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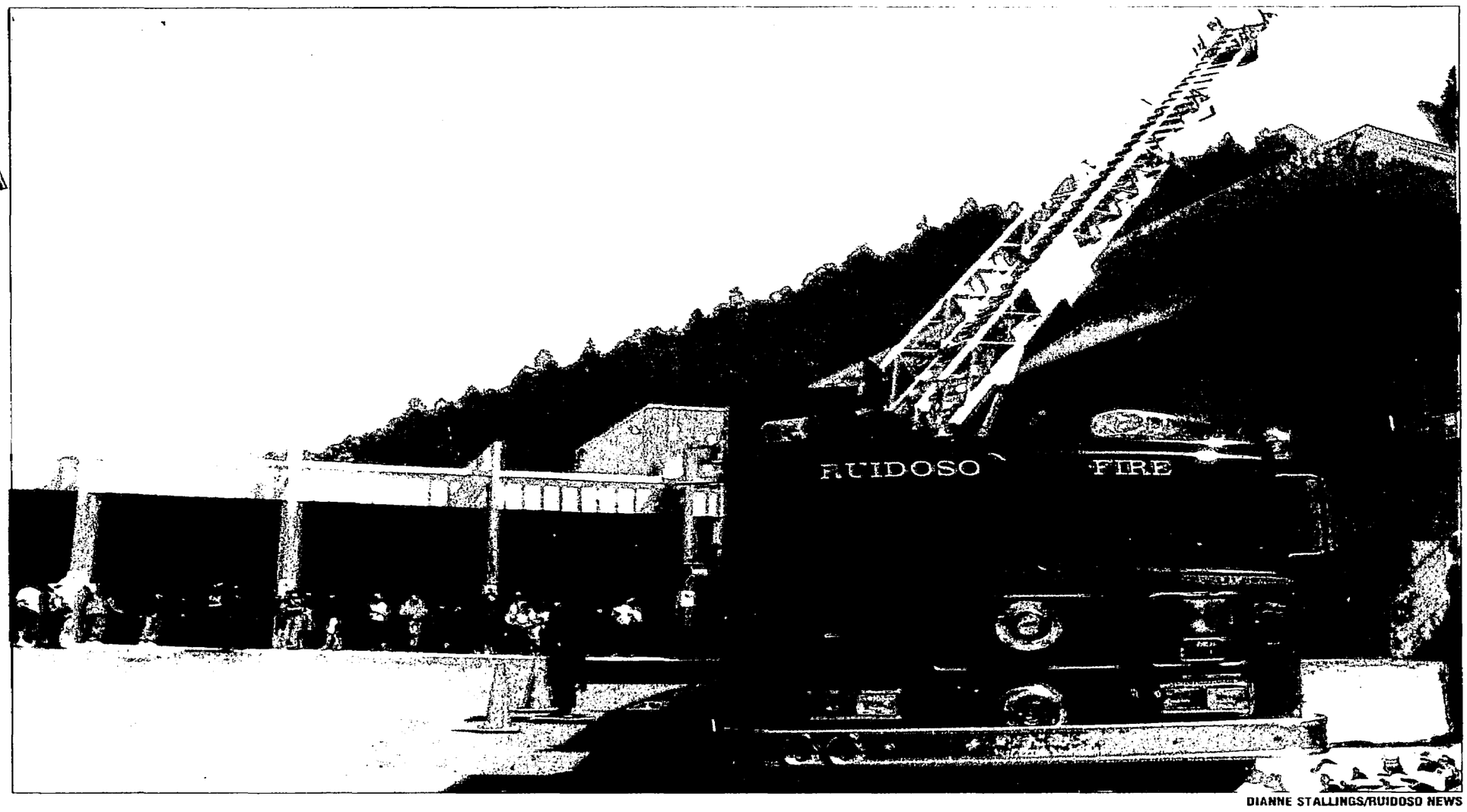

DIANNE STALLINGS/RUIDOSO NEWS

The public gathers in the bay doors of the new $4 million Ruidoso fire station in Schoolhouse Park as a fire engine [illegible] grand opening ceremonies. The wet down is a traditional title [illegible] the breaking of a champagne bottle to launch a ship.

Fire station opens – for real

During grand opening ceremonies, firefighters respond to Mescalero blaze

DIANNE STALLINGS
[illegible]

As Ruidoso village officials, business owners and families and friends of firefighters took their seats in the bay at the new fire station in School House Park, fire engines roared out of the driveway to help battle a blaze in nearby Mescalero.

Nervous laughter rippled through the crowd as the emergency brought home exactly why the $4 million structure at Paradise Canyon and Sudderth Drive was built. Assistant Fire Chief Harlan Vincent said the department's average 4.5 minute response time to a fire within the village has and will continue to save lives and structures.

Fire Chief Tom Gavin stood by as Village Manager Dan O'Higgins recognized Virgil Reynolds, a fir fighter for 41 years who headed the department since 1982 before retiring at the end of 2007. Reynolds had pledged not to leave his post until a new station was built to replace minuscule and aging quarters on Rio Street and Eagle Drive.

Vincent presented flowers to Betty Reynolds, who he said was the secret behind Reynolds' success and always offered steady support to firefighters. He called her "God's secretary" because he went to her when he needed divine intervention, Vincent said.

Mayor L. Ric N[illegible] and the six councilors helped with the ribbon cutting before visitors toured the new two floor station.

A traditional "wet down" similar to breaking a champagne bottle on the bow of a ship, was executed by one fire engine to dedicate the new station as the crowd of about [illegible]

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Mescalero blaze flares to more than 1,000 acres

DIANNE STALLINGS
[illegible]

A fire that started Thursday morning in Tularosa Canyon swelled to more than 1,000 acres by 5 p.m. on the Mescalero Apache Reservation adjoining Ruidoso.

Strong winds gusting to 50 mph prevented two aircraft assigned to drop fire retardant slurry on the flames from going airborne, said Gwen Shaffer with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Forestry Division. The blaze was named The South Tularosa Fire.

Heavy smoke was visible from [illegible]

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The day the ceiling turned red: Conditions an eerie reminder of 1977

DIANNE STALLINGS
[illegible]

Sitting inside their spacious home at the intersection of High Loop and Coronado Drive watching the wind whip tree limbs, Dr. Edward and Gisela Stalzer said the tinder-dry vegetation and high gusts reminded them of conditions in 1977, when a wild fire threatened their neighborhood.

"The flames were so close below the house that our ceiling was red with the reflection," Gi Stalzer recalled.

The recollection was timely as the Lincoln National Forest was closed Thursday, because of the lack of precipitation and continuous high winds.

Village officials banned use of all open flames outside, as well as smoking and gas grills. State and federal agencies that manage public land also enacted fire restrictions.

Looking at a May 5, 1977, edition of the *Ruidoso News*, the Stalzers pointed to the headline that declared "Fire Disaster Averted Here."

Authorities blamed human cause for the blaze that charred 110 acres between Paradise Canyon and Moon Mountain over a two-day period.

Thirty homes were threatened, but only a two-domed geodesic structure under construction was destroyed. Five houses suffered smoke damage.

The article quoted a U.S. Forest Service representative as saying that 200 firefighters and some [illegible] battled the flames [illegible]

[illegible] Vantage dropped [illegible] copter from the Smokey Bear Ranger District's Capitan building, dropped slurry and water on the fire.

Bill Scotbach, who was Ruidoso fire chief in 1977, was quoted as saying that high winds, "were blowing the flames faster than you could run," when the first firefighters arrived on scene 3-1/2 minutes after the fire was reported.

The point of origin was behind Cree Manor Inn, officials said.

Fire departments from as far away as Cloudcroft and "hot shot" firefighting teams from the Coronado National Forest in Arizona joined local units and some [illegible]

Sign of [illegible]

from across New Mexico to [illegible] the blaze.

Homes in Indian Hills and Highwood subdivisions were evacuated, along with some residents from Country Club Estates before the wind turned.

Flames lapped at the foundations of several homes, but local firefighting units from Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Bonito were credited with saving the structures.

As in fires emergencies today, food was donated to fire crews as they worked and first aid supplies came from the Piñoso Hondo Valley Hospital.

Not until the 2000 Cree Fire and the 2002 [illegible]

see **1977** page 7A

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A team made up [illegible] First Annual New M[illegible] Camp. The students [illegible] upcoming national [illegible] Cibola High School [illegible] April 17 and 18 [illegible] ogy, forestry, wild[illegible] questions and de[illegible] Recreation, [illegible] Jessica David [illegible] Cibola High School in Albuquerque won the [illegible] estly at the Bonita Park Nazarene Church [illegible] from around the United States at the [illegible] Teams, representing Bosque School and [illegible] the Albuquerque Academy, met on [illegible] including soils and land use, aquatic ecol[illegible] teams worked to answer natural resource [illegible] theme of this year's competition was [illegible] above are Kelly [illegible], Valerie [illegible]

COURTESY

Ruidoso Hispanic Dancers are hosting their 14th annual Cinco de Mayo dance featuring K-12 grades in the Ruidoso High School gym at 6:30 p.m. today. Fiestas began with 35 dancers in 1994 and have grown to include more than 450 dancers. Admission is $5 for adults, $2 for kids and free for those ages 5 and under. Proceeds from the performances will go toward college scholarships for the dancers.

First Friday lecture

Stephen [illegible] graduate of Ruid[illegible] School and a [illegible] ation Specialist, w[illegible] a PowerPoint pre[illegible] of the caves from [illegible] Lincoln County [illegible] p.m. at Capitan Village Hall on Lincoln Avenue for the lecture.

Afterwards, the library across the street will serve refreshments and offer a chance to visit.

The First Friday lectures are free of charge.

Ski package

RUSSELL

Gregg Russell, owner of Oso Art Gallery in Capitan, was challenged to come up with a contribution for the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Charity Auction. The challenge was extended by no less than Ethel Kennedy, the widow of the civil rights activist.

Within a few days, the pieces were beginning to fall into place, and an offering for the auction was made, one that brings national focus to Lincoln County.

Here's the deal – how would you like to spend a day skiing with Ross Anderson, the fastest Native American on skis, a member of the Mescalero Apache Tribe and one of the top 10 international speed skiers.

A package is available for bid on the Web site at Charitybuzz.com. It includes three nights at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, all meals, three full days of skiing at Ski Apache, equipment rental, instruction from the ski school, one day on the slopes with Anderson, all hosted by Russell who was formerly a ski instructor to the Kennedy children.

This match of a Native American with the Kennedy Foundation is no stretch of the imagination. The Kennedy family has for decades supported causes relating to the civil rights of people who are becoming stronger participants and leaders in many endeavors of our society and economy, making this linking of Anderson to the RFK Memorial Fund is a natural fit.

Go to Charitybuzz.com and lock in your great ski package.

Collaborative meets

The Otero-Lincoln Behavioral Health Local Collaborative will meet at a new time and date starting in May.

The meeting, at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. in Ruidoso, will follow the Lincoln County Community Health Council Meeting on the first Tuesday of the Month.

It will begin at approximately 9 a.m. on May 6 and will provide more of an opportunity for additional people to become involved in the collaborative.

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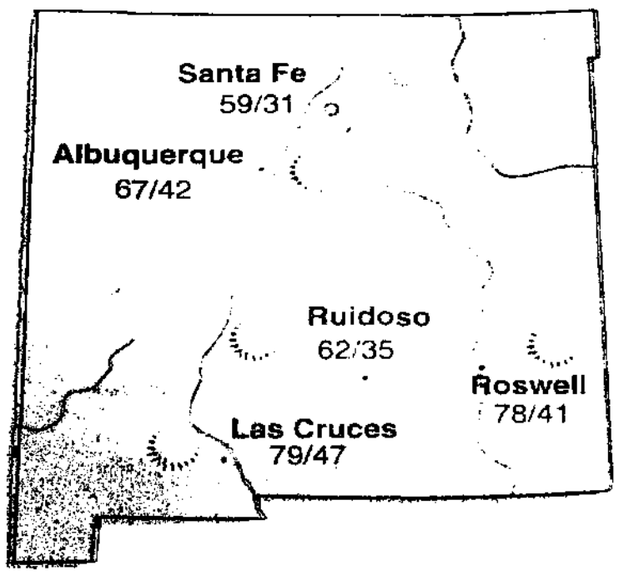

Moon Phases

Last [illegible] | New May 5

First [illegible] | Full [illegible]

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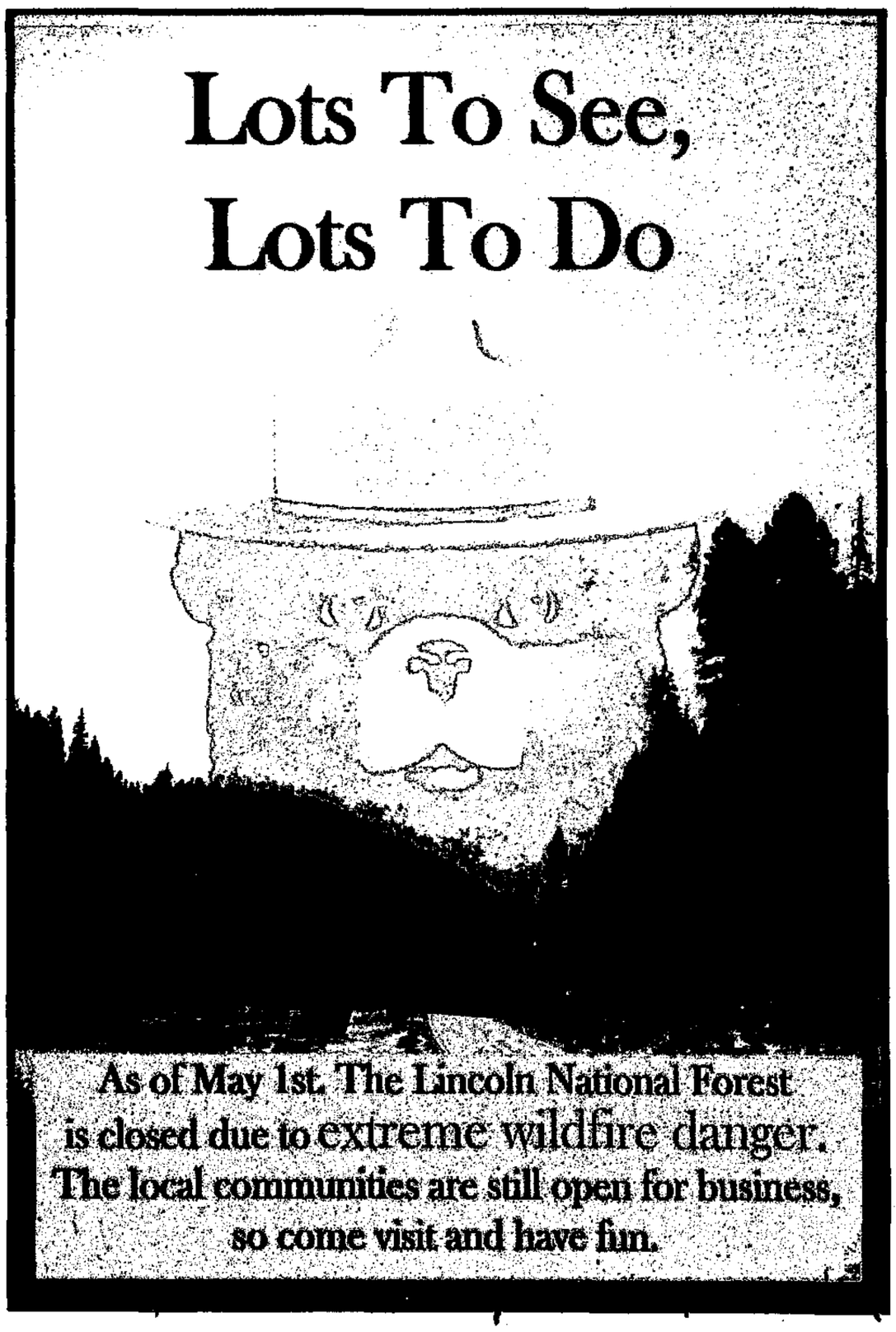
Sun	5.4	11	Extreme

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Alamogordo	[illegible]			[illegible]				Santa Fe	59	31	pt sunny
Albuquerque	[illegible]			[illegible]				Santa Rosa	72	38	pt sunny
Carlsbad	[illegible]			[illegible]				Silver City	67	28	sunny
Chama	[illegible]			[illegible]				Socorro	73	40	sunny
Clovis	[illegible]			[illegible]				St. Johns, AZ	67	33	sunny
Deming	[illegible]			[illegible]				Taos	62	26	pt sunny
Farmington	[illegible]			[illegible]				Tucumcari	44	30	sn shower
Espanola	[illegible]			[illegible]				Truth or Consq	77	44	sunny
Fort Sumner	[illegible]			[illegible]				Tucson, AZ	85	55	sunny
Gallup	[illegible]			[illegible]				Williams	70	33	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	[illegible]			[illegible]				Phoenix	85	58	sunny
Boston	[illegible]			[illegible]				San Francisco	70	49	pt sunny
Chicago	[illegible]			[illegible]				Seattle	55	47	rain
Dallas	[illegible]			[illegible]				St. Louis	69	54	t-storm
Denver	[illegible]			[illegible]				Washington, DC	81	62	t-storm



Developer gets parcel, may expand project

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After many hearings and multiple discussions, developer William "Sunny" Van Haselen can purchase Hideway Place Lane, as long as the village retains an easement to access an active water line.

The motion was offered by Village Councilor Greg Cory with the easement condition for the village and that an easement be filed for any landlocked property owner.

Following a suggestion from Councilor Angel Shaw, a condition also was attached that if a locked gate is installed, that emergency services be given a key for a manual lock box or combination for an automated box to ensure access.

The council split 3-3 and Mayor L. Ray Nunley broke the tie to approve the motion. He pointed out it was only the second time in two years he had to break a tie vote.

Voting against the motion were Councilors Michele Rebstock, James Stoddard and Shaw. Voting for the motion were Councilors Cory, Ron Hardeman and Don Williams.

Although some members of the village's Planning and Zoning Commission contended the price of $23,017.50 for 10,020 square feet of vacated street was too low at $2.25 per square foot, they previously were told by the village attorney that the purchase must fall under existing rules and per-square-foot price formula.

They urged village councilors to take another look and update the price formula to reflect rising land costs. The board sent the vacation request to the council without a recommendation.

The project now consists of four buildings with 37 units.

During the discussion, Cory asked if Van Haselen plans to expand the project.

Village Planning Director Bob Decker said Van Haselen submitted an application for another conditional use permit for residential use in a commercial zone to build two more buildings, each three floors, for a total of 15 new condominium units.

The structures would be built on property purchased from Mac McDougal, who owns the adjoining Sierra Blanca Cabins.

"Originally (Van Haselen) didn't have all the surrounding parcels, but he owns them now," the director said. The parking lot will be realigned for the buildings to be added to the south end of the project.

Mayor L. Ray Nunley interrupted to ask the village attorney if the new application could be discussed when it was not part of the agenda item.

Attorney Dan Bryant said the question was appropriate as it related to the vacating of the property, but the council should not get into detailed discussion of the new application.

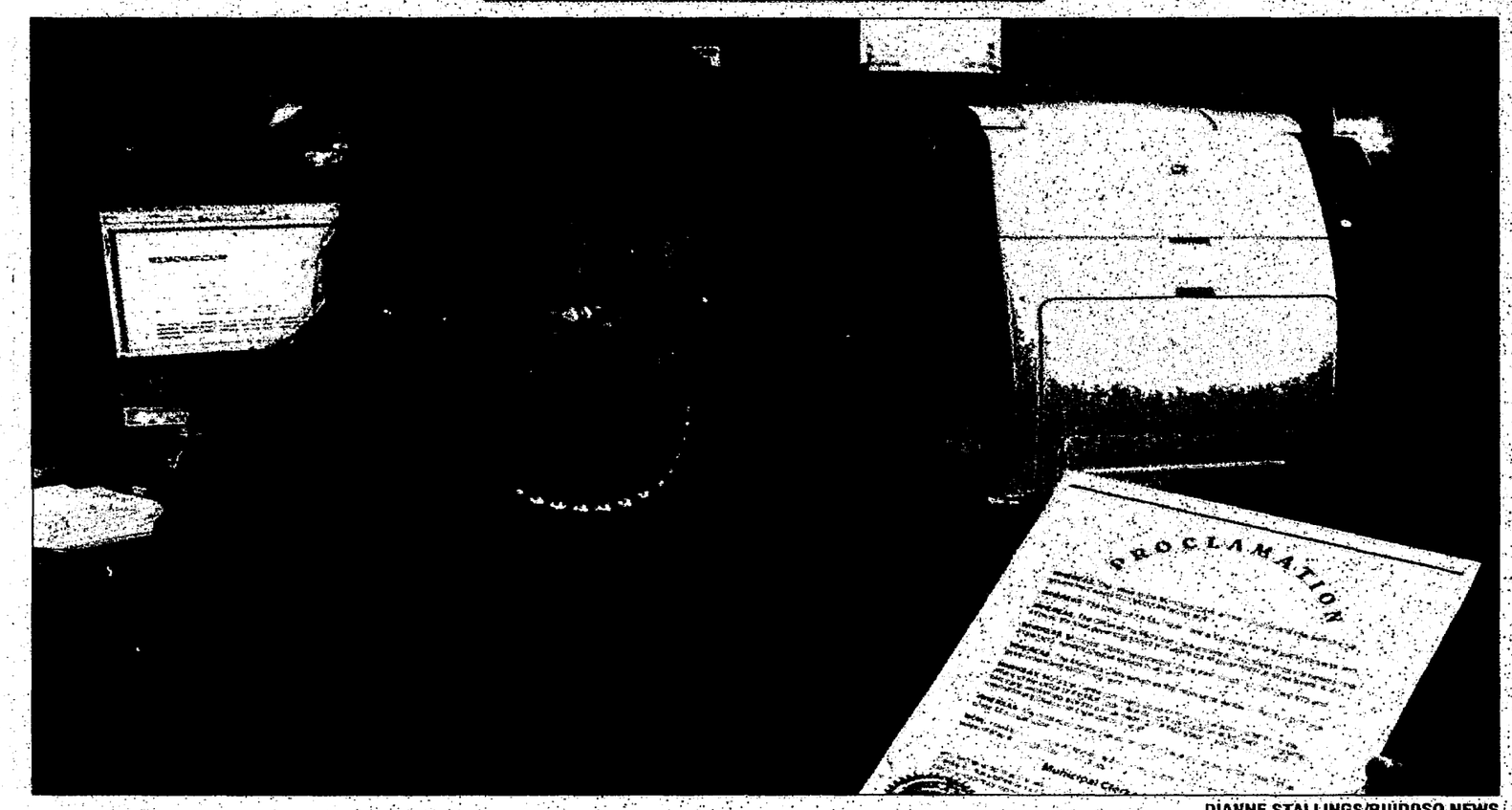
Bryant also clarified that the easement will stay with the property, no matter who owns it.

Decker said Van Haselen still must replat (file a new legal layout at the Lincoln County clerk's office) all of the separate parcels into one tract and will designate the easement on that document.

If the water line requires repair, the village would be responsible for the same pavement patching and replacement as it would if the street remained public, he said.

The gated parking will be designed with a "hammerhead" turnaround large enough for emergency vehicles, Decker said.

MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK



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Irma Devine, Ruidoso Municipal Clerk, accepted a proclamation Tuesday from Ruidoso Mayor L. Ray Nunley declaring May 4-10 as Municipal Clerks Week. The mayor said he depends on Devine to keep him out of trouble and in compliance with rules. The proclamation noted that clerks pledge to be neutral and impartial in rendering service to all, serve as an information center on functions of local government and the community, act as the link between government and citizens and serve in the oldest position among public servants.

WWTP engineer receives award

FROM REPORTS

The firm designing the new Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant owned jointly by Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs received a prestigious award for a treatment option study connected to that project.

The revamped and expanded treatment plant, which is causing local financial pain for customers as they receive their higher monthly bills to pay for the construction, is mandated by stricter environmental standards on contaminant levels tied to its effluent discharge permit into the Ruidoso River.

The New Mexico Chapter of the American Council of Engineering Companies singled, out the Ruidoso/Ruidoso Downs Joint Use Board Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements study of treatment options completed by Molzen-Corbin & Associates for the 2008 Engineering Excellence Award.

According to a news release on the recognition, "The award recognizes not only the project's technical engineering innovation and complexity but also its benefits to the community."

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OUR OPINION

Water reclamation an exciting story

Concept gets our hopes up, anyway

For a parched, wind-blown and budget-stretched community desperately in need of good news, we have a story worth looking into.

Water reclamation.

It's a story in its infancy, using a technology that could still be a work in progress. But Ruidoso Village Council threw its unanimous weight behind the idea in a recent special meeting (with one counselor absent). And the mayor has emerged as a cheerleader for the concept.

If water reclamation, or reuse, ever bears fruit, it could be the legacy bequeathed by Mayor L. Ray Nunley and, for that matter, the entire council.

To put it simply – and because we're not engineers, we do so for our own purposes, as well – water reclamation has the potential to reuse effluent for non-potable purposes such as golf course irrigation. That could free up potable (fit for human consumption) water for its most important uses, saving the village, the mayor estimates, up to 400 acre-feet of potable water a year.

One acre-foot equates to about 325,800 gallons of water.

The story doesn't end there. The use of treated effluent is being considered as a method of reducing the Wastewater Treatment Plant's impact on the Ruidoso River, which would help in compliance issues with the EPA and state ED and reduce the dependency on basin water rights.

All this has the potential to benefit downstream (valley) users, who have long complained of the negative impact by upstream users on their wells and aquifers.

The story continues: The concept could possibly revise efforts at expanding and revamping the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant in Ruidoso Downs; Ruidoso and the Downs are facing a $40 million pricetag, paid for by utility hikes and property tax increases, respectively, to fund that project.

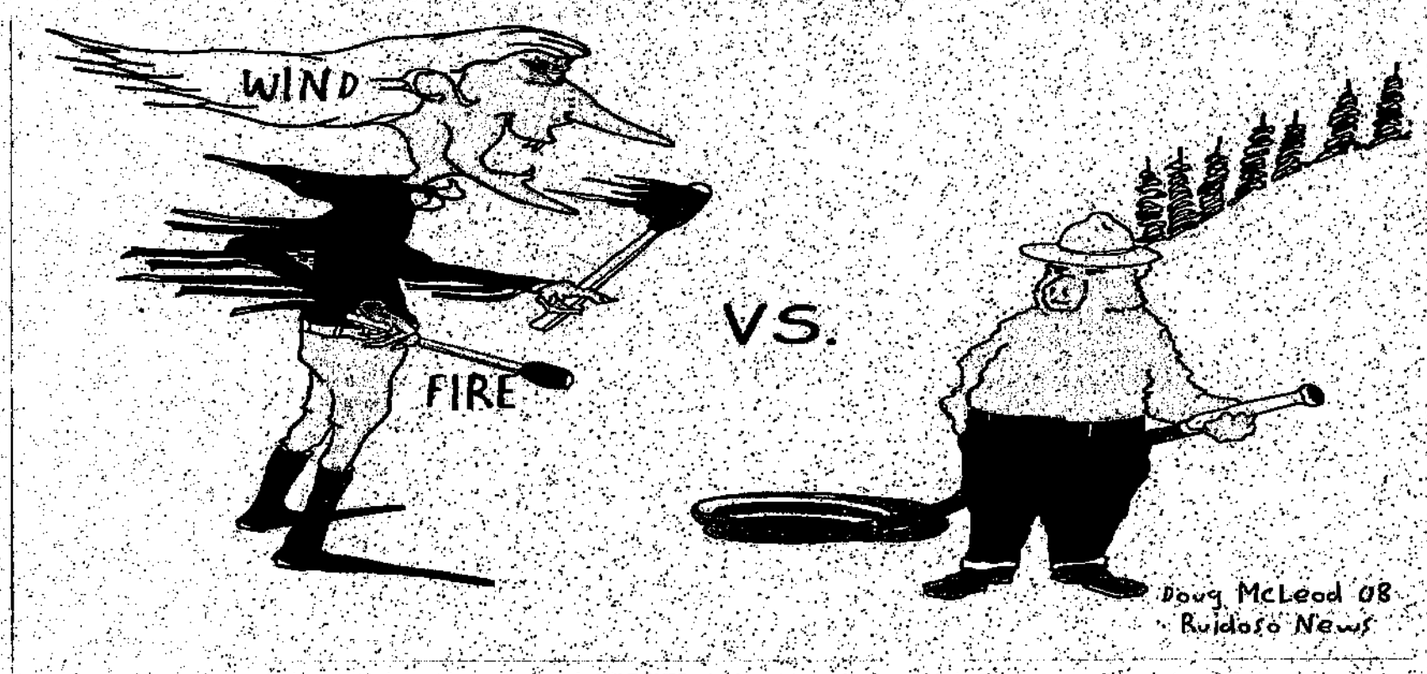
Mayor Nunley enthusiastically feels that some of that money can instead be redirected into recycling water.

Where all this leads is anybody's guess. The council will pursue an engineering design and procurement of satellite water reclamation plants for the village. And Ruidoso officials will endeavor to meet with same from the Downs and members of the Joint Use Board (some overlapping, there) to discuss the matter.

This nice little story dovetails with a ramping up of the "green" movement throughout the culture. While some aspects of the movement will have its trendy and self-serving aspects; and while there still is a debate as to the reality of human-caused global warming, our looming energy crisis should be enough to argue for the merits of recycled and renewable resources.

Finite resources – water must be considered among them, even though nature is constantly recycling and replenishing it – must be handled by conservation and cutting-edge technology. Water reclamation fits right into that dynamic.

Lincoln County is blessed with great thinkers and experts regarding water. Is this all doable? Is it affordable? What are the risks and the side-effects? How might it impact our mountain culture? We'd like to hear from you.



YOUR OPINION

New Downs mayor cares about city

To the editor:

ANYONE ASSUMING a new position for the first time can be labeled a "rookie," as your reporter called the newly elected mayor of Ruidoso Downs.

Newspaper reporters are not exempt from the "rookie" title and apparently some of your reporters are still in the beginning stage of their career or they are very biased, since they are not reporting the entire story concerning the past and present administration of Ruidoso Downs.

Looking back over articles published in the *Ruidoso News* during the past several weeks, one has to assume your reporters did and still do favor the past administration.

Apparently, they prefer communicators that say one thing then do another verses someone that listens, is honest and does what he tells you he will do. As a resident of Ruidoso Downs, I feel relieved knowing that our city is now being ran by a man with a conscience who cares about our city and all its residents, instead of a power-hungry manager.

I hope that the city manager didn't resign only to be replaced with a "rookie" councilor that thrives on power and attention. Sadly, I campaigned and voted for this person, believing that he would be a voice for all the people. Having watched him in action at the past three council meetings, he has shown his true colors. Grandstanding, losing his temper and throwing his pen down when the final vote didn't go his way, which your reporter failed to mention in his article concerning this vote.

Claiming he had not been given or told necessary information concerning an agenda item, when in fact he had. Not using his own mind to add and subtract the city's 2007-08 budget figures.

By doing this he would realize that if the council approved the Mayor's proposed recommendations for personnel changes that the city budget would still show a surplus.

This councilor stated during the council meeting "I want to let citizens know we're not just throwing money around." As a citizen and taxpayer, I appreciate that statement but feel there wasn't much substance to his remark as he turned right around and voted to renew the city attorney's contract for another four years.

It doesn't take an Einstein to realize Ruidoso Downs is going to pay more money for a legal service out of Carlsbad versus a Lincoln County attorney. What's wrong with keeping our tax dollars at home, especially when the city can get the same "excellent service" for less money?

Also, if he, other councilors and their supporters in the audience would look back to the prior administration, they would know the real reason why city employees received no pay raise during the 2007-08 budget year. Our ex-city manager, at the November 26, 2007, city council meeting said he did not recommend any increase in salaries for city employees. Could his reason be partly due to the $40,000-plus he had spent in September on a Founders Day? He had insisted that all activities, dinner and dance be free to everyone that weekend in lieu of charging a minimal fee to cover cost.

I'm sure the city employees, which all worked very hard on this project, would have enjoyed more money on their future paychecks verses two day's of fun for anyone wishing to attend at no charge.

The positions of mayor and councilor are not easy ones as they are elected to run our city government to the best of their ability and there's no way to please all the people all the time. The people that voted for change in our city government want each one of these elected officials to be opened minded, not self-serving, when making decisions that will affect our city and its residents.

Hopefully, we will all learn to "listen" to each other and start working together for the betterment of Ruidoso Downs.

Joyce Gustafson
Ruidoso Downs

Editor's note: The "rookie" reference was not made by a reporter but by the editor in a recent editorial questioning the wisdom of releasing an experienced, long-time manager at the start of a new administration.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Wyoming's air is getting thick

The Rockies are losing their air and water quality for a quickie solution to the energy crisis.

DWAYNE MEADOWS
Writers on the Range

Recently, I heard an ozone warning for the first time on Wyoming radio. I grew up in the tiny town of Saratoga and have lived in Wyoming for 27 of my 34 years, and during that time I've watched air quality decrease in other places -- like Denver. But I never expected to hear air-quality alerts in Sublette County, Wyo., where hardly anybody lives.

The warning meant that children and the elderly should not go outside and breathe the mountain air; although the radio did not say that, the local newspaper did. The ozone is caused by pollutants emitted from natural gas fields in the area combined with weather conditions and temperature inversions. The warning was repeated three times over the course of 12 days.

To think that this rural region is faced with air-quality issues similar to Los Angeles and Denver is downright sad.

Then for this last Christmas, the Bureau of Land Management gave the citizens of Sublette County an ominous present: the Pinedale Anticline Draft Revised Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. The bureaucratic mouthful is a proposal for 4,000 new gas wells in a field that already has 500 and that is the root cause of our decreased air quality.

The document's release was accompanied by a barrage of radio and newspaper ads explaining how the energy industry is doing right by the people of Wyoming. I couldn't even listen to the Wyoming Cowboys lose at basketball without hearing this rah-rah message.

Fortunately, the Environmental Protection Agency's response to the plan garnered wide public attention. When the EPA said that the proposed expansion of the gas field could not possibly meet air or water quality standards -- sending the BLM back to the drawing board -- the industry's media blitz fell silent.

Currently, Sublette County has two of the highest-production natural gas fields in the Rockies: The Pinedale Anticline and the Jonah Field, stretching 30 miles south of Pinedale. During the summer in these fields, 35 drilling rigs can use 1,200 gallons of diesel per day, while trucks add to the dust and emissions. The well-completion process contributes by burning off excess gas, and the wells themselves burn fuel.

Wyoming has now become the poster child for the latest energy boom in the Rockies, with citizens in Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Montana warned to get involved when gas development looms or face becoming the "next Wyoming" -- as if we are the Chernobyl of the Rockies.

We are at the heart of the action: Of the 26 million acres leased for oil and gas in the Rockies in the past decade, 13 million acres are in Wyoming, and the Wyoming BLM has already leased a half-million acres this year. Yet many Wyomingites say little or nothing as outdoor opportunities are lost for generations to come.

My father left a good job in Michigan to raise his children in Wyoming. My parents struggled through the '80s bust like everyone in the West, and I grew up hunting and fishing in places that have now been filled with wells and roads. We are losing our air quality, water quality, fish and wildlife habitat for a flash-in-the-pan answer to the energy crisis. Do we need energy from the Rockies? Yes. Do we need to drill every valley in the region in the next decade? No.

The Fish and Wildlife Forensics Lab in Ashland, Ore., estimates that every year up to a half-million birds die in oil and gas waste pits in the Rockies. For comparison, the Exxon Valdez spill killed about a quarter-million birds. At what point will we take a hard look at energy development in the Rockies and figure out how we can do it responsibly?

Right now, any calls for moderate development are deemed un-American, and when restrictions are proposed, the industry pouts and threatens to leave.

I know, the real problem is obvious: It's the gas-guzzler in my driveway and my energy-inefficient home. But I am trying to conserve. I just want Wyoming to moderate the pace of energy extraction so that the state's natural wonders of wildlife don't become roadkill.

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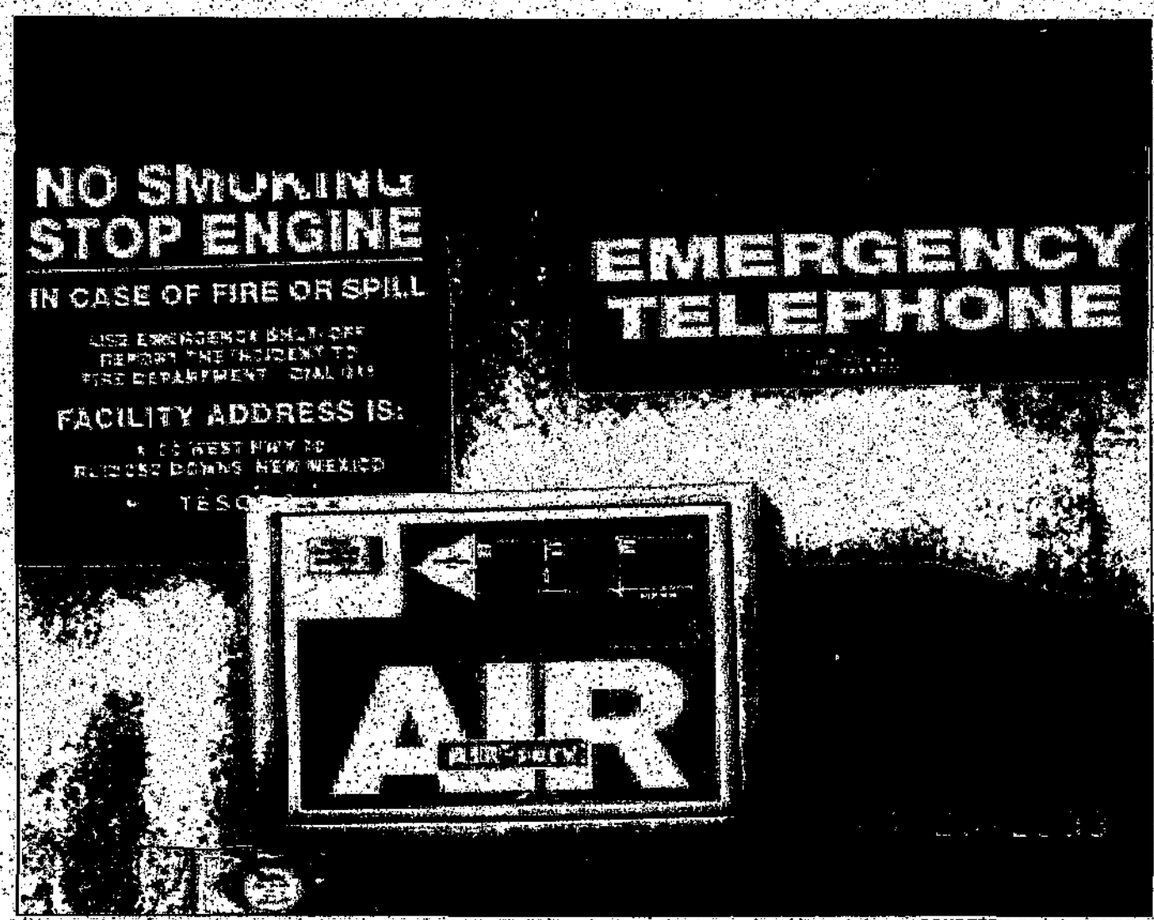

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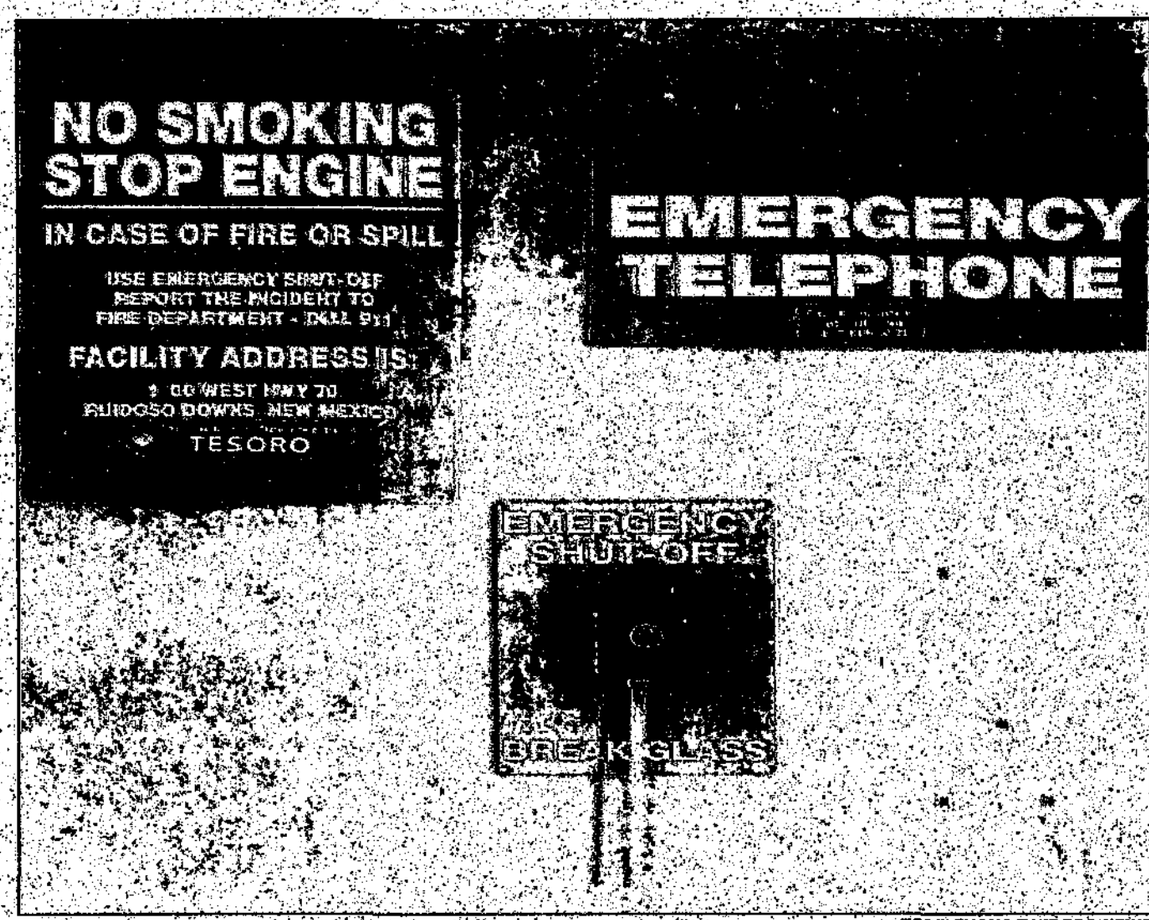

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In the photo taken on Monday, at left, an air dispenser is mounted in front of the emergency shut-off button at Mirastar gas station in the Wal-Mart parking lot. On Thursday, the dispenser had been moved, allowing for better access to the emergency shut-off.

Citizen's complaint resolves fire code violation

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One person can make a difference. Case in point, Gerald Curtis.

Last Friday, Curtis, who lives in Grants but does frequent business in the Ruidoso area, stopped at the Mirastar gas station in the Wal-Mart parking lot in Ruidoso Downs.

Looking around as a pump slowly flushed gasoline into his tank, Curtis noticed that an emergency shut-off valve was nowhere in sight.

He spotted a sign on a pole by the pumps noting that a shut-off valve for emergencies was located at a kiosk. Although the building wasn't marked, Curtis figured the reference was to a small structure east of the pumps, where a pay-for-air machine was positioned.

He walked over to check for the valve and finally found it, hidden directly behind the air machine.

"At first, I thought the emergency communication button was the shut off, but I was wrong," he said. "The shut-off button was obliterated by the pay-for-air pump."

By law, the power shut-off to the pumps is supposed to be accessible to limit gasoline spills or in case of fire and other emergencies, he said.

"Someone rattled during an emergency could have wasted valuable time trying to figure what structure was considered the kiosk and then to find the hidden button, he said.

"This gasoline sales location is governed by Section 2203.2 of the International Fire Code, which specifically states the need for a Shut-Off Switch that must be readily visible and accessible to the public, and between 20 feet and 100 feet from the pumps."

Not someone to sit by when he sees a potentially dangerous situation, Curtis called the Ruidoso Downs Fire Department to report the situation. While he was waiting for someone to arrive, a gasoline delivery tanker pulled up, he said.

"I suggested waiting for the fire department before he pumped," Curtis said.

He said he also suggested to an assistant manager at Wal-Mart, which leases space to Mirastar, that a temporary sign be put up until the situation was corrected.

But for his trouble and time, Curtis said the reaction was for him to select another gas station for his business.

Monday evening, when he saw that nothing had changed despite assurances from Mirastar, Curtis said he spoke to Alfred Ortiz, who heads the Ruidoso Downs Public Safety Department. The police chief seemed genuinely concerned and Curtis sent him photographs to review.

Meanwhile, Curtis fired off some photographs of the hidden cut-off to the State Fire Marshal's office and spoke to two different officials there, who cited the applicable sections of the International Fire Code being violated, sections that require the shut-off to be visible and accessible to the public, or as an alternative, require someone on duty 24 hours a day.

Curtis said he was referred to Tesoro Petroleum in Seattle, Wash., the company he was told maintains the station, and he was turned over to an account manager.

Curtis also was assured by a State Fire Marshal's representative that early Wednesday he would speak to the assistant State Fire Marshal, who would be responsible for any directive to check out the station.

"I already told the Fire Marshal's office I consider this poorly responded to and I would be willing to be a witness if (the assistant fire marshal) wants to fine someone," Curtis said.

"They made me the bad guy in this. All they had to do is put up a temporary sign or tell Mirastar to stop selling gas until (the valve was visible and marked).

"Mirastar told me they had local people to take care of the situation."

About 3 p.m., Tuesday, Curtis finally was contacted by a Tesoro official. Although he declined to be quoted, the individual apparently carried through on a pledge Curtis said he received that the situation would be remedied by noon Wednesday.

Mid-morning Wednesday, a pickup truck pulled in front of the kiosk and removed the machine. Ortiz also contacted Curtis by e-mail confirming the air machine removal.

Pleased that this one situation was resolved, Curtis said he wonders how many other similar abuses of the code are occurring.

"The air pump's placement should never have been tolerated in the first place when it was installed by an outside vendor over three years ago, and I fault the lassitude of Tesoro/Mirastar Oil and its lack of oversight," says Gerald Curtis.

"The air pump's placement should never have been tolerated in the first place when it was installed by an outside vendor over three years ago, and I fault the lassitude of Tesoro/Mirastar Oil and its lack of oversight that allowed that placement," Curtis said.

"Such a failure to have the Ruidoso Downs community's safety held paramount (and a five-day delay for correction) is a prime reason a Code Violation fine should be levied."

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Providing much-needed local care

A group of physicians from Albuquerque are dedicated to providing Ruidoso with the best cancer treatment possible

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Living with cancer is already a considerable burden – both on the patient and friends and family.

The burden becomes even greater when the closest treatment is at least a three-hour drive away.

That's why oncologists from New Mexico Oncology Hematology Consultants in Albuquerque began coming to Ruidoso on a regular basis.

Dr. Barbara McAneny is one of four oncologists from the New Mexico Cancer Center that make trips once a month to Ruidoso by plane to visit cancer patients in the area.

The oncologists make similar trips to Silver City, and have a satellite center in Rio Rancho. The center recently finished a comprehensive care facility in Gallup.

"Almost all chemotherapy treatment can be administered right there in Ruidoso," McAneny said. "All the patients know we're traveling so they don't have to, and they're delightful when talking to us about our flight."

McAneny is joined by fellow oncologists Dr. Annette Campbell-Fontaine and Dr. Natalie Marshall, and will soon be joined by Dr. Robert Geller. The center is able to provide five doctor days a month to each clinic.

While the ability to provide state-of-the-art cancer treatment to a small town like Ruidoso is a welcome thing for cancer patients, McAneny said a number of patients aren't aware of this service.

"New doctors in town may not know about it, and patients will move into down and not know what treatment options are here," McAneny said. "We get along very well with the medical community that's there. We have to have a local doctor to coordinate care that's the key."

The oncologists work out of Dr. Frank Dimotta's office at 208 Porr Dr., and coordinate closely with local full-time nurses Karen Zoller and Lynette Lane.

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Physicians and professionals available to provide cancer treatment in Ruidoso include (back row, l-r), Karen Zoller, CNP, OCN; Dr. Barbara McAneny; Dr. Annete Campbell-Fontaine. Front row (l-r) Nettie Lane, RN, and Elisa DeHerrera, medical secretary.

McAneny was also quick to praise the work of medical secretary Elisa DeHerrera, who keeps things running smoothly.

"We go where we're asked to go; it's up to the local physicians to let us know," McAneny said. "We're always in touch with a patient's personal physician, so it's not like they're switching doctors when we see them. We rely on the work and information the primary care physicians provide for these patients.

"We can't be there all the time; that's why the primary care physician is so important," she added. "We're just there to lend a hand with the cancer treatment."

Embezzlement 101

or How your employees can rob you blind and what you can do to prevent it

***Editor's note:** The following was written by J.C. Tate, Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy, and Sarah Mitchell, a convicted embezzler. The two will give a presentation on the subject today at 2 p.m. at the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce. This is the first in a series of articles on the subject.*

This is not a cops and robbers story; this is not a tale of victims and villains. This is a study of fairly normal people; how they can abuse each other; how they can fall from grace. One of these people is your author: Sarah Mitchell. Who is she? How did she merit hearing the hollow echo of slamming steel doors locking her in a prison cell?

Mitchell

Tate

Sarah was born into a home where drug availability and use was normal. In fact, the absence of illegal drugs was unusual because drug trafficking was commonplace. Maybe, due to the lack of any novelty to drugs, Sarah wasn't a habitual user, and she grew into an attractive, smart, successful young woman.

Sarah became a certified pharmacy technician. Later, an opportunity to work with a veterinarian allowed her to use her pharmaceutical skills and presented the opportunity to become a self-taught bookkeeper. She succeeded too well; she became expert in areas where her boss was not, such as office management and accounting; she became his most reliable, multi-faceted employee – thus always on call. An opportunity also arose to become too friendly with her employer; and that personal relationship distorted a proper employer-employee environment. In short, Sarah was largely able to become her own supervisor, a completely trusted and independent employee.

This business environment became more confused when the romantic environment evolved into discussions of marriage. Now potential marriage meant what was an employer-employee relationship could potentially become a partnership relationship.

For Sarah, stress was building. She was working all the time, on-call all the time, seemingly responsible for all aspects of the business except surgical or extensive veterinarian services. Due to a dual sense of duty, professional and personal, Sarah allowed herself to become overextended.

If all this weren't enough, Sarah enrolled in full-time study at NMSU in Las Cruces. The demands of job, science courses and home became too much: The stress provoked a temptation to seek extra energy – energy from illegal drugs.

Illegal drugs cost money – money in excess normal household needs. That requirement for additional money created even more stress. This downward cycle evolved into embezzlement. Since Sarah had complete access and effective control over all financial accounts, and her employer already mixed his personal and business purchases on company accounts, it was easy for Sarah to make similar personal purchases too.

Since Sarah felt overworked at work, she felt justified in receiving a little extra remuneration. The romantic relationship meant that when financial irregularities were discovered by the employer, he was hesitant to demand cessation or repayment; in fact, in some cases these unauthorized borrowings were later authorized.

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The Gas Gauge

Average prices in the area and state for the week

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- Prices at the pump in the Ruidoso area range from $3.62 to $3.72 a gallon.
- The state's average is $3.56, up from last month's $3.28 and up from last year's $3.02.
- Other state prices include $3.59 in Alamogordo, $3.48 in Albuquerque, $3.53 in Las Cruces and $3.55 in Santa Fe.
- In Texas, gas was listed at $3.45 in El Paso, $3.52 in Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington and $3.50 in Houston. Statewide, Texas averages $3.52 per gallon.
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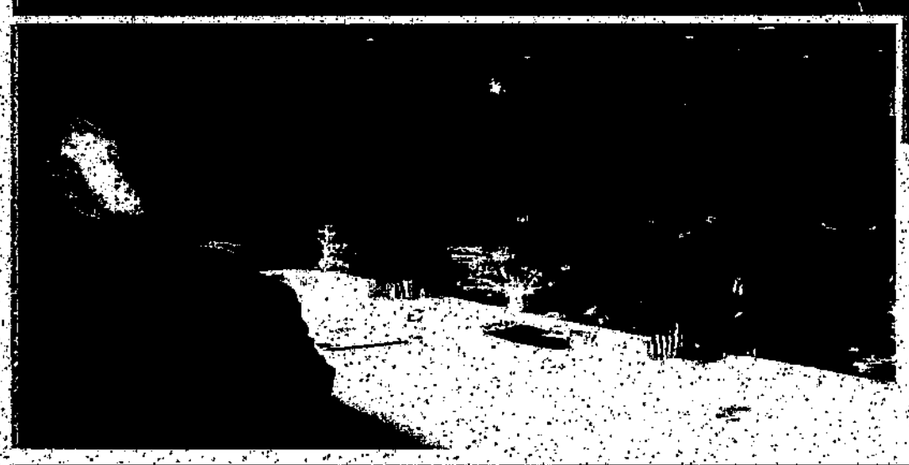

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Popular motivational speaker Rick Rigsby, above, greets attendees following Thursday's Lincoln County Prayer Breakfast, which had been expected to draw a record of more than 1,000 people (left). Rigsby is the chaplain of the Texas A&M football team and a professor at the university.

OPEN

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150 watched from the open bay doorways.

The primary architect on the project could not attend, a representative of Rohde, May, Keller, McNamara Architecture explained. His home was threatened by a wildfire in northern New Mexico and he had to stay near to evacuate his animals. Officials with White Sands Construction in Alamogordo, the contractor on the job, were introduced.

Along with thanking organizations that showed support for the fire station, Vincent singled out members of SERG, which outfitted the station gymnasium. Laura Doth later explained SERG stands for Special Events Resource Group, which puts on Oktoberfest and the All American Gun and Western Collectible Show. All of the proceeds go back into Lincoln County charities and to scholarships for county high school graduates.

Vincent said he learned just minutes earlier that members of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce Greeters decided that morning to contribute $5,000 toward the mosaic mural to be created on the fire station wall facing Sudderth Drive.

Vincent contrasted the fire department from when it was founded in 1948 with 12 volunteers, answering about 150 calls annually, to 2007. Last year, the department responded to 1,800 calls. It operates three stations, two substations, five division crews, one ladder crew, two rescue units, two wildland units and one ambulance. Staff includes three shift captains, three lieutenants, 12 fire fighters and five volunteers, in addition to the chief, assistant chief and an essential administrative assistant, he said.

BLAZE

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the agency headquarters on Apache Summit, she said. Winds were pushing flames in a northeasterly direction and were causing embers to blow and spark new fires.

"It's causing a lot of spotting," she said. "You can see it from our door. It's cranking and jumping over New Mexico 244. They're trying to catch the spots."

Evacuations voluntary

Evacuations remained voluntary, but Shaffer said many people were trying to get out of the area.

The fire swept the ridge where the Telephone Canyon Fire previously burned, but hopes of creating a fire break there were dashed, because the fire retardant couldn't be air-dropped, she said. Some slash piles remained on the ground.

The fire was concentrated in heavily wooded areas from the junction of Mud Canyon and NM 244, which was closed. Firefighting crews from Mescalero and units from the Ruidoso Fire Department hit the fire early, and other groups joined them to battle the wind-fed blaze, which was miles from Ruidoso but visible from ridges.

A Type II Fire Management Team was slated to take over direction of the firefighting efforts and local firefighters said they hoped the wind would subside overnight to give them a chance for partial containment.

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Kokopelli were as many homes at risk. The latter saw 29 homes destroyed in the Alto area within the first few hours. As Ruidoso was dubbed the urban-wildland interface area most at-risk for wildfire, village officials responded with passage of forest management rules requiring reduction of vegetation and debris that could be fuel for fire, creating a defensible space around homes and use of fire-resistant construction materials.

Gi Stalzer said she didn't need the ordinances. On her own, three years before the 1977 fire, she essentially created the defensible space touted so heavily today.

She was concerned about the unhealthy appearance of many trees and a state forestry official came to their property and explained about dwarf mistletoe and other diseases and parasites that weaken the trees.

Pulling scrub oak

"He told me to get rid of the scrub oak, because when it burns, it explodes," Gi Stalzer said. "I got help from an 80-year-old retired minister to pull them all out in 1974. We waited until the rainy season, so we could pull out the roots. Other people cut them, but that's not as effective.

"Ed (her husband) was so unhappy, because the yard wasn't green like other properties, but when the fire came three years later, he took me in his arms and told me that I saved the house."

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'Silence is not golden' says Altrusa during National Hearing Month

Altrusa International of Ruidoso continues nine years in support of Lincoln County Medical Center's program of screening newborns immediately after birth for hearing ability.

Today, most states are mandating hearing screening before a newborn infant leaves the hospital.

Without such programs, the average age of detection of significant hearing loss is approximately 14 months.

According to the ASHA, American Speech Language Hearing Association, when hearing loss is detected late, language development is already delayed. Children are more likely then to perform below their grade level, to be held back or even to drop out of school.

During the past nine years, Altrusa's goal has been to help in the effort to identify the hearing impaired child by providing specific related information to the parent or caregiver as they observe development from birth through 3 years.

Altrusa Club provides for the parent or caregiver a brochure (English and Spanish) recommended by the NIDCD (National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders). The brochure includes information on early detection, along with a check list of developmental milestones for babies from birth to 3 years old.

Resources for additional information are also included.

More than 1,300 brochures are distributed throughout Lincoln County and to Mescalero by Altrusa members and friends.

The Deafness Research Foundation recently issued a report card on each state's success rate in instituting universal screening and a statewide system of coordination, training quality and follow-up has been established; New Mexico scored "excellent."

But ASHA reports that although the majority of infants are now screened for hearing loss, almost 60 percent of those who do not pass the screening are lost to follow-up.

For this reason, Phase II of this initiative will widen its scope to include children up to 5 years of age.

Emphasis will be placed on increasing the number of infants who return for a follow-up evaluation, and on preparing the hearing impaired child socially, emotionally, physically, and academically for entering Kindergarten.

A working group of the NIDCD identified several factors influencing whether parents bring their child back for a follow-up examination. They concluded that the number of children who return for the follow-up examination could be improved if:

- Parents fully understood their child's screening results;
- Parents fully understood the importance of the diagnostic evaluation; and
- Parents were provided with necessary contact and resource information.

As Altrusa International of Ruidoso and friends participate in and support Phase II throughout Lincoln County, emphasis will be on the hearing impaired child up to 5 years of age.

Through a team effort in intervention and activating a program designed for each specific child; through meeting his/her needs; physically, socially, emotionally and academically; through family, professionals and community effort and concern, the hearing impaired child can enjoy as much classroom success as his unimpaired classmates.

Look for the golden brochure, "Silence Isn't Always Golden."

It will be available in public places throughout Lincoln County, including your doctor's office, church, bank, library or school.

For more information about this initiative, call the Altrusa project chair at 575-257-1803.

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Pandemic flu summit held in Santa Fe

■ State agencies plan how to keep government going during a public health emergency

SANTA FE – People representing 29 state agencies attended the New Mexico Department of Health's pandemic flu summit, April 11, to learn how they should prepare for a public health emergency, such as a pandemic flu.

"The possibility of a public health emergency is not a matter of if, it's a matter of when," Health Secretary Dr. Alfredo Vigil told the audience of approximately 65 individuals.

"This is about being prepared to continue providing essential services to New Mexicans and keeping our work places safe during an emergency."

The goal of the summit was to outline the roles of each state agency, how they would coordinate programs that stretch across departments and how each department would develop a plan for making sure work continues during a pandemic.

The Department of Health will provide technical assistance to state agencies as they develop their plans.

"Communicating, discussing and planning for extraordinary health emergencies will help state government, and the community as a whole, respond more calmly and effectively to any situation," said Tim Manning, Director of New Mexico's Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

The Department of Health asked all state departments to develop a plan that outlines three major goals: ensure all basic services will continue, protect citizens and sustain and support state infrastructure. The Department developed its pandemic flu plan in 1995 and revised it in 2006. For more information about pandemic flu and to view the Department's plan, visit www.nmhealth.org/flu/pandemic.html.

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NM Dept. of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

"It is every state agency's responsibility to know their role during an emergency, and we are here to help departments develop plans that detail how they would prepare, respond and recover," said Don Torres, senior pandemic planner at the Department of Health.

To respond to an emergency, the Department's Health Emergency Management Bureau has a Health Alert Network in which it notifies healthcare providers in New Mexico of specific health risks or disease investigations.

In the next year, the Department is focusing on helping hospitals develop management and evacuation plans, determine hospital bed availability and assess hospital capabilities and resources.

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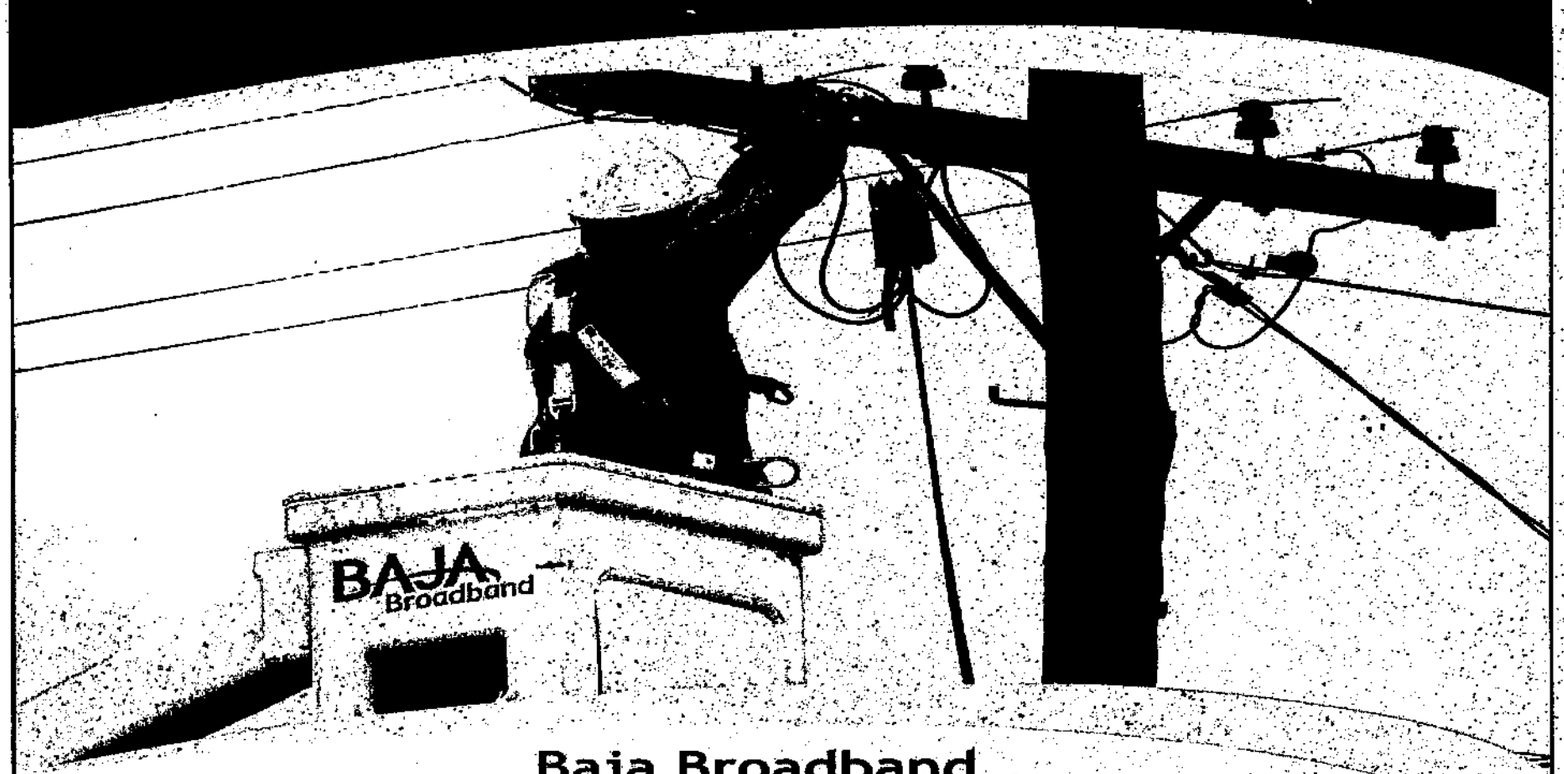

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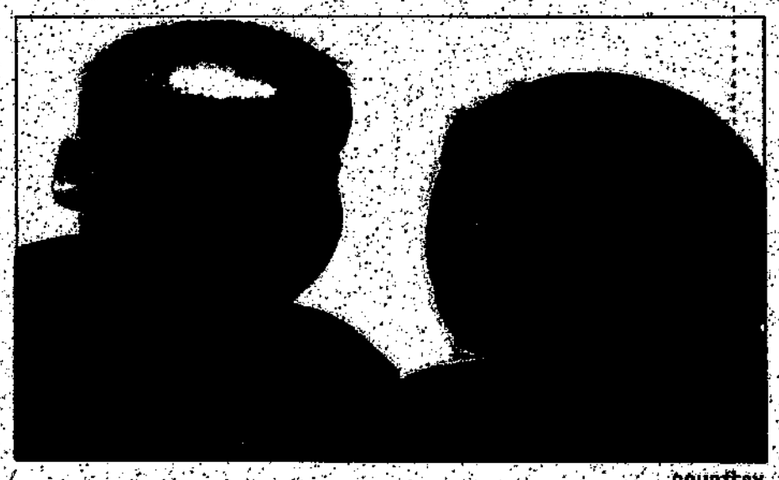

COURTESY

Holly Stephens and Jeremy Bishop will be married July 26, 2008, in Las Vegas, Nev., at Caesar's Palace. Holly is the daughter of Dwayne and Darlene Stephens of Georgetown, Texas, and Jeremy is the son of Dave and Charla Bishop, of Ruidoso. The bride-elect is a graduate of Texas State University and is currently a first-grade teacher for Rio Rancho Public Schools. The future bridegroom is a graduate of New Mexico State University and is a financial analyst.

German film crew chronicles WWII camp at Fort Stanton

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A German film crew arrived at historic Fort Stanton, April 20, to chronicle the story of the World War II German Internment Camp there.

Historian and fort supporter Lynda Sánchez pointed out that ironically, it was the same date that the Columbus Cruise Ship was sunk and resulted in more than 400 German sailors being interned at the fort during World War II.

"That date also happens to be Adolf Hitler's birth date, April 20, 1889," she said. "It was his order to scuttle all ships rather than be captured that led the crew to sink this elegant mini-Titanic with all aboard.

"Luckily, they were picked up by the Tuscaloosa and thus began their journey to the United States and ultimately to Fort Stanton, New Mexico."

Sánchez said Jim McBride, author of the book *Internment*, and two others about the fort commissioned in 1855, acted as host for the crew from Vidicon television. Annette Sanders was the lead interviewer and her crew filmed and interviewed McBride and two or three locals, including Alfred Sánchez and Capitan's Edith Malcom, who remembered the Germans or whose parents passed on stories.

"The day began early, and ended late as they had to make an early flight the following day," Sánchez said. "Previously, they spent about three days in New Jersey talking to crew members who now live there.

"They had a brief tour of the Fort, but spent most of the time filming on site at the Internment Camp and then at the cemetery, where four of the Germans are buried. A quick trip to (the historic settlement of) Lincoln was included to show them the beautifully engraved 'Columbus' rock given to the town of Lincoln by some of the internees."

She said lunch was provided for the visitors in traditional Western fashion with a Mexican buffet put together by Barbara Heiser and the Outryders, a special Lincoln group that has helped at the Stables Restoration Project and Cowboy Days in Carrizozo.

"For this occasion, they strutted their stuff with period dresses and costumes, many handmade leather and beaded outfits," Sánchez said. Fort Stanton Inc./Foundation also provided drinks, homemade desserts and helped host the Berliners. Set up and take down was done by all, including the crew from CiviGenics. And in hospitality mode, Fort Stanton Inc./Foundation gave each Berliner a T-shirt, cap, calendar and book about the Fort.

"Their trip to the states no doubt overwhelmed them with the size, the distance and the grandeur of our Lincoln County. They asked many questions about Fort Stanton, the buildings and the plans. Ernesto Ortega, director of New Mexico State Monuments, also was on hand to welcome them and explain what the plans are during the coming years."

Sanders was asked to send the final film or video to Ortega for the state archives.

"All in all, it was a beautiful day and showcased one of the many fascinating historic aspects of Fort Stanton State Monument," Sánchez said. "More than 35 people were on the veranda enjoying the beauty and serenity of the fort. Joe Arcure documented the event by photographing the crew in action.

"I am sure the Germans felt like they were in the wild West."

Sánchez said it appeared obvious that Ortega has a major interest in the area and in maintaining the integrity of the site, of the buildings and also in encouraging supporters to lobby legislators to ensure future funding for the staff, who also pitched in to make the day memorable.

Sánchez reported that officials with Otero Co. Electric Co-op renewed that organization's sponsorship and interest in the Horse Stables Restoration Project.

"They have donated another $1,000 toward the project and this year the money will be used for supplies and a training session from Cornerstones staff," she said. "The Board also assigned one of their members, Fred Hansen from Alto, to work with the Lincoln County Historical Society, Fort Stanton Inc./-Foundation and others to become more familiar with needs and how they can better help in the future."

Mark Mackenzie, state director of Conservation, was at the fort meeting two weeks ago for his first visit, she said.

COURTESY JOSEPH ARCURE

Annette Sanders, a member of a German film crew, speaks with Edith Malcom at Fort Stanton about the German interniment camp there during World War II. During their stay, the Germans, rescued from a scuttled cruise ship, built a mini-town with swimming pool, recreation hall and homes.

"He made several excellent suggestions with regard to area displays, temperature control, lighting and just basic museum 'stuff,'" Sánchez said. "The architects and SHPO were here, along with John Wheeless, project manager from Santa Fe.

"Although there is now a moratorium on burials at the cemetery, it is still part of the monument, and Mr. Ortega will be the keynote speaker during the Memorial Day Services. Working with Veterans groups will be very important in the coming years. Transfer of the fort officially from State Property Control to the Department of Cultural Affairs will take place probably by the beginning of this fiscal year, July 1.

"Everything in New Mexico moves slowly, and as Gov. Lew Wallace said, 'Every calculation based on experience elsewhere fails in New Mexico.'"

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 (5/2/08). As you make plans this year, be watching for hidden dangers. To get into the harbor, you'll have to get through the dangerous reef. Avoid the perils by figuring out where they are ahead of time. Take a class, if necessary.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - You're starting to get impatient. That's not a good idea. Important people are watching to see if you have good judgment. Think longer before taking action.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - For the next few weeks, you'll obsess about the things you want to buy. It's hard to stick to your budget under these conditions. Yet there are a few things you really ought to get. And, you can.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - Listen carefully, but don't hurry to make a commitment. Travel's not a good idea either, unless you can't postpone it. Watch what you're doing and watch what other people are doing, too.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - It's not quite as easy to get what you want for the next few days. If you're quick, you can get into a good position to see what's going on. Don't draw attention to yourself.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - You've probably planned carefully, but that won't be enough. Last-minute changes require quick action. Stay on your toes.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 9 - There's not quite enough money to do everything you'd like. Not yet, anyway. If you and a loved one work together, you'll get there eventually. Or have fun trying.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - Travel and publications are favored until July 10. It's also a good time to learn a foreign language. Give you any ideas?

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - Once you've made up your mind what you want and need, it'll be time for you and somebody important to go on a shopping trip. Get a few nice things for your home.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - Your home's the best place to entertain tonight, and your family members are the best guests. Take home something special for dessert, just to show you care. It's a party!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - The whole job won't be easy. There will be difficult decisions, some of them very soon. If you do the research ahead of time, you'll have the right answers ready. Study up.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - You're under pressure at work, but you can get around it. One way is by getting better at what you do. The other is to relax. That's getting easier.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - You're going through a pensive phase. You're concentrating well, but you still need seclusion to let new material soak in. Schedule lots of private time.

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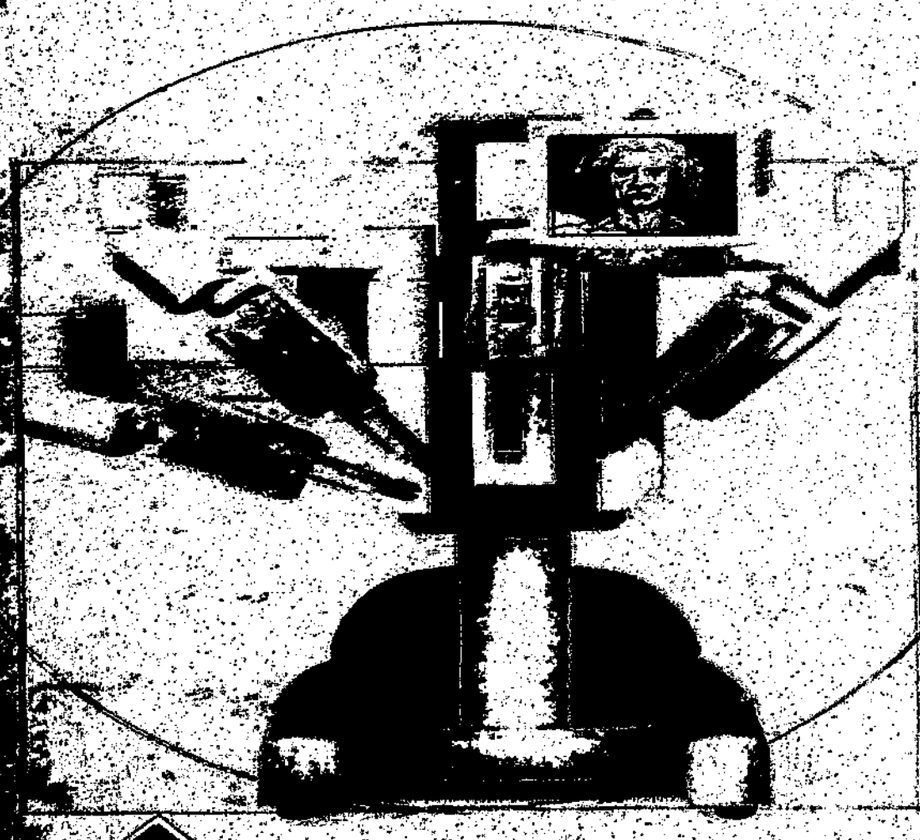

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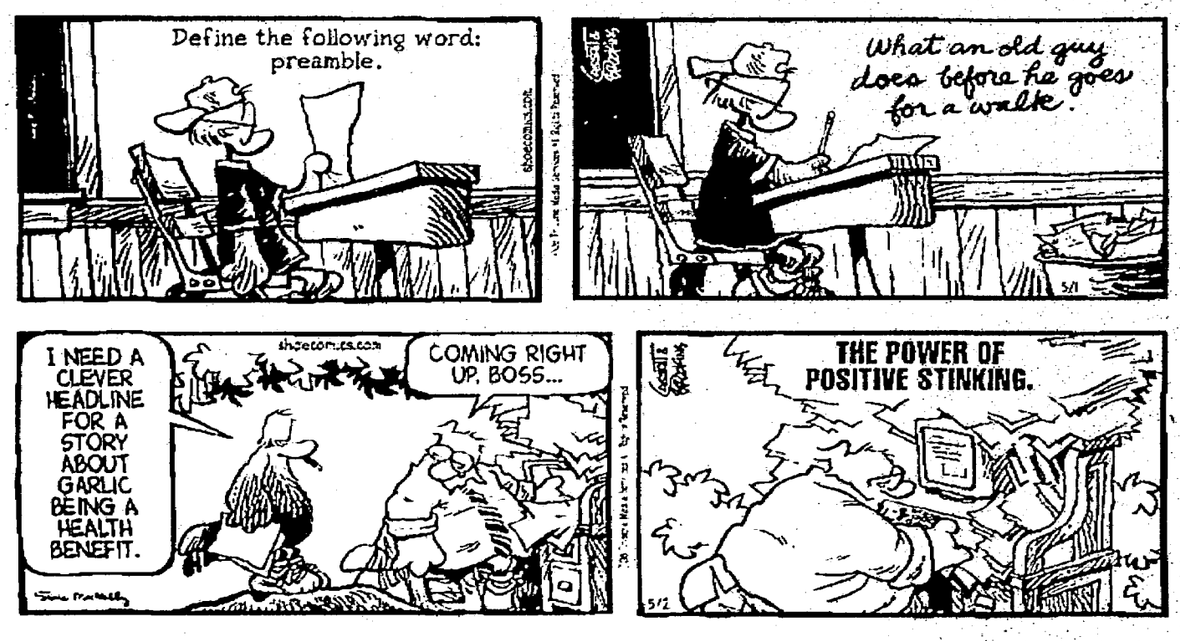


Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

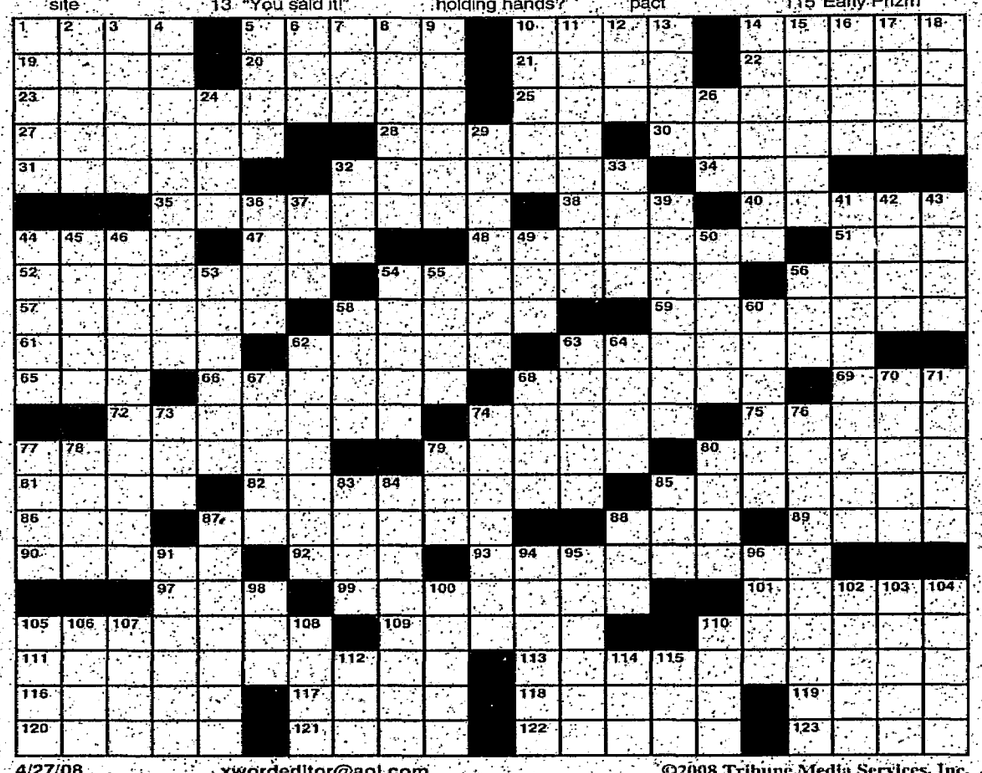
"FOREIGN EXCHANGE" By TYLER HINMAN

ACROSS

1 Immense
5 Swedish exports
10 Opera's Ethiopian princess
14 Wind-driven clouds
19 Constantly
20 Wise youngster?
21 Phishing, e.g.
22 "Breaking the __": 2004 Linkin Park hit
23 Way to get to Asia?
25 Red Sea region invader?
27 Tritt of C&W
28 Noted Harvard dropout
30 About the same
31 Cruise stops
32 "Raging Bull" subject
34 OED unit
35 Including a Far East country?
38 Dot follower, perhaps
40 Doesn't run out
44 Start of a preschool song
47 Hardly cutting-edge
48 Detached
51 Carolina's __ Dee River
52 End of a Grammy-winning McFerrin song title
54 Delivery to Africa?
56 Tip off
57 Exalted groups
58 Screen dot
59 Start of a cautioning retail sign
61 Kind of notes
62 Many document transmissions
63 "Courage Under Fire" actress
65 Idyllic setting
66 With 68-Across, Mideast soap?
68 See 66-Across
69 Sci-fi escape device
72 Barrel makers
74 Sign on
75 Dallas suburb
77 Mister X
79 Quinn of "Legends of the Fall"
80 Islamic sectarian
81 Test for jrs
82 Arabian Peninsula complaint?
85 Acapulco assent
86 "__ Stone": ABC dramedy
87 Old-foot soldier
88 Explorer, e.g.
89 NetZero et al.
90 "__ Fly Now": "Rocky" theme
92 Nail
93 Storm in Southwest Asia?
97 Wilde country: Abbr.
99 1950 A.L. MVP
101 Less popular song, often
105 Bank job
109 V formers
110 Admits
111 African president's tenure?
113 Dance in Oceania?
116 Make up (for)
117 Test or rock lead-in
118 Renaissance instruments
119 Exertion
120 Hurt, as a matador
121 1969 "miracle" site
122 Character of a people
123 Sundance's Place

DOWN

1 Starbucks size
2 Affirms
3 Part of a flower's calyx
4 Schedule opening between games, often
5 Absorbs, with "up"
6 Leatherwork tool
7 __broche: skewered
8 Player with an orange and black-striped helmet
9 Really rankles
10 Phrase in which "of" may be mistakenly inserted
11 Road freezer
12 River blocker
13 "You said it!"
14 Rearer of Romulus and Remus
15 With 49-Down, rapeseed product
16 Prefix with mensch
17 Adjusts for romantic effect, as lights
18 Eyelid irritation
24 Simpson girl
26 Election mo.
29 Flute sounds
32 110-Down partner
33 Geometry product
36 "I'm so clumsy!"
37 Kind of dog?
39 From the start
41 Iberian pests?
42 Guam, e.g.: Abbr.
43 Dropped in the box
44 "Does this ring __?"
45 Confute
46 More than a billion people holding hands?
49 See 15-Down
50 Botanist's study
53 Game division
54 Shakes up, maybe
55 Eponymous ice skater Paulsen
56 "__ happen?"
58 Host noted for a 1960 on-air resignation
60 Graceful women
62 Morgan who played God
63 Mullally of "Bee Movie"
64 Celtic land
67 Game's trail
68 Scotch go-with
70 Winning
71 They're not just idea people
73 Hudson Bay prov.
74 Put on a pedestal
76 Be honored posthumously
77 Photo file acronym
78 __ Accords: 1993 Mideast pact
79 Latin lover's word
80 Hindu "Destroyer"
83 Vegan's gelatin substitute
84 "Don't sweat it"
85 Big __
87 Claret, e.g.
88 __-cone
91 __ Creed
94 Sound of leaves
95 Enjoyed the diner
96 "Oh, suuure"
98 Where it's at
100 Where Rudolf of Ruritania was imprisoned
102 "This __ a test"
103 Toe or two
104 __ Gay: WWII plane
105 Problem
106 Jackson 5 brother
107 Borodin prince
108 Green veggies
110 32-Down partner
112 First person in Germany?
114 Ordinal extreme
115 Early Prizm



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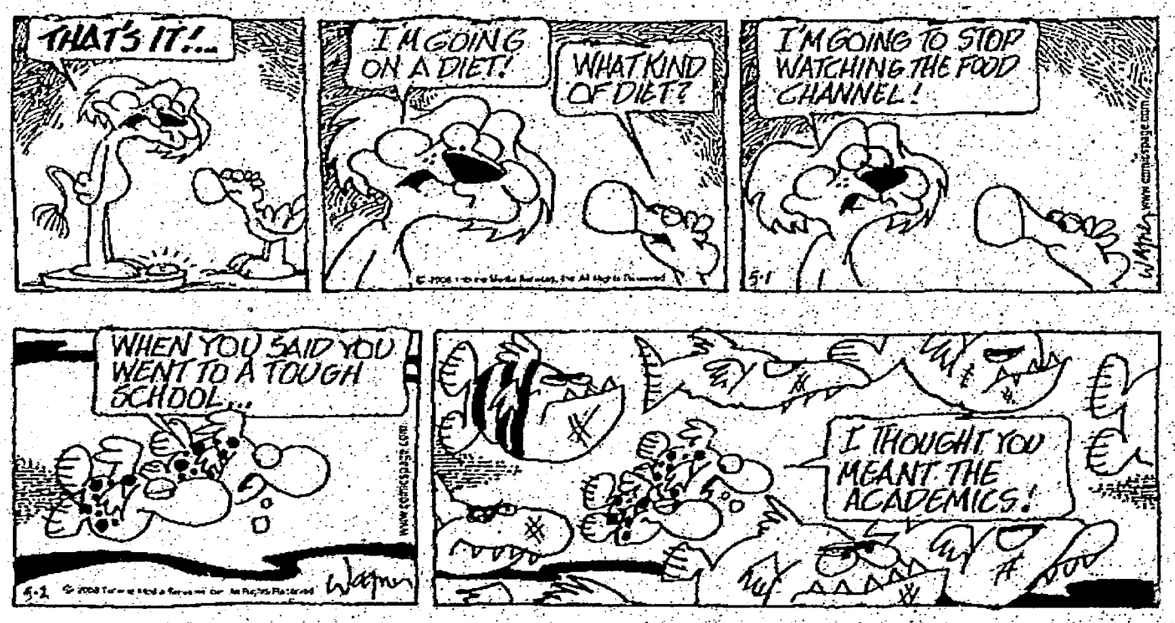

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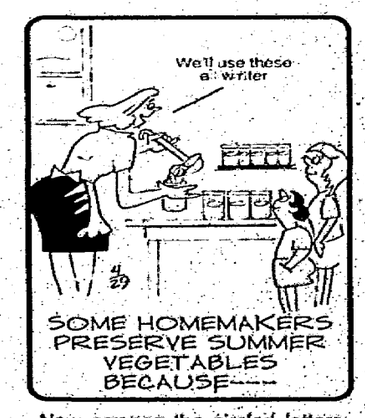

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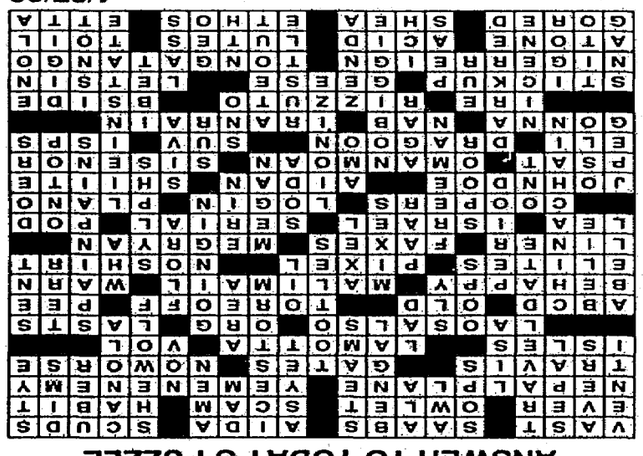

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Jumbles: ELEGY DECAY ORPHAN LOCATE
Answer: Some homemakers preserve summer vegetables because — THEY "CAN"

Ruidoso woman pleads no contest

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Halfway through the selection of a jury for her trial, a Ruidoso woman pleaded no contest to 82 counts of embezzlement, fraud and fraudulent use of a credit card while awaiting trial at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Melinda Phillips was arrested by New Mexico State Police in July on charges stemming from her employment as a secretary for Re-Max of Ruidoso, now known as the Summit Realty Group.

Over a period of several months, Phillips embezzled money from the company after she was given control of the company's operating account, and continued taking money after being given more responsibility as property manager.

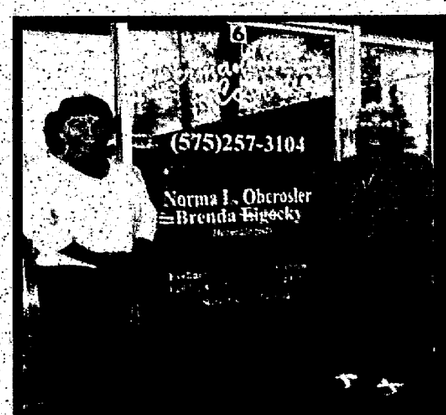
According to the affidavit written at the time of her arrest, Phillips made $15,000 in fraudulent credit card charges from March to August of 2006 and she wrote several paychecks – many to herself – in that same time frame.

According to District Attorney Scot Key, the total amount Phillips embezzled was more than $100,000.

"Large amounts of money were being siphoned out of the company for personal use and gambling while the owner was undergoing cancer surgery, chemotherapy and radiation treatments," Key said in a statement.

District Judge Jerry Ritter was sitting on the case and accepted the plea on Monday afternoon after only 10 jurors had been selected in the morning session. The parties were due back in court on Tuesday to select more jurors.

Sentencing has been set for Aug. 4.



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Embezzlement prevention class at Ruidoso Chamber

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When it comes to learning about the perils of embezzlement, sometimes it takes someone well-versed in the act.

That's the idea behind a presentation by Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy J.C. Tate, who will explain in detail how some embezzlers first get started – and how they continue their crimes undetected – at the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce today at 1 p.m.

His partner is someone who knows what she's talking about. Sara Mitchell was convicted of embezzlement and is currently serving time for her crimes. As part of her sentence, Mitchell has joined Tate in a tour of communities, describing exactly how crimes like embezzlement can occur.

The pair has already presented the class – known as "Embezzlement 101" – to a group of Carrizozo government and business leaders and will conduct further sessions for the Edgewood and Moriarty Chambers of Commerce at 2 p.m., May 5, and before the Mescalero Gaming Commission at 2 p.m., May 8.

Mitchell – who also used illegal drugs during her embezzlement – is also conducting drug abuse prevention classes in the area, arranged by Welda Grider.

The first part of Mitchell and Tate's presentation can be found on today's Business section, Page 6A.

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RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Purse nabbed

A purse was stolen, April 27, from an unlocked vehicle parked in a free parking area on Wingfield Drive. The purse contained $150 in cash and several debit and credit cards. There are no suspects at this time.

Do not drive

After being pulled over for driving on a suspended license – and for having an active warrant for his arrest – Andy R. Gonzales, 37, of Ruidoso Downs made things worse when he turned up a baggie of methamphetamines in one of his pockets. He was charged for possession, in addition to citations for driving with a suspended license and no insurance, and was transported to LCDC.

Violating parole

Following a search of his home, April 21, police arrested parolee Timothy Coker, 45, of Ruidoso for possession of heroin and drug paraphernalia. He was taken to LCDC.

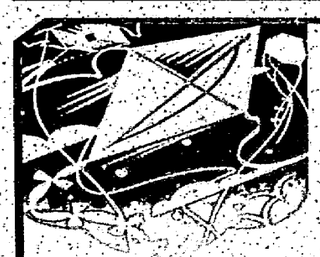
Domestic batteries

Following an argument over money, and after he voluntarily turned himself in to Ruidoso Police, Brian Painter, 25, of Capitan was arrested, April 29, for battery against a household member.

Police also arrested Kristos Thoksakis, 21, of Ruidoso for domestic battery in a different situation on the same night. He was unable to post the $2,000 bond and taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center.

Party hardy

Police responding to the 100 block of Main Road, April 23, in reference to a loud party, found marijuana on the premises. Police cited Ezra Boney, 23, of Ruidoso for possession of marijuana. They also advised Boney and his friends to keep the noise down.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Fraudulent check scam reported in the state

New Mexico residents have reported to the New Mexico Attorney General after receiving a "Legal Affidavit" from the Bergman, Kutinsky Law Group regarding a "Class Action Settlement Claim."

The letter states the recipient is entitled to a legal claim for the amount of $132,000 which "will be dispersed from our law office once all particularities have been settled." This supposed claim stems from "evidence collected" that "supports you may have been a victim of fraud."

An advanced payment of $2,975 is enclosed with the "Legal Affidavit" "to assist you financially." The payment is also said to "assist you in releasing your claim from our office and no other purpose."

The recipient is asked to call a telephone number from the 289 area code immediately after receiving the letter. If the Canadian number is not called, recipients "risk termination of the settlement and cancellation of the enclosed check."

This letter is one of the many forms of Nigerian Scams and the check is counterfeit.

If you receive a letter or check similar to this, please forward both to the New Mexico Attorney General's Office; PO Drawer 1508; Santa Fe, NM 87504-1508.

The Attorney General's Office provides information online and at our offices designed to help consumers avoid becoming victims to this and other scams. Please call 1-800-678-1508 for more information.

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Jury convicts man in animal cruely case

An Otero County jury found a 21-year-old Muleshoe, Texas, man guilty of extreme cruelty to animals and conspiracy to commit extreme cruelty to animals April 30.

Luis Corralez could face a three-year sentence for the convictions. His co-defendant, 37-year-old Jose Bustillos, had earlier plead last October to the charges and was sentenced to three years in jail by District Judge Jerry Ritter. Bustillos was in the country illegally at the time of the crimes.

Bustillos and Corralez were drinking beer at a residence in Alamogordo, Nov. 23, 2006, when a neighbor kitten wandered by. The two defendents captured the kitten, tied a beer can filled with cooking kerosene to its tail and set it on fire. The kitten ran under the owner's new truck and nearly started it on fire.

The kitten had third degree burns on 50 percent of its body and, despite efforts of veterinarians and friends, the kitten died Dec. 23 of that year.

Corralez remains free on bond until sentencing can be held.

"The pictures of the injured kitten and the testimoney of the vet were very compelling and it is very difficult to understand how people can be so cruel and thoughtless," said District Attorney Scot Key, who prosecuted the case. "The jury did the right thing."

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Aristocrats of the range

Cowboys are the aristocrats of the agricultural wage earners. As such, there are two or three things which are absolutely essential for their well being: well-trained, prestigious-looking horses, a good rope and a nice hat.

Dan had the horse department covered with Slats. And he was following Tex's advice about roping.

Since the last problem he had was roping his heel horse's front feet occasionally, Dan went to see what Tex had to say.

Tex advised getting a rope his horse could see and then he wouldn't step in the loop. So Dan went down to the feed store, looked over all the brightly colored twines and came out with one of the new Roper Vision ropes – a glow-in-the-dark lime green.

This iridescent wonder came with a pair of matching sunglasses, the theory being that the roper would better focus on his rope when wearing them.

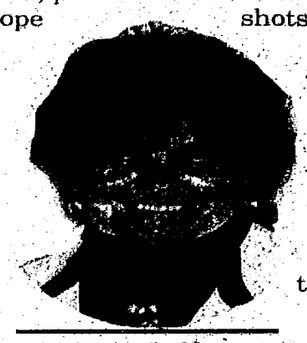
Dan didn't follow this logic as he wasn't the one having trouble seeing a regular colored rope, but most definitely, Slats wasn't going to get the sunglasses.

He decided that a little pasture roping might help Slats out with his difficulty of stepping into a heel loop. Tim came to help him out. The project would not be a wasted effort. They needed to doctor a few yearlings who had picked up something at the sale barn.

In the pasture, they rode through all the new cattle slowly and doctored each one who needed a shot. With the job well tended to, they decided to practice a little to break in Dan's new rope.

The owner of the cattle had driven up to the pasture fence and was watching the entire operation; the cowboys were unaware of their audience.

After watching the flurry of activity through the initial doctoring, the cow boss walked out to the ropers and asked, "What you boys doing now?"



Cowgirl Sass & Sassy
BY JULIE CARTER

"Why, we're roping and doctoring the sick cattle."

The owner allowed he had seen quite a bit of roping going on but in the most recent timeframe, he hadn't seen any shots given.

Dan, quick with his wit, answered sincerely, "Last night I soaked my rope in a bucket of penicillin and there's no need to give a shot. And, besides that, we been looking at these cattle and thought we might need to check and see if some of them had a bone in their leg."

Good help is hard to find, so, begrudgingly, the cow boss decided to tend to some of his other business.

While he was putting his paycheck in circulation with the new green rope purchase, Dan also selected a brand new straw hat. He really hated to part with the extra money, but lately he'd noticed there were some quite pretty girls at the team ropings.

He also knew that one of the secrets to good looks is a good hat. Sometimes a new hat needs some breaking-in, so he was wearing it a little to get the sweatband broke-in before next Saturday's team roping.

This morning's job was to do some pasture shredding with the tractor in the horse trap. Dan got the shredder hooked up, was moving right along with the blades cutting down the old grass neatly when a little puff of wind hit and lifted that new straw right off his head.

The next thing he heard was "brrrrrrtt" as the new straw went through the shredder. A few choice words later, Dan shrugged and thought to himself, "Those pretty girls are just going to have to be impressed with Slats and the new lime green rope."

Two out of three is not bad for an aristocrat.

Julie's rope of choice is powder blue. She can be reached for comment at jcarter@ruidosonews.com.

MOO MILK

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Cody Lightfoot demonstrates the art and science of dairy cow milking for the Carrizozo fourth-grade class at the Canyon CowBelles Ag Day on Wednesday. Lightfoot is a field instructor for the Southwest Dairy Farmers, traveling throughout his territory educating students and organizations about the dairy industry. Lightfoot said he's already done 40-plus demonstrations since the first of the year. All the Carrizozo students and staff were treated to a grilled hamburger lunch courtesy of the CowBelles.

'Zozo schools OK'd for K-3 Plus grant

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Carrizozo Schools Principal Robert Cobos announced to school district parents of students in grades K-3 that verbal grant approval had been received to fund a pilot program adding 25 instructional days to the school year for those grades.

The program is not mandatory, but statistic results already established in the first two years of K-3 Plus encourage participation for the long-term benefits.

School for Carrizozo K-3 will begin July 17, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. All school supplies will be provided by the program.

Transportation will be provided as per the regular school-year routes.

Cobos said the K-3 Plus program will involve 58 students. The extended instruction will include scientifically researched physical education, art classes and meals including breakfast and lunch.

House Bill 198 was sponsored to establish a fund to allow New Mexico public schools and districts to develop a six-year pilot project that extends to the school year for grades K-3 for participating students to measure the effect of additional time on literacy, numeric and social skills development.

The purpose of K-3 Plus is to demonstrate that increased time in kindergarten and the early grades narrows the achievement gap between disadvantaged students and other students, increases cognitive skills and leads to higher test scores for all participants.

Research suggests that early identification and prevention of reading problems in kindergarten and first grade could reduce up to 70 percent of the number of children served in special education and compensatory programs.

Approximately 75 percent of students identified with reading problems in the third grade are still reading disabled in the ninth grade.

As the program funding increased, so did the number of schools piloting the program.

This year's funding will include 89 New Mexico schools in participation.

Eligibility for participation requires the schools have a full-day program and 85 percent or more students eligible for free or reduced lunch.

CARRIZOZO WOMAN'S CLUB OFFICERS

COURTESY

New officers for the Carrizozo Woman's Club for the 2008-2010 term will be installed at the next meeting, Thursday, May 8, at 6 p.m. at the Woman's Club building at Eleventh and D Avenue in Carrizozo. Officers are, l-r, Madeleine Sabo-treasurer, Tona Macken-president, Judy Fitz-Casa Manana manager, Barbara Culbertson-secretary and Cherri Goad-vice president. The meeting, the last for the summer, will start with a delicious home-cooked dinner and end with the officer installation. The Woman's Club was established 88 years ago and has contributed to the welfare of Carrizozo and Lincoln County. The women of the club have sponsored and supported many major advancements in the community over the years. They support literacy, community health, education and many other important causes. Annually they give a scholarship to a deserving graduating senior to pursue a college education. They extend a warm welcome to new members. For further information, call Tona Macken at 354-0760.

COUNTY BRIEFS

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.

The lecture is at 7 p.m. at the Capitan Village Hall. Refreshments will be served afterwards across the street at Capitan Public Library.

CPL Plant Sale

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 showstoppers. 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

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.

For more information, call 648-5203.

PLURAAC meets

The Lincoln County Public Lane Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (PLURAAC) will meet at 9 a.m., Tuesday, May 6, in the Commissioner's Room in the Lincoln County Court-house in Carrizozo.

Agenda items include a resolution of support of the Hardrock and Reclamation Act of 2007, editing of the "Code of the West," co-operating status for Lincoln County concerning the Mexican Wolf 10J Rule, video clip about forest roads and travel management rule, conservation easements, report on RS2477 road inventory and the Comprehensive Lane Use Plan Revisions: water plan.

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. For more information, call 354-2273.

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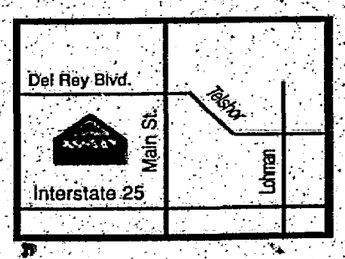

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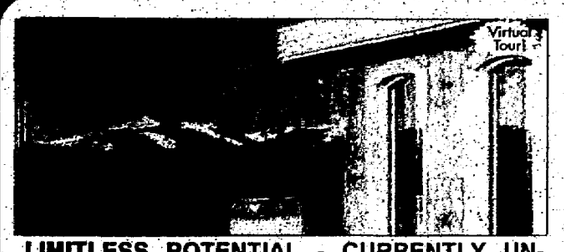

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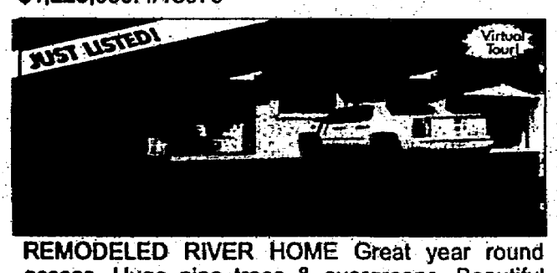

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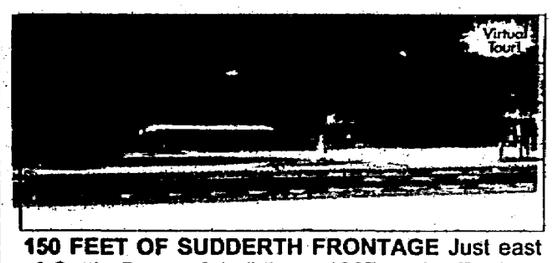

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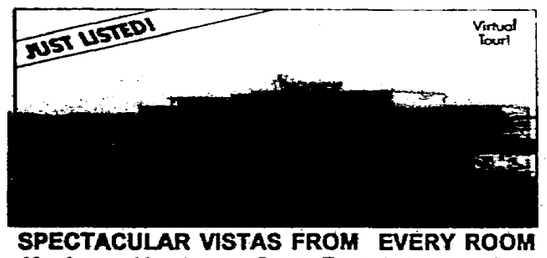

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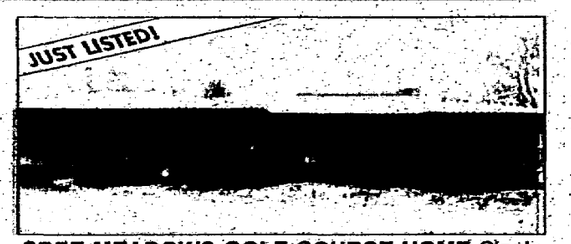

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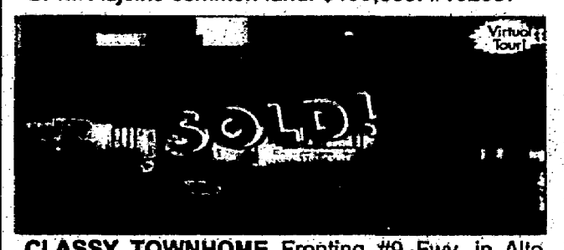

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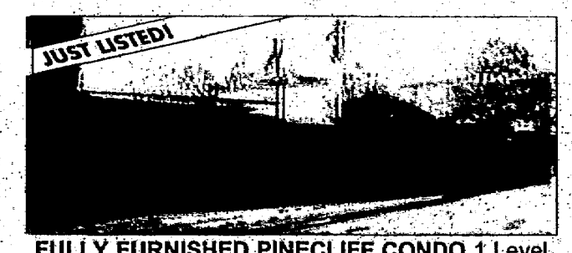

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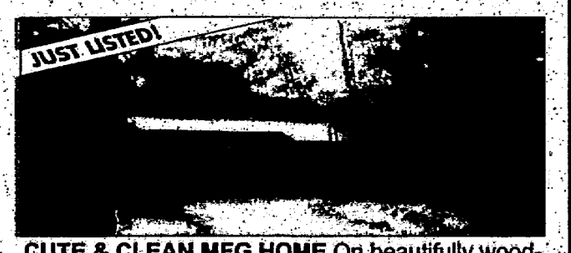

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R.D. Hubbard and Jerry Nicodemus, two fixtures at Ruidoso Downs and in Lincoln County for decades, head the 2009 class to be inducted into the American Quarter Horse Association Hall of Fame.

Each are members of the Racehorse Hall of Fame located in Ruidoso Downs.

With the AQHA announcement earlier this week, Hubbard and Nicodemus are now members of the two most prestigious halls of fame in Quarter Horse racing.

The AQHA Hall of Fame is located in Amarillo, Texas, and the induction ceremony will take place during the 2009 AQHA Convention in San Antonio, Texas, on March 4-11.

Among his many accomplishments, Hubbard is the primary owner of Ruidoso Downs and the Billy The Kid Casino.

He also owns the new Crystal Springs Farm in Tularosa, which is in its first season of operation.

He moved his Thor-oughbred and Quarter Horse breeding operation from Paris, Ky., to Tularosa last year.

Hubbard and wife Joan Dale founded the Hubbard Museum of the American West located in Ruidoso Downs.

The Hubbard Foundation, located in Ruidoso, guides their many philanthropic efforts.

In 1988, Hubbard purchased Ruidoso Downs and financially supported the track throughout the 1990s when it was continually losing money.

Those fortunes reversed with the opening of the Billy The Kid Casino in 1999.

Many other track owners and managers said that they would have closed Ruidoso Downs during those lean years.

The loss of Ruidoso Downs would have had a devastating effect on the Lincoln County economy, which probably would have happened without Hubbard's dedication to New Mexico horse racing and the Ruidoso area, where the Hubbards maintain their summer home.

The Hubbard racing operation is on an international scale, with horses having competed in North America, South America, Europe and Africa.

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RD and Joan Dale Hubbard are seen here in a 2007 portrait.

Warriors 2008 pigskin preview

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The football season has not officially begun, but the Ruidoso High School pigskin program is already laying the needed groundwork for the looming battle ahead.

Wednesday marked the third practice, with five more to come, for players who seek to make the Warrior team.

So far, 63 students (from sophomores to seniors) have signed on for a chance to make the squad. The varsity will travel with 45 players.

"We're excited," Ruidoso Head Coach Kief Johnson said. "We lost a few players to graduation, but we have a good core of returning players and a lot of new kids have emerged to fill the needed slots.

"Veterans, as well as first-timers, like Stephen Chino (nose guard), Ramon Nava and Brendin Cross (defensive tackles), Gavin Gilson (a starter last year), Ethan Myers and Marcos Varela (defensive ends) are expected to improve the 2008 RHS squad.

Derek Grant (All-State, honorable mention) and Josh Vigil will be returning to the linebacker positions.

In the secondary, the coaches are looking at Robert Coronado and Ralph Miranda at the corners and Jerrid Marquez and Brendan Flack at the safety positions.

Jacob Tauriac will probably be at the slot back position.

Marquez was the starting quarterback last season but will battle it out with Darrell Carr and Flack for the position this year.

On the offensive line, Chris Rodela is gone and so this opens up an opportunity at the right tackle spot.

Earl Colvin looks to fill the center position, Josh Hamilton and Josh Vigil will probably handle guard duties, while Keena Frizzell could be the right tackle.

Marcos looks comfortable at fullback and Miranda, Randy Manning, Cole Davis and Stephen Powell will compete for the other running back spots.

Two 6-foot, 4-inch receivers, Martin Morales and Keith Brown, will take over those chores.

"Every kid out on the practice field will be given every opportunity to make the team and play," Johnson said. "We're thrilled to have the amount of talent we have seen so far.

"This could mean many of our players might play one position on offense or defense. Theoretically, instead of having 11 players on both sides of the ball, we might have 22.

"The advantages in this, if it comes to pass, are obvious. We could have less potential injuries and the team would be more rested as a whole.

"We're as deep in talent as we've ever been, but we have time to sort the whole thing out before we go into battle."

With only two more weeks of school for most (one, for seniors), Johnson and crew seem to have a handle on things and appear confident about their chances next season.

A tentative Spring scrimmage game is in the works in the near future at Horton Field. Stay tuned.

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Kief Johnson gives intstructions at Wednesday's practice.

Kentucky Derby Day

Here are the promotions for the Kentucky Derby Day, Saturday, May 3, at Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino:

Food and Beverage:

- Offering 99-cent Pancakes in the sports bar from 8 to 11 a.m.
- Offering $2.50 Bloody Marys/Mimosas/Mint Juleps before the race. (about 3:35 p.m.)

Patrons and Employees:

- "Best Hat in the Casino" 2 p.m. First Prize is $100/Second Prize is $50/Third Prize is $25
- "Best Employee Hat" First Prize is $100/Second Prize is $50/Third Prize is $25

Casino:

- Cash Club members will place their name in the "feedbag" of the horse they choose to win the Derby. The horses' names and numbers will appear on a burlap sack-looking board to be placed on the wall behind the cash club booth. One entry per person. A drawing will take place of the names inside the winning horse's "feedbag" at 6:30 p.m. to win $500. You must be present to win the drawing.

Simulcast:

- Patrons who have losing tickets on the Kentucky Derby may enter a second chance drawing to win $500 cash. Patrons will write their names of the back of the tickets, and then put them in the draw ing barrel. A ticket will be drawn at 5:30 p.m. in the simulcast area to win $500. You must be pre sent to win.
- "Links and Lucy's" Drawings: All horse racing fans in attendance will be offered the chance to enter their name in a drawing to win a "Links and Lucy's Package" of golf for four plus dinner for four at Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant.
- Bounce Back Cards: All horse racing fans will be given a "bounce-back" card with three "circles" for all three Triple Crown races. Patrons are invited to visit the cash club booth and have their card stamped. Patrons who attend all three races and have their cards officially stamped will be eligible to win a $1,000 cash drawing inside the casino on Preakness Day, Saturday, June 7th at 6 p.m.

side line

Results

Tuesday, April 29

Baseball

NMMI 8, Ruidoso 2.

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Sports On Tap

Friday, May 2

Tennis

Ruidoso at district tournament in Cobre, TBA

Saturday, May 3

Girls Softball

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Tuesday, May 6

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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 30. 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 wil 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@cmsgrizzlies-.org with player names by April 30. The tourney will be limited to the first 12 teams to register.

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 incudes 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.

Bicycle Club
The Bicycle Ruidoso Club meets the last Thrusday of each month at the Boneshaker Cyclery Bike Shop, 2312 Sudderth Dr. at 7 p.m. The Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County and State of New Mexico Road Department have joined the Club members in expressing the need for bike awareness by placing "Share The Road" signs throughout Ruidoso and Lincoln County. Bicycle Ruidoso Club information and weekly scheduled rides with dates, times, and contact information can be found at boneshakercyclery.com or call 257-6784.

Yoga Fitness Classes
Connie Russell, Jill Hutchinson-Bass and Sarah Crewe will be offering free fitness yoga classes, open to all ages, on the following dates: June 28, July 12, July 19, and July 26, all at 4pm at ENMU. Jill, Connie and Sarah are fitness instructors who are certified in, and teach, Aqulogix, RPM, and other classes at the RAC. They also teach swim lessons and coach and volunteer for RHAA, Ruidoso's age group swim team. YogaFit (TM) is a vinyassa style of yoga which involves moving one's body through a variety of poses to create strength, flexibility, endurance, and balance. YogaFit seeks to bring yoga to everybody and every body. For more information and to register, please contact Coda Omness at 630-8181.

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Youth bowlers electrify the bowling lanes

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On April 5-6, the Lincoln County USBC was represented by four amazing bowlers at the Youth State Championship Tournament in Roswell. Taking the lanes in their first-ever state event were Tee Bernard, Taylor Fjelland, Aurora Hart and Sky Hart as Team Lamay Electric.

There were 70 participating teams over the four-day event 110 sets of doubles and 155 singles. Lamay Electric took fourth place in their class of 33 teams from across the state. State youth tournaments differ from adult tournaments in that the youth receive scholarship funds (in lieu of cash prizes) based on their standings. The above-mentioned bow-lers also took advantage of bowling in brackets (or "side pots") which allowed them even more scholarship opportunities. To view the entire tournament results, go to www.nmusbc.com.

In the Team Handicapped event, Team Lamay Electric placed 13th among 70 teams with a score of 2,587.

In Doubles Handicapped, Tee Bernard and Taylor Fjelland scored 1,131 in the boys class, while Aurora Hart and Sky Hart came in with a 1,165.

In the Singles Handicapped, Tee Bernard scored 561, Taylor Fjelland, 644 (4th of 41 in class), Aurora Hart, 599 and Sky Hart had a 589.

In the All-Events Handicapped, Tee Bernard scored 1,718, Taylor Fjelland, 1,891 (7th of 39 in class), Aurora Hart, 1,938 (2nd of 19 in class) and Aurora Hart scored 1,728.

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The Lincoln County [illegible] in class and 13th out of 70 teams that competed.

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Team Lemay Electric, l-r, Tee Bernard, Sky Hart, Aurora Hart and Taylor Fjelland.

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FAME

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In March, Hubbard ran his homebred Spring House in the Group 1, $5 million Sheema Classic during the $24 million Dubai World Cup program in Dubai.

Hubbard's enshrinement in the AQHA Hall of fame is recognition for his Quarter Horse accomplishments.

He purchased his first racing Quarter Horse in 1960, and since then he has raced more than 70 stakes winners who have earned 14 championship titles.

Last year, Hubbard's striking chestnut stallion Ketel Won raced to wins in the Higheasterjet Handicap and the All American Gold Cup at Ruidoso Downs.

He then won the Grade 1, $200,000 Zia Park Championship and the Grade 1, The Championship at Sunland Park.

He was honored as the national champion aged horse and champion aged stallion. Ketel Won is in training with trainer Paul Jones and should make his 2008 debut at Ruidoso Downs this summer.

Hubbard could have retired the champion Ketel Won to the breeding shed, but Hubbard's sporting spirit kept Ketel Won in training for fans to enjoy in 2008.

Probably, Ketel Won could make more money for Hubbard as a breeding stallion than a racehorse in 2008. Other champions raced by Hubbard include Rainbow Derby-winner Prissy Fein and All American Derby-winner Stoli, the sire of Ketel Won.

Hubbard was named the National Thoroughbred Racing Association Man of the Year in 2000 and won the AQHA's Gordon Crone Award in 2003. He is a former primary owner of Hollywood Park Race Track in Southern Califor-nia.

Nicodemus, who rode many of Hubbard major stakes winners, was a prominent stakes-winning jockey throughout his career.

He rode two-time champion Denim N Dia-monds, Hubbard's greatest racehorse, to many of her most important wins, headed by the 1981 Champion Of Champions at Los Alamitos Race Course in Southern California.

It was the fourth Champion Of Champions win for Nicodemus in a six-year stretch.

Nicodemus won the All American Futurity at Ruidoso Downs three times – aboard Three Oh's (1968), Rocket Wrangler (1970) and Ronas Ryon (1986). He rode Three Oh's and Rocket Wrangler for trainer Charles "Bubba" Cascio, a member of the Ruidoso Downs Racehorse and AQHA halls of fame.

Nicodemus was the primary jockey on the two-time world champion and influential sire Dash For Cash.

He was aboard Dash For Cash for each of his Champion Of Champions wins, including setting the Los Alamitos 440-yard track record of :21.17 in 1976.

That track record lasted until it was broken by 2007 world champion Blues Girl Too in the Champion Of Champions last December.

Many artifacts of Hubbard's and Nicodemus' accomplishments are on display in the Racehorse Hall of Fame at Ruidoso Downs, including Denim N Diamonds' Champion Of Champions trophy.

Weekend lake trout derby

The 8th annual Clayton Lake Trout Derby May 3-4, lures fishermen and fun seekers from all corners of the state and far beyond to compete for fame, fun and fabulous prizes.

This year's prizes include a 14-foot aluminum v-hull boat with a gas motor, trailer and life jackets for the grand prize, and a $1,000 check for second prize.

A total of almost $15,000 in cash and prizes will be given away during the weekend's event, known informally as the "Biggest Little Fishing Derby in New Mexico,"

"We are expecting 5,000 to 6,000 people to show up at this year's Derby," said Park Superintendent Charles Jor-dan.

"It began as a thank-you for the town of Clayton, but now we have people coming from Canada, New Hampshire, California, New York and Wisconsin."

Cash prizes are offered for the largest trout, catfish and walleye but it isn't necessary to fish to win a prize.

Everyone who registers for the event automatically is entered into the drawing. Entrants must be present at the time of the drawing to win the two top prizes, but may be notified later for the others. In addition to the fishing contests, a horseshoe tournament will take place with trophy awards offered.

Not to be left out, children have their derby day as well. Two sand digs, one for kids up to four years old and one for five and six-year-olds, hold $500 in change each day for kids to find and keep.

The park has its own free children's train made of 55-gallon barrel drums with cut-out seats, created and hauled around the park by volunteer Jack Chosvig on his tractor "engine." The Mudcat Kids" contest offers kids a 50-cent piece for every yellow-bellied catfish they bring in.

"Last year we gave out $350 in 50-cent pieces for mudcats," said volunteer Deano Arellano. "It keeps kids down at the lake fishing."

Local merchants donate money or gift certificates and volunteers spend the donated money in Clayton to buy prizes.

"We get to buy stuff we wish we had, like tackle boxes and fishing poles," said Arellano "We're braced today to spend $2,200 for prizes and we'll get more later this week."

The event is sponsored by Clayton Lake State Park, the Clayton Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Clayton with plenty of volunteer help.

The entry fee is $15 for adults and $5 for kids 12 years old and under. For more information, call Clayton lake State Park at 575-374-8808 or visit www.nmparks.com. Clayton Lake State Park is 12 miles north of Clayton via N.M. 370.

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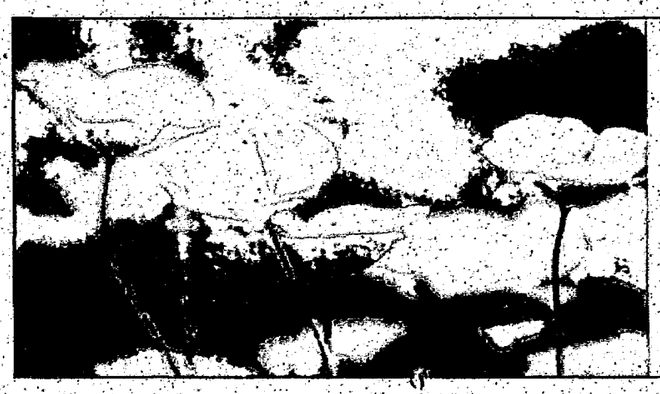

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First Assembly of God
El Paso Road, Ruidoso 257-2324. Rev. Stacy & Alicia Brankel, Pastor. Sunday morning worship 10:45 a.m. Children's Church during a.m. service. Sunday evening worship 6 p.m., Rock Youth Group Monday evening @ 6:30p.m., ages 12-18.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

BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

BAHA'I FAITH

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

CATHOLIC

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

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN

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

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

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LDS

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

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

EPISCOPAL

Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Rev. Canon Peter Sanderson, Team Leader. Sunday Eucharist Rite I, 8:00 a.m.; Rite II - 10:30 a.m., nursery available for the 10:30 service; Sunday School: 10:30; Youth Group 1:30-3:30. Wednesday: Eucharist 5:30 p.m. Godly Play. Char Jagoe Administrator, 257-2356.

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

EVANGELICAL

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

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

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

JEWISH / HEBREW

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://we.vi/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 Ajello, 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 575-437-0237; 1st Elder Manuel Moya 575-937-4487. 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@americanmissionary.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 1 p.m., 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.

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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 Worhip 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 505-653-4951

CARRIZOZO CHURCHES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

BAPTIST

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

CATHOLIC

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

EPISCOPAL

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

METHODIST

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

The Word of Life Church
Rev. Chuck 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

View of cremation varies widely among religions

Q: Is it OK for a Christian to be cremated, or must my husband and I be buried? We're both quite ill and we need an answer as soon as possible.

Prior to illness keeping us away we used to go to St. Paul's Methodist Church.

– R and B, West Palm Beach, Fla.

The God Squad
MARC GELLMAN

A. I've answered several cremation questions over the years, but none from a Methodist before.

Protestant churches, and the Methodists in particular, are the most open to cremation of all the Christian denominations. So, the answer is, yes, you may be cremated, but I hope you don't need to avail yourselves of this practice for many years. I pray for your health.

The official statement of Methodist belief on this is from the church's official Web site. "United Methodists do not insist upon burial as the only appropriate means of committing our earthly remains to God, and so are generally open to cremation as a viable alternative. In some places, burial or entombment is simply not an option, either because of costs involved or because of a lack of cemetery space.

Ultimately, this is a decision that will be in the context of the individuals, families, and cultural norms involved."

Here's a list of some other religions and how they break down on the cremation issue:

Religions requiring cremation are Hinduism, Jainism, and Buddhism (although Hindu holy men are buried, they are buried in a sitting lotus position and not lying down flat).

Religions which prefer but do not require cremation: Sikhism

Religions which prefer burial but allow cremation: Jehovah's witnesses, Seventh Day Adventists. Roman Catholicism, which until 1997 required the presence of a body at a funeral Mass but now will perform a funeral Mass with just an urn of ashes present.

The Catholic Church does not allow scattering of ashes and prefers to have the urn buried or put in a niche in a columbarium.

Religions which forbid cremation are Orthodox Judaism and Conservative Judaism. Reform Judaism is more open to cremation but it still is highly discouraged even in the most liberal branches of Judaism.

Others that forbid it are the Eastern Orthodox Churches (unless there are special circumstances like disposing of bodies during an epidemic), Mormons (who also allow it in very rare circumstances), Bahai, Islam, Zoroastrianism, Confucianism.

The theological issues concerning cremation are focused on the belief in the resurrection of the dead at the end of time in the Messianic age. Cremation seems to be an assault on that belief because, obviously, it destroys the bodily remains.

For this reason, in-ground burial is the preferred option for religions that focus on a belief in bodily resurrection.

My own personal views on this matter are quite strong. I am vigorously opposed to cremation and especially so, if the intention is to scatter the ashes somewhere. I have seen and I know the spiritual value of a grave. A grave is a place where mourners can come before holidays and on special occasions to pay their respects and focus their memories.

Mostly, I believe in graves because I believe in the spiritual value of touching.

When I dedicate the stone for my father this summer, I'll be able to touch the stone that touches the earth that touches my father.

I know that only his bodily remains are in the earth and that his soul is in the world to come with God, but I'm still here on planet earth, and here where I live, touching is a powerful connector to the ones we love.

Cremation ends touching and that's the main reason I don't like it or recommend it to those who ask my opinion. I also don't like the way cremation is sometimes sold to vulnerable elderly people by those with a commercial rather than a religious interest in the practice.

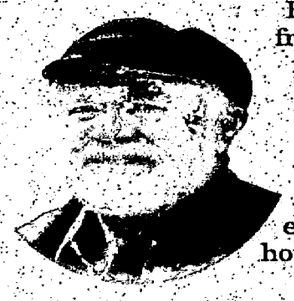
I've often counseled grief-stricken mourners torn by the discovery that a parent took out a cremation policy when they want to bury the parent in a grave where they and their children can visit.

I'm usually able to suggest a compromise where they go through with the cremation, then bury the urn in a grave.

Dust to dust, ashes to ashes, yes, but in God's time – in God's time.

Reach out and touch someone

Dear old friends! What a blessing to hear from old friends. I had lost track of one of the staff members who served with me at Tate Springs Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas.



Clary-fications
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

Through another former staff member, I got a new email address and was brought up-to-date on his work and his family. His children are 30 and 27.

I can remember holding them in my arms on their dedication service at their first visit to church. Amber and John David have their own lives going and Dave and Sherry have the empty nest.

Dave is still serving the Lord in a church in Georgia, and Sherry still serves at his side. He was a member of a very talented staff that accomplished great things for the Lord.

What a hoot to think back to the yesterdays, the fun and fellowship we had.

I have precious memories from the years past. Over the 28 years, I had six different sets of staff members ... each with their own different abilities and spiritual gifts to use in the church.

I never tried to measure them against each other. I learned to appreciate their uniqueness and contribution to the proper functioning of the church.

Family, school friends, work friends, church friends and neighbors are all a part of our memories. In the times that we spend together, we neglect to express to them what they mean to us.

So, I am taking the time to email each of them to tell them how much I love and appreciate them. All of us need to take time to do this. When we are gone or they are gone, it is too late.

Why don't we take the time to communicate our thoughts and feelings to people who have meant a great deal to us?

It would mean a lot to them and the memories would remind us of how they have enriched our lives.

Some of you may be thinking that I am getting things in order because I am about to pass on. I hope not. I just don't want to leave some things undone when I am gone.

As one phone company advises, "Reach out and touch someone."

It will give them help for today and hope for tomorrow.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Maurice F. Gracy

Graveside service for Maurice F. Gracy, 97, formerly of Carrizozo were at 2 p.m., Thursday, May 1, 2008, at Fort Stanton Cemetery with the Rev. Johnie Johnson officiating.

Mr. Gracy passed away Monday, April 28, 2008, in Las Cruces.

He was born May 29, 1910, at Sparta, Ill., to Richard and Ella Lou Gracy.

He made a career with the Merchant Marines, serving during World War II and retired in 1972 as a Chief Engineer. He moved to Carrizozo in 1977 from Burbank, Calif.

He was a member of the American Legion and frequent visitor of the Carrizozo Senior Citizen Center.

He attended Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo.

He is survived by a nephew, Daniel Gracy and a niece, Stacey Bruce.

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

Bobby Edward Parsons

Bobby Edward Parsons, 51, of Odessa, Texas, and formerly of Ruidoso, died Saturday, April 26, 2008 at his residence.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Ryan, Okla. Arrangements are by Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home in Odessa.

Bobby will be remembered as a fun-loving man who made everyone laugh. He will be missed by many.

He is survived by his daughter Cheryl Dee Parsons Gerthe of Ruidoso; Mary Lou Parsons of Odessa; brother, Bruce Barling Parsons, of Ruidoso; niece, Josie Parsons, of Ruidoso; son-in-law Eric Gerthe; and one grandchild, Ethan Gerthe, both of Ruidoso.

Carma Oliver

Carma Oliver passed away peacefully on April 23, 2008, in her care home in Tucson, Ariz. She is now healed and with the Lord.

Carma was born in Lubbock, Texas, on June 27, 1950, to William and Betty Bussell. She was a graduate of Coronado High in Lubbock and attended New Mexico State University.

She was a loving mother and grandmother. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Steve Bussell.

She is survived by her children, Jennipher of Arizona and Joseph of New Mexico; and one grandchild. She was adored and loved by her family and friends alike. She will be greatly missed

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, May 5, 2008, at the First Baptist Church, 106 S. Miranda Ave., in Las Cruces.

Memorials are suggested to Odyssey Hospice; 1730 E. River Rd. Suite 107; Tucson, AZ 85718 or Alzheimer's Association; 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17; Chicago, Ill. 60601-7633.

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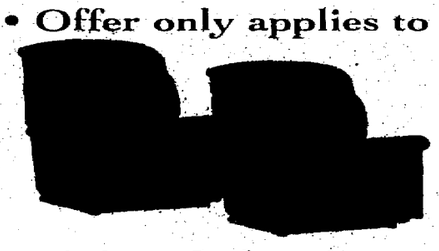

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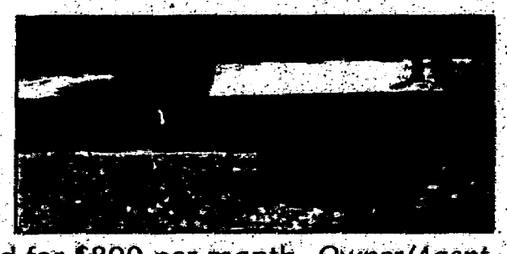

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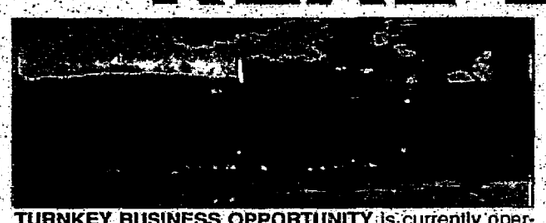

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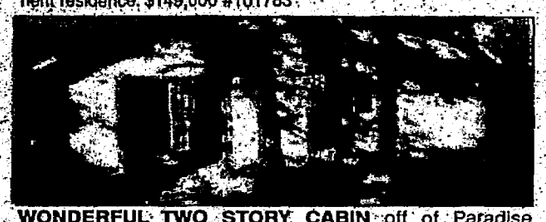
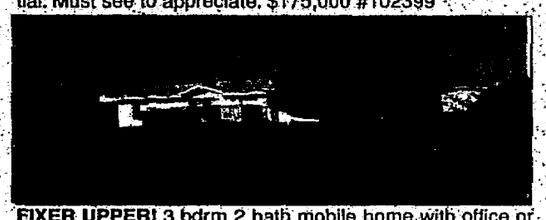
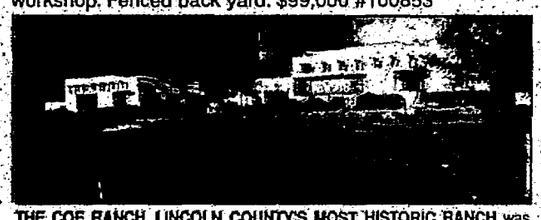
PERFECT FAMILY GET-AWAY AND marvelous rental potential. This 4 bedroom, 2 bath cabin that sleeps a lot is located in prestigious Upper Canyon. $225,000 #101560



WONDERFUL TWO STORY CABIN off of Paradise Canyon. Great 3 bdrm, 2 bath weekender or full time residence. Never in the rental pool but has great rental potential. Must see to appreciate. $175,000 #102399



FIXER UPPER! 3 bdrm 2 bath mobile home with office or study off master bedroom. Great buy! Covered parking with workshop. Fenced back yard. $99,000 #100853



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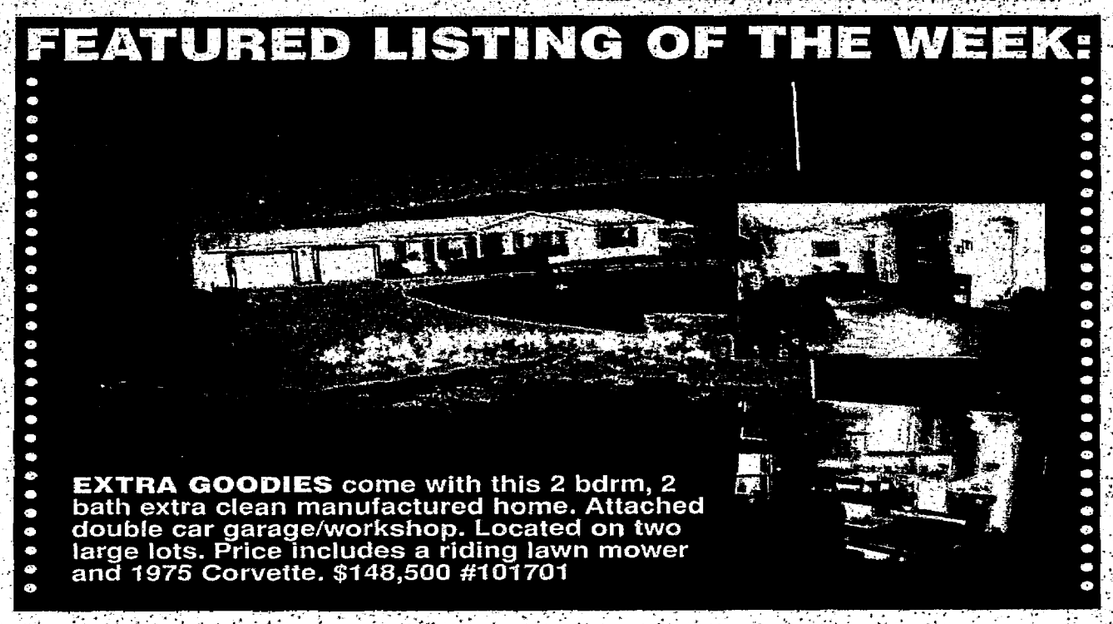
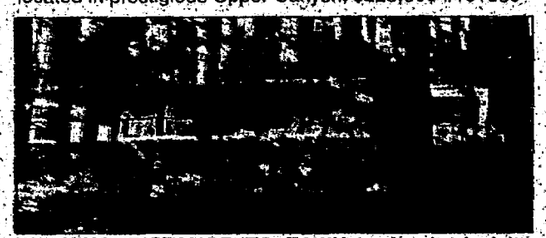


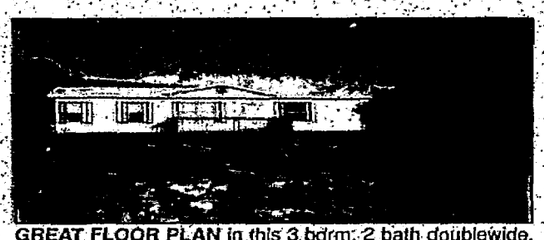
EXTRA GOODIES come with this 2 bdrm, 2 bath extra clean manufactured home. Attached double car garage/workshop. Located on two large lots. Price includes a riding lawn mower and 1975 Corvette. $148,500 #101701



WALKING DISTANCE TO TOWN and priced right. Weekend getaway with nice covered deck. This two bedroom, one bath older mobile home is in good shape but does need updating. Furnace and water heater are only two years old. $49,950 #101752

MIDTOWN COMMERCIAL PROPERTY with unlimited possibilities. The house has 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, with great potential. Will sell AS IS!! $170,000 #101777

SET UPON A HILLTOP beneath the beauty of Sierra Blanca and above the Ruidoso River Valley, this custom designed 4 bedroom, 4 bath log home is situated on two lots. 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



GREAT FLOOR PLAN in this 3 bdrm, 2 bath doublewide. Lots of room for kids and horses to roam on over 1.3 acres. Great sun and easy access to town. Very few restrictions. Well sharing agreement. Owner is anxious to sell. $159,000 #101948

LOVELY NEW HOME IN ALTO with bonus 1 bdrm, .75 bath studio 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

UNIQUE PROPERTY! This wonderful piece of old Ruidoso has great potential for rental or home with guest quarters and prestigious Upper Canyon location. Property has 7 bdrms, 1 full and two .75 baths with almost unlimited possibilities. Home has level and easy access & up-to-code electrical. You can sit and relax on the covered back porch and hear the river. $284,000.00 #101121 or #101132

BEAUTIFUL VIEWS FROM wooded .56 acre lot in RRVE. New doublewides allowed. All underground utilities available. On end of cul de sac. Homeowners association is $40.50 per quarter $24,000 #102140

GREAT CORNER ACREAGE LOT in beautiful Sonterra. Consists of 5.023 acres with well already drilled at 45 gpm, no pump. 2000 sq.ft. insulated shop building with concrete floor and wood stove. Electricity to shop and homesite pad. Some clearing done. $199,000 #101983

REALLY CUTE CABIN with 2 bedrooms and 1.5 baths. Enjoy watching the wildlife from the large, partially covered deck. Has decorative paneling and wood-burning fireplace. New kitchen cabinets. $149,900 #101575

WALKING DISTANCE OF MIDTOWN! This great 2 bedroom, 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 with workspace and electricity. $159,900 #101574

ZONED COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL. Take a look at this property. 100' from Hwy 70 with easy access in and out. Two houses on the same property, one with 1880 sq ft and the second with 1344 sq ft $750,000 #102384

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located in this beautiful area. This 3 bdrm., 2 bath home has great Sierra Blanca & city views. Just minutes from downtown but far enough for the privacy you are looking for. **$388,000. #101959.**

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BREATHTAKING SIERRA BLANCA VIEWS!
3 bedroom, 2 bath, open living area, fabulous furnishings, ready to move into. Great rental or full time residence! Approx. 2068 sq. ft. per county records. Must See! **$379,900. #18047.**

WOW!!! WHAT A VIEW!
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If you like comfort & charm, you'll love this sparkling 3 bedroom, 2 bath Alto home. It offers warm colors, new carpet, custom window treatments. A large back deck with an outdoor kitchen for BBQs. In great condition, this home is only **$249,000. #101220.**

ALL IN ONE LEVEL
3 bdrm., 2 bath home with great sun rm., good size dbl. gar. plus workshop. Lg. covered deck for cookouts. Wonderful, beautiful weeping willow in your front yard and deer parade every day. **$229,888. #102766.**

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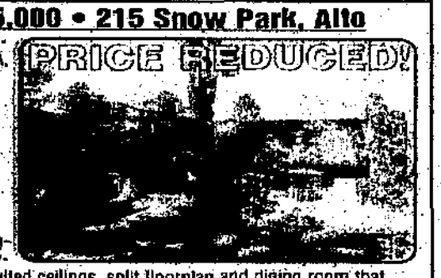


4 BD / 1 BA, 2-3/4 BA, 1/2 BA. Fabulous mtn. Home on 1.75 acres in Sun Valley (Alto). New home w/ radiant flr heat), huge open kitchen w/ JennAir stove and dishwasher. Lg. living area w/vaulted ceilings, split floorplan and dining room that feels like your eating outdoors. Lots of storage. Sq.ft. per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

$299,000 • 260 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".

$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.

$377,000 • 1115 Hull Road, Ruidoso

Beautiful large home with pine wood accents, vaulted ceilings, new kitchen counters, and stone fireplace. This home has three master bedroom suites. Main master has Jacuzzi tub, walk-in shower, fireplace and huge closet with built-ins. Lower master has separate entrance, and plumbing for a kitchenette. This house has plenty of storage.

$186,000 • 213 Maverick Court, Alto

3 BD / 2 BA This extremely spacious TRIPLE wide, located on a quiet cul-de-sac, has oversized 2-car garage w/ great split floor plan, large bdrms & an additional office. Huge walk-in closet in Master. Kitchen has center island and bright open breakfast nook. Cathedral ceilings in living area which leads into formal dining room. Extra room being added for exercise or reading. Fully fenced yard is nicely landscaped and will be great for children or pets. **MLS# 102689**

$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**

$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# 101663**

$218,000 • 214 Metz Drive, #248, 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**

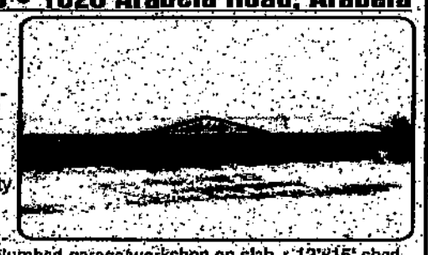
$259,000 • 101 Buelah Lane, Ruidoso

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**

$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**

$198,000 • 1626 Arabela Road, Arabela



3 BD / 2 BA Great m/g'd home on 2.28 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**

$127,900 • 169 Crestview Road, 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 w/elec.) 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**

$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# 18926**

$289,900 394 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**

$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**

$349,900 303 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 5.8 acre lot available for $45,000, see MLS# 101751. **MLS# M101432 and MLS# A101435**

$119,000 100 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 Coconino 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# 102108**

$135,000 409 Spring 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# 101822**

$159,674 - 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!

$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# 101293**

$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 window,s wood floors in kitchen. Backyard fully fenced w/ lg storage shed. **MLS# 101856**

$279,000 141 Lama 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**

$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.**

$449,900 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**

$353,900 120 Alhambra, Ruidoso 3 BD / 2 BA / 2-BA / 3/4-BA Beautiful newly constructed, high efficiency, home in Upper Canyon. This home boasts granite counter tops, upgraded fixtures, bamboo flooring, pine ceilings, Anderson Low-E windows, solid wood doors, Heatilator FP and 2 huge decks to enjoy the views. 2 living areas, one with private entrance. Per builder, this home qualifies for Energy Efficiency rebate. **MLS# 102707**

$239,500 120 Meskwhall 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**

$179,900 118 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**

$184,900 100 Sun Mineral, 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# 102456**

$549,900 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.

$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**

$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**

Commercial

$449,000 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 Vac system, elevator. **MLS# C102185.**

$75,000 1104 Sudderth, Ruidoso – Wild Wild 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 per month. Visit the website, www.wildwestdayspa.com. Established name and marketing program. **MLS# 102360**

$240,000 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**

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MLS# 18404 • 106 BELA CENA • $1,175,000
FANTASTIC SIERRA BLANCA VIEW FROM THIS CUSTOM NEW MEXICAN HOME. Approx 4314 sq.ft. 4 bdrm, 3 & 1/2 baths on 5 acres. 12 ft. ceilings throughout, 8 ft doors, Pella windows, 3 FPs, (2) 5,000 gal. water storage tanks, 3 car garage. Alto Golf Membership avail. Owner Motivated.

ALTO

MLS# 102552 • 117 FLUTE PLAYER WAY • $429,000
MINT CONDITION, ONE LEVEL STUCCO HOME. 2772 sq. ft., 3 bdrm, 3 baths.10 ft. ceilings, hand troweled walls, crown molding, wood floors, solid surface tops. Courtyard, 726 sq. ft garage, 1/2 acre lot, & Sierra Blanca view. Social membership to Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club.

ALTO

MLS# 100715 • 1 CHAMISA RIDGE • $499,995
NEW CONSTRUCTION. FANTASTIC SIERRA BLANCA VIEWS. 2610 sq.ft. 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath. Mountain flavor stucco home w metal roof, & dbl garage. Stone fireplace. Stainless appliances & solid granite counters in kitchen. Wood floors in living room & kitchen. Social membership.

RUIDOSO

MLS# 102031 • 118 WILLIE HORTON • $1,650,000
BIG SIERRA BLANCA VIEWS. Fabulously furnished. Approx. 4123 sq. ft., 4 bdrms, 4 baths. Wood doors, plantation shutters, elec. shades, beamed ceiling in L.R. Granite counters. Viking appliances, 2 lvg areas, 2 fireplaces, flat screens, sun doors, wet bar, elevator, triple garage, paved stone driveway.

ALTO

MLS# 101708 • 108 COUGAR LANE • $799,000
CUSTOM SANTA FE STYLE HOME ON ALMOST 2 ACRES! Fantastic Sierra Blanca Views. Approx. 2750 sq.ft., 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, 10 & 12 foot ceilings, vigas, hand troweled walls, granite counters, stainless appliances, in floor heat in 2 bthrms, golf cart garage, 1500 gal. Rainwater tank, Alto golf mbrshp

RUIDOSO

MLS# 101731 • 115 COCONINO LANE • $214,000
BRAND NEW CABIN IN THE WOODS! Approx. 1200 Sq. Ft., 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, one level. Log siding on front. Refrigerated air, open floor plan, big covered deck, Must see!

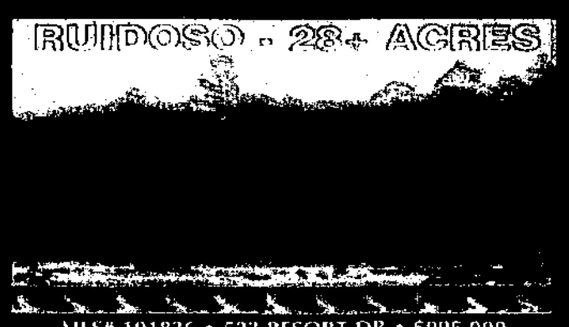
RUIDOSO - ON THE RIVER

MLS# 101803 • 172 MEANDER • $549,500
COMPLETELY REMODELED HOME ON THE RIVER WITH 1.4 ACRES. Level access. New everything. One level, stucco, 3 Bdrms, 2 1/2 Bath, Double garage. Has well (no pump). Community water & sewer.

ALTO

MLS# 101806 • 120 DEER PARK DRIVE • $629,500
PRESTIGIOUS ONE LEVEL STUCCO HOME IN DEER PARK WOODS. Approx. 3632 sq.ft., 4 Bedroom 3 Bath, Spacious floor plan with high ceilings. Triple garage. Professionally landscaped with level access. Includes Alto golf membership.

RUIDOSO - 28+ ACRES

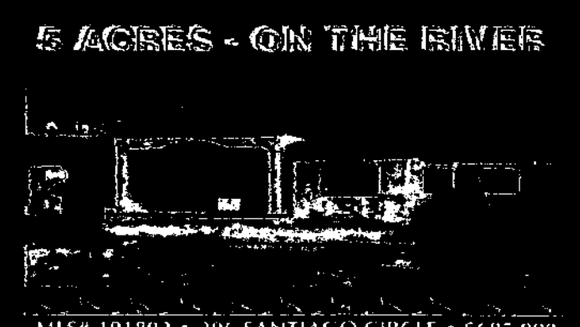


MLS# 101836 • 523 RESORT DR • $995,000
GREAT POTENTIAL FOR THIS ALMOST 29 ACRE TRACT BY GRINDSTONE LAKE. Zoned P.U.D. Grindstone creek flows through property. 2 commercial wells plus city water. City sewer close by. Nice meadows and heavily treed mountain.

ALTO

MLS# 101880 • 178 MIRA MONTE • $550,000
SUPER LOW MAINTENANCE, ONE LEVEL, SANTA FE STYLE STUCCO HOME. Approx. 2448 sq.ft., 3 bdrms - Each w/ full bath, and an additional 3/4 bath off den. Open floor plan, two living areas, surround sound, kitchen has stainless steel appliances and new solid granite counters. Alto golf membership. Owner Agent

5 ACRES - ON THE RIVER



MLS# 101892 • 296 SANTIAGO CIRCLE • $695,000
NEW TERRITORIAL STYLE HOME ON BONITA CREEK. Approx. 3150 sq.ft., 3 bdrm, 4 1/2 bath, 10 ft. + ceilings, 2 fireplaces, stainless steel appliances, granite counters, large master suite. All one level, stucco, double garage, mountain views.

ALTO

MLS# 101489 • 1381 HIGH MESA RD • $330,000
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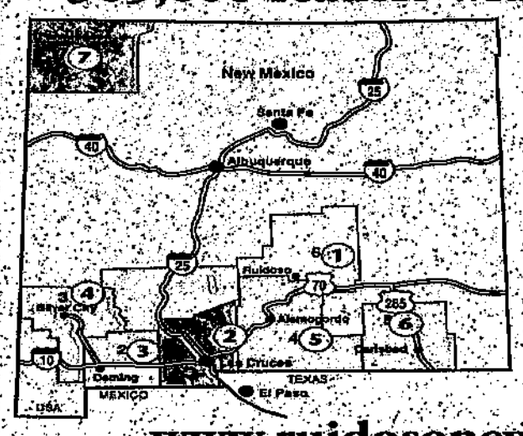

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN

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 Judgment 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 the Promissory Note and foreclosure of a Mortgage.

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

Principal, interest and late charges through 6/15/08 ..... $40,729.2

Costs of suit and attorney fees... ..... $2,778.83

Special Master's fee 275.00

Total..... $43,783.07

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

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

/s/
Sarah Prothro
Special Master

/s/
Lee Grimm
1044 Mechem Drive
Ruidoso, NM 88345
(505) 258-9404
Attorney for Plaintiff

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JACK HOWARD NELSON,

DECEASED

Cause No. PB-08-14

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative, c/o Freda Howard McSwane, 1803 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 at the address listed below, or filed with the District Court.

Dated: April 30, 2008

/s/
Carolyn R. Nelson
Personal Representative, c/o Freda Howard McSwane
FREDA HOWARD MCSWANE, P.C., 1803 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345

#8166 1T (5)2 UH

The Upper Hondo SWCD regular meeting to be held May 1, 2008 has been re-scheduled for May 10, 2008.

Time and location remain the same.

The Lincoln County Cooperative Weed Management Area has established a regular meeting time to be the second Tuesday of every month at 10:00 A.M.

Question regarding these meeting dates should be directed to 575-354-2220.

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CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT

ORDINANCE No. 2008-02

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the City of Ruidoso Downs shall conduct a Public Hearing in conjunction with the regular meeting scheduled for Monday, May 26, 2008 to commence at 6:30 p.m., City Hall, Hubbard Room, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs for adopting the following Proposed Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-02

An Ordinance To Rescind Portion of Chapter 6-Titled "Morals/Conduct" Article 6, General Nuisance Section 2, Nuisances Defined (F) Vegetation Management.

Copies of Proposed Ordinance No. 2008-02 are on file in the office of the City Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am. And 5:00 pm.

By:
Carol Virden, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

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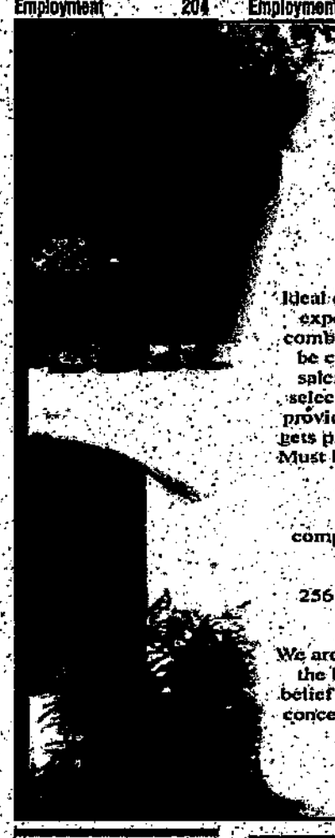

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Gen. Help Wanted 224

Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club has an opening for Cooks-All shifts, Pantry & Dish washers. 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.

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Gen. Help Wanted 224

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.

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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Gen. Help Wanted 224

MESCALERO Apache School

P.O. Box 230, 249 White Mountain Dr.
Mescalero, New Mexico 88340
Phone: (505) 464-4431 Fax: (505) 464-4822

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Mescalero Apache School is looking for qualified applicants for the following positions:

➢ **Middle/High School Principal**

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*****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 08-02.*

For additional information and application:
Mescalero Apache School
Personnel Office
P.O. Box 230; 249 White Mountain Drive
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Phone: (505) 464-4431 Fax: (505) 464-4822

Gen. Help Wanted 224

HELP WANTED:
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DISPATCHER

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Gen. Help Wanted 224

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Homes - Northeast 79904 422

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Residential Lots 436

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Garage/Yard/Estate Sales 628

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Garage/Yard/Estate Sales 628

Family Pride of Ruidoso

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For Sale
Old ranch coffeepot collection Great hanging from the kitchen ceiling! $150 for all
Antique wooden box collection Some dovetail, some from Alaska (Whiskey & dynamite) $157 for all
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One Multiplex Hammond folding typewriter An old paper glued inside said 1874. $75
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Huge Sale 1115 Hull Rd. Lots of furn., cloths, & lots of stuff. Fri-Sat 8-1.

Multi-family yard sale. Lots of stuff for everyone. 5 Star Storage Unit #63. 117 Mechem. Sat. May 3 (8 am-1 pm). Please no early birds.

SOLD our Alto Home. Everything must go. Furn., acces., linens, bedding, & kitchen items. 139 Deer Park. Fri., May 2nd, 8-6, Sat. May 3rd, 8-5.

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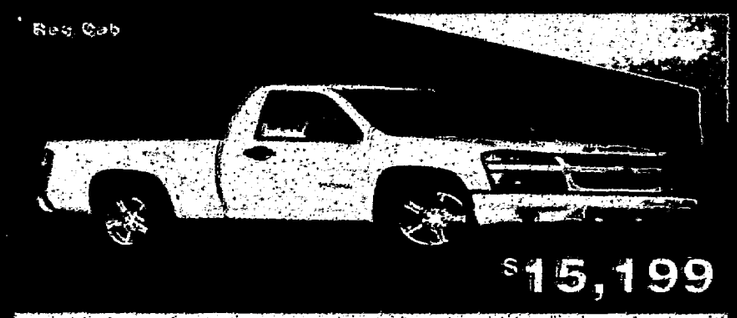

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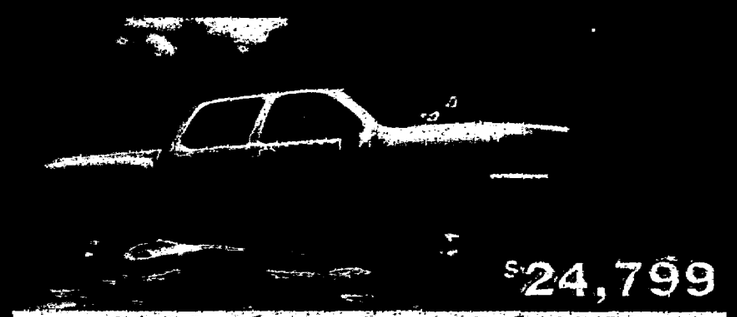

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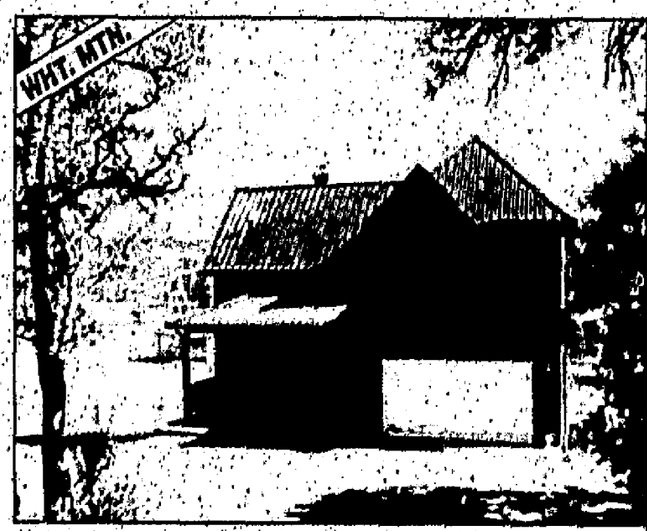
CLASSY 2 BR. TOWNHOUSE WITH WONDERFUL PLAN!
The master bedroom and garage are on the main level for convenient daily living. Lovely wood floors and solid surface countertops are attractive features you'll love in this nicely remodeled townhome. Upscale kitchen and a really nice view of the meadows. At a beautiful price of $225,000. #101487



LOVELY WHT. MTN. STUCCO W/ VALLEY VIEWS!
Vaulted ceilings in the living area create a sun-splashed interior that's divine! The master bedroom is on main floor of this charming 3 br., 2-½ ba. Upscale cabinets, open concept, solid surface countertops, and wet bar w/ wine cooler enhance this luxurious living environment. $369,500. #100027

ONE-OF-A-KIND ENCHANTING ADOBE ON EAGLE CREEK
The private gated entry merely hints at the beauty of the property inside a fully fenced 6.8 acres. Double-wall adobe, brick floors, hand-made doors, 4 Kivas. Boveda ceiling & charming studio. Call L/A for details. $885,000. #102113

IMPECCABLY TASTEFUL ONE-LEVEL ALTO STUCCO
This 4 br, 4 ba furnished home is astonishingly beautiful! Lofty ceilings, Sierra Blanca view, and four unique custom fireplaces make for luxurious Alto living. This amazing floor plan w/great room is on ¾ acre with level access and a dynamic view. Granite, custom plaster, and fabulous courtyard... absolutely enchanting! $1,[illegible] #[illegible]

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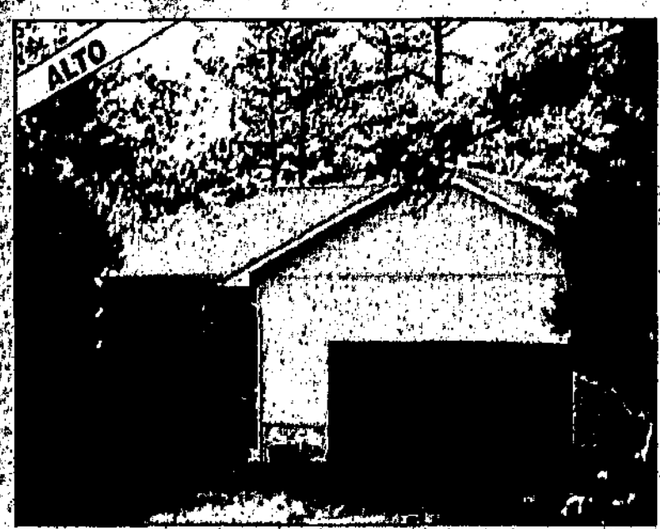
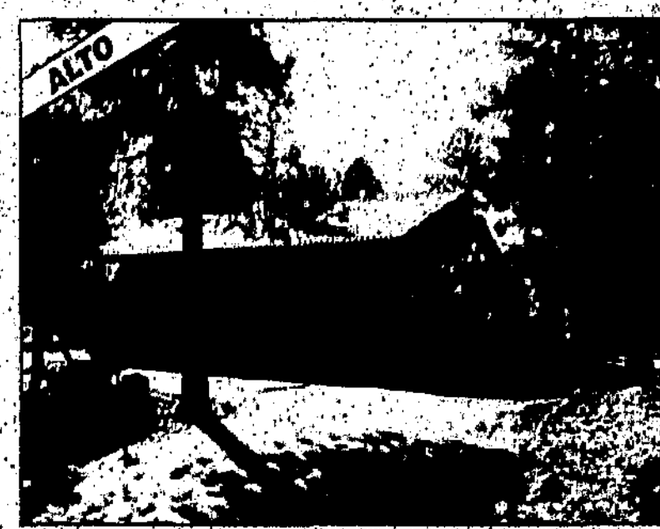


TASTEFULLY FURNISHED ALTO GOLF MEMBERSHIP HOME

This classy 4 br. home with interior wood accents is perfect for entertaining. Fabulous open concept. Cozy and elegant on a corner lot. Great kitchen w/ exquisite handmade tile. Master on main level. Very desirable! $419,500. #18352



CHARMING 3 BR., 2 BA., ALTO STUCCO!

This two 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

CONTEMPORARY ALTO STUCCO ON FAIRWAY!

This full-golf architectural beauty has a super open-concept plan with wonderful fairway views. Master has its own fireplace and "his and her baths"! Wet bar w/ ice maker. Close to clubhouse too! $429,000. #16767

CHARMING ONE-LEVEL ALTO HOME. UNDER $290K!

Perfectly placed on a 1/2 acre lot in Deer Park Woods! This 3 br., 2 ba. is light-filled and is accented by a beautiful river rock fireplace. Full golf too. Desirable and well-priced! $284,500. #18888

BEAUTIFUL ALTO STUCCO WITH LOTS OF PERSONALITY!

Pleasing views of the valley and the forest are yours from this 4 br., 2 ba. home. 2 living areas, marvelous decks, and courtyard are features you'll really enjoy. Full golf membership too! $349,500. #100118

CHARMING 3 BR. SIERRA BLANCA VIEW HOME!

This home is perfectly placed on a large, level lot with nice views! Full golf membership. Built-in fireplace. Double garage & great doggie run. Super Alto offering under $300k! Won't last long! $285,000. #17426

AMAZING ALTO FULL-GOLF MTN. HOME!

5 brs. and a living area & a den make for luxurious Alto living. Superb Sierra Blanca & Capitan views. Exquisite furnishings included. Excellent floor plan. Wonderful deck. Comfortable & elegant in every way! $725,000. #102139

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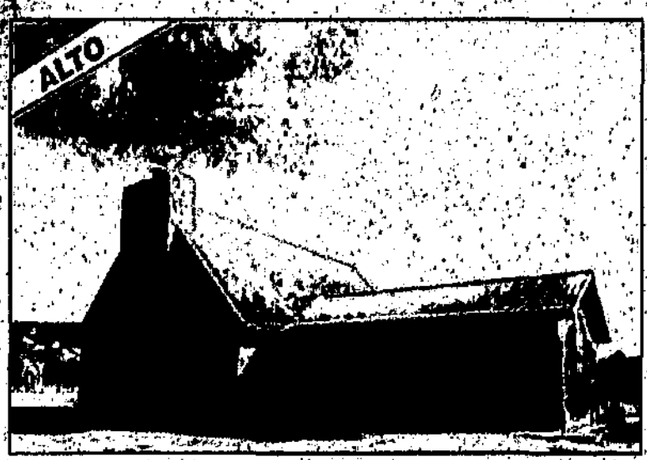
and Country Club is an terrific place. We have had many enjoyable times that our family has enjoyed at this fine facility. Richard has served on the numerous Alto committees for many years, and we have enjoyed watching the club grow. It's reasonable dues structure and the beautiful amenities make Alto a place you'll want to be. ***We look forward to helping you in your Alto search."*** *— Richard and Janis*

WHEN ONLY THE BEST WILL DO!
This impeccably tasteful Kokopelli Villa home is perfectly placed in an exclusive gated community. This spectacularly furnished 3/3 home has a beautiful view of distant mountains, the course, and an enchanting water feature. Wonderfully furnished. Full club membership. What a delightful place to live! Looking for your heart's desire? Here it is! $785,000. #101441

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

NEW UPSCALE ALTO BEAUTY UNDER $350K!
Wood floors, hickory cabinets, beautiful custom doors, and wood windows set the stage for excellence. Give your cook her heart's delight with this gourmet kitchen featuring granite countertops and stainless appliances. Handicap accessibility and attractive, no-maintenance xeriscaping put a perfect finish on the fabulous home. $349,900. #102051



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

SUPER ALTO HOME ON LEVEL LOT W/ VIEW!
You'll enjoy a fabulous Sierra Blanca view from this special home w/ great room floor plan. Master bedroom has access to deck and a really nice master bath with double vanities. Great room has vaulted ceilings. Wonderful kitchen accents this bright, cheery, open-concept plan. Very nice home w/ great cabinetry. $364,900. #102323

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 beds. High ceilings are accented by great window pkg. Furnished too. The new owner of this special home will also enjoy the "full golf" membership in Alto. $279,900. #101942

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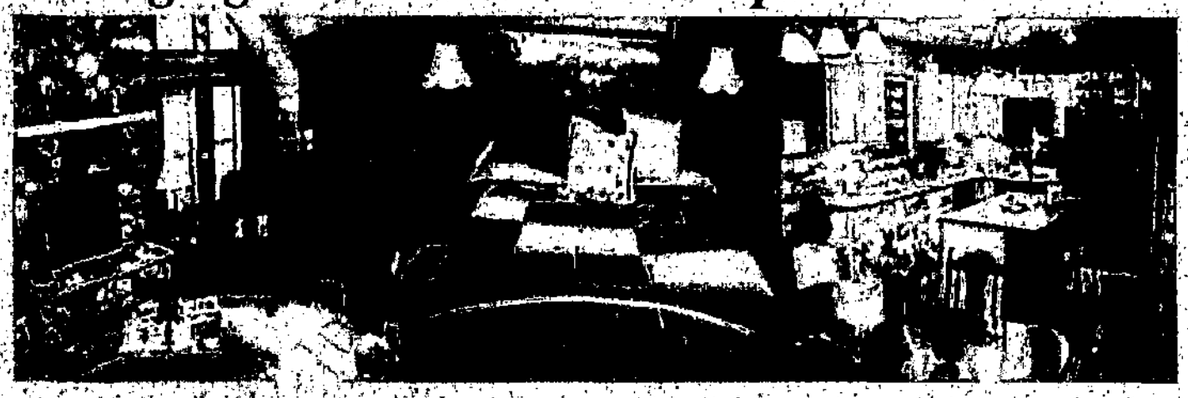

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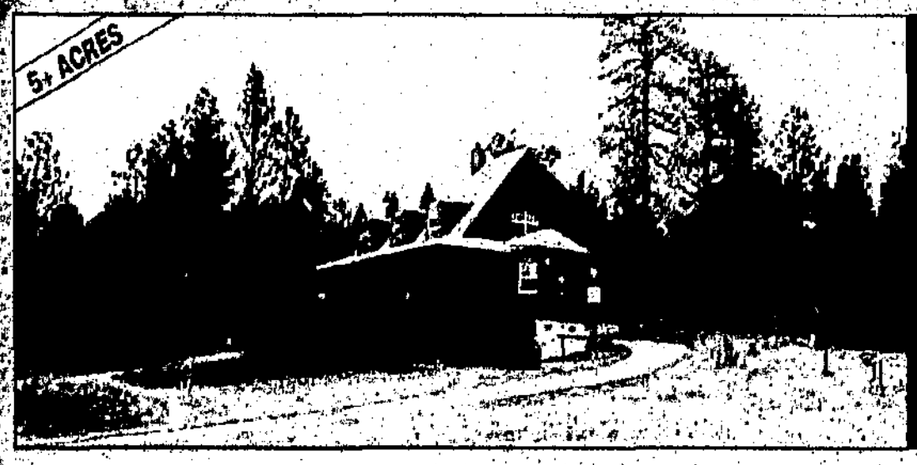
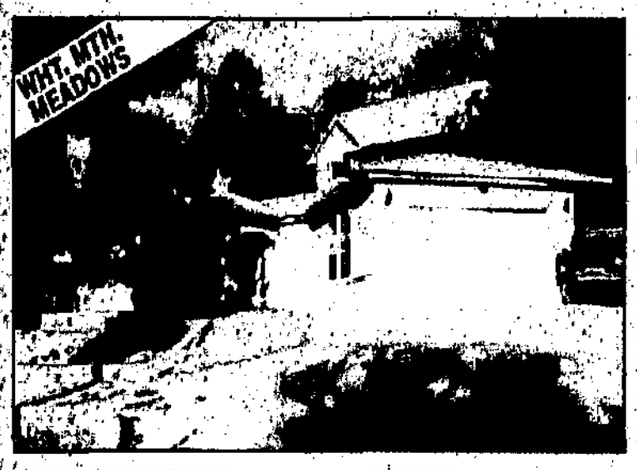


CLASSY LOG ON 5+ ACRES IN HOME-STEAD ACRES!

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

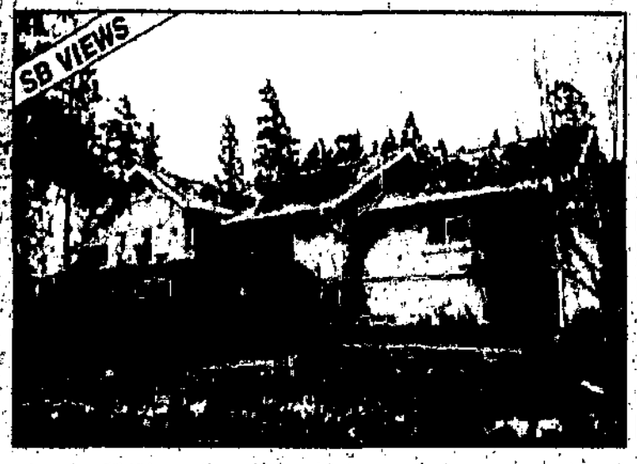


CLASSY ONE-LEVEL WHITE MTN. HOME!

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

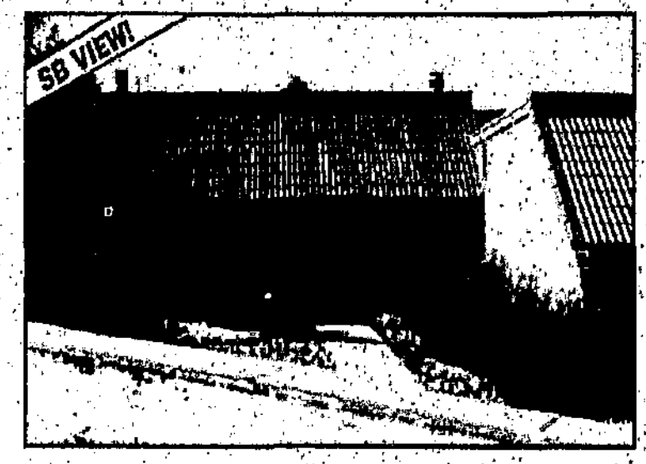
CHARMING RIVER HOME CONVENIENTLY LOCATED CLOSE TO MID-TOWN DINING AND SHOPPING!

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! $260,000. #102112

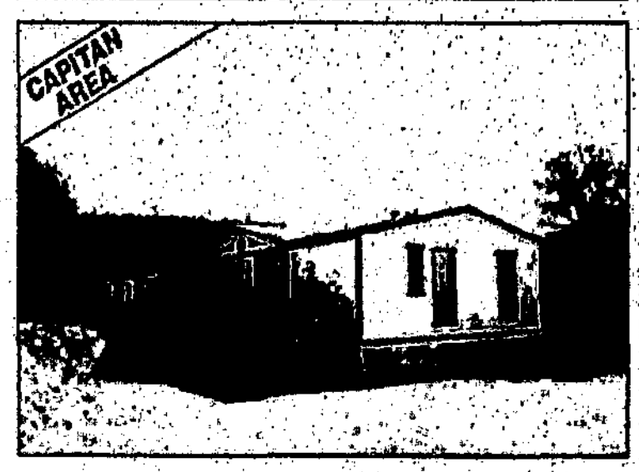


HIGHLY DESIRABLE 2 BR. ASPEN RUN CONDO!

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

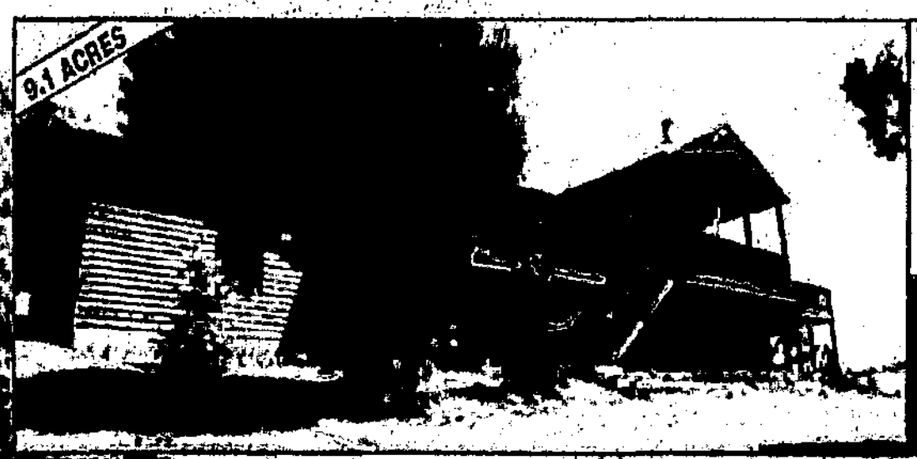
ALTO HOME WITH SIERRA BLANCA VIEW - UNDER $250K!

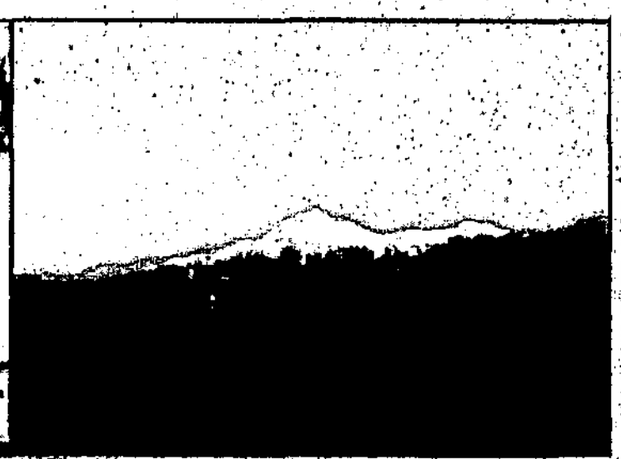
Sounds like a winning combo and it is! This mountain charmer also has a full golf membership for the golf enthusiast, and an updated interior w/wet bar. You'll love that it is nicely furnished. Great window coverings too. Start enjoying Alto living today; just give us a call! $249,500. #101655



SECLUDED W/ BEAUTIFUL VALLEY VIEW!

This great 4 br., 3 ba 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! Meet and this amazing home. $[illegible] #101429

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PRESTIGIOUS 4 BR. 4 BA. HOME ON THE RIO RUIDOSO RIVER!

This authentic Upper Cy[illegible] a magical location amo[illegible] pines with 105 feet on the [illegible] Excellent Trex deck! Great [illegible] ing, dining and kitchen, [illegible] shelters & wood floors [illegible] ing mountain living space. Live your mountain dream by the babbling water 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 Inn 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. #100602

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

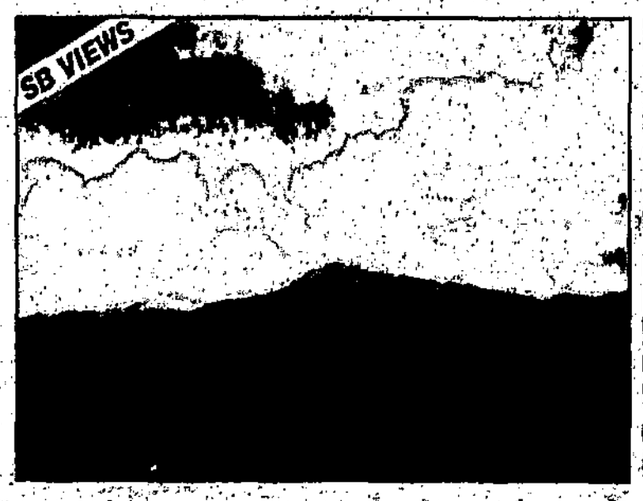
FURNISHED UPPER CANYON IN GREAT SETTING!
This 2 br., mountain home is updated and has level access. Family room w/daybed is perfect for extra guests. Heated workshop is a bonus. 2 decks and hot tub for enjoying the beautiful forest setting. Storage too! $199,500. #100606

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

HIGHLY DESIRABLE 5+ ACRE LOTS!
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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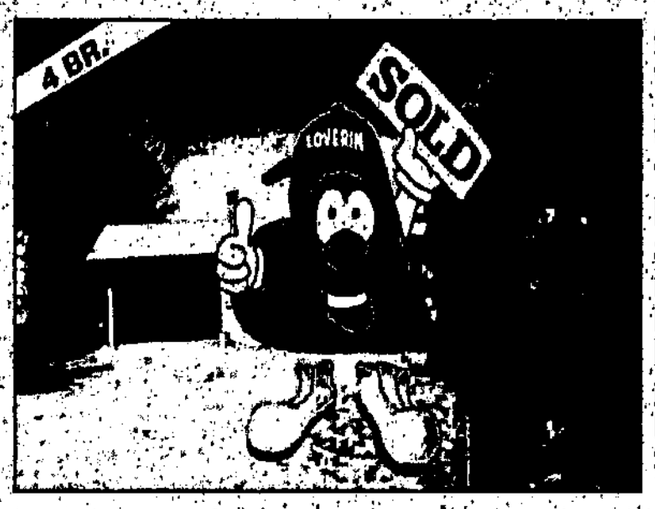
GREAT 3 BR. AT A SUPER PRICE!
This attractive 1-level home has many desirable features: level access for convenience, great deck for enjoying the outdoors, partially fenced & city utilities tool Storage and shop building are a real bonus! All this for a mere $138,500! #17569

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. #102261

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

NEWLY REMODELED BIG PINES CONDOS!
These 2 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. 3 bedroom condos are also available. A great offering at a desirable price. $ 119,500. #102089



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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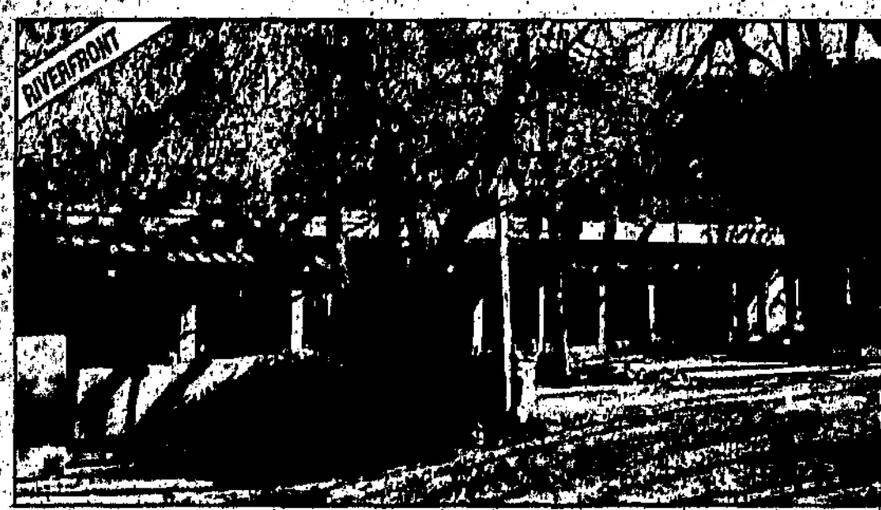

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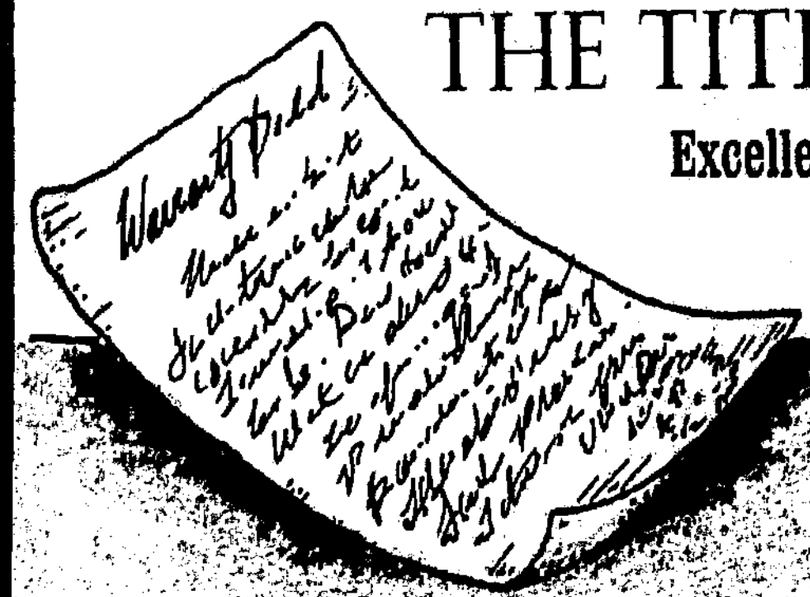

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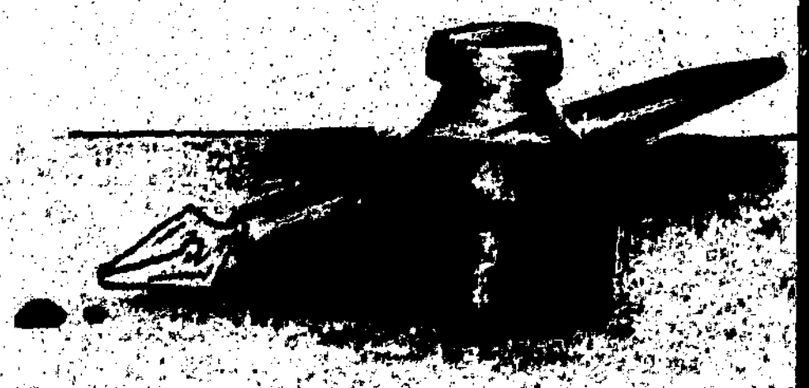

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THIS WEEKEND

W.A.L.K. in the Woods

The 2nd Annual W.A.L.K. in the Woods will be held on May 3rd 2008 from 9-1 a.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. The first 300 participants to complete the walk by gathering stamps from predetermined booths will receive a free T-shirt. The booths are listed below. Thank you to our sponsors; this event would not be possible without their generosity.

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MAY 10 - 1:00PM
"EVE BALL: WOMAN AMONG MEN" WITH LYNDA SANCHEZ

Author Lynda Sanchez will present a lively discussion of her book, an inspiring and personal view of Eve Ball. This photo essay contains innumerable vignettes and unique glimpses into the life and times of Eve Ball including best before unpublished photographs of Eve throughout her life.

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On the cover

"Hondo Valley Rainwatch," 4'x4' oil on canvas, by Alice Seely, 2005. A reminder to keep praying for the rain to come.

Polly on postcards

Polly's Potpourri

by Polly E. Chavez

After reading "On Second Thought" by Mary Racine, editor, I understood his "I love paper newspapers" piece. Printer's ink is in my blood too. It is sad to think that "there will come a day when the newspaper will shrink right out of sight, spinning and receding from the newsstands and carriers and mailboxes into limitless cyber space ..."

Tabloid-sized newspapers like *Capper's* out of Topeka, Kan., are interesting. I have a friend who shares her *Capper's* with me.

An article tells about a postcard collection, "I've got a time machine that takes me across the seven seas and back to zeppelins. It lets me visit places as near as Akron or as far as Zanzibar. His collection includes one dated 1906," writes John Tissot.

"Back then, postcards were the television of their day. Now, we don't just have television, we have mobile telephones that can take snapshots, movies that take us into outer space and computers that present us with virtual worlds," the articles goes on to say. It is suggested that an antique shop is a great source to start a postcard collection.

The first postcards printed in 1869 and called "postal cards," had no pictures at all. Postcards with pictures came later and were called "picture post cards." At Gallery 408, in the heart of old-town Carrizozo, I purchased six new picture postcards for my six kids. "Greetings from CARRIZOZO, New Mexico," is the message by Carrizozo's own cartoonist/illustrator Rick Geary. He includes old Zozo cartoon buildings.

When my six kids receive their postcards; they will experience a touch of the 'ol home town via Geary's art. Geary is known for his work in *The National Lampoon*. His work has been published in many magazines, newspapers and comic books (www.rickgeary.com).

Not all picture post cards are extinct. Computers would have to be available to many before "paper" newspapers become outdated. Animated greeting cards and the *Ruidoso News* on the Internet can be fun, but a real postcard is nostalgic, and holding a paper newspaper is therapeutic.

You know, I vowed never to put away my 35mm film camera when digital cameras were invented. I love my new digital camera. I am so fickle.

EVENT CALENDARS

Performances

Night of the Arts

May 2-3: (Ruidoso) Ruidoso High School drama classes present a showcase featuring *Pinocchio, Actor's Nightmare* and *Check Please*. Ruidso Schools Performing Arts Center, 6:30 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. Info: 378-4142.

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. Info: 257-7982.

Billy Currington

May 15: (Mescalero) Billy Currington live in concert at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino. Success has carried country singer/songwriter Billy Currington far away from is beloved Georgia hometown of Rincon, but he remains the same simple man shaped by his upbringing in this small Southern town.

Currington burst onto the scene with his eponymous debut which contained the Top 10 hit "Walk a Little Straighter" and the fun Top 5 smash "Got a Feelin'." Under 21 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Visit ticketmaster.com for tickets or www.innofthemountaingods.com.

Juni Fisher at Mountain Annie's

May 16-17: (Ruidoso) Juni Fisher performs at Mountain Annie's Dinner Theater in Midtown Ruidoso. $29.95 for dinner at 7 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m. Fisher recorded her first Western release, *Tumbleweed Letters*, in late 1999. Monterey Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival director Gary Brown heard her first album, and hunted her down to perform at the 2004 Festival.

He shared Juni's music with other promoters and artists, and started the wheels turning, allowing Juni to shift her profession to the music she loved most.

Her third release, *Cowgirlography*, featured a duet with Sons of the San Joaquin's Joe Hannah, and received rave reviews, multiple nominations and a WMA Song of the Year award. The start of 2008 marked the release of her historic *Gone For Colorado*, an album that brought forth Juni's own family history in song. Info: 257-7982.

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.

Library Silent Auction

Through May 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.

W.A.L.K. 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. Mead will be revealing his methods, while his works will be available in the Museum Mercantile for purchase. Info: 378-4142.

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 happiest and most productive. Sánchez will be signing copies of her book, which will be available for purchase. Info: 378-4142.

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 set up tables/booths to sell their art that day. 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.

Matt Mikulich – Mining Stories and Songs

May 15-18: (Ruidoso Downs) All-day mining program at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. From Buena Vista, Colo., mining aficionado Matt Mikulich tells (and sings) the history of early placer and hard rock mining in Colorado from 1859 to about 1900, along with New Mexico mining history of the same period.

Interspersing demonstrations of early mining tools/artifacts, Mikulich promises an entertaining and informative view of mining history to enhance the opening of the Hubbard Museum's exhibit, "Boomed, Busted and Bought Out Again." Info: 378-4142.

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CALENDARS

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New Fiber Festival

May 17-18: (Lincoln) New Fiber Festival in Lincoln. A fabulous showing of Lincoln County spinners and artisans working with all natural materials. At the State Historical Visitor's Center from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Admission is ticket to the museum. For more information call Ginny 575-653-4609 E-mail: ellisstore@aol.com.

Workshops

Ran La Roca Glass – Lincoln

May 13: Introductory Enamel Glass Workshop – 9 a.m.-4 p.m. $110 includes all materials. Limited to eight participants.

May 8-10: Recycled Metal and Enameled Glass – 9 a.m.-5 p.m. $285 includes materials. Fast-paced class limited to seven participants. Wortley Hotel package available.

May 17: Introductory Enamel Glass Workshop – 9 a.m.-4 p.m. $110 includes all materials. Limited to eight participants.

Contact: Ronda Dougherty, 575-653-4219. 50 percent non-refundable deposit holds your place in class. Balance due first day of workshop.

The Studios on Twelfth Street and Gallery 408 – Carrizozo

May 5-6: Landscape Drawing in the Valley of Fires –with artist Richard Kathmann. $160 includes 1/2 day at Valley of Fires and 1/2 day in the studios; sack lunch provided.

May 8: Figure Drawing With Friends – A live model will be present, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Be inspired and instructed by each other. Bring the medium and materials you prefer to work with and a sack lunch. $15. Continues second Thursday of each month.

May 18: Beverly Wilson Book Making– Bottle Tree Studio in Lincoln. $45 for instruction plus $8 for materials. Will produce four traditional soft-cover stab-bound books and one hardcover portfolio. $25 deposit to hold class space. Call 575-653-4699 with color choices and additional information.

Contact: Gallery 408, 575-648-2598, or email gallery408@tularosa.net.

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May 5: Card Making – Birthday, anniversary, wedding, Mother's Day, your choice.

May 8: Polymer Clay – Necklace or book.

May 12: – Page Design & Layout – Learn design.

May 14, 28: Dichroic Glass – Make a pendant and a pair of earrings.

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On stage ~

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. Little Joe y La Familia are live in concert at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino, Saturday, May 3.

The Unknowns, featuring Gary Stamper, Ian Stamper and Mark Kashmar, will be rockin' The Quarters for their weekly Blues & BBQ, this Sunday, May 4. Bring your appetite and indulge in The Quarters' special ribs, enjoy the libations, and don't forget your dancin' shoes. The club opens at noon and the band plays 3-7 p.m.

LET'S GO

Fiesta time

The 56th annual presentation of the Hondo Fiesta will be on Saturday night, May 10, in the Hondo school gymnasium. Students in Head Start through 12th grade will be performing in a dazzling display of Spanish, Mexican and New Mexican dances.

Performances will begin at 6 p.m. General admission is $7. Reserved admission for the Saturday night performance will be available. For reserved seating call 575-653-4411.

A fine Mexican dinner will be served 4-6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The dinner will be enchiladas, rice, salad, beans, dessert, and a drink, for $5 per plate. Students 10 and under, $3 a plate.

In an effort to preserve their Hispanic heritage, approximately 100 students will be participating in this year's 56th performance.

The program, which Fermin and Cirenia Montes began in 1948, has blossomed into a magnificent show drawing many people to the Hondo Valley every year.

Since that time innumerable individuals, including former students, have worked together to keep the program alive and flourishing.

Over the years, public response to the folk dances and music has been enthusiastic. This year's program will consist of several parts. The elementary will dance their favorites. However, the main part of the evening features the Junior and High School students dancing to such New Mexican and Mexican classics as the popular Café Colon, Jesusita en Chihuahua, El Jarabe Tapatio and many, many more.

For additional information, contact the Hondo Valley Public Schools at 653-4411.

Lee Ranch House

Get a glimpse into late 19th Century ranch life in the Tularosa Basin on May 10, when the Lee Ranch House re-opens at Oliver Lee Memorial State Park for the annual Heritage Preservation Event.

The ranch house property has been closed to the public since flash floods of August 2006.

Join the staff for two of the most popular programs at the State Park during the grand re-opening celebration.

"We are proud to announce the re-opening of the ranch house property to the public at our Heritage Preservation Event," said Park Manager Wendy Justice. "This year's event will highlight two of the park's many cultural resources: a Jornada Mogollon site and the Oliver Lee Ranch House."

Oliver Milton Lee (1865-1941) had a colorful career in New Mexico history. The adobe ruin of the house was excavated in 1984-85 as an archeological site and then reconstructed using historical photos, evidence from the excavation and oral histories. The furnishings are a selection of period pieces, informational displays, artifacts from the excavation and some Lee family items.

"What really makes visits to the house memorable are the staff-led tours, which visitors say are engaging and interesting," said Park Ranger Charles Wood. "We talk about early ranching history, the settlement of the Tularosa basin and some of the Lee family history."

Heritage Preservation Events are scheduled as follows:

- 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., a Jornada Mogollon Site Tour, meet at the Visitor Center. New Mexico State University archeologist Pete Eidenbach will lead a tour of a Jornada Mogollon Site on the Oliver Lee Ranch House property. Learn about the little-known native culture that dominated the region between the 8th and 13th centuries. Visitors must caravan in their own vehicle to the site and walk a half-mile round-trip.
- 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Oliver Lee Ranch House. The reconstructed house, originally built in 1893, features furnishings and displays that provide a window into the history of early ranching in the Tularosa Basin. The Oliver Lee Ranch House will be open for extended hours and ranger staff will be on hand to facilitate a self-guided tour.

The Ranch House will remain open for public tours at 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Group and special tours can be arranged by contacting the park, preferably with at least two weeks' notice to ensure staff availability. All programs and tours are free but camping and day use fees apply.

Oliver Lee Memorial State Park lies 12 miles south of Alamogordo via U.S. 54, then four miles east on Dog Canyon Road. For more information, contact the park at 575-437-8284 or visit www.nmparks.com.

For more than 75 years, State Parks has evolved from a federal New Deal initiative in 1933 to a system of 34 parks serving over 4 million people annually.

New Mexico State Parks celebrates a 75th Diamond Anniversary throughout 2008 with a 3-carat diamond bracelet giveaway, special events, the Geocaching Challenge, Outdoor Classroom initiatives and more. For more information, call 888-NMPARKS or visit www.nmparks.-com.

The Oliver Lee Ranch House. Photo by Corey Recko

Jazz fest

Three Alamogordo area schools' jazz bands will participate in a one-night Jazz Band Festival Wednesday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts.

The Second Annual Schools Jazz Band Festival will feature jazz bands from Alamogordo High School, Mountain View Middle School and New Mexico State University at Alamogordo.

Michael Power conducts the AHS band; the Mountain View band is under the direction of Rod Pior; and Rick Guidry leads the NMSU-A Jazz Band.

Music for the event will encompass genres ranging from some of the old standards, Latin samba, mambo, and salsa to fusionesque, big band swing, jitterbug and pure jazz.

Fans will enjoy such tunes as "All The Things Your Are," Mambo Swing," "God Bless The Child," "Swing, Swing, Swing," "It's The Talk of The Town" and many more.

One highlight of the evening will be the NMSU-A Jazz Band's performance of the jazz favorite "Afro Blue," which is a waltz that director Guidry challenges even the best of dancers to keep up with. There will be several featured soloists, include AHS director Power on percussion and Mountain View director Pior on alto saxophone.

Proceeds from ticket sales go to support the AHS and Mountain View band programs.

"For an evening of great music that will make your feet stomp and your heart sing, and for a worthy cause, join the three bands May 7th at 7:30 p.m. at the Flickinger Center," said Guidry.

Derby close to home

Horse racing fans circle in red the first Saturday in May on their calendars, like children counting down the days to Christmas.

Tomorrow, May 3, the Kentucky Derby will be run at Churchill Downs in Louisville. The race features the fastest three-year-old thoroughbreds in the world and airs on national television, along with simulcast venues like Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino.

Ruidoso Downs will open the Turf Club on Saturday to provide ample seating and fresh air to racing enthusiasts looking for a great spot to watch and wager on the 134th "Run for the Roses."

In addition, the race track has a number of promotional events planned to celebrate the day, including:

- 99-cent Pancakes at Billy's Sports Bar and Grill from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- $2.50 Mint Juleps, (the official drink of the Kentucky Derby), Mimosas and Bloody Marys before the big race.
- Members of the Billy the Kid Casino "Cash Club" will get a chance to pick the winner of the Kentucky Derby.

Everyone who picks the winner will be entered in a $500 cash drawing.

- Horse race simulcast players who do not have a winning ticket on the Kentucky Derby may enter a second-chance drawing to win $500.

The Kentucky Derby is scheduled to begin at approximately 4 p.m. Admission to the Turf Club on Saturday is free.

Ruidoso Downs Race Track opens for live thoroughbred and quarter horse racing May 23 through Labor Day, Sept. 1.

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CUISINE

Dining out, and a dose of reality

Culinary Adventures

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Reality check

You dine out for pleasurable, wonderful food, not for healthy meals, according to most restaurant studies and surveys.

The first reason you dine out is that someone else prepares the meal – a very nice thing, indeed. The second reason is that someone else serves it, and the third reason, it tastes very good.

Why? Your recent restaurant entrée most likely had decadent amounts of butter and salt. Do not hope too much or imagine about some kitchen magic that will supply you with great healthy food without the guilt of fat. "No fat, not much taste," as we say in the biz.

We build restaurant menus to please your palate and to make you happy. It is the sumptuous tastes of butter and salt in your meal at your favorite restaurant that do it.

Those two – butter and salt – combined in any entrée can bring you to your culinary knees. And that is a wonderful thing.

Rejoice in the power of butter and the gift of salt.

Restaurant meals average 1,000 to 1,500 calories. That is roughly two-thirds of the daily average calories recommended by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Okay, that is a large percentage. You cannot, however, put a calorie counter on camaraderie, fellowship, fun and the gustatory experience of dining out.

If you are feeling some soul-crushing guilt about this seemingly large caloric intake at one fabulous meal, just ditch the triple grande tall mocha with whipped cream espresso the next morning.

Restaurant-food guilt problem solved.

Butter and Salt

Side by side and with the strength of good menu ingredients, they are the joyous culinary link to your palate, food pleasure and possibly expanding waistline.

Subtle seasoning is important, but "butta" is to die for. And salt – oi, such a thing! Enjoy those two as they make you happy, and do not forget, nor fail to know, that the kitchen guys know this.

Amazing prime beef without salt is not very likely for most people. Salt drives the tender taste of meat, any meat. Butta – it just simply silks up everything; most classic sauces have lots of butter, and butter certainly is part of the foundation of most desserts.

Now For the Twist

Now for the twist is something I plan to use from time to time to add something else to our weekly Culinary Adventures. It may be a view of the past such as this week or a look ahead at what future Culinary Adventures are on the horizon. We can even use it as a forum. (In addition to feedback on the *¡Vámonos!* blog, Vital Signs, at www.ruidosonews.com.)

Imagine if you will, Lincoln County 10 years ago. I was only a weekend visitor at that time.

Think back to the restaurants here then. Gerald Flores had quite a dynamic thing going with Hotel Chango in his funky location in Capitan. There were others, but that restaurant sticks in my mind for fine, creative food.

Not much has changed since then, yet a lot has changed. Mostly we find the same quality of food with perhaps a decline in the quality of service.

Today, Capitan has Tom Histen and his cool Greenhouse Cafe, Ruidoso has Willmon's and Morsels for the upper end of the dining spectrum.

It remains a study in "Why" that a marvelous village like Ruidoso sorely lacks a solid group of return-to restaurants.

Until next week, Bon Appetit. *You* know why you are at the restaurant, so enjoy the experience – great food, nice ambiance, good service and high-calorie, plentiful high-fat food. Perfect!

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Dining Guide

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Key Code:

Y Alcoholic beverages served

R Reservations required or suggested

V Vegetarian friendly

Alamogordo / Otero County

Bar-B-Que

Phat Phil's • 213 12th St., Alamogordo • 430-8090.

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, Alamo-gordo • 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, Alamo-gordo • 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.

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Dining Guide

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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

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 • 257-2271 • 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-Sat, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.; also Fri, 5-8 p.m.

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.

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

Flying J Ranch • Opening May 23. Chuckwagon Suppers & Western Show • Hwy. 48 • Alto • 888-458-FLYJ • Gates open 6 p.m., dinner at 7:30. Showtime 8:20 p.m. ☎

GOOD TO KNOW

Hubbard Museum May happenings

In addition to some outstanding programming, the month of May includes the kick-off to the Hubbard Museum's annual fundraising efforts.

The annual fundraiser will be held on Saturday, July 19, but the sale of two separate raffles conducted for the sole benefit of the Museum by the Hubbard Museum of the American West Foundation will commence in May.

The first raffle, new in 2008, is for a $2,000 prepaid gas card. The price of the raffle tickets are $10 each, and only 2,500 will be sold. Tickets are on sale now at the Museum Gift Shop.

Raffle tickets for a 2008 Cadillac CTS-4 and $2,000 in gas will begin May 22. Tickets are $250 each and only 550 tickets will be sold. The beautiful metallic red Cadillac CTS will be on display at Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino commencing May 22. Tickets will be available for purchase at the race track and at the Museum Gift Shop.

Winners for both raffles will be announced at the Museum's gala ball in July. Once again, the Museum staff is working hand-in-hand with Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard and the Ladies Auxiliary of Lincoln County to present the gala event, "Stitches in Time." From corsets and hooped skirts to go-go boots and mini-skirts, fashion has played an important role when people get together to celebrate and socialize.

The annual fundraiser at the Hubbard Museum of the American West on July 19 will take a historical look at fashion, both women and men, in a unique and interactive way.

With assistance from an interactive display of period clothing beginning in the 1890s by the Fashion Museum of Abilene, Kan., and our guests if they so choose, "Stitches in Time" will provide a trip down the fashion red carpet as we meet and enjoy an evening of great food and drink, live entertainment, dancing, gaming activities and the always-exciting live auction and vehicle give-away.

While not a "costume" party in the true sense of the word, guests are encouraged to dress in period clothing from the decade of their choice and be an interactive participant in the theme presented by "Stitches in Time."

Tickets for this annual event are $125 for individuals or $1,000 for a table of 10.

Tickets will go on sale at the museum the first week of June.

Seating is limited to 300.

Matt Mikulich

May 17 – All Day – Matt Mikulich – Mining Stories and Songs

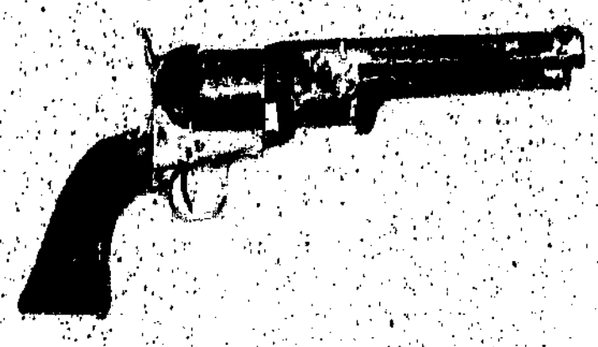
From Buena Vista, Colorado, mining aficionado Matt Mikulich tells (and sings) the history of early placer and hard rock mining in Colorado from 1859 to about 1900, along with New Mexico mining history of the same period.

Interspersing demonstrations of early mining tools/artifacts, Mikulich promises an entertaining and informative view of mining history to enhance the opening of the Hubbard Museum's exhibit, **"Boomed, Busted and Bought Out Again."**

May 10 – 1 p.m. – Lynda Sánchez – Eve Ball: Woman Among Men

Author Lynda 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 happiest and most productive. Sánchez will be signing copies of her book, which will be available for purchase.

May 31 – 11 a.m. – Barry Haight – Ballistics of the Old and New West: What Do Guns Really Do?



No subject is more laced with mythology and popular misconception than small arms and ammunition.

The power of firearms is often depicted as either much more or much less than it really is. How large a hole might a shotgun make in a wall? What happens to cartridges thrown into a fire and where does a bullet go when fired straight into the air? How accurate was the kind of revolver used by Wild Bill Hickok?

These questions and more are answered through the demonstrations and displays of Barry L. Haight, a retired firefighter/EMT from the Fairbanks, Alaska Fire Department.

Maintaining a lifelong interest and involvement with small arms and conducting extensive ammunition testing, Haight shares with his audience his expertise in debunking the myths of the Hollywood West.

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Hometown

Today and tomorrow, May 2-3, you can enjoy the 5th Annual Smokey Bear Days celebration in Capitan. Full of exciting events and family fun, including a DJ-Dance and Karaoke competition, parade, chainsaw-carving competition and a street dance, the event also features a marketplace, live entertainment and an amateur barbecue contest.

Especially exciting this year is the appearance of singer/songwriter Terry Bullard at the free street dance. And don't forget the lifetime memories of a visit with Smokey.

The living symbol of Smokey Bear was an American black bear who, in the spring of 1950, was caught in the Capitan Gap fire, a wildfire that burned 17,000 acres in the Capitan Mountains. The cub was in the Lincoln National Forest. Smokey had climbed a tree to escape the blaze, but his paws and hind legs had been burned. He was rescued by forest rangers fighting the wildfire.

At first he was called Hotfoot Teddy, but was later renamed Smokey, after the mascot. A local rancher who had been helping fight the fire took the cub home with him, but he needed veterinary aid. New Mexico Department of Game and Fish Ranger Ray Bell took him to Santa Fe. His wife Ruth, and their children, Don and Judy, cared for the cub.

The story was picked up by the national news services and Smokey became an instant celebrity. He and the Bells were featured in *Life* magazine, cementing his star status.

Soon after, Smokey was flown in a Piper Cub to the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., where he lived for 26 years.

Upon his death in November 1975, Smokey's remains were returned by the government to Capitan, and buried at what is now the Smokey Bear Historical Park.

Following the discovery of the living symbol of Smokey Bear, the character

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celebration

became a big part of American popular culture in the 1950s. He was on radio shows in the 1950s with his band, the Sons of the Pioneers. He appeared in comic strips and cartoons.

Smokey's correct, full name, is Smokey Bear. In 1952, songwriters Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins had a hit with "The Ballad of Smokey the Bear." The pair said that "the" was added to Smokey's name to keep the song's rhythm. This small change has caused confusion among Smokey fans ever since.

On the back of the song sheet was printed the Conservation Pledge:

"I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully to defend from waste the natural resources of my country – its soil and minerals, its forests, waters and wildlife."

In 1952, after Smokey Bear attracted considerable commercial interest, The Smokey Bear Act, an Act of Congress, was passed to take Smokey out of the public domain and place him under the control of the Secretary of Agriculture. The Act provided for the use of Smokey's royalties for continued education on forest fire prevention.

A Smokey Bear doll was released by Ideal Toys in 1952, which included a mail-in card for children to become junior forest rangers. Within three years half a million kids had applied. In 1965, Smokey was given his own ZIP code, 20252.

In 1955, the first children's book was published, followed by many sequels and coloring books. Soon, thousands of dolls, toys and other collectibles were on the market.

During the 1950s and 1960s, the Ad Council sponsored radio ads, featuring Smokey Bear "in conversation" with prominent Americans such as Bing Crosby, Art Linkletter, Dinah Shore, Roy Rogers and many others.

For more details on the May 2-3 events in Capitan, visit www.villageofcapitan.com or phone 354-2273.

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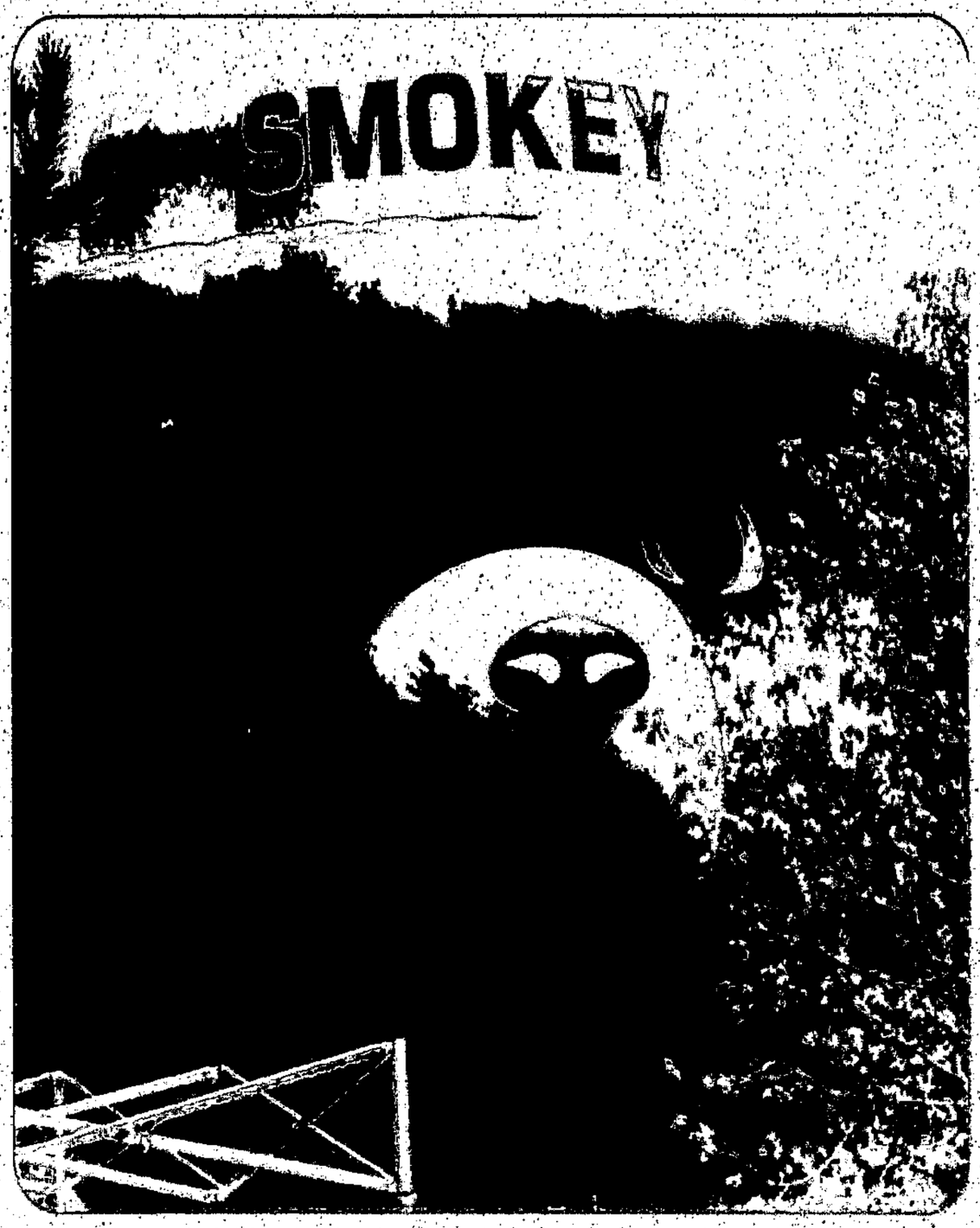

DANCE & THEATRE

Time Steps

It's that time again. Now is your chance to come out in support of local young dancers in Ruidoso Dance Ensemble's annual recital, Time Steps.

The performance will highlight the tap and jazz students at RDE. The dancers range from age 3 to 21.

"We are using music from the last century, beginning with the 1900s, to the present day," RDE Director Deborah Rogers told *¡Vámonos!* "The show is energetic and fun and is suitable for children and adults."

The $5 tickets are available at Ruidoso Dance Ensemble, 1713 Sudderth Dr. or they can be purchased at the door the day of the show.

if you go

what: Time Steps

when: Saturday, May 17, 2 p.m.

where: Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center

Time Steps, presented by the Ruidoso Dance Ensemble, is full of energy and fun. At far left, some of the dancers show their "crazy" sides. Near left, Gigi Wiggins exhibits grace and energy in her dance. Above, Kaylor Grado and Morgan Lynskey rehearse a tap routine. Photos by Jack Rogers.

Night of the Arts showcase

If you go

what: Night of the Arts – RHS Drama classes' performance

when: May 2-3, 7 p.m.

where: Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center

The cast of Pinocchio.

Calling all guys & dolls

Alamogordo Music Theatre (AMT) has announced auditions for its Golden Anniversary edition of *Guys & Dolls*, the first show the group produced in 1958.

Auditions will be held May 5 and 8, at 7 p.m., at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, 1110 N. New York Ave., in Alamogordo.

Attendance at only one of the audition sessions is required. Anyone interested in auditioning should be prepared to sing with piano accompaniment provided by AMT. They will also be required to match pitches with the piano and demonstrate their vocal range.

Use of CDs as accompaniment is not permitted. Bring music for the accompanist to play, if available. There will be music books available for use by persons auditioning, if they desire.

Guys & Dolls will be directed by veteran actor and director, Paula Storms. Robert Coburn, well-known in this area as an actor, singer and choral director, will be the choral director. Both are highly experienced.

The pair teamed up for AMT's 50th Anniversary Broadway Revue, with Storms serving as stage director and Coburn as choral director.

Performances of *Guys & Dolls* are scheduled for Aug. 1-3 and 8-9, at the Flickinger.

COMMUNITY LISTINGS: LINCOLN COUNTY

Community listings are provided as a public service to organizations offering free services, support, activities and information. To add or correct a listing, email vamonos@ruidosonews.com or fax (575) 257-7053

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.

B.P.O. Does: Noon, second and fourth Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70.

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 Women 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 Clamity 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 LISTINGS: OTERO COUNTY

Education

ESL: English as a second language class, 9 a.m. each Monday, 1328 Scenic Dr. $15 for workbook. Class sponsored by Mountain Valley Baptist Association; 437-9987.

H.E.L.P. Head Start: Accepting applications for pre-school children with or without disabilities. Free meals. Alamogordo Center: Maria Gallegos, 434-6313; La Luz Center: Martina Travis, 437-4485; Tularosa Center: Annette Chavez, 585-4818.

Integrated Instructional Services Department: Monthly Parent/Staff Advisory Committee meeting, 4 - 6 p.m. every second Tuesday at the IIS Building. Dr. Doug Householder, 439-3200.

Lacy Simms: Governing council meets at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at First National Bank Building Atrium. Regular meetings are at 7:15 p.m; 437-4011.

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 Mariscos Costa Azul, 415 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 painted-ladies64@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.

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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

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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.

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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.

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Other Ongoing Activities

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ASTRONOMY

A meeting of worlds

In Our Skies

by Alan Hale
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Astronomer

Mercury, our solar system's innermost planet, has been in the news a bit lately. Much of this has been because of the MESSENGER spacecraft, which this past January became the first spacecraft to visit Mercury in 33 years and which sent us back pictures of parts of Mercury we'd never seen before.

MESSENGER will make additional flybys of Mercury this coming October and in September 2009 before settling into orbit around the planet three years from now.

There's been another recent news item concerning Mercury, however, that isn't quite so pleasant. This item arises from the fact that, over very long timescales, our solar system isn't stable; just like any other physical system that has multiple perturbing influences, over these types of timescales the solar system is "chaotic" (in a mathematical sense). The primary "perturbing influence" is Jupiter, although all the other objects have their contributions as well.

All of the objects in our solar system travel around the sun (or around some other parent body) in orbits that are ellipses, although in many cases – for example, Earth – the "eccentricity" of the ellipse is so small that for all practical purposes it can be considered as being a circle. But this isn't true for Mercury, which has a distinctly elliptical orbit; its distance from the sun varies between 28.6 million miles and 43.4 million miles.

According to two recent independent sets of computer simulations – one by Jacques Laskar at the Paris Observatory in France, the other by Konstantin Batygin and Gregory Laughlin at the University of California, Santa Cruz – over time Jupiter's gravity is acting to make Mercury's orbit even more elliptical.

Eventually there should come a time when Mercury's orbit overlaps that of Venus. A close encounter between those two objects would then appear to be inevitable at some point.

Once that happens, there are four eventual possibilities. One of these is that Mercury could be ejected from the solar system – which might be bad news for any hypothetical residents of that planet but it wouldn't affect anyone else much.

A second possibility is that Mercury would fall into the sun – again, bad news for any Mercury residents, but while there could theoretically be some effects on the sun's energy output, these would likely be temporary and relatively small.

A third possibility is that Mercury might collide with Venus – a spectacular event to witness, to be sure, and it's possible we might have to deal with some of the resulting fragments from time to time.

The fourth possibility, meanwhile, is definitely of great concern: Mercury might eventually collide with Earth – and that would be very bad news indeed for those of us on our planet.

Consider that the object that collided with Earth 65 million years ago and that wiped out many of the then-living life forms, such as the dinosaurs, was only about six miles in diameter; Mercury, by contrast, is a shade more than 3,000 miles across. There would certainly be nothing left alive on Earth to tell the story, and it's worth noting that an event of this magnitude during the Earth's early history is believed to have been responsible for the formation of the moon.

The good news here is that, again, we're talking about very long timescales. Within five to seven billion years, our sun will expand to become a "red giant," enveloping most of the inner solar system objects probably including Earth. The chances that Mercury's orbit will undergo these drastic changes between now and then is only about one percent.

Artist's view of the interplanetary probe MESSENGER in orbit around Mercury during its year-long study of the planet starting in March 2011. Image from NASA/Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory/Carnegie Institution of Washington.

There is thus no real need to lose any sleep over this scenario, and even if there were, we have plenty of time to figure out how to address the problem.

In any event, since the Earth will not survive the sun's "red giant" phase, our distant descendants are still going to have some serious issues to deal with.

Sky-watchers who might wish to grab a glimpse of our solar system's innermost planet have an excellent opportunity to do so over the next couple of weeks. Mercury will be about as well-placed for viewing in the evening sky as it is possible to be from our latitude, and is currently setting about 1 1/2 hours after sunset.

This briefly increases to almost two hours after sunset shortly before mid-month. It fades during this time, since it is passing between the sun and Earth and thus we will be seeing an increasingly thin crescent phase.

And speaking of crescent phases, the thin crescent moon will lie just above Mercury on Tuesday evening, May 6.

To the unaided eye, Mercury will appear as little more than a bright star low in the western sky during dusk (although it will move noticeably from night to night); a telescope might reveal the changing phase but little else.

Fortunately, we have every reason to expect Mercury to be well-behaved – for now, anyway.

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Alan Hale is a professional astronomer who resides in Cloudcroft. He is presently raising funds for the Earthrise Project, an educational and humanitarian program described at www.earthriseinstitute.org.

ARTIST PROFILES

'Artists of Arabela' – Kelly Russel

The "Artists of Arabela" exhibition coming to Compass Bank on June 12, features the talents of Ann Standhardt, Lenore Welch, Joe Montoya, Lou Turner, Kelly Russel and Hedda Saltz. Watch for individual profiles of the artists in the pages of *¡Vámonos!*

Most of my "art-life" has come from various educational experiences in California, Florida, France and New Mexico. Many of the mediums that I've undertaken have been substantially self-taught, coming from a strong desire to learn a particular method with no viable means of local instruction available. I've also had the great advantage of being able to obtain instruction from some extraordinary people!

High school prep courses revolved around secretarial studies, and upon graduation I pursued and maintained a secretarial career for seven years while exploring night courses in art. It was then that my love of executing hand lettering was born. The seed was planted that sprouted the desire to become a sign painter. A few years later, I was living in Florida, painting signs on trucks, boats, windows, buildings, walls, etc., operating my own sign company. "Art Gecko Signs."

In 1995, my husband and I opened Earth & Fire, a contemporary paint-your-own-pottery studio. Focusing our attention on our clients' creative journey, we developed a supportive and enabling atmosphere where a person could explore her creativity.

Having no experience with ceramics, we jumped in feet-first for 10 years of owner-operation.

During this time, my interest in glass bead making was born. I started on a Hot Head torch with Cindy Jenkins' book on how to make glass beads. I have since graduated to an oxygen/propane torch. The beads I make are incorporated into my jewelry as well as various other ceramic and art pieces.

After moving to New Mexico, the undertaking of opening the Oso Art Gallery in Capitan came to the forefront. It is the largest collective grouping of Lincoln County art.

I currently enjoy making functional pottery, beads, pendants and buttons from stoneware clay. I am constantly exploring the felting process and love making bags, highlighted by peyote stitching seed beads to them – a medium I will enjoy for the rest of my life or as long as my eyes hold out!

I continue to paint, usually close-up face-shots of chickens, reptiles, sock monkeys, or horses ... go figure! My work is available at Oso Art Gallery, Capitan, New Mexico, and www.kel-beads.com.

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ART SCENE

Art in Public Places

Summer Sarinova has an exhibit of her borosilicate glass jewelry in the Ruidoso Library. Her jewelry can be purchased through the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts (RRCA) office at 1712 Sudderth Dr. If her name sounds familiar, it's because she and her husband Brian are the artists involved in the tile Wall of Courage to be placed on the Sudderth-facing wall at the new Ruidoso fire station.

Magdalena O'Campo's watercolors and an acrylic are displayed in the Village Hall. Magdalena has lived in Ruidoso for a number of years and has been a member of the Art in the Pines for three years. Paintings in this current exhibit can be purchased at the RRCA at the above mentioned address. You will be able to see more of her art this summer at The Art in the Pines Gallery, in the Old Mill on Sudderth Drive.

Also at the Ruidoso Library are the watercolors and acrylics of Ruben Tikka, a Ruidoso resident for the past six months. His images are representative of the sights he saw as he traveled around the globe with his wife. Take a drive to the library to see his colorful art. His pictures may be purchased at the RRCA.

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LET'S GO!

Living History Days

History comes alive today and Saturday, May 2-3, in Cloudcroft at the Sacramento Mountain Historic Museum and Pioneer Village. Friday is school day and students from around the area will be flocking to Cloudcroft. Saturday is for the general public.

Costumed re-enactors will demonstrate and describe what life was like one hundred years ago in the Sacramento Mountain area. Occupations such as logging, ranching and blacksmithing will be portrayed. Early-day crafts, games and toys will be demonstrated.

There will be a cowboy chuckwagon and a Confederate Civil War Era camp. Demonstrations will also be presented on railroads, roping and horse harnessing. In all it promises to be an entertaining and educational event.

So what was life like a hundred years ago in the Sacramento Mountains?

Logging has been done in the Sacramento Mountains as long as people have lived there, but started in earnest with the arrival of the railroad in 1898. Logging companies came and went, and each new company upgraded and "modernized" logging techniques. Initially they used work animals – horses, mules and some oxen – but they graduated to aerial logging and finally to Caterpillar tractors.

Aerial logging involves skidding logs with elevated steel cables held up by "spar" trees – trees that have been topped and fitted with pulleys.

Ranching was similar to the open range ranching practiced elsewhere, except the valleys tended to keep the cattle (or goats or sheep) somewhat separated. They still had to do roundups, and thus practiced roping and branding just like ranchers on the plains. Chuckwagons were a portable kitchen used on the roundups.

The blacksmith was one of the most important members of the community. In isolated areas like the mountains, people depended on the blacksmith to make and repair equipment well into the 1900s.

Isolation and limited finances also meant that mountain people had to be more self-reliant. Domestic skills such as spinning, weaving, sewing and quilting were essential.

Toys and even musical instruments were homemade, and games, dances and other homemade entertainment broke the isolation and monotony of daily living.

Cooperative efforts, such as roundups, sheep shearing, barn raisings and harvests, were also major social events.

Transportation used horses, mules, and oxen to pull wagons, buckboards, carriages, etc.

New Mexico was also involved in the Civil War. A Confederate invasion from Texas in 1861-62 led to major battles at Valverde (south of Socorro) and Glorieta (between Santa Fe and Las Vegas), and numerous minor battles.

The Confederates were defeated at Glorieta when Union forces captured their supply wagons, and had to retreat out of New Mexico.

The museum and pioneer village will also be fully open during Living History Days. There are two museum buildings and there are seven separate buildings in the pioneer village – two houses, a blacksmith shop, a log granary, a tack barn, a fire barn (with two antique fire trucks), and a chapel. There is also a caboose and even a two-hole outhouse.

There will be two more living history weekends this year at the museum – Heritage Days on June 20-22, and Oktoberfest on Oct.3-5.

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HISTORY

'General Massacre' at Newton, Kansas

Past Tense

by Drew Gomber
Historian

Thanks to Hollyweird, many gunfighters are known to the general public. Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday, and Wild Bill Hickok are good examples, but who has ever heard of Jim Riley?

Slim and sickly (Riley was dying of tuberculosis, then known as "consumption"), and about 18 years of age, Jim Riley rode into Newton, Kan., from a place that was never recorded by history. Broke and wracked with fits of coughing, young Riley had no one to turn to until he was befriended by gambler Mike McCluskie. No one realized it at the time, but his friendship with McCluskie would make Riley the central figure in one of the wildest gunfights that the Old West would ever know.

Newton

Newton, when the railroad arrived in July 1871, was one of the wildest of the cow towns and violence was commonplace. The southeastern section of town was known as "Hide Park" and it was the area where the dubious pleasures offered by hookers, gamblers and saloons ran rampant.

The city fathers felt that a policeman was needed in this section, and Mike McCluskie was offered the job of "night policeman."

It was common for gamblers to be policemen – it was, in fact, convenient for them. They were going to be in the saloons (where most of the trouble was anyway), and the job of policeman offered them the opportunity to be legally armed.

In August of 1871, a Texan by the name of William Bailey was hired as a "special policeman." Bailey was described as "...the very worst choice for such duty. As a peace officer he was no more than a very dangerous clown with a badge."

In any case, Bailey and McCluskie had several violent run-ins, culminating with Bailey attempting to shoot McCluskie, who was quicker, and Bailey fell dead with a bullet through his heart.

Of course, that wasn't the end of it. Among Bailey's friends was one Hugh Anderson (who was also a friend of John Wesley Hardin), and who was rumored to have been in a number of shooting scrapes in the Lone Star State. Anderson, in the company of several friends, went gunning for McCluskie.

They found him in Perry Tuttle's Dance Hall. It was just after midnight on Aug. 20, 1871, and it safe to say that everyone was lubricated to the gills by that point.

His gun already in his hand, Anderson shoved his way up to McCluskie's table. Pointing the weapon at McCluskie, Anderson shrieked, "You are a cowardly son of a bitch! I'll blow the top of your head off!" Apparently not feeling that shooting a man without giving him a chance to defend himself was cowardly, Anderson immediately opened fire. His first bullet hit McCluskie in the neck.

Mike McCluskie was shot but not out of commission yet, and he leaped to his feet, pulling his own pistol, which misfired. Anderson's next bullet hit McCluskie in the leg, dropping him to the floor. As Anderson continued firing into McCluskie's body, pandemonium erupted.

Hell in Newton

As Jim Martin, another Texan, attempted to stop Anderson, he too, was shot down. Men began jerking pistols all over the saloon and the firing became general. Two railroad men named Lee and Hickey were shot in the stomach and leg, respectively. Lee did not survive.

If you count McCluskie, who would breathe his last the following morning, there were already three dead and the main player had yet to arrive on the scene.

Mike McCluskie's friendship had been about the most important thing in Jim Riley's life. Riley's constant hacking cough identified him as a "lunger" and being around him was something most sensible Newtonites wished to avoid. Riley was a law-abiding citizen, and a county judge would later reminisce that he was always "quiet and inoffensive in deportment."

The rough but kindly McCluskie had clothed and fed the youth and was truly Riley's only friend in Newton, possibly the only friend he *ever* had. Riley had entered Tuttle's just after the shooting began and looked down at his only friend amidst the chaos, and could see that he was dying in a pool of blood. Then Riley calmly walked over to the saloon doors, closed and locked them. Hugh Anderson didn't know it, but his killing Mike McCluskie had awakened a sleeping tiger.

When Jim Riley turned to face the crowd, there was a gun in his hand. Several bullets whistled by him, but Riley was unmoved. He was dying anyway, and the only friend he had – a man who had treated him much as a father would – lay dying, apparently already dead, on the floor.

Displaying the single most important attribute a gunfighter could possess – coolness under fire – Riley calmly raised his pistol and opened fire. Riley stood stock still. As cool – some might even say cold-blooded – as a man could be, squeezing off one shot after another. His firing was deadly accurate. Anderson and his friends were all in various stages of drunkenness, to say nothing of having their adrenaline flowing, and were firing rapidly, and for the most part, missing.

Riley chose his targets carefully. Billy Garrett and Henry Kearnes, two friends of Anderson, went down with bullets in the throat and chest, respectively. Two other unidentified cowboys were wounded and down and Anderson himself was down with not one, but two bullets in him.

Aftermath

Jim Riley was unscathed that night. When the shooting finally stopped, the "quiet and inoffensive" young man went to his horse, gathered his meager belongings, and rode out of Newton.

Behind him, Perry Tuttle's place had been shot to splinters. There were five dead and three wounded, and no one dared approach Riley as he rode slowly out of town. He was never seen or heard from again.

Nevertheless, that wasn't the end of it. Hugh Anderson miraculously survived the shooting, but two years later, at Medicine Lodge, Kan., justice of a sort caught up with him. Mike McCluskie's brother Arthur had found out about Anderson's survival and had been hunting him for some time.

When the two finally met, they agreed to a formal, and ultimately bizarre, duel. The pair opened up at each other from a distance of 20 paces. Both missed their first shot. Then McCluskie hit Anderson in the arm, and Anderson's second shot hit McCluskie in the mouth, creating a gory, but not fatal wound. McCluskie then rushed Anderson, both men firing wildly.

Anderson went down with a bullet in the belly. They fired until they were out of ammunition and then crawled to each other with knives, finishing each other off. It was the final act in a play that became known as the "Newton General Massacre."

SOURCES: *The Newton General Massacre* by Robert Barr Smith and *The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters* by Bill O'Neal.

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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Art Galleries & Studios

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Alamogordo Area

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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.

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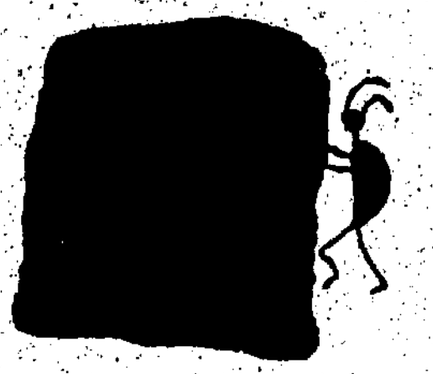

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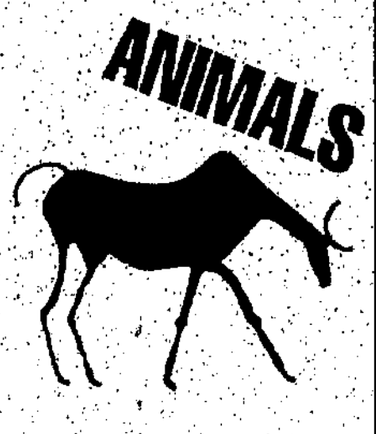

MUSIC & CONCERTS

Legendary composer & musician Marvin Hamlisch at the Spencer Steinway

Conductor-composer-arranger-pianist Marvin Hamlisch is a winner of virtually every entertainment award that exists: Grammy, Oscar, Tony, Emmy and Golden Globe, as well as the Pulitzer Prize.

He is revered in concert for his witty, down-to-earth banter with the audience and most certainly for his heartrending arrangements of gorgeous compositions – those of his own as well as the works of fellow music legends.

Hamlisch appears in concert with his guest vocalist Stephen Lehew at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts on Friday, May 9, at 8 p.m. Excellent seats – in an intimate 514-seat house with truly divine acoustics – are available for $85.

Call the Spencer Box Office at 575-336-4800 or visit www.spencertheater.com for tickets.

Composer of the groundbreaking Broadway musical, *A Chorus Line*, Mr. Hamlisch is a prolific artist who has composed and arranged some of the richest film scores in Hollywood history, including *The Way We Were, Sophie's Choice, The Spy Who Loved Me, The Mirror Has Two Faces, The Swimmer, Ice Castles, The Sting* and *Ordinary People.*

He has composed a multitude of Broadway productions, including "They're Playing Our Song," "Sweet Smell of Success" and "The Goodbye Girl" and has also scored such Woody Allen films as *Take the Money and Run* and *The April Fools.*

The versatile pianist, who holds the position of principle pops conductor for the National Symphony, Pittsburgh Symphony, Seattle Symphony and San Diego Symphony orchestras, trills his magic on the Spencer's Grand Steinway.

Guest tenor Stephen Lehew, recognized for his Broadway debut in "Rodgers and Hart" (having been hand-picked by Richard Rodgers), with further acclaimed performances in *A Little Night Music*, the revival of *Brigadoon*, and in appearances with the New York Pops at Carnegie Hall, will sing to a number of Hamlisch's arrangements at this Mother's Day weekend performance.

With an exuberant stage presence and gift of music, Hamlisch's concerts are deeply gratifying experiences. His impeccable arrangements cut to the emotional core of each composition and his fluid performances delightfully unify listeners. As the maestro himself says about the power of song to bring people together, "Music is truly an international language, and I hope to contribute by widening communication as much as I can."

Don't miss this legendary musician on May 9th at the spectacular Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts.

CALENDARS

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New Fiber Festival

May 17-18: (Lincoln) New Fiber Festival in Lincoln. A fabulous showing of Lincoln County spinners and artisans working with all natural materials. At the State Historical Visitor's Center from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Admission is ticket to the museum. For more information call Ginny 575-653-4609 E-mail: ellisstore@aol.com.

Workshops

Ran La Roca Glass – Lincoln

May 13: Introductory Enamel Glass Workshop – 9 a.m.-4 p.m. $110 includes all materials. Limited to eight participants.

May 8-10: Recycled Metal and Enameled Glass – 9 a.m.-5 p.m. $285 includes materials. Fast-paced class limited to seven participants. Wortley Hotel package available.

May 17: Introductory Enamel Glass Workshop – 9 a.m.-4 p.m. $110 includes all materials. Limited to eight participants.

Contact: Ronda Dougherty, 575-653-4219. 50 percent non-refundable deposit holds your place in class. Balance due first day of workshop.

The Studios on Twelfth Street and Gallery 408 – Carrizozo

May 5-6: Landscape Drawing in the Valley of Fires –with artist Richard Kathmann. $160 includes 1/2 day at Valley of Fires and 1/2 day in the studios; sack lunch provided.

May 8: Figure Drawing With Friends – A live model will be present, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Be inspired and instructed by each other. Bring the medium and materials you prefer to work with and a sack lunch. $15. Continues second Thursday of each month.

May 18: Beverly Wilson Book Making– Bottle Tree Studio in Lincoln. $45 for instruction plus $8 for materials. Will produce four traditional soft-cover stab-bound books and one hardcover portfolio. $25 deposit to hold class space. Call 575-653-4699 with color choices and additional information.

Contact: Gallery 408, 575-648-2598, or email gallery408@tularosa.net.

WeCree8 – Ruidoso

May 7, 15, 21, 29: Beading – Choose one of our projects or design your own using our products.

May 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30: Scrapbooking – Scrappers Club and Beginning Scrapbook Lessons

May 3, 10, 31: Knitting – with master knitter Carol Singletary. Beginning – scarf; Beginning Intermediate – Hat; Intermediate – Vest.

May 5: Card Making – Birthday, anniversary, wedding, Mother's Day, your choice.

May 8: Polymer Clay – Necklace or book.

May 12: – Page Design & Layout – Learn design.

May 14, 28: Dichroic Glass – Make a pendant and a pair of earrings.

May 19: Stamp & Emboss, Beginning – Basics of stamping and embossing.

May 26: Stamp & Emboss, Advanced – Advanced techniques of stamping and embossing.

May 22: PMC Clay – Precious metal clay pendant. 99.9 percent pure silver jewelry.

Contact: WeCree8, 575-257-5575, or email wecree8@valornet.com.

On stage ~

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. Little Joe y La Familia are live in concert at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino, Saturday, May 3.

The Unknowns, featuring Gary Stamper, Ian Stamper and Mark Kashmar, will be rockin' The Quarters for their weekly Blues & BBQ, this Sunday, May 4. Bring your appetite and indulge in The Quarters' special ribs, enjoy the libations, and don't forget your dancin' shoes. The club opens at noon and the band plays 3-7 p.m.

LET'S GO

Fiesta time

The 56th annual presentation of the Hondo Fiesta will be on Saturday night, May 10, in the Hondo school gymnasium. Students in Head Start through 12th grade will be performing in a dazzling display of Spanish, Mexican and New Mexican dances.

Performances will begin at 6 p.m. General admission is $7. Reserved admission for the Saturday night performance will be available. For reserved seating call 575-653-4411.

A fine Mexican dinner will be served 4-6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The dinner will be enchiladas, rice, salad, beans, dessert, and a drink, for $5 per plate. Students 10 and under, $3 a plate.

In an effort to preserve their Hispanic heritage, approximately 100 students will be participating in this year's 56th performance.

The program, which Fermin and Cirenia Montes began in 1948, has blossomed into a magnificent show drawing many people to the Hondo Valley every year.

Since that time innumerable individuals, including former students, have worked together to keep the program alive and flourishing.

Over the years, public response to the folk dances and music has been enthusiastic. This year's program will consist of several parts. The elementary will dance their favorites. However, the main part of the evening features the Junior and High School students dancing to such New Mexican and Mexican classics as the popular Café Colon, Jesusita en Chihuahua, El Jarabe Tapatio and many, many more.

For additional information, contact the Hondo Valley Public Schools at 653-4411.

Lee Ranch House

Get a glimpse into late 19th Century ranch life in the Tularosa Basin on May 10, when the Lee Ranch House re-opens at Oliver Lee Memorial State Park for the annual Heritage Preservation Event.

The ranch house property has been closed to the public since flash floods of August 2006.

Join the staff for two of the most popular programs at the State Park during the grand re-opening celebration.

"We are proud to announce the re-opening of the ranch house property to the public at our Heritage Preservation Event," said Park Manager Wendy Justice. "This year's event will highlight two of the park's many cultural resources: a Jornada Mogollon site and the Oliver Lee Ranch House."

Oliver Milton Lee (1865-1941) had a colorful career in New Mexico history. The adobe ruin of the house was excavated in 1984-85 as an archeological site and then reconstructed using historical photos, evidence from the excavation and oral histories. The furnishings are a selection of period pieces, informational displays, artifacts from the excavation and some Lee family items.

"What really makes visits to the house memorable are the staff-led tours, which visitors say are engaging and interesting," said Park Ranger Charles Wood. "We talk about early ranching history, the settlement of the Tularosa basin and some of the Lee family history."

Heritage Preservation Events are scheduled as follows:

- 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., a Jornada Mogollon Site Tour, meet at the Visitor Center. New Mexico State University archeologist Pete Eidenbach will lead a tour of a Jornada Mogollon Site on the Oliver Lee Ranch House property. Learn about the little-known native culture that dominated the region between the 8th and 13th centuries. Visitors must caravan in their own vehicle to the site and walk a half-mile round-trip.
- 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Oliver Lee Ranch House. The reconstructed house, originally built in 1893, features furnishings and displays that provide a window into the history of early ranching in the Tularosa Basin. The Oliver Lee Ranch House will be open for extended hours and ranger staff will be on hand to facilitate a self-guided tour.

The Ranch House will remain open for public tours at 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Group and special tours can be arranged by contacting the park, preferably with at least two weeks' notice to ensure staff availability. All programs and tours are free but camping and day use fees apply.

Oliver Lee Memorial State Park lies 12 miles south of Alamogordo via U.S. 54, then four miles east on Dog Canyon Road. For more information, contact the park at 575-437-8284 or visit www.nmparks.com.

For more than 75 years, State Parks has evolved from a federal New Deal initiative in 1933 to a system of 34 parks serving over 4 million people annually.

New Mexico State Parks celebrates a 75th Diamond Anniversary throughout 2008 with a 3-carat diamond bracelet giveaway, special events, the Geocaching Challenge, Outdoor Classroom initiatives and more. For more information, call 888-NMPARKS or visit www.nmparks.-com.

The Oliver Lee Ranch House. Photo by Corey Recko

CUISINE

Dining out, and a dose of reality

Culinary Adventures

with Perry Champion
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Reality check

You dine out for pleasurable, wonderful food, not for healthy meals, according to most restaurant studies and surveys.

The first reason you dine out is that someone else prepares the meal – a very nice thing, indeed. The second reason is that someone else serves it, and the third reason, it tastes very good.

Why? Your recent restaurant entrée most likely had decadent amounts of butter and salt. Do not hope too much or imagine about some kitchen magic that will supply you with great healthy food without the guilt of fat. "No fat, not much taste," as we say in the biz.

We build restaurant menus to please your palate and to make you happy. It is the sumptuous tastes of butter and salt in your meal at your favorite restaurant that do it.

Those two – butter and salt – combined in any entrée can bring you to your culinary knees. And that is a wonderful thing.

Rejoice in the power of butter and the gift of salt.

Restaurant meals average 1,000 to 1,500 calories. That is roughly two-thirds of the daily average calories recommended by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Okay, that is a large percentage. You cannot, however, put a calorie counter on camaraderie, fellowship, fun and the gustatory experience of dining out.

If you are feeling some soul-crushing guilt about this seemingly large caloric intake at one fabulous meal, just ditch the triple grande tall mocha with whipped cream espresso the next morning.

Restaurant-food guilt problem solved.

Butter and Salt

Side by side and with the strength of good menu ingredients, they are the joyous culinary link to your palate, food pleasure and possibly expanding waistline.

Subtle seasoning is important, but "butta" is to die for. And salt – oi, such a thing! Enjoy those two as they make you happy, and do not forget, nor fail to know, that the kitchen guys know this.

Amazing prime beef without salt is not very likely for most people. Salt drives the tender taste of meat, any meat. Butta – it just simply silks up everything; most classic sauces have lots of butter, and butter certainly is part of the foundation of most desserts.

Now For the Twist

Now for the twist is something I plan to use from time to time to add something else to our weekly Culinary Adventures. It may be a view of the past such as this week or a look ahead at what future Culinary Adventures are on the horizon. We can even use it as a forum. (In addition to feedback on the *¡Vámonos!* blog, Vital Signs, at www.ruidosonews.com.)

Imagine if you will, Lincoln County 10 years ago. I was only a weekend visitor at that time.

Think back to the restaurants here then. Gerald Flores had quite a dynamic thing going with Hotel Chango in his funky location in Capitan. There were others, but that restaurant sticks in my mind for fine, creative food.

Not much has changed since then, yet a lot has changed. Mostly we find the same quality of food with perhaps a decline in the quality of service.

Today, Capitan has Tom Histen and his cool Greenhouse Cafe, Ruidoso has Willmon's and Morsels for the upper end of the dining spectrum.

It remains a study in "Why" that a marvelous village like Ruidoso sorely lacks a solid group of return-to restaurants.

Until next week, Bon Appetit. *You* know why you are at the restaurant, so enjoy the experience – great food, nice ambiance, good service and high-calorie, plentiful high-fat food. Perfect!

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Dining Guide

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Key Code:

Y Alcoholic beverages served

R Reservations required or suggested

V Vegetarian friendly

Alamogordo / Otero County

Bar-B-Que

Phat Phil's • 213 12th St., Alamogordo • 430-8090.

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, Alamo-gordo • 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, Alamo-gordo • 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.

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Dining Guide

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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

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 • 257-2271 • 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-Sat, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.; also Fri, 5-8 p.m.

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.

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

Flying J Ranch • Opening May 23. Chuckwagon Suppers & Western Show • Hwy. 48 • Alto • 888-458-FLYJ • Gates open 6 p.m., dinner at 7:30. Showtime 8:20 p.m. ☎

GOOD TO KNOW

Hubbard Museum May happenings

In addition to some outstanding programming, the month of May includes the kick-off to the Hubbard Museum's annual fundraising efforts.

The annual fundraiser will be held on Saturday, July 19, but the sale of two separate raffles conducted for the sole benefit of the Museum by the Hubbard Museum of the American West Foundation will commence in May.

The first raffle, new in 2008, is for a $2,000 prepaid gas card. The price of the raffle tickets are $10 each, and only 2,500 will be sold. Tickets are on sale now at the Museum Gift Shop.

Raffle tickets for a 2008 Cadillac CTS-4 and $2,000 in gas will begin May 22. Tickets are $250 each and only 550 tickets will be sold. The beautiful metallic red Cadillac CTS will be on display at Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino commencing May 22. Tickets will be available for purchase at the race track and at the Museum Gift Shop.

Winners for both raffles will be announced at the Museum's gala ball in July. Once again, the Museum staff is working hand-in-hand with Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard and the Ladies Auxiliary of Lincoln County to present the gala event, "Stitches in Time." From corsets and hooped skirts to go-go boots and mini-skirts, fashion has played an important role when people get together to celebrate and socialize.

The annual fundraiser at the Hubbard Museum of the American West on July 19 will take a historical look at fashion, both women and men, in a unique and interactive way.

With assistance from an interactive display of period clothing beginning in the 1890s by the Fashion Museum of Abilene, Kan., and our guests if they so choose, "Stitches in Time" will provide a trip down the fashion red carpet as we meet and enjoy an evening of great food and drink, live entertainment, dancing, gaming activities and the always-exciting live auction and vehicle give-away.

While not a "costume" party in the true sense of the word, guests are encouraged to dress in period clothing from the decade of their choice and be an interactive participant in the theme presented by "Stitches in Time."

Tickets for this annual event are $125 for individuals or $1,000 for a table of 10.

Tickets will go on sale at the museum the first week of June.

Seating is limited to 300.

Matt Mikulich

May 17 – All Day – Matt Mikulich – Mining Stories and Songs

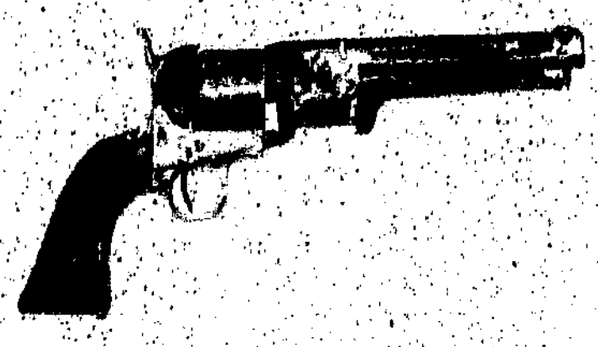
From Buena Vista, Colorado, mining aficionado Matt Mikulich tells (and sings) the history of early placer and hard rock mining in Colorado from 1859 to about 1900, along with New Mexico mining history of the same period.

Interspersing demonstrations of early mining tools/artifacts, Mikulich promises an entertaining and informative view of mining history to enhance the opening of the Hubbard Museum's exhibit, **"Boomed, Busted and Bought Out Again."**

May 10 – 1 p.m. – Lynda Sánchez – Eve Ball: Woman Among Men

Author Lynda 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 happiest and most productive. Sánchez will be signing copies of her book, which will be available for purchase.

May 31 – 11 a.m. – Barry Haight – Ballistics of the Old and New West: What Do Guns Really Do?



No subject is more laced with mythology and popular misconception than small arms and ammunition.

The power of firearms is often depicted as either much more or much less than it really is. How large a hole might a shotgun make in a wall? What happens to cartridges thrown into a fire and where does a bullet go when fired straight into the air? How accurate was the kind of revolver used by Wild Bill Hickok?

These questions and more are answered through the demonstrations and displays of Barry L. Haight, a retired firefighter/EMT from the Fairbanks, Alaska Fire Department.

Maintaining a lifelong interest and involvement with small arms and conducting extensive ammunition testing, Haight shares with his audience his expertise in debunking the myths of the Hollywood West.

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Hometown

Today and tomorrow, May 2-3, you can enjoy the 5th Annual Smokey Bear Days celebration in Capitan. Full of exciting events and family fun, including a DJ-Dance and Karaoke competition, parade, chainsaw-carving competition and a street dance, the event also features a marketplace, live entertainment and an amateur barbecue contest.

Especially exciting this year is the appearance of singer/songwriter Terry Bullard at the free street dance. And don't forget the lifetime memories of a visit with Smokey.

The living symbol of Smokey Bear was an American black bear who, in the spring of 1950, was caught in the Capitan Gap fire, a wildfire that burned 17,000 acres in the Capitan Mountains. The cub was in the Lincoln National Forest. Smokey had climbed a tree to escape the blaze, but his paws and hind legs had been burned. He was rescued by forest rangers fighting the wildfire.

At first he was called Hotfoot Teddy, but was later renamed Smokey, after the mascot. A local rancher who had been helping fight the fire took the cub home with him, but he needed veterinary aid. New Mexico Department of Game and Fish Ranger Ray Bell took him to Santa Fe. His wife Ruth, and their children, Don and Judy, cared for the cub.

The story was picked up by the national news services and Smokey became an instant celebrity. He and the Bells were featured in *Life* magazine, cementing his star status.

Soon after, Smokey was flown in a Piper Cub to the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., where he lived for 26 years.

Upon his death in November 1975, Smokey's remains were returned by the government to Capitan, and buried at what is now the Smokey Bear Historical Park.

Following the discovery of the living symbol of Smokey Bear, the character

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celebration

became a big part of American popular culture in the 1950s. He was on radio shows in the 1950s with his band, the Sons of the Pioneers. He appeared in comic strips and cartoons.

Smokey's correct, full name, is Smokey Bear. In 1952, songwriters Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins had a hit with "The Ballad of Smokey the Bear." The pair said that "the" was added to Smokey's name to keep the song's rhythm. This small change has caused confusion among Smokey fans ever since.

On the back of the song sheet was printed the Conservation Pledge:

"I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully to defend from waste the natural resources of my country – its soil and minerals, its forests, waters and wildlife."

In 1952, after Smokey Bear attracted considerable commercial interest, The Smokey Bear Act, an Act of Congress, was passed to take Smokey out of the public domain and place him under the control of the Secretary of Agriculture. The Act provided for the use of Smokey's royalties for continued education on forest fire prevention.

A Smokey Bear doll was released by Ideal Toys in 1952, which included a mail-in card for children to become junior forest rangers. Within three years half a million kids had applied. In 1965, Smokey was given his own ZIP code, 20252.

In 1955, the first children's book was published, followed by many sequels and coloring books. Soon, thousands of dolls, toys and other collectibles were on the market.

During the 1950s and 1960s, the Ad Council sponsored radio ads, featuring Smokey Bear "in conversation" with prominent Americans such as Bing Crosby, Art Linkletter, Dinah Shore, Roy Rogers and many others.

For more details on the May 2-3 events in Capitan, visit www.villageofcapitan.com or phone 354-2273.

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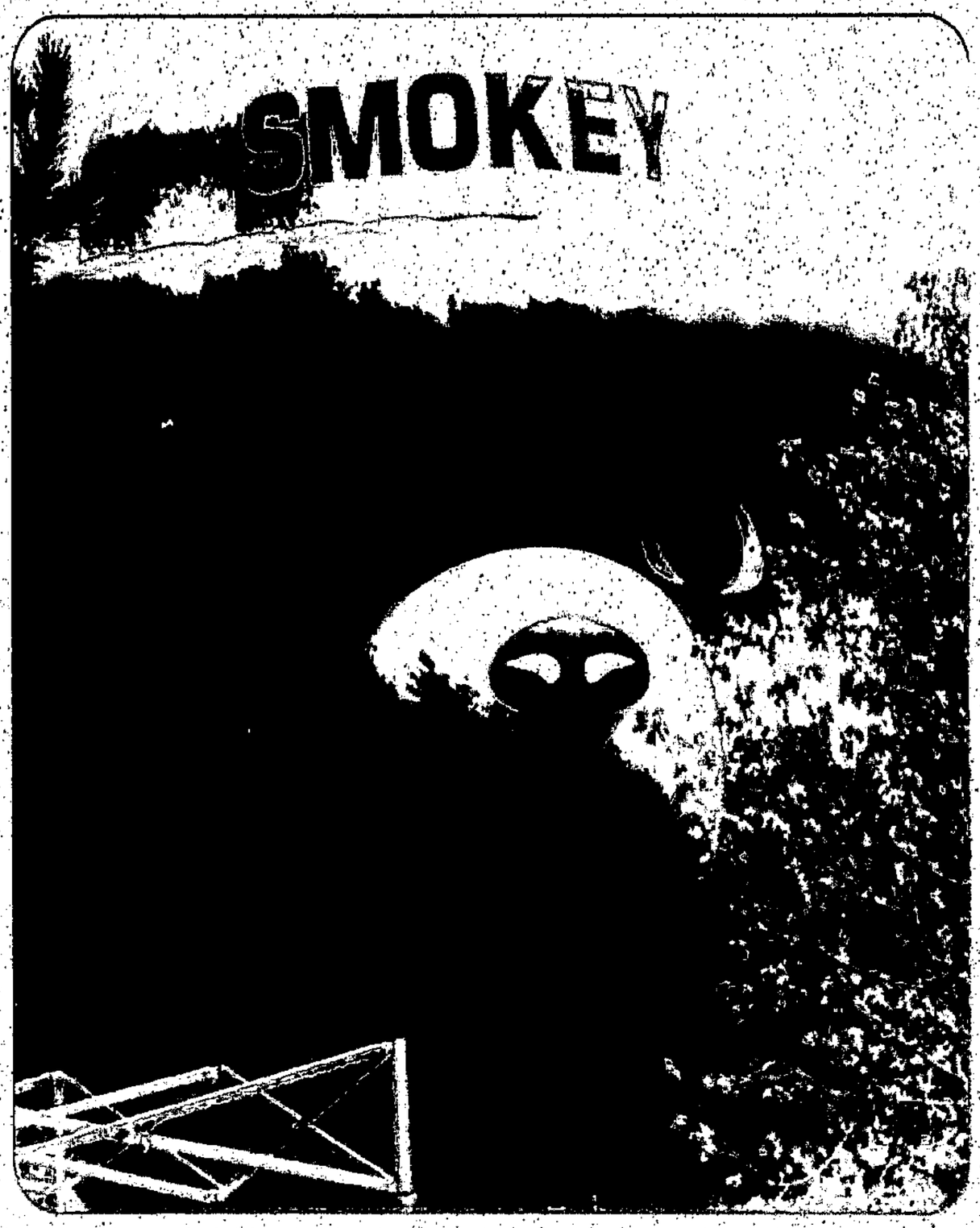

DANCE & THEATRE

Time Steps

It's that time again. Now is your chance to come out in support of local young dancers in Ruidoso Dance Ensemble's annual recital, Time Steps.

The performance will highlight the tap and jazz students at RDE. The dancers range from age 3 to 21.

"We are using music from the last century, beginning with the 1900s, to the present day," RDE Director Deborah Rogers told *¡Vámonos!* "The show is energetic and fun and is suitable for children and adults."

The $5 tickets are available at Ruidoso Dance Ensemble, 1713 Sudderth Dr. or they can be purchased at the door the day of the show.

if you go

what: Time Steps

when: Saturday, May 17, 2 p.m.

where: Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center

Time Steps, presented by the Ruidoso Dance Ensemble, is full of energy and fun. At far left, some of the dancers show their "crazy" sides. Near left, Gigi Wiggins exhibits grace and energy in her dance. Above, Kaylor Grado and Morgan Lynskey rehearse a tap routine. Photos by Jack Rogers.

Night of the Arts showcase

If you go

what: Night of the Arts – RHS Drama classes' performance

when: May 2-3, 7 p.m.

where: Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center

The cast of Pinocchio.

Calling all guys & dolls

Alamogordo Music Theatre (AMT) has announced auditions for its Golden Anniversary edition of *Guys & Dolls*, the first show the group produced in 1958.

Auditions will be held May 5 and 8, at 7 p.m., at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, 1110 N. New York Ave., in Alamogordo.

Attendance at only one of the audition sessions is required. Anyone interested in auditioning should be prepared to sing with piano accompaniment provided by AMT. They will also be required to match pitches with the piano and demonstrate their vocal range.

Use of CDs as accompaniment is not permitted. Bring music for the accompanist to play, if available. There will be music books available for use by persons auditioning, if they desire.

Guys & Dolls will be directed by veteran actor and director, Paula Storms. Robert Coburn, well-known in this area as an actor, singer and choral director, will be the choral director. Both are highly experienced.

The pair teamed up for AMT's 50th Anniversary Broadway Revue, with Storms serving as stage director and Coburn as choral director.

Performances of *Guys & Dolls* are scheduled for Aug. 1-3 and 8-9, at the Flickinger.

COMMUNITY LISTINGS: LINCOLN COUNTY

Community listings are provided as a public service to organizations offering free services, support, activities and information. To add or correct a listing, email vamonos@ruidosonews.com or fax (575) 257-7053

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.

B.P.O. Does: Noon, second and fourth Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70.

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 Women 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 Clamity 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 LISTINGS: OTERO COUNTY

Education

ESL: English as a second language class, 9 a.m. each Monday, 1328 Scenic Dr. $15 for workbook. Class sponsored by Mountain Valley Baptist Association; 437-9987.

H.E.L.P. Head Start: Accepting applications for pre-school children with or without disabilities. Free meals. Alamogordo Center: Maria Gallegos, 434-6313; La Luz Center: Martina Travis, 437-4485; Tularosa Center: Annette Chavez, 585-4818.

Integrated Instructional Services Department: Monthly Parent/Staff Advisory Committee meeting, 4 - 6 p.m. every second Tuesday at the IIS Building. Dr. Doug Householder, 439-3200.

Lacy Simms: Governing council meets at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at First National Bank Building Atrium. Regular meetings are at 7:15 p.m; 437-4011.

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 Mariscos Costa Azul, 415 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 painted-ladies64@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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In Our Skies

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Mercury, our solar system's innermost planet, has been in the news a bit lately. Much of this has been because of the MESSENGER spacecraft, which this past January became the first spacecraft to visit Mercury in 33 years and which sent us back pictures of parts of Mercury we'd never seen before.

MESSENGER will make additional flybys of Mercury this coming October and in September 2009 before settling into orbit around the planet three years from now.

There's been another recent news item concerning Mercury, however, that isn't quite so pleasant. This item arises from the fact that, over very long timescales, our solar system isn't stable; just like any other physical system that has multiple perturbing influences, over these types of timescales the solar system is "chaotic" (in a mathematical sense). The primary "perturbing influence" is Jupiter, although all the other objects have their contributions as well.

All of the objects in our solar system travel around the sun (or around some other parent body) in orbits that are ellipses, although in many cases – for example, Earth – the "eccentricity" of the ellipse is so small that for all practical purposes it can be considered as being a circle. But this isn't true for Mercury, which has a distinctly elliptical orbit; its distance from the sun varies between 28.6 million miles and 43.4 million miles.

According to two recent independent sets of computer simulations – one by Jacques Laskar at the Paris Observatory in France, the other by Konstantin Batygin and Gregory Laughlin at the University of California, Santa Cruz – over time Jupiter's gravity is acting to make Mercury's orbit even more elliptical.

Eventually there should come a time when Mercury's orbit overlaps that of Venus. A close encounter between those two objects would then appear to be inevitable at some point.

Once that happens, there are four eventual possibilities. One of these is that Mercury could be ejected from the solar system – which might be bad news for any hypothetical residents of that planet but it wouldn't affect anyone else much.

A second possibility is that Mercury would fall into the sun – again, bad news for any Mercury residents, but while there could theoretically be some effects on the sun's energy output, these would likely be temporary and relatively small.

A third possibility is that Mercury might collide with Venus – a spectacular event to witness, to be sure, and it's possible we might have to deal with some of the resulting fragments from time to time.

The fourth possibility, meanwhile, is definitely of great concern: Mercury might eventually collide with Earth – and that would be very bad news indeed for those of us on our planet.

Consider that the object that collided with Earth 65 million years ago and that wiped out many of the then-living life forms, such as the dinosaurs, was only about six miles in diameter; Mercury, by contrast, is a shade more than 3,000 miles across. There would certainly be nothing left alive on Earth to tell the story, and it's worth noting that an event of this magnitude during the Earth's early history is believed to have been responsible for the formation of the moon.

The good news here is that, again, we're talking about very long timescales. Within five to seven billion years, our sun will expand to become a "red giant," enveloping most of the inner solar system objects probably including Earth. The chances that Mercury's orbit will undergo these drastic changes between now and then is only about one percent.

Artist's view of the interplanetary probe MESSENGER in orbit around Mercury during its year-long study of the planet starting in March 2011. Image from NASA/Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory/Carnegie Institution of Washington.

There is thus no real need to lose any sleep over this scenario, and even if there were, we have plenty of time to figure out how to address the problem.

In any event, since the Earth will not survive the sun's "red giant" phase, our distant descendants are still going to have some serious issues to deal with.

Sky-watchers who might wish to grab a glimpse of our solar system's innermost planet have an excellent opportunity to do so over the next couple of weeks. Mercury will be about as well-placed for viewing in the evening sky as it is possible to be from our latitude, and is currently setting about 1 1/2 hours after sunset.

This briefly increases to almost two hours after sunset shortly before mid-month. It fades during this time, since it is passing between the sun and Earth and thus we will be seeing an increasingly thin crescent phase.

And speaking of crescent phases, the thin crescent moon will lie just above Mercury on Tuesday evening, May 6.

To the unaided eye, Mercury will appear as little more than a bright star low in the western sky during dusk (although it will move noticeably from night to night); a telescope might reveal the changing phase but little else.

Fortunately, we have every reason to expect Mercury to be well-behaved – for now, anyway.

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Alan Hale is a professional astronomer who resides in Cloudcroft. He is presently raising funds for the Earthrise Project, an educational and humanitarian program described at www.earthriseinstitute.org.

ART SCENE

Art in Public Places

Summer Sarinova has an exhibit of her borosilicate glass jewelry in the Ruidoso Library. Her jewelry can be purchased through the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts (RRCA) office at 1712 Sudderth Dr. If her name sounds familiar, it's because she and her husband Brian are the artists involved in the tile Wall of Courage to be placed on the Sudderth-facing wall at the new Ruidoso fire station.

Magdalena O'Campo's watercolors and an acrylic are displayed in the Village Hall. Magdalena has lived in Ruidoso for a number of years and has been a member of the Art in the Pines for three years. Paintings in this current exhibit can be purchased at the RRCA at the above mentioned address. You will be able to see more of her art this summer at The Art in the Pines Gallery, in the Old Mill on Sudderth Drive.

Also at the Ruidoso Library are the watercolors and acrylics of Ruben Tikka, a Ruidoso resident for the past six months. His images are representative of the sights he saw as he traveled around the globe with his wife. Take a drive to the library to see his colorful art. His pictures may be purchased at the RRCA.

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Living History Days

History comes alive today and Saturday, May 2-3, in Cloudcroft at the Sacramento Mountain Historic Museum and Pioneer Village. Friday is school day and students from around the area will be flocking to Cloudcroft. Saturday is for the general public.

Costumed re-enactors will demonstrate and describe what life was like one hundred years ago in the Sacramento Mountain area. Occupations such as logging, ranching and blacksmithing will be portrayed. Early-day crafts, games and toys will be demonstrated.

There will be a cowboy chuckwagon and a Confederate Civil War Era camp. Demonstrations will also be presented on railroads, roping and horse harnessing. In all it promises to be an entertaining and educational event.

So what was life like a hundred years ago in the Sacramento Mountains?

Logging has been done in the Sacramento Mountains as long as people have lived there, but started in earnest with the arrival of the railroad in 1898. Logging companies came and went, and each new company upgraded and "modernized" logging techniques. Initially they used work animals – horses, mules and some oxen – but they graduated to aerial logging and finally to Caterpillar tractors.

Aerial logging involves skidding logs with elevated steel cables held up by "spar" trees – trees that have been topped and fitted with pulleys.

Ranching was similar to the open range ranching practiced elsewhere, except the valleys tended to keep the cattle (or goats or sheep) somewhat separated. They still had to do roundups, and thus practiced roping and branding just like ranchers on the plains. Chuckwagons were a portable kitchen used on the roundups.

The blacksmith was one of the most important members of the community. In isolated areas like the mountains, people depended on the blacksmith to make and repair equipment well into the 1900s.

Isolation and limited finances also meant that mountain people had to be more self-reliant. Domestic skills such as spinning, weaving, sewing and quilting were essential.

Toys and even musical instruments were homemade, and games, dances and other homemade entertainment broke the isolation and monotony of daily living.

Cooperative efforts, such as roundups, sheep shearing, barn raisings and harvests, were also major social events.

Transportation used horses, mules, and oxen to pull wagons, buckboards, carriages, etc.

New Mexico was also involved in the Civil War. A Confederate invasion from Texas in 1861-62 led to major battles at Valverde (south of Socorro) and Glorieta (between Santa Fe and Las Vegas), and numerous minor battles.

The Confederates were defeated at Glorieta when Union forces captured their supply wagons, and had to retreat out of New Mexico.

The museum and pioneer village will also be fully open during Living History Days. There are two museum buildings and there are seven separate buildings in the pioneer village – two houses, a blacksmith shop, a log granary, a tack barn, a fire barn (with two antique fire trucks), and a chapel. There is also a caboose and even a two-hole outhouse.

There will be two more living history weekends this year at the museum – Heritage Days on June 20-22, and Oktoberfest on Oct.3-5.

These three weekends provide an excellent opportunity to hear and talk with experts in various aspects of pioneer living.

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HISTORY

'General Massacre' at Newton, Kansas

Past Tense

by Drew Gomber
Historian

Thanks to Hollyweird, many gunfighters are known to the general public. Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday, and Wild Bill Hickok are good examples, but who has ever heard of Jim Riley?

Slim and sickly (Riley was dying of tuberculosis, then known as "consumption"), and about 18 years of age, Jim Riley rode into Newton, Kan., from a place that was never recorded by history. Broke and wracked with fits of coughing, young Riley had no one to turn to until he was befriended by gambler Mike McCluskie. No one realized it at the time, but his friendship with McCluskie would make Riley the central figure in one of the wildest gunfights that the Old West would ever know.

Newton

Newton, when the railroad arrived in July 1871, was one of the wildest of the cow towns and violence was commonplace. The southeastern section of town was known as "Hide Park" and it was the area where the dubious pleasures offered by hookers, gamblers and saloons ran rampant.

The city fathers felt that a policeman was needed in this section, and Mike McCluskie was offered the job of "night policeman."

It was common for gamblers to be policemen – it was, in fact, convenient for them. They were going to be in the saloons (where most of the trouble was anyway), and the job of policeman offered them the opportunity to be legally armed.

In August of 1871, a Texan by the name of William Bailey was hired as a "special policeman." Bailey was described as "...the very worst choice for such duty. As a peace officer he was no more than a very dangerous clown with a badge."

In any case, Bailey and McCluskie had several violent run-ins, culminating with Bailey attempting to shoot McCluskie, who was quicker, and Bailey fell dead with a bullet through his heart.

Of course, that wasn't the end of it. Among Bailey's friends was one Hugh Anderson (who was also a friend of John Wesley Hardin), and who was rumored to have been in a number of shooting scrapes in the Lone Star State. Anderson, in the company of several friends, went gunning for McCluskie.

They found him in Perry Tuttle's Dance Hall. It was just after midnight on Aug. 20, 1871, and it safe to say that everyone was lubricated to the gills by that point.

His gun already in his hand, Anderson shoved his way up to McCluskie's table. Pointing the weapon at McCluskie, Anderson shrieked, "You are a cowardly son of a bitch! I'll blow the top of your head off!" Apparently not feeling that shooting a man without giving him a chance to defend himself was cowardly, Anderson immediately opened fire. His first bullet hit McCluskie in the neck.

Mike McCluskie was shot but not out of commission yet, and he leaped to his feet, pulling his own pistol, which misfired. Anderson's next bullet hit McCluskie in the leg, dropping him to the floor. As Anderson continued firing into McCluskie's body, pandemonium erupted.

Hell in Newton

As Jim Martin, another Texan, attempted to stop Anderson, he too, was shot down. Men began jerking pistols all over the saloon and the firing became general. Two railroad men named Lee and Hickey were shot in the stomach and leg, respectively. Lee did not survive.

If you count McCluskie, who would breathe his last the following morning, there were already three dead and the main player had yet to arrive on the scene.

Mike McCluskie's friendship had been about the most important thing in Jim Riley's life. Riley's constant hacking cough identified him as a "lunger" and being around him was something most sensible Newtonites wished to avoid. Riley was a law-abiding citizen, and a county judge would later reminisce that he was always "quiet and inoffensive in deportment."

The rough but kindly McCluskie had clothed and fed the youth and was truly Riley's only friend in Newton, possibly the only friend he *ever* had. Riley had entered Tuttle's just after the shooting began and looked down at his only friend amidst the chaos, and could see that he was dying in a pool of blood. Then Riley calmly walked over to the saloon doors, closed and locked them. Hugh Anderson didn't know it, but his killing Mike McCluskie had awakened a sleeping tiger.

When Jim Riley turned to face the crowd, there was a gun in his hand. Several bullets whistled by him, but Riley was unmoved. He was dying anyway, and the only friend he had – a man who had treated him much as a father would – lay dying, apparently already dead, on the floor.

Displaying the single most important attribute a gunfighter could possess – coolness under fire – Riley calmly raised his pistol and opened fire. Riley stood stock still. As cool – some might even say cold-blooded – as a man could be, squeezing off one shot after another. His firing was deadly accurate. Anderson and his friends were all in various stages of drunkenness, to say nothing of having their adrenaline flowing, and were firing rapidly, and for the most part, missing.

Riley chose his targets carefully. Billy Garrett and Henry Kearnes, two friends of Anderson, went down with bullets in the throat and chest, respectively. Two other unidentified cowboys were wounded and down and Anderson himself was down with not one, but two bullets in him.

Aftermath

Jim Riley was unscathed that night. When the shooting finally stopped, the "quiet and inoffensive" young man went to his horse, gathered his meager belongings, and rode out of Newton.

Behind him, Perry Tuttle's place had been shot to splinters. There were five dead and three wounded, and no one dared approach Riley as he rode slowly out of town. He was never seen or heard from again.

Nevertheless, that wasn't the end of it. Hugh Anderson miraculously survived the shooting, but two years later, at Medicine Lodge, Kan., justice of a sort caught up with him. Mike McCluskie's brother Arthur had found out about Anderson's survival and had been hunting him for some time.

When the two finally met, they agreed to a formal, and ultimately bizarre, duel. The pair opened up at each other from a distance of 20 paces. Both missed their first shot. Then McCluskie hit Anderson in the arm, and Anderson's second shot hit McCluskie in the mouth, creating a gory, but not fatal wound. McCluskie then rushed Anderson, both men firing wildly.

Anderson went down with a bullet in the belly. They fired until they were out of ammunition and then crawled to each other with knives, finishing each other off. It was the final act in a play that became known as the "Newton General Massacre."

SOURCES: *The Newton General Massacre* by Robert Barr Smith and *The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters* by Bill O'Neal.

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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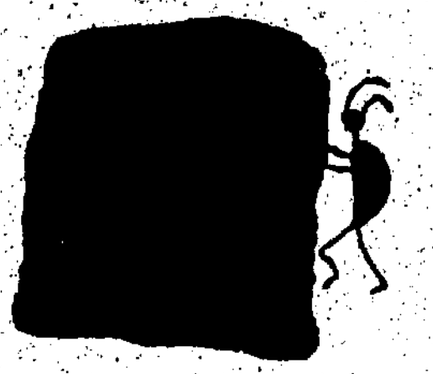

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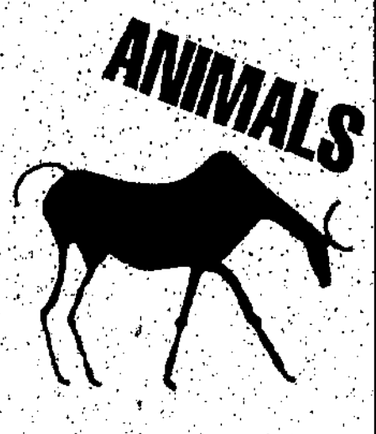

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