of Ruidoso, had a great day flying kites with local kite-specialist Bruce DeFoor. It was a sport for all ages, as Bigs and Littles alike were drawn to the different shapes and colors flying with the bright blue backdrop of the sky. There were stunt kites, giant kites, birds, ghosts and lots more to choose from. At one time, there were about 20 kites in the sky. Big Brothers and Big Sisters enjoyed the opportunity of spending such a special event with their Littles. That's what BBBS is about, spending one-on-one time with a Little Brother or Little Sister. Bigs and Littles had so much fun, they are looking forward to the kite festival being held April 25-27, where they get to fly kites all over again. For more information about Big Brothers Big Sisters in Lincoln County, call 258-4185.

No bidders for Moon Mountain

■ Public Lands Office will entertain other options

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No cash purchase bids were received by the New Mexico Public Lands Commissioner for 630 acres on Moon Mountain, a tract of undeveloped state trust mountain property surrounded by Ruidoso.

According to information from village officials, Village Attorney Dan Bryant was told by Bob Stranahan, Public Lands Office General Counsel, the offering on Moon Mountain closed on April 11, without proposals for a cash sale.

Public Land Commissioner Patrick Lyons now will look at other possibilities, such as land exchanges or leases, Bryant was told.

Village councilors previously hoped a swap could be arranged between the Bureau of Land Management and Lyons to protect the acreage as wildlife habitat. Another proposal was to use the tract as a outdoor laboratory to train future foresters and educate high school and college students on management techniques.

An attempt to strike an acceptable lease between the village and Lyons failed, because of a clause that councilors were told was mandatory in any lease of public land. That clause would have allowed Lyons to sell or lease to another entity during the life of the agreement.

Councilors argued that they could not in good faith, invest public money in a lease or in managing the forested areas, if the property could be jerked away at any time. A year earlier, they passed a resolution stating their opposition to development of the mountain and to providing utilities to the area.

The mountain top acreage is bordered by Gavilan Canyon, Meander Drive, Paradise Canyon, Hull Road and Warrior Drive, where the high school and new middle school are located.

A group called Moon Mountain Conservancy was formed to generate money to help manage the land, if a lease, purchase or swap is concluded. Group organizers said members of the registered non-profit entity also hope to encourage preservation of other tracts of "special" land within and around the village.

Humane Society may get new home

■ Village-owned property in Grindstone a possibility

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Some of the village-owned land below Grindstone Reservoir could become the future home of a new dog park, memorial park and adoption center operated by the Humane Society of Lincoln County.

A three-acre parcel was mentioned as one possibility for the society members' plans to expand and improve the services offered for lost and abandoned animals in the county.

Society President Kai Brown said the plans call for a $2.4 million fund-raising effort; the opening of a dog park before the end of the year; about $65,000 of improvements to the existing shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road, which would become an animal intake center; and construction of a "no kill" adoption center and memorial park at a new site next to the dog park.

But a new site with some acreage, yet close enough to Ruidoso to attract animal owners is needed, she said. Village councilors appeared to share Brown's vision and directed Senior Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris to select a few possible village-owned sites, including land on Airport Road, for society board members to consider, then report back to the council.

As part of the overall concept, society members are

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BTK Byway Center teams up with state tourism department

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Officials from Ruidoso and the New Mexico Tourism Department joined forces to help the staff of the Billy the Kid Byway Visitor Center on U.S. 70 in Ruidoso Downs in the promotion of all state-wide attractions and events.

A Memorandum of Understanding, signed April 18, by Michael Cerletti, Secretary of the Tourism Department, and Ruidoso Mayor L. Ray Nunley, creates a partnership between the two.

The Tourism Department will supply the necessary brochure and magazine racks and displays; provide the brochures, magazines and any other promotional material that is available in the nine state-owned centers; and will provide the center staff with periodic training.

Those employees, hired by the village, will manage the center. The village is charged with building maintenance and providing building and liability insurance.

Although the Billy the Kid Byway Visitor Center is not an official state visitor center, which requires legislative approval, it meets certain state-owned center criteria, Cerletti

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ENNIES FOR A HERO

Right, students at White Mountain Intermediate count pennies as part of a fundraising effort for Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy Robert Shepperd. The fundraiser, which implements a Ruidoso School District EPPS goal, was the brainchild of Tanner Preston, who rallied a number of students together for the effort. With the help of teachers Anne Flaherty and Jessica Trujillo, students collected pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters for a month, many completing family chores to earn money and sacrificing Friday snacks. In the end, $1,638.82 was raised, and a certificate of deposit for the Deputy Shepperd Benefit Account was presented to Lincoln County Sheriff Rick Virden at a ceremony at the school on Wednesday. "This shows the students and the community care about the people who work here," said WMIS principal Stan Lyons. "It shows there's a true community connection, and that kids can do good if given the chance." (Courtesy photo)

Below, WMIS students present Virden with banner proclaiming how much money was raised. Preston is seated in front. (Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso News)

Alpine district

Members of the Alpine Village Water and Sanitation District will meet at 8 a.m., May 5, in the District's building at 112A Alpine Meadows Trail.

Regular business for the District, such as paying bills and reporting on the operations of the water system, will be conducted. Additionally, the agenda may contain discussion regarding the purchase of an emergency back-up generator and committees to address the Conservation and a Drought Contingency Plan, Capacity Assessment, and the Bylaws and Regulations.

All residents of the District are welcome to attend.

Agendas are available at least 24 hours prior to meeting time. Monthly meetings are conducted on the first Monday of the month.

Fire station opening

The grand opening of the new $4 million Ruidoso fire station at the intersection of Sudderth Drive and Paradise Canyon is set for 2 p.m., May 1.

Mayor L. Ray Nunley will speak, and Village Manager Dan O. Higgins will note the retirement of long-time fire chief Virgil Reynolds late last year.

Ruidoso Fire Chief Tom Gavin said a "Wet Down" dedication of the station in School House Park, the equivalent of breaking a champagne bottle on a ship, is planned.

Cake and punch will be served and the public will be allowed to tour the station's interior.

Voters in Ruidoso approved a special gross receipt tax dedicated to repay bonds sold to build the station, which replaces an undersized and aging structure on Eagle Drive. The site was chosen because of the cross-street access to other areas of the village.

Gavin said the RFD honor guard will present the colors.

Downs water shutoff

Water will be turned off in the Riverside subdivision and Spring Road area from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, April 28, in Ruidoso Downs for work on a new housing subdivision.

Alto Lakes district

Members of the Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m., May 1, in the Stag Room at the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, 1 Mulligan Dr., Alto.

E-cycling

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, Keep Ruidoso Beautiful, the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce, IGA, and EEM Scrap of Alamogordo sponsored the fourth Lincoln County E-Cycling event for Lincoln County including Mescalero on April 5 at the IGA Lawrence Brothers/Sierra Mall parking lot in Ruidoso.

About 140 participants took advantage of this free electronic disposal event by recycling between 47,300 pounds of waste. The four events since November 2006 have netted nearly 225,000 pounds, a quarter of a million pounds of electronic waste.

"The Town of Carrizozo and the Carrizozo Schools led this event with two trailer loads that they disposed of," said Debra Ingle, LSCWA Operational Supervisor.

"That was a significant amount of what is out there but we know there is plenty more and by properly disposing of electronic waste at this type of event will protect and extend the life of area landfills," Ingle added. The municipalities of Corona and Capitan also added significant amounts collected from local residents. Much of the push in Carrizozo came from the Carrizozo Recycling Committee.

"We were surprised we didn't get more televisions to recycle," said Ingle. "With the digital switchover looming in February 2009, we expected to get quite a few more."

Participting businesses included City Bank New Mexico, KWES/KBUY and KRUI radio stations, GSV Title, Laser Tech, Print Write Now, IGA and, for the first time, Lincoln County Medical Center. A number of other unnamed small businesses, the Ruidoso Municipal Schools and Region IX Education Cooperative were also significant contributors at the event.

The participants were served by 23 volunteers in addition to LCSWA Field Coordinator Brad Lewter. Volunteers included the Lincoln County Recycling Committee members, Keep Ruidoso Beautiful, Fort Stanton-Civigenics, Eco Servants, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lincoln County. Other volunteers also worked days in advance of the event in their own communities throughout Lincoln County.

The fall e-waste event is scheduled for Nov. 8 in the IGA Lawrence Brothers/Sierra Mall parking lot in Ruidoso. This will be one of several activities involved in Lincoln County's observance of "America Recycles" month.

For further information or to volunteer for the next event, contact the LCSWA office at 378-4697 or toll free at 1-877-548-3778. The LCSWA also has information about recycling opportunities and tips for your home, business or organization at its Web site, www.lcswa.org.

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Ruidoso PM	East end of NEW Fire Station in Park	1-3 p.m.
Ruidoso AM	White Mountain Dr. Fire Station	10 a.m.-Noon
Ruidoso Downs	Ruidoso Downs Fire Station	1:30-3:30 p.m.
Hondo	Old Hondo Post Office	10-11:30 a.m.
Lincoln	Lincoln Fire Station	8:30-9:30 a.m.
Carrizozo	Carrizozo Fire Station	10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Nogal	Nogal Post Office	9-9:45 a.m.
White Oaks	White Oaks Fire Station	1-1:30 p.m.
Ancho	Main Hwy	2:15-3 p.m.
Capitan	Capitan New Fire Station	9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Corona	Corona Fire Station	3:30-5 p.m.

Zia seeks comment

Officials at Zia Natural Gas are seeking public comment on the company's existing gas supply planning and future demands with the objective of obtaining a cost-effective energy portfolio that meets the needs of customers.

The first meeting on the issue is set for 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., May 29, in the Village of Ruidoso Council Chambers, in the administration center at 313 Cree Meadows Dr.

Anyone interested in attending should contact Mercedes Fernandez-Wells, Zia Natural Gas Company PO Drawer 888, Ruidoso Downs, NM, 88346, or call 575-378-4277.

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Routine traffic stop yields an assortment of drugs

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A Tuesday arrest in the Walgreens parking lot piled on more charges atop an outstanding warrant that initiated Ruidoso Police to pull over the 1992 blue Ford Ranger.

Ultimately, the arrest led to the discovery of what field-tested to be methamphetamine, methamphetamine laced with cocaine, a number of prescription drugs believed to be Oxycodone and generic Darvocet, plus a small amount of marijuana and hashish.

Dustin W. Bentley, 39, was arrested by RPD officer David Gallegos on a bench warrant issued in March prior to an area-wide drug sweep by the Lincoln County Narcotics Enforcement Unit (NEU), Lincoln Sheriff's Office, RPD and Ruidoso Downs PD.

Bentley was, at the time, charged with two counts of trafficking a controlled substance in October 2007, but was not located the day of the sweep.

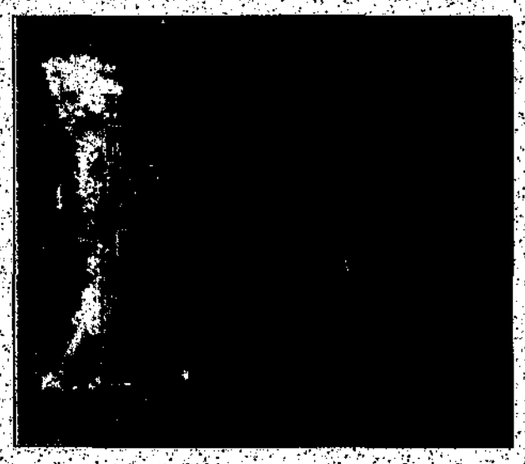
Ruidoso police impounded the vehicle at the station because it could not be parked long-term at Walgreens.

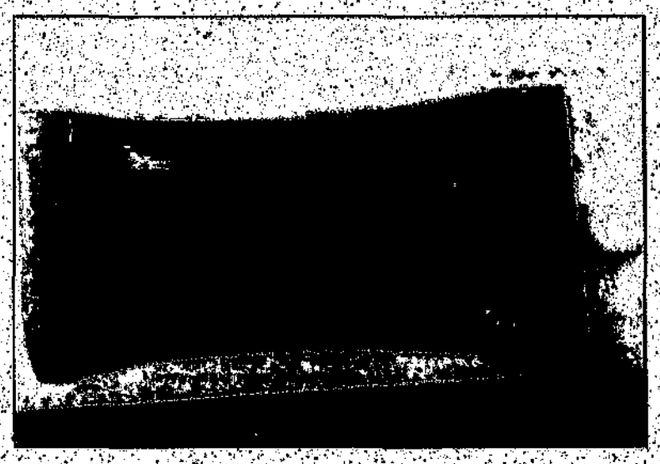
During the standard inventory of the vehicle, Gallegos discovered a quantity of small plastic packages concealed inside a small metal container stuck down between the driver and passenger seats.

The packages contained what appeared to be a white crystalline powder.

The inventory was immediately halted and the vehicle transported to the RPD sallyport, where it was turned over to NEU commander Ken Cramer by Police Lt. Dwayne Goar.

A search warrant was granted and signed by District Judge Karen Parsons on Wednesday and a search of the vehicle ensued. Afterward, the vehicle was released to its registered owner, who was not the driver at the time of the arrest.





NEU Commander Ken Cramer, left, opens a box in the front seat containing bags of white powder. Above left, a sample in a testing kit proves to be methamphetamine, above right, when it turns blue. Bottom photo, all evidence must be photographed.

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The drugs were field-tested and sent to a laboratory in Las Crúces for verification and determination of purity.

Charges filed in Ruidoso Magistrate Court included trafficking of methamphetamine and possession of the controlled substances Oxycodone and the generic Darvocet.

Additional charges may be filed for the presence of the cocaine pending the lab results.

Bentley's record dates to 1991, when he pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. He is being held in the Lincoln County Detention Center.

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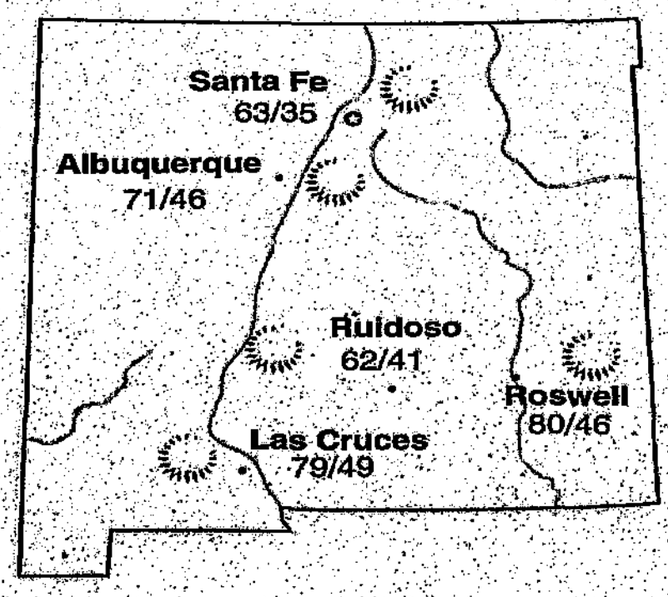

Moon Phases

Full Apr 20
Last Apr 28
New May 5
First May 12

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Fri	4/25	10	Very High
Sat	4/26	10	Very High
Sun	4/27	11	Extreme

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

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Alamogordo	81	46	sunny
Albuquerque	71	46	sunny
Carlsbad	83	49	sunny
Chama	53	28	mst sunny
Clovis	76	42	sunny
Deming	80	44	sunny
El Paso, TX	81	56	sunny
Espanola	72	38	sunny
Farmington	66	32	sunny
Gallup	68	28	mst sunny
Grants	68	27	mst sunny
Guymon, OK	71	41	mst sunny
Hobbs	87	49	sunny
Las Cruces	79	49	sunny
Las Vegas	64	34	mst sunny
Lordsburg	83	42	sunny
Lubbock, TX	78	45	sunny
Odessa, TX	88	54	sunny
Raton	64	34	pt sunny
Roswell	80	46	sunny
Santa Fe	63	35	sunny
Santa Rosa	75	44	mst sunny
Silver City	69	31	sunny
Socorro	76	44	sunny
St. Johns, AZ	73	35	sunny
Taos	63	27	mst sunny
Trinidad, CO	63	38	pt sunny
Truth or Consq.	78	48	sunny
Tucson, AZ	89	52	sunny
Tucumcari	73	39	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	79	59	t-storm
Boston	66	43	pt sunny
Chicago	76	42	t-storm
Dallas	81	59	t-storm
Denver	44	37	sn shower
Houston	84	66	t-storm
Los Angeles	79	57	sunny
Miami	80	72	pt sunny
Minneapolis	54	36	rain
New York	73	51	pt sunny
Phoenix	88	58	sunny
San Francisco	70	50	mst sunny
Seattle	59	38	pt sunny
St. Louis	77	48	t-storm
Washington, DC	85	61	cloudy

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Ruidoso Couple Celebrating

Golden Anniversary Today

Ruidoso residents,

Art

Darla Hinz

are celebrating their

50th Wedding Anniversary

Native Texans married on April 25, 1958, the couple lived in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex until they retired to Ruidoso in 2004.

Since retiring to Ruidoso, Art has become active in the Kiwanis Club, city government and hiking while still finding time for his long-standing hobby of riding and customizing motorcycles.

Art and Darla have covered all corners of the U.S. on their Honda Gold Wing motorcycle. It was actually one of these motorcycle journeys that brought the couple to Ruidoso for the first time. Art and Darla attended the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally each September for many years before making the decision to retire to Ruidoso permanently.

At present both Art and Darla are attending classes at ENMU-Ruidoso pursuing their shared interest in local history. The couple are active members of the First Christian Church where Art serves as an elder.

Art and Darla are the parents of two daughters, Valerie Hilton of Phoenix, AZ and Erin Heath of Spartanburg, SC and Scooter, a four year old Rat Terrier Chihuahua mix. They are the proud grandparents of Christopher and Shelby Hilton, and Aaron and Erick Heath as well as three great-grandchildren. Aaron and Erick Heath are currently serving in the Middle East with the US Army.

The family has met in Ruidoso over the Christmas holidays many times over the years and the entire Hinz, Hilton, Heath clan hope it is a tradition that will continue for many more years to come.

Congratulations! Happy Anniversary!
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Valerie and Erin, John and Ricky

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Superintendent's job apparently a tough sell

Two candidates withdraw within days of each other

Because personnel decisions by law can be handled by an entity in closed, executive session, we will never officially know why the top two candidates for the superintendent's position of Ruidoso Public Schools suddenly withdrew from contention within the past week.

Tom Burris of Colorado, we are told, dropped out shortly after being interviewed by the *Ruidoso News* for a story to be published the next day. We hope we didn't run him off with our questioning.

Then Rick Stewart of Artesia, who showed up to attend a public meet-the-candidates meeting over the weekend, removed his name on Monday.

We are frankly puzzled why both finalists, culled from an original list of 14 candidates, would withdraw, even as they gave no indication of doing so in their newspaper interviews.

We also hope – and we're more serious, here – that they weren't dissuaded by the community or the school system.

The nation's educational system is at a delicate point. We throw ever more taxpayer money at education as if that will compensate for the lack of parental involvement in their children's schooling. No Child Left Behind sounds good until you consider it tends to dumb down standards in order to meet quotas.

Add mounds of paperwork, administrative meddling, the threat of litigation and the inevitable spectre of politics.

Next?

The incredible shrinking newspaper

You'll forgive me if I begin my column way over here, well off the side of the page.

Gotta get used to it. You see, this is where we're all going to end up, beginning next week, and I thought I'd try it out.

MARTY RACINE

Alright, let me get back to my normal edge, here, where I'm a lot more comfortable. This is the situation: The Incredible Shrinking Newspaper is shrinking again. Beginning next Wednesday, 2 1/2 inches will be lopped off the width of each *Ruidoso News* page. That means everything is going to be smaller, although it's all relative.

It's kind of like what happened to your favorite candy bar Instead of raising the cost way back when, manufacturers simply shrunk the size of the product. *Then* they raised the cost.

You say we also raised our single-copy price last year by a quarter? OK, more on that later.

This move is designed to save ink and newsprint costs. You might call it an environmentally responsible "green" move that will help spare resources and reduce landfill waste.

And, really, it's not so radical. If you've ever seen a copy of this newspaper from the 1940s, which was about as large as today's IMAX screen, you know what I mean. The size of the newspaper has been shrinking incrementally ever since.

Look, I'm old-school: I love paper newspapers. I've loved them ever since my boyhood chum Barry Mitchell had a paper route back in North Hollywood. It was an evening paper, the kind that don't exist anymore. I believe it was the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner*, or perhaps some other defunct fishwrapper.

I remember being impressed with the way Barry folded those papers just so, scores at a time, sitting on the sidewalk in the early-evening light, and loaded them, just so, in his canvas bag.

Then we'd take off down the street on our bicycles, flinging them onto porches, pretending we were hotshot Dodgers like Maury Wills.

Barry knew his customers, and when one of us tossed an error, he knew which ones didn't care and which ones would be mad enough not to tip him later. So, we'd go and fetch the paper out of the bushes and lay it gently on the porch.

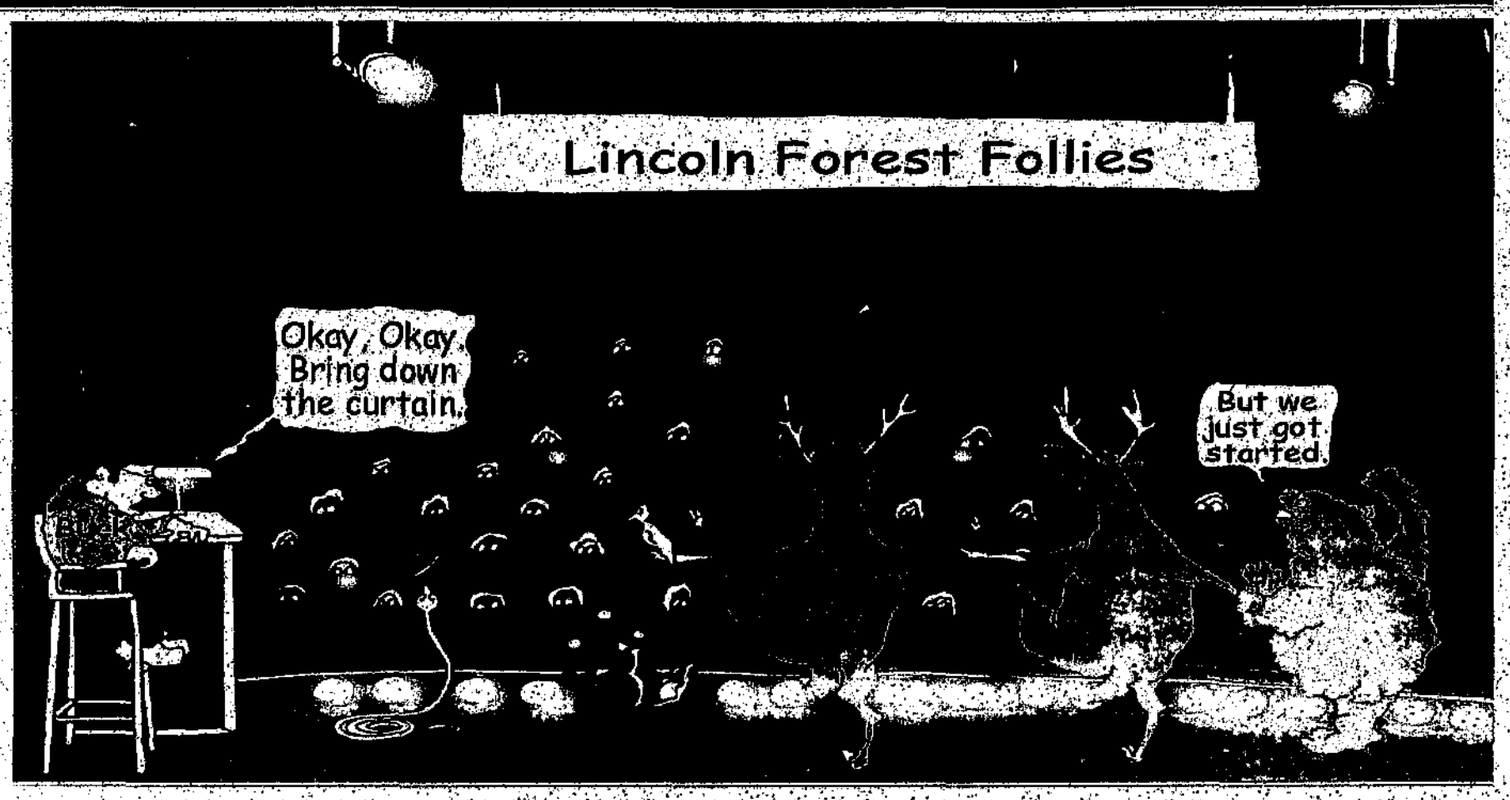
If we're all eventually going to paperless Web-based papers – that has been the threat and the promise for some time, now – there will come a day when the newspaper will shrink right out of sight, spinning and receding from newsstands and carriers and mailboxes into limitless cyberspace, where it will be reincarnated as a Web-only product and dropped daily, ever so accurately, onto a laptop near you.

So, smaller as we will be beginning the last week of the fourth month of the year 2008 AD, enjoy your fishwrapper while you can.

If this development annoys you, like I suspect it might, do cut us a break. Papers all over the country are downsizing for the very same reasons.

A couple weeks ago I was in Carlsbad, where the *Current-Argus* had already shrunk. It looked like it had come out of the printer wrong. It felt inconsequential. The headline could have screamed that an accident at WHIP had released radioactive gas over the city and I don't know if I could have taken it seriously.

But I'd adjust. And you know what? The 75 cents you pay for this paper is still the best bargain in town for all the news, opinion and advertising information. Don't take it for granted.



YOUR OPINION

House Republican leadership exaggerated

To the editor:

AT THE MARCH MEETING of the Lincoln County Republicans, Nora Espinoza made some exaggerated claims about the effectiveness of House Republican leadership.

I was in Santa Fe for the 2008 session, as I am running for the HD 59 seat against Espinoza for the second time. All the bills mentioned in the March 26 article about the meeting passed the House, it was the Senate that killed them.

House Bill 62 in particular (Richardson's Health Solutions Act) was strongly opposed by liberal Democrats, and one key point was the mandatory insurance clause.

I was present during the testimony, and many people spoke bitterly of their experiences with greedy insurance companies that refused to cover their illnesses. The battle cry was "Health *care*, not Health Insurance."

Most of the people speaking in favor of HB 62 were paid lobbyists for those same insurance companies. The bill passed the House but died in the Senate Finance Committee.

HB 241, the public school funding formula bill, passed the House, but it too died in Senator John Arthur Smith's Finance committee. The provisions of this bill will have to be discussed in future sessions, as New Mexico public schools are at least $340 million underfunded.

By the way, for those that think charter schools are better, the same percentage of charter schools failed to make AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) last year as public schools. See my report on the October 2007 Legislative Education Study Committee meeting at http://wedum59.com/linkedpages/LESC2007.html.

What House Republican minority whip Dan Foley *did* get passed and signed by Governor Richardson was a sweetheart deal for the Dean Baldwin Painting company, a major Roswell employer-except it turns out that up to one-third of their employees may be illegal immigrants. Carl Dean Baldwin, the son of the company's namesake (and its executive vice president) has been under investigation since 2002 and is under federal indictment for procuring illegal immigrants to work at substandard wages.

This company has painted planes for at least five airlines, grossed over $13 million from government contracts alone, but they have not paid their bills. By 2007 a government audit showed that they owed $233,000 in back taxes, and they went to court instead of paying. Now they owe over $522,000 to the state of New Mexico.

However, they do make campaign contributions to Foley and Richardson. So this spring Foley asks the governor to sign off on a bill that gives Baldwin Painting until 2012 to pay the back taxes.

My opponent for the House district 59 seat has often complained about "pay to play" politics, but this time it is her own favorite minority whip that set up the play.

At the time the tax reprieve was announced, the company's executive vice president for operations was already under federal indictment for employing illegal immigrants. Richardson's office says he didn't know Baldwin was facing criminal charges, although Foley did. Foley says that he saw nothing wrong with helping arrange the tax payment plan because Roswell jobs were in jeopardy.

Is this the Republican idea of "Republican leadership?" "Tough on illegal immigration?"

Republicans can decide between Foley and Republican challenger Dennis Kintigh in the primary, and between the winner of that primary and Democrat Mary Barron in November.

Ellen Wedum
Democratic candidate for New Mexico House District 59
Cloudcroft

Make service available

To the editor:

THROUGHOUT LINCOLN COUNTY there is a service that is completely void – public transportation.

Just recently there have appeared two taxi cab companies but so many residents of this county cannot afford taxi service. Their answer is public transportation!

For the first time ever a public transportation service has cleared all the initial hurdles and it now is up to the public entities, namely the villages, the city and the county to step up to the plate with their matching funds. The State of New Mexico has pledged 80 percent of the cost.

Please make this service available to the people of Lincoln County. As a senior-issue organization we plead for this service to be in place.

Thank you for supporting public transportation for Lincoln County.

Senior Care Coalition
Lincoln County

Compare mileage

To the editor:

I AM RESPONDING TO Sam Blatchley's letter in the April 23 paper concerning the use of E85 ethanol/gas instead of regular gas.

The U.S. government Fuel Economy guide for 2008 lists the Ford Crown Victoria mileage per gallon as 11/16 for E85 and 15/23 for gasoline. The reason is the lower BTU value for ethanol compared to gasoline.

A 34-cents-per-gallon saving using E85 is ephemeral. True savings, if any, must consider the mileage difference.

Bob Messick
Ruidoso

Editor's note: Ethanol/biofuels production has also been blamed for rising grain prices and potential food shortages worldwide.

GUEST COMMENTARY

McCain story a sign of the 'Times'

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The front page of *The New York Times* has increasingly become the home of editorials disguised as "news" stories. Too often it has become the home of hoaxes.

Going back some years, it was the Tawana Brawley hoax that she had been gang-raped by a bunch of white men. Just a couple of years ago, it was the Duke University rape.

Last month, the *Times* created its own hoax with a long front page article about how war veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan were killing people back in the United States because of the stress they had gone through in combat. That hoax was shot down two days later by the *New York Post*, which showed that the murder rate among returning war veterans was only one-fifth the murder rate among civilians in the same age brackets.

Undaunted, the *Times* has come up with its latest front-page sensation, the claim that some anonymous people either suspected an affair between Senator John McCain and a female lobbyist or tried to forestall an affair.

Apparently no one actually claimed that they knew there was an affair.

This did not even rise to the level of "he said, she said." Instead it was anonymous sources reporting their suspicions.

People who share the *Times*' political views are treated as innocent until proven guilty. People with different views are condemned for "the appearance of impropriety," even if there is no evidence that they did anything wrong.

Nothing is easier than to have suspicions. In 1976, when President Ford nominated me to the Federal Trade Commission, someone anonymously told an FBI investigator that I was a Communist. Not even those opposed to my nomination believed it and it was not reported in *The New York Times*. This was when the *Times* still had a reputation for integrity.

The declining credibility of the *Times* and of other tendentious media is, in one sense, a healthy thing. There has been too much public gullibility that has been cynically exploited by both the media and politicians. In another sense, however, it is a sad day for the country as a whole that there are shrinking sources of reliable news and informed and honest commentary.

Hysteria has become the norm for too many once-serious publications, whether to hype circulation or to advance some political agenda. And it is doubtful if we have seen the last of the journalistic hoaxes. Not in an election year.

Guest Commentaries

Hands off the Electoral College

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Recently, Senator Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) was heard lamenting the current mess the two Democratic frontrunners find themselves embroiled in. In the very next breath, he called for the abolition of the Electoral College for the upcoming presidential election.

In other words, the presidential winner should immediately be elected by a popular vote and delegates should be appointed proportionally. This is exactly why Obama and Clinton are locked in a conflict that could conceivably wreck their party for years to come.

Many citizens forget this country was not founded as a democracy, but rather as a representative republic. If you would like to see what a pure democracy could wreak, study the French Revolution (1789-1799) – it ended with Napoleon.

The Electoral College is not perfect but even with the few glitches (as in 1824, 1888 and 2000), it still remains a monument to the brilliance of our founding Fathers. Proportional electoral votes are an invitation to disaster. Again, look at the current disordered situation the Democratic Party finds itself in.

Forget about the Party's other mistake – Super Delegates. If they had not gone to a proportional nominating system, their present confusion would have been resolved quite some time ago.

And even now, you never hear the TV "talking heads" and self-proclaimed pseudo-intellectuals place the "proportional" blame where it rightly belongs. This is not a matter of what political party you belong to. It has to do with intellectual honesty and common sense.

Hands off the Electoral College

The other evening, while awaiting my table in a local restaurant, I overheard a Republican and Democrat agreeing with one another about the elimination of the Electoral College. It's one area where the uninformed can reach common ground – a public swimming pool, if you will, where diverse political philosophies can frolic ephemerally together in peace and harmony.

One could argue convincingly that the College's raison d'etre has not been adequately covered in positive terms in recent years. Congress has seen more than 700 proposals to change our electoral system, a fact that should worry many who support the status quo. It is a call to arms for all who believe in the genius of our Founding Fathers and the wonderful Constitution they bequeathed us.

The Constitutional Convention of 1787 proposed the indirect election of the president (Article II, Section I of the Constitution) through a "College of Electors" after carefully considering all of the alternatives:

• Congress would choose the president. This idea was rejected as having too much potential for dishonesty; divisiveness and interference from foreign powers also seemed likely.

• State legislatures would select the president. This concept was eliminated by the "Committee of Eleven" at the Constitutional Convention as it, too, invited corruption. It was conceivable in their minds that a president might be indebted to a certain few states, thereby weakening the entire federation.

• The president should be elected by a direct popular vote. This plan was discarded to negate the election of "favorite sons" and, more importantly, to prevent the most populated states from always electing the president, without any regard to the will of the smaller states.

France, as it so often does, shows us exactly what not to do when it comes to politics, government and common sense. The United States and its Founding Fathers were shown what is possible when unbridled democracy develops into a lynch-mob mentality, a la the French Revolution (1789-1799).

Within a short period of time, that experiment spiraled downward and gave the French people Robespierre's reign of terror and, ultimately, Napoleon (1799). With this sterling failure of unrestrained democracy to help guide them, and the problems of Jefferson's election in 1800 in mind, Congress and the state legislatures quickly (189 days) ratified Amendment XII of the Constitution (1804). This greatly improved the original constitutional design in Article II, Section I.

The wisdom of the Electoral College sets us apart from any other country on Earth. And

Why elitists continually use Europe as an example for the United States to emulate is questionable. After all, didn't most of our forefathers leave that worn-out land for something better?

that's exactly what its detractors say: "No other government has this election system." In other words, let us be more like Europe! Right.

We, too, could have had 57 governments since WW II, just like Italy. Forget stability; let's have democracy, governments decreed by the popular vote, or chaotic coalitions of Communists, Socialists and others like France, Finland and Russia.

Why elitists continually use Europe as an example for the United States to emulate is questionable. After all, didn't most of our forefathers leave that worn-out land for something better? And didn't we pass them all by in the space of 200 years?

It should begin to dawn on all people of intellectual honesty, that perhaps, just perhaps, our political system as initially laid out by our Founding Fathers was a stroke of brilliance and produced the best electoral process the world has seen to date. It has been said that the "elector" method of choosing a president was the part of the Constitution that most pleased its originators.

The Twelfth Amendment, in the minds of many at the time, would prevent the chaos of a mob-rule popular vote, the elimination of a monarchic style of rule – from which many of them had just fled and, lastly, it would thwart Congress from choosing our president. They somehow knew these three alternatives were not what a new nation such as ours needed to fulfill a great providence.

They formed a government and then gave us a chance to protect ourselves from it – the second amendment. Many of the same people who want to abolish our right to keep and bear arms are the very same people who want to change our electoral system.

As it was originally laid out in 1787, the "electoral" vote concept made no allowances for, and did not envision, political parties or national campaigns. The mere fact that it works in today's election process is a testament to the genius of its originators.

Is it possible that its sophisticated design is too hard for contemporary people to grasp and even remotely understand? And if so, what does this say about the intellectual capacity of modern man?

Hamilton and Madison both believed democracies were not stable, as did many other political luminaries of that generation. It had been proven to them that democracy eventually plummeted into tyranny and that was not an acceptable outcome to any of the Founders. One only need look at the existing conditions in Russia to comprehend what happens with a direct popular vote process.

To the Framers, a representative republic, with an indirect presidential election process, was the answer they had been searching for.

The unique philosophy of the Constitution of the United States, as initially set forth by its creators, allowed America to become, in a short period of time, an exceptional oasis of opportunity – a place where people can act out their dreams and make them reality. Amendment XII helped to provide a stable environment whereby people are left free to pursue their dreams without the hindrance of some despot, dictator or tyrant.

The wisdom of the Electoral College has survived for more than 200 years and will continue to do so – if contemporary man can learn to acquiesce, stand down and let intellectual brilliance continue unabated.

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Reform ancient mining law

John Cornell
New Mexico Wildlife Federation

Perhaps no other group of people can attest to the damage inflicted upon the land by past mining activity here in New Mexico than hunters, anglers and other outdoor enthusiasts.

Even the casual angler knows that streams running over rust-tinged gravel aren't viable fisheries. Hunters, too, know that mining activity, even if it is 100 years old and long gone, isn't conducive to quality big-game habitat.

Unfortunately, for 136 years, mining has enjoyed priority status on public land all over the country. And, its toxic legacy has hardly been addressed, simply because existing laws make it easy for mining companies and mining interests to leave behind a lasting negative impact, knowing the owners of the land – the American public – can do little to hold industry accountable.

With help from the U.S. Senate, that can change.

Last fall, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill to reform the antiquated 1872 Mining Act. The new bill strips mining of its priority status when it comes to public land management. It also puts the cleanup onus on the industry, not the government, which can't afford to reclaim played-out mines.

It also ends forever the practice of "patenting," which allows mining interests to actually acquire public land for as little as $2.50 an acre. Finally, the bill requires the industry to pay a royalty on the commodity it pulls from the ground.

This last item is important, as every other extractive industry on public land in the United States pays a royalty for the commodities they produce – this simply levels the playing field.

It's about time.

The issue is now before the Senate, and predictably, industry is lobbying hard against a strong bill. After all, the archaic 1872 Mining Act is the golden goose for mining interests, both foreign and domestic.

But common sense must prevail, and our own New Mexico Senators, Pete Domenici and Jeff Bingaman, can do their part to ensure that happens. With substantive reform to the 1872 Mining Act, all citizens, including sportsmen in New Mexico and around the West, will be among the direct beneficiaries.

Not only can such legislation actually resurrect fish and wildlife habitat through comprehensive and much-needed cleanup efforts, but it can ensure future generations that this vital habitat will be as secure and protected as possible.

Today, mining and past mining activity in the West pollutes, in one way or another, 40 percent of our headwater streams. In the inland portions of the West, toxic runoff limits stream habitat for native and wild trout.

Big game habitat is sullied by thousands of toxic tailings piles, and in areas where active mining is still occurring under the 136-year-old law, industrial-grade roads bisect game habitat and industrial traffic drives deer and elk away.

Almost a quarter of our nation, or some 270 million acres, is open to hardrock-mining claims. Public land is in jeopardy as never before due to soaring mineral prices. In the past six years gold prices have doubled, and the global demand for nuclear fuel has spiked the price of uranium ore by a factor of 10.

According to the Environmental Working Group, there has been an 80 percent increase in hardrock-

Industry should be held accountable

mining claims in 12 Western states over the past five years, including 800 claims (most for uranium) within five miles of the Grand Canyon.

Nationwide, there are 21,365 claims within 10 miles of national parks and other federally protected lands, 7,390 of them staked since 2003.

There's a new dynamic in the industry with the proliferation and influx of foreign and multinational mining companies (of the five corporations producing nearly 90 percent of the nation's gold, only one is American).

I urge you to contact Senators Domenici and Bingaman and let them know you support updating and reforming the antiquated 1872 Mining Act. Doing so will have a direct connection to your time spent in New Mexico's abundant and beautiful public lands, no matter in which way you choose to enjoy them.

What's more, it will ensure our children and grandchildren the opportunity to fish, hunt and recreate on public land years from now.

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A new way of doing business

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There's little argument that the Internet has changed the way people do business today, and real estate is no exception.

Any Realtor realizes they have to utilize the Internet to increase sales, but one realty in town has decided online sales will be their bread and butter, not just a side item.

The very name of the company trumpets this fact – BuyRuidoso.com. Needless to say, the company name is also that of their Web site.

The Realty is actually a combination of two – Doug Siddens Realty and White Mountain Realty, with Siddens and Bob Moroney joining forces to bring Ruidoso home sales into the Internet age.

They've moved into the old post office near the entrance to Upper Canyon, and are already doing huge amounts of business.

Moroney said Internet sales for something as big and nonmobile as homes isn't all that far fetched.

"About 70 percent of home buyers begin their search on line," Moroney said. "This allows us to show our products in ways we never could before.

"As a resort town with a lot of second homes, this gives people a chance to really look hard at the properties."

A great deal of buyers come from areas that are at least a two-hour drive away, meaning the Internet is usually the *only* way they'd get to look at a prospective home. Virtual tours are available, as they are at most real estate sites, but BuyRuidoso homes have a twist.

Each home is its own Web site, meaning they'll come up in independent searches through such search engines as Yahoo or Google.

"Most people just type in 'Ruidoso' and 'homes' when searching, without searching for a particular Realtor," Moroney said. "By giving each home its own domain name, we can get people looking at our properties without visiting our site first."

The domain names also allow them to keep track of what kind of homes people are searching for and gear the site toward what is proving more popular.

Moroney and Siddens have found their new approach is bringing in people from across the country, sometimes sight-unseen.

That means they have to sell the Ruidoso area as much as they do the home.

"Part of being a broker here is selling the village," Moroney said. "You have to sell the area here, and that's why we – and every other broker in town – has tourist information on the Web site."

The firm is going strong, with 14 licensed brokers in the office and two more coming on. A 17th is located in a subsidary office in Mountainair, selling for Rancho Los Caballos, a development of horse property home sites.

BuyRuidoso.com is also the exclusive brokers for Gavilan Gates and Lincoln Hills and Outlaw golf club.

While many still feel trepedition over the current housing crisis, Moroney and Siddens say their sales have increased, particularly since the merger.

"There's a panic in most larger markets, but our little market is doing well," Siddens said. "People who move here do so for the lifestyle, and they usually have the money.

TODD FUQUA/RUIDOSO NEWS

Bob Moroney, left, and Doug Siddens stand in the lobby of BuyRuidoso.com, which caters to the Internet crowd when selling properties.

"The demographics are actually getting younger, too," he added. "There are a lot of retirees, but mostly they just want to move here because it's a beautiful place to live."

In addition to a large staff of homesellers, the building also houses Casa Feliz, a home furnishing store run by Siddens' wife, Lanna.

"We can sell you a house and furnish it all at the same time," Siddens said. "We're a full-service broker."

Siddens has more than 20 years in the real estate business, and marvels at how far he and Ruidoso have come.

"Twenty six years ago I was sorting mail in this building when it was a post office," Siddens said. "It's hard to believe I now have a business in the same building with 17 brokers."

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A look at Casa Feliz, a furnishings store conveniently located in the lobby area of BuyRuidoso.com.

Zagone honored

Local Realtor Joe Zagone, of Century 21 Aspen Realty, was recently included in Century 21's "prestigious Preferred Agent Club."

Zagone

Zagone has been recognized as the No. 1 producing agent in New Mexico, the No. 2 producing agent in the Southwest Region and one of the top 100 agents in the entire nation.

He has been the top producing agent in the state seven of the past eight years.

FAA awards grants to Fort Sumner, Ruidoso and T or C airports

WASHINGTON D.C. – U.S. Senator Pete Domenici announced today that airports in Fort Sumner, Ruidoso and Truth or Consequences will benefit from over $394,000 in grant funding released today by the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Funds will be distributed through the DOT's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and will be used to renovate and rehabilitate airport facilities in the respective communities.

"These FAA funds help smaller communities improve the quality and function of their airport facilities, which is important for the area's economy," Domenici said. "I'm pleased the FAA has chosen to provide funds to these New Mexico communities as it will help them make needed improvements to their airports."

The Village of Fort Sumner was awarded $246,643 to rehabilitate the apron at Fort Sumner Municipal Airport.

The Sierra Blanca Airport Commission in Ruidoso received $88,000 for a new taxiway and markings, access gates, as well as replacement firefighter protective gear.

Truth or Consequences was awarded $60,000 for a new Master Plan, that is expected to provide the city with full information on the existing, short and long-term airport needs.

The Gas Gauge

Average prices in the area and state for the week

Cost shown is for regular unleaded gasoline

- Prices at the pump in the Ruidoso area range from $3.55to $3.65 a gallon.
- The state's average is $3.51, up from last month's $3.24.
- Other state prices include $3.44 in Albuquerque, $3.49 in Las Cruces and $3.50 in Santa Fe.
- Gas prices in Texas include $3.40 in El Paso, $3.48 in Dallas-Fort Worth-Austin and $3.45 in Houston.
- The nationwide average sits at $3.55 per gallon.

Prices culled from www.fuelgaugereport.com, as monitored by AAA

Keep Ruidoso Beautiful Community Cleanup
Bank Challenge Cleanup XI
April 26, 2008

Register at Schoolhouse Park at 8 a.m – 8:30 a.m

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For More Info Call 257-5030

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NOTICE TO LINCOLN COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS
PROPERTY TAX
DELINQUENT DATE

LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER reminds Lincoln County property owners that they must pay the Second Half Property Taxes by May 10, 2008 to avoid penalties and interest.

ACCORDING TO N.M. STATE STATUTE 7-38-83, TIMELINESS-B, ALL ACTS REQUIRED OR PERMITTED TO BE DONE BY MAIL ARE TO BE POSTMARKED ON THE REQUIRED DATE

The Lincoln County Treasurer's Office does honor the postmark, but your payments MUST BE POSTMARKED May 10, 2008.

INTEREST shall accrue at the rate of one percent (1%) per month or any portion of a month. (Statute 7-38-49 NMSA 1979)

PENALTY on taxes that become delinquent, shall be imposed at one percent (1%) of the delinquent tax total, or a minimum of five dollars ($5.00), for each month they remain unpaid. (Statute 7-38-50).

By N.M. State law, property taxes are the personal obligation of the property owner, whether or not the tax bill was received. Mail payments or contact us at the address and phone number below should you have questions regarding your property tax bills:

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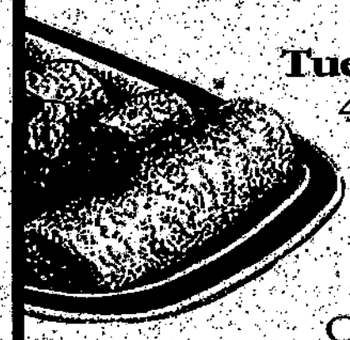

Tuesday, April 29th
4:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Ruidoso High
School Cafeteria

Adults $7.00
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Desserts Available for Extra Price

All Proceeds benefit scholarship fund for area high school seniors and community projects.

Man arrested after two holdups

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Police say they will seek federal charges against Lucas Cayaditto, arrested after two holdups in the area.

Two early-morning robberies – one at a Ruidoso convenience store and the other at the Casino Apache Travel Center – ended in misadventure for the suspect, as he was arrested Monday in the woods on the Mescalero reservation.

Lucas Cayaditto, 23, of Alamogordo, was arrested by Ruidoso officer Glen Koshinski and BIA policeman William Mitchell just after 7 a.m. Monday, after Cayaditto had allegedly brandished a knife in the travel center's convenience store and made off with an undisclosed amount of cash.

About an hour earlier, Cayaditto allegedly had done the same thing at the Allsup's located at the corner of Sudderth and Mechem.

Following his holdup at the Travel Center, Cayaditto headed for the hills along Highway 70 and was found by Koshinski near mile marker 259. RPD was allowed to take custody and transported Cayaditto to the Lincoln County Medical Center for treatment of minor scrapes during his attempted escape. Later, he was taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center.

According to the Ruidoso Police report on the incident, Cayaditto had more cash on him than had been reported stolen at both stores, leading officials to think he may have been involved in other robberies.

Mitchell said the BIA will seek federal charges against Cayaditto.

County Commissioners to decide mill levy rate

They have the option to go with recommendation by county manager or hospital administrator

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Lincoln County commissioners must decide whether to follow the recommendation of their county manager or hospital administrator on how much of a voter-authorized special property tax levy should be imposed this year on annual tax bills.

County Manager Tom Stewart last week recommended staying at the current 2.6 mill level. James Gibson, administrator of the Lincoln County Medical Center, which is managed by Presbyterian Healthcare Services, pushed for the full 3 mills approved by voters earlier this month for the next eight years.

One mill equates to $1 on each $1,000 of taxable property value and currently generates about $811,000 in property tax dollars annually.

Stewart said 2 mills would go to the hospital and .6 of a mill to the county rural health clinics. While that amount would not take care of current expenses at the clinics, a carryover balance would cover the deficit, he said.

"I only disagree in that I think we need to build a reserve," Gibson countered. "I'd recommend the 3 mills that voters approved. We're thinking long-term and part of our success has been to be able to pay cash for construction and keep costs down.

"How we manage the mill levy will be critical. I think there will be more needs than money in the next 10 years. I think the $800,000 lease payment (from PHS to the county for the hospital) should go to the reserve every year, along with part of the mill levy."

The hospital is aging and will continue to need major updates, and rural health clinic buildings also will need work or new quarters, he contended.

Stewart said the hospital is maxed out at the full 2 mills, but to avoid a major hit with the clinics, legislative financial help could be sought to acquire and operate The Rose Clinic in Capitan as a new county rural health clinic. Clinics also are operated by PHS under county contract in Carrizozo and Corona.

Gibson included a request in his annual budget presentation for the commission to take over The Rose Clinic. Hospital board officials acted on their own a few years ago by deciding to run the clinic, when the private operators were ready to shut down.

Part of the backing for the mill levy from Capitan was tied to the hope that the county would include The Rose Clinic under its umbrella, making it eligible for mill levy dollars.

"We don't control the mill levy," Gibson told commissioners. "You do, and all expenses and reserves."

When Commission Chairman Tom Battin said he was unclear on plans for he Rose Clinic, Gibson replied, "Probably because we don't have a plan. We need officials from Capitan, the county attorney, the county manager and Presbyterian representatives to sit down and determine if it is feasible to initiate a plan in 2009.

"All we have at this point is a desire by folks in Capitan. It always was the intent to open the mill levy to any village (clinic) in the county. We think the Capitan volume is sufficient."

As part of his Fiscal Year 2008-09 budget request breakdown to the county and report from the prior year, Gibson said the hospital saw a $1,655,000 profit over expenses and that money is put into a reserve account or used to buy capital items. By contract with the commission, PHS must maintain a $6 million operating reserve, he said.

"In 2008, $900,000 is listed in capital expenditures," he said. "That will come from prior years' profit."

The "profit" comes back to the county in some form or another, he said. As a not-for-profit, no money goes to stockholders or to build PHS structures in Albuquerque, he said.

"It can't be spent elsewhere," he said. "That's part of the freedom this (LCMC community board) got from Presbyterian."

He said money for construction of a future medical office building at LCMC should come from Presbyterian raising profitability, not from mill levy dollars.

(See Wednesday's paper for more on the annual budget request for the Lincoln County Medical Center and rural heath clinics).

Councilor urges fire chief to place spotter at lookout tower

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Each day without rain and with strong winds drying out whatever moisture the forest and grass retain means higher danger for wildfire.

That reality prompted Ruidoso Village Councilor Ron Hardeman at a meeting earlier this month to urge Village Fire Chief Tom Gavin to place someone in the Lookout Mountain Fire Spotting Tower as soon as possible.

The tower provides an overview of the village, out to Alto Crest pass and into the Mescalero Apache Reservation and historic Upper Canyon.

A spokesman for the U.S. Forest Service said Wednesday that fire prevention staff with the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest are manning the tower daily. Service officials recently also announced their intent to close the federal forest May 1, because of the severe threat of wildfire.

Short on staff

At the council meeting April 8, Gavin said while village staff usually fills in at the fire tower, this year he hoped the U.S. Forest Service would provide the manpower.

"We're short on staff," Gavin explained. "I'd rather they draw on some temporary hires, but in any case we will do something over the next couple of weeks if the situation continues to deteriorate."

"I think it would be prudent to get someone up there as soon as possible," Hardeman urged.

"That would leave us one man short on a shift and we have overtime issues," the chief said. "It takes time to get down from the tower."

The Forest Service tower normally is staffed from May to the beginning of July, he said. "We usually staff it and seek reimbursement," Gavin said.

— Ruidoso Village Council —

Alto Crest proposal to be heard

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Representatives of a proposed fractional ownership condominium complex on Alto Crest Hill are hoping for a better reception from the Ruidoso Village Council Tuesday.

The last attempt to air their plans in front of the village Planning and Zoning Commission was cut short as commissioners determined they could not ask questions, because no formal application was listed.

This time, officials from Artista Resorts may be given more time and attention by councilors at the 4:30 p.m. meeting to review their sketches, charts and proposal for a Planned Unit Development to replace the Swiss Chalet Hotel.

Spectators at the first go-round earlier this month say they want to hear more about a water park feature mentioned briefly at the P&Z session.

Other substantial items on the agenda are discussion and possible action on vacation of Hideaway Street at Ruidoso River Resort condominium complex on Eagle Drive.

Discussion and possible action on establishing an Affordable Housing Task Force are listed, as are discussion and possible action on a proposed budget and requirements for matching funds from the village for the Lincoln County Transit.

Among consent agenda items:

- Approval of Task Order #1 with Atkins Engineering & Associates for Aspects Related to the Acquisition and/or Lease of Water Rights, for $20,000, and Task Order #2 for Duties Related to the Accounting and Managing the Current Water Rights for $20,000.
- Approval of a $22,057 award, including gross receipts tax, for Request for Proposal #07-008 to Steve Newby Architects and Associates, Inc., for Phase I Recommendations for Ruidoso Convention Center Improvements.
- Approval of First Addendum to Agreement with Hennighausen & Olsen, L.L.P. for Professional Legal Services for Water Rights Attorney, to represent the Village of Ruidoso on House Memorial 42 Stakeholders Working Group.
- Request to Schedule a public hearing May 27 for AP08-001, Appeal of Denial of PVC-U08-001, Variance and Conditional Use; Lot 4, Block 6, Wingfield Subdivision; Nana H. Cheng, Applicant; Ruidoso Land Surveying, Agent.

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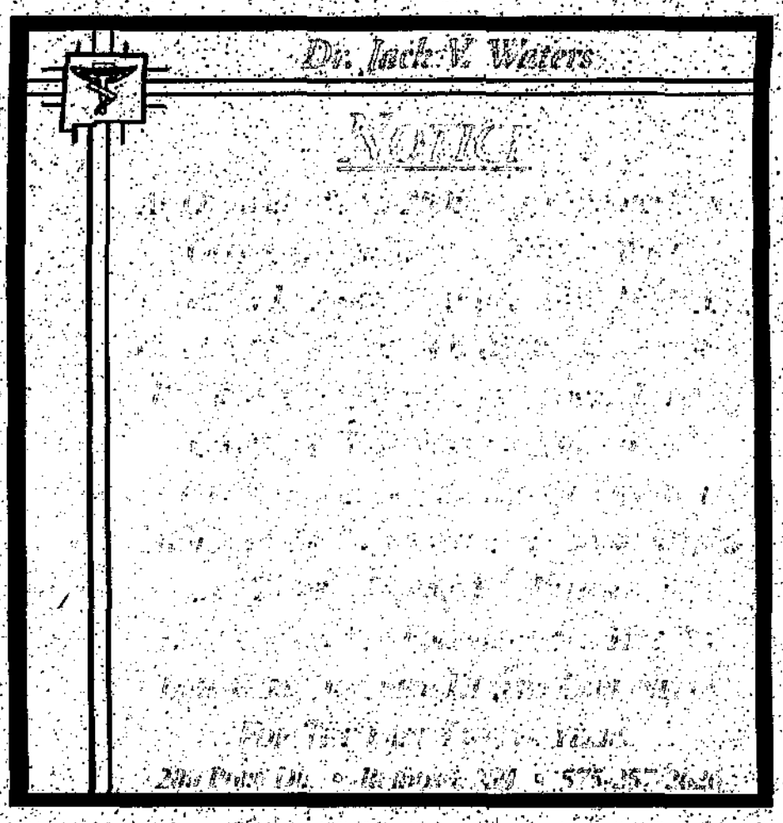

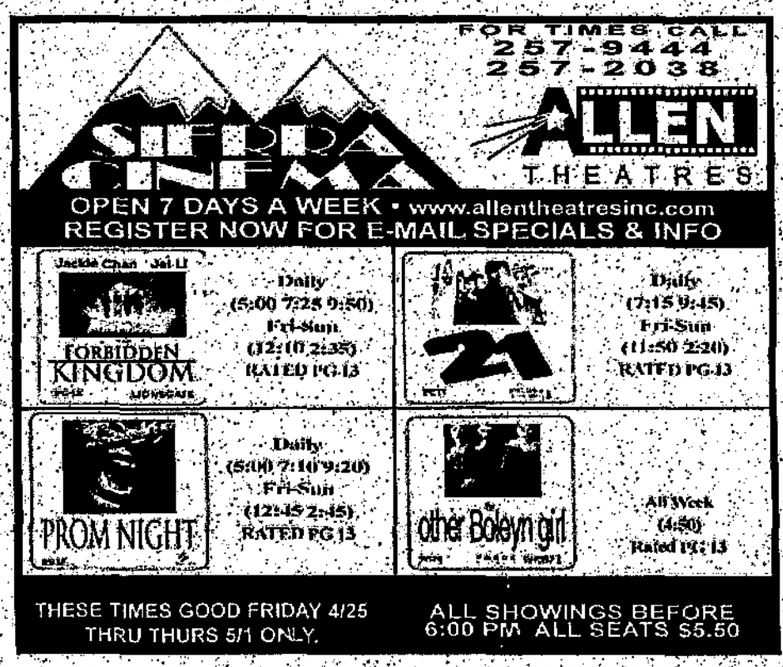

County acts on Deer Park special assessment district request

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In response to petitions from property owners in Deer Park Valley asking for a special assessment district in their community to pay for road improvements, Lincoln County commissioners authorized hiring an engineering firm and bond counsel.

County Attorney Alan Morel told commissioners earlier this month a sufficient percentage of the assessed value in the Alto subdivision was represented by signatures on petitions submitted by resident Jeff Sager and other district proponents. However, he added that the petitions may become only a backup indication of the willingness of owners to form a district, if commissioners decide to proceed by another route to the same end.

In any case, moving ahead requires a group of three different professionals, a bond counsel, an engineering firm and an underwriter/bond purchaser-handler, he said. Bond counsel needs to be on board from the outset to ensure that the four resolutions and two ordinances passed meet legal requirements and to be able to sell the bonds, Morel said. One slip and they might have to begin all over again, he said.

The engineering firm must analyze the project, determine the design and cost, and work with an appraiser to find out if the cost exceeds the benefit, the attorney said.

Kevin Powers with RBC Capital Markets in Albuquerque said an exemption allows the commission to move ahead with hiring the engineering firm and bond counsel, two financial investments that the county can recoup if the district comes to fruition, but a cost it would have to eat if the district failed.

"We've had a tremendous response from property owners" compared to a previous attempt, says Deer Park Valley resident Jeff Sager, who supports a special assessment district.

"I know the initial intent is just to pave the roads and that some roads are improved to some level. It will be the job of the engineer to determine what needs to be done and if any drainage issues need to be resolved," says Kevin Powers with RBC Capital Markets.

Morel said the commission also planned to amend its procurement code from a $25,000 maximum to parallel the state code that allows hiring of professionals for $50,000 or under without the usual advertising and requests for proposals.

Morel said Powers recommended bypassing the petition approach to create the district, and instead, use the "provisional order" method, which entails fewer requirements and restrictions.

Powers said since the last time the commission created an assessment district to do streets in Alto Lakes subdivisions 25 years ago, "A lot of things changed statutorily and new programs were created in state law."

Tax increment districts, public improvement districts and special assessment districts are three approaches to solving the problem, he said. But the special assessment district appears to be the most appropriate to accomplish the requested paving and street improvements.

"The county would issue special assessment district bonds payable from assessments to benefited properties," Powers said. "Benefit is the key word. It must be equal or greater than the assessment."

The engineering firm hired could perform a preliminary study of the needed work and the estimated cost to give property owners some idea of their individual costs, Powers said.

"Let's say the project cost $2 million, which would be divided by 200 lots to get the average assessment to see if it worked or not," he said. Later, each lot would be assessed in a method determined by the commission such as front footage on a road, square footage of the lot, or, if the property tax method is chosen, the assessed value of the lot.

Owners can either pay in full up-front, or spread out payments over 10 to 15 to 20 years, Powers said, but not beyond the useful life of the improvement and with a charge for interest, and for handling and billing costs of the county.

He's worked with Albuquerque and Las Cruces on assessment-type districts, he said.

Eligible improvements include streets, bridges, drainage, storm sewers, sanitary sewers and water, he said.

"I know the initial intent is just to pave the roads and that some roads are improved to some level," Powers said. "It will be job of the engineer to determine what needs to be done and if any drainage issues need to be resolved in the process of paving."

The county could issue general obligation bonds to pay for the work, which would require an election among property owners in the district, he said. If successful, people would pay a property tax based on the value of the parcel. As more homes are built and add to the value of the subdivision, that annual tax could decrease.

"The more traditional way is a special assessment, where the engineer calculates the cost and associates it with each lot in certain proportions, either front footage, square footage of a lot or some combination of methods," Powers said.

"I would strongly recommend the county hire an engineering firm with direct recent experience with special assessment districts, because it's more than just designing a road and determining what the engineering is for those particular improvements, it's the whole process of forming the district.

"A number of legal steps must be taken and the engineer must work with the bonding attorney to ensure all documentation is in place, and the process of notifying all property owners is followed and figuring out how best to spread the cost. Until an engineer is on board for that preliminary work, everything is speculation on the numerical side."

Commission Chairman Tom Battin asked if there was any way commissioners could "feel reasonably comfortable this goes through to completion and we're not left with a bill?"

Powers said the engineer could give a very quick review and offer an estimate to determine if property owners still wanted to move ahead. They may want to back out, if the cost is double their initial estimate of $1.1 million, he said.

Sager said the owners don't want curbs and gutters, they just want their streets paved.

"We've had a tremendous response from property owners," compared to a previous attempt a few years ago, he said. Many own vacant lots, but still back the proposal, because they know it will increase the value of their property.

Commissioner Dave Parks asked if water and sewer line expansion and replacement plans in the area would be accomplished first to avoid having to tear up newly paved streets. Sager said they are working with sanitation district officials to coordinate on that issue.

The people backing the proposal on petitions represent 72 percent of the assessed property value in the Deer Park Valley subdivision, he said.

Commissioner Eileen Lovelace asked how many own a home or are building a home. Sager replied that number changes constantly. About 70 homes are built, out of a total of 241 lots, he said.

"Of the people who responded, only three say they are not interested," Sager said.

Commissioner Don Williams worried that a few home owners, because they represent more of the assessed value, might force the district on the owners of vacant lots, but Sager said the percentage of vacant lot owners in favor seems to parallel home owners.

"Everything there is buildable, much of it is flat," Sager said, and Parks concurred.

"I was shocked this time at the high response, but it's because things are happening there and the roads are so bad," Sager said.

County Treasurer Beverly Calaway said billing as a property tax on the annual tax bill is the easiest method for her office and more likely to see payment. She still is collecting from the Alto assessment 24 years ago, she said. Some people walked away from their lots, because of high penalties and late fees.

County Assessor Paul Baca agreed with Calaway. He told commissioners he would break down the number of vacant lot owners who responded.

The motion to hire an engineer and bond counsel passed unanimously with Commissioner Jackie Powell absent. Commissioners told Powers and Morel to stay in touch with the citizens committee that presented the petitions.

Powers explained his company comes in at the end of the process as underwriter and purchaser of the bonds at sale, then the company finds new buyers.

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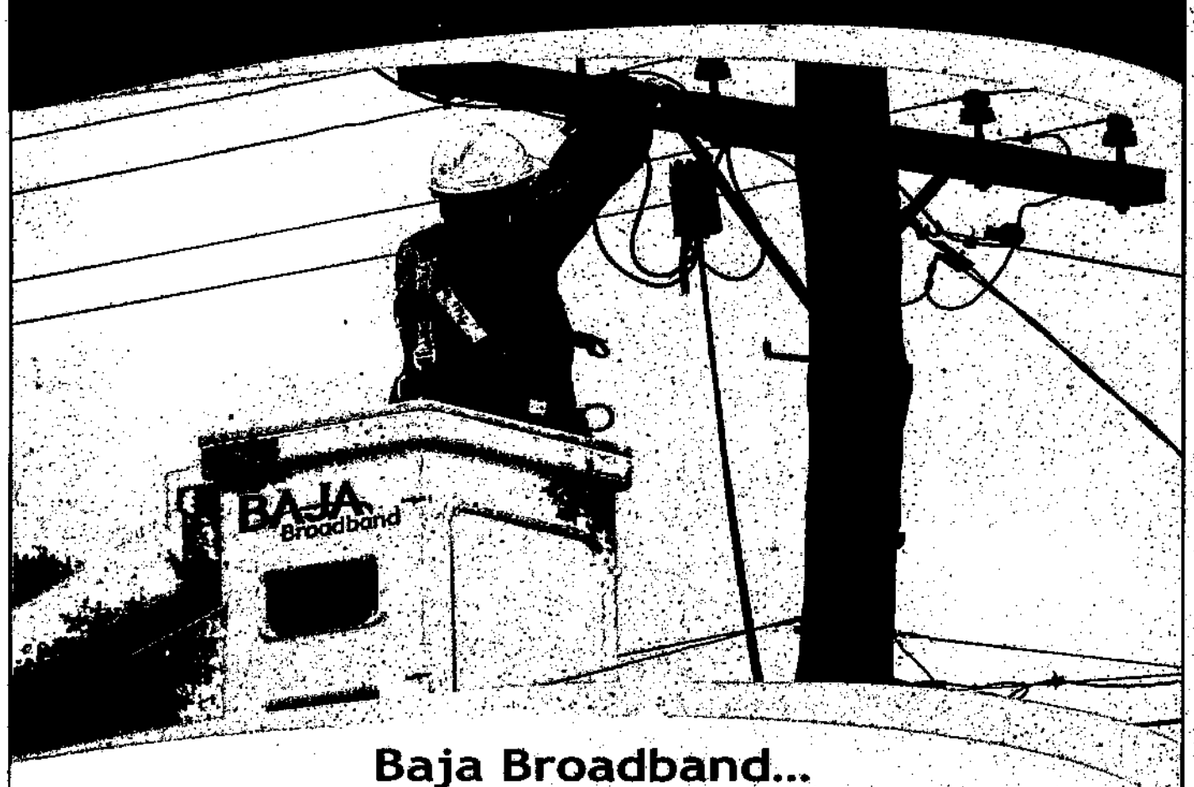

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"The facility on Gavilan is out-dated and small, not conducive for adoption or to attract volunteers to help at the shelter, or to walk the dogs. It's not nice," says Humane Society of Lincoln County President Kai Brown.

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preparing to open a spay and neuter operation onsite at the existing shelter. To achieve a "no-kill" center, emphasis must continue on ensuring that pets in the county are spayed and neutered to prevent the proliferation of more unwanted animals, Brown said.

The society built and owns the shelter on Gavilan, but it sits on village land under a long-term lease. The society also operates under contracts with the Village of Ruidoso, the City of Ruidoso Downs, the Village of Capitan and the county.

"The facility on Gavilan is outdated and small, and not conducive for adoption or to attract volunteers to help at the shelter or to walk the dogs. It's not nice," she said. "Last year, we accepted 1,600 cats and dogs at a facility built for a maximum of 65 animals."

After Labor Day when the Ruidoso Downs Race Track season ended, people headed home and left behind the cats and dogs they befriended during the summer, she said. On one particular day that month, the shelter had 161 cats and dogs, Brown said.

Animal control from Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Capitan police and recently the town of Carrizozo used the shelter. Four years ago, former members of the society and county officials "had a falling out," and the county ended its support, she said. But new people are in place and the county approved $12,500 out of a request for $25,000 this year toward care of county animals brought to the shelter, Brown said.

"In the entire county, all abandoned dogs and cats, strays and owner-relinquished, come to our shelter," she said. Carrizozo will hold their animals in kennels for a few days to allow owners a chance to reclaim them before they come to Gavilan, she added.

But the shelter doesn't lend itself to adoptions, she said.

Society board members would like three to five acres donated or under a long-term lease, where an adoption center could be built, a dog park and trails created.

"We'd like the property and money for the dog park this year," Brown said. "If we have a place where people can start bringing their dogs to walk and they see a sign about the future home of the society's adoption center, I think we will gain more support."

A professional money-raiser and Alto resident, Doug Lawson of Lawson and Associates, was signed to conduct the fund raising effort, she said.

Once the adoption center is operable, the intake center on Gavilan would accept animals for isolation until inoculations are completed and behavior is evaluated. The $65,000 of improvements needed at the intake center would be paid for through a combination of avenues, including contributions from entities that use the shelter, she said.

Councilor Greg Cory quizzed Brown about a controversy among society board members that arose a few years ago before she was on board.

She explained it was a difficult time and the society was forced to defend a lawsuit brought by two board members, who claimed bylaws were passed specifically to exclude them from membership. They took the case all the way to the state Supreme Court, but it was dismissed at each level, she said.

"The board was contentious then, but no one on that board is here now," Brown said. However, the two women who brought the suit never reconciled with the society and initiated a new organization that focuses on offering reduced or free spay and neuter vouchers to pet owners.

Brown said the group fulfills a vital need and she appreciates their work.

"They saw a need, a real need," she said, especially, because at that time, the society ended its voucher program, which ran up a $79,000 deficit subsidizing veterinary bills. "They are providing a real benefit, but they still don't like us."

The new spay and neuter clinic at the shelter, and numerous society efforts, will complement the voucher group's program, said Councilor Angel Shaw.

Brown said ideally, the dog park should be within 20 minutes from town to attract dog owners. The property on Airport Road would need costly utilities, she said. Land east of Ruidoso Downs that might become available from the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority involved many "ifs," she said. "Then it's a question of which place would be better, Airport Road or across from Conley's Nursery."

Councilor Ron Hardeman was the first to mention the Grindstone land and Morris said he's looking at the acreage across the street from the village's disk golf course as a serious possibility.

"It's very pretty," Hardeman said.

Brown said the location sounds ideal and certainly accessible for dog owners. Shaw pointed out that utilities already are available and water lines lie within 200 yards.

Cory said he would want to revise some of the conditions of the current long-term lease, if that is the course selected.

Brown said the dog park would feature double fences to separate different sizes of dogs, but allow owners to let them off leash to run safety and meet their peers.

Hardeman asked how the village could avoid violating the state anti-donation law and Village Attorney Dan Bryant said long-term leases such as Gavilan are common.

"It's possible to create the legal framework to make it happen," he said.

Emergency Medical Services week scheduled for May 18-24

"Most counties would envy having an EMS operation as we have," says Lincoln County EMS Director Jim Stover.

In declaring May 18-24, Emergency Medical Services Week in Lincoln County, county commissioners noted the dedication of emergency physicians, nurses, medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators and administrators.

"The members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their life-saving skills," Commission Chairman Tom Battin read from the proclamation last Tuesday.

Jim Stover, director of Lincoln County EMS, thanked commissioners for the recognition.

"You're right," he said. "They are there 24 hours a day, seven days a week taking care of people. Just in Carrizozo on one day, five calls came in and they covered them all. We have nine EMTs in Corona. With the passage of the (property tax levy), we're in good shape. Most counties would envy having an EMS (operation) as we have. A lot are volunteers who put in their own time for training."

This week, EMS Region III is conducting a conference with training classes at the Ruidoso Convention Center with 979 participants registered and 118 vendors will set up, he said.

"It's the largest conference Region III ever had," Stover said. "International speakers are coming and it's all right here, so that our people don't have to travel elsewhere for the training."

Battin told Stover, "I doubt there is another 5,000-square-mile-county (in the country) with 20,000 people spread out over it that is served so well by EMS."

—Dianne Stallings

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explained. Most of the nine state Visitor Information Centers are at key entry points around the state, situated on or near major state highways utilizing Department of Transportation Rest Areas, Property Control Division buildings and a partnership with one city.

Center locations are Anthony, Manuelito, Glenrio, La Bajada, Chama, Lordsburg, Raton, Texico and Santa Fe.

No state-owned visitor information centers are located in southeastern New Mexico. The closest center to Ruidoso is in Anthony on Interstate 25, south of Las Cruces.

A recent study determined that the entire southeastern section of New Mexico is "underserved" regarding the availability of a visitor information center that provides state and region-specific visitor information.

"Our state-owned Visitor Information Centers are very important to our overall mission of welcoming and educating our visitors," Cerletti said. "Last year they advised nearly 700,000 visitors, and with the construction of two brand-new centers, along Interstate 40, replacing older centers in Glenrio near the Texas state line and Manuelito near the Arizona state line, every indication is that all centers are only going to get busier in the future. New Mexico is becoming more and more popular as a destination getaway, and with the Billy the Kid Byway Visitor Center now augmenting our efforts on a state-wide basis as well as locally, our visitors will be even better informed."

Visitors come into Ruidoso on U.S. Highways 54, 380 or 70, with the four-lane U.S. 70 a major route from I-25 and I-10 in Las Cruces.

Ruidoso is considered a major tourism entry point for southern New Mexico, particularly for visitors from Dallas/Fort Worth, Amarillo, and West Texas, as well as the Mexican market. It is estimated that nearly 1.5 million vehicles traveled U.S. 70 in 2006.

In 2006, Ruidoso collected $21.5 million in lodger's tax receipts, which was the fourth-highest amount in the state. Only Albuquerque, Las Cruces, and Santa Fe collected more. As a state-designated visitor center, it is anticipated attendance will likely reach 60,000 visitors annually.

Norma Waring, program director, said the Visitor Information Center program's main objective is to get the traveling public to "slow down while traveling through the state and visit the attractions in the areas near the centers or on their way through the state."

LINKS

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refused to remove the outstanding debt to the village from the books and listed it as a receivable.

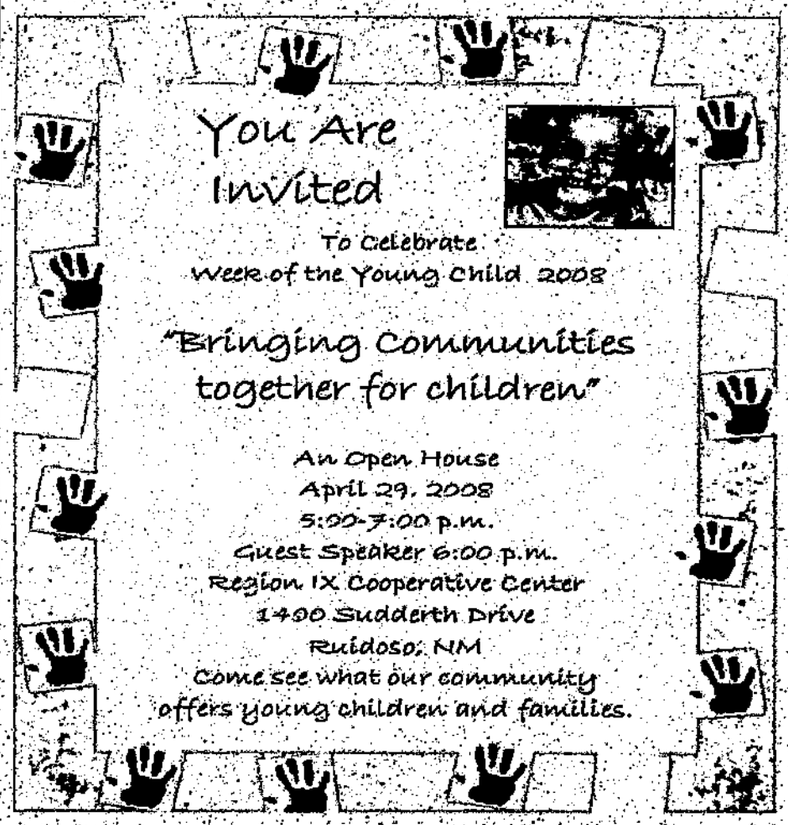
After years of trying to avoid litigation, the council, at the strong "suggestion" of State Auditor Hector Balderas, agreed in February to seek a declaratory judgment in court.

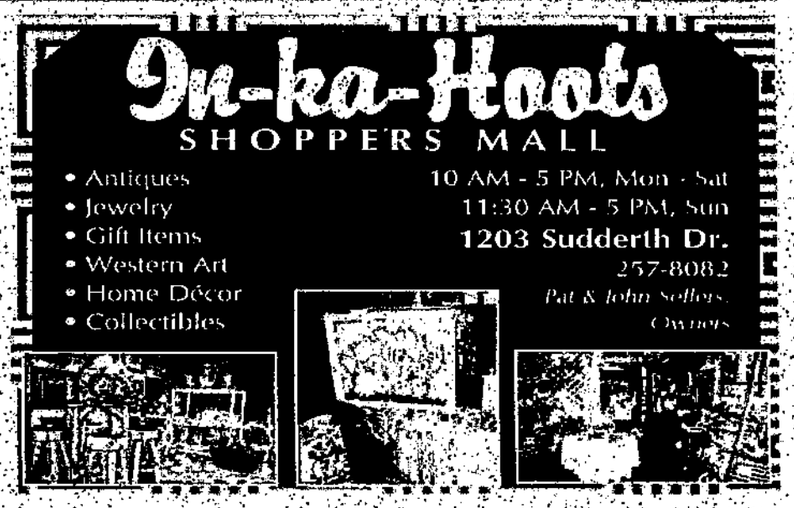
By issuing the judgment, Parsons apparently approved the process followed by the council to settle the dispute over the calculation of the percentage rental called for in the lease agreement.

"Judge Parsons has agreed that the historical records unequivocally demonstrate that the intent of both parties was that the percentage rental under the lease agreement to the (village) only applied to revenues in excess of $1.5 million in any given year," a news release from village officials stated.

Judge Parsons ruled that the intent of both parties in the lease only applied to revenues in excess of $1.5 million in a given year.

"Additionally the judge agreed with the (village) that the alleged receivable from Allhub Investments, Inc. is not in fact, earned income of the (village) and that continuing to report this alleged receivable on the village's financial statements is inappropriate."





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 (4/25/08). You'll do very well this year, but the results may not fit your pictures. There are aspects to your dream that aren't practical. Feel free to make modifications as you go along. You can achieve satisfaction.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - Your job is particularly difficult now. You're being asked to do something you don't want to do at all. Show your maturity by complying gracefully.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - You're starting to get interested in finding out what else there is. Your present state of satisfaction gives you a good basis for further exploration. Don't start out yet, but do make plans.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - As you're making up your shopping lists and figuring out what you need, also find another way to bring new money in. It's more fun than doing without.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Talk over your dilemma with a person who understands. You'll get further with the support of those who see things your way. They'll give you good ideas.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - A big job has got your attention, and your imagination. This will be a working weekend, to create magnificent things.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - Reconnect with somebody you love and keep the dream alive. If you don't already have travel plans, start putting some together. You need more fun time.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - Household chores and other family matters take up the vast majority of your time this weekend. There's a disagreement about what should be done first. Listen patiently.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - A fascinating conversation interferes with chores. You're having a wonderful time, but you may have to play catch-up later. Take care.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - Not a good time to gamble. Financial situation erratic. Don't even go shopping if you can avoid it. Hide your credit cards from yourself.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - A person who's been hard to convince is starting to soften up. Try again. Even if you don't totally succeed, you will make points.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - The stack of stuff you've been putting off seems to have grown in your absence. You're going to have to deal with it. No more procrastination.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - A get-together with friends does wonders to alleviate your stress. Don't overdo it, however. Don't spend more than you can afford.

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Pork on the propane grill

Spring brings out the temptation to again begin cooking on the barbeque grill. Here are some tips on grill pork.

Most barbecue sauces contain sugar, which easily burns, so don't sauce your ribs until the last 10 to 20 minutes of grilling time.

Don't parboil your ribs. You'll just boil away all the flavor. Instead, cook them low and slow over indirect heat.

Chops 1-inch or thicker are best for the grill. For the most flavorful chop, lightly coat the chops with oil and sear them like you would a steak. Finish them up over indirect medium heat.

Tenderloin can be safely removed from the grill at 155 degrees, if it is covered with foil and allowed to rest for 5 minutes before carving. During that time, the temperature should rise to a perfect 160 degrees. Use a meat thermometer to be sure.

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HINTS FOR THE HOME

Pork Tenderloin with Pineapple

2 pork tenderloins (12-16 oz. each)

Marinade

1 can (6-oz.) pineapple juice (3/4 cup)

3 tbls. soy sauce

2 tbls. minced fresh garlic

2 tbls. minced fresh ginger

1 1/2 tsp. coarse salt (kosher)

1 tsp. ground cumin

1 tsp. chili powder

1/2 tsp. ground black pepper

2 cups peeled and cubed fresh pineapple (1-inch pieces)

6 to 8 wooden or metal skewers

Place pork tenderloins in resealable plastic bag; set aside. In small bowl, combine marinade ingredients; pour over pork. Seal bag; refrigerate for at least 1 hour to marinate, or up to 24 hours to enhance flavor.

Preheat grill to medium-hot. When ready to grill, remove pork from marinade and place on grill. Cook, covered, for about 10 minutes per side or until the internal temperature of pork is 160 degrees F.

Meanwhile, place the pineapple chunks on the skewer; place on grill during the last 6 minutes of grilling time, turning after 3 minutes. To serve, slice pork into 1/2-inch slices (medallions) and serve with grilled pineapple.

Nutrition Facts

Calories 205 calories; Protein 26 grams; Fat 7 grams; Sodium 577 milligrams; Cholesterol 77 milligrams; Saturated Fat 2 grams; Carbohydrates 9 grams; Fiber 1 grams

MARSHA PALMER is a home economist with the Lincoln County Extension Office.

Local celebrities will judge

The Lincoln County Community Health Council is proud to announce the local celebrity judges for the children's poster-coloring contest called "Hands are not for Hurting."

Senator Rod Adair, Ruidoso Councilor Angel Shaw, Lincoln County Commissioner Dave Parks, Salli Mason of The Counseling Center and Linda Hand of the DWI Council comprise the judging panel.

The pledge

The Hands are not for Hurting contest challenges school-aged children in grades K-6 to take this pledge to avoid violence: "I will not use my hands or my words for hurting myself or others."

Prizes of T-shirts and teddy bears with the Hands are not for Hurting logo will be awarded for the best posters in several age groups.

The posters will be judged at the public library immediately following the Walk in the Woods on Saturday, May 3.

For further information or to obtain a poster to enter the contest, call the Lincoln County Community Health Council at 973-1829.

AGs join forces to provide perscription drug information

ALBUQUERQUE – Attorney General Gary King announced a $4.4 million grant that will ultimately help consumers make the safest and most effective prescription drug choices.

The money gives Consumers Union, the nonprofit publisher of Consumer Reports, the assistance needed to help give consumers free and unbiased information when sorting through the confusing prescription drug market.

The grant money is available as part of a $38 million dollar consumer protection settlement between the Attorneys General of 50 states and Warner-Lambert, now owned by Pfizer, the world's largest pharmaceutical company.

The Attorneys' General consumer protection settlement was part of a larger May 2004 agreement where Warner-Lambert paid $430 million to resolve allegations that it illegally marketed its drug, Neurontin®, for "off-label" purposes not approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

The Attorneys' General settlement earmarked funds for consumer education and advertising, with a large portion set aside for grants that will give consumers balanced information when making the important decision about what drug is the safest and most effective.

This effort directly involves Consumers Union's public education project, Consumer Reports Best Buy Drugs™ (www.CRBestBuyDrugs.org), a program with a Web site that provides prescription drug comparisons ranging from affordability to effectiveness.

"Millions of consumers either go without needed medications or pay high prices for their prescriptions because they don't know about effective, affordable alternatives," says Jim Guest, President of Consumers Union.

"The AG Grant will help counter pervasive drug industry marketing that drives up health care costs by informing consumers about their choices when it comes to prescription medications."

Consumer Reports Best Buy Drugs™ has so far examined prescription drugs used to treat 35 major medical illness and conditions, including high cholesterol, high blood pressure, depression, insomnia, and diabetes.

The Attorneys General grant funds awarded to the Consumers Union will also expand the free drug safety information by reaching out to organizations across the country and providing information at consumerreports.org.health/-prescription-drugs.htm to reach seniors, low-income, minority and other target audiences with balanced information that can help improve health quality and lower prescription drug costs.

For example, the National Association of Agencies for the Aging, through its 650 Area Agencies, will bring this unbiased information to the senior communities across the country.

The grant also will create educational campaigns about prescription drug choices that are targeted at low-income and also to Spanish-speaking consumers.

New Mexico Department of Health investigates TB case in healthcare worker

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Department of Health is screening approximately 250 individuals in Albuquerque and Clovis to rule out the spread of tuberculosis (TB) from a healthcare worker who was recently diagnosed with the disease.

The Department of Health and other agencies have already tested 73 individuals who have been in close contact with the worker.

There is no evidence of disease transmission to date.

As the investigation progresses, the department may identify additional people who should be screened.

The department is providing treatment for the healthcare worker.

Federal and state patient privacy laws prohibit the department from releasing the patient's name or identifying information.

"We know who was potentially exposed to TB in this case, and we will be in touch with you if we think you need to be tested," said Dr. Marcos Burgos, the department's medical director of the tuberculosis program. "We are contacting individuals who may have been exposed so we can treat them if they are infected."

Cause and cure

Tuberculosis is a disease caused by germs that can be spread from one person to another through the air when a person with TB coughs, sneezes, speaks or sings.

TB disease is most likely to be spread from a diseased person to others when they spend frequent time together, such as family members, friends and co-workers.

Transmission of TB disease to another person depends on three factors: close contact in confined spaces, duration of contact and frequency of contact.

TB germs can live in the body without making someone sick. This is called latent TB infection.

People with latent TB infection cannot spread TB to others and can be treated to prevent development of TB disease.

If someone has TB disease, germs are actively growing and can make people sick.

Symptoms of TB include a strong cough that lasts several weeks, coughing up bloody sputum, and chest pain.

Other symptoms are weakness or fatigue, weight loss, appetite loss, chills, fever and night sweats.

The department will use skin and blood tests to screen for TB infection and disease.

In some cases, the department will use chest x-rays to further evaluate individuals exposed.

Tuberculosis is preventable and curable. TB disease can be treated by taking medication for six to 12 months.

There were 51 cases of tuberculosis in New Mexico in 2007 and 48 in 2006.

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TUNNEL OF LIGHT AND COLOR

JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Bruce DeFoor and his ENMU-Ruidoso class of mural painters are working their way through the tunnel leading to Camelot Mountain. With class time and some donated extra time, dozens of hours are spent making what once was a dark canvas for graffiti, a window of light and color.

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A generation at the door

Cowgirl Sass & Savvy

BY JULIE CARTER

It's that time of year again. Almost daily, my mailbox brings me a cleverly designed photo card with a scripted invitation to that giant curve in the road of life – high school graduation.

One small card, all four faces filled with photos, shares, at a glance, 18-years of the embarking teen's life.

Chubby baby cheeks give way to pre-school cuteness followed by sports shots, county fair, FFA and then model-perfect poses of beauty that only a teen can achieve.

At homes everywhere, there is a teen whose head is spinning with a calendar full of lasts – last prom, last classes, last finals, last high school rodeo, last look at a school bus twice a day.

Moms are sorting clothes, sorting hours in the day, making lists and more lists.

She is filling every corner of her heart with busy in an effort to make those last high school memories great ones. And maybe, if she stuffs and pokes and pushes down hard enough, she can ignore, for a little longer, the tug of loneliness that is trying to take over.

Her baby is leaving home. Her baby isn't hers anymore. Her baby, whether it's the first one to leave or the last, will never again need her like he or she has the last 18 years.

That curve in the road of life isn't just for the graduating teen. It's for the family who has been a unit of a certain size in a certain way for a certain number of years. Now it will all change.

It might not all happen right after the casp and gowns are returned and the graduation party is behind them.

After all, there is still summer and plenty to do at home and with assorted activities. But the ticking clock will seem to pick up speed and volume as June and July slip by to the inevitable first day of college classes.

If this is the first one to go, it's horribly hard, as Mom makes her way through unfamiliar territory, dreading what she can't see or plan for ahead.

If this is the last one to go, it's horribly hard as Mom knows the road, but also knows how it drops off at the end.

Graduation seems to signify some right of passage for a teen that says, "Okay Mom, I've got it handled now."

Wasn't it just last week he was checking daily in the mirror to see if he had enough facial hair to justify shaving? He was almost willing it grow overnight, like that would mean he was a little tougher and more "mature."

Is this the same kid, who during "the talk," became mortified when the word hormone was used because he had it confused with hemorrhoids and didn't want to talk about anything having to do with his butt. Somehow, a raging hemorrhoid is not a good explanation for much of anything.

Wasn't it just last week she was wearing frosted bubblegum lip-gloss, plastic beaded bracelets and wanting her ears pierced? Her firsts were mascara, dates, a bra and trying to figure out just what it was that was supposed to make thong underwear fun.

Now she has her own car and spends every spare minute planning her own apartment and a life completely free of her perceptions of her mother's nagging. It will be many years before she realizes how much she is her mom.

In the meantime, contrary to what graduates think is going to happen, moms don't resign their post that easily. Every now and then I have to show my AARP card to my mother to remind her, "I got it handled, Mom."

Julie has lived through this twice, with one more to go, sometime after he starts shaving. She can be reached for comment at jcarter@ruidosonews.com.

GARDEN GALS

COURTESY

The Capitan Public Library's Annual Plant, Garden and Gift Sale is Saturday, May 3. Doors will open at 8 a.m. The yard art totems have been a big seller in past years and this year's totems are show-stoppers. Also for sale will be bedding plants, house plants, exclusively designed shirts by MJ, ceramic yard critters and other yard art, baked goods and gifts for Mother's Day. Come early for the best selection. Proceeds from the sale go to the the daily operational expenses of the library. The garden beauties are front, l-r, Kay McNeer, Alice Burnett and Barbara Stewart with Cherry Ratliff (at her greenhouse) and Larrie Apps.

Local 'Memory' mom's company has hand in Extreme Makeover: Home Edition

Local independent sales consultant Carol Wilson announced that the company she represents, Creative Memories, had a hand in making the new home featured in a recent airing of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" a dream come true for Ju-Juanna Latif, a single mother of four living in Wilmington, Del.

Creative Memories donated $10,000 worth of its scrapbooking and memory-celebration products so that Latif could keep a visual record of the family's transition from its old house to its new home.

Products included Creative Memories' premier photo-safe albums and accessories, tools for creating traditional and digital memory books, photo organizers and home décor items such as wall displays and frames.

Wilson said it was an honor for Creative Memories to play a role in such a popular and meaningful show.

"We were thrilled to be selected by 'Extreme Makeover: Home Edition' and to learn that our albums and frames were being used by the Latif family to celebrate and treasure this amazing moment in their lives."

Company co-founder Rhonda Anderson said Creative Memories and "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" share a passion for storytelling.

"The show chronicles the story of a deserving family whose life is transformed by their move into a new home. At Creative Memories, we're dedicated to helping people tell their stories by developing products they can use to preserve and showcase memorable events."

"It's wonderful to know that the same Creative Memories products I use with my customers here in Lincoln County are being used by the Latif family to celebrate this exciting time,"

WILSON

Wilson said. " I can only imagine all of the beautiful memories they will keep forever."

Check the county blog www.theremuda.blogspot.com

COUNTY BRIEFS

Address correction

The correct address for donations to Casa Esperanza in memory of Bob Hellman is Box 40472, Albuquerque, NM 87196-0472

PTA elections

Capitan School PTA officer elections will be April 29 in the elementary school lounge at 4:30 p.m.

Tourist guide deadline

The deadline for inclusion in the Capitan Business and Tourist Guide, promoting the Village of Capitan and surrounding rural Lincoln County communities, is May 2.

Produced by the Capitan Chamber of Commerce, the brochure highlights regional attractions and businesses and will be distributed throughout the Southwest. Send all listing and contact information to the Capitan Chamber, 433 W. Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan, N.M. 88316, or call 354-2273.

Fandango in Lincoln

Meet the Billy the Kid trail riders as they complete their seven-day ride from Fort Sumner to Lincoln. Cost is $10 per person for dinner at 5:30 p.m., dance, entertainment and storytellers. Bring your friends for a step back in time.

Silent auction

The Art and Artists for Smokey silent auction to benefit the Friends of the Capitans will be held 5 – 8 p.m., April 26, at the Oso Art Reserve, 105 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan.

Featuring more than 100 pieces of donated art and jewelry, the auction also has other items and services for bidders. For more information, call 354-2327.

Livestock water workshop

The workshop focusing on making livestock watering facilities more accessible and safer for wildlife will be held Wednesday, April 30, in the County Commission meeting room in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Those attending will receive a wildlife escape ramp.

The workshop is free but an RSVP would help with refreshment volume. Please call the NRCS office at 648-2941, Ext.3.

Cowboy Action Shooting

The Ruidoso Gun Club is offering organized competitive Cowboy Action Shooting sanctioned through the Single Action Shooting Society's newest affiliate, the Lincoln County Regulators. Come experience the fun and excitement, and learn about Cowboy Action Shooting at 6 p.m., May 13, at Pizza Hut, 1201 Mechem Dr.

Cowboys, cowgirls and buckaroos all invited. The Ruidoso Gun Club will buy the pizza and beverages.

Lincoln County Regulators will provide regular opportunities for fellowship and fun with like-minded folks and families.

For more information, call Jack Shuster at 257-0871.

First Friday lecture

The Capitan Public Library announces their May 2 guest speaker to be Stephen Carter.

He will speak on the caves of Lincoln County. Carter is a cave restoration specialist. He will show a PowerPoint presentation of the caves found in Lincoln County.

He will also tell about Eco Servants, a non-prophet conservation effort that hires youth for cave restoration during the summer vacation. The lecture is at 7 p.m. at the Capitan Village Hall. Refreshments will be served afterwards across the street at Capitan Public Library.

Music in the Parks

The first of the five programs for Music in the Parks will be May 4 in McDonald Park on Central Avenue in Carrizozo at 2 p.m. This will be a Cinco de Mayo celebration featuring Ron Becker, The Flying Burrito Brothers, Hondo Valley Schools Fiesta Dancers. The program is free, but bring a chair, hat and bottle of water.

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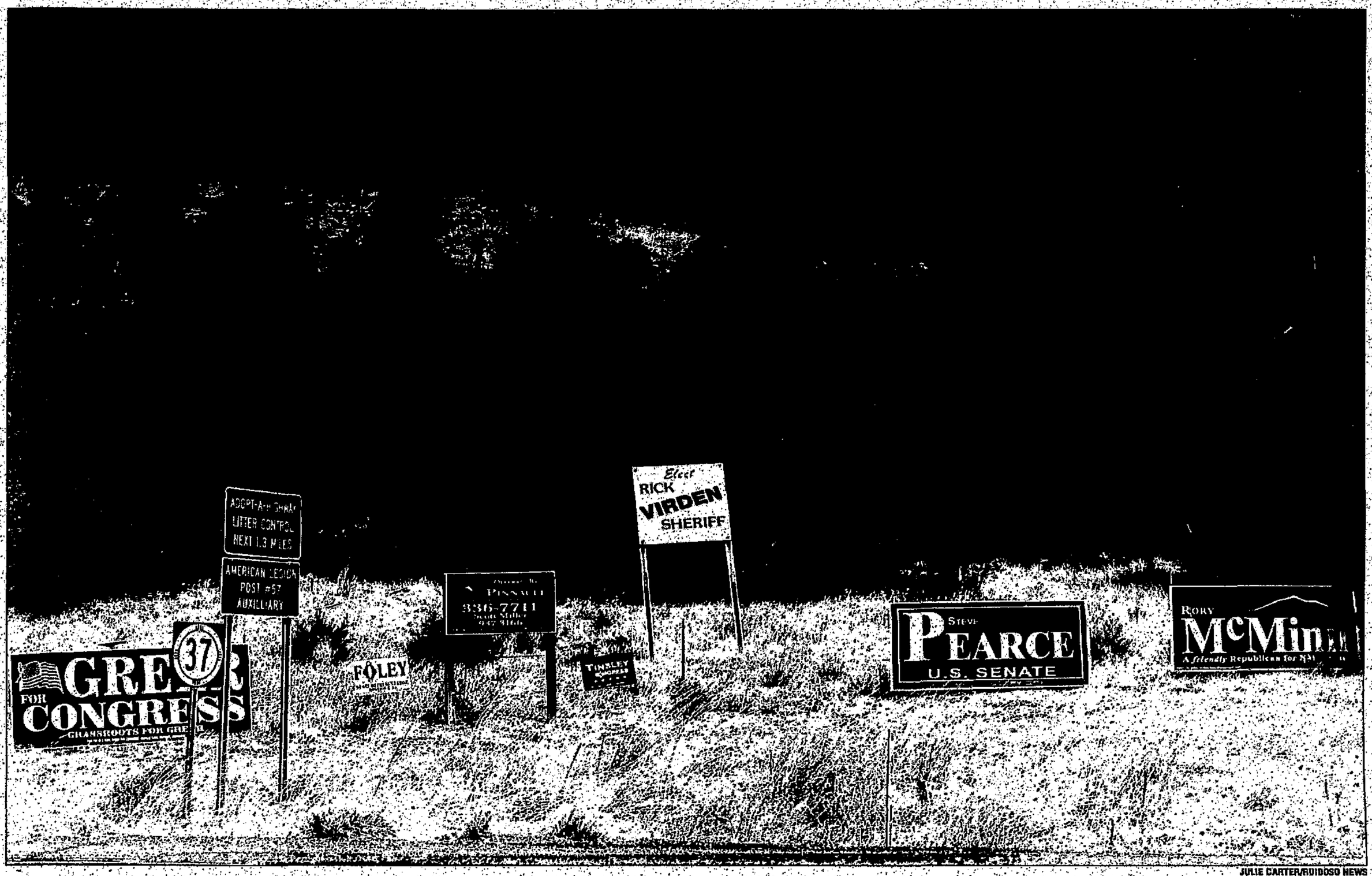

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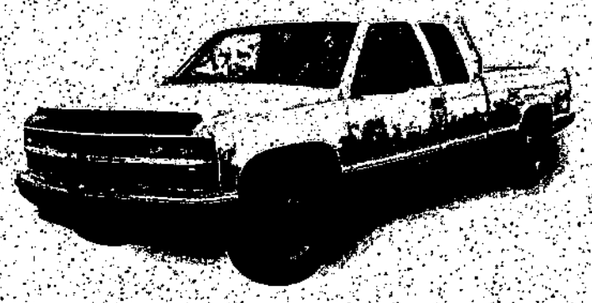

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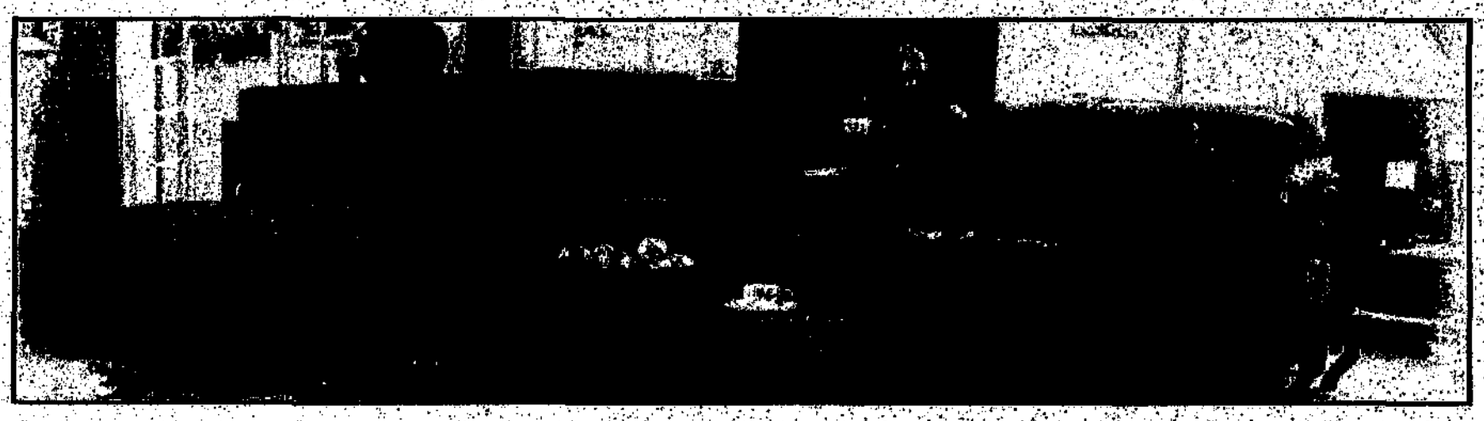

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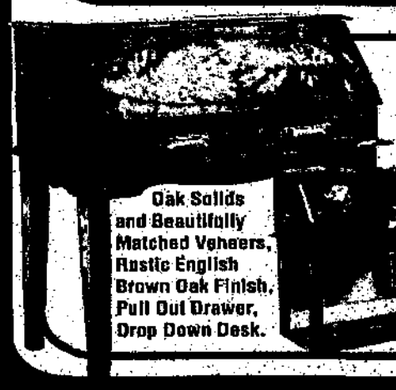

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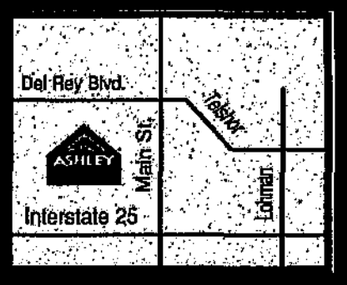

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RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Stolen radio

A two-way radio worth $1,200 was stolen from a locker inside Fire Station No. 3, April 14. There are no suspects at this time.

Too rowdy

A pair of juvenile males – ages 15 and 16 – were arrested for underage drinking, April 19, following a near fight on the 100 block of Mechem Drive. After being booked at the Ruidoso Police Department, both were then released to their parents.

Compressor larceny

A twin tank air compressor worth $89 was reported stolen, April 19, from a carport on the 300 block of Third Street. There are no suspects at this time.

No smoking

The current fire restrictions apparently made no impression on two area residents, who were cited, April 20, for smoking outdoors.

Police issued citations for improper handling of fire to Delmer Morgan, 22, and Juanito Makil, 28, both of Mescalero, after they were found walking along the 2500 block of Sudderth Drive smoking cigarettes. They extinguished the cigarettes and claimed they knew of the smoking ban, but had forgotten about it.

De-tachment

A home under construction on the 100 block of Blue Spruce Drive was the victim of a theft, April 16, as the attachment to the front of a skidster tractor was removed. Cost of the attachment is $500.

Pilfered saw

A $400 chainsaw sitting unsecured on the rear deck of a house in the 300 block of Fifth Street was reported stolen, April 19. There are no suspects at this time.

Worse and worse

As if being arrested for battery against a household member wasn't bad enough, Samuel Deane, 35, of Ruidoso Downs, got into even more hot water when he punched an X-ray machine at the Lincoln County Medical Center while being treated for injuries.

Deane was further charge with criminal damage to property and as of April 21 was being held at RPD on a $500 bond.

Unlocked target

A resident on the 300 block of Second Street left her home unlocked for a short time, April 6, and returned to find several items – including an XM satellite radio and two shotguns – had been stolen. There are no suspects at this time.

Drinking and fighting (and driving)

A fight between two males Saturday night in Carrizozo resulted in the arrest of Samuel Samora, 35, of Carrizozo.

When Carrizozo officers Rachel Weiser and Gary Lindsey arrived on the scene at 1802 Adobe Ave., Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Deputy Pat Montes advised them that Miquel Garcia had been battered by Sam Zamora. Montes already had Zamora under arrest.

Montes said that Zamora had attempted to leave the residence in a vehicle and when approached, he had a strong odor of alcohol. Zamora was aggressive and non-cooperative during the investigation so a field sobriety test was done after the Carrizozo officers arrived. According to court documents, Zamora tested a .17 and .18.

Garcia told officers that Zamora arrived at the residence, became angry and punched him on the left side of the head. A wrestling match ensued and a witness called the police.

Deputy Montes contacted Assistant District Attorney Reed Thompson who approved charges of battery and aggravated driving while intoxicated and Samora was booked into the Lincoln County Detention Center.

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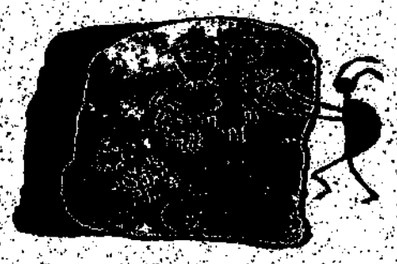

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Anderson grabs 6th ski title

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The FIS World Cup speed skiing season has once again come to a close for Ruidoso resident Ross Anderson. On April 19, in Verbier, Switzerland, the curtain came down on this year's race events. Shortly afterwards, it was announced that Anderson had placed, once again, in the top 10 of this extreme sport for the twelfth time in as many years. And not only that – he was No.1 for the U.S. – the sixth time he has laid claim to the National Championship title.

Not bad for the western hemisphere's fastest skier (154.06 mph).

"It was thrilling to win it for the sixth time," Anderson said. "Many others told me it was a huge accomplishment, but I thought it was all in a year's hard work."

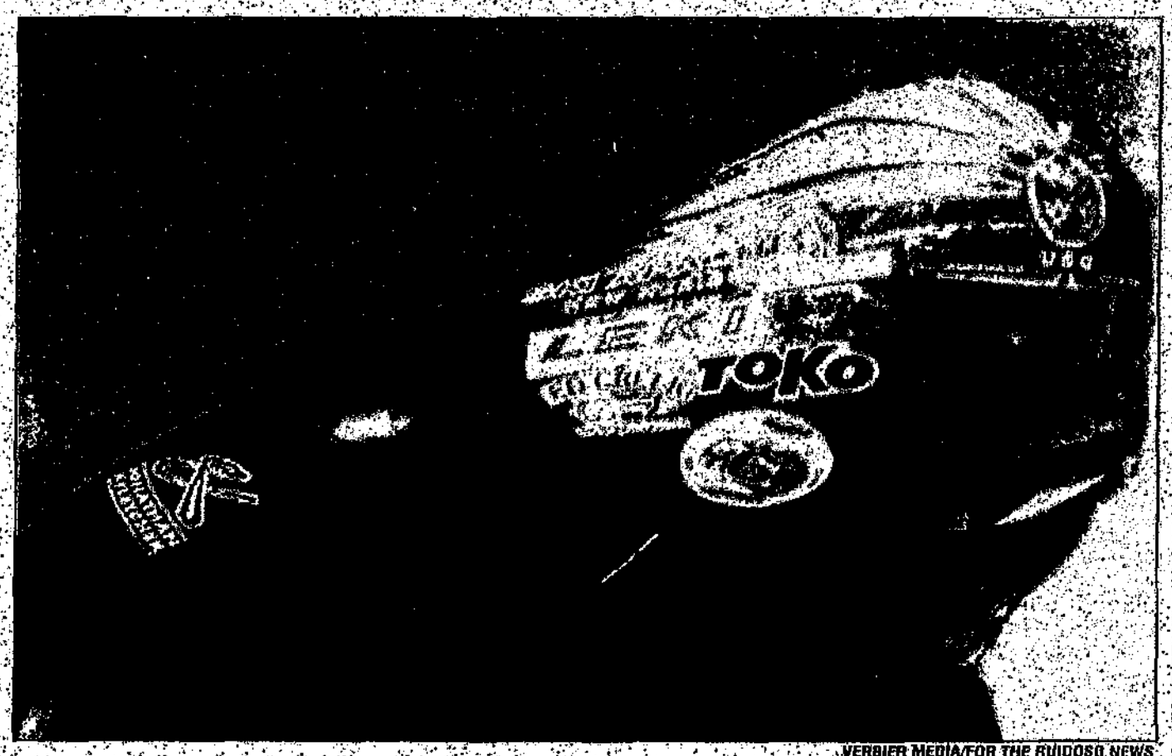
That's not to say there were not some disappointments along the way. Vars, France, brought mixed feelings. More than 150 racers were on hand for those ski races and after the first day of the four-day event Anderson had an admirable third-place showing. Fog canceled the subsequent day's races and on the third day he wound up in seventh position.

"I thought I was seeded well to mount a serious challenge for No. 1," Anderson said at the time. "But bad weather rolled in the next two days and officials decided to cancel the races and used the existing results to determine the final standings."

Sometimes a winning performance is not measured by speed times or the awards you receive for being the fastest. On occasion, personal satisfaction can be just as rewarding.

Anderson experienced that lesson while at Sun Peaks, Canada, for two World Cup races, March 1-7. While there, he was approached by the marketing director of Sun Peaks Resorts to give a talk to the First Nations Snowboard team, comprised of Native North Americans at their year-end celebration on March 8.

"Anderson discussed all factors of his journey to becoming a professional athlete and that really hit home for the team," the Recreation Program Manager for the First Nations Snowboard Team Lindsey Hubley said.



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Ross Anderson about to start another World Cup race at Sun Peaks, Canada, March 5.

"Many of our youth aspire to be World Cup athletes and having Anderson speak from experience as a World Cup athlete and medalist was a great inspiration to the team," she says.

"Not only is he North

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Whipple wins one, Miranda takes two

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It is a long way to Gallup, unless you live in Grants, but a good number of Lincoln County high school rodeo hands made the trip as they wind down their 2007-08 season.

The year has been a head-fighting struggle for Cutter Whipple, a Capitan senior. Instead of a winning streak, he said he's been on a "dead streak."

"I've been beating myself most of the time and if that didn't do it, I couldn't seem to draw a calf I could rope," he said.

"This win in Gallup was a real confidence builder, and I sure needed it."

Whipple, while managing to consistently grab a point or two at almost every rodeo, never managed to rise to the top of a considerably impressive tough pack of ropers. Forty-one of them were entered in Gallup.

"I was trying too hard. This time I just made myself relax, act like it was the practice pen and it worked. Getting a check felt pretty good," he said after winning the Sunday rodeo with a time of 11.25 seconds.

Whipple also struck pay dirt with partner Ryan Sanders in the team roping by spinning a steer in 8.67 seconds on Saturday, good for third place in a field of 29 teams.

With a fair stretch yet to go to get in the top four of the calf roping standings to qualify for nationals, Whipple, sitting in ninth place, will have to maintain his new-found winning ways through the next two rodeos and the state finals.

It's not over yet. "I'll just do the best I can with what I got," he said, referring to the coming rodeos and "luck" of the draw.

Fall will find Whipple attending Hobbs Junior College's welding program. "It's not a bad trade and I can go just about anywhere with that skill and get a good job," he said.

"I'm not much at books, but I do like the outdoors, so this is what I'll do for now."

Whipple has a college rodeo scholarship to Hobbs to work both calf roping and team roping events. This summer he will stay tuned-up attending Texas Cowboy Rodeo Association and U.S. Calf Roping events.

For Chon Miranda, the trip was a major turning point in his year. With two first place wins, he not only won the Bull Riding

See **RODEO**, page 2B

COURTESY

Cutter Whipple poses with his favorite rope horse.

BASEBALL PERFECT TOSS

MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Tristan Bowden tries to make a perfect pitch. The contest is open to young throwers of any age and will take place again tomorrow between the Ruidoso/Portales doubleheader. Tickets are $1 for a chance to win a $25, $50 or $250 prize.

LINCOLN COUNTY SOCCER

MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Future soccer stars of the Lincoln County Youth Soccer League learn the game. Seen here are the Tigers and the Blacks.

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Results

Tuesday, April 22
Girls Softball
Lovington 15, Ruidoso 0
Ruidoso 17, Lovington 4
Capitan 6, Tularosa 3
Tularosa 12, Capitan 2
Girls Softball
Dexter 13, Ruidoso 11
Ruidoso 15, Dexter 0
Recent Little League Scores
Minors
Miami 15, Nebraska 6
LSU 11, Oregon State 9
Texas Tech 11, LSU 5
Oregon St. 13, Nebraska 12
Oklahoma 4, Miami 4
Texas Tech 14, LSU 1
Majors
Auburn 3, Oklahoma 0
Kentucky 10, FSU 3
Oklahoma 7, Texas Tech 0

Sports On Tap

Friday, April 25
Baseball
Lordsburg at Capitan, 3 & 5 p.m.
Girls Softball
Mescalero at Lordsburg, 3 & 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 26
Baseball
Portales at RHS, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29
Girls Softball
Ruidoso at Dexter, 3 & 5 p.m.
Mescalero at Eunice, 4 p.m.
Baseball
Ruidoso at NMMI, 4 & 6 p.m.

On Deck

British Soccer Camp
United States Challenger Sports will hold a British Soccer training camp in Ruidoso, July 14-18. The camp will be held at the White Mountain Sports Complex. Ages 4-5 will be trained from 8:30-10 a.m. or 10:10-11:40 a.m. The cost is $63. Ages 6 through 16 will go from 8:30-11:30 a.m. or 5:30-8:30 p.m. The cost is $90 and free jerseys will be available to those who register online at challengersports.com before May 80. For info, call Rhonda Newsome at 973-0108.

Women's Evening Golf
The Get Wel (women's evening league) Association is starting an evening golf league for women who are interested. Play will begin Wednesday, May 21, at Cree Meadows and will continue May 28, June 4, June 11, June 25, July 2, July 16 and July 23. This will be a nine-hole event starting at 5 p.m. each evening and participants do not need a handicap. League fee is $75 and players will pay a weekly green fee of $6.69 and a $10 cart fee. For info call Marita Hynes at 257-1032 or 808-2886.

Carrizozo Girls Fundraiser
There will be a Carrizozo girls athletic golf fundraiser Saturday, May 3, at 9 a.m. It will be a four-person scramble with a shotgun start. The cost is $65 per person (green fee and cart) to be paid at the golf course (no credit cards). Lunch will be served after the tournament. Prizes will be awarded for the longest drive and closest to the pin. Contact Ron Becker at 648-2346 (work), 398-6601 (cell) or email beckerr@cms-grizzlies.org with player names by April 30. The tourney will be limited to the first 12 teams to register.

Golf Clinic
Al Forrester, teaching pro and PGA professional, will give free golf swing lessons Sunday, April 27, at 2 p.m. to all junior golfers who attend. After-wards, mini-private instructions will be given to all who desire. Range balls will be provided by The Links Pro Shop. For information call 937-3513 or 258-5330.

Sierra Blanca Golf Fundraiser
The 3rd Annual 18-hole Golf Tournament and fundraiser for Sierra Blanca Christian Academy will be held Saturday, May 10, at The Inn of the Mountain Gods. It will be a 4-person scramble with a shotgun start. The cost is $110 which includes the cart, prizes, a meal, an auction and an awards ceremony afterwards. For more info call Brenda at 973-1765 or Nena at 630-0144 or 937-6437.

Little League Football
Lincoln County Little League football will begin registration Wednesday, May 21, from 5-7 p.m. at the White Mountain Elementary cafeteria. A second sign-up will take place Saturday, May 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the same location. Ages 7 through 12 may apply. Birth certificates will be required for all who have not previously played. An $85 fee is required. For more info call Kalama Davis at 378-5678.

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RODEO

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average buckle, he moved himself into first place in the Bull Riding standings.

It's a nice place to be with only two more rodeos and the finals to go and national finals happening in Farmington in July.

The 17-year-old Ruidoso High School sophomore is getting better and better. Gallup's bull riders entered with some tough Double H Rodeo Company bulls to draw from.

And tough they were, as evidenced by the fact that Saturday, of the 24 bull riders entered, only two made qualified rides and on Sunday, only three.

Miranda topped that list both days with a 73-point score followed by a 75-point tally, winning him the average title.

"The first bull I got on was the same one I won my last average buckle on in Farmington," said Miranda. "His name is City Lights. He spun right into my hand and I could even spur him some."

Miranda said the bulls had been turned out and rested up for awhile and it showed in their bucking ability at Gallup.

Sunday he drew a bull that he described as "a weird little Jersey-colored muley that just jumped high and strong and was hard to stay with."

"There was one place where I was almost on the side," he recalled. "I don't know how I recovered and didn't get bucked off."

The judges apparently liked that ride a little better than the first, giving Miranda a 75-point score, 5 points ahead of the other two cowboys that tied for second and third with 70 points.

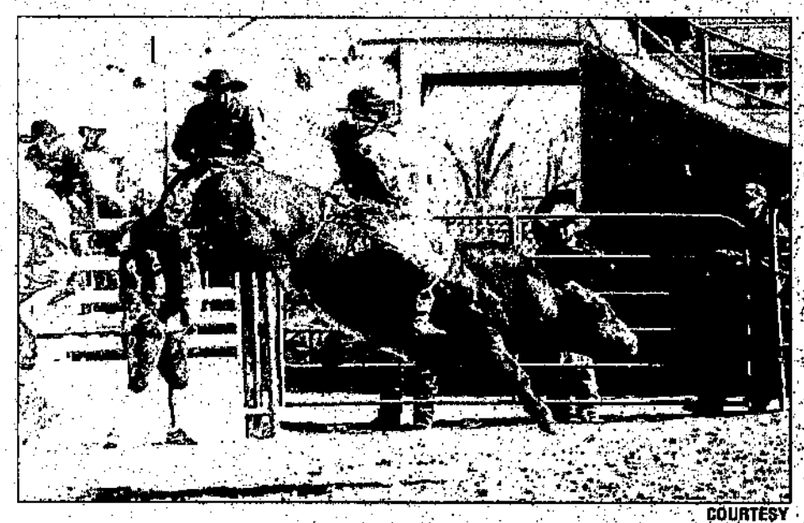
The wins moved Miranda into first place in the bull riding standings.

Another local hand to get her name in the books at Gallup was Corona's Chelsea Perez. Perez picked up a ninth place in the goat tying on Saturday, an eighth place in the breakaway on Sunday, and she and Hondo's Lawrence Sanders were 10th in Sunday's team roping.

Corona's Lance Merritt and partner Wacey Francisco snagged a seventh place team-roping win on Saturday.

That same day, Ruidoso Downs cowboy Paul Sanchez and partner Michael Ortega turned their steer to be ninth.

High school rodeo action will return May 3-4 in Alamogordo and May 10-11 in Roswell.



COURTESY

Chon Miranda makes a 75-point ride last Sunday in Gallup for a win.

SKI

FROM PAGE 1B

America's fastest speed skier but he's also a Native American, which really hit home for our athletes. Many of our youth found it easy to relate to where he was coming from."

"I guess I don't see myself as an inspiration," Anderson said. "I think they inspire me more by doing what they're doing in their way of accomplishing, whether in knowledge or athletics," he says. "It still hasn't impacted me yet to realize how much I've really accomplished during this whole 16 years of my career."

Anderson's connection with kids continued three weeks later in an indirect way. Vincent Schilling, author of *Native Athletes in Action*, (published, March, 2007) was in Ronan, Mont., giving a talk to a group of Native American children.

Anderson is featured in Chapter Nine of the book, and many were inspired by what they learned about the Ruidoso resident and speed skier extraordinaire.

By all accounts, it was a successful season, in more ways than one for Anderson – he placed in the Top 10 fastest skiers in the world, took a sixth American title and gained personal rewards from his connection with young Native Americans. Not bad at all for this local luminary.

In the off-season he now finds himself busy with a full schedule. He has already shot a commercial for www.youtube.com to promote awareness for Ski Apache and the surrounding area. And of course, more public speaking and celebrity golf appearances loom on the horizon.

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A group of kids in Ronan, Mont., draw inspiration from Schilling's book, which features Ross Anderson.

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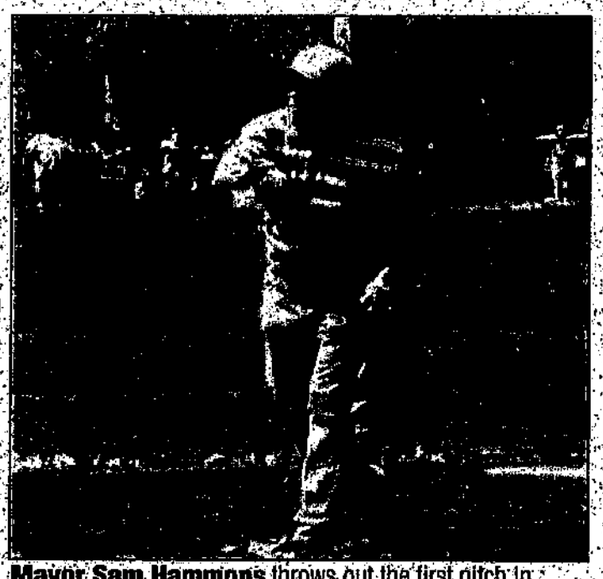

Mayor Sam Hammons throws out the first pitch in Saturday's doubleheader against Lordsburg. The Lady Tigers won both games, 22-11 and 17-1.

Alisha Autrey lets loose with a pitch to a Lordsburg batter.

Jamie Fields awaits the pitch from Lordsburg.

Brooke Ceballos tracks the pitch and remains focused.

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National wildlife group visits Ruidoso

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The yearly Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation PAC (Project Advisory Commission) meeting, normally held for New Mexico in Albuquerque, took place this year in Ruidoso at the firehall next to the Smokey Bear Ranger Station.

The group met Wednesday and Thursday to discuss funding for nine wildlife habitat projects around the state totaling more than $2 million.

Foundation officers from the home office in Missoula, Mont., were on hand as well as state representatives from New Mexico.

Such entities as the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Forest Service, including wildlife biologists and technicians, and the Game and Fish Commission were also in attendance.

This band of dedicated individuals is committed to the preservation and conservation of elk and other wildlife populations in the U.S.

To date, the Foundation, and its partners have permanently protected over 5.2 million acres since their inception in 1984.

More than 500 thousand acres which were previously closed to public access are now open for hunting, fishing and other worthwhile recreations.

One of the first regions this group reintroduced elk to was Chequamegon National Forest in Wisconsin.

Until then, this majestic animal had not populated that area for more than 150 years.

Quite a few ranches in the West and Southwest, totaling thousands of acres have been donated to the Elk Foundation and its affiliates.

The Bingham Ranch, comprised of 4,000 acres in Idaho, and the Double H Ranch, located between Magdalena and Datil, N.M., are just two such examples.

Stewardship and land protection projects are a constant and ongoing endeavor for this group. Right now there are over 234 undertakings involving more than 310,854 acres.

One such venture in the state of Washington involves 82 thousand acres.

Conservationists owe a debt of gratitude to people such as Theodore Roosevelt (TR).

In 1884, TR suffered a double tragedy which may ultimately have indirectly contributed to his becoming president as well as his viewpoints about protecting natural resourses.

In February of that year, his mother died of typhoid fever and hours later, his wife, Alice, passed on from Bright's disease – both in the same house.

Shortly afterwards, TR bought two ranches in the Badlands of Dakota Territory and for the next two years learned to be a rancher.

"I never would have been President if it had not been for my experiences in North Dakota," Roosevelt said.

The 26th President of the U.S. always felt his time in the Badlands, first as a hunter and sportsman, and later as a rancher, "took the snob" out of him.

As President, he set aside vast reserves of forest land which later culminated in the creation of the U.S. Forest Service.

And today, that very branch of the Federal government manages Roosevelt's former property in North Dakota – the Elkhorn Ranch.

The Rocky Mountain Elk foundation, together with its local affiliate here in Ruidoso, the Sierra Blanca Chapter, and the Forest Service, continue to seek protection for wildlife habitat and promote conservation in the area.

Tree thinning and water source projects are an ongoing endeavor.

To increase water resources, "quick" permanent, self-sustaining and self-collecting water containers, called "trick tanks," are placed in needed dry areas.

These devices are not cheap ($8500 per unit) and monies are needed to help keep the program going.

Most of the necessary funds come from banquets that the various chapters hold yearly.

This year the Foundation, through its Sierra Blanca Chapter, will hold its fourth annual fundraising banquet on Aug. 16 at the Ruidoso Convention Center at 4 p.m.

There will be a live auction at 7 p.m. as well as numerous items for sale. For more information, call Bobby Romero at 252-0940 or email rmef.ruidoso@gmail.com.

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Prayer Breakfast presents Rick Rigsby

On May 1, 2008, the Lincoln County Prayer Breakfast, in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer, will be held at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Featured keynote speaker this year will be Dr. Rick Rigsby.

This has typically been a fabulous event for the area. In fact, it has the largest attendance of any Prayer Breakfast in New Mexico, with more than 900 attending last year. More than 1,000 are anticipated this year.

Considered among America's finest speakers, Rick Rigsby challenges audiences with a compelling message that engages the mind, energizes the will, and encourages the spirit.

A master storyteller, Dr. Rigsby weaves a life of triumphs and tragedies with timeless common sense values to respond to the challenges of our day. For the last two decades, Dr. Rigsby has served as a college professor – the last 14 years at Texas A&M University – where he continues to serve as chaplain for the Aggies football team.

Consistently ranked a top-rated speaker and audience favorite, Dr. Rigsby now devotes his full attention to empowering people. As president of Rick Rigsby Communications, and founder of Rick Rigsby Ministries, this champion for character speaks to audiences as diverse as churches in the jungles of Nigeria, to top corporate executives on Wall Street. He's a popular motivational speaker among high school students, and a favorite devotional speaker at Christian colleges and chapel services for numerous teams in the National Football League.

Breakfast will be served at 6:30 a.m., with the program beginning at 7 a.m.

Individual tickets may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce, KEDU Radio Station at Mountain Top Plaza on Mechem, RioRuidoso Realtors in the White Mountain Plaza on North Mechem or at the First Baptist Church.

Dr. Rigsby will also be speaking at a Youth Rally Wednesday night, April 30.

The Youth Rally will be at the Flying J Ranch from 6 – 8 p.m., with free hamburgers and hotdogs. All young people are encouraged to attend and bring their friends to hear Dr. Rigsby's powerful and inspirational message which will address some of the challenges today's youth face.

Prayer deserves time and thought

According to Jesus, if you are not praying, you are fainting and giving up. Luke 18:1. Paul tells us to pray continually, in Thessalonians 5:17, Ephesians 6:18, Colossians 4:2, and Romans 12:12. The men and women of faith throughout the Bible were people of prayer.

Prayer is man's side of communication with God. The Spirit and the Word are God's side of communication with man.

Prayer has its expressions in adoration and praise of God, petitions and requests to God, confessions and repentance before God, and thanksgivings and gratitude unto God.

Many people pray only when in difficulties and troubles. These are "bail me out" prayers. Most folks pray for wants when God knows what we need.

These are "I want" prayers. Jesus gave us the model prayer (Lord's Prayer) in Matthew 6:9-13. Jesus prayed his own High Priestly prayer in John 17. In that prayer, he prayed for himself, his disciples and all believers.

The Bible is filled with prayers and guidelines and instructions for prayer.

On May 1, the community will gather at the Convention Center for breakfast and a community-wide prayer meeting. May 1 is the National Day of Prayer, and this prayer breakfast is somewhere around number 20 for Ruidoso. Dr. Rick Rigsby, a professor at Texas A&M and chaplain of the Aggie football team, will be the speaker.

Clarifications
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

There will be singing, prayer and Rick's message. The cost for breakfast is $10 and it is an excellent buffet headed up by Pete Blanchard, Larry Blank and Tom Cunningham. It seems that to get Christians together, there has to be a "meetin' eatin'."

This is the largest NDP get-together in all of New Mexico. Tickets can be purchased at the Convention Center.

Breakfast is served at 6:30 a.m., the prayer service is after that and we will be through in time for folks to ge to work.

Some statements about prayer ...

"True prayer is a way of life, not just in case of emergency."

"Prayer will make a man cease from sin, or sin will entice a man to cease from prayer."

"Strength in prayer is better than length in prayer."

"A man praying long in public, reveals little time in private prayer."

Prayer gives us help for today and hope for tomorrow.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Raymond E. Duran

Raymond E. Duran, 78, passed away April 21, 2008, at his home in Tularosa.

He was born on Aug. 13, 1929, in Tularosa to Eusebio T. and Felipa (Ramos) Duran.

Ramon was a retired firefighter working at Holloman Air Force Base with Civil Service.

He also volunteered his time to the Tularosa Fire Dept. He loved ranch work and after retirement, he worked helping Tom Ryan at the Hightower and Champion Farms. He was a member of St. Frances de Paula Catholic Church, Caballero de Santa Cruz and also Mayordomos Santo Nino Atacha in Three Rivers.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Concepcion (Nena) Duran of the family home; sons, Frank Duran and Bennie Wooten and wife Sylvia; daughters, Josie Chavez and husband Matias, Gloria Sainz and husband Robert, Mary Guilez and Gina Kowatch and husband Louie; 17 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; brothers, Robert Duran and wife Eufrasia, Joe Duran and wife Josephine, Ernest Duran and wife Debbie and Billy Duran and wife Carolina; sisters, Consuelo Carrillo of Tularosa, Lupe Torres of Albuquerque and Susie Duran of Las Cruces.

He was preceded in death by parents, Eusebio and Felipa Duran; son, Max Duran; grandson, Matthew Chavez; daughter-in-law, Cindy Duran; brother, Manuel Duran and sister, Jenny Garcia.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9 a.m., April 25, 2008, at St. Frances de Paula Catholic Church with Father John Peterson, O.F.M., Celebrant. Interment will follow at the Three Rivers Cemetery.

Pallbearers include Lawrence Chavez, Steve Chavez, Alex Duran, Ray Sainz, Frankie Duran, Nash Kowatch, Chonies Sainz, Jr. Duran and Matias Chavez.

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Ralph 'Mr. T' Tiscareno

Ralph C. "Mr. T" Tiscareno passed away at the age of 84 on Monday, Jan. 28, 2008 in El Paso, Texas.

There will be a celebration of his life on Saturday, May 3, 2008, beginning with a mass at St. Eleanor's Catholic Church, 120 Junction Road at 10:00 a.m. His cremains will be interred at Forest Lawn Cemetery immediately following the mass.

The family invites you to join in remembering Ralph.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church will be having Vacation Bible School June 9-13, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. The church is at 1120 Hull Road. Call 258-4191 or 257-5296 for registration or email at shlc@zianet.com. The registration is needed by May 15. Please call with children's name, parent/guardian name, age, grade level (K-8), address and phone number.

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Margaret Hook

Margaret "Maggie" Anne Miller Hook passed from this world to eternal life with Christ on Feb. 27, 2008. Born Sept. 29, 1924 in Willow Springs, MO, she grew up in Hereford, TX. After graduating with a B.S., West Texas State College in Canyon, TX, she married Ward Hook in March 1947, the love of her life and husband of 60 years. They made their home in El Paso, where she taught for the El Paso Public School System, retiring after 20 years. Devoted to her family, Maggie was a member of PTA and leader of their church youth group for many years. She and her family volunteered with Sierra Blanca National Ski Patrol. They also enjoyed camping, and taking trips to the beach that included scuba diving and spear fishing. After their retiring to Ruidoso, NM in 1989, Maggie continued to be active in the community and was well known for her hospitality, decorating for social events, playing a good hand of bridge, friendships, gourmet cooking, and her zest for life. She loved a party, and dancing with her husband. Maggie's green thumb created incredible gardens at her home, the garden at her church, and the Cree Meadows Country Club. Her favorite saying epitomized her character, "Come grow old with me; the best is yet to be."

She is preceded in death by her parents Richard and Cleora Miller, her stepmother Helen Miller, her sister Betty Stewart, and her son Bradford Hook. She is survived by her loving husband Ward Hook, son Eric (Vicki) Hook, Denver, CO; daughter Michelle (Jim) Maxfield, El Paso, TX; cousin, Lanny Miller, El Paso; grandchildren Kenneth Ennesser, Bradford Maxfield, Niklaus and Dane Hook, Ryan and John Maxfield and Danielle Clayton.

A Memorial Service celebrating Maggie's life will be held at the First Christian Church, Ruidoso, NM, Saturday, May 3, 2008 at 2:00 pm, followed by a reception at Cree Meadows Country Club. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Margaret Hook Memorial Garden Fund, c/o First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Rd, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

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Kehilla Bat-Tzion & Hebrew Learning Center, Inc.--2204 Sudderth Dr. Ruidoso, NM 88345 505-257-0122. Services 1st, 3rd & 5th Fridays at 7:00 pm. Kabbalat Shabbat Services followed with an oneg. Kabbalat means "to receive the Sabbath."

LUTHERAN

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

METHODIST

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

PENTECOSTAL

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church 101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220. Tony Chambless - 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.

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

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

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

J Bar J Church 40 Hwy 70W, 575-257-6899 Pastor Charles W. Clary, Sunday 8:15 am (Summer) & 10:00 am (year round), Tuesday 6:30 pm Worship Times. E-mail: jbarjcountrychurch@ruidoso.net

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

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

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

NON-SECTARIAN

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

Men's Bible Study, Band Of Brothers Meets Four Times Each Week. Call 937-0071 For Times And Location

CAPITAN & LINCOLN CHURCHES

BAPTIST

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

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

CATHOLIC

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

EPISCOPAL

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

FOURSQUARE

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

METHODIST

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

NAZARENE

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

QUAKER WORSHIP GROUP - Quaker Unprogrammed meeting: The Bonito Valley Woship Group meets at 5 pm on First day, at the Anderson-Freeman Visitor's Center in Lincoln. For details of this and other Quaker activities contact Sandra Smith at 505-653-4941

CARRIZOZO CHURCHES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

BAPTIST

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

CATHOLIC

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

EPISCOPAL

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

METHODIST

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

MESCALERO

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

Area faces make mark on comedy

KARL ANDERSON
Alamogordo Daily News

Some unsuspecting hiker who may have wandered over the dunes and onto the set of the filming for *The Year One* at White Sands National Monument last week may have thought they had gone back in time.

The only clue that they hadn't would have been the convoy of contemporary trucks and other support vehicles parked nearby.

Roman Soldiers, many wearing the armor that was used in the movie *Troy* (2004), were wandering everywhere. A sheik, Bedouins, slaves and peasants were either scattered or positioned in specific locations for the shooting of what actor and producer Jack Black defined as a "Biblical comedy."

Black, playing the lead character Zed, was dressed as a slave, complete with wig and headband.

Rion Hunter, who has appeared in several films, was cast as the sheik. Hunter looked the part.

"I really enjoy these roles," Hunter said Monday. "I have a lot of fun doing this. I tend to get these parts because of my physical appearance."

One of the soldiers cast as an extra was Alamogordo resident Brian Wallis.

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Kerina Kaltenborn, left, and Rebecca Walker are two local residents who worked as "slaves" for the filming of *The Year One*.

"North of Albuquerque, they put me in armor that was recycled from the movie *Troy*," he said. "In one of the scenes, they had me run past the camera. In the movie, I may only be a blur."

Wallis is a 2006 graduate of Alamogordo High School, where he had a passion for drama. He also has been involved in several community plays produced by Connie Breding, of New Mexico State University-Alamogordo.

He was cast as an Arab and as a Roman soldier on sets north of Albuquerque, and worked as a production assistant in Truth or Consequences and again at the national monument for the movie.

"I figure no matter what capacity I work in, it gives me more exposure to the industry," he said. "And that can't hurt. One of the most amazing aspects was seeing so many things happening at one time, and then seeing how it all comes together."

Rebecca Walker and Kerina Kaltenborn, two more locals, were cast as slaves who ended up being crammed into a wagon with 17 other extras and Jack Black.

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Actor-producer Jack Black, in costume on the set during the filming of *The Year One*, takes time for a photo and interview April 12 at White Sands National Monument. Black is the lead in the film.

Walker's husband is a Border Patrol agent. Kaltenborn's husband is in the Air Force at Holloman Air Force Base.

"Not too many people can say they've been squished into a cage with so many famous people," Walker said. "And what made the experience even more memorable was that between takes, Jack (Black) would start singing songs and even played his guitar a few times."

Walker said there were at least three separate scenes that used the actors in the cage, and that each scene had six to eight takes.

"The cold in the mornings and the heat in the middle of the day were quite challenging," she said. "And then there were those days on the set when the wind was blowing really hard and everyone was getting sand in their eyes."

Walker said the best parts of the whole experience were being around actors and the meals.

"The food was some of the best I've ever had," she said. "And the way it was laid out was like it had been prepared for royalty."

"The versatility of people cast in this movie is incredible on one hand, but typical for movie work on the other," local talent wrangler Rich Gill said.

He has been providing people for the last five movies shot at various locations in New Mexico.

"This casting for this film tried to lean more toward the Middle Eastern look, but of course there were a few exceptions," he said.

The "look" casting directors will be searching for in *Terminator 4* – reportedly to be called *Terminator Salvation* – are slimmer types who look to be on the verge of starvation in a post-holocaust world.

"The variety of faces, characters and costuming for *The Year One* was the greatest I have seen so far," he said. "It was incredible. And I had no idea I was going to be this busy."

Gill also found himself working as a production assistant on the movie.

Tularosa man gets 20 years for 2007 assault

KARL ANDERSON
Alamogordo Daily News

ALAMOGORDO — A Tularosa man was sentenced to 20 years in prison by Judge James Waylon Counts on Tuesday after being found guilty by a jury for numerous criminal offenses committed between Feb. 3 and Feb. 5, 2007. With three of those years suspended by Counts, he will serve 17 years.

Preston Luevano, 36, pleaded no contest to seven felonies: first degree kidnapping, two counts of false imprisonment, two counts of criminal sexual penetration, aggravated assault on a household member and tampering with evidence.

He also pleaded no contest to three misdemeanors: battery on a household member, aggravated battery against a household member and resisting arrest.

The case was prosecuted by 12th Judicial District Attorney Scot Key.

"The crimes were all committed at 1003 and 1007 Pecan St. in Tularosa," Key said during an interview Tuesday. "They were committed by Luevano over Super Bowl weekend last year."

Key said the crimes involved Luevano and his girlfriend.

"The girlfriend was beaten severely over the three-day time period for which she sustained an enormous number of bruises, lacerations and petechiae of the eyes," he said.

Petechiae is pinpoint hemorrhaging in the eyes caused by manual strangulation.

"During one of two escapes she made from the defendant's home, she escaped to a neighbor's home only to be recaptured and drug back by her hair to the confines of the defendant's home. There, she was raped and beaten," Key said.

Because of the defendant's conviction on sex offenses, he will have to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life. And, when released from prison, Luevano will be on parole for five to 20 years.

Senior Year of High School.

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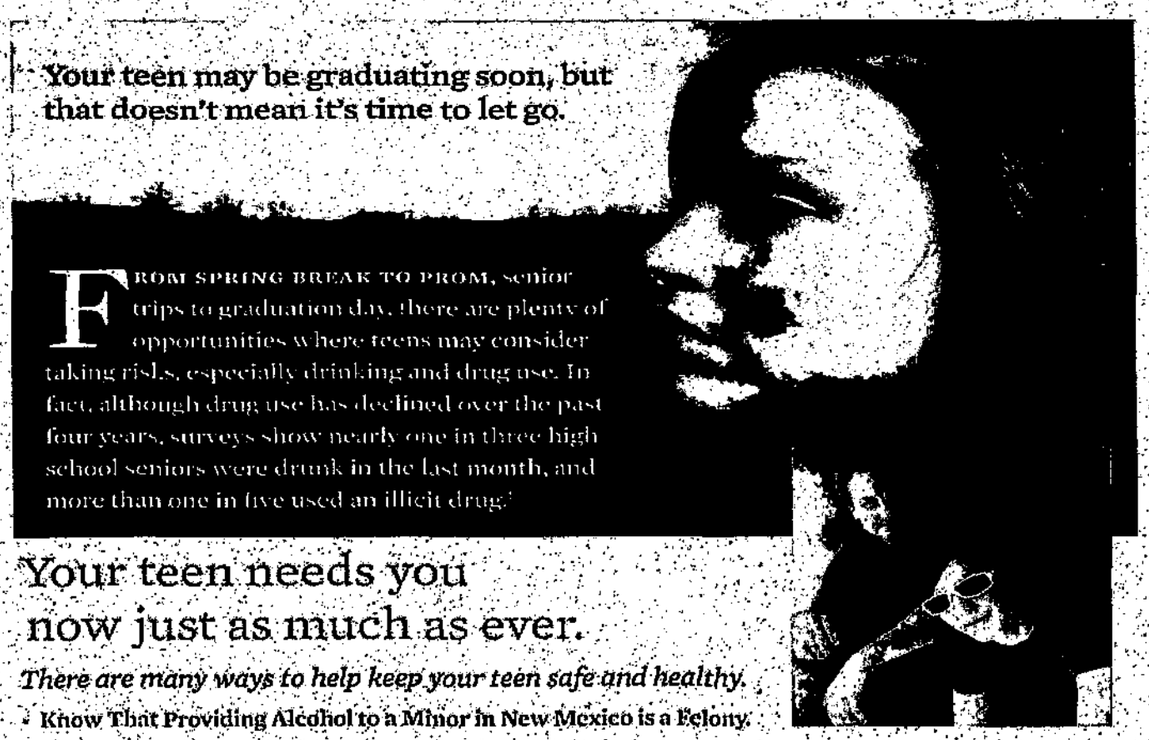

Your teen may be graduating soon, but that doesn't mean it's time to let go.

FROM SPRING BREAK TO PROM, senior trips to graduation day, there are plenty of opportunities where teens may consider taking risks, especially drinking and drug use. In fact, although drug use has declined over the past four years, surveys show nearly one in three high school seniors were drunk in the last month, and more than one in five used an illicit drug.[1]

Your teen needs you now just as much as ever.

There are many ways to help keep your teen safe and healthy.

- **Know That Providing Alcohol to a Minor in New Mexico is a Felony.**
- **Reinforce Your Expectations.** Throughout their high school years, you've set rules and established the consequences for breaking them. Perhaps you've loosened up on a few rules, like curfew. But be clear – drinking or drug use remains unacceptable. Being an upperclassman has privileges, but it also has responsibilities.
- **Encourage Your Teens to Make Each Moment Count.** Your teens only get one senior year. Let them know you don't want them to miss out on things because of bad choices, like drinking or drug use. One bad choice could change their lives forever.
- **Provide Safe Alternatives.** Parties abound during senior year. Plan chaperoned alcohol-free parties around prom and graduation. For teens staying home during spring break, volunteering and other community activities offer a safe and productive use of their free time.
- **Set a Good Example.** Don't let anyone convince you that it's a good idea for teens to drink or use marijuana under your supervision. It sends the wrong message and may lead your teen to make other bad choices.

[1]Monitoring the Future Survey, 2005. 23.1 percent of high school seniors report using an illicit drug in the past 30 days; 30.2 percent report having been drunk in the past 30 days.

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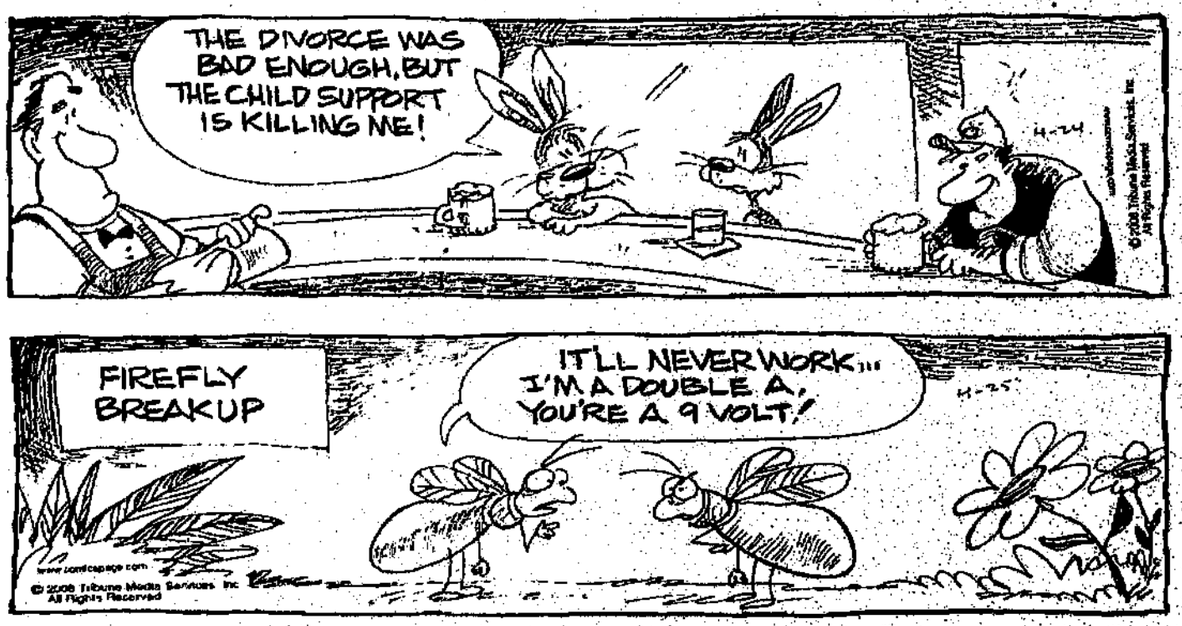

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7 Puffbird relative
14 Kutcher of "Punk'd"
20 Lessens
21 Like many covered bridges
22 Bussing request
23 THROUGH
26 B-boy link
27 Conan of NPR
28 Rolex rival
29 Familiar telegraphy sequence
30 OVER
34 Yearns
37 "Don't mind if __"
38 HMO alternative
41 Corporals et al.
45 XLI quintupled
48 DOWN
53 Sounds of surprise
55 Fairbanks-to-Anchorage dir.
56 Wine choice
57 Agila and Astra
58 OFF
65 Boris's partner in espionage
66 Pro's word
67 Persian Gulf capital
68 Screen hopefuls
70 Strands in a cell?
72 1995 Kevin Smith film
78 O'Brien is slated to succeed him in 2009
80 1994 U.S. Open champ
82 Go as fast as possible
83 AROUND
89 Sleek fabric
90 Northwest Passage explorer
91 Don DeLillo's "__ II"
92 Valley girl word
93 UP
100 Leary's turn-on
101 Ultimatum words
102 According to
103 Actress Long
104 Course
106 BY
114 Clark's "Mogambo" costar
117 Prongs
120 Reaction to Wile E. Coyote
121 "Am __ early?"
122 INTO
128 More relaxed
129 More malicious
130 "Still ..."
131 Spike's victim, in "Nancy" comics
132 Struggles
133 Viewed again

DOWN

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2 Demean
3 2000-01 Hart Memorial Trophy winner Joe
4 Court worker
5 Fair-hiring initials
6 Tax form fig.
7 German artist Albers
8 Keep __ to the ground
9 Piano trio member
10 The Tanners' adoptee, on TV
11 Cheese-eating rodent, in Coblenz
12 Last Stuart queen
13 Immerse again, as a chip
14 It comes before 44301 on an env.
15 One of the fam
16 Post-WWII monogram
17 General __ chicken
18 Novel with the chapter "Tahiti As It Is"
19 Beatty and others
24 Scandal-plagued giant
25 Scratching (out)
31 Kid __
32 Writer LeShan
33 Abbr. on a citation, perhaps
35 Insect sci.
36 Word with land or sea
39 Quechua-speaking land
40 Without stopping
42 WWI poet Wilfred __
43 Beer grain
44 Part of DOS: Abbr.
45 SportsCenter anchor Linda et al.
46 Copy, maybe
47 Electricity pioneer
49 Danville, Va., was its last capital
50 Discern
51 Corrupt boss
52 Figure of speech
54 Bandy words
59 Immigrant's class: Abbr.
60 Continental __
61 Provide food for
62 Group of judges
63 Golf club part
64 Fox hunter's cry
69 Rhino's warning
71 Santa Anna siege site?
73 Prune
74 Turn at the fables
75 Thin as __
76 Passes (by), as time
77 Trusty mount
79 Poker variant
81 Battle line?
83 Farm mom
84 Publisher Chandler
85 Sun screen
86 Mes después de la Navidad
87 Thin skin
88 Ages and ages
89 Utter
94 Unborn
95 Response to bad service
96 West of Tinseltown
97 Unfitting
98 Zilch
99 Cheerful, in Chartres
105 Put into law
107 More than simmering
108 "Second Serve" author Richards
109 Approaches
110 Unexplainable feelings
111 Take __ day at a time
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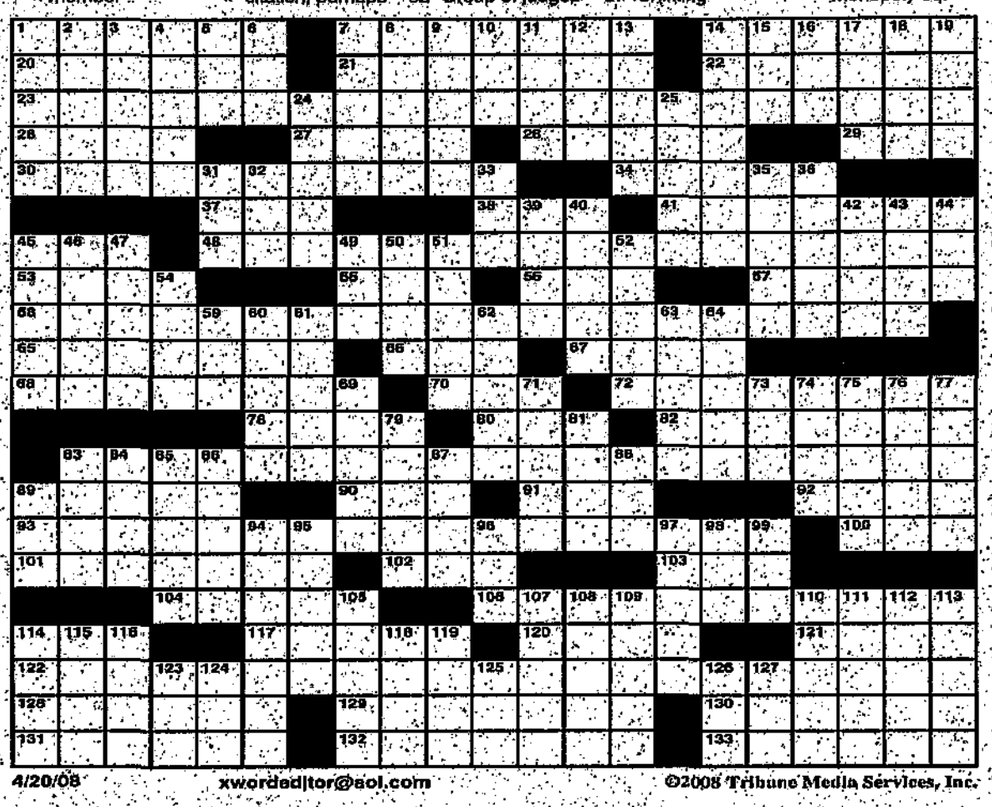

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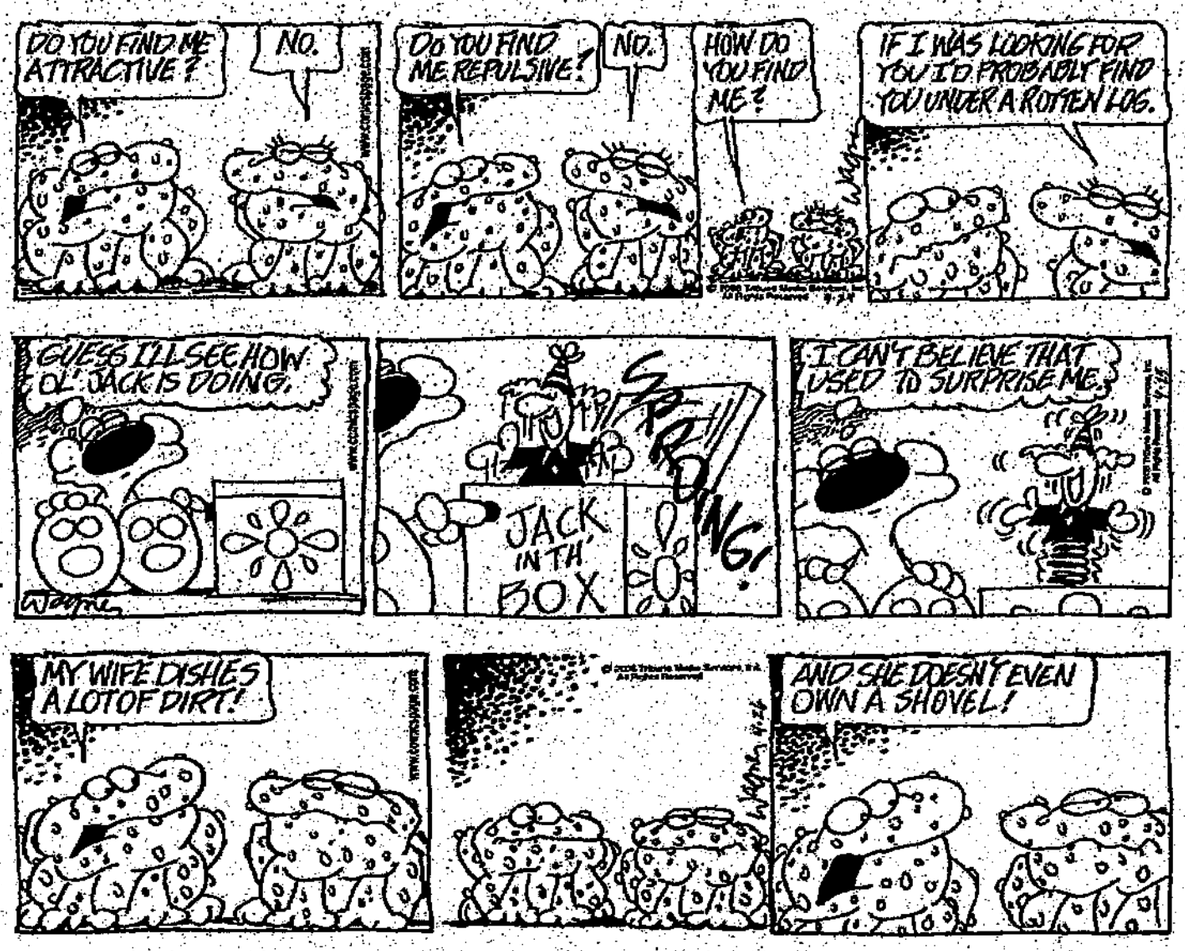

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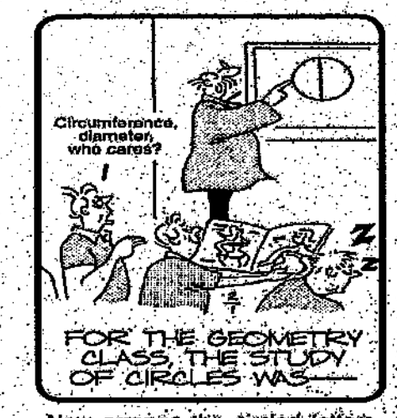

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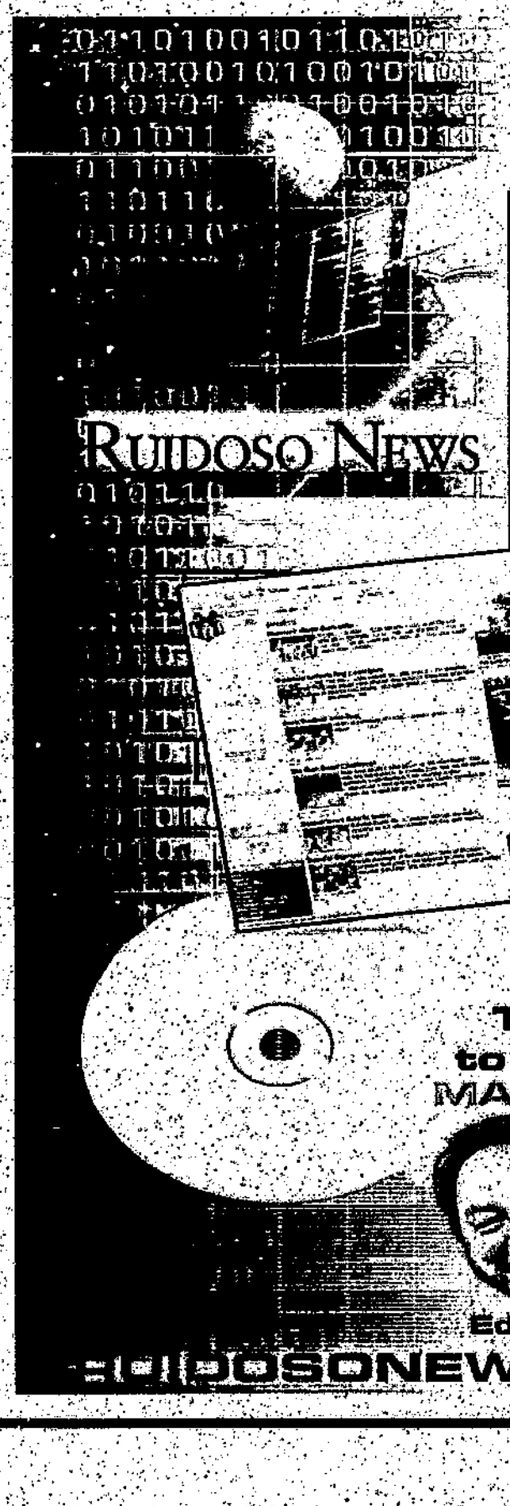

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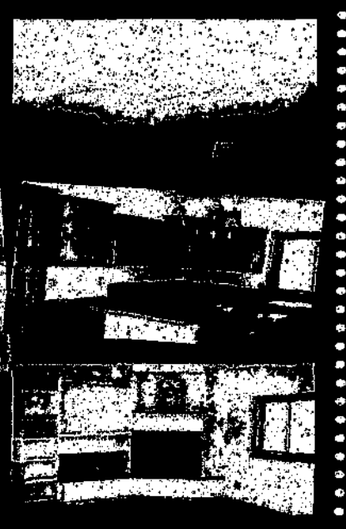
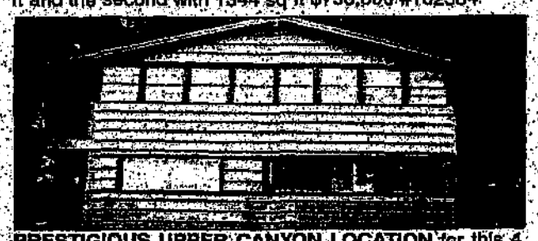


BONUS STUDIO WITH 1 BEDROOM, .75 BATH in this lovely new home in Alto on half acre level lot. Main house has 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, fireplace, bamboo flooring. Double car garage and fenced courtyard area. Priced right at $279,900 #102699



PRESTIGIOUS UPPER CANYON LOCATION for this 4 bedroom, 2 bath cabin that sleeps a lot. Perfect family getaway and marvelous rental potential. $225,000 #101560

CUSTOM DESIGNED LOG HOME, 4 BEDROOM, 4 BATH, situated on two lots set upon a hilltop beneath the beauty of Sierra Blanca and above the Ruidoso River Valley. The entry level of the home has a huge game room with a large bedroom and bath, laundry room and garage entry. The Living area has towering windows and a magnificent floor to ceiling stone fireplace, lustrous hand hewn hardwood floors extend from the living area into the master bedroom suite with double doors opening to a private deck. Upstairs there are two more bedrooms, each with a bath, separated by a big loft room that overlooks the living room and fireplace. All the fine quality furnishings throughout the home were selected exclusively to enhance the log home charm. Deer, turkey and other local wildlife are frequent visitors to the area. $1,300,000 #102020

LOCATED OF TWO LARGE LOTS! Extra goodies come with this 2 bdrm, 2 bath extra clean manufactured home. Attached double car garage/workshop. Price includes a riding lawn mower and 1975 Corvette. $148,500 #101701

LOVELY OLDER HOME in well established neighborhood w/ 2 large bdrms & lots of closet space, 1.75 baths, compact kitchen w/new cabinets and FP. This two story charmer also includes an area for a media room, special area for pool table, new carpet, double garage, and large deck facing a fenced back yard. Superb view of Sierra Blanca. Estate sale, all ready for you to come home to. $199,995 #102557

LISTED ON THE NATIONAL HISTORIC REGISTRY! Turnkey business opportunity is currently operated as a Country Inn and is! Billy the Kid was held at the Ellis Store prior to his trial during the Lincoln County War. Only 8 owners in 158 years. Own a piece of history! $950,000 #102488

WALKING DISTANCE OF MIDTOWN! This great 2 bdrm, 1.75 bath cabin has beautiful wood floors, a wood-burning fireplace and nice yard. This remodel has new gas forced air heating and new .75 bath in Master. Double garage w/ workspace and electricity. $159,900 #101574

THE GUY WITH THE BUY

THIS REALLY CUTE AND COMFY 3 bedroom 2.5 bath cabin comes furnished to make your move even easier. Over two acres in nice private setting! Wooded views and lots of deer and elk. A pellet stove will keep you warm in this great mountain get away. $249,750 #100991

FANTASTIC VIEWS from this wooded .39 acre lot in RRVE. New doublewides allowed. All underground utilities available. Adjoining lot also available. Homeowners association fee is $40.50. $28,000 #102141

BEAUTIFUL VIEWS FROM LOT close to Capitan and only about 20 minutes to Ruidoso. Level pad already cut in. $35,000 #100472

THREE BEDROOM, 2 BATH MOBILE home with office or study off master bedroom. Great buy! Covered parking with workshop. Fenced back yard. Fixer upper. $99,000 #100853

NICE VIEWS FROM THESE TWO LOTS being sold together. Utilities nearby. City Sewer and water about 100 feet from property. $38,500 #102373

OWNER NEEDS TO SELL, WILL CONSIDER ALL OFFERS! Located close to the walking district, this wonderful cabin has 1 bdrm, .75 bath. Great deck and a new wood burning stove. Super corner lot that is fairly level. Lots of potential. $92,000 #102582

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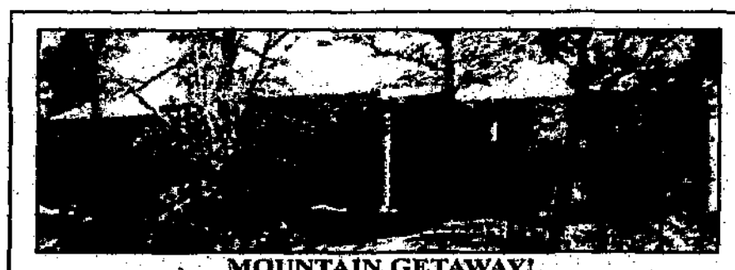
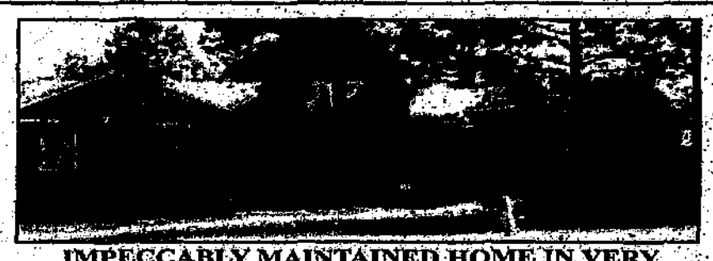
NEW LISTING, ONE LEVEL DEER PARK WOODS
3 bdrm, 2 bath, study, light & airy, corner/cul-de-sac, new stucco (2006), new roof (2008), dbl. gar., full golf, A/C, year round or vacation living! $498,500. #102002.

SUPER ALTO HOME ON LEVEL LOT W/VIEWS!
Enjoy a fabulous SB view from this special home w/great flr. plan. Mstr. bdrm. has access to deck and a nice mstr. bath w/ dbl. vanities. Great rm. w/vaulted ceilings. Wonderful kit. accents this bright, cheery, open concept plan. Very nice home w/great cabinetry. $364,900. #102323.

CABIN ACROSS FROM CREEK!
3/3 on wooded lot, 3 living areas, 2 patios, garage, well maintained, remodeled enlarged kitchen, lots of windows! Extra large master & master bath, knotty pine accents, lots of storage! $348,000. #17936.



MOUNTAIN GETAWAY!
Another great home by Flint Construction. This 3 bdrm., 1-3/4 bath log-sided beauty will be completed by the first of June. Sequestered floor plan w/vigas in the great rm. complete the mtn. charm. Don't let this one pass you by. Front and back covered decks too! $297,700. #102453.



IMPECCABLY MAINTAINED HOME IN VERY DESIRABLE WHITE MTN. ESTATES
Lots of attention to detail. Vaulted ceilings, the lighting & dormers allow for a very spacious feel. French doors from mstr. bdrm. & liv. rm. lead to the patio w/hot tub. Must see!! Priced to sell. $274,900. #102295.

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What more could you want?! Tastefully furnished & decorated. The Links Golf Course, walking trail, tennis courts – all just a short walk from your front door. $142,777. #102577.

EXTREMELY CLEAN
2 bdrm., 1-3/4 bath unit ready to enjoy. Furnished as viewed. Few steps from back deck. Great parking available. These are highly desirable units located near the Links Golf Course. $117,750. #102061.

THE PERFECT MTN. GETAWAY!
Cute, clean mobile. Fully furn. w/few exclusions. Ready to enjoy – just bring your toothbrush! 2 bdrms., 1-3/4 baths. Completely replumbed & electrical system updated in Aug. '05. Fenced yd. Owner will consider partial short term financing. $74,900. #101604.

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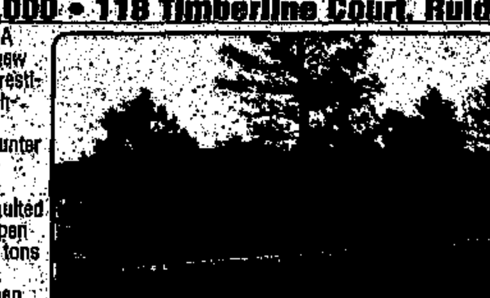
$650,000 • 215 Snow Park, Alto

4 BD / 1 BA, 2-3/4 BA, 1/2 BA, Fabulous mtn. Home on 1.75 acres in Sun Valley (Alto). New home w/ radiant flr heat), huge open kitchen w/ JennAir stove and dishwasher. Lg. living area w/vaulted ceilings, split floorplan and dining room that feels like your eating outdoors. Lots of storage. Sq.ft. per seller. MLS# 101878

$362,000 • 118 Timberline Court, Ruidoso



3 BD / 2 BA *Beautiful new* home in prestigious neighborhood. Granite counter tops in all baths and kitchen, vaulted ceilings, open floor plan, tons of storage. Great kitchen w/tons of cabinets; pantry, garden tub in master and walk in shower. Level access, handicapped accessible oversized baths and hallways. MLS# 102406

$649,000 • 108 Park Place, Ruidoso

4 BD / 3 1/2 BA - Fully furnished Immaculate 3,500 sq.ft. home in desirable Upper Canyon. *Professionally designed w/ extraordinary features and unfailing attention to detail.* Hot tub, 8' windows *w/forest and mtn views. Massive master w/ wet bar, private deck, luxurious master bath w/ 7x7 steam room.* RV access, 2 garages, rock garden, exceptional landscaping, many, many extras. All located on a private cul-de-sac. Visit ruidoso-retreat.com for more info and photos.

$239,500 • 120 Musketball Dr., Ruidoso

Wonderful mountain retreat in beautiful Cedar Creek. This home has the charm you've been waiting for. Great wood accents, huge deck, fresh paint, tiled floors, vaulted ceilings, and plenty of windows to brighten the rooms. All this on .8 acres of fenced wooded land. There is plenty of storage and RV access. Master Suite has its own deck and walk-in closet. MLS# 102724

$179,000 • 116 Juniper Drive, Ruidoso

4 BD / 2 1/2 BA - Great for lg. family. Open living area w/ wood burning FP, oak floors, cabinets in kitchen, dbl garage w/ car lift. Master BD has vaulted ceilings, wrap deck and Jacuzzi tub. Tons of storage and *new roof.* MLS# 101640

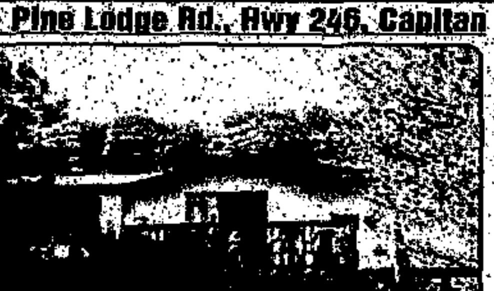
$259,000 • 120 Socorro Circle, Ruidoso

Perfect home for large family! Secluded and private yet close to town *for convenience.* This 5 BD / 3-3/4 BA offers ample *living space,* 2 big covered decks, amazing views, efficiency kitchen downstairs, huge 2 car garage, vaulted pine ceilings, and fabulous bright open floor plan on both levels. Terrific nightly rental potential. MLS# 102447

$184,900 • 108 San Miguel, Ruidoso

Furnished 4BD cabin in the tall pines; New tile, wood floors, new window coverings, light fixtures, hardiplank siding, and new washer/dryer. Great deck w/ views of the tree tops. Beautiful rock FP. MLS# 102466

$549,000 • Pine Lodge Rd., Hwy 246, Capitan

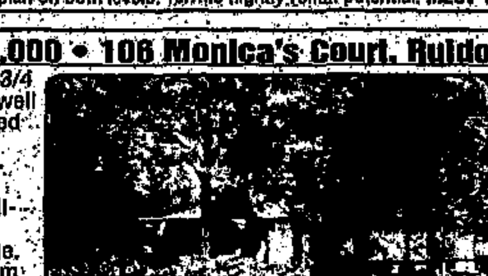


3 BD / 2 BA Beautiful home on 40+ acres. Terrific horse property. Privacy yet close to town. City water. Lots of storage. Pella windows throughout, tile floors throughout - except in bedrooms.On paved State Highway. Close to the Capitan wilderness and lots of wildlife.

$259,000 • 101 Buelah Lane, Ruidoso

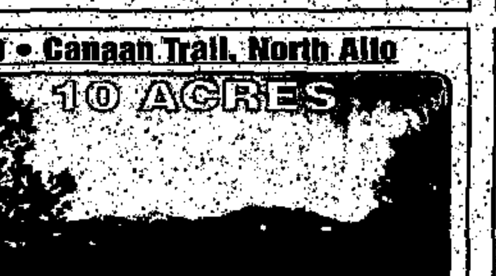
3 BD / 2 BA Absolutely the most beautiful manufactured home ever! Couple that with almost 1 acre, very quiet neighborhood, and close to town, you have a home priced to sell. Cannot tell from site built. MLS# 102492

$239,000 • 106 Monica's Court, Ruidoso



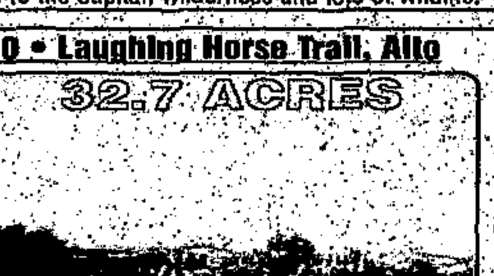
2 BD / 1-3/4 BA very well maintained home on quiet cul-de-sac. New appliances, negotiable. Each room has its own thermostat. Rock gas FP. Ceiling fans. Lg covered decks. Plenty of storage. MLS# 102683

$175,000 • Canaan Trail, North Alto



Enjoy breathtaking views from this 10 acre parcel located on the northern edge of Alto. Several wonderful building sites with 360 degree views of Sierra Blanca, the Capitans, Nogal Peak and the valley. Build your dream home on this wooded, secluded lot with easy access all year. You must walk *this land to fully appreciate its beauty. State subdivision laws apply.* MLS 101994

$440,100 • Laughing Horse Trail, Alto



32.7 fantastic acres conveniently located just off Hwy 37 at MM16. Beautiful 360° views of Sierra Blanca, the Capitans, and Nogal Peak. There is a box canyon on the property with a seasonal creek, 3 wells 'grandfathered' in w/ 3 acre feet of water per year each. Several building sites. Seller willing to split into smaller parcels. Call Rose Reynolds for additional information 973-1260. MLS# 102062

$149,000 79 Rio Street, Ruidoso – 1 BD / 1/2 BA very cute cabin on the Rio Ruidoso River. Very good nightly rental. Casey's Cabins will handle rental. Owner will consider financing. Owner is New Mexico Real Estate Broker. *MLS# 18925*

$199,000 1230 Mechem, #13, Ruidoso 4 BD / 2-3/4 BA – *Beautiful condo in The* Springs. Two fireplaces, three covered decks, and a wet bar. *Master bedroom on the main* level. Upstairs loft would make a great office. Garden-like setting and garage, perfect full-time or part-time home. MLS# 101536

$369,000 304 Alpine Village Road, Ruidoso – 4 BD / 2 Full Baths, 1 1/2 BA, 1 3/4 BA home with very private setting yet close to town. Hot tub on huge deck. Beautifully furnished. Must get inside this wonderful home to feel its charm. MLS# 100749

$127,000 1230 Mechem Drive, #28, Ruidoso – 2 BD / 1 3/4 BA Bright, one level condo w/ vaulted ceilings, all new tile floors, wood blinds, new paint and screens. Great open kitchen w/ lg breakfast bar. Great covered deck overlooks gazebo. MLS# 101718

$164,000 513 Second Street, Ruidoso 2 BD / 1&3/4 BA Perfect cabin in the woods. Huge corner lot. Beautifully furnished fully renovated, new wood floors, carpet, central heat, skylights, updated baths, refrigerator, ext. Paint, *new roof, driveway, lot cleared.* MLS# 101656

$94,900 248 Antelope Trail, Nogal – 2 BD / 2 BA. Well-maintained home on beautiful lot *with views of S.B. 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

$340,000 303 Bancroft, Capitan – 3BD/2BA 36.8 acres great Capitan views, seasonal creek. Manufactured home has new tile, wood flrs, triple detached garage. Excellent horse property. Also available w/ only 15 acres for $230,000, see MLS No. 101763. 15 acre lot available for $85,000, see MLS No. 101760 and 6.8 acre lot available for $45,000, see MLS# 101761. MLS# M101432 and MLS# A101435

$110,000 100 Skyview Road, Capitan 2 BD / 2 BA nice, clean manufactured home on 1.5 acres of horse property. Home has vaulted ceilings, garden tub in master bathroom, 2 covered decks and plenty of storage. Yard has 2 fenced horse areas, one with a barn, 20'x 12' metal shed and small garden shed. MLS 101891

$229,000 210 Caroline Lane, Ruidoso 3 BD / 2 BA – *Beautiful home in a great location.* New furnace, new air conditioner, new hot *water heater. Great views of the Nat'l forest,* Sacramentos and Valley. Fully furnished but *never rented.* MLS# 102106

$199,000 620 Arabela Road, Arabela 3 BD / 2 BA Great *mfg'd home on 2.2 acres in* quiet setting w/ awesome views of the Capitans. Lots of living space w/ lg study and utility room. Out bldgs: a 30'x40' insulated and wired/ plumbed garage/ workshop on slab + 12'x15' shed. Covered and uncovered decks to enjoy expansive views. New septic 12/07. New metal roof in 2005. MLS# 101956

$135,000 400 Swing Road, Ruidoso Downs 3 BD / 2 BA Mfgd home w/ 2 living areas, fully fenced front yard. Tons of kitchen cabinets, separate dining area. Master bath w/ garden tub + his and her sinks. Well maintained. MLS# 101622

$159,874 - 277 Paradise Canyon, Ruidoso 3 BD / 2 BA home in a great location on the creek! Could be full time or rental. Very cozy and comfortable. A must see!

$449,000 110 Monica's Court, Ruidoso 3 BD / 2 BA Secluded mtn paradise in tall pines close to midtown. Fully furnished remodeled home w/ new baths and decks galore. 2 lg living areas plus a loft/study. 2 FP. A perfect *retreat w/great rental potential.* MLS# 101653

$219,000 214 Metz Drive, #203, Ruidoso 3 BD / 3 1/2 BA spacious, fully furnished condo in desirable Innsbrook Village, each BD has private bath, lg. Rock FP, 2 decks overlooking golf course and pond. *Newer carpet, level* entry. Great rental history. PRICED TO SELL! MLS# 100424

$187,500 604 White Mtn. Dr., 301, Ruidoso 3 BD / 2 1/2 BA, 1581 SF beautifully furnished lg end unit at Whispering Bluff. Great views of SB from two decks. Open kitchen, lg utility rm and extra rm for bd or office. This home is tastefully appointed. MLS# 101283

$189,500 107 Ginger Place, Ruidoso 3 BD / 2 BA - Perfect family home in great neighborhood. Exterior w/ newer stucco, metal roof. 2 living areas, spacious kitchen and utility room. New paint throughout, new energy efficient windows, wood floors in kitchen. *Backyard fully fenced w/ lg storage shed.* MLS# 101856

$299,000 280 Ski Run Road, Alto Home is located on Ski Run Road. Beautifully remodeled *and added on to. This very charming* mountain home feels like a ski lodge. Silver Plume and Eagle Creek border both sides of the property. Great nightly rental potential. Wildlife abounds. True feeling of being in the "great outdoors".

$270,000 141 Loma Grande, Nogal 3 BD / 2 *BA cabin. A horse lover's dream + easy Nat'l* Forest access. True log home on 2 secluded *acres. Super clean 2/1-1/2 mobile home,* tack room and corral. Mobile perfect for guest house or rental income. Deck, hot tub, and fabulous views! MLS# 100962

$199,900 213 Maverick Court, Alto 3 BD / 2 BA Extremely spacious TRIPLE wide on a quiet cul-de-sac w/ oversized 2-car garage. Great split floor plan, large bdrms and an additional office. Huge walk-in closet in Master. Center Island in kitchen & bright open breakfast nook. Cathedral ceilings in living area which leads into formal dining room. Extra room being added for exercise or read*ing. Fully fenced yard, nicely landscaped,* great for children or pets. MLS# 102689

$195,000 107 River Lane, Ruidoso Downs 218 ft. of beautiful river frontage and 3/4 of *an acre fully fenced yard with private well.* This well-maintained home has newer appliances (incl. washer/dryer). Open floor plan, *rock FP with heatilator,* built-in China cabinet and large breakfast bar. Enjoy the wonderful *view out back on the fully covered deck.* Move-in ready! MLS# 102659

$499,000 60 Eagle Creek Canyon, Ruidoso 3 BD / 2 BA Charming artist's home in beautiful Eagle Creek on over 8 acres. *Knotty pine* accents give a great cabin feel. Master has lg. Jacuzzi tub looking over tall pines. Lg. stone FP, open bright windows make this an extremely comfortable home. Newly painted inside and out. MLS# 100863

$127,000 101 Crestview Rd., Capitan Great split floor plan in this remodeled, double wide. All new stainless appliances, new w/d, new kitchen counter tops, new water heater and new back deck. This home has plenty of *storage, large closets and 2 sheds (1 wired.)* This large 1 1/2 acre lot has beautiful views, *large enclosed garden area, circular drive and* RV access. Come take a look! MLS# 102593

COMMERCIAL

$549,000 1500 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso – C2 Commercial Business. Huge bldg, 3 lg showrooms, separate office. Kitchen area, 2 *restrooms, 2 levels,* 2 storage area bays, larger area has upgraded wiring. Huge storage area upstairs + 3 sm. Storage areas upstairs, 4 storage areas downstairs, In-wall Vat system, elevator. MLS# C102105

$75,000 - 1100 Sudderth, Ruidoso - Wild West Day Spa, Business Only Great business opportunity! Full service day spa and tanning salon. All equipment included: Mystic tanning booth, four Sunsource tanning beds, three stylist chairs, two shampoo bowls, facial room with equipment, etc. Five year lease at $750.00 per month. Visit the website www.wildwestdayspa.com. Established name and marketing program. MLS# 102350

$249,000 1132 Hwy 48, Alto - 1000 sq.ft. of open bay storage with slab floor. Lights and *insulated. Great location on top of Angus Hill.* Plenty of room to expand with any types of *structures. Plumbed for 15 additional water* stubs. Mobile home pad already installed. MLS 102674

PINNACLE
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MLS#102698 • 116 MULLIGAN • $425,000
VERY SHARP, ONE LEVEL GOLF MEMBERSHIP HOME ON #4. Entire kitchen remodeled, new cabinets, counter tops & appliances. Ref A/C, Vaulted ceilings throughout. Paved drive & landscaped.

MLS#102653 • 317 W. SMOKEY BEAR BLVD • $399,000
FABULOUS HOME, ARTIST'S RETREAT, OR RESTAURANT ON 6 LOTS IN CAPITAN. 2 restaurants, beer & wine bar, living quarters + 2 rental cabins. *Flagstone fireplace & hardwood floors.*

MLS#102705 • 504 HIGH MESA • $599,000
APPROX. 2100 SQ.FT. OVERLOOKS THE FAIRWAY, 3/3/2. ALL NEW EVERYTHING! *New heat, A/C,* stucco, granite tops, stainless appliances, Flagstone FP, plantation shutters, cabinets, int. & ext. doors, windows, landscaped, golf membership.

MLS#102627 • 115 TANGLEWOOD DR • $649,500
BEAUTIFUL MTN. FLAVOR HOME ON 2 LOTS. One *level,* 3 *bdrm,* 5 bath, approx 3020 sq ft.+ 925 sq.ft. of outdoor covered living space w/ hot tub, sauna, wet bar, surround sound w/tv & 1/2 bath. Stucco exterior, paved drive, A/C, & alarm system. Incl. Full Golf Membership.

MLS# 101950 • 128 DEER PARK DRIVE • $799,500
BRAND NEW SANTA FE STYLE, ONE LEVEL HOME ON CORNER LOT! 3927 sq. ft. + 565 sq. ft. heated *triple garage,* 3 *bdrm,* 2 *living areas,* media room, granite tops, golf membership, will be landscaped.

MLS# 101940 • 103 LAVENDER CT • $441,950
MOUNTAIN HOME, APPROX. 2200 SQ. FT., 3 bdrms, 2 1/2 baths. Corner lot w/level access. Stucco exterior w/wood accents. Stone fireplace, 22 ft. ceilings in living room. Stainless appliances, granite counter tops. Dbl attached carport, social membership to Alto Country Club.

MLS# 101395 • 174 EAGLE CREEK RD • $895,000
NEW EVERYTHING, fully furnished, approx. 5300 sq.ft., 6 bdrm, 4 & 1/2 bath, kitchen upstairs & down, 2 living areas, game room, 6 decks, Girrard roof. Party barn has wet bar, car lift and 1/2 bath. Garage *parking for 4 vehicles,* Over 6 1/2 acres! Adjacent to Nat'l forest.

MLS# 101266 • 115 VALLEY CT • $1,975,000
OVER 9,000 SQ. FT. OF HEATED SPACE. 3 Bdrm, 3 1/2 bath. Living space approx. 4700 + *another 4300* sq. ft heated downstairs being used as garage & shop area. Detached *double* car garage, iron wood decking, on almost 6 acres w/huge views.

MLS# 100703 • 1436 HIGH MESA DR • $966,000
MINT CONDITION STUCCO HOME, W/SIERRA BLANCA VIEW. 4607 sq.ft., 5 bedroom, 4 bath, w/2 living *areas. Solid granite counters in kitchen,* wet bar, wood trim custom cabinets. Triple car garage.

MLS#100635 • 103 STIRRUP CT • $349,500
BRAND NEW CONSTRUCTION. *Approx.* 2176 sq. ft., 3 bdrm, 2 bath, one level, stucco home w/ tile *roof. Double* garage, ref A/C, 1/2 acre lot w/ social membership, nice views.

MLS# 100429 • 114 BELLAVIA CR • $1,100,000
FANTASTIC SIERRA BLANCA VIEW FROM ALMOST EVERY ROOM. Exclusive gated community. Immaculate 4200 sq.ft. stucco home w/ 4 bdrms, 2 living areas & office. Cabinets by KRISTIE'S in El Paso. Hand-troweled walls, 2 fireplaces, wood floors, granite tops, refrigerated air.

MLS# 102288 • 137 REESE DR • $899,500
GORGEOUS RIVER HOME, LANDSCAPED ON 1.44 ACRES W/360 FT. RIVER FRONTAGE. Level access. Approx 3165 Sq. ft. 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath. 10 & 13 ft. ceilings, 8 *ft. doors. Sub-Zero refrigerator* & freezer. Solid Granite tops. New in 2005. Private well & city water.

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LEGAL NOTICE

CAPITAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS
NOTICE OF PUBIJIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to 22-8-10 NMSA, 1978 that the Board of Education of Capitan School District #28, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico will meet on May 1, 2008, 6:30p.m. MDT, in the board room of the administration building, 150 Forest Street, to present and publicly review the budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year

This is a public hearing and all school patrons are invited to attend

Done at Capitan, New Mexico, this day 31st of March, 2008

CAPITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

JAMES FIELDS
BOARD PRESEDENT

ATTEST
ROBIN PARKS,
SECRETARY

#8154 2T (4)25, 30

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NORMAN BRUCE WELCH, Deceased ,

No PB-08-31

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned is Personal Representative of the above-captioned estate Creditors of this estate and all claimants of any nature must present their claims within two months after the date of first publication of this notice or forever be barred

/s/
Warren D Welch
20709 Godwin Rd
Harlingen, TX 78550

Richard G Bean & Tom Dunlap
Attorneys for estate
115 W 12th St
Roswell, NM 88201

#8156 4T (4)18,25 (5)2,9

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN

CITY BANK NEW MEXICO, a New Mexico Banking Corporation,

Plaintiff,

-v-

MARIO R. CHAVARRIA and his UNKNOWN SPOUSE, if any,

Defendants

No CV-08-46
Div III

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that on May 15, 2008, 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 and sell at public sale the following described real property to the highest bidder for cash:

Lot 17, Block 8, DEL NORTE ADDITION, UNIT 5, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, June 17, 1980, in Tube No. 705.

The street address of the real property is 308 Raymond Buckner Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345

The Special Master's sale will be conducted pursuant to the Default Judgement in Rem., Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered by this COurt on April 11, 2008, in an action for collection of a Promissory Note and foreclosure of a Mortgage.

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

Principal, interest and late charges through 5/15/08 $40,729.24

Costs of suit and attorney fees $2,778.83

Special Master's fee 275.00

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 the 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
1044 Mechem Drive
Ruidoso, NM 88345
(505) 258-9404
Attorney for Plaintiff

#8159 1T (4)25

COUNTY OF LINCOLN
Carrizozo, NM 88301

LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
NO. 07-08-018

"Audit Services"

DUE: May 14, 2008, 5:00 p.m. Local Time

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed proposals will be received by the Lincoln County Manager at the Lincoln County Managers Office, PO Box 711 (300 Central Ave) Carrizozo, NM 88301 until 5:00 p.m. local time, Wednesday, May 14, 2008. Any proposals received after that date and time will be returned unopened

RFP 07-08-018
"CONTRACTING FOR AUDIT SERVICES
FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008"

You must be an independent public accountant (IPA) registered with and approved by the State Auditor to respond to this Request for Proposal

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review and make their final determination during their regular commission meeting scheduled for 8:30 on Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Proposal requirements are available at the office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, or by calling Orlando Samora at 575-648-2385 ext-105

All proposals must be clearly marked on the out side of the sealed envelope with the RFP number and due date

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any proposal, waive minor technicalities and award the proposal to best serve the interest of Lincoln County.

Orlando Samora
Purchasing Agent

#8160 1T (4)25 UH

NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION CANCELLATION

Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District

The canvassing board for the Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District, certify that since no more than one candidate has filed a declaration of candidacy district supervisor position #3 and position #4, and there being no other questions on the ballot, the election has been canceled in accordance with Title 21, Chap 9, Part 2, Sec 9, Para E, of the SWCC supervisor election rules. Those individuals that have applied for, or received absentee ballots for this election will be contacted by the election superintendent

Date of this certification April 2, 2008

/s/
Barde Williams

/s/
Jackie Powell

#8162 1T (4)25

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Competitive sealed bids will be received by the City of Ruidoso Downs, NM (Owner), for

Project No. CDBG #05-C-RS-I-7-G-35 & SAP 05-0085-STB, SAP 05-1117-GF & SAP 05-1183-GF: Riverside Well Equipping and Water Lines consisting of 1,702 LF of 12" waterline, 1,200 LF of 10" waterline, well equipping consisting of a submersible pump, disinfection, piping, and a well house, Bid Alternate #1 consisting of an emergency generator, Bid Alternate #2 consisting of 705 LF of 12" waterline

Sealed bids must be received by the Procurement Manager, if hand delivered, to 122 Downs Drive Ruidoso Downs, or if mailed, PO Box 348 Ruidoso Downs, N.M. 88346 Bids will be received until Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at 2:00 p.m., and then publicly opened at the City of Ruidoso Downs City Hall. Any bids received after closing time will be returned unopened. The fact that a bid was dispatched will not be considered

Complete sets of the bidding documents may be obtained at the office of the Engineer listed below. A $50.00 deposit in the form of check or cash and made payable to ASCG Incorporated of New Mexico will be required for each set of Bidding Documents. This deposit is fully refundable provided that the Bidding Documents are returned in usable condition within ten (10) calendar days after the Bid Opening. Portions of the Bidding Documents will not be made available

Name and Address of ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

ASCG, Incorporated
Contact Thomas Knowlton, P.E.
6501 Americas Parkway, N.E. Phone (505) 247-0294
Suite 400
Albuquerque, NM 87110-5372

This Project is funded in whole or in part by a grant from the State of New Mexico Small Cities' Community Development Block Grant Program and is subject to requirements of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the funding agency

The City of Ruidoso Downs reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive all informalities as allowed by the State of New Mexico Procurement Code

Purchasing Agent
Terri Mosley (signature on file)

Date April 23, 2008

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CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS LODGERS' TAX COMMITTEE MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lodgers' Tax Committee of the City of Ruidoso Downs will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 8, 2008 in the City Hall Hubbard Room at 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs

Agenda will be posted Twenty-Four (24) hours prior to meeting date. Meetings of the City of Ruidoso Downs are open to the public. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear presentations from Lodgers' Tax applicants and requests for funds.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the City Clerk at City of Ruidoso Downs City Hall at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

/s/
Carol Virden, MMC
Clerk/Treasurer

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Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District

DISTRICT MANAGER

The District Manager is responsible for the operation and management of the District including water, wastewater, and solid waste. The District currently serves 1,200+ customers and includes 2,200 properties. This position reports to the District Board.

Alto Lakes is located in the Sacramento Mountains just north of Ruidoso, NM. Job Description and contact information may be found on "Job Openings" page on the District's website at www.altolakes.net

Employment 204

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If you are energetic, outgoing and motivated, Real Estate Press has the job for you as an

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EMPLOYMENT

Employment 204

NAT'L ORGANIZATION NOW HIRING Avg pay $20/hour or $57K/yr. including federal. Benefits and OT. Placed by ad Source 1-866-920-1076

Spanish Language Editor/Writer La Voz de Nuevo Mexico, the weekly Spanish-language newspaper, needs experience writer/editor to join our team. Must be fluently English-Spanish-English bi-lingual, both written & spoken, & have great interpersonal skills. Bachelor's degree plus 3 year's reporting/editing experience required. Fulltime position w/ full benefits, including medical/dental w/ dependent/domestic partners plans available, 401K, paid vacation & holidays. Cover letter & resume to: Joseph Vigil, GM, La Voz, PO Box 2048, Santa Fe 87504, or e-mail: jvigil@sfnewmexican.com.

To place a classified ad phone 257-4001

STAFF WRITER

The Carlsbad Current-Argus seeks a Staff Writer.
The main duties of this position are interviewing sources and writing stories for publication; research and source development are also job components.
We're looking for someone with strong language skills. A journalism degree is preferred along with at least one year experience in newspapers or other writing field, but recent grads are strongly encouraged to apply. Evening and weekend work may be required, along with rotating holiday work. Scheduling is flexible. The Current-Argus is a good place to learn about the newspaper business.
Our concern is for the health and safety of our employees, therefore we offer a smoke-free work environment and conduct pre-employment drug testing.
Send letter, resume and examples of your work to Human Resources, Carlsbad Current-Argus, PO Box 1629, Carlsbad, N.M.
E-mail: aprilh@currentargus.com.
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is seeking a full-time Resident Advocate for the Nest domestic violence shelter. Duties include crisis intervention, information and referral services, safety planning and case management. Pay is $8.50-$10.50 per hour, DOE. Please bring resume to the Nest at 512 E. Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs

Gen. Help Wanted 224

Laughing Sheep Farm
is looking for a person who loves to be in the kitchen, good people skills and likes gardening. This is a fulltime job and could work into year round for the right person starting immediately. Salaried job, interesting benefits, flexible days and great working condition.
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EXIT REALTY OF RUIDOSO
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Please call, we'd love to meet with you!

Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club has an opening for Cooks-All shifts, Pantry & Dishwashers. Applications are being accepted Monday through Friday in the business office. For directions please call 575-336-4231. Please apply in person Tues. thru Fri. from 9 to 3 pm.

Bonito Lake Camp Area, Ranger and Maintenance positions avail this summer: $7.4755/hr. + campsite with hook-ups. To apply go to www.ci.alamogordo.nm.us or call 575-439-4399. EOE

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Gen. Help Wanted 224

The City of Ruidoso Downs is accepting applications for a
Payroll/Personnel
Starting pay is $16.48 per hour. Exempt position. Full benefit package. 5 years of experience in payroll and personnel. High School diploma or equivalent. Valid NM Driver's License. For complete job descriptions and application visit City Hall at 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs, NM call (505) 378-1342. Fax: (505) 378-4586.

Gen. Help Wanted 224

Part Time Water/Wastewater Inspector
Salary $12.28 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

Gen. Help Wanted 224

RN Full or Part-time
Dependable RN needed for weekends. Premium pay, company car, accommodations. On-call required. Choose every other weekend at part-time salary w/partial benefits or every weekend at full time salary w/full benefits. Duties include new admissions, scheduled home health and hospice visits, and on-call from Friday at 5pm through Monday at 8am. Working hours 12p-5p Fridays, flexible scheduling Sat/Sun, and 8a-10a Mondays. For more information contact Jennifer or Laura at Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice, 575-258-0028. EOE.

Join a dynamic team in providing Lincoln County with *"Home Health Care at its very best!"*

Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice
e-mail: lauram@rhch.org
or jennifer@rhch.org
website: www.rhch.org

Gen. Help Wanted 224

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY/ASSISTANT
LINCOLN COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

Now actively seeking a highly organized, detail oriented, experienced administrative secretary. Must be proficient in meeting minutes, deadlines, computer skills specifically w/Microsoft Office Programs – Outlook, Word, and Excel for document composition, statistics, record keeping, correspondence, as well as creating and maintaining forms and graphs.

Will work as support to administrative and management teams. Payroll, healthcare experience, and medical terminology will be a plus. Five (5) plus years experience required.

Position is full time w/excellent benefit package.

Interested applicants may apply at: phs.org CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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Gen. Help Wanted 224

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Contact at
artsontiles@yahoo.com

Gen. Help Wanted 224

Helper @ Ruidoso Ford, Lincoln, Mercury.
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Contact Eric at 378-4400

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FULL TIME WORKERS AND WORK YOUR OWN SCHEDULE... PER DIEM HEALTH CARE WORKERS wanted

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575-648-2379

All applicants must be 21 years of age or older, must be able to pass drug/alcohol screening, health exam and background check. *Equal opportunity employer.*

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WANTED:
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Electrician
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MESCALERO Apache SCHOOL
P.O. Box 230, 249 White Mountain Dr. Mescalero, New Mexico 88340 Phone: (505) 464-4431 Fax: (505) 464-4822
"Mescalero Chief"

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Mescalero Apache School is looking for qualified applicants for the following positions:

➤ **Middle/High School Principal**

POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

*****All Certified positions and Coaching positions require a valid license from the NM Public Education Department.*
*****All positions require background checks and clearance from any criminal charges prior to employment.*
*****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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Salary $11.55 hourly. **Excellent benefit package included (vacation, sick, retirement & insurance).** Applications accepted **5:00 p.m. Monday, May 5, 2008.** 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

Gen. Help Wanted 224

HELP WANTED:

- Tree Thinners
- Landscapers
- Laborers
- Yearly Maintenance Personnel

STAGNER LANDSCAPE

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Person Needed To Sell New & Used Vehicles At RUIDOSO FORD Lincoln Mercury. We provide health insurance, vacation, a guaranteed salary of $27,600, with an earning potential of $40,000 or MORE. We will provide training, sales experience not necessary. This is a 6 days a week job. Must have Drivers License. Learn why Ruidoso Ford Lincoln Mercury was voted #1 place to work. Contact Jack 378-4400 Only between 10AM-2PM

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Lincoln County Detention Center is now under new management. Emerald Companies is now accepting applications for jail administrator/warden, chief of Security, part/full time detention officers. Must meet minimum qualifications, shuttle services may be available for surrounding areas. Send resumes to PO box 339, Carrizozo, NM 88301.

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MECHANIC'S HELPER

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Foreman, carpenters & framers needed. Call 937-5084 ask for Matt.

GENERAL OFFICE HELP Wed., Thurs, Sat. Mornings. Computer Experience. Retail Environment. Apply to: P.O. Box 374, Alto, NM 88312

Housekeeping needed for 2 locations. Apply in Person at Best Western Pine Springs

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Stephen Carter
505-808-1204

Applications DUE Friday, May 16th, 2008!

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EMPLOYMENT

Business Opportunity 244

FOR RENT
616 Sudderth
Office/Shop
"Let's Make A Deal!"
Owner/Agent
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Businesses For Sale 247

For Sale! Gift shop. Prime mid-town location. 257-3771

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RENTALS

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Townhouses/ Condominiums 342

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CONDO FOR RENT
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Brand New Owners Townhouse At Rainmakers. Lakefront & Golf Course - Sierra Blanca & Capitan Views - Yearly - Seasonally - Furnished Or Unfurnished. Some Golf Play.
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Furnished Houses 350

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Unfurn. Home - General 352

4 bd., 2.5 ba, River runs in front, fp, pellet stove. $1,250/mo. $625/dep. Call 378-4245

DUPLEX: Unit B, 1 bd single, all knotty pine, kitchenette, no smoking. $450/mo. + utilities. 336-8005

Cabin for rent. Super setting on Cedar Creek. $900 plus utilities. References required. Call Joe 808 0282.

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Homes - General 412

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Homes - General 412

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Beautiful lot in Ruidoso. .25 ac. w/Sierra Blanca views. $60,000. Call Agent at 258-0003

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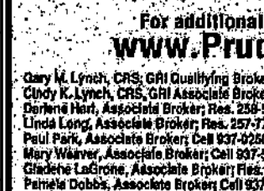

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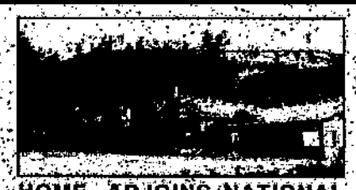

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114 TONTO DR - Furn. 2 BDR / 2 BA + garage & views. $1550 + utilities. *On Market for sale*

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309 SUN VALLEY RD - Furnished, 3 BDR / 2 BA + garage; $1600 includes utilities. Month to Month only.

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302 "C" STREET - Unfurnished, 2 BDR / 1 BA w/ Sierra Blanca views. Carport. $700 + utilities

APARTMENTS:

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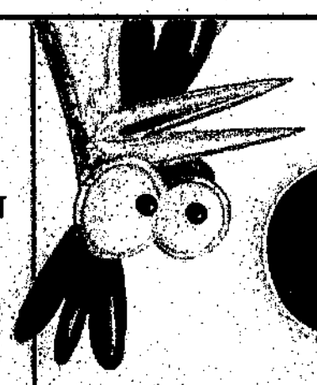

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FACTORY REBATE	$1,000
FORD CREDIT CASH	$500^
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT	$2,696

$10,499

ADDITIONAL SAVINGS:
COLLEGE GRAD DISCOUNT $500^
MILITARY DISCOUNT $500^

35 MPG HWY!

$1,989 LESS THAN EL PASO!†

3 LEFT AT THIS PRICE! 2 AT SIMILAR SAVINGS!

SAVE **$4,196**

*After all rebates and discounts. TT&L extra. ^ With FMCC Financing. † Compared to El Paso Times Ads April 18, 2008. ^Qualifications apply, see dealer for details. ^Active Duty Military.

'08 FORD MUSTANG
Stk #FC90520

MSRP	$20,530
FACTORY REBATE	$1,500
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT	$3,031

$15,999

ADDITIONAL SAVINGS:
COLLEGE GRAD DISCOUNT $500^
MILITARY DISCOUNT $500^

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SAVE **$4,531**

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'08 FORD F150 XL
Stk #FT20760

MSRP	$19,120
FACTORY REBATE	$3,000
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT	$2,721
FORD CREDIT CASH	$1,000^

$12,399
WITH FMCC FINANCING
$199 PER MONTH^^

ADDITIONAL SAVINGS:
COLLEGE GRAD DISCOUNT $500^
AOHA $500^
MILITARY DISCOUNT $500^

A/C!

$1,100 LESS THAN EL PASO!††

0% APR 60 MO.

6 LEFT AT THIS PRICE! 11 AT SIMILAR SAVINGS!

SAVE **$6,721**

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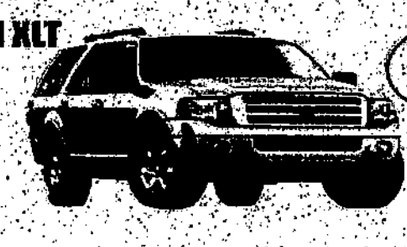
'08 FORD EXPEDITION XLT
Stk #FT20534

MSRP	$31,520
FACTORY REBATE	$4,000
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT	$3,521

$23,999



0% APR 60 MO.

SAVE **$7,521**

*After all rebates and discounts. TT&L extra. † Factory financing in lieu of rebates, OAC. Exp. 4/30/08.

'08 FORD FUSION
Stk #FP90608

MSRP	$18,495
FACTORY REBATE	$2,500
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT	$2,001

$13,995

ADDITIONAL SAVINGS:
COLLEGE GRAD DISCOUNT $500^
MILITARY DISCOUNT $500^

$1,000 LESS THAN EL PASO!††

0% APR 60 MO.

4 LEFT AT THIS PRICE! 4 AT SIMILAR SAVINGS!

SAVE **$4,500**

*After all rebates and discounts. TT&L extra. † Factory financing in lieu of rebates, OAC. Exp. 4/30/08. †† Compared to El Paso Times Ads April 18, 2008. ^Qualifications apply, see dealer for details. ^Active Duty Military.

'08 FORD F150 SUPERCREW XLT
Stk #FT20653

MSRP	$30,620
FACTORY REBATE	$3,000
FORD CREDIT CASH	$1,000^
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT	$5,021

$21,599

ADDITIONAL SAVINGS:
MILITARY DISCOUNT $500^

0% APR 60 MO.

2 LEFT AT THIS PRICE! 4 AT SIMILAR SAVINGS!

SAVE **$9,021**

*After all rebates and discounts. TT&L extra. † Factory financing in lieu of rebates. OAC. Exp. 4/30/08. ^ With FMCC Financing. ^Active Duty Military.

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1 On select models, in lieu of rebates, OAC. Exp. 4/30/08.

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[1]Compared to El Paso Times Ads April 11, 2008

38 MPG HWY!

'08 HONDA CIVIC LX
Stk #H056915

MSRP $17,395
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT $1,896

3 LEFT AT THIS PRICE! 3 AT SIMILAR SAVINGS!

$15,499
$139 PER MONTH LEASE^^

SAVE **$1,896**

*After $1,896 dealer discounts, TT&L extra. OAC. **LEASE: 42 payments of $139 with 20% down, first month's payment, $595 acquisition fee and TT&L due at signing. Cash price $16,499

BELOW INVOICE PRICE![1]

[1] Invoice may not reflect final dealer costs.

31 MPG HWY!

'08 HONDA ACCORD LX
Stk #H056840

MSRP $21,795
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT $2,796

• AUTO • A/C • CD • 4 CYL • TILT • PWR. EQUIPPED

$18,999
$149 PER MONTH LEASE^^

SAVE **$2,796**

*After $2,796 dealer discounts, TT&L extra, OAC. **LEASE, 42 payments of $149 with 20% down, first month's payment, $595 acquisition fee and TT&L due at signing. Lease end value $12,641. Cash price $20,100.

0.9% APR[1]

'08 HONDA ODYSSEY LX
Stk #H056539

MSRP $26,495
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT $5,496

• AUTO • 6 CYL • DUAL A/C • TILT • CRUISE • PWR. EQUIPPED

$20,999

10 LEFT AT THIS PRICE!

SAVE **$5,496**

*After $5,496 dealer discounts. TT&L extra. OAC. [1]Factory financing in lieu of rebates, OAC.

$6,000 LESS THAN EL PASO![1]

[1]Compared to El Paso Times Ads March 28, 2008.

'08 HONDA RIDGELINE RT
Stk #H056281

MSRP $28,635
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT $7,636

• 4WD • 6 CYL • A/C • CD • TILT • CRUISE • CLOTH

$20,999
$189 PER MONTH LEASE^^

SAVE **$7,636**

*After $7,636 dealer discounts, TT&L extra, OAC. **LEASE: 36 payments of $189 with $8,500 down, first month's payment, $595 acquisition fee and TT&L due at signing. Lease end value $16,033.60. Cash price $24,999

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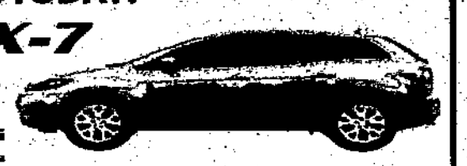

*After all rebates & discounts. TT&L extra

2008 MAZDA 6
• A/C • CD PLAYER
• PWR. LOCKS & WINDOWS

MSRP	$19,675
CUSTOMER REBATE	$2,750
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT	$926

$15,999
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0% APR!

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2008 MAZDA TRIBUTE
• A/C • CD PLAYER
• AUTOMATIC
• PWR. LOCKS & WINDOWS

MSRP	$21,000
CUSTOMER REBATE	$2,500
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT	$1,501

$16,999
WITH MAZDA FINANCING

1.9% APR!

*After all rebates & discounts. TT&L extra. †Factory financing in lieu of rebates. OAC

2008 MAZDA CX-9
• A/C • CD PLAYER
• PWR. LOCKS & WINDOWS

MSRP	$30,620
CUSTOMER REBATE	$1,500
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT	$3,121

$25,999
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AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT	$1,686
MILITARY COUPON	$500^

*Includes factory rebate and dealer discount. TT&L extra. ^Must be Active Duty Military or spouse.

$9,499* with Hyundai Financing

2008 Hyundai Sonata
Stk #HY73823
• V6 • CD
• A/C • CRUISE
• PWR. LOCKS & WINDOWS

0% APR†

MSRP	$21,880
CUSTOMER REBATE	$3,000
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT	$1,381

*Includes factory rebate and dealer discount. TT&L extra. †Factory financing in lieu of rebates. OAC

$17,499* with Hyundai Financing

2008 Hyundai Santa Fe
Stk #HY73806

1.70% APR†

• AUTO
• A/C • CD
• PWR. LOCKS & WINDOWS

MSRP	$23,145
CUSTOMER REBATE	$2,000
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT	$1,446

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Stk #HY73626

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CUSTOMER REBATE	$3,000
AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT	$2,691

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Large SALE !!!!
106 East Parr
Fri.25& Sat.26

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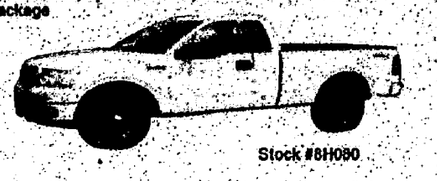

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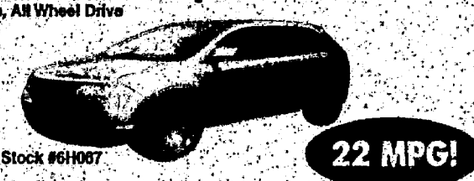

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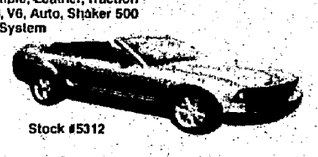

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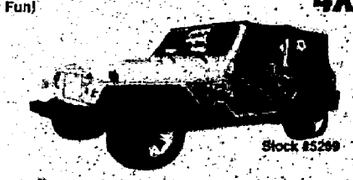

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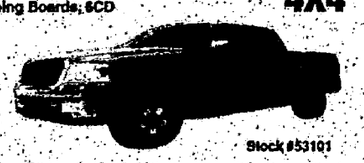

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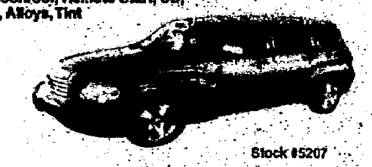

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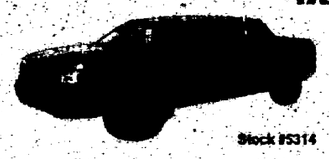

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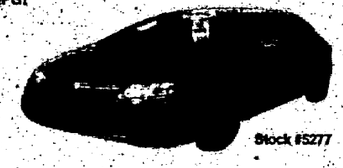

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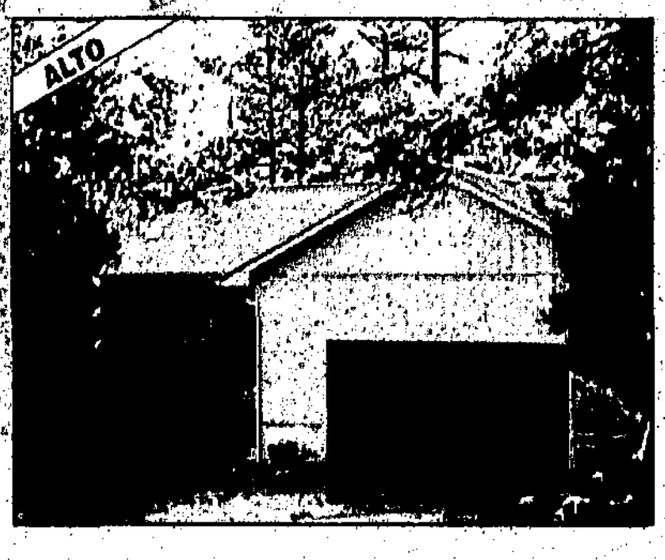

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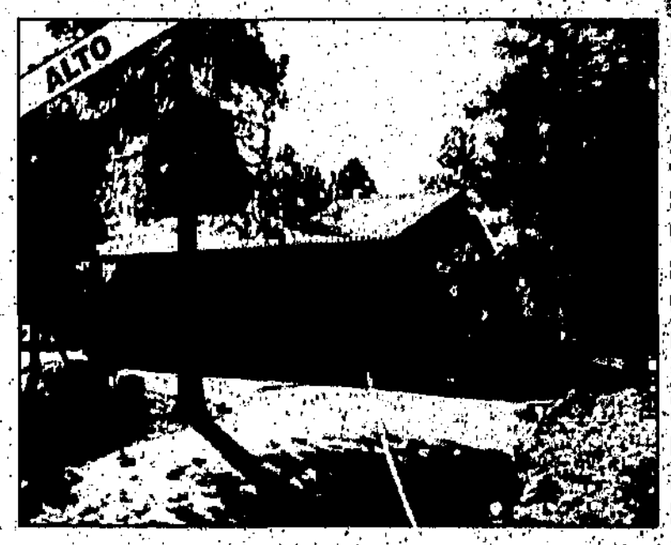

CHARMING 3 BR., 2 BA. ALTO STUCCO!

This one level beauty has a super open concept plan with vaulted ceilings. Easy access and paved drive are features you'll appreciate. Great covered deck for entertaining or just "kicking back." Double garage, 2 fireplaces and a metal roof make this Alto home very desirable. Beautiful wooded view! $349,500. #102365

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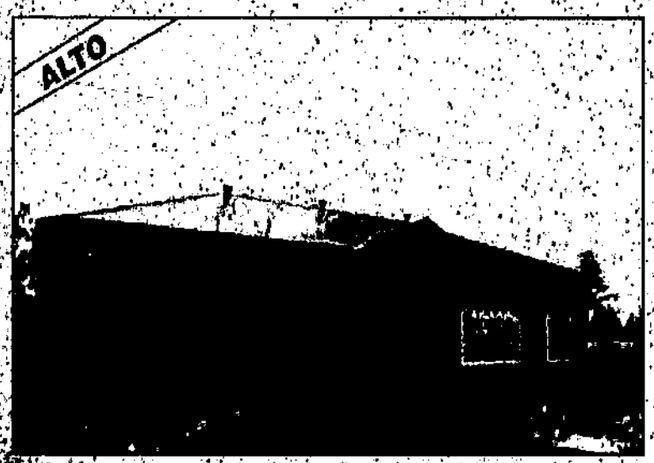

NEW FULL-GOLF 3BR. ALTO STUCCO!
Upscale features including 10' ceilings, wood flooring, and cherry cabinets set the stage for luxury. A gourmet kitchen with granite counter tops and stainless appliances will delight the cook in your family. Composite decking, and attractive xeriscaping eliminate maintenance and increase enjoyment! $559,900. #102050

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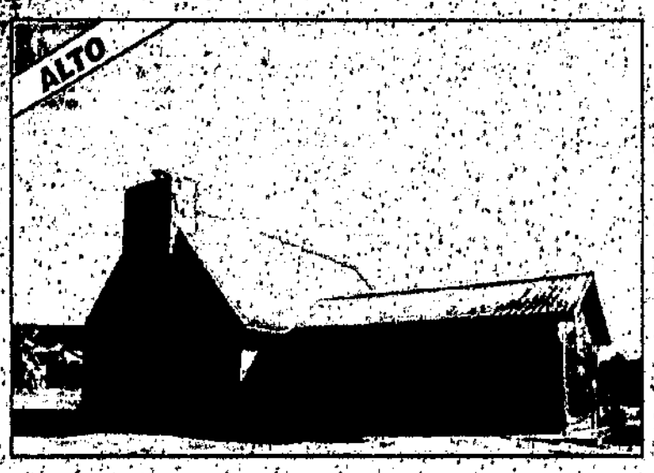

CONTEMPORARY 3 BR. MOUNTAIN HOME WITH LEVEL ACCESS.
This full-golf Alto membership home is situated on a generous 1.1 acre lot. Charming, newly updated kitchen. Vaulted ceiling. Master on main level. Great view. Large decks for enjoyable outdoor living. Adjacent lot available; please inquire. $385,000. #101916

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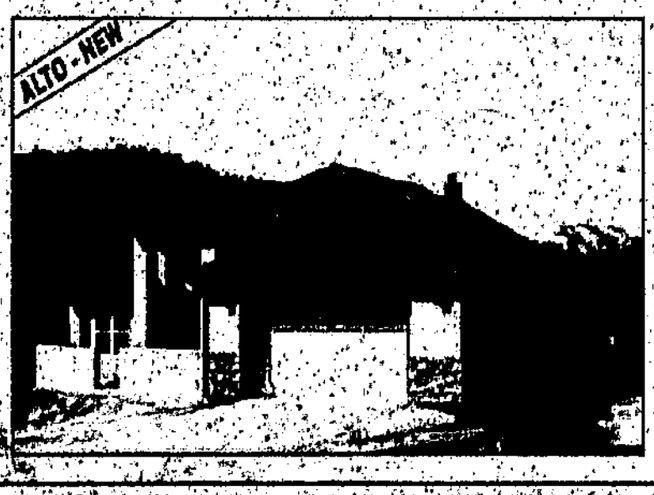

FABULOUS SB VIEW FROM THIS NEW ALTO STUCCO!
This luxurious 3 br. home has all the desirable details... great window package, corner kiva fireplace, and impressive vega and latilla ceiling. The appealing exterior is low maintenance stucco, stone, and metal roof. Tile floors and wonderful kitchen insure carefree and elegant living. Oh! Did we mention the Sierra Blanca view... WOW!!! $390,000. #102191

CONTEMPORARY ALTO MOUNTAIN HOME ON 2 LOTS!
This 3 br., 2 ba. home is perfectly placed in a park-like setting on the Alto golf course. Great loft space is wonderful for game area or extra bunks. High ceilings are accented by great window pkg. Furnished too. The new owner of this special home will also enjoy the "full golf" membership to Alto. $279,000. #101842

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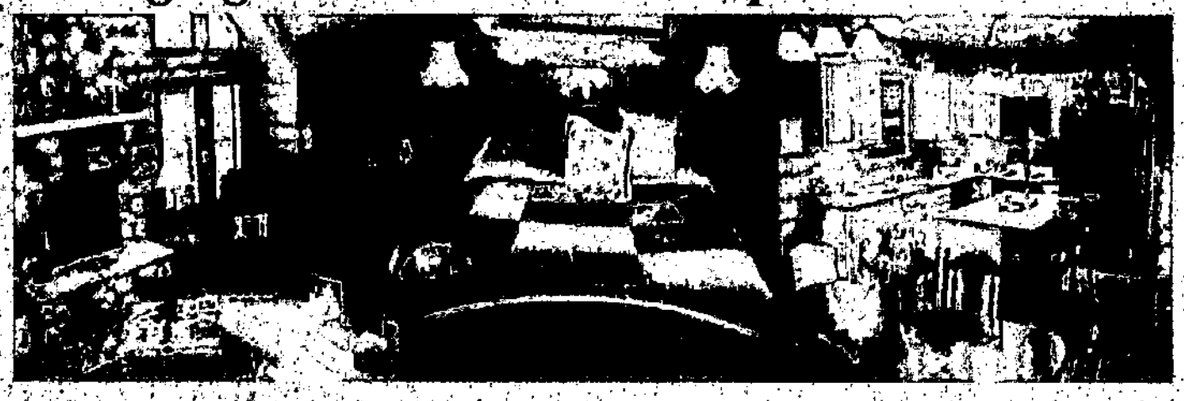

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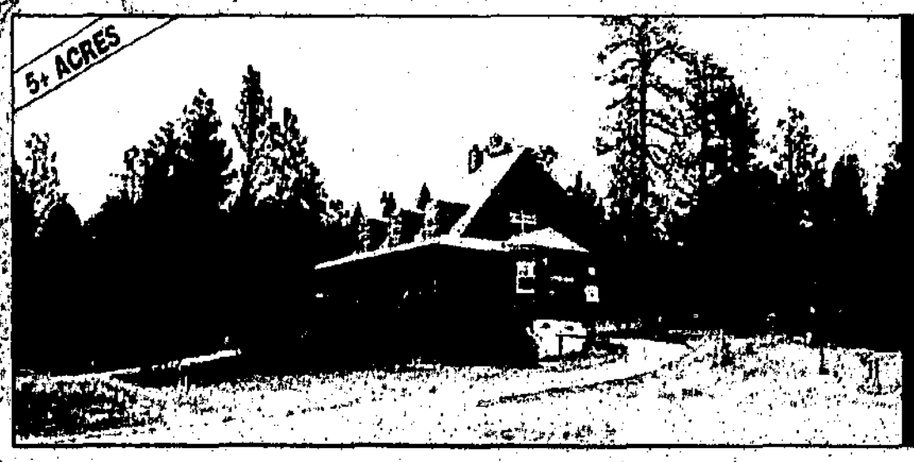


CLASSY LOG ON 5+ ACRES IN HOMESTEAD ACRES!

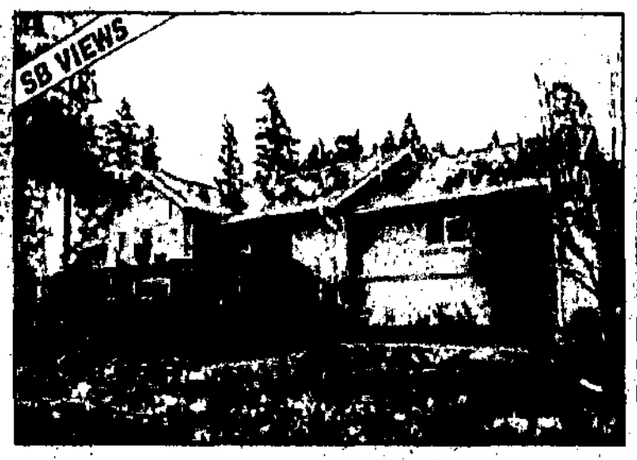
A wonderful 3 br. home surrounded by a literal wildlife refuge. Watch turkey, deer & bear from the 2 amazing decks or walk 30' into National Forest. Owner has maintained riding trails for horses. Open Kitchen. Great workshop. Wonderful home! $585,000. #101218

CLASSY ONE-LEVEL WHITE MTN. HOME!

Great one-level floor plan with many upgrades! Spacious gourmet kitchen with beautiful cherry cabinets and luxurious granite countertops. This open concept 3 br., 3 ba. is beautifully landscaped. Lovely fixtures in baths w/ granite countertops. Very well designed & executed. $499,500. #101526

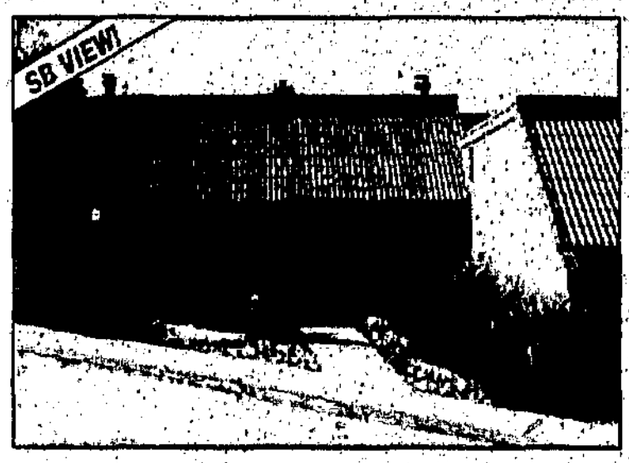
CHARMING RIVER HOME CONVENIENTLY LOCATED CLOSE TO MID-TOWN DINING AND SHOPPING!

The peaceful sounds of the Rio Ruidoso will lull you to sleep at night. Walk to town during the day or stay put and enjoy this beautiful 2 br., 3 ba. home with 3 fireplaces, vaulted ceilings, and warm wood accents. A wonderful home for the discriminating buyer who appreciates Ruidoso living at its best! $395,000. #101561



GREAT ONE-LEVEL, SIERRA BLANCA VIEW HOME!

Packed with desirable features... split 2 bedroom plan, vegas, wood and tile floors, french doors, and bright, cheery kitchen featuring skylights and glass blocks. This wonderful home is perfectly placed adjacent to the National Forest. Amazing Sierra Blanca view from secluded back deck! This highly desirable home is a must see! $268,000. #102112



HIGHLY DESIRABLE 2 BR. ASPEN RUN CONDO!

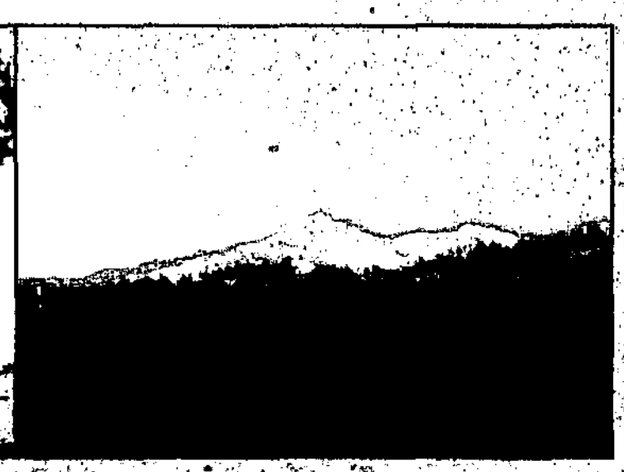
This condo is centrally located in a lovely area on Cree Meadows Golf Course. Great project with beautiful landscaping. Sierra Blanca view from here is a joy from dawn to dusk. Must see. Won't last long. $148,500. #101288

ALTO HOME WITH SIERRA BLANCA VIEW - UNDER $250K!

Sounds like a winning combo and it is! This mountain charmer also has a full golf membership for the golf enthusiast, and an updated interior w/wet bar. You'll love that it is nicely furnished. Great window coverings too. Start enjoying Alto living today; just give us a call! $249,500. #101655

SECLUDED W/ BEAUTIFUL VALLEY VIEW!

This great 4br., 3ba home, is situated on a generous 3 lots! You'll appreciate the 2 living areas and open kitchen featuring a propane range. Cozy up to the rock fireplace and enjoy the seclusion of this great home far away from the hustle and bustle of city living. Appealing home and setting. $189,000. #102033



FABULOUS MOUNTAIN HOME ADJACENT TO NATIONAL FOREST!

This 3 br., 2 ba. home has views of the valley & Sierra Blanca! Delightful open concept floor plan. 9.1 acres are partially fenced. Paved drive, great workshop. Barn, stalls, tack & hay barn. Hot tub too! Must see this amazing home! $569,000. #101429

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PRESTIGIOUS 4 BR. 4 BA. HOME ON THE RIO RUIDOSO RIVER!

This authentic Upper Canyon [illegible] a magical location amongst [illegible] plays with 105 feet on the river. Excellent floor plan. Open [illegible] ing, dining and kitchen. Plantation shutters & wood floors create a luxurious mountain living space. Live your mountain dream by the babbling brook and let the river lull you to sleep at night. $795,000. #101512

GREAT ONE LEVEL HOME NEAR CREE MEADOWS GOLF COURSE.

This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has a great open concept with vaulted ceilings and a large kitchen. The exterior is low maintenance stucco and a metal roof. Close to downtown shopping. Ideal for a permanent residence or a second home. $239,900. #102551

WONDERFUL OPEN-CONCEPT MOUNTAIN BEAUTY!

You'll love everything about this home... beautiful wood interior, great porches on the front & back, and amazing views of Capitan, Spencer Theater, and Sierra Blanca. Circle drive, metal roof & great room floor plan. This home is partially furnished and very attractive! $335,000. #102194

SPACIOUS VIEW HOME ON McBRIDE!

This wonderful home has a living room and a family room/den. And did we mention the view? ... Breathtaking!!! Nice wood accents & built-ins throughout. You'll love the hot tub area. Storage. Level access and partially furnished too! Beautiful Area. $499,000. #100980

HIGHLY DESIRABLE ONE-LEVEL ASPEN RUN CONDO!

This 2 bedroom, 2 bath Aspen Run unit will allow you to lead the carefree Ruidoso lifestyle. Conveniently located on Cree Meadows golf course, this unit has a great Sierra Blanca view to enhance your everyday living. Open concept has a great feel. Project is beautifully landscaped. A wonderful opportunity! $215,000. #102114

3 BR. END UNIT AT THE EVER-POPULAR ASPEN RUN!

This conveniently located project is strategically placed to capture marvelous views of the golf course and Sierra Blanca! This spacious 3 br. unit is exceptional because it has a lovely view of a small pond surrounded by trees and the privacy of an end unit. Highly desirable; don't miss this one! $204,900. #102238

THIS 3 BR. HOME IS SITUATED ON 2 LOTS!

The National Forest is very close to this home, providing many optimum opportunities for recreation. This one-level home has great parking, nice decks, and vaulted ceilings. Excellent potential here. Very nice setting too! $175,000. #102162

CABIN IN THE WOODS UNDER $100,000!

Great stand alone cabin at Carrizo Lodge Condos with view of creek! What a great place to kick back and relax in this quaint 2 br. cabin. Nice front porch. Minutes to downtown Ruidoso or fun of the Mountain Gods. This one won't last long. Maybe just what you are looking for! $99,900. #102013

ENJOY THE SIERRA BLANCA VIEW!

You'll be delighted with this 3 bedroom, 2 ba. featuring vaulted ceilings and spacious decks. Nice neighborhood. Easy access. Double garage and hot tub too! Super views! $265,000 #16806

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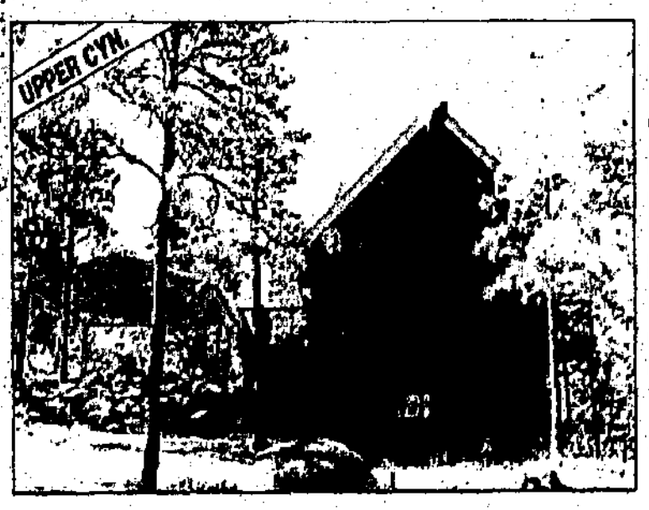


CLASSY NEW LOG HOME IN THE UPPER CANYON!

Hear the river and enjoy a view of the mountains... wow!! What a combo! This secluded 2 br., 2 1/2 ba. rustic home is very unique and you'll be delighted to know it's furnished w/some exceptions. A two car carport adds to its desirability. Upper Canyon setting is gorgeous! $398,500. #100502

LUXURIOUS ONE LEVEL HOME IN PRESTIGIOUS AREA WITH A VIEW OF SIERRA BLANCA!

Relax in this one level mountain home. Enjoy the amazing wood accents and rock fireplace in the open concept living room. Cook your gourmet dinner in this well appointed kitchen with granite countertops and spacious cabinetry. You can enjoy the great views from the deck or the sunroom. A must see! $449,500. #NEW

FURNISHED UPPER CANYON IN GREAT SETTING!

This 2 br., mountain home is updated and has level access. Family room w/daybed is perfect for extra guests. Heated workshop is a bonus. 2 decks and hot tub for enjoying the beautiful forest setting. Storage too! $199,500. #100606

TRUE RUIDOSO CHARM ON THE RIVER!

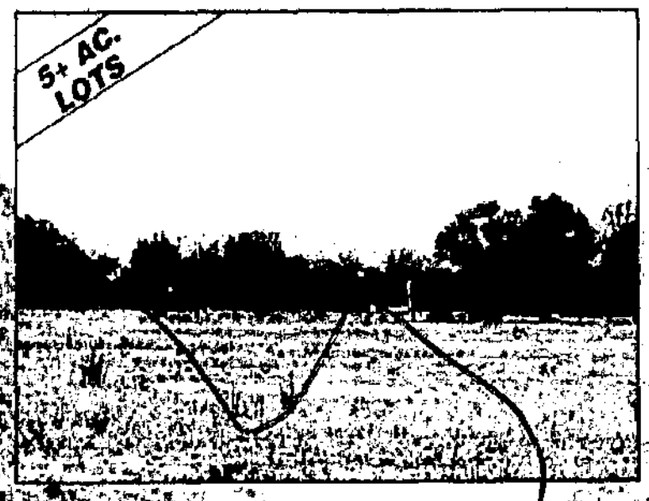
This is the quintessential cabin in the mountains on the river! Two bedrooms, one bath and lots of ambiance. Cozy, comfortable, and steps away from the Rio Ruidoso. Also great storage w/electricity. $219,500. #100308

GREAT HORSE PROPERTY FEATURES 4 BEDROOM HOME!

If your spirit is saying "Don't fence me in!" look no further. Corrals, 13+ acres, 30x40 garage and Capitan views will create your perfect homestead. A really nice horse property is waiting for you under the cerulean blue skies of New Mexico! $275,000. #100290

THIS ONE-LEVEL HOME HAS 4 BR. & 4 BA.!

You'll love the level access, the large lot, double garage, and an additional 1 car detached garage. This extra garage could be a perfect shop or studio! Nice open floor plan. Wonderful setting in the tall pines! $315,000. #18269



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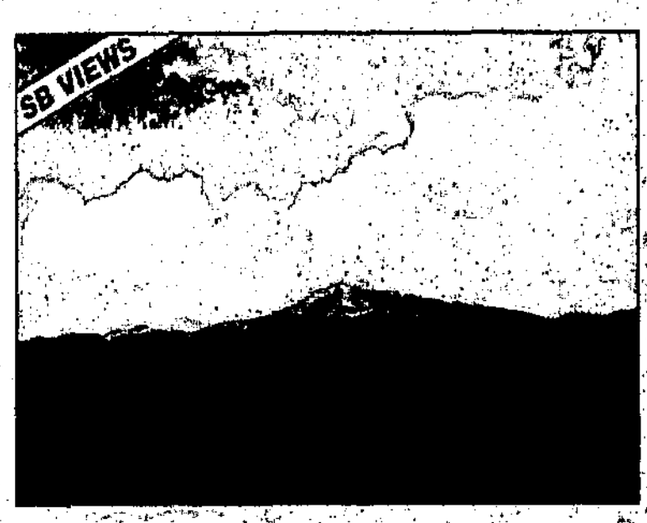
These lots are excellent for small ranch-type living. Horses allowed. Size of lots will accommodate residence and horse facilities. Residential/ Agricultural Zoning. Paved roads. Water & sewer available. Live large on these super Tularosa ranchettes! Priced at $107,500-$132,500. Please inquire for more details.



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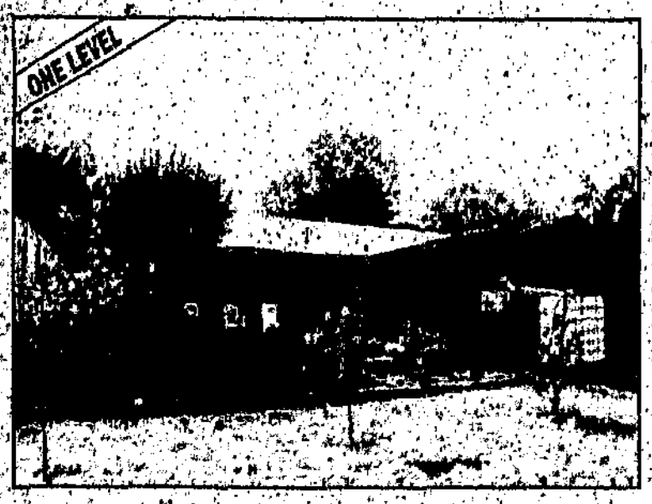

GREAT 3 BR. AT A SUPER PRICE!
This attractive 1-level home has many desirable features: level access for convenience, great deck for enjoying the outdoors, partially fenced & city utilities too! Storage and shop building are a real bonus! All this for a mere $138,500! #17569

NEWLY REMODELED BIG PINES CONDOS!
These 3 br. units are freshly remodeled and conveniently located. What a great price for these condos with fresh paint, new carpet, new appliances, and a fireplace! The kitchens are nicely done with new kitchen countertops and cabinets. Good parking. 2 bedroom condos are also available. A great offering at a desirable price. $ 139,500. #102268

ONE-LEVEL 2 BR., 2 BA... A REAL CHARMER!
This great home is in a secluded area, but is not out of town! Perfectly placed! It shares a well and is on sewer, has super porches and delightful interior! Must see at $119,500. #101801

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GREAT ONE-LEVEL W/ LANDSCAPING UNDER $170K!
This 4 br., 3 ba. home has 2 master bedrooms and a wonderful sunroom. Nice decks. Fenced back yard. Living room w/ fireplace. Desirable one-level at a super price! $168,500. #18696

DELIGHTFULLY REMODELED 4 BR., 2 BA. DUPLEX!
This Upper Canyon duplex: each with 2 bedrooms and 1 bath has infinite possibilities. These one-level units both have a hot tub for your health & relaxation. Excellent rental potential here, and the price is very attractive. $189,500. #101422

CONTEMPORARY MOUNTAIN CLASSIC!
This 3 bd., 2 ba. fully furnished home is in a super area... only a quick walk to the beautiful Links walking trail! Vaulted ceiling, bonus room, open concept and wonderful back deck make this home so livable! $319,500. #18885

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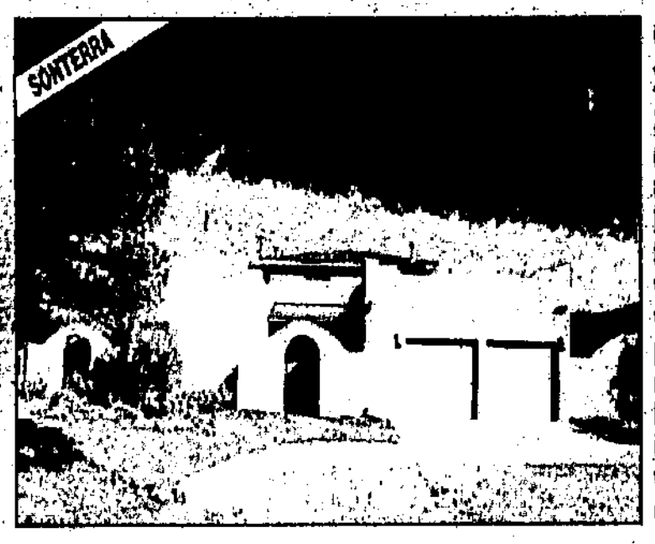
ENCHANTING STUCCO W/ GUEST HOUSE ON HONDO RIVER!

This spacious 3 br. home has a fabulous, light-filled studio plus a guest house. You'll love the 3 fireplaces, charming kitchen, and tile and wood floors. Stucco walls, and a beautiful pond and garden area next to the porch off master is perfection! Wonderful back patio area adjacent to river. Did I say enchanting?...a real understatement. $585,000. #102006

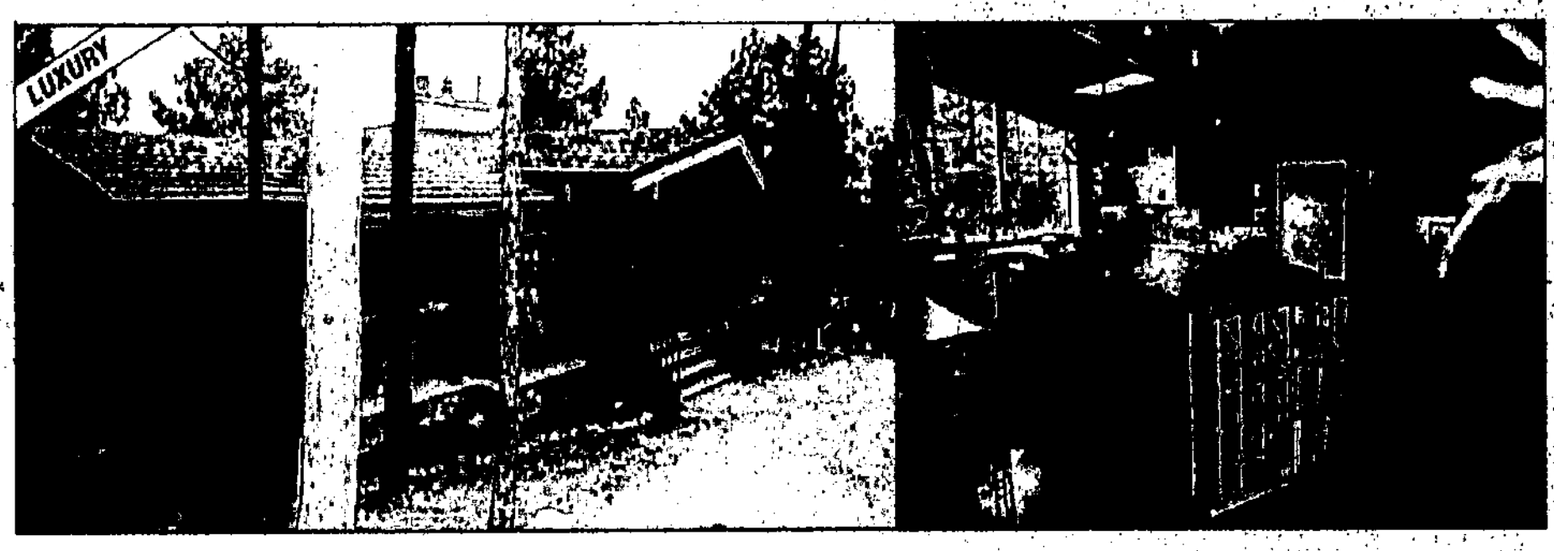


CUSTOM SANTA FE STYLE STUCCO ON 8.65 ACRES!

Gated 4 br. property with amazing Capitan views in a private setting you'll love. This one-level beauty features 3 fireplaces, plantation shutters & observation deck. Walk to the Rio Bonita & waterfalls or relax on the fabulous back patio with outdoor fireplace. This enchanting home with beautiful upscale features throughout and sun-splashed interior awaits a discriminating buyer who longs for our pristine mountain environment. $595,000. #102301

WHT. MTN. STUCCO BEAUTY WITH AMAZING SIERRA BLANCA VIEWS!

This 3 br., 2 ba. home is all on one level and is situated on beautiful Wht. Mtn. Meadows. It features solid surface countertops, upgraded appliances and interior. Partially fenced and lovely flagstone patio. $298,500. #18933



YOUR DESTINATION FOR STYLE AND LUXURY IN ALTO!

This 3 br., 3½ ba Deer Park home is unrivaled in its setting and construction. This contemporary mountain beauty is for the discriminating buyer who wants to surround themselves with the very best. The kitchen & dining area are a virtual dream! Amazing decks & fabulous furniture package too. $665,000. #101403

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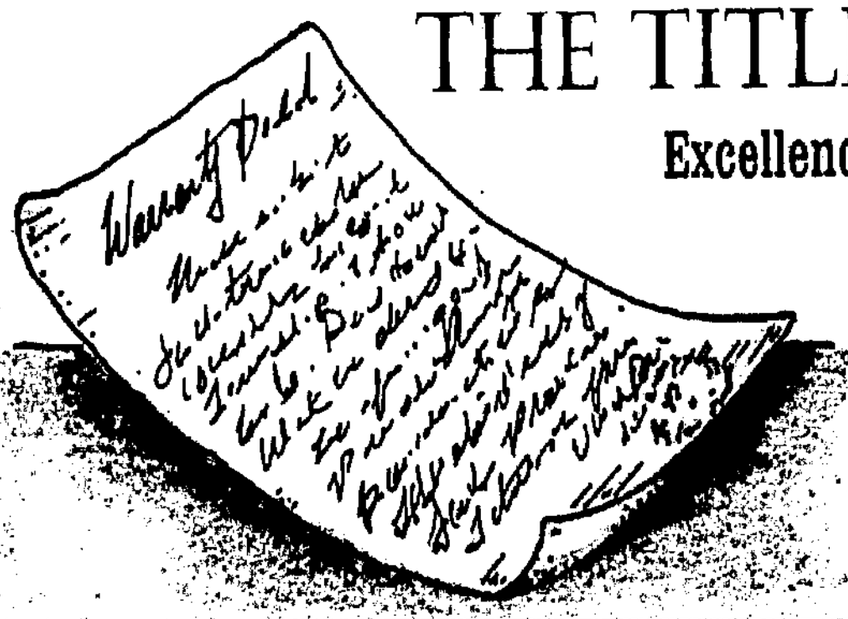

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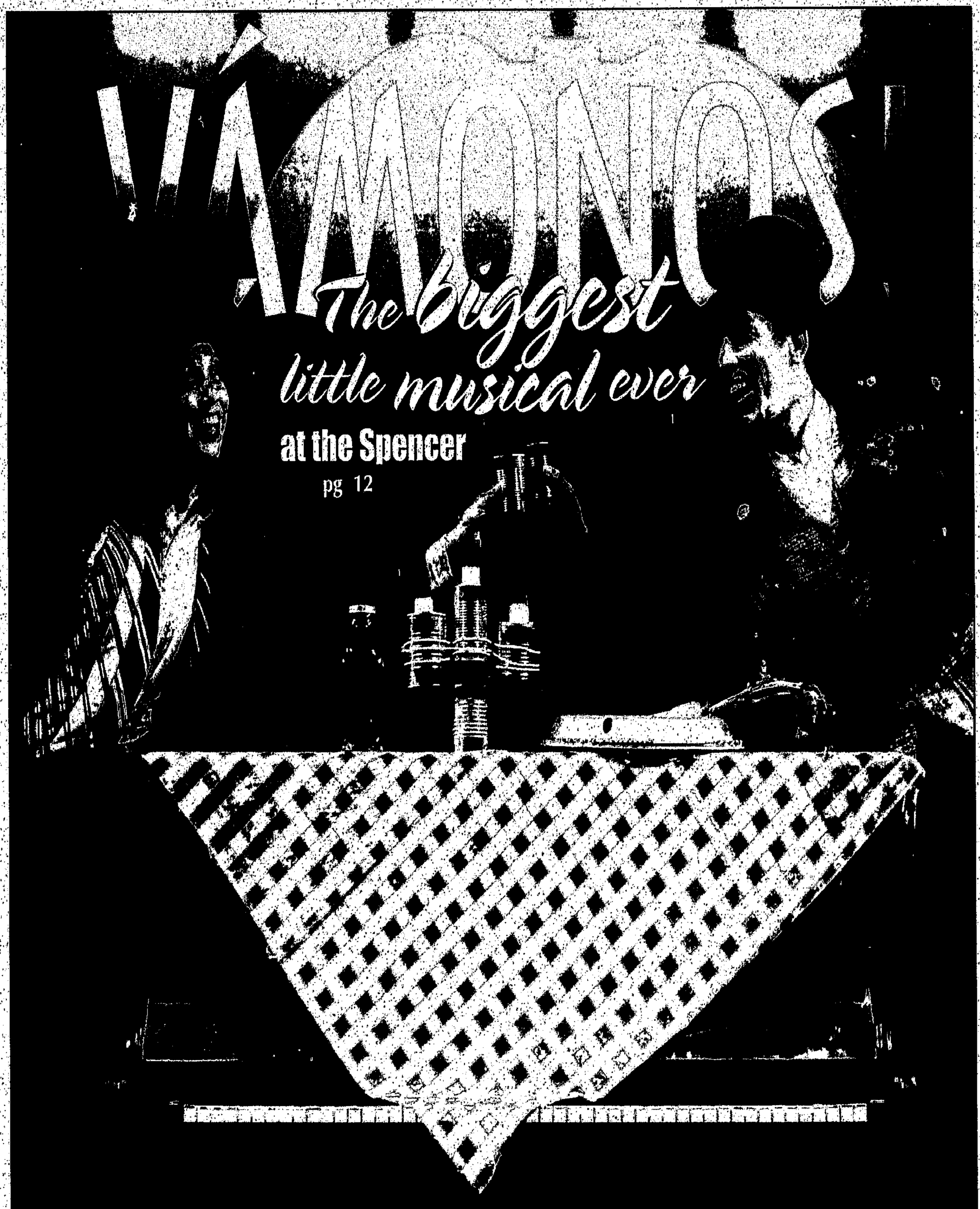

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THIS WEEKEND

Great American Cleanup

With the 2008 presidential campaign heating up, national nonprofit Keep America Beautiful (KAB) is embarking on a campaign of its own as part of the national Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program which takes place annually from March 1 through May 31.

Unlike the presidential candidates, the organization is making a rather unusual campaign promise this year, it will "fight dirty" and focus on improving communities nationwide.

Nationwide, close to 3 million volunteers will campaign for a cleaner, greener America as part of the2008 Great American Cleanup by participating in 30,000 community improvement activities and educational workshops happening in over 17,000 communities nationwide.

All will spread the message of individual responsibility to keep America's communities clean, green and beautiful.

"Finding ways to improve the nation's communities and our overall environment is not only one of Keep America Beautiful's main objectives, but it's also a topic that is increasingly top-of-mind with most Americans," said Matthew McKenna, president & CEO of Keep America Beautiful.

"In its 24th year, the Great American Cleanup continues to be a vehicle for our corporate partners and volunteers across the country to take a hands-on approach to sustainability by participating in cleanups, recycling drives, tree and flower plantings and other community improvement activities."

In 2007, cleanup efforts resulted in 200 million pounds of litter and debris removed from America's landscape, including 3,500 illegal dump sites and more than 10,000 abandoned vehicles.

Participants planted 4.6 million trees, flowers and bulbs, and collected over 2.2 million scrap tires, 22.4 million pounds of aluminum and steel, 592,000 pounds of wireless phones and related equipment, and over 70 million PET bottles for recycling.

Great American Cleanup events improved more than 178,000 miles of roadway (more than seven times around the world), 121,000 acres of parks and public lands, 7,000 miles of rivers, lakes and shorelines, and 3,900 miles of hiking, biking and nature trails equal to a winding trail stretching from Key West, Fla., to Seattle.

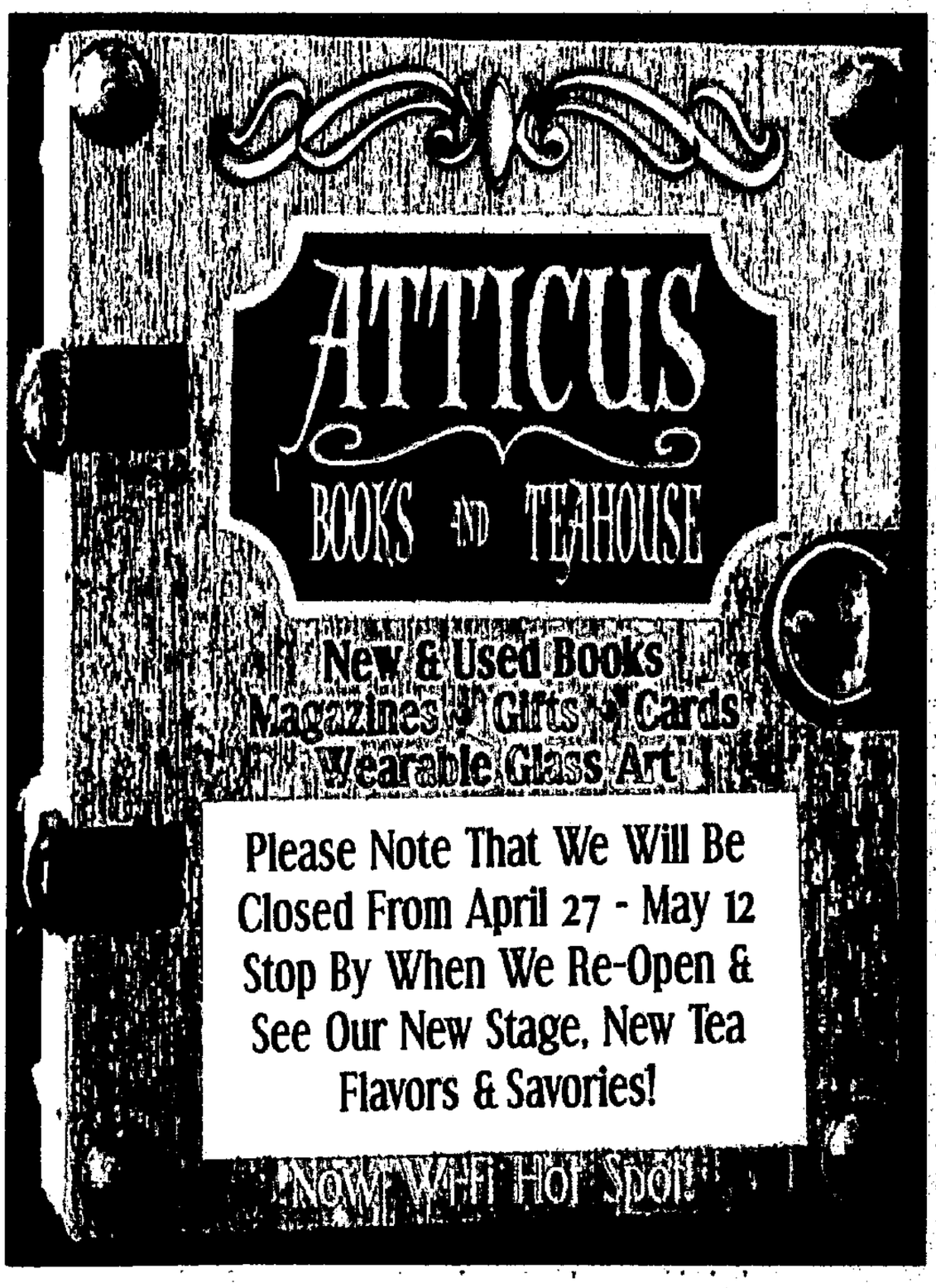
Keep America Beautiful Inc., established in 1953, is the nation's largest volunteer-based community action and education organization. This national nonprofit forms public-private partnerships and programs that engage individuals to take greater responsibility for improving their community environments.

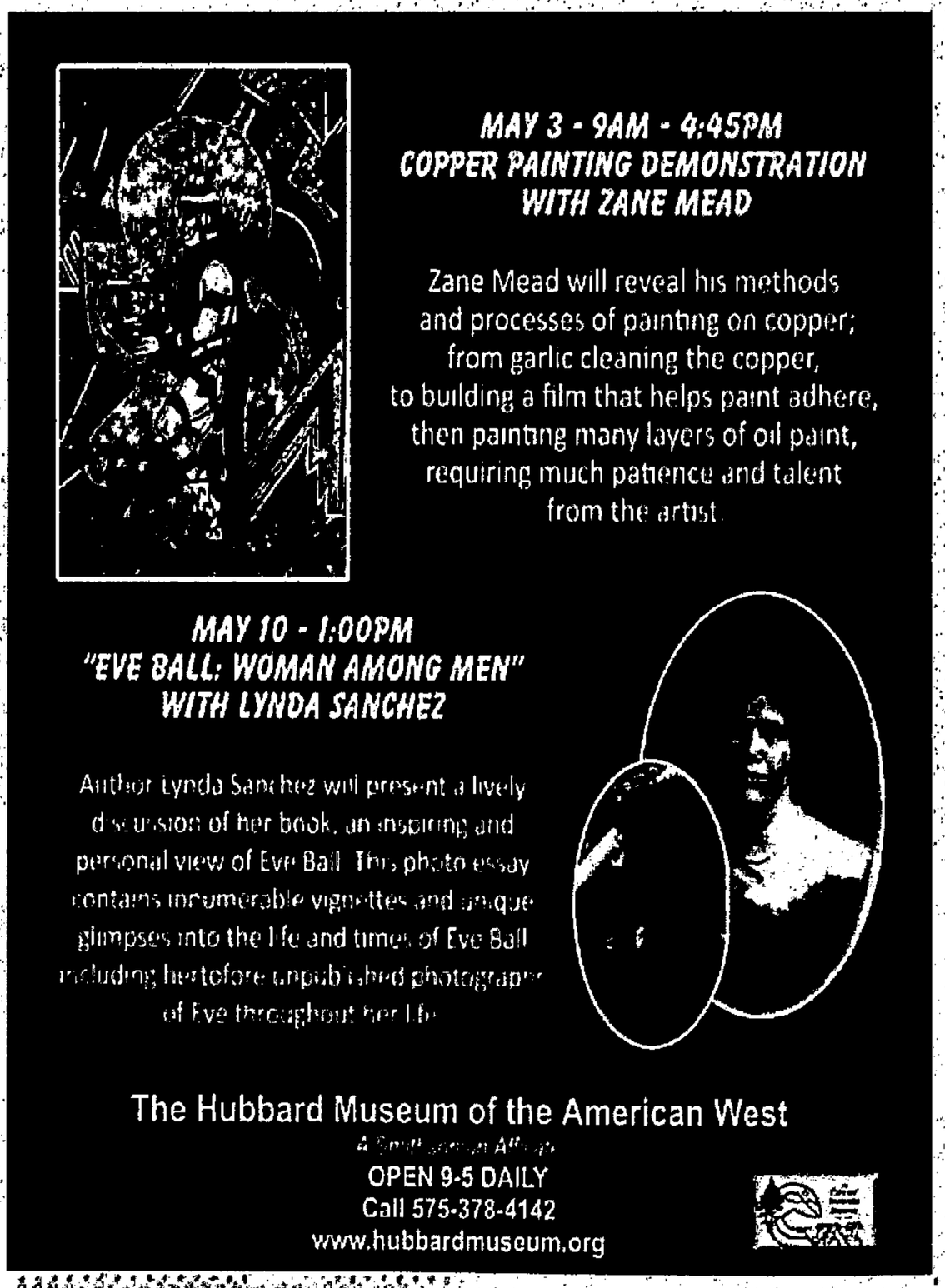
The Great American Cleanup is one of its many programs that encourage people to care for communities through volunteer participation.

Locally, both Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs have events planned for Saturday, April 26, where individuals and groups may celbrate Earth Day by working to improve their communities.

In Ruidoso, the Great American Cleanup & Bank Challenge starts in School House Park on Sudderth at 8 a.m. Sign-up at 8 a.m., then break for lunch and free giveaways at 11 a.m. For more information, phone 257-5030.

The Great American Cleanup event in Ruidoso Downs is scheduled for 8 a.m.-noon. Meet at Ruidoso Downs Senior Center at 8 a.m. to register. Breakfast, T-shirts, gloves, trash bags and safety vests will be provided. Lunch and door prizes will be available after the cleanup. For more information, phone Kathy at 378-4422.





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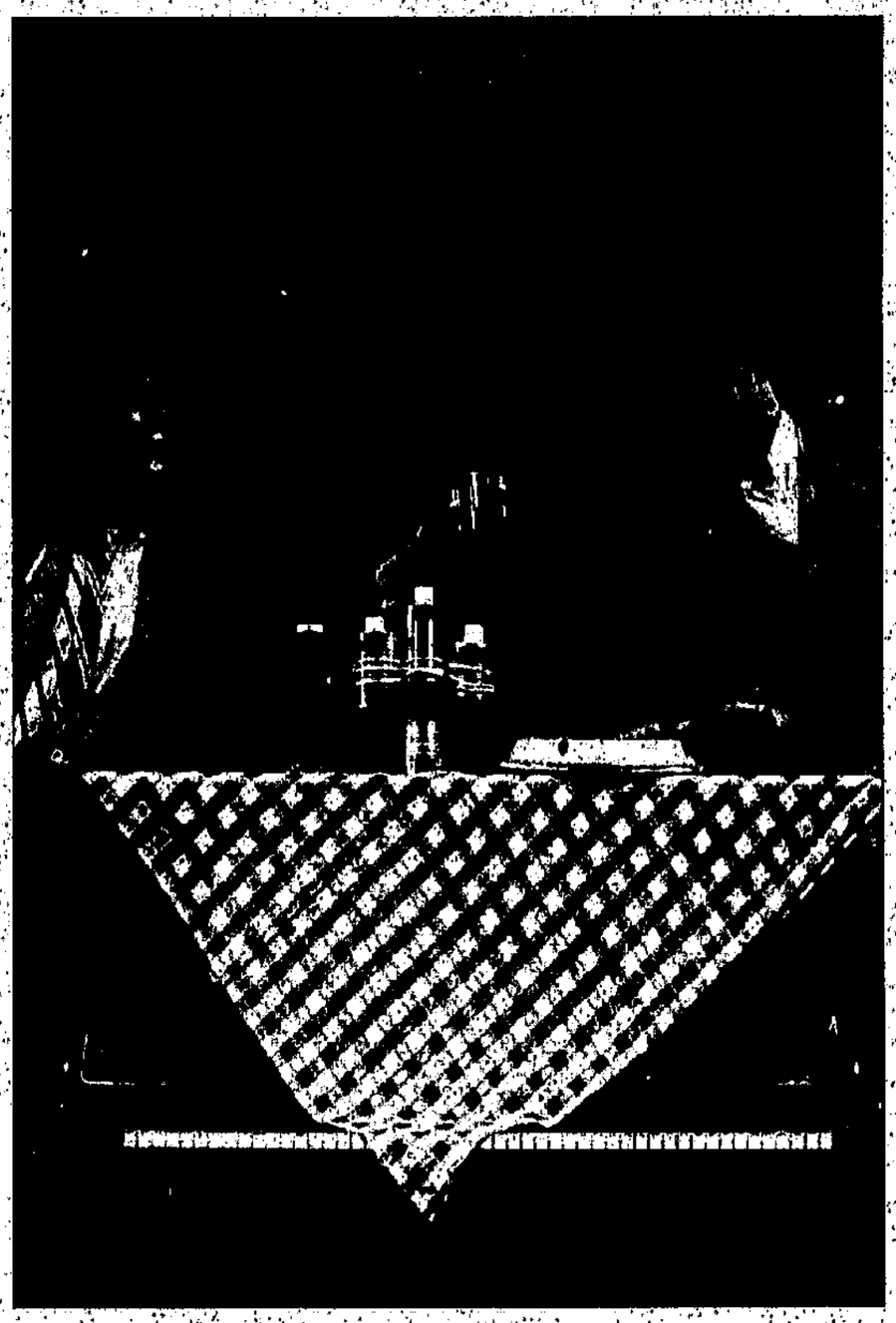

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House Concert with The Mitguards

April 25: (Alamogordo) Alamogordo Area House Concerts presents The Mitgurads at Unitarian Fellowship Hall, 1010 16th St. Optional potluck begins at 6 with music 7-9 p.m. Info: 437-0325 or email alamohouseconcert@yahoo.com.

New Ruidoso Chamber Ensemble

April 25: (Ruidoso) The New Ruidoso Chamber Ensemble performs at the First Christian Church at 1211 Hull Road starting at 7 p.m. Admission is free. A collage of Chamber Music featuring the music of W. A. Mozart, The Beatles, Sammartini, G. F. Handel, Irish and hymn tunes and some blues. Performed by our very own musicians from the Ruidoso area on flute, oboe, clarinet, bass clarinet, recorder, cello, piano, keyboard and the human voice. For more information, call 257-2120 or 257-1338.

Fabulous Fireballs

April 25-26: (Ruidoso) The Fabulous Fireballs perform at Mountain Annie's Dinner Theater. Dinner at 7 p.m., show starts at 8. Dinner, gratuity and the show $32.50 per person. Free childcare in the upstairs playroom. Info and reservations: 257-7982 or visit mountainannies.com.

AMT's 50th Anniversary Broadway Revue

April 25: (Alamogordo) Alamogordo Music Theater presents the best from its 116 Broadway shows produced since 1958, featuring great local stage performers. 7:30 p.m. at the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts, 1110 New York Ave. Admission is $10 and tickets will be available at the door. Advance tickets available at TLC Portraits in the White Sands Mall or at the Flickinger.

"I Love a Piano"

May 1: (Alto) Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts presents a nostalgic musical journey spanning seven decades of American history as seen through the eyes of Irving Berlin – a man Jerome Kern described by saying "Irving Berlin has no place in American music … he is American music!"

The show tracks the life of a piano through four generations of singers and dancers. Six actors and and a trio perform Berlin's enduring and popular favorites, such as "White Christmas," "God Bless America," "Puttin' On The Ritz," "There's No Business Like Show Business" and many more. $49 and $46. 8 p.m. Phone the Spencer Theater Box Office at 336-4800.

Night of the Arts

May 2-3: (Ruidoso) Ruidoso High School drama classes present a showcase featuring *Pinocchio, Beauty is a Beast, Actor's Nightmare* and *Check Please*. Ruidso Schools Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m. $3 students, $5 adults.

"Rafael Chacon"

May 3: (Alto) "Rafael Chacon" performed by Enrique Lamadrid at the Hubbard Museum of the American West at 2 p.m. A part of the "Echoes of the Past" series.

Little Joe y La Familia

May 3: (Mescalero) Little Joe y La Familia live in concert at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino. Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Little Joe y La Familia. This band has been one of the most popular Tex-Mex bands in the music industry. Little Joe has been entertaining for more than 40 years. He helped pioneer "Tejano" music, a mix of traditional norteño, country, blues and rock styles. And 50 albums later, Joe is touring the world, trailblazing and looking forward to new challenges and breaking down cultural and musical barriers. Visit ticketmaster.com for ticket information. Under 21 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Marvin Hamlisch

May 9: (Alto) Marvin Hamlisch at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m. Tickets are $85. Marvin Hamlisch's life in music is notable for its great versatility as well as substance. As composer, Hamlisch has won virtually every major award that exists including three Oscars, four Grammys, four Emmys, a Tony and three Golden Globe awards. Hamlisch's ground breaking show, *A Chorus Line* received the Pulitzer Prize.

He is the composer of more than 40 motion picture scores, including his Oscar-winning score and song for *The Way We Were* and his adaptation of Scott Joplin's music for *The Sting*, for which he received his third Oscar.

His Spencer concert, which is an encore performance, will include his many hits and favorite piano compositions.

Mountain Annie's Mother's Day Luncheon

May 11: (Ruidoso) Mother's Day Luncheon and Show featuring the Staerkels at Mountain Annie's Dinner Theater in Midtown Ruidoso. $32.50 for lunch and the show featuring George and Barbara Staerkel.

Special Events

Henriette Wyeth Memorial High School Art Exhibit

Through May 8: (Ruidoso Downs) Featuring artworks by the talented young high school artists of the area. Hubbard Museum of the American West. Open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. More Info: 378-4142.

Ruidoso Kite Festival

April 25-27: (Ruidoso) The Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department and WeeCree8 say "Go Fly A Kite" for the 2nd annual festival. Bring your own or buy one at the event. Friday, 1-7 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Info: WeeCree8, 257-5575.

Fandango

April 26: (Lincoln) Meet the Billy the Kid Trail Riders at the Lincoln State Monument Visitor's Center for food and fun at 5:30 p.m. Western music by Mark Remington, storytellers, and a starlight dance. $10 includes dinner, entertainment and the dance. Bring your friends and step back in time. Info: 653-4609 or 653-4670.

Arts & Artists for Smokey

April 26: (Capitan) Benefit auction for the Friends of the Capitans will be held at Oso Art Gallery. 5-8 p.m. Info: Annmarie LaMay, 354-2327, or Debbie Higdon, 937-6591.

Great American Cleanup & Bank Challenge

April 26: (Ruidoso) Great American Cleanup & Bank Challenge starts in School House Park on Sudderth at 8 a.m. What better way to celebrate Earth Day than to help clean up our little corner of the world? Sign-up at 8 a.m., then break for lunch and free giveaways at 11 a.m. Info: 257-5030.

Great American Cleanup

April 26: (Ruidoso Downs) Great American Cleanup event 8 a.m.-noon. Meet at Ruidoso Downs Senior Center at 8 to register. Breakfast, T-shirts, gloves, trash bags and safety vests provided. Lunch and door prizes after clean-up. Info: Kathy, 378-4422.

Youth Courts Golf Tournament

April 26: (Mescalero) National Association of Youth Courts & N.M. Teen Court Golf Tournament at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino Championship Golf Course. $200 per individual; $100,000 Hole-in-one contest; various levels of sponsorship available. 8 a.m. shotgun start. The National Association of Youth Courts and N.M. Teen Court programs encourage development and expansion of youth court programs. Youth Court programs promote and educate teens on the law and judicial process, as well as promote careers in the fields of law and criminal justice. The $800 fee to enter a 4-person team includes green fees, golf cart, sports bag, official tournament shirt, reception and awards dinner. Info: 647-2154 or nmteenca@gmail.com.

"4 Women and Their Craft"

April 26-27: (White Oaks) White Oaks Pottery presents an exhibit of the newest works by Ivy Heymann (porcelain), Pam Lewis (jewelry), Lisa Maue (tile) and Suzanne Donazetti (woven metal).

Explore functional, affordable unique pieces in a studio setting. Follow the signs three miles east of White Oaks to White Oaks Pottery. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Info: 648-2985.

Shepperd Benefit Auction

April 27: (Ruidoso) Win, Place & Show will host an auction to benefit the family of Sheriff's Deputy Robert Shepperd. Begins at 2 p.m., with continuous live music throughout the afternoon and evening.

Donations are still being accepted, and may include artworks, gift certificates, lodging packages, etc. Drop-off is at WPS, or call Kathy Passig at 257-9982 or Bonnie Lanik at 973-7951.

Fort Stanton Volunteer Potluck

April 29: (Ruidoso) Get involved with Fort Stanton by volunteering at the museum. Potluck to welcome potential volunteers at 6 p.m. at Innsbruck Village Club House. Info: Susie, 937-9380.

Rotary Enchilada Dinner

April 29: (Ruidoso) Rotary Enchilada Supper at the Ruidoso High School Cafeteria. This is a community gathering that allows us time with friends, old and new, and to share a meal as only those lucky enough to live in a small community can. Enchildas with all the fixin's served from 4:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Adults $7 and children $3. Make sure to get your homemade dessert for just $1, too. Proceeds benefit the Rotary Club of Ruidoso, scholarships and other community projects.

Youth Rally

April 30: (Ruidoso) Youth Rally at the Flying J Ranch featuring Dr. Rick Rigsby. Free food and refreshments from 6 to 8 p.m. Bring a friend … or six.

Lincoln County Prayer Breakfast

May 1: (Ruidoso) Lincoln County Prayer Breakfast featuring Dr. Rick Rigsby. Breakfast buffet from 6:30 to 7 a.m. Music provided by P. Blake Martin, Jamie Estes, Sam Shackelford, Brad Barnum, Julie Gilliland, Mary Waldrop and more. Tickets available at the Chamber of Commerce and Rio Ruidoso Realtors. This is the largest prayer breakfast in New Mexico.

Library Silent Auction

May 1-31: (Ruidoso) Come bid on your favorite items during the month of May. The auction begins May 1 and bids will be taken until noon on May 31. Proceeds from the auction will go to benefit programs, entertainment, crafts, and grand prizes for the Summer Reading Program. The library wishes to thank the many merchants that have generously donated items or services for the auction. We hope you will bid on your favorite items during the month and join us for a good time and a worthwhile cause.

Smokey Bear Days

May 2-3: (Capitan) Annual Smokey Bear Days in Capitan. Friday, noon to dusk, cruise the Arts and Crafts Marketplace. Friday night, enjoy a free DJ and Karaoke contest. Saturday parade at 10 a.m. Shop the Arts and crafts vendors and enjoy many other activities 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Enjoy the free Street Dance at Smokey Bear Historic Park, Saturday, 7-11 p.m. Info: 354-3232.

Hospice Fundraiser

May 3: (Alto) Annual Hospice fundraiser at the Flying J Ranch. $25 adults, $15 children 12 and under. Tickets available at The Wild Herb, Prestige Cabinets and Ruidoso Home Care. Info: 258-0028.

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EVENT CALENDARS

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Walk in the Woods

May 3: (Ruidoso) An interactive health and safety fair for all ages, Walk in the Woods features a wide range of information for the community. Links walking trail, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Info: 258-5743.

Copper Painting with Zane Mead

May 3: (Ruidoso Downs) All day at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. Copper canvases and the luminescent shine that glows from beneath the paint have survived for almost three centuries, enticing such provocative master painters as El Greco, Brueghel, Chardin and Rembrandt, among others, who produced fine works on copper.

This technique is enjoying a rebirth among modern artists. Zane Mead of Ruidoso Downs is such an artist. Once the copper plate is cleaned, cloves of garlic are cut in half and juices rubbed on the copper surface in several layers, building up a film that helps the paint adhere.

Many layers of oil paint are applied directly over the dried garlic film, a rewarding process requiring much patience from the artist. Mead will be revealing his methods, while his works will be available in the Museum Mercantile for purchase.

Cinco de Moto Rally

May 3: (Cloudcroft) Cinco De Moto Bike Rally in Cloudcroft. The 2nd Annual charitable Motorcycle Rally at the Ski Cloudcroft Recreational Area starting at 9 a.m. Celebrate Cinco De Mayo in the mountains with a scenic Rally Ride, live music, Best Bike contest, hamburger-eating contest, ski lift rides, silent auction and more! $20 admission/registration per person includes lunch and ski lift rides; proceeds benefit Dave's Cafe Scholarship Fund. For information call 682-2127.

Corazon de la Montaña Triathlon

May 10: (Ruidoso) Second Corazon de la Montaña Sprint Triathlon at the Ruidoso Athletic Club, 8 a.m. Course includes 500 meter swim, 10 mile bike and 3.1 mile run. Early registration $40 for adults and $25 for 18 and under. Add $10 for registration after April 21. Info: 257-4900, or email info@ruidosoathleticclub.com.

Lynda Sánchez at Hubbard

May 10: (Ruidoso Downs) *Eve Ball: Woman Among Men* presented at 1 p.m. by author Lynda Sánchez at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. Sánchez will present a lively discussion of her book, an inspiring and personal view of Eve Ball. Published by Write Designs, LTD in conjunction with the Lincoln County Historical Society, this photo essay contains innumerable vignettes and unique glimpses into the life and times of Eve Ball including heretofore unpublished photographs of Eve throughout her life, and especially during her residence in Ruidoso. She often considered those years her most happy and productive. Sánchez will be signing copies of her book, which will be available for purchase.

Tomato Plant & Mother's Day Basket Sale

May 10: (Ruidoso) Presented by the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts. Spring is here ... with Mothers' Day just around the corner. To celebrate the season, RRCA hosts their second annual Tomato Plant Sale. Artists can set up tables/booths to sell their art that day. No charge for space. 25 percent commission to RRCA on all art sold. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Compass Bank parking lot, 1710 Sudderth Dr.

Hondo Fiesta

May 10: (Hondo) Hondo Fiesta at the Hondo Valley High School Gym. Enchilada dinner from 4:30-6:30 p.m., dance performance begins at 7 p.m. General admission and reserved seating for dancing. Info: Hon-do Valley High School, 653-4411.

AspenCash Rally

May 15-18: (Ruidoso) AspenCash Motorcycle Rally at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Events include a $10,000 Poker Run, large 4-Day Trade Show with 33,000 sq. ft. of vendors, and $10,000 in cash prizes. Info: info@motorcyclerally.com.

Experiencing Santa Fe

Polly's Potpourri

by Polly E. Chavez

School-related commitments stood in the way of my joining a busload of Carrizozo seventh graders on a whirlwind tour of historical places in and around Santa Fe.

Teachers Becky Borowski and Mandy Baca accompanied students of New Mexico History and Language Arts, subjects that interest me. Teacher aides Margaret Barela and Candie Aguilar were fortunate to ride along.

Although I was not able to go on this trip, memories of previous Santa Fe visits were vivid when I heard of the group's adventure. I never tire of taking trips to Santa Fe and learning about our enchanted state and its roots.

One of their stops was at El Rancho de las Golondrinas, which means "the ranch of the swallows." It is a collection of buildings: blacksmith shop, schoolhouse, chapel and more. Volunteers in period costumes reenact Hispanic life of the Spanish Colonial frontier.

Back in Santa Fe, they saw Saint Francis Cathedral commissioned by Archbishop Lamy in 1869. The exquisite stained glass windows were created in France, traveling to Santa Fe by ship then overland on a covered wagon.

Loretto Chapel was on their touring agenda. This building was also commissioned by Lamy. The most outstanding feature is the famous circular "miraculous" staircase.

They visited San Miguel Mission, a Spanish Colonial building completed in 1625 and nearly destroyed during the Pueblo revolt of 1680. In 1710 the Spanish once again took control of Santa Fe and rebuilt the church.

A must-see was the Palace of Governors built by Spanish conquerors in the 1600s. This building houses the most extensive museum collections spanning the history of the Santa Fe and the southwest. Native American Indians sell their arts and crafts outside of this building.

Santa Fe's Loretto Chapel features a "miraculous" staircase.

More recent architecture seen by the group was the State Capitol built in 1966. This government center is shaped like the Zia symbol and is known as the Round House. The four-story building houses government offices and the state House and Senate Chambers.

On the plaza, they experienced live mariachi music.

To top off a great school field trip the Carrizozo travelers enjoyed treats at an ice cream shop.

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ART SCENE

Studio showcase in White Oaks

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Visit and explore functional, affordable and unique pieces in a studio setting, three miles east of White Oaks at White Oaks Pottery. Follow the signs.

The exhibit is a showcase, featuring these four extraordinary women working in "ordinary" media. They come from different rural areas, but they all share a commitment to their craft, to excellence, and express the desire to push the boundaries of clay, tile, metal and stone.

The results are pieces made from the heart, molded by the environment and fused by friendship.

For more information, call 648-2985.

Lisa Maue – in the artist's words

My grandparents were both artists: my grandmother, a muralist; my grandfather, an illustrator. I recently finished an Arts and Graphic Arts program at NMSU-Alamogordo to complement my degrees in Psychology and the Humanities from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon.

I moved to the Alto area in 1983. I remember traveling to a ski race shortly after I arrived in New Mexico. Somewhere between Duran and Encino, I was looking out the window at what I could only describe as miles and miles of nothingness.

My traveling companion, perhaps reading my thoughts, said, "Isn't it beautiful?" I looked at her as if she was mad. She said, (and I'll never forget it) "Lisa, what you are seeing now will never be the same. The clouds, the light and the colors will change as soon as we pass." I've taken that perspective and applied it to how and what I see each and everyday.

I worked for several artists in the area. I worked as a foundry rat for Dave McGary, a ceramicist for Garrett Trent, and, most recently as a stitcher for Judy Chicago's Resolutions project which opened at the Craft Museum in New York City. Five years ago, I decided to experiment on my own. I chose tile so I could paint and sculpt. I use an airbrush to paint scenes primarily from the area. I also sculpt local wildlife and birds.

Woven metal by Suzanne Donazetti.

Tile also allows me to work in what is often seen as a common material. Common, everyday scenes also appeal to me.

Whether it be a rusting pick-up truck, an abandoned adobe or a thunderstorm brewing on a typical summer day, I find beauty in the ordinary.

My studio is on Ski Run Road (Hwy. 532) in Alto. I may be reached by phone number at 575-336-4061 or email at maue@zianet.com.

Tile by Lisa Maue.

Suzanne Donazetti

Suzanne Donazetti developed and perfected metal weavings now found in homes, museums and public spaces across the country.

By combining the woman's traditional craft of weaving with the traditionally male material of metal, Donazetti creates sensual, permanent pieces that embody the nuances of patinated color and shapes of nature.

Her travels throughout the United States yield a unique palette that she uses in each work. The colors of the Southwest, the rivers of the East and the mountains of the Rockies are major influences, and the result are works that, while particular to a region, nonetheless speak to the commonality of anyone who has spent time observing nature.

Whether it is a small piece of jewelry or a card or a large mural, Suzanne's pieces are complex, contemplative, and strike an emotive cord.

Her work can be seen in the Bradley International Airport, the Alaska Supreme Court Courthouse and the New Mexico Emergency Management Center in Santa Fe.

ART SCENE

Copper painting at the Hubbard

The Hubbard Museum of the American West will present a special program featuring the art of copper painting by local artist Zane Mead from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 3.

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"We are especially excited to have Zane Mead showcase his talents and demonstrate the craft of copper painting," commented Jay Smith, director of the museum. "Great masters such as El Greco and Rembrandt also worked in copper, and this should be a very interesting day for artists and the public."

There is no additional charge other than regular admission fees to attend the program. Members of the museum will receive free entry to the program and to the museum, as well.

The Hubbard Museum of the American West is located at 841 Highway 70 West, and is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the museum is $6 for adults, and reduced admission is available for senior citizens, military personnel and youth.

Visit their Web site at www.hubbardmuseum.org, or call 378-4142 for information about events, exhibits and activities at the museum.

Artist Zane Mead will be demonstrating the art of painting on copper at the Hubbard Museum, May 3, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Photo by Julie Carter.

Coming in May, silent auction to benefit the Ruidoso Public Library

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The library wishes to thank the many merchants who have already generously donated items and services for the auction, which include artworks, jewelry, gift certificates for merchandise and services, toys, dinners and many other items available for bidding. The library is still seeking donations, so call or stop by the library to donate to this very worthwhile cause.

And don't forget that April is amnesty month. Return overdue materials for no fines, with no questions asked, by the end of the month.

Wall of Courage update

As of press time, the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts, acting as fiscal agent, has received $10,000 in cash and pledges towards the Wall of Courage mosaic mural (detail of drawing above) to adorn the new fire station wall and honor the very important role of firefighters in our community. Additionally, area service organizations are contacting their membership to encourage donations from individuals and groups. Don't forget to make your business or individual pledge or donation today.

Look for weekly updates in the pages of *¡Vámonos!*

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GOOD TO KNOW

Byway visitor center partnership

The Village of Ruidoso and the New Mexico Tourism Department have joined forces to help the staff of the Billy the Kid Byway Visitor Center along U.S. 70 in Ruidoso Downs in its promotion of all state-wide attractions and events.

A Memorandum of Understanding, signed April 18, 2008, by Michael Cerletti, secretary of the Tourism Department, and Village of Ruidoso Mayor L. Ray Nunley, creates "a partnership" between the village and the Tourism Department, whereby the Tourism Department will: supply the necessary brochure and magazine racks and displays; provide the brochures, magazines and any other promotional material that is currently available in the nine state-owned centers; and provide the center staff (employed by the village) with periodic training.

These employees, hired by the village, will manage the center, while the village is charged with building maintenance and providing building and liability insurance.

Although the Billy the Kid Byway Visitor Center is not an official state visitor center (which takes Legislative approval), it does meet certain state-owned center criteria. Most of the nine state Visitor Information Centers are at key entry points around the state, with most of them situated on or near major state highways utilizing Department of Transportation Rest Areas, Property Control buildings and a partnership with one city.

Center locations are Anthony, Manuelito, Glenrio, La Bajada, Chama, Lordsburg, Raton, Texico and Santa Fe.

Currently, no state-owned visitor information centers are located in southeastern New Mexico. The closest center to Ruidoso is in Anthony on I-25, south of Las Cruces. A recent study determined that the entire southeastern section of New Mexico is "underserved" regarding the availability of a visitor information center that provides state- and region-specific visitor information.

"Our state-owned Visitor Information Centers are very important to our overall mission of welcoming and educating our visitors," Secretary Cerletti said. "Last year, they advised nearly 700,000 visitors, and with the construction of two brand-new centers along Interstate 40 (replacing older centers in Glenrio near the Texas state line and Manuelito near the Arizona state line), every indication is that all centers are only going to get busier in the future. New Mexico is becoming more and more popular as a destination getaway, and with the Billy the Kid Byway Visitor Center now augmenting our efforts on a state-wide basis as well as locally, our visitors will be even better informed."

Visitors come into Ruidoso on U.S. Highways 54, 380 or 70, with the four-lane U.S. 70 a major route from I-25 and I-10 in Las Cruces into Ruidoso and on through to Roswell and Amarillo, Texas. Ruidoso is a major tourism entry point for southern New Mexico, particularly for visitors from Dallas/Fort Worth, Amarillo and West Texas, as well as the Mexican market. It is estimated that nearly 1.5 million vehicles traveled U.S. 70 in 2006.

In 2006, Ruidoso collected $21.5 million in lodgers tax receipts, which was the fourth-highest amount in the state. Only Albuquerque, Las Cruces, and Santa Fe collected more. As a state-designated visitor center, it is anticipated attendance will likely reach 60,000 visitors annually.

Norma Waring, program director, said the Visitor Information Center program's main objective is to get the traveling public to "slow down while traveling through the state and visit the attractions in the areas near the centers or on their way through the state."

For more information, contact Waring at 505-476-0530.

Arabela artists to present show

How many places can you name in New Mexico - indeed, in the West, or the United States, or in the western hemisphere, or even in our whole world - where a feature of the landscape is so dominant that it appears to govern the thoughts and behavior of all humans exposed to it? So compelling that it seems magical, and embues all it overlooks with a special spirit?

Such a place is the eastern aspect of the Capitan mountain range of Lincoln County, New Mexico, called "Sunset Peak." The eroded and exposed core of this volcanic range is visible from much of southeast New Mexico, as far away as the Caprock on the Texas-New Mexico border, even further east than that, if one is approaching by air.

And nestled right at the base of Sunset Peak is the tiny community of Arabela.

The current spurt of immigrants to the Arabela neighborhood began in the early 1990s, when the enormous Pacheco ranch was sold and subsequently subdivided into relatively large parcels. Since then, a surprising number of people, from widespread cities in the United States, have built homes and moved in to become permanent residents.

These include numbers of creative and skilled artists and artisans. Over the past five years they have discovered each other, and exposed the several artists already dwelling in and around the community. All have been "touched" by Sunset Peak's special magic. Some of these artists have now loosely banded together and call themselves "Artists of Arabela." They include: Ann Standhardt, Lenore Welch, Joe Montoya, Lou Turner, Kelly Russel and Hedda Saltz (pictured at right, l-r).

These fine artists are participating in an exhibition at the newly opened Compass Bank, 707 Mechem Dr., to be held June 12-July 12. In anticipation of the show, *¡Vámonos!* will feature the artists' profiles and works during the coming weeks.

Dining Guide

To add or correct a listing, email vamonos@ruidosonews.com or fax (575) 257-7053

Key Code:

- Y — Alcoholic beverages served
- R — Reservations required or suggested
- V — Vegetarian friendly

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

Texas Pit Barbeque • 211 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1101.

Cafés

Airport Grille • 3500 Airport Rd., Alamogordo • 439-1093 • Open Mon-Fri, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m • Specialty sandwiches, and daily specials.

Amigos Bakery • 1107 10th St., Alamogordo • 437-0592. • 9 a.m.-9 p.m; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Deli, daily special. V

Brown Bag Deli • 900 Washington, Alamogordo • 437-9751 • Open Mon-Sat, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m • Deli, daily special. V

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.

Coffee & More • 308 Granado • Deli • Tularosa • 585-4575.

Dave's Café • 300 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thu, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. • Hamburgers/Coney Islands.

Front Porch Eatery Café • 94 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-7492 • Open Mon-Thu, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sun, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

High Country Lounge & Grill • 90 Pleasant Valley Dr., Timberon • 987-2580.

High Rolls General Store Deli • 845 Hwy. 82 • 682-2855.

Jamocha Bean Coffee House Café • 505 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2332 • 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.

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, 2-8 p.m.

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.

Mountain View Café & The Bistro (GCRMC), 2669 Scenic Dr., Alamogordo • 443-7456 (Mountainview) / 443-7457 (Bistro).

Nature's Pantry • 915 New York Ave., Alamogordo • 434-1670 • Open Mon-Thu, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fri-Sat 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • Organic foods. V

Nut House • 32 Ivy Ln • La Luz • 437-6889.

New York Avenue • 902 New York Ave. • Alamogordo • 434-1952 • Travel, coffee, crepes, jewelry and more. • Mon-Fri, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

Olive Branch Coffee & Deli • 123 N. White Sands • Alamogordo • 443-8151 • Open Mon-Sat, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. • Specialty coffees & teas, breakfast fare, sandwiches.

Plateau Espresso • 2724 N. Scenic, Alamogordo • 434-4466 • Open Sun-Thu, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-11 p.m. • Specialty coffees, sandwiches/soups. Wireless Internet.

Plaza Pub • 1004 N. White Sands, Alamogordo • 437-1092 • Open Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • Historic building. Green chile stew, sandwiches, salads. Bar featuring local micro brews.

Sweet Shop • 300 Burro Street • Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thu, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-8 a.m. • Smoothies, ice cream, fudge & truffles.

Tulie Oasis • 512 St. Francis • Tularosa • 585-2102.

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 9 a.m.-12 a.m.

Chinese / Asian

Bamboo Garden Restaurant • 2617F N. White Sands, Alamogordo • 437-5552 • Korean and Chinese. V

Chinese Express • 3199 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-8880.

Golden Palace • 700 E. 1st St., Alamogordo • 434-2136.

New China Buffet • 607 White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-9100.

Taiwan Kitchen • 110 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-4337.

The Spicy Thai • 915 Texas, Alamogordo • 434-0650.

The Wok Inn • 1010 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-4388 • Buffet, carry-out or dine in • 11 a.m.-10 p.m, daily. Y

Yee's Oriental Express • 1115 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-7423.

Casual Dining

Al-O-Mar • 7400 U.S. 54/70, Tularosa • 585-2129.

Aspen Restaurant • 1315 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1031 • Open Mon-Sat, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Big Daddy's Diner • 1705 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1224 • Open Tue-Thu, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Chili's Grill & Bar • 202 Panorama, Alamogordo • 437-5903.

Denny's • 930 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-6106.

Gallo's Red Rooster Café • 306 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2448 • Open Sun-Thu, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat-Sun, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

La Rosa Steakhouse • 21 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa (inside the Tularosa Travel Center) • 585-3339 • Open 7 days a week, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. • Steaks, seafood, pasta, burgers, sandwiches and soups.

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

Maria's Hired Hand • 905 Central, Tularosa • 585-5574.

Mom's Home Cooking • 604 First St., Alamogordo • 439-0288.

Mustard's Last Stand • 1920 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-2333 • Open Fri.-Sat, 5 p.m.-9 p.m. • Dining and dancing.

Palm Side • 905 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-8644.

Fast Food

Arby's Restaurant • 421 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-3534.

Blake's Lota Burger • 1320 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-0466.

Burger King • 117 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9297.

Hi-D-Ho Drive In • 414 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-6400.

Long John Silver's • 19 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-0330.

McDonald's • 222 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo, 437-2414 • Wal-Mart, 437-4339.

Sonic Drive In •504 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-6505 • 101 Glacier Dr, 434-5263.

Subway Sandwiches & Salads • 100 Central, Tularosa • 585-8410.

Subway Sandwiches & Salads •630 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 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 Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-0433.

Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers • 301 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-0865.

Fine Dining

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

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

Rebecca's at The Lodge • 1 Corona Place, Cloudcroft • Breakfast, 7-10:30 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., with soups, salads, sandwiches, pasta; dinner, 5:30-10 p.m., with appetizers, steak, seafood, lamb, chicken, duck and pasta dishes • Dressy casual • Full bar • 800-395-6343 or 575-682-2566

Mexican

Alfredo's • 801 Delaware, Alamogordo • 437-1745.

Casa de Sueños New Mexican Restaurant • 35 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-3494 • Fax 585-3496. Y V

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

El Camino Restaurant • 1022 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-8809.

Juan's Cactus Café • 3199 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-2368.

La Hacienda • 800 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo.

Margo's Mexican Food • 504 E. First St., Alamogordo • 434-0689.

Maria's Mexican Food • 604 E. Tenth St., Alamogordo • 434-4549.

Mariscos Costa Azul • 415 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-1219 • Tue-Sun, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. • Full Mexican and Mexican-style seafood menu.

Maximino's • 2300 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 443-6102.

Si Señor Restaurant • 1480 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-7879.

Pizza/Italian

Carina's Cucina • 1200 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • Italian and Mediterranean specialties • French pastry chef offers European pastries for take-out • Tue-Sat, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun 10 a.m.-4 p.m. • 443-1350.

Gigi's Pizza • 600 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-5811.

Pizza Hut • 120 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9785.

Pizza Mill & Sub Factory • 1315 E. Tenth St., Alamogordo • 434-1313.

Pizza Patio • 2203 1st St., Alamogordo • 434-9633.

Ruidoso / Lincoln County

Bar-B-Que

Apache Summit • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at Inn of the Mountain Gods next to pro shop • 464-7695. Y

Can't Stop Smokin' • 418 Mechem Dr. • 630-0000 • Bar-B-Que to go. Beef, poultry & pork.

Circle J Barbecue • 1825 Sudderth • 257-4105 • Sun-Thu, 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

Tom's Barbecue • 435 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 937-1515 • Spare ribs, brisket, pork, sausage, green chile burger and all the trimmin's • Dine in or carry out • Catering available.

Cafés

Alto Café • Hwy. 48 & Gavilan Canyon Rd. • 336-1980 • 6:30-3 daily.

Atticus Books & Teahouse • 413 Mechem • 257-2665 • 32 varieties of tea, plus European pressure and pressed coffee, homemade scones, fresh lemon curd and clotted cream • 10:30-7 p.m., closed Tue • Entertainment on Saturdays.

Bada Bing Bada Bagel • 1830 Sudderth in River Crossing • 630-0269 • Gourmet bagels, sandwiches, smoothies and desserts. • Mon-Thu, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Sun, 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m. • Dine in or carry out. V

Books & Beans Espresso Deli • 2501 Sudderth • 630-2326 • Full espresso bar, deli, soups, salads. V

Calamity Jane's • 500 W Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 354-8309 •

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

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

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

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Dining Guide

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Casual Dining

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

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

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

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

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

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

Emily's Southern Accent' • 320 E. Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 354-5459 • Mon-Fri, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; also Fri, 5-8 p.m. Y

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

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

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

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

K-BOB's • 157 W. Hwy. 70 • 378-4747. V Y

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

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

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

Log Cabin • 1074 Mechem • 258-5029.

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

Outpost Bar & Grill • Family Dining • Closed Monday and Tuesday • 415 Central, Carrizozo • 648-9994. Y

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fast Food

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fine Dining

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

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

Hennington's Grille & Tavern • at the Swiss Chalet on Mechem/Hwy 48 • 258-3152 • Steaks, seafood, pizza and more • Open for breakfast and dinner, Wed-Sun.

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

Morsels • 2919 Sudderth Dr. • 630-0113.

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

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

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

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

Willmon's Prime Grille • 2523 Sudderth Dr. • 257-2954 • Featuring prime steaks, seafood and an extensive wine list • Reservations accepted Mon-Sat, 5:30-9 p.m. V Y

Mexican Food

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant & Entertainment Club • Corner of Eagle and Sudderth Drives in Midtown • 257-8754 • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Y

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

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

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

Olé Tacos • 319 Sudderth • 257-5040.

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

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

Pizza / Italian Food

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chinese / Asian

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

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

Dinner Theater

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

SMOKEY BEAR DAYS

Capitan, New Mexico

MAY 2 & 3, 2008

Friday, May 2nd

11 AM - 4 PM: Arts & Crafts Marketplace with licensed Smokey Bear Merchandise and Smokey Bear Memorabilia, Bike Safety for Kids.

Friday Evening: DJ Dance and 3 PM - 7 PM: Karaoke Contest

Saturday, May 3rd

10 AM: Smokey Bear Days Parade

9 AM - 4 PM: Family Fun with plenty of activities for the kids, Fire Prevention activities, Arts, Crafts and Gifts Marketplace, Smokey Bear Memorabilia, Food & Drink Vendors, Chainsaw Carving Competition, FREE Live Entertainment at Smokey Bear Historical Park throughout the day! First Annual Smokey Bear Days Amateur Bar B Que Contest

7 PM - 11 PM FREE Street Dance at Smokey Bear Historic Park with **Terry Bullard!**

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For Information Contact:
Smokey Bear Historical Park at 575.354.2748
Capitan Chamber of Commerce at 575.354.2273
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LET'S GO!

W.A.L.K. for health

The 2nd Annual W.A.L.K. in the Woods will be held on May 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. along the Links walking trail entering at 101 Ovella Estes Way. This event is a free interactive health and safety fair for all ages. The W.A.L.K. in the Woods is sponsored by the New Mexico Department of Health, Ruidoso Parks and Recreation and the Lincoln County Community Health Council along with many Ruidoso businesses. Also on hand will be United Blood Services doing a blood drive.

The first 300 participants to complete the walk by gathering stamps from predetermined booths will receive a free T-shirt. This year's booths are listed below. The event organizers wish to extend a thank you to the sponsors and encourage the public to support them. This event would not be possible without their generosity.

- Ruidoso Homecare and Hospice *
- La Casa Family Health
- Heritage Program
- ICAN-NMSU
- Ruidoso Counseling and Mediation *
- HEAL *
- Total Abstinence Program (TAP) Mescalero Apache Schools *
- Blue Cross Blue Shield *
- Sierra Blanca Christian Academy *
- Big Brother Big Sisters
- Region IX – School-Based Health Center *
- Lincoln County DWI Prevention Program *
- Inner Rhythms Massage
- The Optimist Club
- Dr. Jon Ogden *
- Home Health Unlimited
- Ruidoso Fire Department
- Dance Gallery
- Lincoln County Medical Center *
- Counseling Center
- No Bones About It *
- Ruidoso Health Office
- Grace Harvest Church
- Lincoln County Community Health Council *
- Keep Ruidoso Beautiful
- PIECE

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Cindy Najar, Sandy Parada and Ana Quarles from the Heritage Program greet W.A.L.K. in the Woods participants during last year's event.

'I Love a Piano'

BY KATHLEEN MCDONALD
FOR VAMONOS

"Irving Berlin's I Love A Piano" will appear center stage on Thursday, May 1, at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts.

The career-spanning song and dance revue weaves together 64 Irving Berlin tunes for a look at early 20th century America – from World War I through the Roaring '20s, into the Depression and World War II, and finally to the boom times of the 1950s.

Excellent seats remain for "I Love A Piano" for $49 and $46. Call the Spencer Theater Box Office at 336-4800 or visit www.spencertheater.com for tickets.

The theatrical tribute, featuring a cast of six singers and dancers, an accompanying trio, era-rich costumes and complimentary stage lighting designs, celebrates Berlin's historic songs and spotlights a honky-tonk piano in music-filled vignettes.

Berlin's jazzy masterpieces, which helped folks stand sturdy and dance free during the great 'American Century,' include such popular favorites as "There's No Business Like Show Business," "God Bless America," "Cheek to Cheek," "White Christmas" and "Puttin' On The Ritz."

The melodies seemingly poured out of the prolific songwriter during his legendary 70-year career and quickly became hits with upbeat tempos, lively melodies and smiling lyrics.

Centering around a piano made in 1910 – with scenes in music stores, canteens, and even out on the street – the show's star (with one bad key) leads a triumphant career that finds characters crowding around for songs of confidence and good cheer even in the darkest of times.

As the vignette-fueled storyline moves through the decades, the audience gets a glimpse of the physicality of the silent-movie era and, with "They Call It Dancing," trend-setting 1920s dances like The Charleston.

Thereafter, it's the daunting challenges and hardships of the 1930s with Berlin's hearty anthems like "Blue Skies" and "Isn't It A Lovely Day" and his more poignant tunes like "I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm" and "Russian Lullaby."

But it's blue skies that lead the way into the silver-screen era with such struts as "Puttin' on the Ritz" and "Cheek to Cheek."

The magic of the movies dovetails with tributes to young soldiers during the war with the call to arms "This is the Army" and "Any Bonds Today" – dutiful calls that Berlin balanced with the sentiments of "White Christmas" and "God Bless America."

And as the 1950s come rushing in, show gals vie backstage for leading lady status with tunes like "Anything You Can Do" and content showmen sum up the art of life with melodies like "You're Just in Love."

Critics note that "I Love A Piano," which is directed and choreographed by Ray Roderick and co-written by Michael Berkeley, has a kaleidoscope of movement with clockwork choreography, outstanding arrangements and colorful costumes.

Don't miss this delightful swirl of song and dance at the Spencer Theater May 1.

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Smothers Brothers, July 18

BY KATHLEEN MCDONALD
FOR VAMONOS

The new season at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts kicks off in May with the stunning musicianship of **Don McLean** and his band on Saturday, May 31, at 8 p.m. ($79 and $76). The distinguished singer and songwriter of epic ballads like "American Pie," "Vincent," "Empty Chairs" and "Sister Fatima," will be joined by his multi-instrumental band for a night of folk-rock anthems.

A Songwriters Hall of Fame inductee, McLean has been called a master of "spirituality in rhythm and verse." His sweetly reverential tunes, performed with his pure, uplifting vocals and crisp instrumentals, will soar into the night with everlasting power.

Next up, it's the **Ruidoso Dance Ensemble**'s spin on the ballet classic "Giselle," Wednesday and Thursday June 4-5, at 7 p.m. ($25 – all proceeds benefit the RDE). A classic two-act ballet, "Giselle" is a mythological tale about the supremacy of love between two people - and the pure love of dance.

Under the direction of Deborah Rogers, the founder of the ensemble, the evocative production will feature gorgeous sets, costumes, and drops – plus the remarkable talents of local student dancers and professional guest artist Norbert Nirewicz.

Then, the hall sings with the classic country and pop vocals of music star **Kathy Mattea** on Saturday, June 7 at 8 p.m. ($59 and $56). Mattea's list of hits

THEATRE & DANCE

ncer Theater's stellar summer

include "18 Wheels and a Dozen Roses," "Walk the Way the Wind Blows" and "The Battle Hymn of Love." The Grammy-winning singer returns to her Appalachian roots in her new traditional country CD, *Coal* – a collection of songs about the impact of mining on lives and landscape. Mattea will be joined by her band for this lush night of rich acoustic blends, songs about heritage and heartache and, of course, her greatest hits.

One week later, the popular Nuevo flamenco guitarist **Esteban** returns to Spencer spotlights on Saturday, June 14, at 8 p.m. ($59 and $56). The hit guitarist, composer and arranger will be joined by his multi-instrumental band, making for an explosive night of contemporary flamenco tunes.

Popular arrangements of "Brown Eyed Girl," "Amazing Grace," "Eleanor Rigby" and "Don't Cry For Me Argentina," as well as Estéban's original compositions, will shimmer through the night.

Agatha Christie's classic whodunit, ***The Mousetrap***, engages patrons the following week on Friday, June 20, at 8 p.m. ($25). Performed by theatre students with Wayland University, *The Mousetrap* is considered the quintessential English murder mystery.

Under the artistic direction of Marti Runnels, the Dean of the School of Fine Arts at Wayland, the cast and crew will be selected from the vicinities of Plainview, Texas and Ruidoso.

The month closes out with the blazing horns and smooth vocals of the early rock group **The Buckinghams**, Saturday, June 28 ($59 and $56). With a string of hits that include "Kind of a Drag," "Hey Baby (They're Playing Our Song" and "Mercy, Mercy Mercy,"

The Buckinghams are performance pros that have continually filled concert halls for four decades.

First storming the music scene in the early 1960's (when just seniors at their Chicago high school) this 10-member band (including a five-piece horn section) are still led by the fabulous guitarist and vocalist Carl Giammarese.

Local kiddos rule the Spencer next with *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, a **Missoula Children's Theatre** performance on Friday, July 11, at 7 p.m. ($15 adults, $7 children 12 and under). Starring 50-60 area children ages 6 to 17, the weeklong singing and acting workshop kicks-off with auditions at 9 a.m. Monday, July 7 (audition location to be announced at www.spencertheater.com). The workshop is free of charge.

Lights will be flashing when the historic comedy team of **The Smothers Brothers** comes to town for their one-night-only show on Friday, July 18, at 8 p.m. ($79 and $76).

The Smothers Brothers are legendary masters of comic timing in a timeless act – idiosyncratic brilliance packed with intuitive humor, natural warmth, folk melodies and hilarious sibling rivalry.

The superlative stage and screen entertainers, who are being saluted across the country for their 50+ years in the business, will perform immortal acts like "Mom Liked You Best!" "Yo Yo Man," "Tom Dooley," "You Can Call Me Stupid" and "I Talk to Trees."

Prior to the Brothers, the audience will be "warmed-up" with the stand-up comedy of tough guy **Tom Cotter**, a "Tonight Show" and Comedy Central regular who's won just about every award there is in the contemporary comedy circuit.

The richly atmospheric music of guitarist **Ottmar Liebert** and his band Luna Negra (Dark Moon) appears next on Tuesday, July 22, at 8 p.m. ($59 and $56).

Liebert's music is described as Spanish gypsy with contemporary grooves, sensuous and cinematic. The platinum-selling, Grammy-nominated artist carved out the genre of Nuevo Flamenco in the late '90s with his deeply metaphoric and mesmerizing melodies. His instrumentals conjure up gorgeous images of ancient Andalusia as well as the rugged American Southwest. The German-born, Santa-Fe based artist has released 26 recordings.

A little over a week later, on Friday, Aug. 1, at 8 p.m. ($69 and $66) it's **Pam Tillis** in the spotlights. Renowned for her simmering, falsetto-tinged vocals, the Grammy-winning Pam Tillis has been a Country Music Association's Female Vocalist of the Year and has released 11 CDs since first appearing on the music scene in 1990.

With a string of gold and platinum hits like "Mi Vida Loca," It's Lonely Out There," Spilled Perfume" and "Shake The Sugar Tree," Tillis, the daughter of legendary songwriter Mel Tillis, is a marvelous stage performer who easily connects with audiences.

Returning pianist **Doug Montgomery**, in concert on Wednesday, Aug. 6, at 8 p.m. ($49 and $46), is the quintessential entertainer who makes audiences feel right at home.

The Juilliard-trained artist has an elegant style and affable spirit that makes his every tune a definite treat. Long called New Mexico's "Piano Man," Montgomery performs a vast range of piano favorites, Broadway standards and classical masterpieces.

The Beatles are channeled onto the stage when **The Fab Four** start rocking out on Saturday, Aug. 9, at 8 p.m. ($59 and $56). The note-for-note look-alike and sound-alike Beatles revue show reflects all the major phases of The Beatles' evolving career.

Having toured the world-over, The Fab Four is considered one of the very best Beatles recreation groups. With pitch-perfect renditions of classics like "Yesterday," "Hey Jude," "Penny Lane" and "Here Comes The Sun," The Fab Four recreates the very vibe of the British band that revolutionized music forever.

Chuck Mangione, Aug. 23.

Eight of **John Denver**'s dear friends and colleagues return for a spirited gathering on Saturday, Aug. 16, at 8 p.m. ($69 and $66). This reunion is a musical tribute to Denver's great legacy of songs: "Rocky Mountain High," "Take Me Home Country Roads," "Leaving On A Jet Plane," "Sunshine On My Shoulders," "Thank God I'm A Country Boy" and many more.

The talented group of musicians includes: Mack Bailey (vocals, guitar); Bill Danoff (vocals, guitar); Alan Deremo (bass); Pete Huttlinger (lead guitar, vocals); Gary Mule Deer (comedy, vocals, guitar); Chris Nole (piano, keyboards, vocals); John Sommers (mandolin, banjo, fiddle, vocals); and Mollie Weaver (vocals).

Grammy- and Emmy-winning trumpet/flugelhorn artist **Chuck Mangione**, appearing Saturday, Aug. 23, at 8 p.m. ($69 and $66), has wowed the world with his upbeat and straight-ahead jazz compositions: "Feels So Good," "Bellavia," "Children of Sanchez" and "Give It All You Got." With his trademark fedora and boundless energy, Mangione will be joined by his band for a night of progressive jazz magic.

Orders for Public and Series Tickets (four or more events) just opened up April 24. Telephone and single-performance ticket orders will be processed beginning April 28. Phone the Spencer Theater Box Office at 336-4800, or visit www.spencertheater.com for additional information.

LET'S GO!

Let's go fly a kite!

Giant kites filling the air will be a thrilling sight for kids of all ages as the annual Ruidoso Kite Festival celebrates its second year this weekend at the White Mountain Recreation Complex on Hull Road behind the Ruidoso elementary schools.

Thanks to "Kitemaster" Bruce DeFoor, who spearheaded the first festival last year, along with the folks at WeCree8, Ruidoso Parks and Recreation and many businesses and individuals who have made donations to this event, residents and visitors will have the opportunity to experience the high-flying excitement of a real kite festival next weekend.

The festival organizers have decided to make the event free to the public, and you can build your own kite for $1 or you may purchase fancier ones there.

Building, flying and watching kites are a rite of spring in communities all over the United States.

More professional kitefliers and artists will be at the event, and they will be bringing more and even bigger kites than appeared here during the premier festival in 2007. "We'll have plenty of kites, plenty of wind and plenty of fun," the WeCree8 team promises.

To learn more about kites and festivals, simply Google "kite festival," or, better yet, visit www.aka.kite.org, the site for the American Kitefliers Association, a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating the public in the art, history, technology and practice of building and flying kites.

Food vendors will be on-hand, but space is still open for additional last-minute food and sales vendors. Volunteers are still being sought to have fun helping create kites with the kids. More help will be needed with set-up, kite salespeople, "kite doctors," safety crew, etc. during the event. Sponsorships are also still being sought.

Interested in joining in the fun? Phone WeCree8 at 257-5575, or email DeFoorat bd4@zianet.com.

Smokey Bear will also be in attendance both Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Event times are: Friday, April 25, 1-6 p.m.; Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday, April 27, noon-5 p.m. So bring your own kite or make one there, and, for goodness' sake, don't forget your cameras.

This promises to be an exciting and memorable community event.

Ollie the Octopus will be at the 2nd Annual Ruidoso Kite Festival this weekend at the White Mountain Recreational Complex. More professional kitefliers and artists will be at the event, and they will be bringing more and even bigger kites than appeared here during the premier festival in 2007. Festival organizers are still seeking volunteers to help create kites with the kids, with set-up and for crews during the 3-day event. Phone WeCree8 at 257-5575 to volunteer. . .

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Help & Healing

H.E.A.L. (Help End Abuse for Life): Domestic violence shelter and hotline: 1-866-378-6378.

Al-Anon: Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at 613 Sudderth, Ruidoso. Info: 257-9397.

Al-Anon: Meets at noon every Friday at the Methodist Church in Carrizozo. Come to the back door and bring your own lunch.

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m., 8 p.m. daily at 613 Sudderth. Call for additional times and special meetings. Info: 257-9397.

Alcoholics Anonymous Women's open meeting: 6:30 p.m. every Monday at 613 Sudderth. Info: 378-8391.

Mountain High Recovery Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 7 p.m. at Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church, 361 Highway 70 East.

Co-Dependents Anonymous: 6:45 p.m. Thursdays. For location and further information phone 808-2959.

Sex Addicts Anonymous: 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall-meeting room, 121 Mescalero Trail. Info: 653-4937.

Celiac Disease/Gluten Intolerance Support Group: Meets every other Sunday, 2-3:30 p.m., in the conference room of ERA-Simmons Real Estate, 918 10th St., Alamogordo. Info: Kathie at 437-0603, Robin at 442-9419, or email paintedladies64@yahoo.com.

A Course in Miracles Study Group: Each Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

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.

Grief Support Group: Meets every Tuesday, 5:30-7 p.m., at the upper building of Ruidoso Home Care, 548 Gavilan Canyon Rd.; open to everyone, no matter what stage of grief you are experiencing; facilitated by Diane McKenzie, LPCC, and sponsored by Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation. Info: 258-0028.

Meditation Group: Wallflowers Bed and Breakfast, 573 Highway 380 West, Capitan, hosts a weekly 9 a.m. Tuesday Meditation group. Free. Info: 354-0967.

Meditation Practice: First Wednesday of each month; 6:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Parenting Classes: Counseling Center Prevention Program facilitates all parents seeking to enhance parenting skills, resolve issues and prevent substance use. Families with children ages 5-17 years of age that complete all requirements of the class qualify for a $150 stipend. Qualifications and info: Brenda Motley-Lopez or Salli Mason at 257-0520.

Parents of addicted children: New Name Ministry offers help for parents of addicted children. For appointment, phone 802-0263 in Ruidoso and leave a message. Payment of free-will offering appreciated.

Parents who have lost a child Support Group: Meets first and third Tuesday each month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. (no religious affiliation); 5:30-7 p.m. Includes grandparents and adult siblings; facilitated by other parents who have lost a child. Info: Shari, 937-7078.

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.).

Science of Mind Study Group: Each second and fourth Saturday; 10:30 a.m.-noon; High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

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.

Temple Builders Weight Loss Support Group: Mondays at 9:30 a.m. at Angus Church; no dues or food purchase, just friendly support and accountability; weigh-in followed by short devotional. Info: 336-8032.

Wisdon Circle: Each second and fourth Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

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.

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

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 are scheduled at various times. For more information, call 257-5352 or 258-3862.

Lincoln County Garden Club: Info: Joyce, 258-4663.

Lincoln County Right to Life Chapter: 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday at 309 L.L. Davis Dr. All are welcome; Info: 258-5108.

Mountaintop Turners: Woodturning club, 10 a.m. every third Saturday at the woodshop of Steve and Madeleine Sabo. Info: 354-0201.

Otero County Association of Educational Retirees: Meets at 11:30 a.m. every third Tuesday. All Lincoln and Otero County educational retirees welcome. For info: Linda, 336-1225, or Lucy, 437-8874.

Party Bridge Group: 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Center; 336-4808.

Photographic Society of Lincoln County: 7 p.m. every second Thursday in the conference room at the Region IX office at 1400 Sudderth Dr.; 258-4003.

Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

Ruidoso Book Review/Discussion Group: Meets first Wednesday each month at 10 a.m.; Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. Public is welcome.

Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club: Meets second Tuesday of each month; program varies. Potluck follows then business meeting and weekly card day at 116 S. Evergreen.

Ruidoso Masonic Lodge No. 73: Meets first Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., except national holidays, then moves to second Monday. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Info: 258-1926.

Ruidoso Ridge Runners 4-Wheel Drive Club: Meets first Wed of each month at K-BOB's. Dinner at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7. Info: 336-2714 or 378-4853.

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.

Veterans

American Legion Robert J. Hagee Post 79: 6 p.m. every third Wednesday, 115 Meander Dr., Ruidoso. Info: 257-6757.

Service Organizations

Altrusa Club: 5:30 p.m. every first Tuesday for program; Noon every third Tuesday for lunch; Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail. Info: Sue, 258-4851.

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

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

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

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Capitan Smokey Bear Lions Club: 5:30 p.m. every Thursday at Smokey Bear Restaurant. Info: Marcia, 937-2731, or Randy, 354-2047.

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

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

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

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

Lincoln County Community Health Council: 8 a.m. first Tuesday of each month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. New members welcome. Info: 973-1829.

Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary: 9:30 a.m. second Tuesday of each month in the hospital conference room. New volunteers welcome. Info: 630-4250.

OES Ruidoso Chapter 65: Meeting every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 144 Nob Hill Dr. Info: 257-5313.

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): Noon every Wednesday at K-BOB's. New members always welcome; 257-5938 or 258-9218.

PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Chapter AR: Meeting every second and fourth Tuesdays. Phone Jennie Powell at 258-3896 for information.

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club: 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. During the school year, meetings every first Tuesday are at the Teepee Lounge at Ruidoso High School. Info: Barbara, 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555, or Greg, 257-1255.

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

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

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

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club: Meets at 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: 257-0363.

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

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

White Mountain Search & Rescue: 7 p.m. every third Monday at 1st Christian Church near the intersection of Hull and Gavilan Canyon Roads. Info: email whitemountainsar@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainsar.org or phone 336-1530.

Political

Democratic Party of Lincoln County: 6:30 p.m. every first Thursday at K-BOB's, Highway 70 West. Info: Maria, 258-1887.

Federated Republican Woman of Lincoln County: Meeting fourth Tuesdays, at noon at La Quinta Hotel on Highway 70. Speakers and meal. RSVP to Dolores Stevens at 653-4379 for reservations.

Republican Party of Lincoln County: Monthly meetings at Cree meadows Country Club. Speakers include candidates in upcoming elections. Info: 973-0541.

Other Ongoing Activities

Songwriter's Circle: Support group for commercial songwriting, meeting at Clarity Jane's Coffee & Eatery, 500 Smokey Bear Blvd. in Capitan. Saturdays, 10-11 a.m. Info: Steve Martin, 648-1117 or email at smartin@tularosa.net.

Community news

Volunteer Potluck

Fort Stanton volunteers' potluck dinner will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 6 p.m., at the Innsbruck Village Club House. If you would like to get involved in volunteering at the Fort Stanton Museum, drop by as a guest. For more information, contact Susie Berend at 937-9380.

First Friday Adult Lecture

Stephen Carter, a 1998 graduate of Ruidoso High School, is a Cave Restoration Specialist. He will share a PowerPoint presentation of the caves found in Lincoln County. He will also tell about Eco Servants, a non-prophet conservation effort that hires youth for cave restoration during the summer vacation.

Lecture at 7 p.m. at Capitan Village Hall. Afterwards, gather across the street at Capitan Public Library for refreshments and a chance to visit.

The First Friday lectures are free of charge.

Gamblers Anonymous

The Mescalero Apache Responsible Gaming Program is seeking an individual interested in starting a Gamblers Anonymous chapter in the Ruidoso area. For more information, contact Responsible Gaming Coordinator Shannon Dictson at 575-464-7106.

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

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

Service Organizations

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

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

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

Altrusa International: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. at Margo's. Linda, 437-0703.

Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority: Focusing on cultural, social and service activities. Alberta, 437-4258.

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

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

Downtown Lions Club: Meets on second and fourth Mondays at The Wok Inn, 1010 S. White Sands Blvd. Public welcome. Terry Reed at 434-3968 or Martha 437-7515.

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

Kiwanis Club of Alamogordo: Meets on first and third Thursdays at 8 a.m. at Maximino's Restaurant, 2300 N. White Sands Blvd; 434-0923.

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

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.

Help & Healing

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

American Cancer Society Quality of Life Center and Gift Closet: 3 - 5 p.m. every Tuesday at Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center Conference Center. "Look Good – Feel Better" sessions are available with reservations; Vivian Smith, 434-5874 or Lillie Lewis, 439-8409.

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

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

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

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

Celiac Disease/Gluten Intolerance Support Group: Meets every other Sunday, 2-3:30 p.m., in the conference room of ERA-Simmons Real Estate, 918 10th St., Alamogordo. Info: Kathie at 437-0603, Robin at 442-9419, or email paintedladies64@yahoo.com.

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 Wed & Sat;. 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/Friday 8 p.m. First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St.

Salvation Army Social Services: Open 10 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 10 a.m.-noon Friday; 443-0845.

Salvation Army Thrift Store: Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, and from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. 443-0845.

Search and Rescue: Meets every second and fourth Thursday at the National Guard Armory, 1600 S. Florida Ave. Leroy Lewis, 430-2987 or Dan Josetosky, 437-4813.

St. John's Community Kitchen: Free meals 5-6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 437-3891.

ZTrans: Public transportation for $1. Serves Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, La Luz, Alamorosa, Tularosa and Mescalero. 439-4971.

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

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

Political

Democratic Party of Otero County 6 p.m. first Tuesday of every month at 700 1st Street, Suite 773 (Granada Shopping Center), Alamogordo. For information, phone 437-8590.

Mountain Democrats: Noon every third Wednesday at Big Daddy's Restaurant on U.S. 82, Cloudcroft. Dr. Harvey Hilbert, 687-3219, HarveyHilbert@yahoo.com.

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

Clubs & Associations

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

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

Alamogordo Genealogical Society: 2 p.m. every third Saturday in the Sacramento room, Alamogordo Public Library. Betty Bass, Bruce and Jinnie Matson will discuss publishing family histories. Chewy, 439-1205.

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

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

Chaparral Kennel Club: 7 p.m. every first Wednesday at First National Bank annex. Promotes purebred dogs, conformation and obedience, dog shows and matches and the rescue of purebred dogs. Joanne, 439-5510.

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

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

Desert Basin Toastmasters: Meets 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Alamogordo Physical Therapy Center, 10th and Washington, and every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Comm. Center on Holloman AFB. Guests welcome.. Visit desertbasin.freetoasthost.com or phone 921-4767.

Desert Castaways Duplicate Bridge Club: Meets 12:30 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday & Friday at the Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico. 437-2822.

Desert Mountain 4-Wheel Drive Club: Meets third Tue of each month at Wok Inn. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7. Info: 491-4257 or 430-3608.

Enchanted Quilters Guild: Meets 7 - 9 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 1300 Hawaii Ave. All are welcome. Info: 434-5162 after 4 p.m..

Experimental Aircraft Association: Meets at 7 p.m. every second Tuesday in the 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 Thursday, 6 p.m. at Alamogordo Public Library, Oregon at 10th Street. Guest speaker, alt. energy/efficiency ideas. Public welcome. Chuck: 434-6296.

Otero County Association of Educational Retirees: Meets at 11:30 a.m. every third Tuesday. All Lincoln and Otero County educational retirees welcome. For info: Linda, 336-1225, or Lucy, 437-8874.

Noel Southard Chapter of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation: Meets at 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Aristocrat Assisted Living Center on Robert Bailey Drive. 434-8356 or 434-1467.

Singles of Otero County: Weekly activities to provide a social network for singles in the area. 18 & over welcome. 437-4035.

Tularosa Basin Rockhounds: Meets every second Tuesday at First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St. Field trips every fourth Saturday, annual campouts and picnic. 437-3377.

White Sands Dart Association: Double team tournaments (open tournaments) 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Fraternal Order of Eagles Club, 471 24th St. Join to play or learn. Contact Delilah at 442-8750.

Other Ongoing Activities

Bingo: 7 p.m. Sat., 12:30 and 3 p.m. Sun., 1 and 7 p.m. Mon. at the Eagles Lodge, 471 24th St. Ages 8 and up welcome with adult. $750 jackpot. 437-1302.

Bingo: 7 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and Sun., 2 p.m. Saturday at the VFW, 700 U.S. 70 West. Ages 10 and over welcome with an adult. 437-0770.

Coffee Club: 7:30 - 9 a.m. every third Wednesday at Edward Jones Investments, 1106 E. 10th St. Topics include current events, identity theft and Social Security. Breakfast rolls and juices provided. 443-1900.

Joyful Noyse Recorder Consort: Every other Sunday in Alamogordo; various locations. Seeking soprano, alto, tenor & bass recorder players; Info: 937-2006.

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

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

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

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ASTRONOMY

Rocks near and far

In Our Skies

by Alan Hale
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Astronomer

Twenty-one years from now the Earth will have a visitor from space. On April 13, 2029 – a Friday, incidentally – the 1,000-foot-wide asteroid Apophis (discovered four years ago) will pass just 18,000 miles above the Earth's surface – actually closer than the satellites in geosynchronous orbit.

Despite this extremely close approach, there is no possibility of a collision with Earth; Apophis' orbit is well-enough known that the uncertainty of its miss distance is only a few hundred miles at most. Sky-watchers in the eastern hemisphere will see a moderately bright "star" traveling across the entire sky during the course of the night.

Apophis will experience changes in its orbit as a result of Earth's gravitational pull during this encounter. But because we don't know the exact distance that Apophis will pass us in 2029, we can't predict just what those changes might be, and thus we can't know with any high degree of precision what Apophis' orbit will be afterwards.

There is a possibility that Apophis will pass by at just the right distance such that it will be placed into an orbit that will bring it back to a collision with Earth exactly seven years later. The odds of this scenario's occurring are currently estimated as being one in 45,000 – large enough, perhaps, to be "interesting," but small enough so that no one needs to lose any sleep over it.

These details of the 2029 encounter, including the remote possibility of a collision in 2036, have been known since the calculations were first performed a little over three years ago. They have been in the news again recently, though, as a result of a story that has been picked up by some elements of the tabloid press.

According to the story, as part of a science competition in his country a young German school student determined that all the previous calculations neglected to include the possibility of Apophis' striking an orbiting satellite during its 2029 encounter, and that if this is factored in the odds of a collision's occurring in 2036 increase to one in 450. Allegedly, NASA has "admitted" its "error" and determined that the student is correct.

While interest in the 2029 encounter is welcome and the science competition involved is apparently a legitimate and prestigious one, there are numerous inaccuracies in this story, including any admission from NASA of its "error."

For one thing, while Apophis indeed does pass within the geosynchronous orbit distance, it passes though this distance while well away from the Equator – whereas all the geosynchronous satellites orbit within the plane of the Equator. The odds that Apophis would actually strike an orbiting satellite are thus extremely small.

Even if Apophis were to strike a satellite, the effects upon Apophis' orbit as a result of such an event would be very negligible. At Earth's distance, Apophis' orbital speed is close to 18 miles per second, whereas a geosynchronous orbit speed is slightly less than two miles per second.

Furthermore, Apophis' mass is estimated to be some 20 million tons, compared to a few tons at most for a satellite. The changes that such a collision might make to Apophis' orbit are similar to those that an impact with a mosquito might make upon a car traveling down the highway at 60 miles per hour.

These goings-on with Apophis notwithstanding, there is certainly a legitimate interest in discovering the various objects that pass by Earth and in identifying any of those that might potentially pose a threat to our planet.

For this reason numerous sky-surveying programs have become operational within the fairly recent past, with these being tasked primarily to search for such objects; Apophis itself was discovered as a result of these programs.

With additional such programs slated to come on-line within the not-too-distant future we should hopefully have a handle on any potentially threatening objects after another decade or two.

One such object is passing moderately close to Earth right now. The asteroid 2005 NB7, which was discovered by one of the current survey programs three years ago, passed 3.9 million miles from Earth last week, and is now visible with larger backyard telescopes as it travels through the constellations of Draco and Hercules in our northeastern sky.

Radar bounce experiments obtained two weeks ago with the large radio telescope at Arecibo, Puerto Rico show that 2005 NB7 is actually made up of two rocks each a few hundred meters in diameter and separated by a few hundred meters.

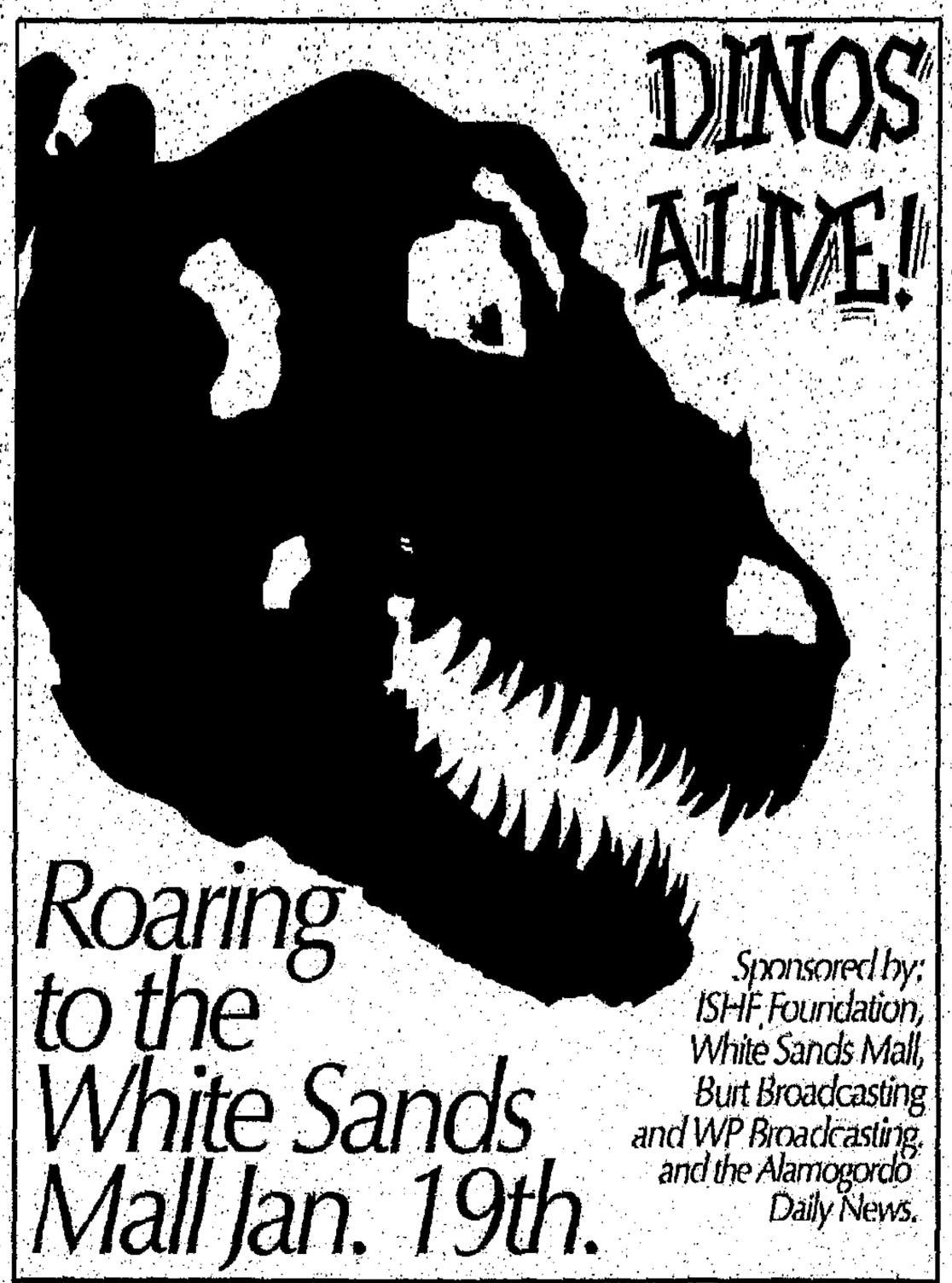
Much of the current interest in Earth-passing objects is due to the determination made during the early 1980s by scientists Luis and Walter Alvarez that the extinction of the dinosaurs 65 million years ago was likely due to an impacting asteroid; the subsequent discovery of a large subterranean impact crater beneath the Yucatan peninsula in southern Mexico that dates precisely from that era added considerable weight to this idea.

Several months ago this column reported on some recent research by some astronomers who concluded that the asteroid which struck the Earth then was one of many fragments that had been created by the collision of two large asteroids almost 100 million years earlier.

According to these scientists, what is left of the original asteroid that was struck is the main-belt asteroid that we now know as Baptistina. Baptistina, as it turns out, is currently visible in our nighttime skies, being located in the southeastern evening sky near the bright star Spica (in the constellation Virgo) and bright enough to be seen in moderately sized backyard telescopes.

Meanwhile, if the recent research is correct, as many as 20 percent of the current near-Earth asteroids – possibly even Apophis – are remnants of that long-ago collision in the asteroid belt. While Baptistina may appear in our telescopes as little more than a dim star-like object, when we look at it we are perhaps seeing a connection to our past and, possibly, our future as well.

Alan Hale is a professional astronomer who resides in Cloudcroft. He is presently raising funds for the Earthrise Project, an educational and humanitarian program described at http://www.earthriseinstitute.org.



MUSIC & CONCERTS

Audience gets 'red carpet treatment'

Alamogordo Music Theatre (AMT) celebrates is golden anniversary tonight (Friday) and tomorrow with its 50th Anniversary Broadway Revue at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts. The show gets underway at 7:30 p.m. each evening, but the festivities will begin a little earlier in the evening with a "red carpet" welcome of audience members.

"We will be celebrating 50 years of bringing musical theater to the area," AMT President JD Droddy told *¡Vámonos!* earlier this week. "We will be celebrating our past, but we will also be honoring our faithful supporters. We will have a red carpet reception, but not for the big stars; this red carpet is for the audience."

Audience members who wish to be dropped off in front of the theater will be greeted by "gentlemen footmen" who will open their car doors and escort them to the red carpet. There they will be met by cameras and interviewers. If they so choose, they can be interviewed and the process will be recorded for posterity by video cameras.

The red carpet treatment is not just for the Friday performance. The show has a two-evening run, and audiences attending the Saturday performance will also be treated to the red carpet.

The red carpet is only the beginning of the evening's experience. Once inside the Flickinger Center, audiences can browse the lobby where a large collection of AMT memorabilia is on display. Pictures, costumes, and props from some of the 116 shows AMT has performed since 1958 will be on display.

When the show gets underway at 7:30 each evening, the audience will be treated to an evening of musical entertainment featuring songs from the best of the Broadway shows AMT has produced over the years.

"This is going to be a memorable evening of entertainment," said Robert Coburn, Musical Director for the show. "We will have solos, duets, ensembles, and chorus numbers from the great shows. We will do a couple of terrific medleys, one featuring the music of Lerner & Loewe and one featuring the music of Rogers & Hammerstein. You will hear songs from the Gilbert & Sullivan classic, Pirates of Penzance.

Loren Jackson rehearses "Modern Major General" with chorus members for AMT's 50th Anniversary Broadway Revue.

The AMT chorus rehearses for this weekend's special performances. Photos by JD Droddy.

There is music from such shows as Guys & Dolls, Brigadoon, Kiss Me Kate, Little Shop of Horrors, Fiddler on the Roof, The Man of LaMancha, Nunsense, Forever Plaid - I could go on and on."

The entertainment fare scheduled is not limited to vocal numbers. There will be an orchestra and a jazz ensemble accompanying the singers, both under the direction of Rick Guidry. The orchestra will be featured in a couple of big instrumental numbers. There will also be dancers performing some great choreography to Broadway music. Monique Foster of The Academy of Ballet is choreographing the dance numbers.

AMT will conduct a raffle each evening to benefit its scholarship endowment fund. The group has given more than $60,000 in scholarships to area students over the years. All proceeds of the raffle will go into the scholarship endowment fund.

"We have some great prizes to raffle off," said Clayton Coburn, the show's co-producer. "Each evening, we will have a terrific piece of art donated by acclaimed artists, Kathy Hague and Robin Lee Makowski. There will also be tickets to the upcoming shows at the Flickinger and Spencer Theaters; dining experiences at such places as Rebecca's at The Lodge, Memories Restaurant, and Coffee & More; rounds of golf with cart at The Lodge in Cloudcroft, free nights stay at The Inn of the Mountain Gods, and pet equipment from Connie Breding's Cat's Meow Gifts. These are great prizes, and all of the money goes to our scholarship fund."

"This is going to be a fabulous show," Droddy said. "Listening to some of these numbers in rehearsals has sent chills up my spine. We have so many talented people involved, and they are very skilled at singing together. We also have some fabulous prizes to raffle off to raise money for our scholarship endowment. We're very excited. It's an evening folks should not miss."

Admission to the show is $10. Tickets will be sold at the door. Advance ticket are available at TLC Portraits in the White Sands Mall.

Ruidoso live

Every Sunday

Lucy's Mexicali – 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. – Tomás Vigil, classical guitar

Lucy's Cantina Downstairs – 6:30 to 10 p.m. – Tacos and Tunes – ($1 tacos) – The Rich Chorné Band

Every Thursday

Hennington's at Swiss Chalet – 6-9 p.m. – Open Mic with Global Chillin'

Friday, April 25

Texas Club – 7-10 p.m. – Brenda Breuer

Lucy's Cantina downstairs – 9 p.m.-1 a.m.– Cowboy Mafia

Landlocked – 6-9 p.m. – P. Blake Martin

Dream Catcher – 7-11 p.m. – Rich Chorné and friends

Saturday, April 26

Michelena's – 7-9 p.m. – P. Blake Martin

Texas Club – 7-10 p.m. – Brenda Breuer

Dream Catcher – 7-11 p.m. – Rich Chorné and friends

Hennington's at Swiss Chalet – 7:30-9:30 p.m. – Hillbilly Potentates

Sunday, April 27

Wendell's at Inn of the Mountain Gods – 5-11 p.m. – Tomás Vigil

ADVENTURE

Take not your life for granted

Part 2 ~ Bataan, the end

"After four days' marching, the POWs reached San Fernando. Approximately 10,000 died along the march. The prisoners had been told they'd be released at San Fernando. Instead, they were loaded onto boxcars, 100-115 at a time, to be transported to Camp O'Donnell, near Capas. "Men were packed so tightly in those boxcars that some of their feet never touched down, yet they stood upright."

Follow Me!

by Yvonne Lanelli

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Sixty-five years ago last week, the Bataan Death March ended. Nearly 2,000 men from the 200th and 515th Coastal Artillery Units of the New Mexico National Guard endured that march; they and their descendants are your neighbors.

Last April, I joined a World War II commemorative cruise to the Philippines that included two days along the Death March.

FOLLOW ME BACK TO BATAAN

Our bus arrived in San Fernando via a freeway that crossed a lahar flow from Mt. Pinatubo which erupted in 1991. Two years later, ashy mud flows called lahar streamed down and buried villages 18 feet deep. Piles of volcanic dried mud as high as a two-story house lined the highway.

Guide Tommy said, "Lahar flows every year we have a heavy rainy season. This highway has been elevated three times."

In San Fernando, both the train station and kilometer marker stood in disrepair. "Imagine this area in 1942 – open fields and thousands of soldiers," mused historian Bob Reynolds, our onboard lecturer.

In 1942, the train trip to Capas took three hours. POWS suffocated where they stood.

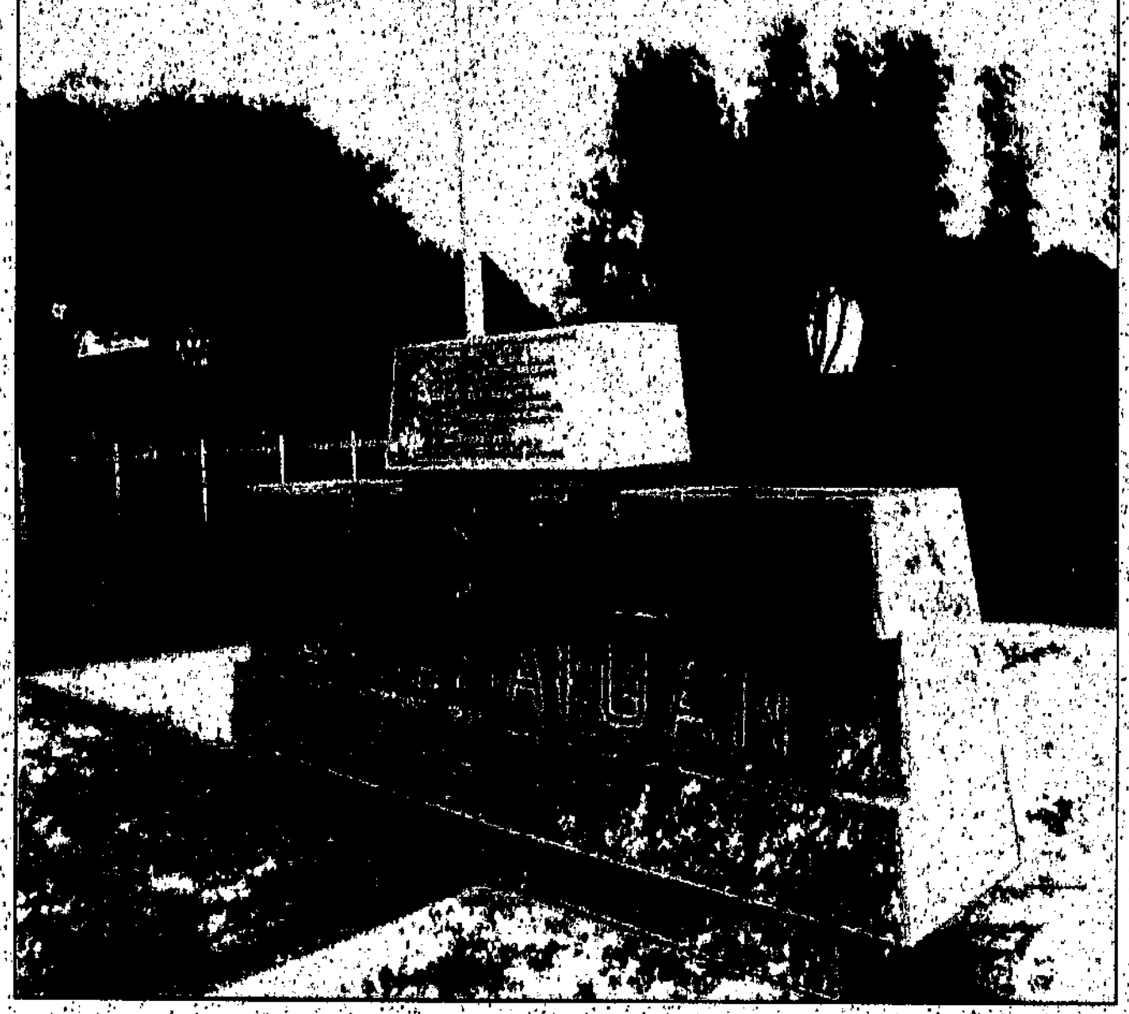
We rode our air-conditioned bus 30 minutes on an expressway that parallels the road the marchers took.

From Capas, the approximately 40,000 remaining prisoners were force-marched about three miles to Camp O'Donnell, renamed the Capas Prisoner of War Concentration Camp, at Marker 112.

Bob noted the kilometer markers. At Marker 108, he promised, "We'll get out and walk the last two kilometers." But the temperature climbed past 96. Humidity and diesel exhaust choked us. We stayed on the bus until just beyond Marker 111.

"We'd better do a half kilometer or less." Our tour bus stopped by the side of the road. I took a huge swig of cold water, adjusted my cap and sturdy beach sandals and clambered out.

What was I expecting to accomplish in a five-minute walk? I don't know. The dirt marching path was now a two-lane highway (we'd left the expressway a while back.) Tricycles – the motorcycle with sidecar for hire – zipped by and honked. Trucks laden with rice sacks



stacked six high lumbered past. Boys riding atop them yelled and waved. We waved back.

Our little group reached Marker 112, the end of the March, at Camp O'Donnell. As we snapped photos, Bob announced, "On April 17, 1942, the first of the marchers reached this point. Men straggled in for a few more days, but April 17 is usually given as the end of the March." I looked at my watch. The

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Art Galleries & Studios

Lincoln County

Art and Artifact • 107 S. Lincoln • Capitan • 354-2316.

Audrey Paton's Antiques & Interiors at Gallery 401 • 401 Twelfth St. • Carrizozo • 648-2762.

Earthly Greens & Ran La Roca Glass • Lincoln, NM • Open 10-6 daily • 800-386-7258 • Fine art fused glass "paintings.

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 • 1002 B Ave. • 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. and Sun., 12-5 p.m.

Moondance Gallery • Central White Oaks • 648-2319 • Hand-crafted furniture, jewelry, traditional tinwork, Southwest artifacts.

Oso Art • 100 Lincoln Ave. in Capitan • 354-2327 • Art at its best from more than 100 Lincoln County artists • Eclectic blend of wall art, sculpture, jewelry, wood furniture and more • Tuesday-Saturday 10-5; Sunday 10-4.

Unique Creations • 354-1041 • Custom furniture, etched and stained glass • By appointment only.

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 4.7 (the road to Nogal) • 354-4263.

AT THE TOWNSEND

ELISE HALEY

The artist exhibition at the Townsend Library on the campus of NMSU-A this month features Mary Liddle. She is a staff member at NMSU-A. At a recent reception in her honor, she was telling about which photo was her favorite. It was of a set of unusual clouds over the Sacramentos.

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.annbuellfineart.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 Council for the Arts 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.

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.

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Leroy Anderson Studio • 1125 Highway 37 (downtown Nogal) • 354-4242 • Handcrafted silver jewelry, beadwork, rattles and copper sculpture.

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.

Square Moon Gallery • 2825 Sudderth Dr., Ste. E, Boulder Plaza • Beautiful hand-blown and fused art glass, original chalk pastels, and more. • 257-8549.

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.

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.accentsinglass-byjo.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,

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Art Galleries & Studios

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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.

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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 a variety of local and regional artists. Marianne and George Schweers, proprietors.

W. Kohler Lamp and Shade Company Gallery • 173 US Hwy 82, Alamogordo • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday • 437-8441 • Distinctive mesquite lamps and copper lampshades made on location. Studio tours available.

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.

Tularosa

Adobe Daubers Arts & Crafts Gallery • 275-B Central Ave. • 585-2084.

Coffee & More at Tularosa Dry Goods • 308 Granado St. • 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thurs.-Sat.; 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sunday • 585-4575 • Rotating art exhibit.

Del Sol • 200 St. Francis Dr. • 585-4581.

Horse Feathers • 316 Granado • 585-4407 • Pottery, jewelry, Native American arts & crafts, gifts.

Cloudcroft

Bear Track • 502 Burro Ave. • 682-3046 • Native American arts & crafts, gifts.

Cloudcroft Art Society • Community Center/Library (Red Brick Schoolhouse), corner of Swallow Place and Burro Ave. • 687-3176 • Members' artwork, programs, meetings, workshops.

Cloudcroft Pottery • 502A Burro Ave. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. • 682-3321 • Functional stoneware and raku. Don and Donna Ellis, proprietors.

Copper Butterfly • 206 Burro Ave. • 682-2765 • Fine arts, quality crafts. Gloria and Gary Wood, proprietors.

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Off the Beaten Path • 100 Gloretta Ave. • 682-7284 • Eclectic gifts and original artwork, wacky wire art, jewelry, yard art, artistic lamps, and more. Berle Van Zanat and Donna Rand, proprietors. Open daily.

Thy, Smiling Dog Art Gallery • 311 James Canyon Hwy. • 682-2122 • Original oils, prints, jewelry, photography, metalwork and home décor.

Calls for Artists & Others

Artists needed

Come be a part of RRCA's spring session at Nob Hill Elementary School. Funds are available for artists willing to help teach art to kindergarten classes.

To join in the fun, contact Suzy Komara at 258-3820 or 973-0809, or the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts at 257-7272.

Art in Public Places

Seeking artworks to be placed in the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway Visitors Center for Arts in Public Places program. Subject matter should pertain to the Byway, Lincoln County or southern New Mexico, and will be changed out every three months.

Terrific sales potential is already being realized by artists currently showing. Artwork should be tagged for sale, and Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts receives 25 percent commission to continue its support of local arts. Contact Robert "Bear" Tiews at 937-0301 or by email at bears@zianet.com.

Writing Contest

SouthWest Writers is now accepting entries for their 2008 Annual Writing Contest. The contest includes 16 separate categories, including three new this year: Memoir Book, Memoir Article and Christian Novel. The competition is open to all writers from around the world.

Ten entries in each category will be selected by a panel of SWW writers and submitted to the editors or agents serving as contest judges. First, second and third places in each category will receive cash prizes and a critique from the contest judge. First-place winners will compete for the $1,000 Storyteller Award.

A small entry fee is required, and the deadline is May 1. Details and rules are posted at www.southwestwriters.org. For more information, phone 505-265-9485 or email jjc-poet@comcast.net.

Pet Beds

The 2008 Lincoln County Humane Society Furr Ball will be held July 12. Live and silent auctions are planned. Artistically created pet beds are being sought, for cats or dogs, to be auctioned off.

Entries will be eligible for a People's Choice award of $500, in addition to providing much-needed funds for the abandoned animals in Lincoln County. Email Kai Brown at kaibrown@-beyondbb.com for an entry form.

Call for festival volunteers

The 2nd annual Ruidoso Kite Festival will be held April 25-27. The organizers are still seeking volunteers to help children make kites and to assist in flying the giant kites.

Cash donations are also being sought to help defray costs. Also seeking business donations of rooms and meals to help accomodate the seven sets of professional kite fliers who will be visiting the village. Vendor spaces for sales and food are also available.

Phone Joan or Jery at 257-5575.

Burro sighting

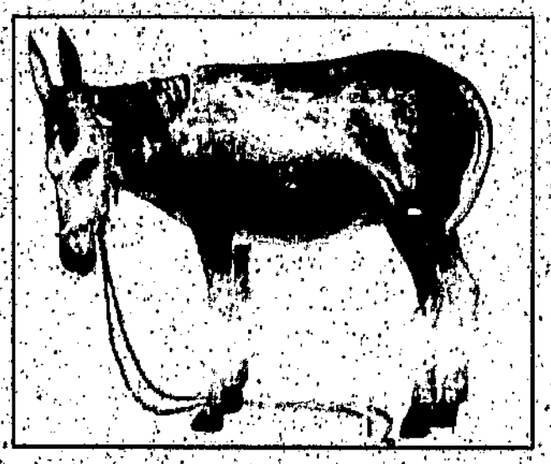
An unusual herd of 34 burros was reported moving northward through southern New Mexico earlier this month. For the third year in a row, this breed of burros was tracked during their migration.

On April 13, the herd arrived at their yearly destination, Gallery 408 and The Studios on Twelfth Street in Carrizozo. As in the past two years, the creatures were placed into foster care with artists of the region.

The artists have become known for caring deeply for the burros and, during their temporary adoption, for naming and adorning them in unique ways, often presenting them with original stories or poems to take with them to their ultimate destinations in loving homes.

The burros are reintroduced to the public during the yearly Burro Serenade, and are auctioned off to art lovers and businesses. Though many have found homes nearby in Carrizozo, several have left the state with their new owners, even travelling as far away as California.

¡Vámonos! will be keeping the public updated on the progress of these fledgling works of art and their artist friends throughout the summer.



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HISTORY

The saga of Frank Freeman

Past Tense

by Drew Gomber
Historian

Alabama-born Frank Freeman was an early resident of Lincoln County, a partner of Jacob "Billy" Mathews, future archenemy of Billy the Kid. Like many residents of Lincoln County, Frank was quick to take offense and even quicker to use his gun.

Author and historian Frederick Nolan refers to him as a "noted rowdy from Colfax County," which describes him pretty well.

Future Regulator George Coe and Freeman were quite friendly and, according to Coe, Frank had fled his native Alabama after "killing several Negroes." George didn't mind though, and seems to have considered Freeman to be fine fellow and a "darned good clog dancer."

Trouble in Lincoln

It was around the holiday season that Freeman's trouble began – in the words of Nolan, "the festive spirit seems to have been sadly lacking in Lincoln County." His assessment was correct and it wasn't just Freeman getting into trouble. At about the same time – in mid-January – another "hot-tempered local," Lucas Gallegos, shot and killed a young fellow by the name of Sostero Garcia at San Patricio. In those days, one didn't have to go far to find trouble.

In any case, one night Freeman walked into the Wortley Hotel, still an excellent hotel and eatery in Lincoln, and took a seat. He was dining when a Negro soldier stationed at Fort Stanton walked in and sat next to him. (Note: In those days, it was not uncommon for someone to sit at the same table with a stranger).

Freeman glowered up from his meal and snarled for the black man to find another table. The black man inquired (quite correctly) as to whether or not it was a free country, which was precisely the wrong thing to say.

There seems to be some discussion as to the wound inflicted – namely, whether or not it was fatal – but according to George Coe (and it should be remembered his recollections were 50 years after the event), Freeman "snatched out his pistol – one shot – and the Negro fell forward on his plate, dead."

Again, according to Coe, Freeman was instantly arrested by Sheriff Brady and turned over to the military. Freeman was bound, placed on a horse and started for Fort Stanton in the custody of a group of Buffalo Soldiers.

In those days, the road out of Lincoln going west criss-crossed the river at more than one place, and as the party moved along, the soldiers began to discuss whether or not they wanted to get their charge to Fort Stanton or simply to find an appropriate tree.

Their musings were not lost on Frank and at one point, as they crossed the Bonito, Frank leaped from his horse into the water. The soldiers fired on him but missed and Frank escaped into the darkness. Now, he had another dilemma to deal with – he was bound, soaking wet, without a friend – and it was winter. So Freeman, in classic pioneer fashion, did the only thing he could think of doing. He walked over the mountains to George Coe's ranch at modern-day Glencoe. Good or bad, you've got to hand it to these early settlers – if nothing else, they were *tough*.

At this point, Freeman's doings become a little murky. George Coe claimed that Freeman stayed at his place and then lived in the mountains, avoiding the law while occasionally coming to George's place for a meal. But the evidence seems to indicate that Coe misremembered and Frank actually took off for Texas, not stopping until he was out of New Mexico.

Still more trouble

The following summer, Frank was back in Lincoln County and apparently not doing much to keep a low profile. On Aug. 5, 1877, Frank and another future Regulator, Charlie Bowdre, rode into Lincoln and forced Jose Montano to open his store and provide them with liquor. Things become a little confused at this point, as it may have been *this* incident that sent Frank on his little hike over to the Coe place. If this is so, then at least it wasn't winter.

Whatever the case, the pair "commenced smashing things in general, breaking lamps, glasses, bottles, etc. Meeting with an innocent sergeant from Fort Stanton, and there being no other victim at hand, Freeman, who had one of his murder fits on, took the sergeant by the hand in a friendly manner and with his other hand reached around and placed the muzzle of his pistol at the back of the sergeant's head and fired. Fortunately, the wound was not mortal; Freeman, supposing that he had killed the sergeant, accompanied by Bowdre rushed through the streets of the town shooting at every object that met their view, Freeman shouting that 'his name was Frank Freeman and no twenty men could arrest him ... and that he intended to kill every man in town that he didn't like.'"

After carousing in this manner for a while, the pair reloaded and came up with an even dumber idea. They learned that John Chisum was dining at the home of Alexander McSween, and decided that it would be a good idea to go over and kill him.

Chisum was no friend to the small ranchers, and many of them hated him, apparently including these two rowdies. However, when the duo arrived at the McSween house and commenced firing on it, one of McSween's servants came to the door with a revolver of his own and fired, slightly wounding Freeman in the arm. At this point, the pair "ingloriously fled."

More fun at George's place

Here again, George Coe takes up the story. According to George, about 10 days later, he was working in the fields when he looked up to see that his home had been surrounded by soldiers. When Coe arrived, he was confronted by Sheriff Brady, who accused him of aiding and abetting Freeman.

Despite Coe's protests, he was arrested and taken to Lincoln, tied to the same horse as his neighbor Doc Scurlock. George would later reminisce that this was the most excruciatingly painful experience of his life, and he was no doubt somewhat less than sorrowful when Brady was assassinated by George's fellow Regulators during the Lincoln County War.

In any case, Frank's time on planet Earth was decidedly limited. He was shortly thereafter run to ground in the Hondo Valley. When he tried to mount his horse, the animal was shot down by the combined force of Sheriff Brady and some soldiers. Frank attempted to race to safety through a cornfield, firing as he went, but was quickly overtaken and killed.

Freeman's story is difficult to follow, but one thing seems certain: He was a bad character and was mourned by very few, a fate he shared with many of the killers who would ride for both sides during the storm that was to come. It was called the Lincoln County War.

SOURCES: *A Documentary History of the Lincoln County War*, by Frederick Nolan; *Frontier Fighter*, by George Coe; and *Warriors of Lincoln County*, by Phillip Rasch.

Drew Gomber is available for history tours of Old Lincoln town and Lincoln County, as well as speaking engagements.

For more information about booking a tour or presentation, or to order Drew's books or CDs, call 575-653-4056, or email Drew at drew(« pvtnetworks.net.

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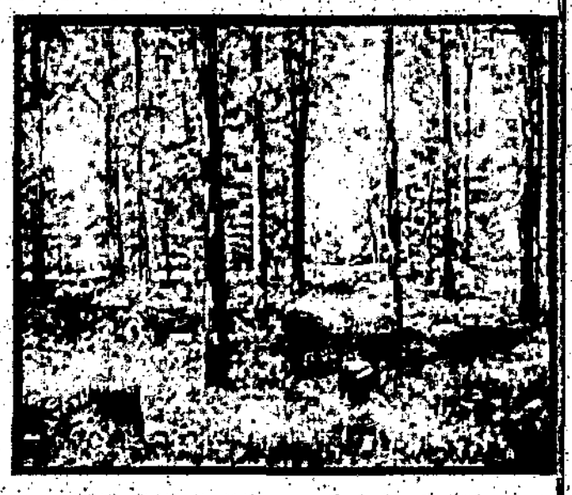
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ADVENTURE

Bataan, cont.

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The Philippine Army started construction on Camp O'Donnell in 1940 as a training facility for 10,000 troops. But it was never finished. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who commanded the joint Philippine and U.S. Army troops, evacuated the facility on December 7, 1941. All that was left were makeshift bamboo and nipa grass huts.

days. Weakened by fatigue, dehydration and hunger, prisoners fell prey to dysentery, malaria, malnutrition and pneumonia. By June 30, 1942, it was estimated that 12,000 POWs had died at Capas.

"When a prisoner died, fellow prisoners carried the corpses on poles to mass graves. If the bearer dropped dead on the job, he was thrown in as well."

Our bus drove us around the camp, now the Capas National Shrine, past the needle-shaped triple obelisk symbolizing

ing cloud cooled the air to 96 degrees.

Some ill Filipino prisoners were released in June and August 1942, and the American POWs were transferred to Cabanatuan Concentration Camp at Nueva Ecija. Conditions were no better there. Displays in the museum said that the Japanese cut off fingers or private parts of the POWs and wore them on their belts.

A notation in the museum states that on January 30, 1945, the American First Cavalry of the XIV Corps liberated the POWs.

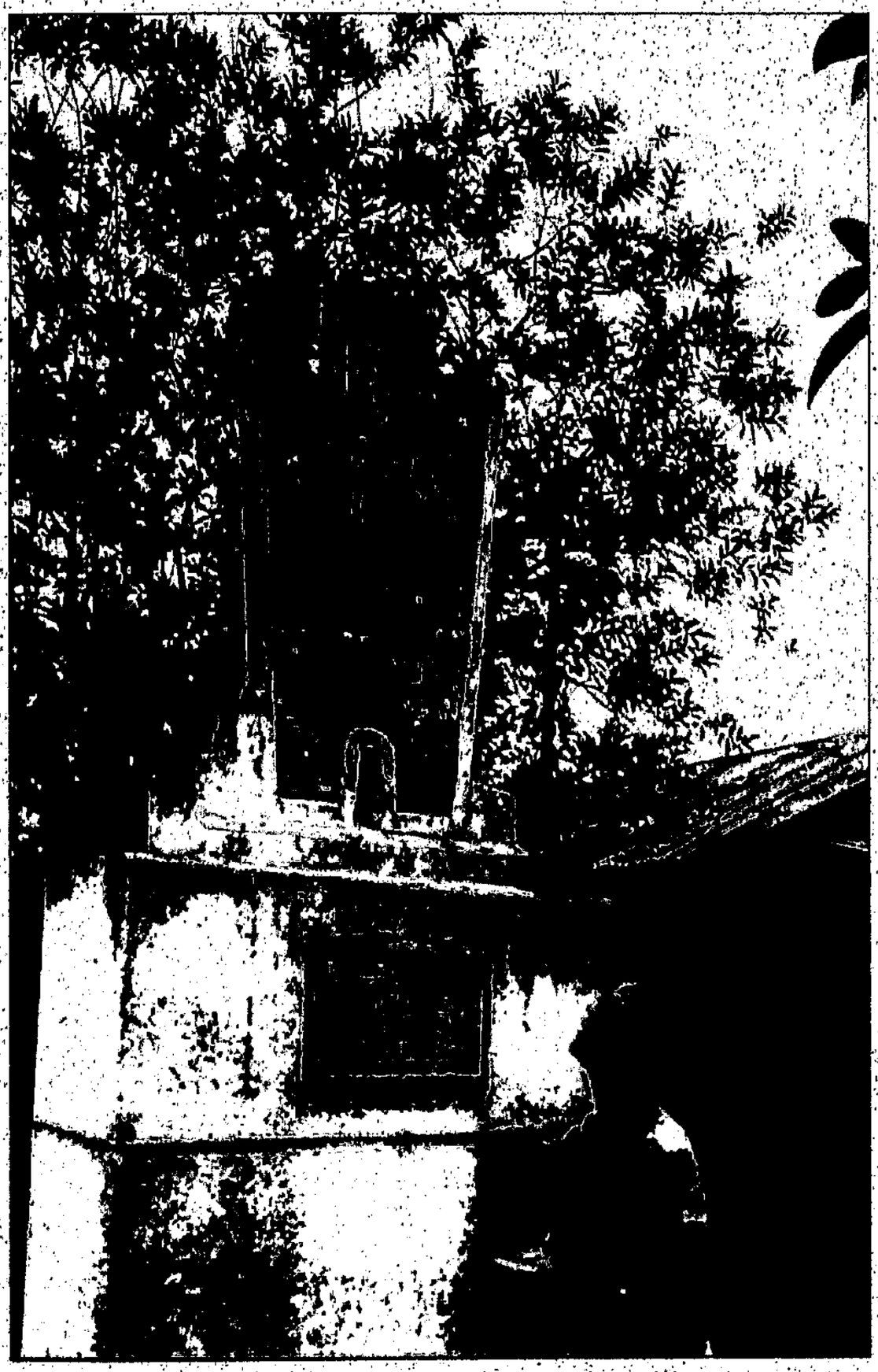
Of the estimated 60,000 to 75,000 that began the march, only 4,000 Filipino and Americans were left.

And some of them and their descendants are your neighbors.

In Their Own Words

Much has been written about the Bataan Death March. Of particular interest to New Mexicans is *Beyond Courage* by Dorothy Cave (Aldrich) of Roswell. This narrative of the men of the 200th and 515th Coast Artillery Units was published in 1996 and revised in 2006.

Yvonne Lanelli (EVLanelli@zianet.com) visits WWII memorials around the world in tribute to the men and women who enabled the freedom her



When the prisoners arrived in April, 1942, the Filipinos were separated from the Americans. In addition to poor housing, the Japanese provided no sanitation or water, little food and no medicine. On the Filipino side, there wasn't enough "shelter," so many slept on the ground in the open.

"Most of the POWs who survived the grueling Death March reached the Concentration Camp having neither eaten food nor drunk clean water for

Filipino, American and Japanese people in the "modern age of global peace," the Filipino cemetery and the Gen. Guillermo Hall and Museum. We also saw Memorial Plaza, a replica of two watch towers and hut, and a mini-forest planted with 31,000 trees, one each for the 6,000 Americans and 25,000 Filipinos who died in the camp.

We took pictures from the wide windows of our air-conditioned bus. A pass-

LET'S GO!

Smokey Bear Days

BY LAURA DOTH
FOR ¡VAMONOS!

Capitan is setting the stage for a great hometown celebration as it prepares for Smokey Bear Days, May 2 and 3. While the daytime events focus on family fun, arts and crafts and Smokey Bear's world-famous fire prevention message, the night will belong to acclaimed singer/songwriter, Terry Bullard.

A New Mexico native, Terry Bullard has thrilled audiences worldwide with his unique style of country music. Bullard believes "You've got to reach out and connect with the people who come to hear you." Bullard's connection with audiences is a magical one, as evidenced by his consecutive selections as "West Texas Entertainer of the Year", and being honored by the New Mexico Country Music Association as Vocalist and Entertainer of the Year.

Bullard has also gained national attention for his music. He was featured in a German magazine called *Country Corner*, and his recordings of "Devil in Your Smile" and "Amarillo by Morning" were chosen as pick hits by *Billboard*, *Cashbox* and *Record World*. Critics agree that "Bullard's strong vocal lends a special flavor" to his songs.

"We're delighted to have Terry Bullard for the Smokey Bear Days Street Dance," said organizer, David Cunningham. "Terry brings a level of entertainment that we're proud to be associated with." The street dance begins at 7 p.m. on Saturday, and is free to the public. "We invite everybody to grab the family, bring their lawn chairs, and come prepared for some great fun," said Cunningham.

Smokey Bear Days activities include a parade, an arts and crafts marketplace, a chainsaw carving competition, an amateur Bar B Que contest, fire prevention information and of course, visits with Capitan's most famous bear – Smokey!

Sponsors of the annual Smokey Bear Days include the Village of Capitan, Smokey Bear's Hometown Association, the Capitan Chamber of Commerce, Capitan Women's Club, American Legion Post 57 in Capitan, City Bank New Mexico, Smokey Bear Historical Park, the U.S. Forest Service and the Capitan Lodgers Tax Committee.

For more information on Smokey Bear Days, visit www.villageofcapitan.-com, or call 354-2273.

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