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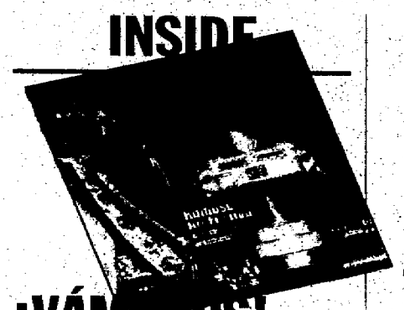

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Checkmate in Carrizozo

Board of trustees says police chief has abandoned her post

Attorney: Trustees didn't mean to 'terminate' Spencer

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The Carrizozo Board of Trustees has moved another chess piece on the board that has been a very serious game since the firing and "un-firing" of Chief of Police Carrie Spencer.

Wednesday's special meeting, with all trustees present and a small crowd in attendance, set a deadline for her to return to her post as chief or the position would be declared "abandoned."

After returning from a 45-minute executive session with the town attorney, JulieAnne Leonard, Mayor Bob Hemphill stated, "This board notified Ms. Spencer, through counsel, Monday, July 14, that she was still the chief of police. She has failed to return to her post."

The mayor then asked for and received a motion to "formerly notify Ms. Carrie Spencer, via counsel, that if she fails to report to her post by Monday, July 28, 2008, at noon, this counsel will deem that Ms. Spencer has abandoned her post, resulting in voluntary resignation."

The motion was made by Trustee Max Saucedo and seconded by Dennis Vega. A unanimous vote of the trustees passed the motion.

Hemphill also asked for a motion to inform Spencer, via counsel, that if she desires to have a hearing regarding the abandonment of the post resulting in voluntary resignation, her request for the hearing is due by noon, Monday, July 28.

The motion was made by Trustee Dennis Dunnum and seconded by Trustee Dusty Voss and carried unanimously.

Spencer was terminated, July 10, by a 3-1 vote of the trustees. She was called back to her position

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Chamber takes over Festival of Lights

TODD FUQUA/RUIDOSO NEWS

Long-time Festival of Lights organizer Millie Woods presents an FOL plaque to the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, symbolizing her gift of the event to the chamber.

Millie Woods passes the baton for Christmas event

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A Christmas tradition in Ruidoso – designed to bring more tourists and their dollars into the area during the cold winter months – has been handed over to the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

At a board meeting Wednesday, Chamber members voted unanimously to take on planning and oversight of the annual Festival of Lights celebration, a weeks-long festival of holiday merriment, anchored by the Festival of Lights parade through Midtown.

Millie and Marvin Woods, who have volunteered their time since the festival's inception in 2002 to oversee its execution, were on hand to describe what the events mean to the area's economy.

Millie read a letter detailing its history, stating it was begun by lodgers wanting to bring in more tourists during the winter.

"These have become not-to-be-missed events, penned in on most calendars of residents in the area," Woods said.

She stated she's enjoyed coordinating the events, but that various factors – including her recent commitments to Military Appreciation Week – had her re-prioritizing her time.

In discussing the move to take on the festival, board members learned there are no outstanding debts the chamber would take on. Indeed, the festival is owed $1,100 in new light strands yet to be delivered.

Sandi Aguilar, executive director of the chamber, said it was good news that new lights aren't needed at this time, but that the cost to replace non-functioning lights will be a concern for the future.

"We're not in the position to buy new lights right now, but it's fortunate we have plenty," said Chamber Executive Director Sandi Aguilar.

"We're not in the position to buy new lights right now, but it's fortunate that we have plenty now, according to Woods' five-year plan," Aguilar said.

Grants from entities such as the state Department of Tourism, various lodgers tax committees and Wal-Mart are the major sources of funding for the festival, but sponsorships from individuals are still needed.

Some board members mused whether the Chamber's direct involvement might actually hurt fundraising efforts in the future, as those asked to sponsor the event might view this as yet another Chamber fundraising ef-fort.

Aguilar conceded that's a possibility, but that there are others who might give money now, thanks to Chamber sponsorship, that wouldn't have otherwise.

Even with the Chamber taking on the festival's coordination, Woods plans to stay on to make the transition as smooth as possible.

She explained there are numerous documents and files which need to be transferred, and explained there are several detailing the festival's history which will be available for public viewing at the Ruidoso Public Library.

Passed out!

■ Open drunkenness hits Nob Hill district

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For months, shoppers at Walgreens and surrounding stores noticed an increase in the number of vagrants wandering the parking lot, appearing inebriated, sometimes to the point of being disoriented and incoherent.

But a chainsaw and some muscle applied to the vegetation at the back of the store to eliminate hiding and sleeping places, along with a concentrated effort by Ruidoso police to cite offenders for criminal trespass, seemed to do the job. Their numbers dwindled.

Unfortunately for some of the businesses and apartment complexes on nearby Nob Hill, many apparently shifted their preferred place to pass out to the area where U.S. 70 meets Mescalero Trail and New Mexico Highway 48/Sudderth Drive.

"I work in the evening and always throw out my trash when I get home," said one tenant in a cluster of adobe apartments, who asked that her name not be used. "I was walking (to the dumpster) and saw a man lying on the ground. I figured he was passed out. I already was halfway there and I had tennis shoes on, so I thought I could run if I needed to."

When she reached the bin, she dropped some of her garbage and it hit the ground with a loud thud. She glanced at the prone body. It didn't budge.

"I saw some neighbors across from me talking and asked them if it was their friend lying on the ground," she said. "They said no, that he probably was one of the people who live in a red car. But I said the (garbage) hit hard and should have woken him.

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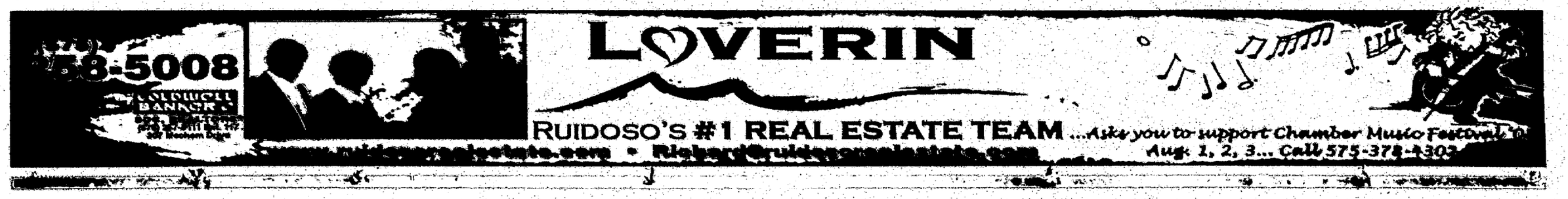

COURTESY KATHLEEN MCDONALD

Laughter roared louder than thunder at Spencer Theater both Thursday and Friday night last week as the extraordinary duo The Smothers Brothers, and their guest opener comedian Tom Cotter (center), showered audiences with their legendary humor. The duo, renowned as masters of comic timing with a timeless act, are celebrating 50 years as a comedy team, a career that has surpassed all other comedy teams.

Cheerleading camp

The Ruidoso High School cheerleading team will sponsor a future Warrior Cheerleading camp, Aug. 4-8, for children ages 3 and up at the White Mountain Intermediate School gym at 203 E. White Mountain Dr.

The camp will be held from 9 a.m. to noon daily. Registration is $40 per child, with a $5 discount for each additional sibling.

The fee includes a Ruidoso Warrior cheerleader T-shirt and daily snacks. Registration will be from 8-9 a.m., Aug. 4 at the gym.

The week – in which children will learn a cheer, dance and chants, and create Warrior art projects – will culminate in a pep rally for parents.

For more information, call 937-6998.

Lodgers reschedule

Because of scheduling conflicts, the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee's regularly scheduled July 30 meeting was changed to 10 a.m., Aug. 1, at Capitan Village Hall.

A final agenda will be available 24 hours prior to the meeting from the county manager's office in Carrizozo.

Alpine Village

Members of the Alpine Village Water and Sanitation District will meet at a new time, 5:30 p.m., Aug. 4, in the District's building at 112A Alpine Meadows Trail.

Regular business for the District will be conducted at the monthly meeting, such as paying bills and reporting on the operations of the water system.

The agenda also may contain discussion regarding committees to address the Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan, Capacity Assessment, and the Bylaws and Regulations.

Residents of the District are welcome to attend. Agendas are available at least 24 hours prior to meeting time.

Monthly meetings are conducted the first Monday of the month.

Otero electric

The annual meeting of members of the Otero County Electric Cooperative is set for 10 a.m., Aug. 2, at Cloudcroft High School.

Items on the agenda for action include reports of officers, trustees and committees, and the election of four trustees.

Up for election are Kenny Blazer, nominated by committee for the Southwest District; Gary Wood, nominated by committee for the Central District; Bill Bird, nominated by committee for the Northeast District; and, Mike Nivison, nominated by petition for the Central District.

Registration opens at 8:30 a.m.

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As you drive past the Ruidoso Senior Center, located at 501 Sudderth Dr., Wednesdays, just before noon, you will see a number of people carrying covered food dishes inside.

On the first and third Wednesdays of each month, the Golden Age Club meets for a covered-dish luncheon at noon, a lot of socializing, fast-moving table games and dancing.

The Golden Age Club was organized in 1979 by several senior men and women. Only one person is still living but is unable to attend.

This group generously bought a bank CD to ensure money would be available for the club to remain in existence and provide activities for the senior citizens, 55 and older, of the Village of Ruidoso.

Currently, there are 120 dues-paying members.

The officers for the year 2008 are Veta Jackson, president; Darold Roberson, vice-president; Dean Yanes, secretary; and Dennis Hoerster, treasurer.

Annual dues are $12 per person per year, plus a covered dish for each meeting. Summer members pay $6 per person per summer, plus a covered dish for each meeting. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

Dues and monetary donations pay for the meat entrée and bread for each Golden Age luncheon. On the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays, the entrée is furnished by the Senior Center of the Village of Ruidoso.

Visitors and new members are always welcome. We do ask that everyone participate by bringing a covered dish, vegetable or dessert. Come join us, and enjoy the fellowship.

There are games for everyone, including "42," Train, Mexican Train, Chicken Foot and others. There is also dancing, and, yes, there are a number of fine dancers in this age group. The good old-fashioned country music is provided from 1-2 p.m. for two steppin', waltzin' and other boot-scootin' moves.

This is great fun and exercise greatly appreciated by our dancers. It keeps you moving, grooving and singing.

The Senior Center, with Sandee Jourdan as supervisor for more than 18 years, offers a number of activities for seniors. Through the year, special events are sponsored by the management.

Check with the center for schedules and transportation available for the young at Heart. The phone number is 257-4565.

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Close encounters: A hummingbird diary

E. D. Ehrich
Nogal

They return in late March and early April from their wintering ranges south of the border. The first ones to arrive are the broad-tailed hummingbirds.

The distinctive "ring" sound of the wings of the males announce them often before I can visually identify them. The black-chinned are not far behind. I have a feeder out by mid-March to let them know they are welcome and that I can't wait to see them. More than once I have to go fetch the feeder at first light to bring it in, dump out the frozen sugar water and refill it with a warm batch.

One or two birds at first, within a couple of weeks the flock has grown to a dozen or more, depending on how cold the early spring nights happen to get.

By May I have to add another feeder and soon the number of birds has grown to 30 or 40, with a dozen or more feeding or whirring around the feeder in an excited effort to gain access to a place to perch and feed.

The sound of their little wings, as they beat more than 50 times per second, their excited twitter as they fight each other in aerial clashes, their incredible agility – all make for many hours of entertainment over the season.

Hummingbirds let you get closer to them than any other bird. This has to be because of that awesome agility. Indeed, they can fly forwards, backwards, up and down and change direction as if there were no such forces as gravity or inertia.

You can stand within a foot of a feeder and they will come and feed with complete confidence and, if you bring out a freshly filled feeder, they may, in the push to be first in the chow line, actually light on your finger.

By Independence Day, give or take a day or two, two more species arrive, the rufous and calliope hummingbirds. Now, especially in the evening hours around sunset till late twilight, my two feeders are mobbed by veritable clouds of hummers, and the surrounding piñon and alligator juniper trees are decorated like Christmas trees with the little, jewel-like creatures as they rest before getting back into the fray. I now have to fill the feeders daily, which requires five pounds of sugar a week.

It is testament to the regularity of nature's cycles that the two species very regularly arrive within two days of the Fourth of July.

But perhaps even more remarkable is the fact that the last hummer retires from the feeders just as the bright, orange star Arcturus appears in the late twilight, high in the eastern sky.

So regular is this nightly coincidence that I can test my vision by it. If I can make out Arcturus in the sky only a few minutes before it's bedtime for the hummingbirds, I am satisfied that I don't need glasses yet for my 70-year-old eyes.

My place below Loma Grande is blessed with an abundance of wildlife and I love it all. But I think that, for pure entertainment, I like the hummingbirds best.

A rufous hummingbird, above, and a broad-tailed hummingbird, at right, are among the species that visit Lincoln County annually. Notice the rufous' translucent wing, with the plant showing through. Top photo, courtesy David Tremblay; right photo courtesy E.D. Ehrich.

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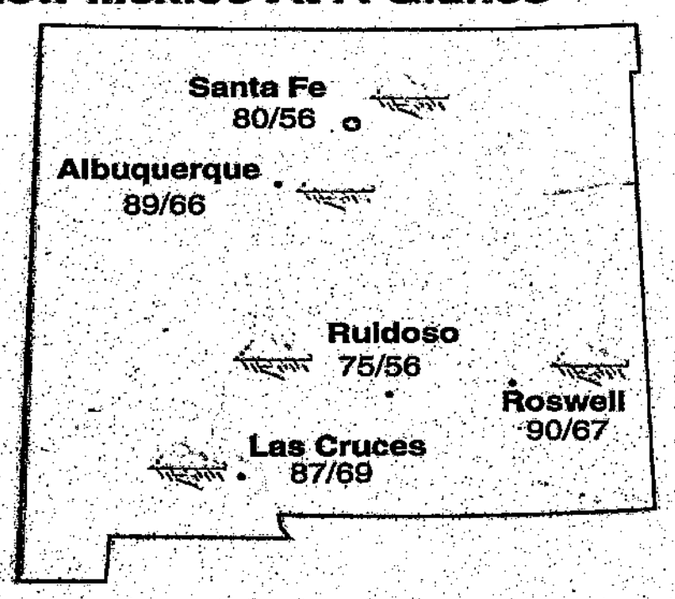

Moon Phases

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Alamogordo	91	66	t-storm	Grants	83	56	t-storm	Santa Fe	80	56	t-storm
Albuquerque	89	66	t-storm	Guymon, OK	98	71	pt sunny	Santa Rosa	90	65	t-storm
Carlsbad	91	67	t-storm	Hobbs	90	68	t-storm	Silver City	77	53	t-storm
Chama	75	50	t-storm	Las Cruces	87	69	t-storm	Socorro	87	63	t-storm
Clovis	89	65	t-storm	Las Vegas	80	55	t-storm	St. Johns, AZ	87	63	t-storm
Deming	88	67	t-storm	Lordsburg	90	66	t-storm	Taos	81	53	t-storm
El Paso, TX	88	72	t-storm	Lubbock, TX	92	70	t-storm	Trinidad, CO	84	60	t-storm
Espanola	81	59	t-storm	Odessa, TX	90	72	t-storm	Truth or Consq.	88	66	t-storm
Farmington	90	60	t-storm	Raton	84	57	t-storm	Tucson, AZ	97	76	t-storm
Gallup	84	57	t-storm	Roswell	90	67	t-storm	Tucumcari	90	64	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	92	71	pt sunny	Houston	94	73	pt sunny	Phoenix	103	82	t-storm
Boston	86	67	pt sunny	Los Angeles	85	67	sunny	San Francisco	85	58	sunny
Chicago	82	69	t-storm	Miami	89	79	t-storm	Seattle	76	56	pt sunny
Dallas	97	78	pt sunny	Minneapolis	88	63	t-storm	St. Louis	87	76	t-storm
Denver	86	63	t-storm	New York	86	72	pt sunny	Washington, DC	89	74	pt sunny

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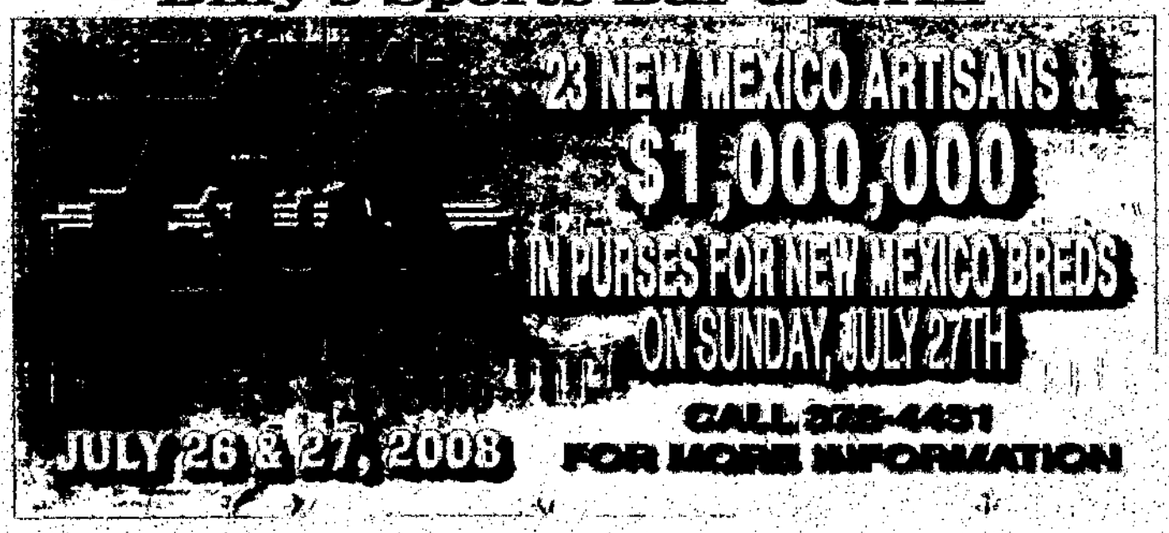

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OUR OPINION

A tale of two towns: sharing police woes

Political interference hurts Carrizozo, Capitan

In one community, the issue has come down to a legal tug-of-war.

In the other community, there is an undercurrent of mistrust.

What Carrizozo and Capitan have in common, however, is a history of political interference in the operation of their police forces, resulting in a lack of continuity at the top.

In both cases it is an untenable situation that divides the community and compromises public safety.

And in both cases, the damage appears to result from decisions that are unduly swayed by personal agendas.

In Capitan, the board of trustees fired Police Chief Robert Bird in 2006 on the basis of several complaint letters, one of which a trustee admitted helping write and having another person sign.

By all accounts, we have found Bird to be an honest, effective cop. He claims he was fired because he violated Capitan's unwritten do-not-arrest list.

His replacement, Randy Spear, is the target of derisive comment around town and on newspaper blogs. Though his department has hired fine, professional officers, its image is shaped at the top.

Carrizozo, too, has good officers. But in an ill-conceived move to fire the chief, the trustees are responsible for a headless department caught in an exchange of posturing by lawyers. The chief, Carrie Spencer, who was terminated or not terminated, or was terminated and then un-terminated, depending on how one parses the wording, has the weekend to decide whether to return to her desk.

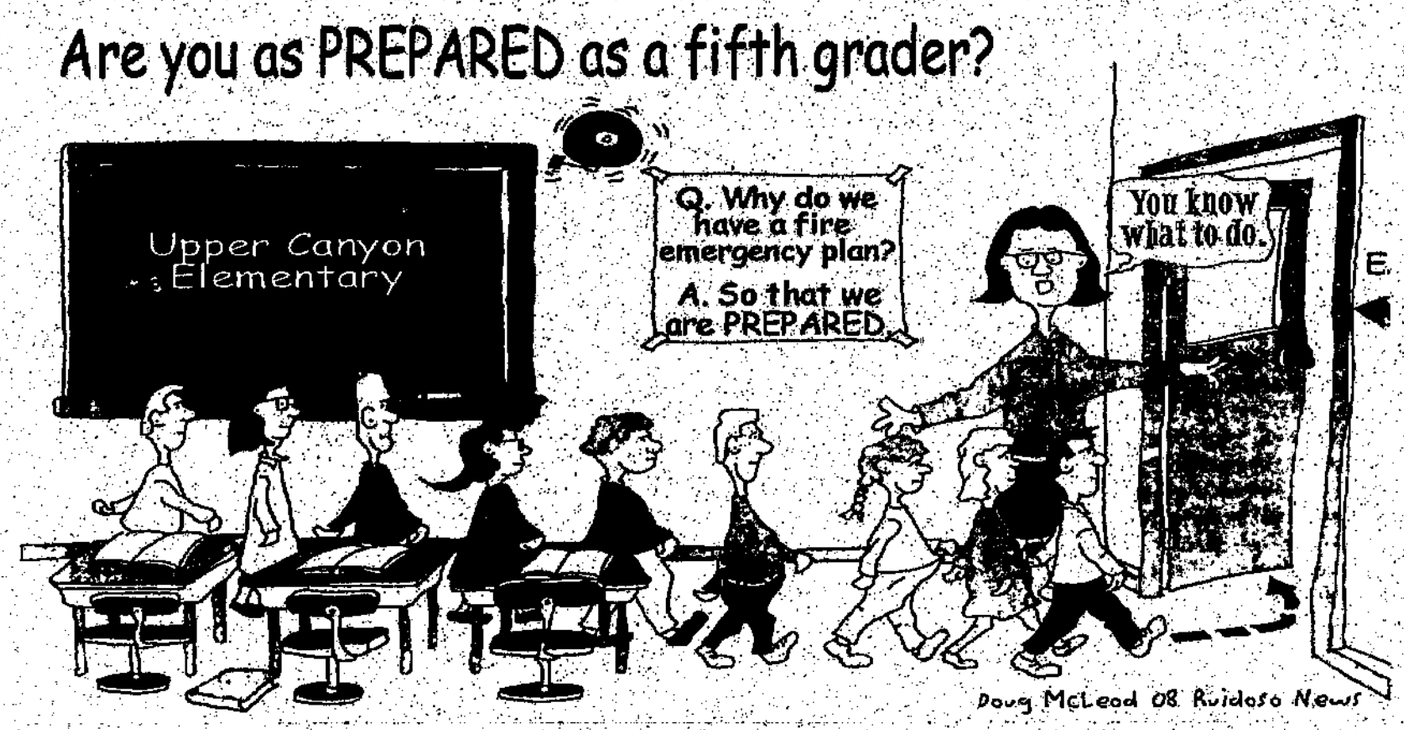
We can understand Spencer's hurt feelings. It is quite sensible that she detects a hostile – and unappreciative – working environment.

But with the apparent backing of the mayor and an appreciable segment of the townsfolk, Spencer has a golden opportunity to seize control of the department and leverage that control into effective, fearless law enforcement in her community.

In staying on, she might also force three trustees to explain their votes to fire her – if, indeed, it can be shown that was their intent.

As it stands, those trustees should not get a free pass.

Spencer has until noon Monday to announce her decision. However, it plays out, here's hoping Carrizozo – and Capitan – can restore confidence in their police.



YOUR OPINION

Losing the track would be identity theft

To the editor:

CAN ANYONE DENY that Ruidoso Downs Race Track is the best-known landmark in Ruidoso? Ruidoso Downs has long been recognized as the pinnacle of quarter horse racing in the world – the home of the All American Futurity and the quarter horse racing Triple Crown. In the minds of many throughout the country, and around the world, the racetrack is the only thing they know about Ruidoso. Clearly, it provides Ruidoso with an identity that is unique in the state of New Mexico.

However, unless some quick and decisive action is taken by the voters of Ruidoso and all of Lincoln County, that identity is in imminent danger of being lost.

Every year, tens of thousands of people gravitate to Ruidoso to participate in and enjoy some of the highest caliber horse racing available in the country, as well as some of the best summertime weather to be found anywhere. Many of the "horse people" have second homes in Ruidoso, and stay in town for much, if not all, of the racing season.

Others, who merely come in for a week or weekend at a time throughout the season, stay at local condos or motels. These people pour millions of dollars into the local economy every year. They build and/or improve their homes; eat out at restaurants; frequent the midtown shops and bars; and are responsible for a large portion of the sales and Lodgers' taxes that enable the local Villages to balance their budgets each year.

In short, they are a key and vital contributor to the financial success of virtually every business in Lincoln County, as well as to the Villages of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs themselves. Without this vital revenue source, many local businesses as well as many current city services would be seriously jeopardized. Despite how hard it might be for local residents to accept, steps are currently being taken which could cause just such a "doomsday" scenario to be a reality.

Over the past 20 years, since R.D. Hubbard and Dr. Ed Allred took over the Ruidoso Downs race track, they have amassed almost $24 million in losses. While the opening of the Billy The Kid Casino in 1999 helped to eliminate the track's losses for the next three years, the subsequent opening of the two new Mescalero Apache casinos in town more than wiped out that temporary windfall.

Once again, the track went back to losing in excess of $1 million dollars each year, and has

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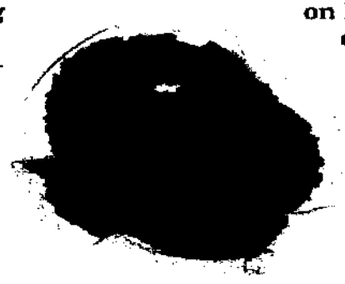
Meet the publisher: A child of the West comes home

Hello Ruidoso! My name is Terry Fitzwater, and I am the new publisher of the *Ruidoso News*.

I arrived in this beautiful piece of real estate on July 8, and have been smiling ever since. Every morning when I wake up and gaze out upon majestic Sierra Blanca, I have to pinch myself to bring myself back to reality. I am really living in God's country in New Mexico.


TERRY FITZWATER
PUBLISHER'S PERSPECTIVE

Everybody has been friendly, considerate and full of helpful suggestions and ideas. It's been a wonderful beginning to the rest of my life.

Since I am new to the area and new to all of you, it makes sense to let you all know a little bit about me, what my background is, and what I hope to bring to this community.

I am a child of the West.

I was born in Phoenix, and just missed being a Yankee Doodle Dandy, born on the 4th of July, by a few hours.

My dad grew up along the California/Arizona border, and was a student in a Japanese relocation camp during the Second World War. He was born of English and Irish stock, and loved cars. He worked on them day and night. Eventually, he turned to auto racing, and raced against the likes of Foyt, Unser, Nalon, Ward and Cheesebro during the mid-'50s.

Unfortunately, a drunk driver ran a stop sign one night when my dad was towing home from the track, and the ensuing accident broke his back. He never raced again, but kept his love of racing throughout his life. The voice of Sid Collins and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Memorial Day still courses through my veins. Thanks to my dad, I have been a race fan my entire life. But I digress.

In the late '50s, my mother came to Arizona from Michigan to visit her sister, and met my dad. They had a lifelong love affair, and my three sisters and I are the bounty of that relationship. They are both gone now, and I do miss them so. Yet the memories of driving the Mother Road, Route 66, back and forth between Arizona and Michigan are etched indelibly upon my brain. It was the golden age of the automobile, and it is a time I occasionally still pine for.

But it was my mother who insisted the family move back to Michigan, and that's where I grew up. We lived in Grand Rapids, not far from the sandy beaches of Lake Michigan, and that was home. We lived with my mom's parents for awhile, and that's where the traditions of the German and Polish stock from my mom's side took root. I had an aunt and uncle still living in the house, so I grew up in the '60s with the Vietnam War, rock and roll, the space program, changing culture and the Detroit Tigers. They all were very much a part of our household, and have had a profound impact on my life and philosophy.

In 1968, with the Tet Offensive, the riots, the assassinations and what-not, a very enthusiastic Tiger fan from Grand Rapids learned about war, life and the joy of a being a World Series champion. Names like Al Kaline, Willie Horton, Denny McLain, Mickey Lolich and Bill Freehan still bring a smile to my face. It was the beginning of a life-long devotion to all sports teams from Motown. Go get 'em Tigers. And oh, Go Blue. Hail to the Victors and all that.

I played sports in high school, was the president of our student council, and graduated from Wyoming Rogers High. I attended Central Michigan University, got a BS degree (boy, was it ever!), and then attended Rutgers School of Law just outside of Philadelphia. In the early '80s, I returned to the West to work in a large Denver law firm. I was there for two years before my wife got pregnant with our first child, and we (I say we with tongue-in-cheek) moved back to Michigan where she was supposed to take over a couple of weekly papers in northern Michigan. I was to take the bar and hang out a shingle. She got pregnant with our second child, however, so I wound up running the papers.

It was where I finally found myself professionally.

Since that time, I have run groups of weeklies, daily papers, dailies with weeklies and shoppers, and have even been the executive director of a free newspaper association in Michigan. I still own an auto racing publication back in Michigan (which I am trying to sell now that I am here), and have ink in my blood. My papers have won hundreds of awards, and are always very involved in their communities. We even won a national reporting award for coverage of the East Lansing riots, beating the Denver papers for their coverage of Columbine.

I believe in local community journalism, where names and faces sell papers and consequently provide leadership as well. This philosophy means a community must have vitality, energy and purpose. It means business must have strong, fertile ground to grow in, and the support to nurture it. It will have my support.

It means that schools, local government and the residents of this community must have honest and intelligent leadership, and it will have my support on that as well.

I believe the paper should provide information, thoughtful discussion and leadership in the community in which we serve. It will have that commitment from me. We will support the betterment of our people, vigorously support our business community, and provide information and leadership for years to come.

That is what you can expect from the *Ruidoso News* under my watch. I am divorced, the father of four wonderful children (Steph, Josh, Leslie and Joe), and have a ton of interests. I love reading, love sports, love history, love to travel, and fancy myself as a connoiseur of wine. Yea, right. I am very proud to be an American, and have a special place in my heart for veterans. I can assure that in the future you will be reading a lot more about veterans and their stories in the pages of this newspaper. On that, I will take a solemn oath.

I call it "watch," because I believe the paper belongs to you, the reader and the community. We reflect who you are, we provide information on life in the area and how it affects us, and we hopefully will provide effective and meaningful leadership for all.

Accordingly, I am asking all of you for your input, support, and, yes, even prayers. Stop in and say hi, let me know what you think, and on your way out – buy a paper!

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There is a strong staff already in place ready, willing and able to serve you. We are all proud to call ourselves the staff at your *Ruidoso News*.

As I said, I am child of the West who has come home. This is where I intend to stay and grow old. As your neighbor. Your friend. Your associate. Your publisher.

That's my story, and thank you, Ruidoso, for the welcome. And thank you for supporting the *Ruidoso News* for more than 60 years.

GUEST COMMENTARIES/OPINION

The red books in the mayor's office: the law as merely a suggestion

STEVE SEDERWALL
Former Capitan mayor

LAW (noun) – a principle governing action or procedure.

With open-mouthed amazement, I have watched a bare-knuckled fight over the last Capitan election, all the while wondering when we lost our slippery grip on sanity.

This Mountain Melodrama rotates around 85 unsigned absentee votes, votes that have Wranglers in a wad, raised blood pressures and prompted a lawsuit. The online blogs are smoking with strong opinions, cutting words and veiled threats.

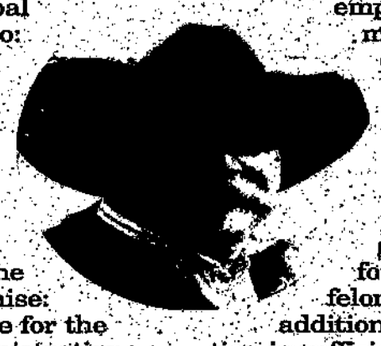
To date, the Village of Capitan has spent thousands of taxpayer dollars to ensure the vote stands, when all the mayor had to do was look up from his desk, close the check book and reach for the red books on his bookshelf, the New Mexico State Statues.

To provide every opportunity to vote, New Mexico allows early voting. New Mexico Statue (NMS), 3-9-1, explains, " 'absentee voting' means the casting of a vote by a qualified elector, for any candidate or question prior to election day, by mail on an absentee ballot, in person on an absentee ballot or in person on a voting machine."

These 85 unsigned votes were cast "in person" but were not signed, as the law demands, and the village clerk says she didn't know better. The votes were certified and Lilly Wood was swept into office atop a massive wave of political controversy.

Each side now fights for their outcome as the Village of Capitan feeds attorneys to defend Ms. Wood, saying these unsigned votes should count.

So why do we care? New Mexico lawmakers put laws on the books (that would be the red ones in the mayor's office) telling us why. NMS 3-8-1 (b), "It is the purpose of the Municipal election code to: (1) secure the secrecy of the ballot; (2) secure the purity and integrity of elections; (3) guard against the abuse of the elective franchise: and (4) provide for the efficient administration and conduct of elections."



That is legal speak that we need honest, open elections, free of abuse of the "elective franchise" or those in power. Plain and simple, the law is so the guys counting the votes, i.e. the mayor and clerk, don't cheat.

So what do the red books say about unsigned votes? NMS 3-9-4, "The municipal clerk shall reject an absentee ballot application for any of the following reasons:" The fourth reason to reject the ballot is if "the application is not signed by the applicant," the clerk "shall reject an absentee ballot."

For "stupid" guys like me, the lawmakers explained in NMS 3-8-1 (c) that, "As used in the Municipal Election Code, *shall* is mandatory and *may* is permissive."

Now write that down. It will be on the test.

NMS 3-9-4 says the clerk "shall reject" the ballot when they are not signed. The word "shall" defined by law is "mandatory" – the clerk has no choice and must reject the unsigned ballots.

The red books warn under NMS 3-8-79 (e) that, "A member of the municipal governing body, a municipal official or employee, or municipal clerk, deputy or assistant who willfully violates the municipal Election Code is guilty of a fourth degree felony, and, in addition, such violation is sufficient cause for removal from office in a proceeding instituted for that purpose as provided by law."

In the mayor's red books, under 3-11-4, it tells him, "The mayor is the chief executive officer and shall cause the ordinances and regulations of the municipality to be obeyed."

One of Capitan's ordinances dictates the Village will conduct elections according to state law – found in the red books.

Section 3-8-1 says we might want to follow the red book so the "elective franchise," or guys in charge, don't pull a fast one. Section 3-9-4 says if the clerk runs into unsigned votes she "shall" reject them. Section 3-11-4 says the mayor "shall" enforce the law and 3-8-79 says if the clerk "willfully violates the municipal election code" this is a fourth degree felony.

Whoa, hold the phone!

One more thing. The red book says in 3-8-79 (a) "Conspiracy to violate the Municipal Election Code consists of two or more persons knowingly combining, uniting or agreeing to cause or attempt to cause the omission or commission of any duty or act that violates the provisions of the Municipal Election Code." In the statute under section (b), "A person who commits conspiracy to violate the Municipal Election Code is guilty of a fourth degree felony."

The law goes on to say under (d) a "Violation of the Municipal Election Code consists of the willful violation of the Municipal Election Code or the willful failure or refusal to perform any act or duty required by the Municipal Election Code."

So, just wondering: When the law says it is a fourth degree felony if there is a "refusal to perform any act" – would that be something like the clerk refusing to throw out the illegal, unsigned votes?

Conspiracy, where two or more agree to "cause the omission or commission of any duty or act" – would that apply to the mayor refusing to uphold the law and ordering his clerk to throw out the unsigned votes?

When the trustees are made aware of the law and then vote to spend the taxpayer money to make sure the votes are not thrown out – are they then causing "the omission or commission of any duty or act that violates the provisions of the Municipal Election Code," a fourth degree felony?

Upon reflection, maybe the mayor should just keep his head down and not look up to the red books. Now you know why the law is merely a suggestion.

OUR RIGHT TO KNOW

The First Amendment

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been doing so ever since. Clearly no business can survive forever under these conditions.

In an effort to address this untenable situation, a tax relief bill has been introduced in each of the past two sessions of the State legislature, which would have leveled the playing field somewhat by allowing the Billy the Kid casino to pay the same state gaming tax rate as the Indian casinos pay (currently they pay a rate of 27 percent, compared to the newly negotiated rate of 6 percent to 10 percent paid by the Indians).

Had this bill passed, it would have resulted in approximately $1.2 million of tax relief per year for the race track – enough to eliminate most, if not all, of the annual losses that the owners are currently incurring. However, in both cases, while the bill was resoundingly approved in the House, it was never even brought up to a vote in the state Senate.

While Mr. Hubbard has stated that it would be his preference to keep the track here, he and Dr. Allred are forced to make a decision: either stay in Ruidoso where, without the tax relief, they will continue to lose over $1 million per year, or move the track to Las Cruces, where the much larger population base there would likely provide a lucrative annual profit instead. Faced with these two choices, the decision that these two businessmen make will, in all likelihood, be the same one that any one of us would make if we were in their shoes. They will move the track to Las Cruces, and Ruidoso will no longer have horse racing.

The tax relief bill that has been sent twice, previously, to the State Senate for approval, only to die there both times, is being brought up in the legislature one last time in January 2009.

Unless we, who have the most to gain from the track staying in Ruidoso, mount a grassroots effort to contact our elected representatives in the state Senate, to try and make sure that this bill passes this time, there is no reason to believe that the outcome will be any different than the previous times.

If we, once again, sit on our hands while the bill, once again, fails to pass, Mr. Hubbard and Dr. Allred will be moving their racing license to Las Cruces.

With all the talk these days about the high cost of "identity theft," the loss associated with this particular loss of identity would be unimaginable to the local economy.

Virtually every local business owner would be negatively impacted, not to mention all of the employees who would be laid off as those businesses are forced to cut back, or fail altogether.

What about the price of real estate when the horse people decide that they no longer need a second home in Ruidoso, and dump those homes on the local market? How many of the fine local motels, restaurants and stores that we currently enjoy will still be around when the number of tourists and summer residents dwindles to a trickle?

Not unlike the societal devastation that we see on the news, caused by natural disasters such as tornados, earthquakes and tsunamis, losing the race track would cause similar devastation to the Ruidoso that we have known.

The difference is that there is nothing that can be done to predict or avert a natural disaster. There are, however, steps that we can take, proactively, to avert this one.

To avoid this dire turn of events, all of us need to become involved, and take it upon ourselves to sit down and write a letter (or letters), and/or make phone calls to members of the state Senate. We need to let them know in Santa Fe how critical that passing this bill is to a long-standing New Mexico institution like Ruidoso Downs Race Track, and, by extension, the entire Ruidoso area, which for years has been one of the State's most prolific destinations for out-of-state tourists.

Remember, these tourist dollars benefit the state as well as the local economy, so they should be inclined to listen. On the other hand, if we, as stakeholders in this high stakes chess game stand around like helpless pawns and do nothing, there will be nobody to blame but ourselves as the plywood and shutters beg'n going up on the doors and windows of what once was our thriving little town.

Pat Guthrie
Ruidoso

Thanks to all

To the editor:

THE RUIDOSO Federated Women's Club would like to thank the community for your support this summer for our fundraisers.

The profits will go to a scholarship fund, HEAL/-The Nest, Lincoln County Food Bank, Home Care & Hospice and The Humane Society.

Also, we would like to thank the following businesses who generously donated: Lawrence Bros., Village Furniture, Rose Furniture, Shawntell at Ruidoso Beauty Salon, Good to Go, Charteuese Moose, Golden Yarn Carpets, Jesus Figueroa, Sherry at Advanced Hair Design, Adorable Hair by Linda, Pizza Hut on Sudderth, Starbucks, Michalenas, Frank Bubser at All American Realty, The Yoga Studio, Schlotzskys, Diane and Pam at Tangled Mane, Curves, High Mesa Healing Center, Dominos Pizza, and The Maze at Funtrackers.

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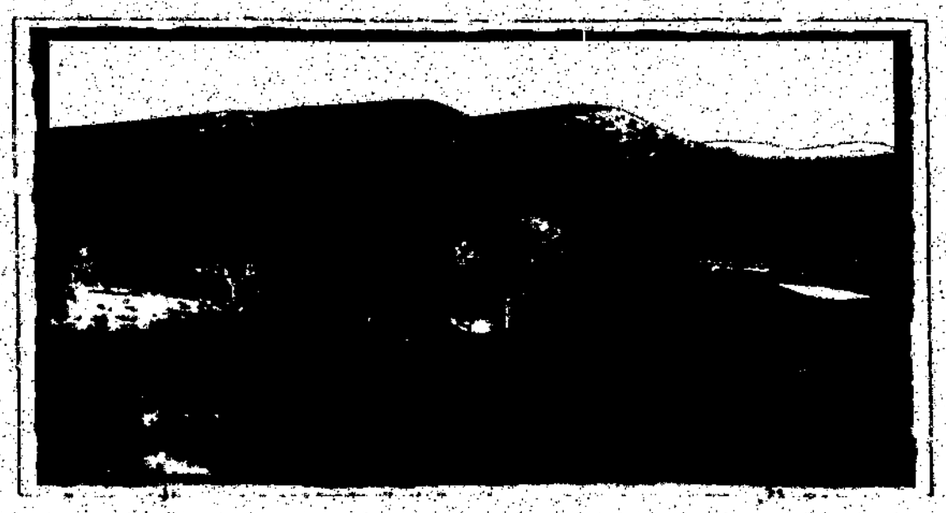

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Returning home to invest in the future

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Ruidoso's newest financial advisor isn't so new to Ruidoso.

When Erik Padilla was offered the chance to open a new Edward Jones office in Ruidoso, he jumped at the chance to return to his hometown and offer the same financial services he did while working at Edward Jones Investments in Albuquerque.

"I'm happy to be back home to serve my hometown community. and to be nearer my 2-year-old son, Jackson," Padilla said.

Padilla, a 1997 graduate of Ruidoso High School, got his Bachelor of Science degree in hospitality from New Mexico State in 2003 and his Master's in business administration in 2005.

Shortly after that, he worked for a time at Alto Lakes Country Club before he found a job with Edward Jones.

"It was a good deal for me and a great company to work for," Padilla said. "I did my homework, looking at other firms, and I saw individuals paying high fees and getting less-than-stellar service."

Padilla said his office offers more than just financial advice – although in these difficult economic times, financial advice can be quite valuable. His office can also offer information on insurance, estate planning, mortgages and employee benefit packages for businesses.

TODD FUQUA/RUIDOSO NEWS

Edward Jones' newest investment advisors – Erik Padilla and Sashay Mills-Cardone – aren't new to Ruidoso at all.

The reason for the new office, located in the River Crossing complex at 1840 Sudderth Dr., is the clientele base had grown too large for the established office on north Mechem.

Padilla said customers in Ruidoso tend to be retirees, mostly with estate planning and retirement issues. Because the income of these retirees is rather high, the amount of money the Edward Jones office in Ruidoso helps to manage is quite high for a town of this size.

"The corporation thought it was feasible to open a second office here simply because of all the retirees, which are about 50 percent of our client base," Padilla said.

Nationwide, small businesses are the second-largest client base, but that's not so true in Ruidoso.

That's something Padilla would like to see change.

"Because this town's so seasonal, not many businesses have benefits for their employees," Padilla said. "That's something I'd like to be able to do for them.

"We'll do whatever is in the best interest of the client, no matter what," he added. "I haven't seen any client whose situation I can't improve."

Padilla also plans to teach some money management and investment classes at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, hoping to target a younger demographic that may not think they need to know about higher finance.

"They all think they're bullet-proof right now," Padilla said. "Most people don't realize how long it takes these investments to mature."

Padilla also hopes to build trust with his clientele, which is why he's happy he's back in his home town, where most people will know him.

Assisting him is Sashay Mills-Cardone, a name quite a few people in Ruidoso will know. She has two years of higher education to her credit, and intends to complete her business degree while working at Edward Jones.

"I interred with Jim Trolinger while in high school, and he recommended me when Erik came here," Mills-Cardone said. "This has been a challenge, but a fun one."

Governor announces economic CARE package

SANTA FE – Gov. Bill Richardson has unveiled his CARE package that will be the centerpiece of the upcoming special session of the Legislature.

Richardson's Cash Assistance Relief Effort package focuses on expanding health care coverage and giving New Mexicans $210.6 million in relief from high gas prices.

"This is a comprehensive package to provide a shot in the arm for New Mexicans who are getting hit hard as a result of high gas prices," Governor Richardson said. "New Mexico is doing well. With our balanced budget and surplus we are in a position where we can step in and help."

Richardson also announced he is considering calling the special session sooner, possibly in August, to speed up relief to New Mexicans.

COL Tax Rebate

Every New Mexican would receive an income tax rebate this fall. The credits would provide significant assistance to those who need it most – low income and middle-class families.

The credit would be $150 for each taxpayer plus $40 for each dependent for taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes up to $60,000.

For taxpayers with incomes between $60,000 and $65,000 the credit would be $125 for each taxpayer and $34 for each dependent.

For taxpayers with incomes between $65,000 and $70,000 the credit would be $100 for each taxpayer and $26 for each dependent.

For taxpayers with incomes over $70,000 the credit would $75 for each taxpayer and $20 for each dependent.

The rebates are different than the 2005 rebates in that New Mexicans will get rebates as quickly as possible. Economists also believe they can be structured so they are not taxable.

Tax holiday

A one-time tax holiday for the holidays would start Nov. 28 and run through Dec. 7, during peak Christmas shopping.

Just like the popular back-to-school holiday, clothing, school supplies and computers could be purchased without taxes.

However, the Tax Holiday for the Holidays would include Energy Star certified appliances under certain limits. Refrigerators and freezers will be limited to $2,000, clothes washers will be limited to $1,000 and all other items will be limited to $500.

The proposal also includes increased limits on the traditional qualified tax-free items, including the limits on clothing and footwear which would increase from $100 to $125.

School tax holiday

Increased limits on traditionally qualified tax-free items would apply to the back-to-school holidays starting next year.

The back-to-school tax-free holiday would be expanded from 3 to 10 days starting in 2009.

Working families

The working families tax credit would be increased by 25 percent for the tax year 2008, regarding personal income tax returns filed in 2009.

The maximum amount of the credit would increase by $96 to $482 for workers with two or more children, by $59 to $292 for workers with one child, and by $9 to $44 for childless workers.

Child care assistance

The plan would increase income eligibility for child care assistance from 165 to 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

With this change, nearly 600 New Mexico families would get help from the state to pay expensive child care expenses – this year. Nearly 2,200 new clients would be eligible next year.

Energy assistance

The Governor is proposing a $4 million state supplement to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

In addition, he is proposing an additional $2 million for weatherization assistance and $2 million for high-efficiency appliances for low-income New Mexicans.

Bus fuel assistance

The Governor is proposing $3.2 million in emergency funds for school districts to deal with the high cost of gas.

Putting 'con' in 'economy'

SANTA FE – Soaring energy costs, falling real estate prices and a turbulent stock market add up to opportunity for crooks peddling fraudulent investments, according to Bruce R. Kohl, director of the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department Securities Division.

Kohl has joined with other securities watchdogs nationwide in warning investors to beware of scams disguised as oil and gas partnerships, alternative energy projects and real estate participations.

"Criminals often follow the headlines in an effort to lend their schemes a cloak of legitimacy," Kohl said. "Rapidly rising prices at the gas pump foster the perception there is big money to be made investing either in traditional oil and gas projects, or in such alternative energy projects as wind farms, ethanol plants and solar power producers."

At the same time, weakness in stocks, bonds and real estate has led some investors to look for better opportunities elsewhere, Kohl added. He cautioned investors to beware of hot energy-related tips, speculative real estate promotions, unsolicited invitations from new online "friends," and complex, opaque investment products that fail to offer clear disclosures of their risks and costs.

Investors can call the State Securities Division at 1-800-704-5533.

The Gas Gauge

Average prices in the area and state for the week

Cost shown is for regular unleaded gasoline

- Prices at the pump in the Ruidoso area range from $3.99 to $4.19 a gallon.
- The state's average is $4.01, up from last month's $3.96 and up from last year's $3.13.
- Other state prices include $3.99 in Alamogordo, $3.90 in Albuquerque, $3.95 in Las Cruces and $3.93 in Santa Fe.
- In Texas, gas was listed at $3.92 in El Paso, $3.89 in Fort Worth-Arlington, $3.91 in Dallas and $3.89 in Houston. Statewide, Texas averages $3.91 per gallon.
- The nationwide average sits at $4.02 per gallon.

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Three women injured in ATV rollover

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Three women were injured Monday when the two all terrain vehicles they were riding flipped on a trail above Rainbow Lake and Carrizo Canyon.

According to reports from the New Mexico State Police and staff with Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services, Kathleen Hedin was in the lead with passenger Randi Watson, when the ATV they were riding hit a rock and jerked the steering column. She slammed on the brakes and the vehicle flipped. The second ATV also flipped coming down the hill behind them, driven by Heather Johnson with passenger Rebecca Dixon.

Hedin and Dixon were listed as living in Ruidoso but no other information was available on any of the women.

The accident occurred about 2 p.m. The women called 911 on a cell phone and global positioning satellite pinpointed their location. State Police officers walked about two miles on the trail to the accident site.

Hedin, identified as having neck and back injuries, was brought out by her passenger on the ATV that still was operable. She was flown to Tomlison Hospital in El Paso.

The two other women, one with a shoulder injury and the other with facial abrasions, stayed at the scene.

LCEMS dispatched its wilderness unit, designed to travel on back country trails, manned by medics Cory Meyers and Mike Coker, lead emergency medical technician.

They put one woman in the wilderness unit trailer designed to bring out injured patients and the other rode behind Coker on the unit's ATV. They were treated at the Lincoln County Medical Center and released. Hedin remained in an intensive care unit Wednesday in El Paso.

The incident was the first completed rescue with the unit that was purchased with state grant money about two years ago, according to information from the EMS. It was called out twice before and was used on standby for special events.

It is outfitted with radio communication that allows EMTs to stay in touch with other emergency agencies as well as the hospital. The ATV is equipped with a track and the trailer has a ski mechanism for pulling over snow.

Mike Coker, right, and Cory Meyers of the Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services, clean up the wilderness ATV used to rescue women injured on a trail above Carrizo Canyon Monday.

COURTESY BRAD TREPTOW

Chamber endorses 'fair tax' relief for race track

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In a move designed to show the business community's solidarity with Ruidoso Downs Race Track owner R.D. Hubbard, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce board of directors approved a resolution supporting "fair tax" relief for the track's casino.

Recent intimations by Hubbard that he might move his operations to Las Cruces in light of a failed bill to reduce the tax his casino pays to the state has caused great concern in the Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs business communities.

That concern manifested itself last week in an impromptu – but well-attended – meeting organized by La Quinta Inn co-owner Dhawal Kholwadwala.

At that meeting, business owners and elected officials from Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs heard from track PR manager Bob Donaldson that while Hubbard could easily make more money in a larger population center like Las Cruces, he has no interest in doing so, as long as staying in Ruidoso Downs is worth his while.

At issue is a tax bill which would only affect tracks making less than $15 million per year. Tracks would be taxed at a rate of 10 percent on the first $10 million earned, jumping to 26 percent after that.

Currently, Ruidoso Downs is the only track which would be affected by the bill.

Donaldson said the bill passed the House at this year's session "almost unanimously," but died in committee before it ever got to the floor of the Senate.

He stated such a bill is needed to stave off losses the track has sustained consistently since Hubbard purchased the track 20 years ago. The advent of table gambling at the Inn of the Mountain Gods and Highway 70 Travel Center have served to make the situation more precipitous.

Board members considered that Hubbard may have been bluffing when he stated he might move the track, and that he may have been trying to marshal more support for the tax bill.

Whether that is true or not, a resolution such as the one passed by the board Wednesday is the type of support that board president Mike Elrod hopes will be offered by other organizations in the area.

"I'd like to see the councils in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, even Roswell, to adopt something like this," Elrod said. "It's a real key to contact the Legislative committees and make them understand this issue."

The Legislative Finance Committee will be in Cloudcroft Aug. 13-16, while a meeting of the state Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee is scheduled for Aug. 20 at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Elrod stressed it's paramount concerned citizens be at those meetings to let legislators know their views on the track situation.

The resolution

WHEREAS, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce was established in 1941 with a mission of serving the Ruidoso Valley area and its member businesses; and,

WHEREAS, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce has 550 business members and is one of the strongest business advocates for Lincoln County; and,

WHEREAS, the Ruidoso Valley area is a growing hospitality and tourism driven economy served directly by residents of southern New Mexico and west Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the Ruidoso Valley area's growth requires economic vitality in order to meet the needs to this area's small business owners; and,

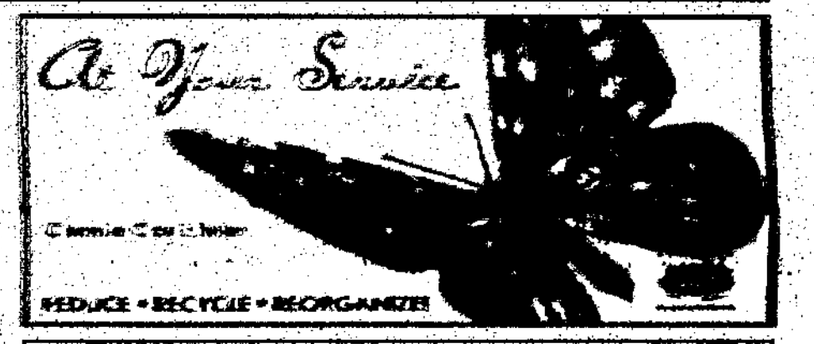
WHEREAS, the Ruidoso Downs Racetrack and Casino is a primary tourism draw for Lincoln County, providing economic stimulus/or local business and workforce; and

WHEREAS, the potential loss of the Ruidoso Downs Racetrack and Casino to the Ruidoso Valley would directly and negatively affect economic development and business sustainability in the Ruidoso Valley area; and,

WHEREAS, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce supports economic development in Ruidoso and Lincoln County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND UNANIMOUSLY CERTIFIED BY THE RUIDOSO VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS on this 23rd day of July, 2008, that the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors actively advocates and strongly supports preserving our local and regional tourism economy by supporting proposed legislation to provide "fair tax" relief for the Ruidoso Downs Racetrack and Casino during the 2009 NM Legislative Session.

Approved by the Board of Directors on July 23, 2008.



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four days later when the council voted to "invalidate and rescind" the original motion.

Spencer had already cleared out her office, had the evidence locker inventoried by the Sheriff's Office and turned those items and all records over to them for security.

Between the firing and rescinding meetings, Spencer's attorney Timothy Rose, on her behalf, listed by letter a number of conditions for Spencer's return.

The request asked that reasonable and adequate steps be made to ensure that the hostile environment created by the council was dealt with and that she would not be subjected to further "malicious and illegal" actions.

He also asked for a listing of reasons for her firing, for the resignation of Voss, Vega and Saucedo, the three trustees that voted to fire her and for a public apology from the three.

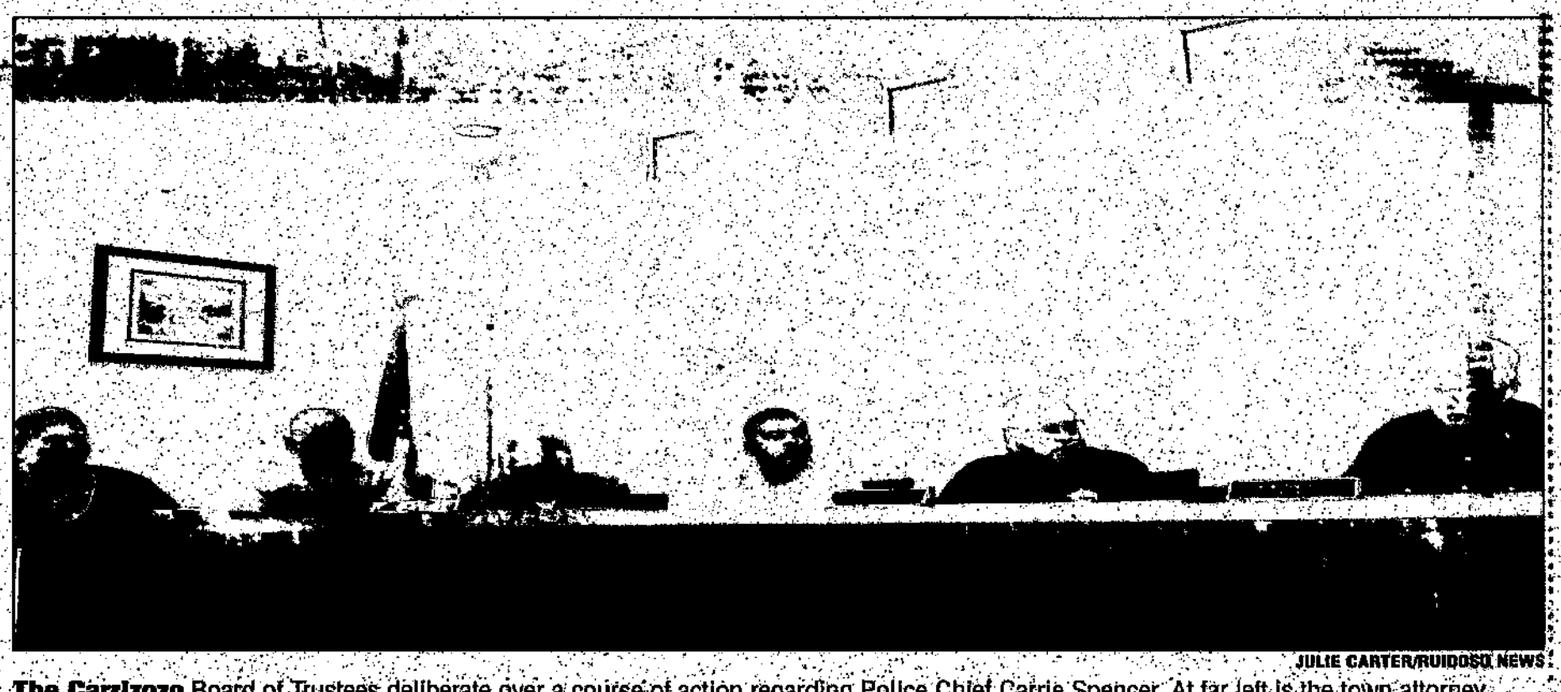
None of the conditions were met prior to the "unfiring" of Spencer, which then seemingly nullified the requirements for disclosure.

Hemphill stated at the July 14 meeting where the motion was rescinded, that it was the council's failure to provide proper disclosure before the July 10 executive session that motivated them to invalidate the motion.

Rose said Thursday he was waiting for formal notification from Leonard by letter, so he could respond to the actions of the Carrizozo council.

"Our position in this is that the trustees need to quit skirting around the issue and give their reasons for her [Carrie Spencer] termination," he said.

"They have done everything possible to avoid giving the public the reasons for their action. They held a special meeting with one thing on the agenda, came out of a closed session and made one motion, and that was to terminate Chief Spencer. Then their attorney states in a letter to me they really did not intend to fire her, but intended to better clarify her job description"



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The Carrizozo Board of Trustees deliberate over a course of action regarding Police Chief Carrie Spencer. At far left is the town attorney, JulieAnne Leonard; at far right is Mayor Bob Hemphill.

"Our agenda is to force full disclosure, if nothing else. When the trustees agree to that, then we can have a meaningful discussion."

Attorney Leonard told the *Ruidoso News*, "I truly believe the trustees were doing their very best to do the job they were elected to do, and that is to protect the best interests of the community. I honestly think that is what they intended in all this."

Leonard was adamant that she could not address the situation publicly because of the legal safeguards in place for personnel issues.

DRUNK

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She called the police and paramedics came and shook him and he was totally drunk. They took him away."

The woman said she frequently finds beer cans in her front yard when she comes home from work about 11 p.m.

"I pick them up," she said. "I find them in back too. I think (the vagrants) are all around there. It scares me." The problem contributed to the woman's decision to move, the owner of the complex said.

Mike Galligan said he fears for the safety of his residents and is taking action, including posting no trespassing signs, possibly hiring a security guard and working with neighboring property owners to cut down the overgrown bushes and trees that provide refuge for the drunken wanderers. He found two mattresses secreted in the thick vegetation.

Initially he thought the men causing the problem were homeless. Having a background working to help homeless shelters in California and with a daughter who is director of a shelter in New York, he wondered what was available for the homeless in Ruidoso.

But as in many other small towns, Ruidoso doesn't operate a shelter, nor does it offer a residential program for alcohol and drug abusers.

He called Village Manager Dan O. Higgins to ask for help.

Higgins said he went out to view the situation and saw the two mattresses on some property between the apartments and a car dealership on U.S. 70. Although village parks and recreation crews cut the grass and maintain an area marking the entrance to the village on U.S. 70, the area primarily being used is private, he said. That means the owners must file trespass complaints for the police to act, the manager said.

DIANNE STALLINGS/RUIDOSO NEWS

A trail through the bushes leads from Nob Hill down to U.S. 70, a common path for vagrants.

"My concern is that if the neighbors feel they are being harassed, they shouldn't have to put up with that," he said. "They can post no trespass signs. The police will respond and they will be cited."

The budget is fully funded to handle municipal prisoners, he said.

Police Chief Wolfgang Born said very few of the offenders are homeless, and of that small number, most are passing through on their way to warmer areas at lower elevations.

A review of complaints and reports filed at the police station indicate the majority of those sleeping off alcohol or drug use in the bushes or behind buildings live on the neighboring Mescalero Apache Reservation, a conclusion backed by past experience from village officials, law enforcement and court representatives.

Attempts to reach tribal officials for comment were unsuccessful.

Born said past practice included driving someone picked up to Apache Summit, where an agent from the Bureau of Indian Affairs would meet them and take the person home. But the practice was costly in officer time and patrol car gasoline.

Enter Magistrate Judge Williams Butts.

Calling on the criminal trespass law, an offender is cited for a first offense and arrested on the second offense, which is a misdemeanor and conviction can result in a sentence of 364 days and a $1,000 fine.

"And I've handed down serious jail time when there are multiple offenses and prior convictions," the judge said. "I had one man with five to 10 offenses and disorderly conduct and he went in for one year."

Butts said the approach took care of the problem at Walgreens and the word got out.

"These poor business owners shouldn't have to put up with that," he said.

If an offender is convicted and sentenced in magistrate court, the housing and feeding costs are the state's responsibility.

Although Municipal Judge Mike Line said he seldom sees any of the offenders in his court any more, because of the shift to prosecute under a different law in magistrate court, he's familiar with the problem after 16 years.

The Mescalero Apache Tribe operates a residential drug and alcohol treatment program on the reservation that abuts Ruidoso. Line said when he was processing people brought to his court under the municipal disorderly conduct law that includes public drunkenness, he routinely assigned offenders to treatment on the reservation. Tribal officials worked well with his court, he said.

"They cleaned them up, required them to work and I saw some who really were helped," Line said. "Three or four just continued to repeat and piled up 25 to 30 cases. The police got tired of arresting them over and over. And it is a generational problem. Some of the men told me about their fathers and grandfathers, who, when drunk, would be taken to Tularosa or Carrizozo and chained to a pole outside the jail until they sobered up."

Line said when he sent someone to jail for public drunkenness, he would release them on their own recognizance after they were sober.

When a tribal member would fall off the wagon, they were barred from buying alcohol on the reservation. They would go to the highway, catch a ride and come into Ruidoso, where they still can buy a cheap beer with [a high] alcohol content, Line said.

"It's something no one but an addict would drink," he said. "As long as they continue to sell that in the village, the problem will not go away. In Gallup, they ended up outlawing the sale and passed an ordinance."

No entity has stepped up to commit financial support for a local residential treatment program.

"All we have is the emergency room at the hospital, so they end up on the streets," the judge said.

Residential treatment in New Mexico usually requires a person to be committed through district court, and then they go to a 30-day diagnostic evaluation, Line said.

A spokesman for The Counseling Center in Ruidoso said that office frequently handle people convicted in district court and referred for outpatient therapy as a condition of probation.

The dilapidated Gateway shopping center, which was torn down about three weeks ago, was condemned by Line. Many of the alcoholics would show up for a day of work assigned there, use the money to buy alcohol and then sleep in the building at night, he said. Even officials at Gateway Church of Christ, an active congregation that offers disaster relief and shelter, began to complain about the vagrants sleeping behind their building next to the shopping center.

But Line said tearing down a place used for shelter doesn't eradicate the problem, it only moves it.

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Lieutenant governor to visit area

Lt. Gov. Diane Denish will visit three towns in Lincoln County as part of her "Roundhouse on the Road" tours throughout the state.

Carrizozo is scheduled for Tuesday, Ruidoso for Wednesday and Capitan for Thursday.

Denish and several constituent service staff will depart from her Albuquerque office Tuesday to begin her second of a series of tours. She is set to travel 400 miles, visiting seven communities in three days.

The lieutenant governor will conduct constituent meetings inside a Department of Tourism bus which will be equipped with computers with wireless connection. The bus literally will be a rolling office in which she can conduct business.

The general purpose of Denish's tour is to give New Mexicans the chance to speak with her about anything that is concerning them and to access state services close to home.

The lieutenant governor's Constituent Services Office staff is able to provide assistance to citizens with individual problems or requests that relate to state government.

Everyone is encouraged and welcomed to drop by during office hours for a meeting with Denish.

Her schedule for this tour is:

- 10 a.m.-noon, Tuesday, Carrizozo City Hall, 400 9th St.
- 2-3 p.m., Tuesday, at Tularosa Village Hall, 705 St. Francis Dr.
- 4-6 p.m., Tuesday, at the Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center, 1301 N White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo.
- 9-11 a.m., Wednesday, at the Cloudcroft Village Chamber, 1001 James Canyon Hwy.
- 3-5 p.m., Wednesday, at ENMU-Ruidoso at Sierra Mall.
- 10-11 a.m., Thursday, at Capitan Village Hall, 104 Lincoln.

LCMC's net operating revenue increases in 2007, audit shows

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At $33.8 million, net operating revenue for the Lincoln County Medical Center in 2007 increased by 10.6 percent from the previous year.

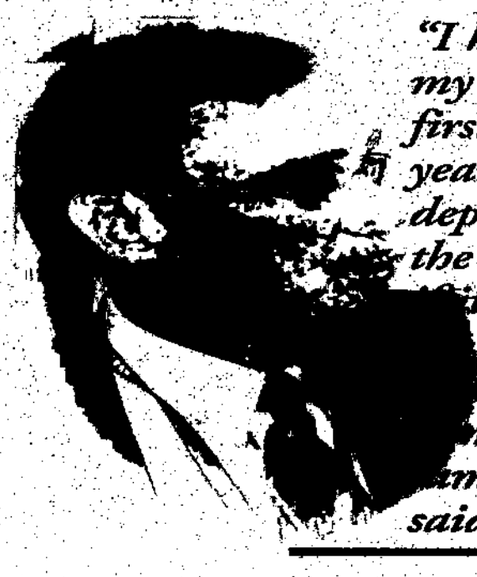
But expenses nearly kept pace with a 10.3 percent increase at $32.3 million, said James Gibson, administrator of the county-owned hospital in Ruidoso managed by Presbyterian Healthcare Services.

Adding $892,000 in operations income, $223,000 from donations and $417,000 earned from interest on cash reserves, the hospital posted a $1,532,000 excess over expenses, he told county commissioners last week as he reviewed the results of an annual audit by Ernst & Young.

The auditing firm listed no criticisms or compliance violations, Gibson pointed out. "Annually, we present an audit, which is a public document," he said. "Anyone who asks for a copy, we will give them one."

From the $892,000, about $736,000 was spent on property and equipment, reinvesting in the community, he said.

The auditors reviewed the Sole Community Provider program, an indigent healthcare program that provides three federal dollars to one local dollar reimbursement for hospitals, to ensure LCMC stays within the law and the money goes to patient care, he said.



"I have to watch my pennies the first half of the year, because I'm depending on the last half and it doesn't show I'm in the hole," hospital administrator James Gibson said.

In other observations, Gibson noted that Medicare accounted for 36 percent of the hospital's business, down 1 percent from last year but within the average range of 36 percent to 38 percent. Medicaid, a state program for low-income patients, was up 1 percent to 17 percent.

He noticed change in patient patterns last year, the administrator said.

"We usually make all of our money in the last six months of the year, but in 2007, we made all of our money in the first six months, did reasonably well for the next three months and then volume tanked in October, and we just hung on by our fingernails," he said.

"This year is back to norm. We're not making any money yet, but volume is picking up and we anticipate doing well by the end of the year.

"I have to watch my pennies the first half of the year, because I'm depending on the last half and if it doesn't show up, I'm in the hole."

Gibson said 2007 was tough for the operation of county rural health care clinics, which are managed by PHS under contract with the county. He didn't bring on a physician's assistant until late in the year and was paying a higher salary to physicians to handle the clinics in Carrizozo and Corona, Gibson said.

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Summer squash, particularly the yellow variety, is a very popular vegetable. Easy to grow and prolific. Summer squashes are perfect for any size garden.

For best flavor and most tender seeds, squash should be picked young, from 6 to 10 inches long.

Pattypan, a saucer-shaped squash, should be no more than 4 inches in diameter.

Summer squash can be served raw with other vegetables as part of a vegetable platter with dips, in salads, grilled, broiled, steamed, stir-fried, deep-fried, boiled, baked, or stuffed.

Because of its mild flavor, it can be added to almost any main-dish recipe or pasta sauce for texture, flavor and color.

Use herbs and spices to enhance the flavor of mild summer squash. Dill, pepper, basil, marjoram, chives and mint are particularly well-suited to squash, and it is delicious cooked with garlic, onions and tomatoes.

Summer squash bruises easily and should be handled with care. Look for firm, glossy skin; fairly heavy for size.

Stored in a perforated plastic bag in the refrigerator, they should keep for a week.

Freezing softens the flesh of the squash, but it will still be usable in casseroles and other dishes where crispness is not important.

Blanch cut-up summer squash 2 minutes before freezing, and store in the freezer for up to 4 months.

For breads or cake recipes, freeze the raw squash whole or grated.

As a side

In a baking dish, overlap 1 layer each eggplant, zucchini, crookneck squash (all thinly sliced), and basil leaves.

Drizzle with olive oil.

Repeat these steps twice more.

Top with 1/2 cup pasta sauce. Cover with foil; bake at 350°F for 40 minutes.

As a starter

Slice 1 crookneck squash lengthwise into 1/4-inch-thick pieces, then cut in half. Mix 3 tbsp. olive oil with salt, pepper, and 1 tsp. chopped rosemary. Brush onto squash, and then grill squash 3 or 4 minutes per side.

Sprinkle with balsamic vinegar and serve.

As an entree

Marinate 4 oz. shrimp in 4 tbsp. olive oil, 4 tbsp. lemon juice, 2 tbsp. light brown sugar, and salt and pepper. Cut 1 golden zucchini into rounds. Alternately skewer shrimp and zucchini (piercing lengthwise, not through the seeds). Grill 5 to 7 minutes.

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Suicide among the elderly holds highest rate in the state

SANDI BROWNE, LPCC
For the Lincoln County News

Are you 70 years of age or older? If not, perhaps you have a parent or friend in that age group.

The Suicide Prevention Resource center recently released facts on the 1999-2003 suicide rates in New Mexico.

That report listed people 70 and above with the highest suicide rate in the state at 11 pecent. This is greater than the 15- to 19-year-olds, who traditionally have led in suicide rates.

Younger New Mexicans do make more attempts, but the majority of elderly suicide attempts result in death.

Nationally in 2005, an average of one older person killed themselves every one-hour and 37.3 minutes.

That same year, New Mexico was number four in the nation in number of suicides per capita for all ages.

These statistics are scary, if not understandable. Adjusting to aging, challenging health issues, sometimes multiple losses, and financial difficulties all can happen to individuals as they get older.

Even when an aging person does not have these problems, the possibility exists, which can lead to anxiety and depression.

How many of your aging loved ones are sad, feeling hopeless and down?

Since depression has consistently been linked with suicide in research, it is important that at any stage of life, it be taken seriously. It is particularly important for the elderly to not let depression slide deeper into overwhelming sadness and hopelessness.

Keep in mind that a person living with depression does not have the same thoughts as others.

A friend or loved one might view a depressed person's situation more positively with hope, while the depressed may only see overwhelming sadness looming ahead.

They are in emotional pain with chemical changes happening in their brains.

Depression has many symptoms, but if you see several of the following symptoms in yourself or those you love for more than a few weeks, it may be depression.

- Persistent sad, anxious, numb, or empty moods;
- Feelings of worthlessness, helplessness, guilt;
- Feelings of hopelessness and pessimism;
- Loss of interest in life, hobbies, and activities that once were enjoyed;
- Inability to sleep or sleeping more than normal;
- Decreased or increased appetite, and;
- Restlessness, irritability, nervousness;

If these symptoms are present, seek professional help.

Depression changes the physical make-up of the brain, often requiring medication and counseling.

Talk to your doctor, your minister or mental health professionals.

If you are having suicidal thoughts, call the National Suicide Hotline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

Depression is serious, especially as we age. It is important to take action and reach out for assistance for yourself or others. Help is available. You do not have to endure emotional pain.

SANDI BROWNE is a Licensed Professional Clinical Mental Health Counselor who works with The Heritage Program for Senior Adults in Ruidoso. The Heritage Program offers older individuals an opportunity to improve the quality of their lives by reducing distress and maximizing their ability to function independently. For more information, call 575-257-0491.

Applications for cancer retreat available

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Participants will also have the opportunity to spend time with each other in informal sessions, speaking with and learning from others who are coping with similar issues. Supervised child care and recreational activities will be provided for children and teens during the educational sessions.

There is no charge to participate in the retreat – the entire program, including meals, lodging, and all educational activities is provided at no cost to participants. This program is made possible by many generous supporters, including: the NM Department of Health, the Northern NM Health Grants Group, United Way of Central New Mexico, Alexion, Amgen, Eli Lilly & Co., Genentech, MGI Pharma, Millennium, Novartis Oncology, OSI Pharmaceuticals, sanofi-aventis Oncology, VistaCare, VistaCare Hospice Foundation, Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Onyx Pharmaceuticals, Varian Medical Systems, Advanced Communications & Electronics, Inc., Graphic Connection, The Printer's Press, Roche, Sprint, the United States Postal Service, and Wal-Mart.

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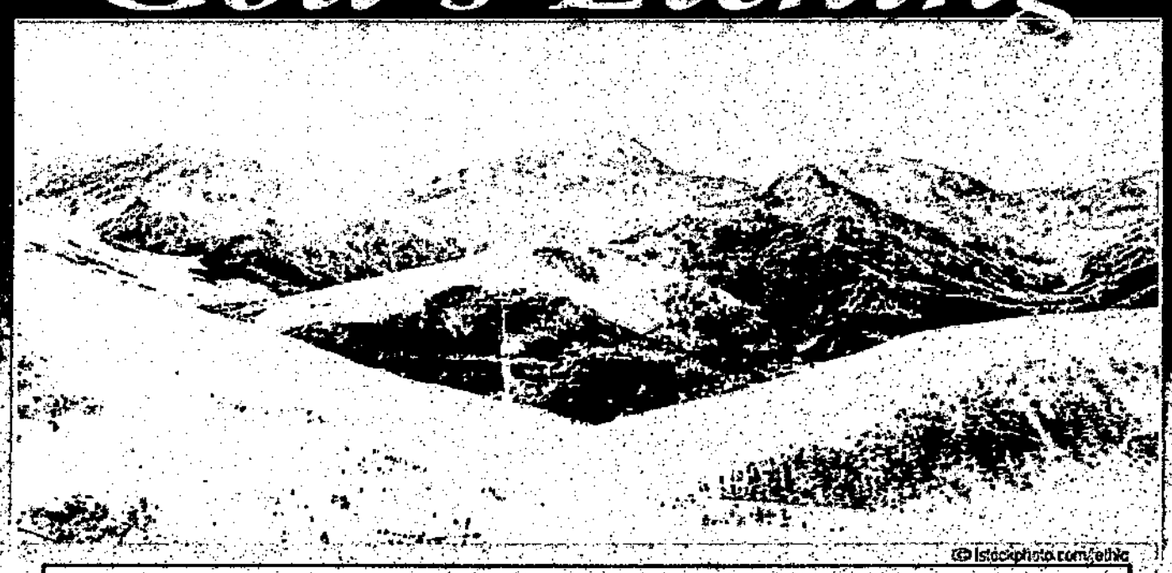

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First Assembly of God El Paso Road, Ruidoso. 257-2324. Rev. Stacy & Alicia Brankel, Pastor. Sunday morning worship 10:45 a.m. Children's Church during a.m. service. Sunday evening worship 6 p.m. Rock Youth Group Monday evening @ 6:30p.m., ages 12-18. 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

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First Baptist Church Ruidoso Downs. Randy Wolener, 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.

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CATHOLIC

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

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

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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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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.

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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.

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METHODIST

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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.

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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 ~

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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.

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Trinity Southern Baptist Church (south on Highway 48) Mt. Capitan Rd. 354-2044. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Sunday Service 11 a.m. Celebrate Recovery (Faith based 12 step program for all types of addictions) Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Meal @ 6:00 p.m. CrossFire Youth Group meets Thursday 6:30 p.m. Meal @ 6:00 p.m. Mel Gnatkowski, pastor 808-1607

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

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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.

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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.

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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

Observant atheist takes a very awkward position

Q: I've been contemplating atheism of late and wishing there were varietal labels for that, as there are for most other belief systems. I'd appreciate your feedback on the following thoughts: I am an "observant" atheist. I believe that man created God, and has created a plethora of rituals and beliefs that support, sustain and comfort us. I love ceremony, I value the rituals that mark life cycle events, I appreciate that there are institutions that specialize in teaching moral and ethical values.

I attend religious services because they challenge me to find the divine in myself and strive to be a better person. I have no problem with prayer in schools or at events because I don't consider someone else's expression of their belief to violate my own.

My spouse is what I consider a "classic" atheist. He refuses to take oaths that invoke God, will leave the room during any form of religious ritual (even grace at meals), will not enter a sanctuary of any kind if it can be avoided, attends life cycle events under protest, etc. We try to respect each other's beliefs and practices.

The God Squad
MARC GELLMAN

Then, there are the "Science as Religion" atheists. These are people who apply scientific principals to religion to argue that there is no God. As a trained research scientist with a doctorate in biology, I consider this to be a violation of scientific principal. Science is a method of thought that requires objectivity; turning it into a belief system results in the loss of objectivity. Similarly, I believe that religion has no place in the interpretation of scientific principles. Interestingly, these are the atheists that most get under my skin. – *L., via the Web site*

A: Your first category of "observant atheists" really should be labeled agnostics. You don't know if belief in God is true or false, but you find that believing in the divine within us a helpful belief. You also find the rituals that flow from that belief engaging and valuable to your struggles to become a better person.

The part that doesn't make sense in this type of atheism is the incompatibility of believing that man created God and also believing that the rituals commanded by God are helpful, meaningful and morally inspiring. If the rituals can do that, why resist the conclusion that they don't come from us to us but from God to us? You say that rituals help you connect to a God in whom you do not believe. I think you might want to work on that.

Your husband is a bird of a different color. I respect his atheism, though I frankly consider leaving the room whenever someone offers a prayer to be both ostentatious and rude. I'm glad you respect each other but I'm not sure how he'd react if you were to ever come out of the closet as a person of faith.

To be clear, I'm just as offended when people of faith try to convert me as I am when atheists make a big stink about an innocuous prayer to which they are more than free not to answer, "Amen."

I am saddened that present court rulings (Lee v. Weisman U.S. 577, 1992, U.S. Supreme Court) have prevented generic prayers at public school commencement ceremonies. However, court rulings change and I live in hope that some day some clergy person can say what I said years ago at my daughter's high school graduation: "May God bless these graduates." To my knowledge, the only people who walked out when I said that were the ones who had to go to the bathroom.

"Science as Religion" atheists, as you call them, don't bother me as they seem to bother you. If these folks can refute God using scientific principles, then God bless them. I don't think it can be done, but I enjoy reading about their efforts. I agree that this quest to disprove God distorts science, which can have little to say about where the first stuff of the universe came from.

Science can and does and should describe with ever increasing precision what happened to the first stuff but it can't explain how the first stuff was created and more fundamentally, what is the purpose of our existence.

The two great questions before us have always been: "Are we free?" and "Are we loved?" I'm happy to receive wisdom from whatever source brings a hopeful answer to the deep mysteries of our finite but striving lives.

Perhaps these words from Albert Einstein, delivered in a speech just a few days before he left Europe in 1932, might serve as a bridge between the spirit of science and the spirit of faith:

"The most beautiful and deepest experience a man can have is the sense of the mysterious. It is the underlying principle of religion as well as of all serious endeavor in art, and in science. ... He who never had this experience seems to me, if not dead, then at least blind."

The sense that behind anything that can be experienced there is a something that our mind cannot grasp and whose beauty and sublimity reaches us only indirectly and as feeble reflection, this is religiousness. In this sense I am religious.

To me, it suffices to wonder at these secrets and to attempt humbly to grasp with my mind a mere image of the lofty structure of all that there is."

God bless you, and good luck to your husband.

Friends are God's gift to us

The Bible speaks of a friend that sticks closer than a brother. (Prov. 18:24) And there is another proverb that states one must be a friend to have one.

Yet another proverb says that a man is made wealthy by true friends.

Another allows that prosperity begets friends and adversity proves them.

As I was reading this week, I came across a "thought gram" from Nels Ferre.

"The first general rule for friendship is to be a friend, to be open, natural and interested.

"The second rule is to take time for friendship. Friendship, after all, is what life is finally about. Everything material and professional exists in the end for persons."

Clary-fications
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

In my own experience, friendship is like a fine wine, it grows better with age.

You might wonder why I would write about friends and friendship.

This past weekend, Alice and I had visitors in our home, friends for many years who were members of the church I pastored in Arlington, Texas. Both couples are retired.

One of the men, I baptized and I married him and his wife.

The other served as chairman of the deacons and was a hunting buddy. Both couples are dear friends.

Over the last seven years, we had seen them for brief periods of time, but not times to visit and share what was going on in our lives.

They were here in Ruidoso and our home for three days.

In the process of showing them some of the sights of our mountain paradise, we touched hearts again. It was as if the seven years were seven minutes, hours or days.

We recalled past experiences with laughter and we were saddened to remember friends who had gone on or those who had gone through difficult circumstances.

I suppose that three days were long enough for visitors who are dear friends.

We were refreshed by their visit, enjoyed their conversations, and cherished anew their friendships.

Emily Bertha Green wrote these words about friendships:

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And the horse he rode in on

Cowgirl Sass & Savvy
BY JULIE CARTER

Cowboys that hang in the same circles identify each other by their ride long before they recognize a face.

In the world outside of cowboy, if you were to inquire about someone in town, you might get a litany of descriptions. "Gwen? Sure, I know her. She's a marine biologist, has a couple kids and lives over on the hill above the golf course."

Or, "Bob? He's looking pretty good for his age, but he did just win a Nobel prize for something no one understands. He's some sort of nuclear physicist. He lives down by the lake, has a boat at the marina."

With cowboys, the dialogue will go something like this:

"Dan? He's the one that rides that well-made paint horse and ropes heels. That's sure a nice horse. I used to have one about like that and, man, I won a lot of money on him."

Or, "Jess? I don't know him personally, but I sure like that big blue horse he rides."

Cowboys will notice and evaluate a horse long before they even look at the rider. When they do get around to noticing the rider, they will already have an impression of the type of person who would ride a horse like that.

The stars of the rodeo world are no exception to this ironclad rule. Cowboys who are likely to never come into personal contact with the sport's champions will be very aware of the horses they ride.

Ask any cowboy that's paying attention what kind of horse Clay Cooper rides, and he'll be able to tell you a good bit about the favorite gray horse.

They will all be up on the fact that nine-time National Finals qualifier Stran Smith has a new mare named Destiny, to replace his long-time ride, Topper, that was killed in a hit-and-run when he wandered onto a highway.

Some horses achieve as much fame as the riders. Viper, Speed Williams' good horse, has a rope named for him. Many pastures, barns, ranches, sometimes even the children, are named for a favorite horse.

The women of the sport are no exception. Every barrel racer in the world can tell you that Charmayne James spent $150,000 getting her world-beater, one-of-a-kind horse, Scamper, cloned.

In the world of ropers, cowboys are often introduced according to their horses. They might be marine biologists or nuclear physicists, but no cowboy will ever know or care.

Jess was calling around lining up new partners for a big upcoming roping. He had gotten a phone number from another roper by describing the horse ridden by the man he wanted to call.

When he called the man, the first thing said after Jess introduced himself was, "You ride that big blue horse, the one with the brand that's a bunch of numbers?" Everybody was identified, so the deal was made.

Cowboys will spend more time getting their horses ready, tuned-up, tack checked, trailer ready, gear, feed and medicine loaded, than they will on themselves. Hours will be devoted to the horses, generally starting way ahead of any scheduled roping or rodeo.

About fifteen minutes before time to leave, they will run in the house and grab the first shirt in the closet. Good to go.

They all know that how they look doesn't much matter to any other cowboy, but they will be judged by the horse they ride in on.

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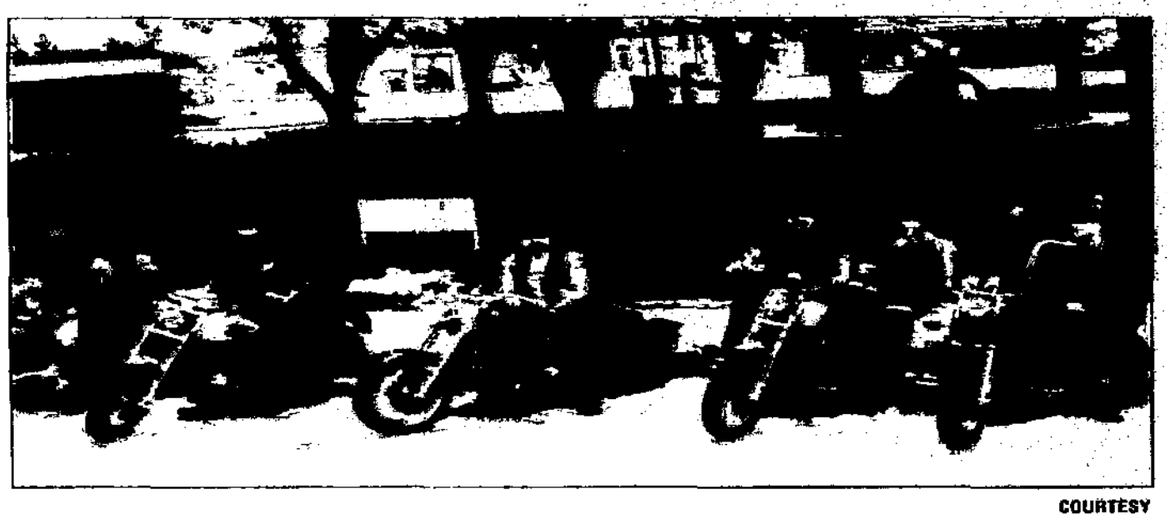
BENEFIT BIKER RALLY



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Bikers on display in Carrizozo are representative of the group that will gather for a Benefit Biker Rally with proceeds to go to the Carrizozo Street Fair scholarship fund. Hosted by Tony Marsh and the No Scum Allowed Saloon in White Oaks, there will be live music, food, door prizes and a raffle. Bikers will meet at 1 p.m., at McDonald Park on Central Avenue, Aug. 9. They will travel down 12th Street, then on to White Oaks for an afternoon of fun. Cost is $5 per person. For more information, call J'Layne Zamora at 648-2802. Bikers are, l-r, Freddie, Vanessa, Dennis, Doug, Danny, Gaby and Sandra.

Rural dentistry delivered with high-tech skills

JULIE CARTER
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When Melinda (Mindy) Hall meets the community at the post office, the bank or on the street, she is easily mistaken for a college girl with a wholesomeness that speaks of outdoor sports and a love of life.

Not much of that persona goes away when she dons a white medical coat and becomes Dr. Hall, resident dentist at the Carrizozo Community Health Center.

Hall is a Los Alamos High School graduate, and in 2005, she graduated Cum Laude with a Doctorate of Dental Surgery from Creighton School of Dentistry in Omaha, Neb.

She followed that with her general dentistry residency in the University of New Mexico School of Medicine.

She met Carrizozo's long-standing dentist, Dr. Dale Goad, at a conference in Taos, coincidentally right after she finished her residency and while she was looking around for work in a place she would want to be.

"Dale has been an incredible mentor for me," she said. "It was meant to be."

After school was finished, her goals included rural health care because she wanted to give to the small communities. "I like seeing my patients in the grocery store or at the post office."

JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Melinda Hall greets each patient with a smile that radiates the love she has for her job and helping people.

Besides a busy practice at the clinic in Carrizozo, Hall has developed the first and only dental operating room practice at the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. Prior to having that option, dental surgery cases had to travel to other cities.

Hall's residency at UNM gave her background in operating and emergency room experience, oral sedation along with the treatment of pediatric, geriatric and medically compromised patients.

The third Thursday of every month is set aside for dental surgery and Hall says she even receives referrals from Roswell and Las Cruces, indicating the need for more dental surgeons across the board.

"I love doing the surgery because it is a completely different dimension of the dental practice," she said. "It helps me keep my skills up and it is very rewarding in that it is a service not usually readily available.

The Carrizozo clinic has 6,000 dental patients on file with a large number of them active. The dentists, Goad and Hall, strive for comprehensive, high quality care.

Hall loves the outdoors and enjoys traveling, hiking, winter sports, camping and reading.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Buyers Club

The Lincoln County Fair Buyers Clubs are taking donations to help with the purchase of livestock at the 2008 Junior Livestock Sale.

Buyers Clubs pool funding to purchase exhibitors' animals that have qualified for the sale. They then resell the animal through a packer and recycle the money toward another purchase, giving extra buying power to each dollar donated. The buyers clubs use their limited funding to help as many 4-H and FFA youth as possible. Persons interested in making a contribution to the a county buyers club should contact one of the following:

- Capitan Buyers Club, Chrystal Eldridge, Box 963, Capitan, NM 88316
- Corona Buyers Club, Sabra Davidson, Box 36, Corona, NM 88318
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- Ruidoso Buyers Club, Brian Cleckler, P.O. Box 597, Capitan, NM 88316
- Carrizozo Buyers Club, Susan Hightower, HC 31, Box 45, Carrizozo, NM 88301

For more information, contact the Lincoln County Extension Office at 648-2311

Food growers safety workshop

A food safety workshop will be held July 29 in Capitan for farmer's market growers at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. It is sponsored by the New Mexico Apple Council, New Mexico Farmer's Market, the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service and Small Farm Task Force.

Any grower or producer of fruit and vegetables that plans to market their products via NM Farmer's Market and vendors to the NMDA Farm to School program should attend.

The program begins at 8:30 a.m., offers a working lunch that is provided, and runs into the afternoon with the last agenda item beginning at 1:30.

Topics include manure and compost use, worker hygiene, water use, harvest sanitation and post-harvest handling.For more information, contact Pete Gnatkowski at 648-2311.

Corona Festival

Corona will host their annual festival Friday and Saturday, July 25-26. An open house at the Library at Village Hall is 5-8 p.m. and a hamburger fry at the Senior Center at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, the parade is at 10 a.m.. The FFA Brisket Dinner is 11a.m. – 1p.m. at the school cafeteria with plates for $8/adults and $5 for kids 6-12.

The 11th Annual Corona FFA Ranch Rodeo starts at 1 p.m., with $5/adult admission, $3/age 6-12 or $20 per car load.

At 7 p.m., Flamenco dancers perform at the school auditorium followed by a dance at 8:30 p.m.

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D.C. INTERN

Thea Evans of Glencoe recently completed a six-week summer internship with U.S. Senator Pete Domenici in Washington, D.C. Evans, a 2007 graduate from New Mexico Military Institute, is a sophomore at NMMI majoring in public affairs and communications. She plans to attend Georgetown University after her graduation from NMMI before pursuing a graduate degree. She joined 10 other college students to work in Domenici's Washington office this summer. During the summer internship that started May 27, Evans worked closely with Domenici's staff on media-related tasks, legislative research and constituent services. Evans also completed a research project that focused on the congressional funding of U.S. military forces.

'Zozo FFA brings home state awards

Tessa Hendricks
Carrizozo FFA Reporter

Nine Carrizozo FFA members attended the 80th State FFA Convention in Las Cruces, June 2-4.

Those attending were Kylie Gaines, Lauren Smith, Melissa Autry, Fernando Najera, Keith Sultemeier, Wade Sultemeier, Marshal Wilson, Joel Ferguson and Tanner Huston.

Carrizozo participated in the Greenhand quiz, placing eighth.

Ferguson and Wilson participated in the Greenhand Creed.

Ferguson placed sixth and Wilson was ninth.

They also participated in Extemporaneous Public Speaking where Ferguson placed eighth.

Wilson placed third in the in the Greenhand Public Speaking Contest.

Marshal Wilson was elected District VI Vice President.

Receiving their State Degree were Jennifer Shafer, Keith Sultemeier and Casey Barela.

Keith Sultemeier received the State Star in Agribusiness award with his lawn care business based in the Ruidoso area.

This year's convention theme was Believe in the Blue ... Trust in Gold.

LINCOLN HISTORICAL PRESERVATION BOARD

COURTESY ROSALIE DUNLAP

The Lincoln Historical Preservation Board met recently, giving *Ruidoso News* columnist Rosalie Dunlap a chance make them famous. L-r, Cilo Dickinson, Elaine Anderson, Bill Stauser, Nancy Barone and Russell Waterhouse.

FAST HANDS

Quinton Ellis, grandson of Capitan residents George and Sharion Price, won the National Junior High School Rodeo goat tying earlier this month in Gallup with this 8.578 second run. Ellis, 14, is the son of Jeff and LeAnne Ellis of Lovington. He has participated in rodeo since he was 5, when he began with the stick horse events. Since then, he's qualified for the the NHJH Rodeo Championships for three years in calf roping, ribbon roping, goat tying and chute dogging. He has won the state finals in calf roping, ribbon roping and an all-around title. Ellis has roped in the Barry Burke, Rising Stars and the Roy Cooper roping, traveling throughout New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma. He has won hundreds of buckles and 20 trophy saddles. Ellis will be a strong contender in New Mexico High School rodeo this next season.

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MUSIC IN THE PARKS

POLLY CHAVEZ/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Music in the Parks series in Carrizozo has been a resounding success with 100-200 people showing up for the last two park concerts. It is a free afternoon event to bring only your chair, a hat and sunscreen and enjoy a variety of music. Last Sunday's event was held in Fred Chavez Park with a selection of entertainment from, among others, John and Cindy Foglesong, top, Fred LaFave, top left and Paul Pino, right.

COUNTY BRIEFS

CPL open house

The Capitan Public Library will host an open house on Sunday, Aug. 3, from 2-5 p.m. Everyone in Lincoln County and beyond is invited to visit the library and view the new and improved facility. Light refreshments will be served. Local artists will have their work on display.

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 (7/25/08). Travel and romance both look good this year, not necessarily in that order. There's also quite a lot of work to do, which you'll handle easily. If you manage this all well, you might even get a promotion. Go for it.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — You're starting to cool down a little, and not in a bad way. You can settle down and make some good money, if you put in the effort. Do that first; play hard later.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Discretion is still the better part of valor. You'll get a chance to prove that again, in a delicate situation. Bite your tongue, if necessary, to insure a beneficial outcome.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — It's good to be open-minded but you also have to choose a few simple principles to which you will adhere. Stand for something, so you don't fall for everything.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — Timing is very important, as you already know. If your suggestion is work-related, earlier is better. Give everybody time to make necessary corrections.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — Accept more responsibilities. This will happen naturally. Establish a steady routine so the money will be there when you need it. Don't spend it all on toys.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Ask your family what they want to do next — the impossible stuff. True, you can't do it all now, but knowing is inspirational for everyone.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 9 — Yes, dreams are possible, but keep your wits about you. Don't spend so much to make this happen that you'll be sorry later. Don't use your own imagination to get yourself into debt.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — The competition keeps you on your toes, but don't get defensive. If you provide what's required quickly and well, you'll win the battle. That's pretty much all there is to it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — Keep up the good work: you are definitely making progress. It's easier going if you have an exciting objective in mind. Think of a special, delicious treat you're going to give yourself.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — You'll be especially good with investments during the next few weeks. If you're not much of a trader, get yourself a good book on the subject. Then, of course, read it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 9 — You're a little more careful now, and that is not a bad thing. Your enthusiasm is slightly dampened, making it easier for you to listen. Somebody's trying to tell you something.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Don't allow a new interest to distract you from the job you're supposed to be doing. It could happen, so take care. Do you remember what the job you're supposed to be doing is?

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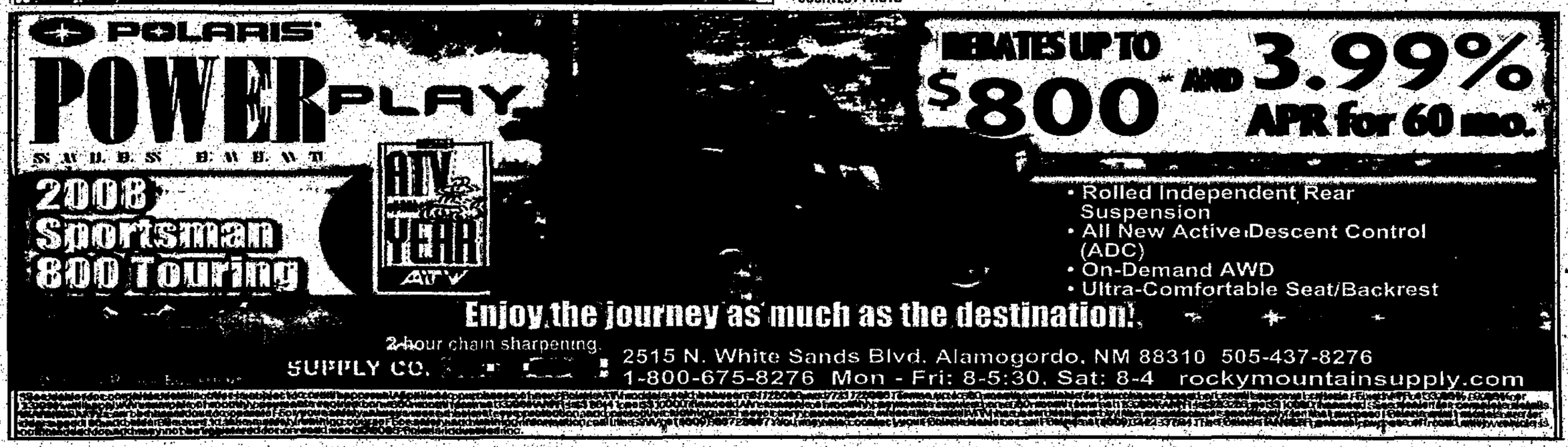

FILL 'ER UP

DIANNE STALLINGS/RUIDOSO NEWS

Casey Kacena of Ruidoso fills up as the sign behind him reflects a drop of 15 cents a gallon in Ruidoso Thursday.

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority wants flexibility on rates

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Feeling the same pain as others who relied on gasoline to operate a business, officials with the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority say they need to be able to adjust rates quickly as fuel costs rise and fall.

At a County Commission meeting in June, commissioners approved a 60-cent increase in residential and commercial rates as requested by the authority. But commissioners held off on action to relinquish the right to set rates for commercial accounts, including rolloff containers and special services.

Operations Manager Debra Ingle told commissioners last week the cost of those services fluctuate from month to month, because of changes in fuel prices, and the SWA board would like the ability to adjust the rates as necessary.

"We have lots of special requests during certain seasons of the year, things like the county fair asking for six additional rolloffs," she explained.

Jim Miller, a SWA consultant, previously said the rate setting recommendation was submitted in November as part of a study he produced on SWA rates and operation.

Commission Chairman Tom Battin asked if the increases or decreases would be handled as rate change or fuel surcharges. Ingle said they could be both.

"I'd like to hold them to surcharges, but one of the rolloff companies in Alamogordo raised their cost for rolloff service to $700 in this area," she said. "If we're held at (the SWA's current lower rate), it is devastating."

Not only does it hurt the SWA financially, but it also gives them a huge edge over private companies and that never was the intention of setting up the quasi-governmental coalition of the county and its five municipalities, she said.

Commissioners agreed to schedule a public hearing on the proposed changes in the ordinance that would authorize either a rate change by the commission or relinquishing the commercial rate setting power to the SWA board.

Battin said in the interim, the SWA board could use a fuel adjustment to compensate for increased gasoline expenses.

The SWA already imposes a $1 monthly fuel surcharge.

The action only would affect accounts in the unincorporated portions of the county.

Commissioner Dave Parks, who represents the county on the SWA board, said if the ordinance is not amended, the SWA board might be asking for another rate increase immediately and again in October.

County Attorney Alan Morel said he found several conflicts between the SWA resolution and county ordinance that would have to be resolved.

"The SWA resolution states the SWA is empowered to adopt fuel (surcharges and rates) for the authority, but our ordinance says you set all rates," he said. "The ordinance has to be amended if you're going to give that up.

"You could give up rate setting for special services only, because they are not legally required services, and could include commercial rates in general."

Morel said an ordinance amendment requires a public hearing and any change in rates requires 20 days' notice. Fuel surcharges are regulated by a separate resolution, he pointed out.

One of the problems affecting the cost of service is illegal dumping, Parks said. Those who are caught should be charged for the extra service at a much higher rate by the SWA, he said.

Ingle said the SWA picked up 1,260 yards of illegally dumped trash and items.

"The task force we've asked to put together, I hope can come up with innovative ideas," she said, noting that two cameras set up to catch violators in Alto were stolen, but the thief was caught on a third camera he didn't spot.

She agreed that the $187,000 annual cost for illegal dumping should not be passed to citizens who are doing the right thing.

In response to a question from someone in the audience, Ingle said a state regulation that went into effect in August 2007, but only recently was implemented as rules were adopted, bans burning outside of any household trash.

"It's an air quality issue," she said.

Morel said the commission at the August hearing also should look a provision that exempts owners of 400 or more contiguous acres from participating in a garbage collection with the option of burning or burying the garbage on their land.

"It's been a point of confusion for long time," Battin said. "If this amendment could clear that up, it would be of great service."

As for consideration of discounts for senior citizens, Commissioner Jackie Powell said she was referring only to the elderly on low fixed income, possibly disabled, who could not afford higher rates.

Ingle said the significant percentage of garbage and trash being recycled in the county helps keep the cost down and reduces the number of 150-mile round trips to the regional landfill south of Alamogordo.

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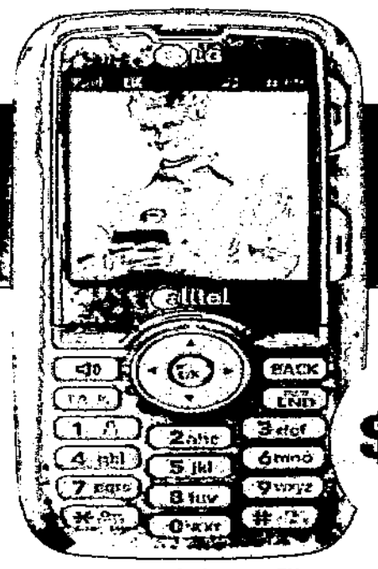

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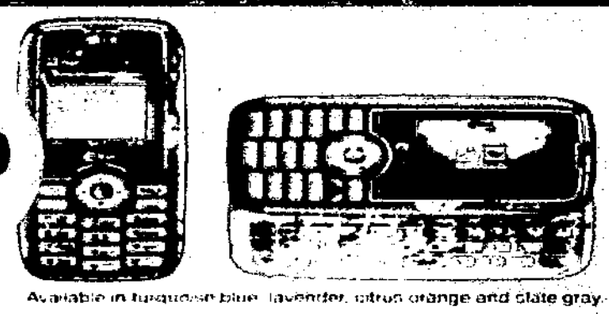

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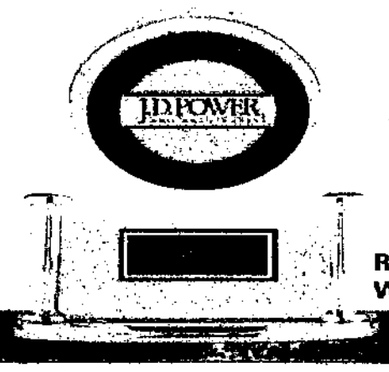

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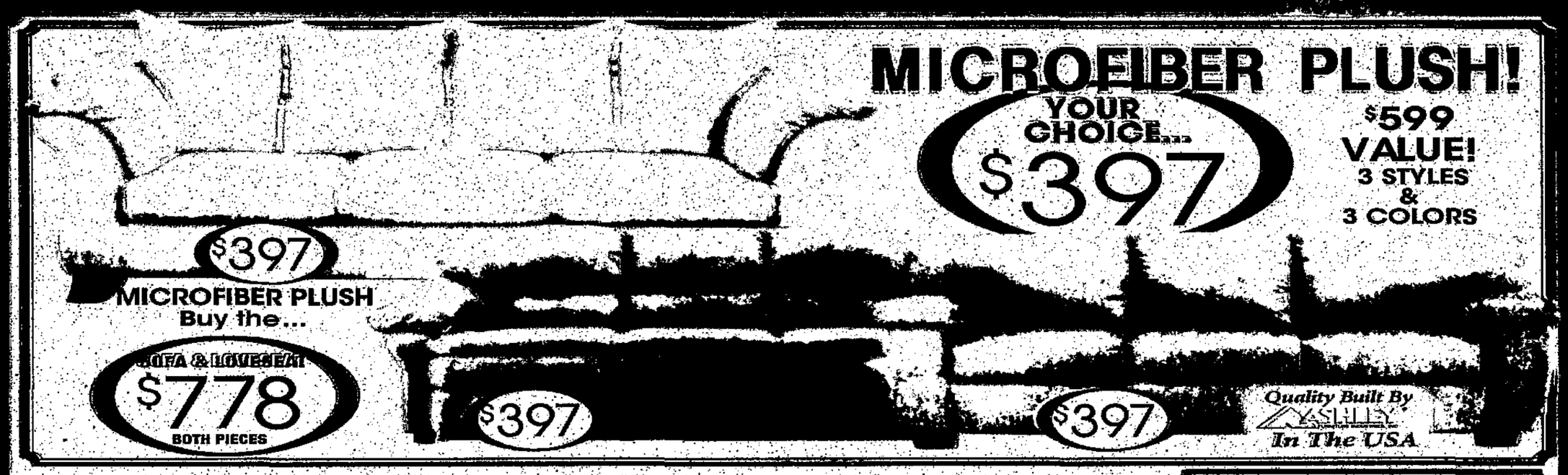

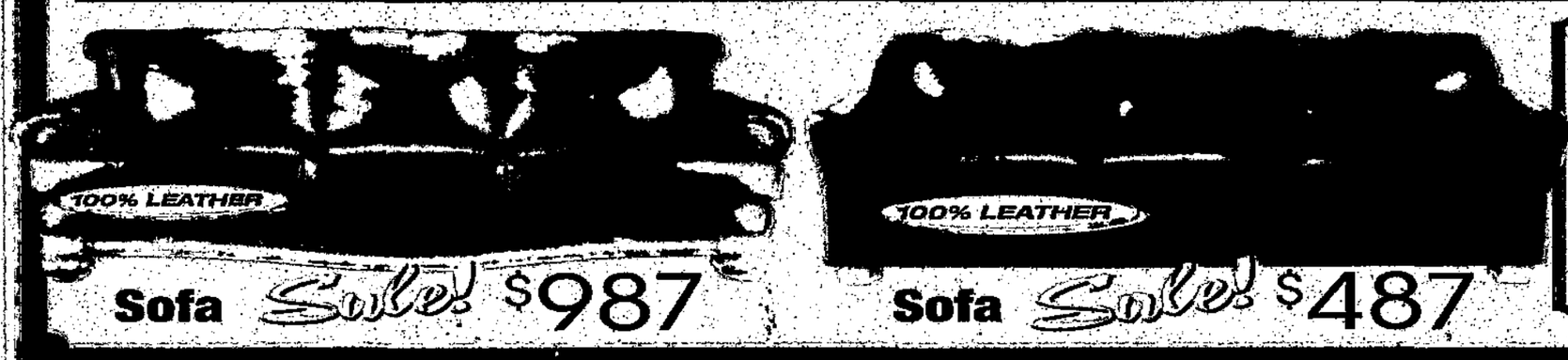

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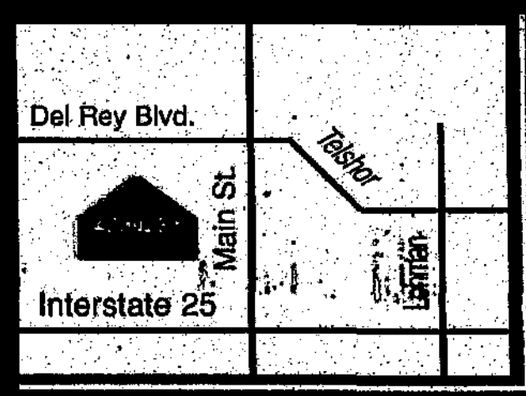


Fish and Wildlife received heavy public input on wolf program changes

Staff with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service sorted through 13,598 comments received in response to the agency's call for public input on potential modifications to its rule that established the Mexican wolf reintroduction project.

While many of the people submitting comments either strenuously objected or strongly supported the reintroduction into the wild program, that was not the issue, agency spokesmen said.

The issue is how best to pursue reintroduction, thus recovery, in terms of a modified rule.

The Service began reintroducing Mexican wolves as a "nonessential experimental population" in 1998.

Service officials announced in 2006, the agency would continue reintroducing wolves into native habitat in New Mexico and Arizona and would modify the rule to address lessons learned over a decade of reintroducing wolves.

Comments were grouped into 26 themes ranging from geographical boundaries to compensation for depredated cattle to social and economic impacts of the project.

"The issues raised will be used to frame a range of alternatives for modifying the Mexican Wolf Reintroduction Project," said John Slown, biologist overseeing the rule-modification process. "We thank everyone for sending comments. Your involvement will assist us in preparing a thorough set of alternative management options."

"Rulemaking" is the process by which federal agencies promulgate regulations to implement decisions.

Scoping helps to define the issues early in the process that the agency should examine during their rule-modification procedure. The federal rulemaking process can take several years.

"We are early in the process, and we will ask for public input several more times before final decisions are made," said Slown.

A draft rule and environmental impact statement will be prepared for public.

The environmental impact statement helps the agency consider the environmental aspects of their decisions.

The public is directly involved at several stages of the decision-making process.

Once all comment periods close, Service staff takes the comments into consideration, finalizes the rule and the environmental impact statement and implements the decision.

The scoping process highlighted some misperceptions about wolves and reintroduction.

Comments showed that some people remain concerned the Mexican wolves released into the wild are wolf-dog hybrids and not pure, endangered Mexican wolves, according to information from agency officials.

The charge probably stems from two lineages of Mexican wolf named "Aragon" and "Ghost Ranch," who were found late among the captive population, they said.

Before certifying the Aragon and Ghost Ranch lineages to be genetically pure Mexican wolves, the Service tested genetic material from these animals.

In each of several tests, the animals demonstrated pure Mexican wolf genetics, distinct from domestic dog or northern gray wolf genetic characteristics, staff stated.

Although wolf/dog hybrids do exist, these primarily are captive animals bred for the pet trade.

However, in separate cases, two female Mexican wolves were bred by domestic dogs in the wild in Arizona or New Mexico, they said. Both times the hybrid offspring were identified, captured and humanely euthanized, in line with the rule governing management of the reintroduced population.

Service employees are committed to keeping the introduced population of Mexican wolves genetically pure, they said.

Another fear expressed in the comments is that Mexican wolves released into the wild are "habituated" to human presence, due to being raised in captivity and thus exhibit a variety of undesirable traits such as lack of fear of humans and a tendency to seek food sources at or near human dwellings.

Because there were no Mexican wolves in the wild when the project began, the only wolves initially available for release were captive-bred and-reared, according to the staff.

Agency officials continue to use captive reared wolves to augment natural reproduction, but every effort is made to limit human interaction with the wolves scheduled to be placed in the wild.

Scheduled feedings occur only once or twice a week and no contact occurs when the staff leaves food.

The wolves are afraid of staff and typically run to the far end of their one-acre enclosure and pace, or hide under brush or in artificial dens when humans are near, they said. Any necessary wolf observation by the agency employees is done from blinds using telescopes to reduce contact.

Required veterinary care usually elicits a fear or discomfort response from the wolves.

In rare cases, some wolves in the captive population have shown a lack of normal fear of humans. Such "bold" wolves are not released into the wild, the staff stated.

Wolves in the wild that exhibit patterns of habituation, such as getting too close to human dwellings, are hazed by project staff using rubber bullets, crackers shells that are fired into the air over the wolf and explode to frighten the animal with their loud reports or other means.

Repeated habituated behavior results in a wolf being designated a "nuisance wolf," and as such it may be translocated to an area distant from the location of the habituated behavior or removed from the wild.

Staff said it is important to note failure on the part of a wolf to immediately flee from a human presence upon a chance encounter with humans in the wild is not necessarily a sign of habituation.

Wolves are curious animals and will sometimes observe humans from a distance, out of curiosity.

The reintroduction of the Mexican wolf is a cooperative, multi-agency effort of the Arizona Game and Fish Department, New Mex-ico Department of Game and Fish, White Moun-tain Apache Tribe, USDA Forest Service, USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The analytical summary and a sampling of the comments are available on the Internet at www.fws.gov/southwest/es/mexicanwolf, and then click on the rule modification button.

Copies also are available by calling the service at 505-761-4782.

Joe Dick "Richard" Reeves

Began life at Miller Hospital in Portales, New Mexico the day after Christmas 1951. His passed away unexpectedly March 23, 2008 in Lafayette, Louisiana from complications from a routine sinus/sleep apnea surgery. He attended Lindsey Elementary where he found his love for reading and graduated from Portales High School in 1969. Dick's undergraduate studies earned him a degree in Broadcasting. He earned is Federal Communication License in 1979 which he proudly displayed in his home office. He completed his Master's Degree in Education at Eastern New Mexico University in 1986. Dick used his education degree at Jemez Springs High School in New Mexico teaching a large American Indian population. Richard moved to Alexandria, Louisiana in 1993 while his wife completed her Army career. He had several years experience teaching English, but felt he had an even greater challenge teaching African American students in Louisiana. The Reeves family moved to Lafayette, Louisiana in 1998. He completed his plus 30 at the University of Louisiana and gained "highly" qualified status in both English and Special Education. His last assignment was as an English teacher at Lafayette High School. Mr. Reeves was known for unique student centered diversity. After standardized testing in March he planned to work with his students on poetry with audio power point ® presentations. Richard had a comical sense of humor. Using his broadcasting voice he brought old jokes, with a modern twist, to life bringing home a learning point for his students. Mr. Reeves enjoyed wood working, genealogy, fixing hand-me down computers for his class-room, bicycling, NASCAR ®, and reading adventure mystery books. Richard always had kind words and his greatest asset was his ability to listen. At his memorial service in Lafayette students, teachers, and administrators alike spoke of the ways he helped them and made them laugh. Richard was an organ donor. He was able to donate everything, but his heart "but that had always belonged to Maxcine and Yolanda." He is survived by the 1000's of students he taught, his mom Maxcine Archer Reeves, brothers Lewis, Raymond, and Paul , sister Joyce Ward, his wife Yolanda Archambeault-Reeves and son Dennis. He was preceded in death by his father Chester O. Reeves a survivor of the WWII U.S.S. Indianapolis.

Memorial services will be held on 26 July 2008 at 1 P.M. at Wheeler Mortuary, 500 East 3rd, Portales, New Mexico. A grave site service is not planned. The family requests that each individual conduct prayer services at their own church for strength in living with cancer, heart, and diabetic complications.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Stevie John Ortiz

A rosary was recited for Stevie John Ortiz, 31, of Carrizozo at 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 23, 2008.

A funeral Mass was celebrated for Stevie at 10 a.m., Thursday, July 24, 2008, at Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo.

Stevie John "Blockhead" Ortiz passed away on July 14, 2008 surrounded by his loved ones at his side in Albuquerque.

Stevie John, a lifelong resident of Carrizozo and a graduate of Carrizozo High School, was born on October 15, 1976, to Steve Ortiz and Deb Marquez.

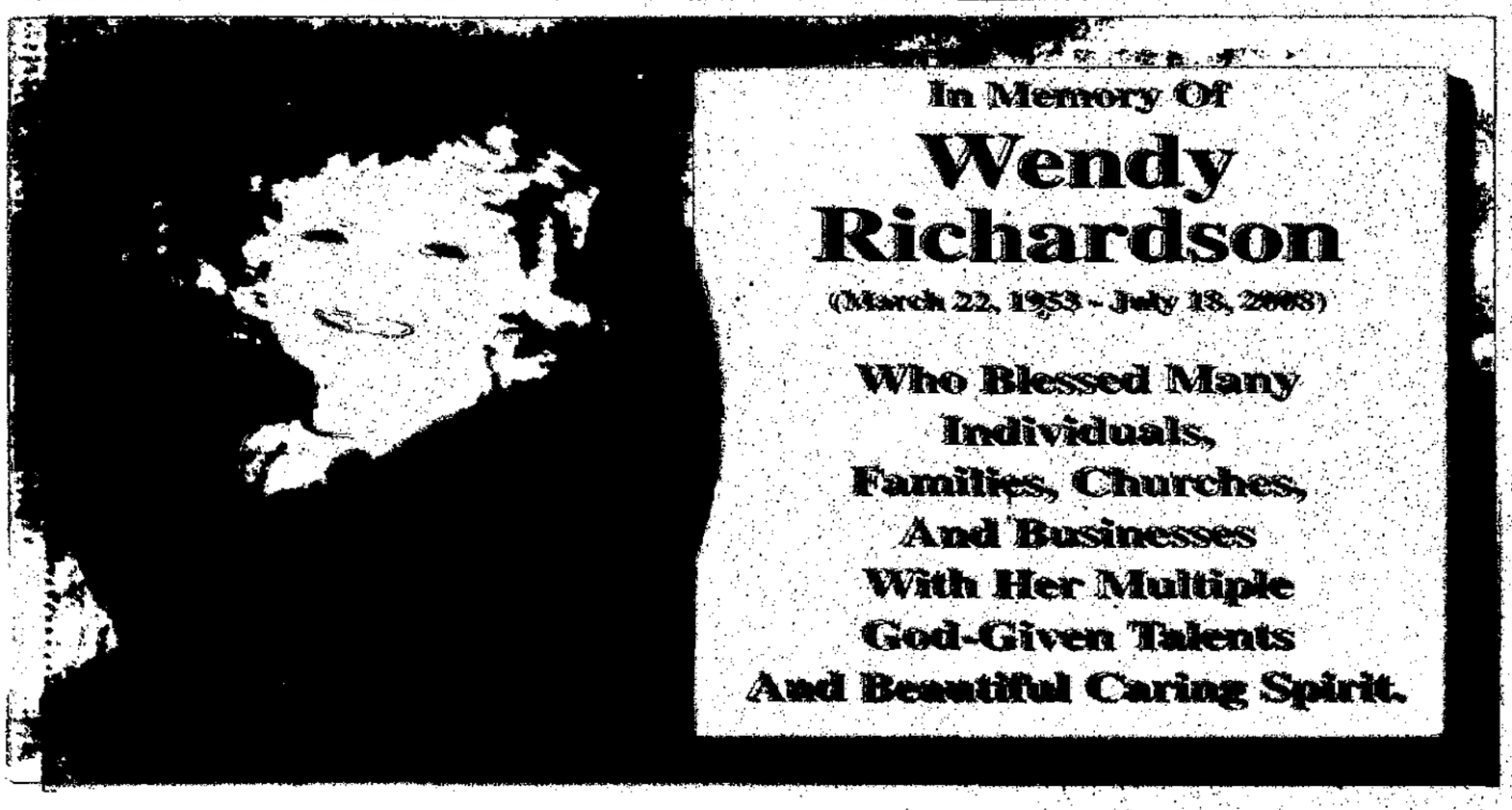
Stevie John loved many things in life, like hunting, drag racing, sports, mechanics, spending quality time with family and friends, most of all he loved being with his son Ethan.

Stevie John is survived by his son, Ethan John Daniel Ortiz of Carrizozo; his daughter, Taylor Nicole Rowe of Ruidoso; his parents, Steve Ortiz and Deb Marquez of the family home; and one sister, Diana Ortiz and husband Junior Montoya of Artesia.

Stevie John is also survived by two nephews,

Chance Ortiz and Bubba Montoya, one niece, Brianna Montoya, all of Artesia; his grandmother, Vera A. Lucero of Bernalillo; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends.

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



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RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Slashing bandit

Two vehicles, parked at different addresses on First Street, July 19, had their tires slashed. There are no suspects at this time.

Domestic incident

After a lengthy interview concerning an argument, July 15, Ruidoso police arrested Johnathan Warren, 23, of Ruidoso Downs for battery and false imprisonment. Charges are also pending through Ruidoso Downs Police Department for eluding officers during the arrest. He was booked at the Ruidoso Police Department on a $15,000 bond and was later taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center.

Desperate for booze

Police cited Robert Coleman, 19, of Ruidoso Downs for shoplifting alcohol from a grocery store, July 21. He was also issued a criminal trespass notice for the store.

Less than two hours later, Jeremy Wood, 20, of Ruidoso, was also caught shoplifting a bottle of alcohol from the same store. He was also cited and issued a criminal trespass notice.

Gun stealing

A home on the 100 block of Porr Drive was reported broken into, July 17. Unknown suspects took a pistol, valued at $400, and an unknown number of gold rings from the residence.

Dots remain safe

Unknown suspects broke into the Dip-N-Dots store in Midtown, July 17, by pushing an air conditioner out of a window. Nothing was taken.

Motel fight

Police cited Javier Ward, 21, of Roswell, for battery, July 17, after he attacked a man staying in a motel room next to his. He was also removed from the property and advised not to return.

Car theft

A vehicle parked on the 100 block of Sleepy Hollow was reported stolen, July 19. The reporting party explained the home had been broken into two days before and a set of car keys may have been taken at that time.

After curfew

Two youths were found walking in Midtown, July 22, well after curfew and were contacted by police. During a search for officer safety, officers found marijuana in the pants pocket of a 13-year-old male. He was arrested for possession and booked at RPD. He was later released to his father.

Odd theft

A home still under construction on the 300 block of White Mountain Meadows Drive was the target of a theft, July 22. Telecommunication tools, valued at $600, were stolen.

Mormon haters?

Police were dispatched to the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, July 20, after an alarm was tripped in the area. A fire was discovered and put out. The case is being treated as an arson and the fire inspector is continuing the investigation.

State Police win national crime award

SANTA FE – The National Criminal Justice Association has announced that the New Mexico State Police has won the West Region's Outstanding Criminal Justice Program Award for the 100 Days of Summer 2007 program.

The distinction comes because of the effort the State Police have made to reduce DWI crashes, injuries and fatalities.

In 2007, State Police arrested 1,103 drivers for DWI and issued nearly 22,000 speeding tickets. The increased enforcement efforts have yielded 15 percent decrease in traffic fatalities compared to 2006.

"I am pleased New Mexico has become a model for other states in the fight against drunk driving," said Gov. Bill Richardson. "We are working hard to combat DWI and our use of bold, new initiatives is paying off."

Crime lab cases lowering across the state

SANTA FE – The Department of Public Safety Forensic Laboratories have completed 1,089 more cases in 2008 than during 2007. Scientists completed 5,194 cases in 2008 compared to 4,105 in 2007. These cases include fingerprints, firearms, chemistry, fire debris and DNA.

"DNA has become a very important tool in identifying and prosecuting criminals. New Mexico deserves to keep the best analysts here. We don't want to be the training ground for fresh young scientists to move away to higher paying jobs. That is why I increased salaries of these highly trained and certified DNA scientists," said Gov. Bill Richardson.

The state crime lab has a goal of turning DNA cases around in 30 bench or working days which would put New Mexico at or near the top in the country for lab work. Currently the crime lab DNA team receives about 40 cases a month and has been able to complete 80 cases, so the backlog of cases built up over the previous years has slowly been whittled down. By the fall cases will be assigned to analysts and work begun almost immediately.

An increase in staff has made the difference. Richardson helped increase the salary to keep qualified analysts in New Mexico and increased the number of positions authorized by the legislature.

Must see TV on drug use next month

ALBUQUERQUE – Attorney General Gary King urges all New Mexicans to make time to see a locally produced 30-minute television documentary entitled "HIGH: A Story About Kids and Drugs," set to air statewide next month.

The AG's Office is a sponsor of the program, designed to show people the truth about the dangers associated with drugs and young people, including inappropriate use of over the counter drugs as well as street drugs like methamphetamine and marijuana. A premiere screening of the documentary was held over the weekend.

A year's worth of research went into the information in the program, including "think tanks" with experts in all areas related to drug use.

Longtime New Mexico media personality and television producer Chris Schueler, through his company Christopher Productions, is behind the documentary.

"This show is meant to be a catalyst for discussion and young people should be encouraged to actively participate in exchanging ideas and researching related topics of interest," Schueler said.

Schueler says "HIGH" is a comprehensive media campaign to help youth and parents throughout New Mexico understand the dangers associated with various prescription and non-prescription drugs that are being abused by youth. While the focus is on Meth, Oxycontin, Ecstasy, marijuana and other popular drugs in our state, this campaign will utilize a variety of media and video tools to reach educators, parents and, most importantly, teens to emphasize the message: Make good choices. If you don't, there are serious consequences.

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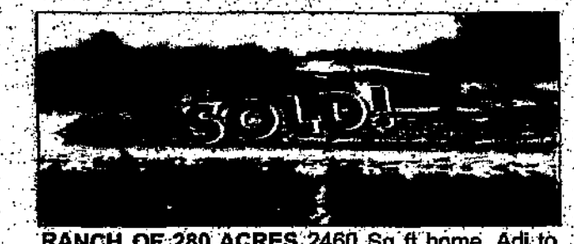

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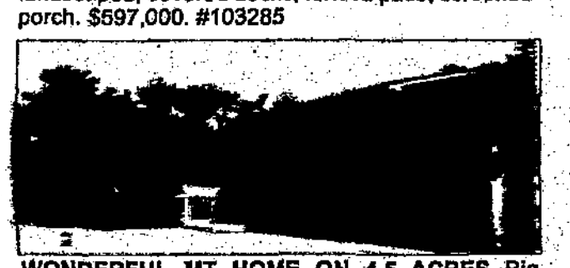

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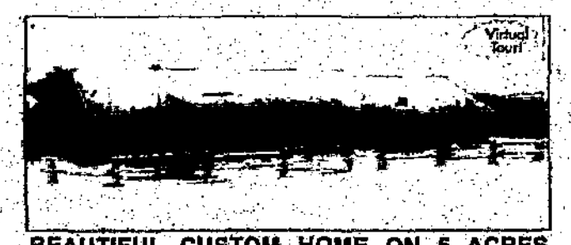

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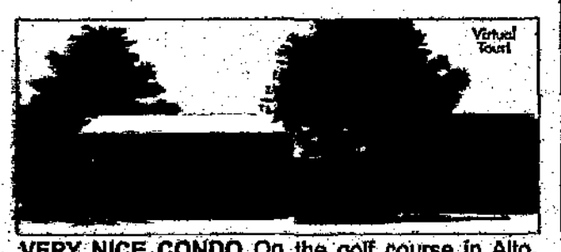

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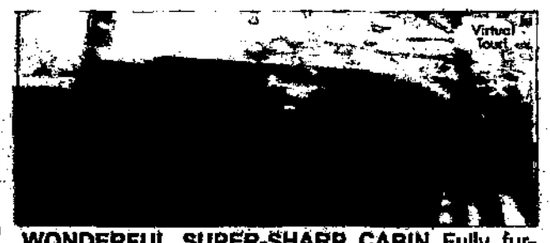

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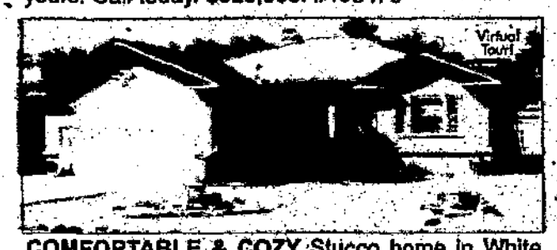

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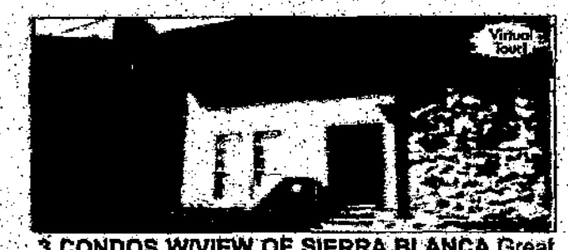

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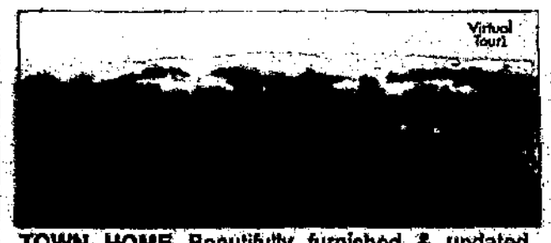

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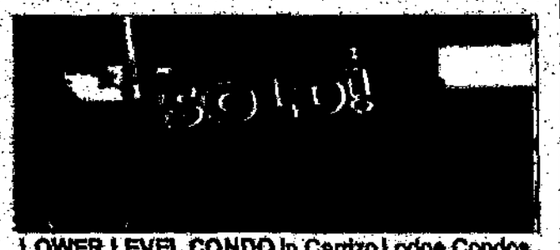

LOWER LEVEL CONDO in Cantzo Lodge Condos. Updated, look at creek from balcony. $62,500. #18865

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Results

Ruidoso Downs Race Track
For the weekend's summary of racing, go to www.equibase.com, results.

Sports On Tap

Horse Racing
Thursday-Sunday, July 24-27
Ruidoso Downs Race Track post time at 1 p.m.

On Deck

Men's and Co-ed Softball
Wildcat Boys' Basketball will be hosting the Men's and Co-ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament during the Deming Duck Race Weekend, Aug. 22-24. It will be a double-elimination format, with USSSA rules modified to be played at the Hooten Complex. The entry fee is $175. For more information contact Coach Paul Maynes at 546-9273 (home) or 546-5292 (cell) or Sal Lantini at 993-0324. All proceeds go to the Wildcat Boys' Basketball.
Fee must be paid by August 20 – no exceptions. Prize money, T-shirts and MVPs will be awarded.

Tiger Football Camp
Capitan football will present their first youth football camp Aug. 4-6 at Tigers' Stadium. Ages six ththrough 12 are invited to attend. The camp will be held each day from 8 to 11 a.m. with pickups no later than 11:15. Coach Jason Hightower and his staff will be on hand to teach basic and advanced techniques and fundamentals of football. Shirts will be given to all participants and awards will be presented to outstanding campers. There will be competitions between the age groups. The camp cost is $25. For more info, call Coach Hightower at 937-0339 (cell) or 354-8590 (fieldhouse). Registration forms should be mailed by July 21 to receive free shirts and they be obtained by emailing hightowerj@capitan.k12.nm.us.

Free Sports Physicals
Free sports physicals for Carrizozo athletes will be available on Tuesday, July 29, in the old gym at the Carrizozo High School from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Suzanne Dennehy, CFNP, and Gary Jackson, DO, will conduct the physicals. Physicals will be open for middle and high school athletes participating on Carrizozo Municipal Schools sports teams. Parental consent forms must be completed and turned in when the physical is performed. Consent forms can be picked up in advance from their coach or from Carrizozo Municipal Schools administrative office. For additional information, contact Terry Riehl at the White Mountain Medical Clinic at 630-8350 or Suzanne Dennehy at 648-2317.

Correction

In Wednesday's *Ruidoso News* in an article titled, "Local in U.S. Seniors Open," Scott Roser's chiropracter, Dr. Bruce Klinekole, was inadvertantly referred to as Kline.

Zia Festival weekend

TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

Joe Allen's homebred Peppers Pride will be favored to eclipse one of thoroughbred racing's most treasured marks – the record for consecutive victories – when she tries for her 17th win from 17 starts in the Lincoln Handicap on Sunday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

The Joel Marr-trained Peppers Pride currently shares the record of 16 consecutive wins with Triple Crown winner Citation, two-time horse of the year Cigar, Santa Anita Derby winner Mister Frisky and Louisiana-based sprinter Hallowed Dreams.

The Lincoln Handicap for New Mexico-bred fillies and mares at six furlongs runs as the 10th race on the 11-race program and is the highlight of the Zia Festival program. The Zia Festival offers 10 stakes races and more than $1 million in purses on the card filled with New Mexico-bred races.

The Zia Festival is also taking over the grandstand. The facility will be filled with New Mexico vendors selling their wares and crafts from The Land of Enchantment during racing hours.

First post time on Sunday is 1 p.m. with free parking and free general admission.

Peppers Pride has earned $861,665 with her 16 wins from 16 career starts, highlighted by 12 stakes wins. Each of her wins has come against female New Mexico-bred competition.

Peppers Pride is 3-for-3 at Ruidoso Downs. She started her career at the track in the Sacramento Mountains of south central New Mexico in 2005 with wins in her Señorita Futurity trial and the Señorita Futurity. She then returned to Ruidoso Downs last year and won the Lincoln Handicap by a half length as the 2-5 favorite.

The 5-year-old mare equaled the record of 16 straight wins when she won the Foutz Distaff Handicap at SunRay Park on April 26.

"She hasn't run in three months and she's come back from that layoff several times before," Marr said. "We're not about to change now so everything's been pretty much the same as before."

Marr indicated that Peppers Pride may not run in the Lincoln Handicap if there is an off track. Weather reports indicate that there is an increased

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Peppers Pride, trained by Joel Marr, is set to run for a record in Sunday's Lincoln Handicap.

Bayou racer wants the big one

MIKE CURRAN
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The 4-for-4 Louisiana stallion, Jet Black Patriot, arrived in town Friday to begin his quest to win the All American Futurity on Labor Day.

Winner of the 300-yard Mardi Gras Futurity trials (RG2) and then the Futurity itself later in February at Louisiana Downs, he then went on to win the subsequent 350-yard Lee Berwick Memorial Louisiana Bred Futurity trials (RG1) and the following $512,300 Futurity in July at Delta Downs.

He has won his four races by a combined 6-1/2 lengths including the Mardi Gras Futurity on Feb. 25 at Louisiana Downs, where he earned a career high speed index of 110.

With the Lee Berwick win, this Game Patriot colt pushed his winnings to $339,726.

This jet-black racer now prepares for the big $2 million race at Ruidoso Downs on Sept. 7.

Not bad for a quarter horse that wasn't suppose to live almost two years ago.

Jet Black Patriot, out of First Down Hemp and sired by Game Patriot, contracted an acute case of salmonella at the age of four weeks.

"We took him to the LSU veterinary school for treatment," Jet Black Patriot

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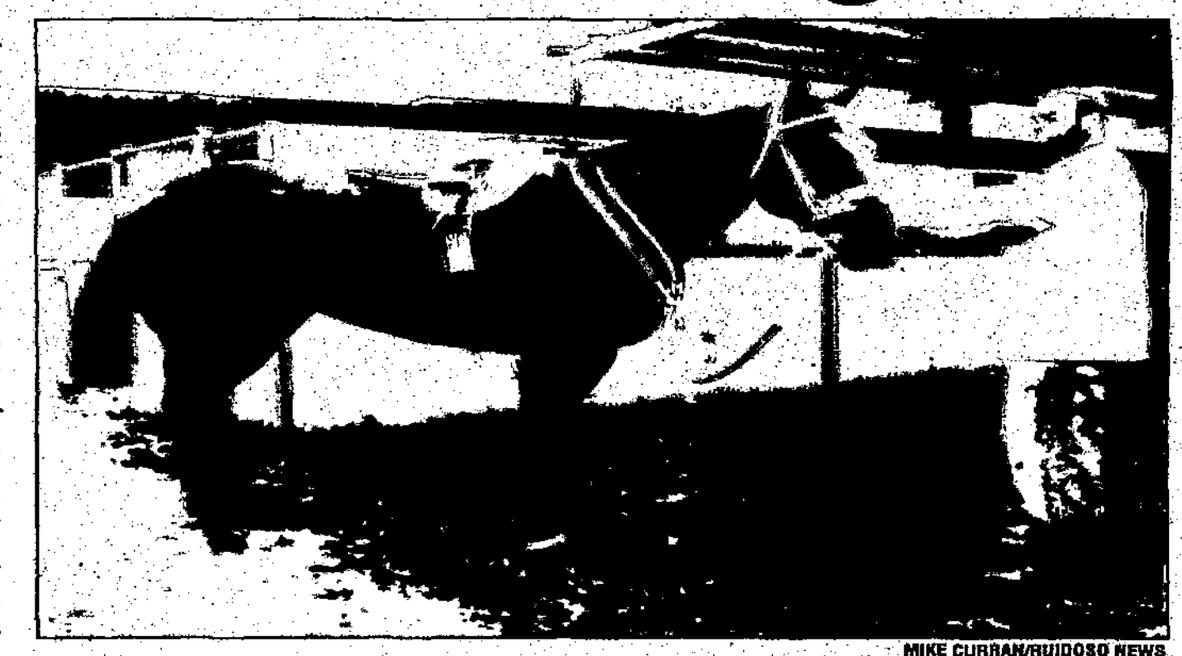

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Jet Black Patriot, with trainer Eric Curtis, are here to compete for the All American Futurity.

Tricky Dust goes for four

TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

Joan Dale Hubbard's Tricky Dust will be favored to gain his record-extending fourth straight victory in the Grade 3 Master Salls Handicap when he carries high-weight of 128 pounds on Saturday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

The 870-yard Master Salls Handicap runs as the ninth race on the 10-race program.

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COURTESY RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK

Tricky Dust is shown here winning the Fine Loom Handicap.

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In Ruidoso, this month, 2 houses sold on the same street. House A (owned by a retired REALTOR) went under contract quickly and closed in less than 4 weeks. House B's market time was about 400 days.

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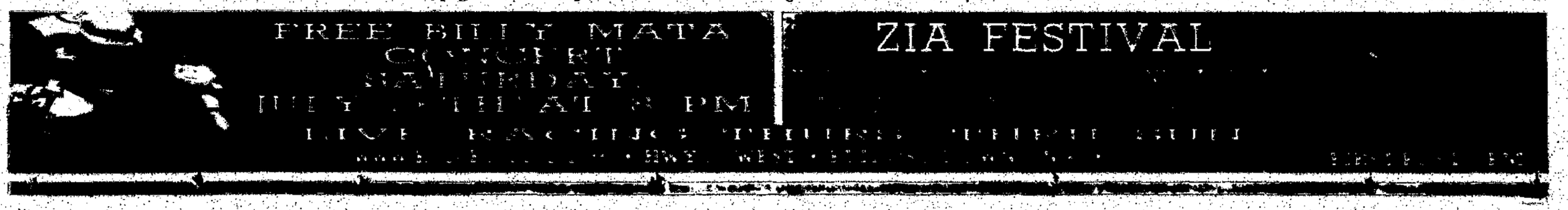

ZIA

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chance for rain on Sunday from the remnants of Hurricane Dolly.

"The weather is one thing we can't control. We're just hoping for a dry track," Marr said.

"There has been a lot of pressure because it's up to all of us to do the right thing for her. We'll gallop her on Saturday and then possibly gallop her on Sunday morning."

Carlos Madeira, who has been aboard Peppers Pride for each of her 16 starts, has the mount with the third post position in the seven-horse field.

Challenging Peppers Pride is New Mexico Cup Filly and Mare Championship winner Good Looker RF and Charlie's Pizzazz, stepping up after an allowance win by more than six lengths.

In the Land Of Enchantment Handicap over 7 1/2 furlongs, the Allen-Marr combination is well represented with Fullofenergy.

He was second in the University of New Mexico Handicap three starts ago and then won a condition allowance race.

He faces Jack Cole Handicap winner Cattleman Prospect.

The $114,987 Rio Grande Señor Futurity features Totah Futurity winner Uptown Charlie and Flomot, winner of two of four starts.

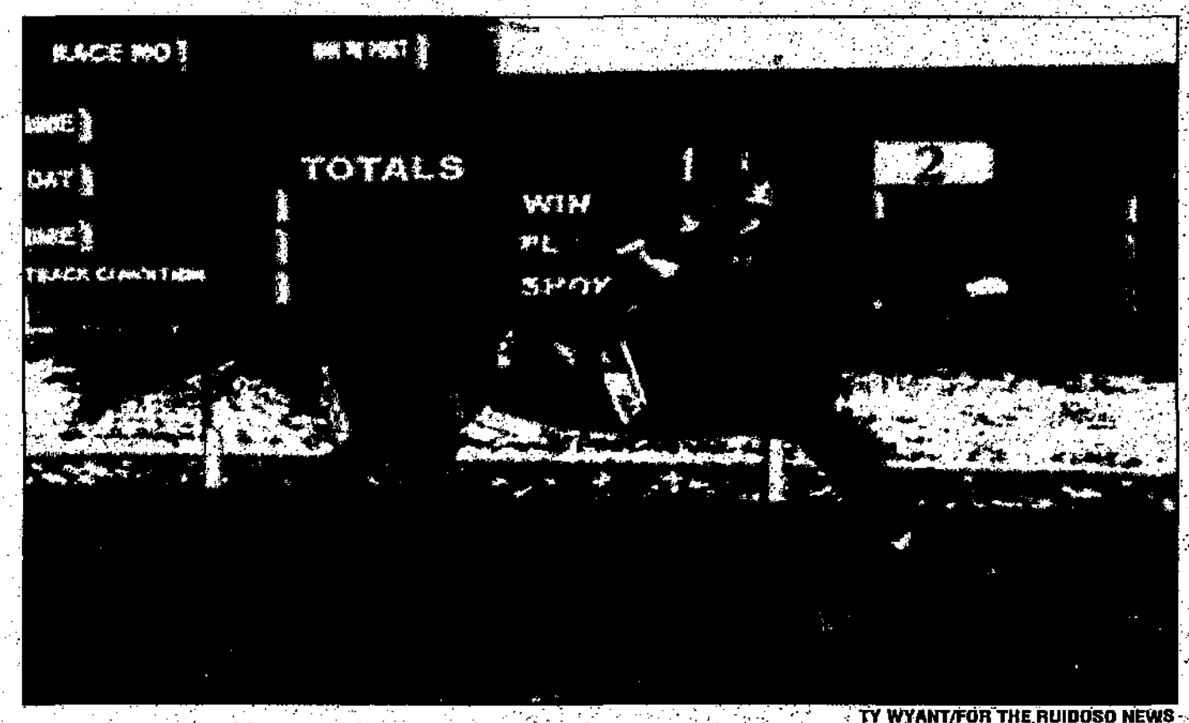
The $112,646 Rio Grande Señorita Futurity is led by Kendrick Futurity third-place finisher Dream Kin and Rock Box, an impressive late-running winner of her only start.

The quarter horse competition during the Zia Festival program is highlighted by fastest-qualifier Tall Order meeting two-time futurity runner-up Victoria Hotpants in the Grade 1, $350,455 Zia Futurity, the richest race on the Zia Festival card.

In the Grade 2, $132,861 Zia Derby, Uncovered Regard comes off an eye-catching length win in his trial with the fastest-qualifying time of :19.509.

He was third in last year's Zia Futurity.

The Zia Handicap features a showdown between champion Gotta Get, All American Derby winner Arealstraitheart and All American Futurity runner-up Gun Battle.



TY WYANT/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Peppers Pride tries to make it 17 consecutive victories in Sunday's six furlong, 10th race.

MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Joel Marr watches one of his racers leave the paddock area.

BAYOU

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owner Janelle Simon said. "He was on antibiotics for a month and was supposed to have died but they told us to pray on the Bible for his recovery. I did and he recuperated.

"He was never a quitter, even then. We give God all the glory for that miracle.

"Some time before the Mardi Gras Futurity, trainer Eric Curtis approached me and told me I had a great potential racer.

"After I got to know Eric, I found him to be totally honest, talented and forthright and wanted him to train Jet Black Patriot."

Curtis is somewhat different than most people in his profession.

He gives "hands on" a whole new definition and takes that meaning to a different level.

He doesn't just put his horses on a walker and then go about his business. Like a few thoroughbred trainers, he hangs on to the walker halter rope with his left hand and the horse to be exercised with his remaining free hand and walks with them for 30 minutes.

Shortly after his walk with Jet Black Patriot, Curtis could be seen with his stallion, again holding the horse while he grazed on grass adjoining the barn.

While many trainers may have 30 or more horses in their barn, Curtis has eight. And only one here.

After a motorcycle accident sidelined him shortly before 2000, Curtis bought a trail ride horse and boarded him at Evangeline Downs and Delta Downs.

"Next thing you know, I was going to the races at those tracks," the soft-spoken Baton Rouge trainer explained. "I bought my first racehorse in 2000 and won two races with her."

Two years later, Curtis started training horses for the public.

"I learn by trial and error and I know my horses individually and they know me," Curtis said.

"I know for sure Jet Black Patriot knows me. Sometimes he's a handful in the paddock, he's not a people person."

Janelle and her husband Richard trailered him here from Louisiana and when he was unloaded, "he looked relieved to see Eric," she said.

The Simons are down-to-earth owners. Both do shift work at a plant back home and have been involved in horseracing, on and off, for 15 years.

"I love the excitement," Simon says. "When Jet Black Patriot was running in the Lee Berwick Futurity I couldn't even stand up," she added.

Back in September 2007, the Simons put the stallion up for auction at the Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeders Association yearling sale.

"We thought he would go for more than $20,000," Janelle said.

"The bidding ended on my bid at that number and so the horse went back to me – it was meant to be."

While Jet Black Patriot prepares for the upcoming All American futurity trials, the Simons and Curtis have each rented houses in Ruidoso.

For the Simons it's a family affair. While they're in Ruidoso, their pregnant 29-year-old daughter, Treva, is back on their farm in Zachery, La., feeding their seven other horses.

In the meantime, Curtis goes about the business at hand – getting Jet Black Patriot ready for the All American futurity trials.

Wednesday was his first workout at Ruidoso Downs since arriving here.

Esgar Ramirez rode him in the workout and said, "He's real strong, nothing wrong at all."

When Jet Black Patriot runs in the futurity trials, jockey Jose Vega will be aboard.

The Baton Rouge trainer seems to have everything in perspective so far and intends to take the upcoming races one step at a time. First, his thoughts are on the upcoming trials.

"The prestige of winning the All American Futurity goes without saying," Curtis said.

"It would be great – but if we don't, I'm not going to go out and hang myself. We'll pick up the pieces, learn from the experience and come back with another horse."

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Jet Black Patriot, trainer Curtis, owner Janelle Simon, center, and Debra Harrell.

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TRICKY

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First post time is 1 p.m. and there are always free parking and free general admission at Ruidoso Downs.

There is a free concert at Ruidoso Downs on Saturday night at 8 p.m. with Billy Mata and The Texas Tradition performing their award-winning Texas swing. The boot-stompin' fun starts at 8 p.m.

The Zia Festival is this weekend at Ruidoso Downs, celebrating everything New Mexico on Saturday and Sunday during the races.

The grandstand will be filled with New Mexico artisans and craftsmen selling their wares native to New Mexico during this very popular weekend at Ruidoso Downs.

Sunday's Zia Festival racing program promises to be historic with Joe Allen's Peppers Pride trying for a thoroughbred record of 17 straight wins in the Lincoln Handicap, one of 10 stakes races for New Mexico-breds on the program.

Over $1 million in purses will be offered.

Peppers Pride will write her own page in the record books if she can win the Lincoln Handicap for trainer Joel Marr, who has masterfully managed the mare's career.

She currently holds the record of 16 straight wins with Triple Crown winner Citation, horse of the year Cigar, Kentucky Derby competitor Mister Frisky and Louisiana-bred sprinter Hallowed Dream.

The Paul Jones-trained Tricky Dust is working on a couple of winning streaks.

He has won his latest two races, each stakes, and has won the Master Salls Handicap each of the previous three years by daylight margin.

The strapping 8-year-old gelding won the Red Cell New Mexico Distance Challenge in front-running style and then started his Ruidoso Downs season with a stretch-running victory in the Fine Loom Handicap.

Tricky Dust is the two-time defending distance champion for the Ruidoso Downs season and a Master Salls Handicap victory would be an important step towards a third-consecutive distance horse title.

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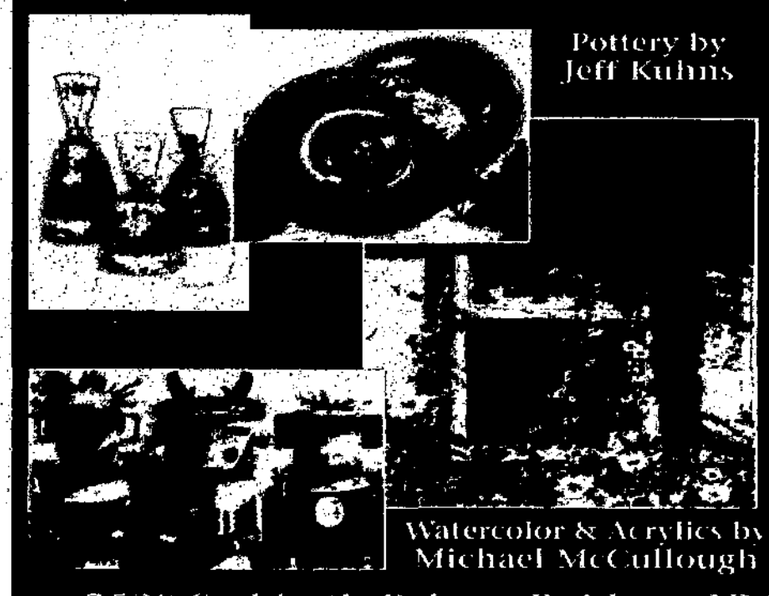

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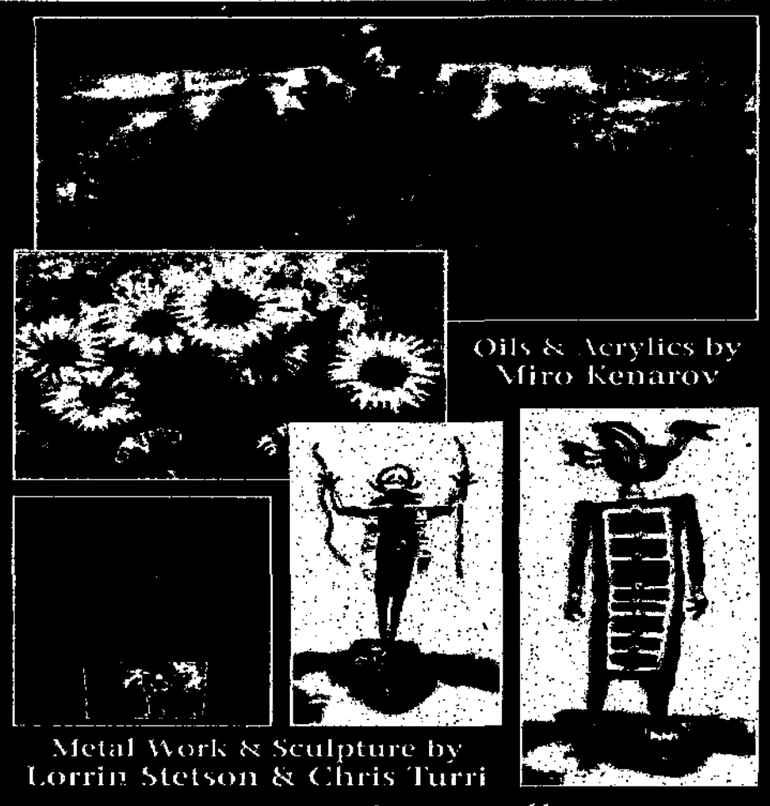

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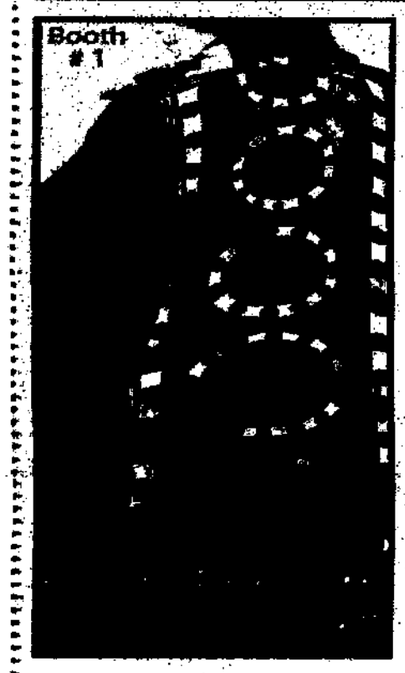

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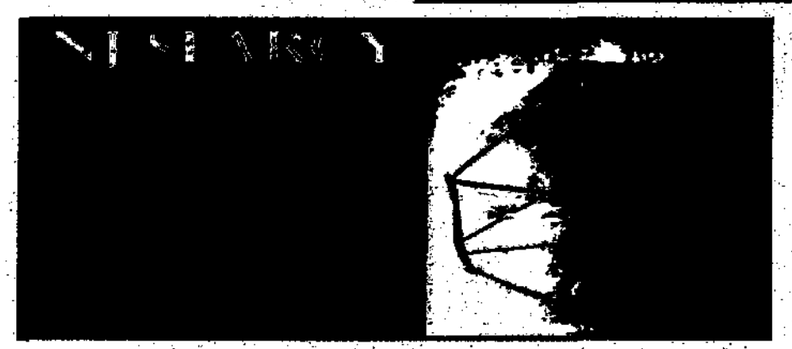

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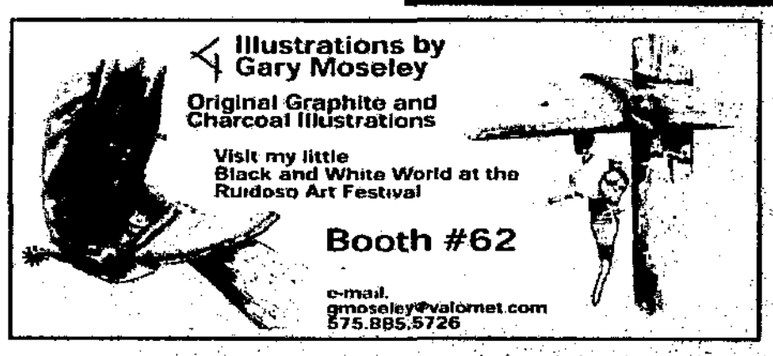

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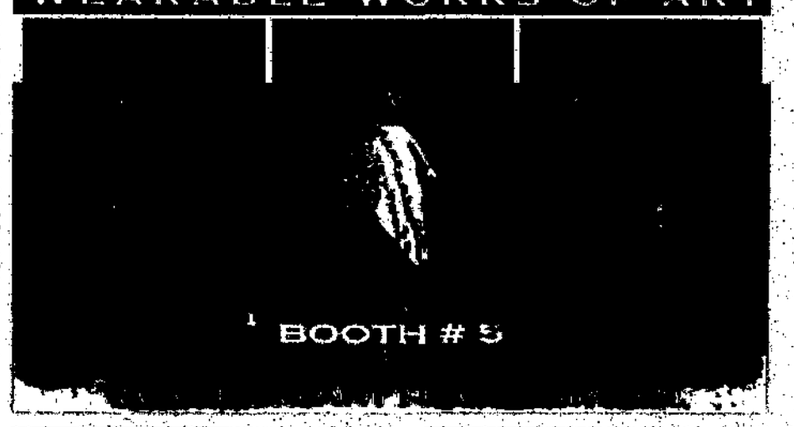

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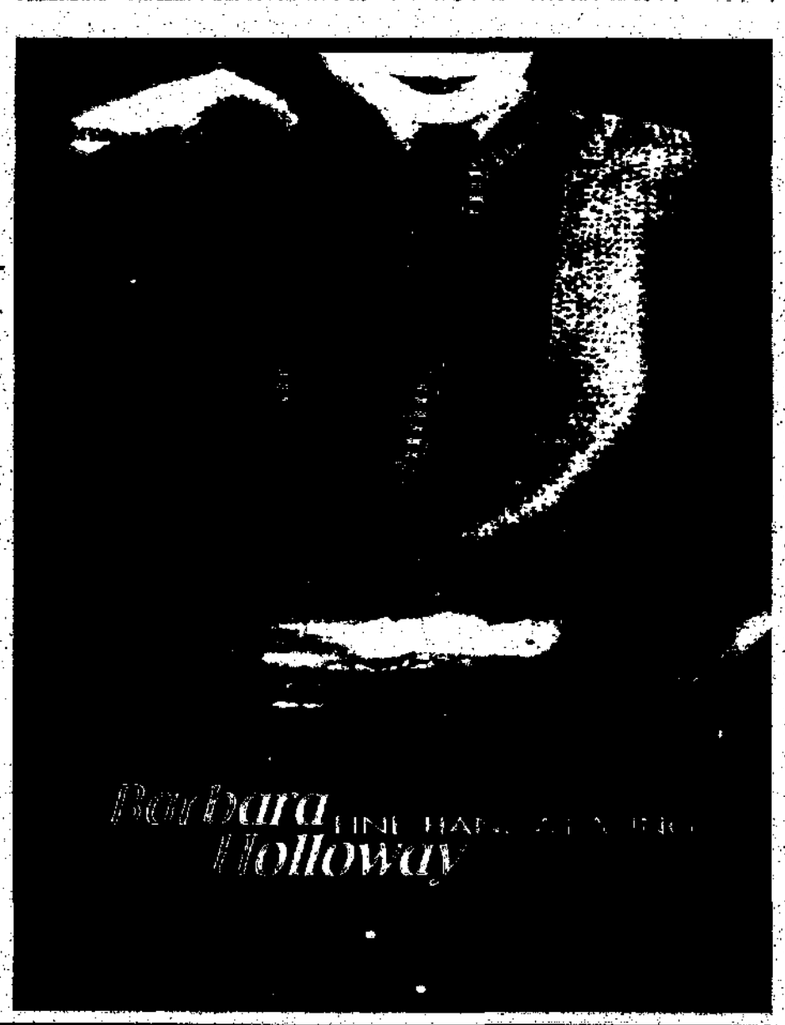

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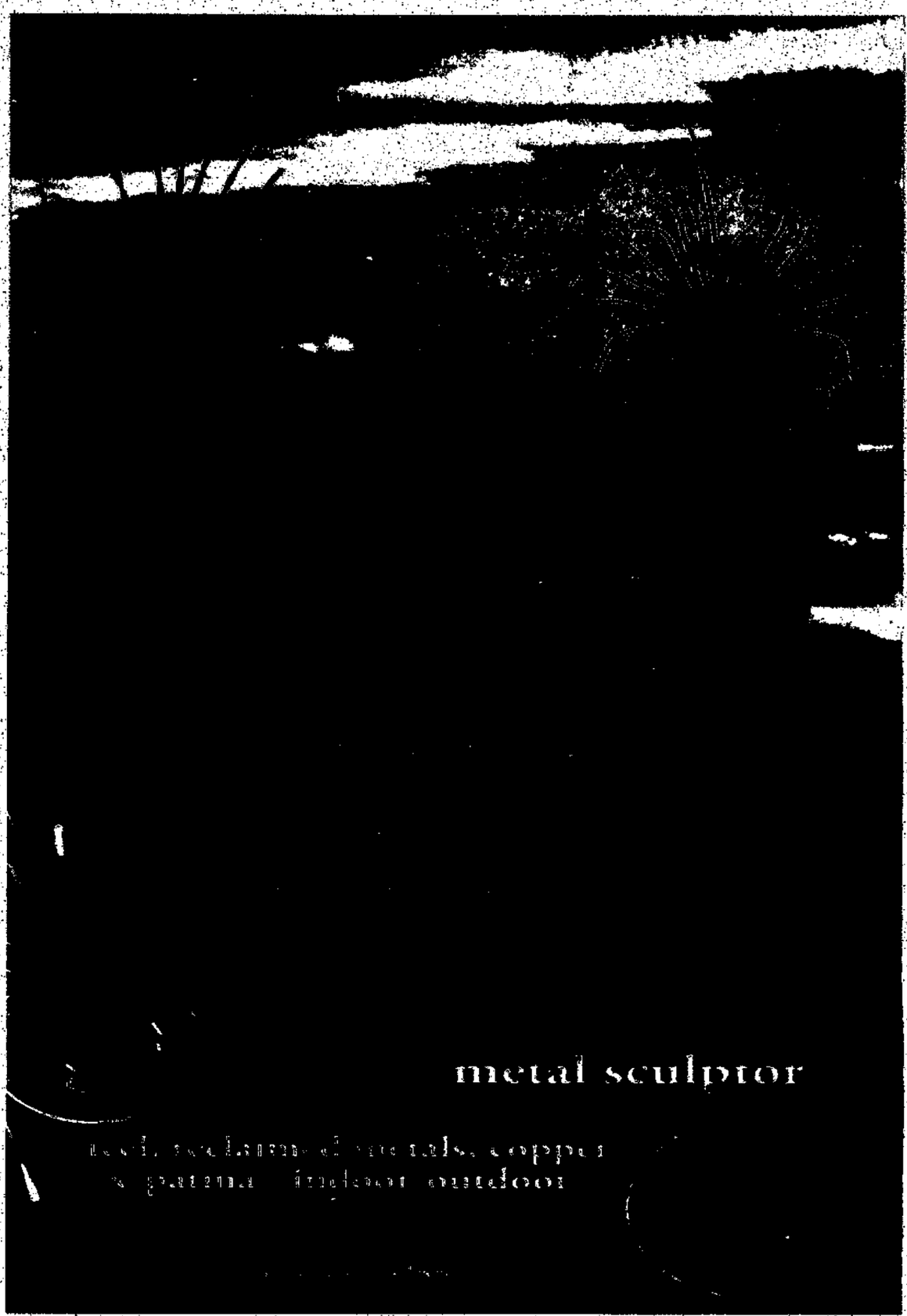

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Border Patrol scans tell agents of medical tests

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Bud Hertzner went to El Paso to take a medical stress test. On his way home, he and his wife Sharon received a surprise at a local Border Patrol checkpoint.

"I pulled up in the station at (U.S.) 70 and the guy had a thing on belt like a cell phone," Hertzner said. "It was blinking."

He was surprised when he was asked to provide paperwork to prove he had been to the doctor.

"Sharon and I looked at each other like, 'What's going on here?'" Hertzner said.

The equipment on the officer's belt turned out to be a radiation detector and, because Hertzner's medical test involved nuclear medicine, he was slightly radioactive. The officer at the U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint asked for Hertzner's driver's license and for his letter of appointment to the doctor.

After verifying Hertzner's identity and glancing through his car, the Border Patrol officer waved him on through.

"I'm glad they are searching," Hertzner said. "Just a shocker for me – a first-time experience."

Regional Border Patrol public information officer Joe Romero said the devices the agents wear are personal protection devices to let the wearer know if something is radioactive.

The devices are very sensitive.

"One of our goals is to detect or apprehend potential weapons of terror," Romero said. "We want to make sure there is no cargo that shouldn't be transferred unless there is proper documentation."

Some trucks carry material with radiation, he said. The majority of those trucks are noted and legal.

"But the device also allows the agent to be aware that they are being exposed to levels of radiation," Romero said. And because there are low levels of radiation in those who have nuclear treatments, like chemotherapy, sometimes the devices will register the information.

"We are not targeting any individuals specifically," Romero said. "Sometimes people who go through chemo will tip off the device."

It is helpful if those who travel for treatments have a letter or appointment card from their doctors, he said.

When trucks register higher levels of radiation, the agents have ways to evaluate a vehicle further, Romero said.

They have other equipment available to use for more in-depth investigation.

"You don't always think that somebody might have dirty bomb equipment or chemicals," he said. "If we have to, we will refer to other agencies."

A dirty bomb basically involves getting various types of radioactive material and putting them together, Romero said. But he said he has no personal knowledge of dirty bombs or doesn't know of any that have been found by Border Patrol agents.

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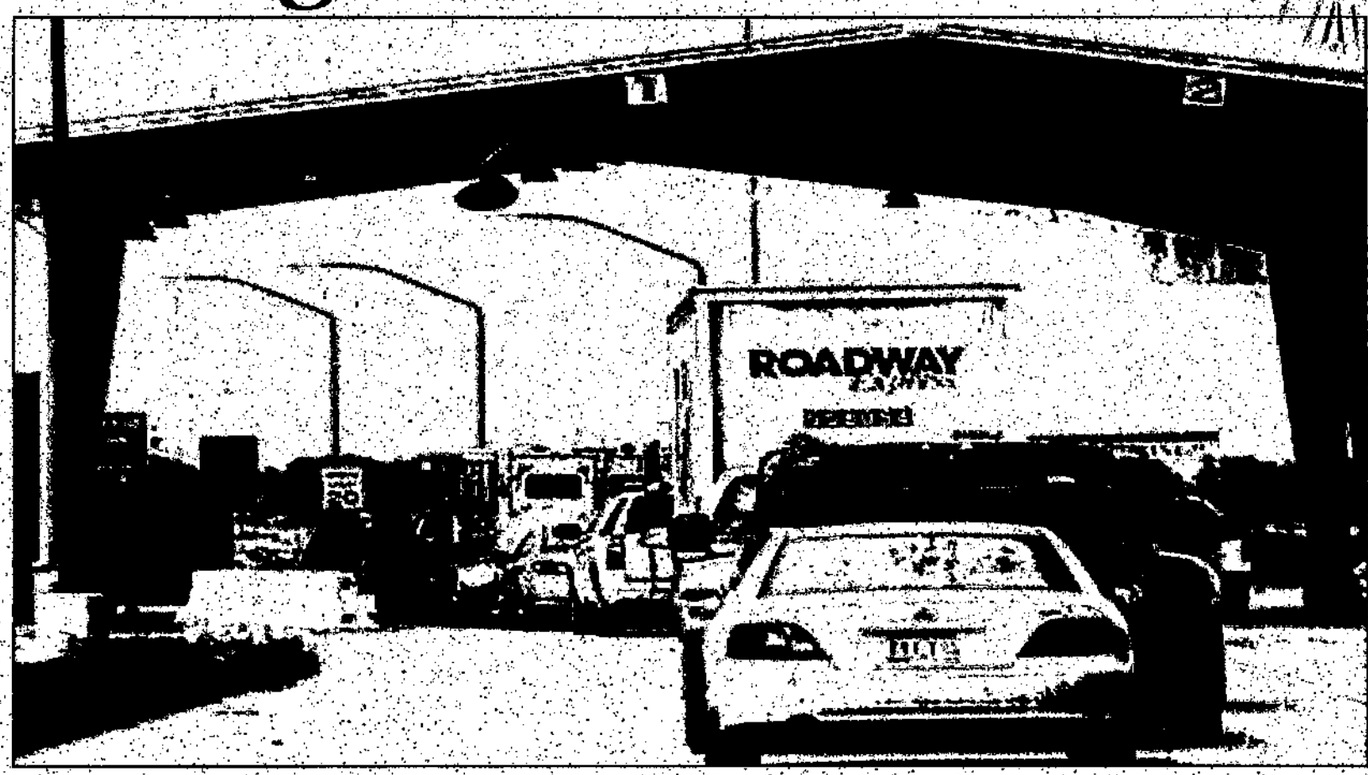

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A line of vehicles waits to move through the U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint on U.S. Highway 54 Tuesday afternoon.

New Mexico hopes to get nation hooked on green chile

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LAS CRUCES — A supermarket employee, decked out in an apron and heavy gloves, dumps a bagful of brilliant green chile pods into a cylindrical metal tumbler.

A propane flame flares, and soon the pods transform, their tough outer skins charring and peeling away. Nearby, customers wait in line for a chance to roast their own pepper purchases. A delightful aroma winds its way through the parking lot.

The scene is familiar in southern New Mexico, where green chile has a achieved a following that borders on cult-like.

But would you expect it in Chicago, Austin, Texas; or Sacramento, Calif.?

It's a sight that's becoming increasingly common in other states because of an effort by the New Mexico Department of Agriculture. Five years ago, officials launched a campaign outside New Mexico aimed at expanding the market for fresh green chile.

The department's goal is reflected in its campaign slogan: "Get your fix."

"We can go into a market and show them chile and how to prepare it," said Edward Avalos, director for the department's marketing and development division. "Once people get used to eating a few meals with green chile, they're hooked."

Five green chile shipping companies coordinate deliveries to out-of-state grocery stores. Meanwhile, the NMDA sends promotional materials to stores, including green chile recipe CDs and display signs about Hatch-grown chile, to spur purchases. In some cases, NMDA staff visit the grocery stores to train employees about how to operate chile roasters or host cooking demonstrations about chile.

Jessie Herrera, a produce manager for an HEB Grocery in Round Rock, Texas, a suburb of Austin, said his store began participating in the promotion four years ago by operating a chile roaster. Last year, it scaled up activities a notch by hosting chile-cooking demonstrations in an in-store kitchen and emphasizing the start of chile season using countdown calendars.

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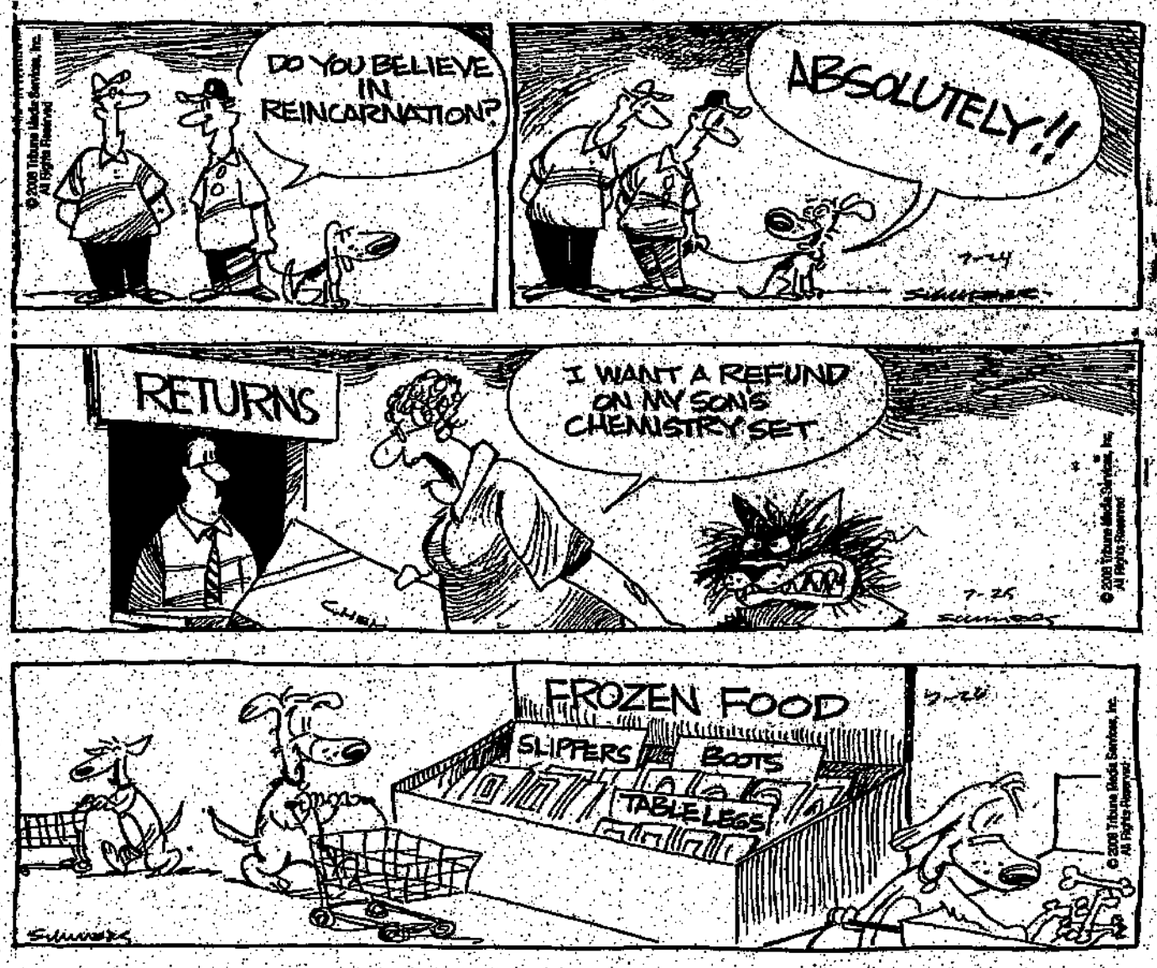

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14 Siskiyou County peak
20 "__ Only": 1939 Cary Grant film
21 Discombobulate
22 A ferry runs between it and Dover
23 Ford innovation
25 Short-eared rodent
26 Shade of blue
27 Kojak, to Frank McNeil
28 Like a bête noire
29 Park space
33 Shoot back
35 Skin soother
37 Popular office plant
38 Feckless
39 "Night" author
42 Poker winnings
43 Feverish
44 2001-02 sitcom starring Christina Vidal
49 Shot blocker?
51 Mars product
54 Doorbell
57 Vichy vacation time
58 Mythological heaven
59 Craters of the Moon monument site
63 Surface layer
65 Warner of Beanie Babies fame et al.
66 Standard Oil name
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68 Solar energy, e.g.
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71 It might need a fitting
72 Sci-fi staples
73 1955 Horse of the Year
74 Test one's metal
75 Like some roadwork zones
77 Chosen __
78 Wild
80 Casual attire
82 Protract
87 Observers
88 Acid container
89 Standard setting at 0 degrees long.
92 Peanuts
93 Editorial U-turn
95 Whale chaser
97 "Bye-bye!"
98 He played Lt. Gerard on "The Fugitive"
104 Regional distinctiveness
107 Classic Queen: Lili'uokalani song
108 Tel __
110 A slap may invite one
111 Deficit
112 Working out
118 Hypnotic state
119 U.S. diplomat W. __ Harriman
120 Garden apparatus
121 Darlings
122 McCartney, for one
123 Scrape off

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1 Actor Carrey
2 Santa __
3 ICU staff
4 Enormity
5 Denver's Mile High Center architect
6 Glacial ridge
7 Fizzler
8 Not yet born
9 Charm
10 Nice head
11 Earlier
12 Egg head?
13 Bic Clic Stic, e.g.
14 Author of kids' Busytown books
15 Golf legend Walter
16 "Half __ ..."
17 Riyadh resident
18 Serology ratio
19 Out of the way
24 Norway's patron
28 Old Procter & Gamble detergent
29 Ratchet bar
30 Nastase of tennis
31 Either 2007 Best Director
32 Part of a gym set
34 J.R.'s mom
35 Skin soother
40 Danish shoe brand
41 "Well, __-di-dah"
43 Talk show lead-ins
44 Test
45 Weigh
46 Crustacean-eating birds
47 Queasy feeling
48 Weapons storehouse
50 Swiveled
51 Can't decide
52 One may be swiped at a hotel
53 "What __ could it be?"
55 Litter cries
56 Houston-to-Charleston dir.
59 Intrude
60 Fairylike
61 Eponymous French physicist
62 Cobbler, at times
64 Antarctic explorer Shackleton
65 Undisputed
68 House opening?
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74 What there oughta be
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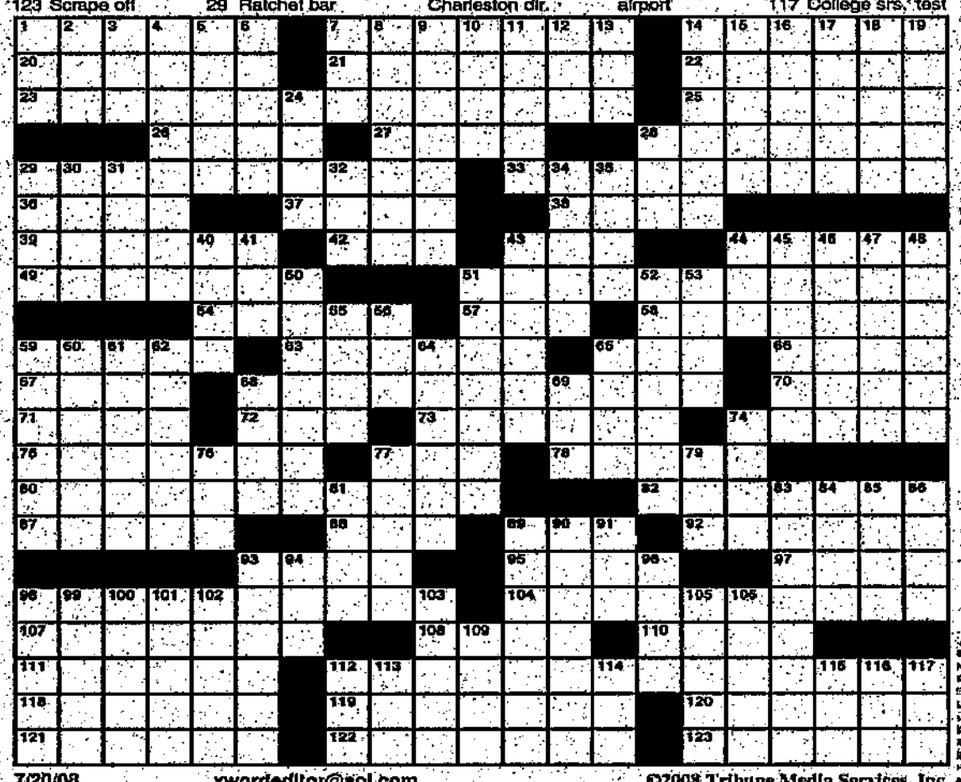

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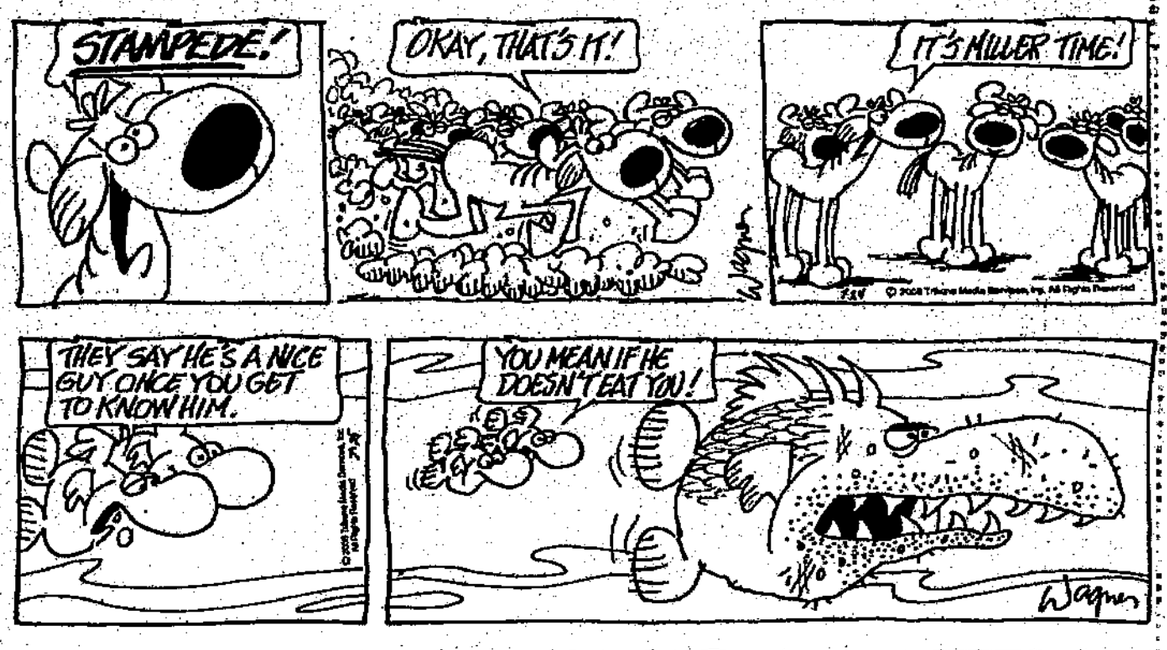

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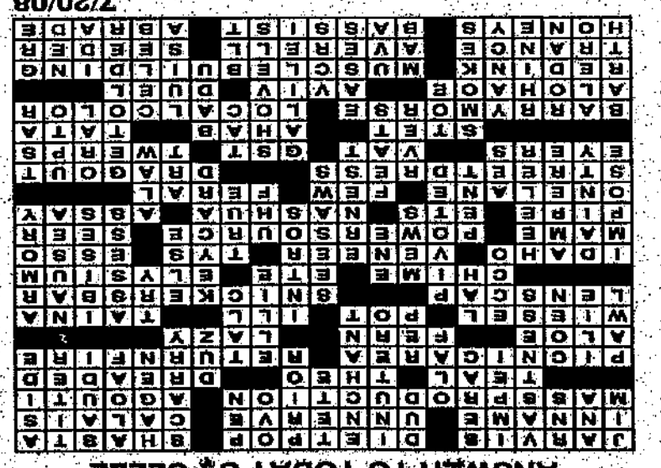

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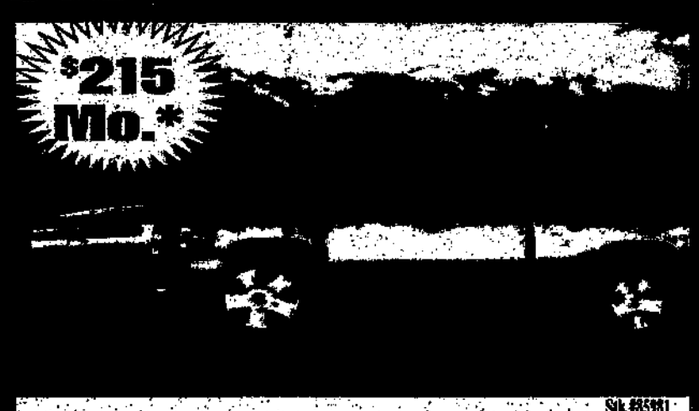

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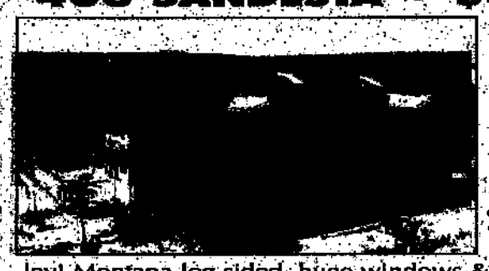

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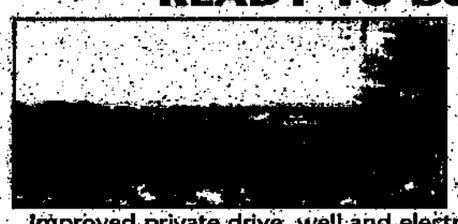

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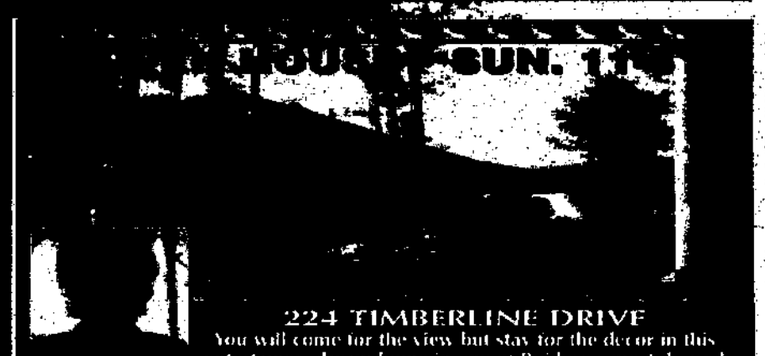

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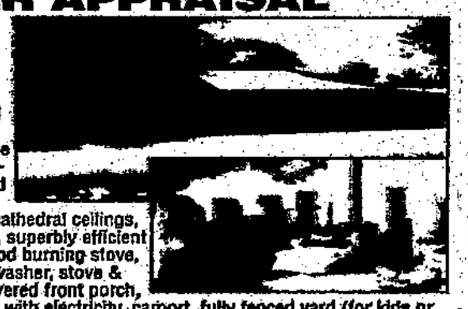

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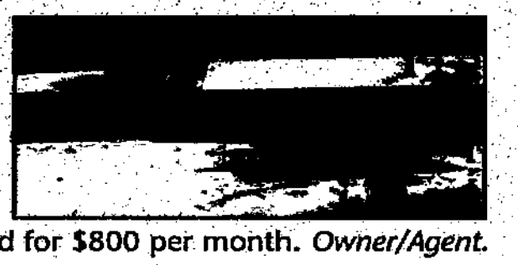

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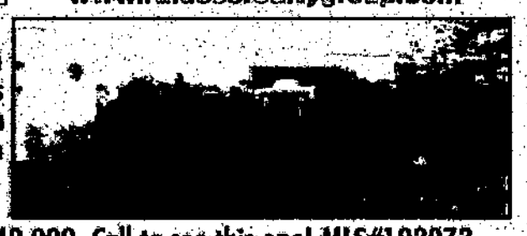

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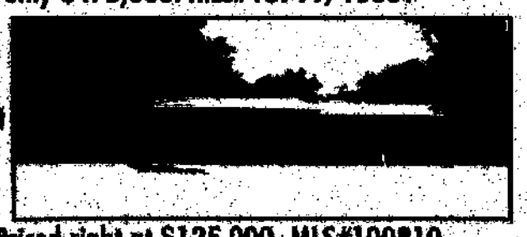

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MIDTOWN COMMERCIAL PROPERTY - with unlimited possibilities. The house has two bedrooms, 1 bath, with great potential. Will sell AS IS!! $170,000 #101777 or #101788

THIS UNIQUE PIECE OF RUIDOSO IN PRESTIGIOUS UPPER CANYON has great potential for rental or home with guest quarters. 7 bedrooms, 1 full and two .75 baths with almost unlimited possibilities. Home has level and easy access and up-to-code electrical. You can sit and relax on the covered back porch and hear the river. $284,000 #101121 or #101192

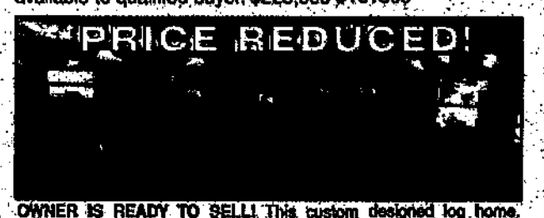
NICELY REMODELED older singlewide on 3 lots containing 1.5 treed acres. Large living room with wood stove. Open kitchen with all new cabinets and tile floors. Beautiful remodeled bathroom, roomy bedrooms. Unfurnished room off one of the bedrooms would make a great office. Nice deck w/ great views. Workshop/garage with concrete floor. $135,000 #102364

LOVELY LOCATION IN UPPER CANYON! Fully furnished, 4 bedroom, 2 bath with fireplace, will sleep a bunch! Easy year round access, great rental potential. 100% financing available to qualified buyer. $225,000 #101560

THE COE RANCH, THIS MAGNIFICENT ADOBE HACIENDA, is situated on land that is rich not only its abundance of water and beauty but is also rich with history. Lincoln County's most historic ranch was established in 1882 following the Lincoln County War. Located only 17 mi. east of Ruidoso & 55 west of Roswell on U.S. Hwy 70 in Glencoe, NM, the ranch consists of 258 acres +/- including 88 acres of water rights. The Rio Ruidoso River runs through the ranch and the ranch adjoins the Lincoln Nat'l Forest. The hacienda contains 6000 +/- sq.ft. of living space, 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths and is surrounded by beautiful gardens. The home will sell fully furnished and is enhanced by some antique pieces chosen by David Corley Interiors of Santa Fe. Over 10 irrigated pastures containing more than 85 acres will provide plenty of feed for livestock. Included are many outbuildings, a double-wide manufactured home, a game room & all farming equipment. Offered at $5,395,000. #102137

FEATURED LISTING: PRICE REDUCED!!

COME AND TAKE A LOOK. Listed on the National Historic Registry, Billy the Kid was held here at the Ellis Store prior to his trial during the Lincoln County War. The house has a beautiful kitchen, excellent dining room and sitting room, bedrooms that make you feel as if you have stepped back in time. There is so much charm in this historic property. Only 8 owners for this beautiful place in 158 years. Turnkey business opportunity is currently operated as a Country Inn. There are numerous commercial uses or simply a historic grand home. $750,000 #102488

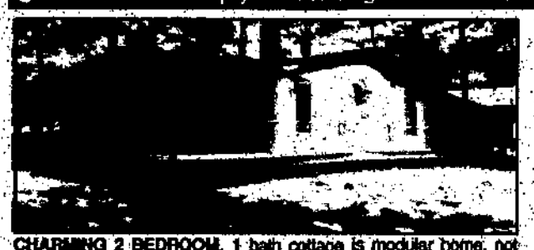


OWNER IS READY TO SELL! This custom designed log home. Situated on two lots. 4 bedrooms, 4 bath, the entry level of the home has a huge game room with a large bedroom and bath, laundry room and garage entry. The Living area has towering windows and a magnificent floor to ceiling stone fireplace, lustrous 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. OWNER IS ANXIOUS! PRICE REDUCED!!! $1,199,000 #102020

AN ORIGINAL RUIDOSO CABIN - 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Fully furnished in the middle of town. 3 lots with level entry into home. Forest thinning is going to be completed. What a great opportunity for the perfect rental property or vacation home. $128,500 #103145

THIS GREAT 2 BEDROOM 1.75 BATH CABIN has beautiful wood floors, a wood-burning FP and nice yard all within walking distance of Midtown. Remodel includes new gas-forced air heating and new 3/4 bath in Master. Double garage with workspace and electricity. This is a must see adorable country cabin. $159,900 #101574

DESIRABLE END UNIT, LOWER LEVEL CONDO Extra neat & clean, 2 bdrm, 2 bath on Cree Meadows Golf Course. On-site management if you decide to rent. Furn. negotiable. $140,000 #101488



CHARMING 2 BEDROOM, 1 bath cottage is modular home, not mobile home. New exterior paint! This one won't last long! Beautiful flat lot with trees, great for kids or pets. Lrg covered wraparound deck w/ screened-in porch area in back for comfortable outdoor living. Newer furnace, washer & refrigerator. Skylight in living room & beautiful large rock FP. Bedrooms are good size too. $125,000 #102956

EXCELLENT LOCATION - 2 bedroom, 2 bath cozy cabin in the Pines! Tastefully remodeled this cute little cabin has a fireplace, large master bedroom, deck over looking creek, fenced backyard, double carport and utility room. Front yard has a cinderblock and pipe fence. Great for a second home or full time residence. $175,000 #103259

CAPITAN ACREAGE - Mobiles and horses ok. All utilities available except sewer. Beautiful views, residential or commercial use. Will have well sharing agreement. Listing Agent part owner. $45,000 #13476

COUNTRY LIVIN'. This 3 bdrm, 2 bath home has the perfect view of Sierra Blanca from the front and the Capitans from the back. Just recently connected to city water, but still has well. New plumbing fixtures. Room for horses and space to ride. $195,000 #102479

OWNER IS ANXIOUS TO SELL! 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. $159,000 #101948

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

2 BEDROOM 2 BATH older singlewide on .55 acres. Large deck in front, unfinished 2 car garage. Metal roof on garage and house. Needs updating. Has well and septic. $55,000 #102030

ALTO LOT - .3 acres almost level, wooded lot with easy access. All utilities available. $46,900 #15735

BEAUTIFUL VACANT LOT WITH MOUNTAIN VIEWS - Come and see this build able, street to street lot in nice area with mountain views. All city utilities available. $62,500 #103241

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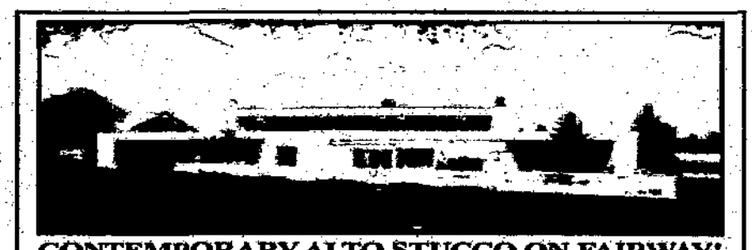
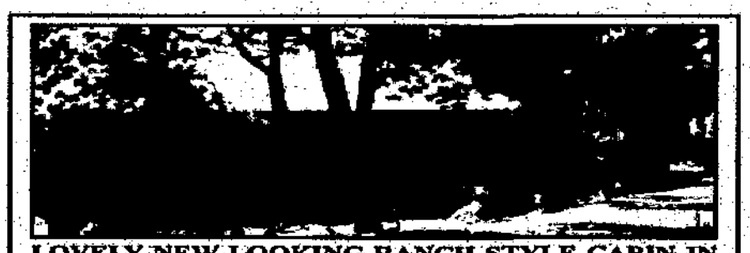
PERFECT GOLF COURSE SETTING!
Beautiful covered porch w/ outdoor FP & TV overlooking #4 fairway. All granite kit. w/wine cooler & upgraded stainless appliances. 1 level, beautifully decorated, lots of tile, gated front patio, ref. air, 3 car gar., + office. Furn. pkg. avail. $529,000. #102368.

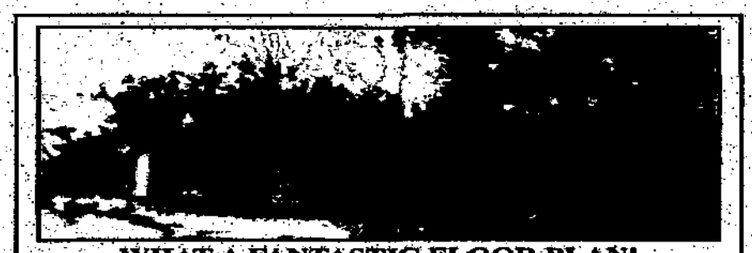
DREAMS CAN COME TRUE!
Hilltop views from this very special Ruidoso log home. This one has it all...fully furnished with log style furnishings. Knock out Sierra Blanca views to the west and Capitan views to the east. One level living with garage below. $449,750. #102856.



CONTEMPORARY ALTO STUCCO ON FAIRWAY!
This full golf architectural beauty has a super open concept plan with wonderful fairway views. Master has it's own fireplace and "his and her baths"! Wet bar w/ice maker too. Close to clubhouse! $439,500. #103484.



LOVELY NEW LOOKING RANCH STYLE CABIN IN THE PINES. Intriguing mtn. cliff views. Wood windows & easy care wood look floors. Airy raised ceilings. Charming wood FP w/stone hearth. Lrg. covered front deck w/double atrium doors. Open back deck off dining. One level living w/att. double gar. Metal roof. $245,333. #103222.

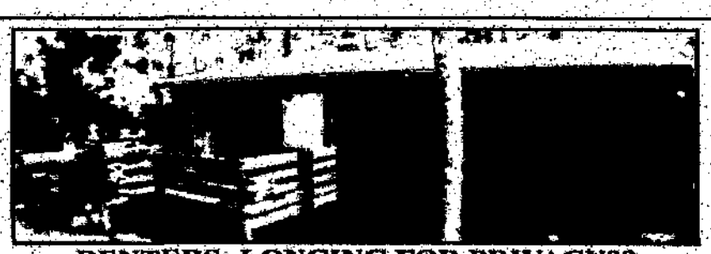


WHAT A FANTASTIC FLOOR PLAN!
Very clean 3 bdrm., 2 bath, well maintained home. Big deck, nice rock work, plenty of storage, lots of windows, single level w/no stair entry. This is the perfect full time home or mtn. getaway. $239,500. #101211.

VERY QUIET, COZY & PEACEFUL
3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath cabin, among tall pines & singing birds. Lots of wood accents in floors, walls & ceilings. Mostly furnished. Nice rustic white oak wood beds included. Must see! $224,888. #102012.

CARRIZO CREEK IN YOUR BACK YARD
This very clean 3 bdrm., 2 bath home is ready for you to move into. Fully furnished with great access to all of Ruidoso. 1680 sq. ft. $189,500. #102845.

IMMACULATE SOPHISTICATION
Furnished w/quality...pleasure to show, update only 3 years ago. Hot tub upper deck, gas logs, surround sound electronics, 4 TV's, close to casino & shopping. $177,700. #103430.



RENTERS: LONGING FOR PRIVACY??
Come home to a place where you'll really belong. A 3 bdrm., 2 bath contemporary where you do as you please. Enjoy the convenience of level entry, living area, kitchen & mstr. bdrm. on first floor. Located on a cul-de-sac overlooking the fairway at Cree Meadows. $174,500. #103268.

ACREAGE W/ AMAZING VIEWS. Sierra Blanca & Capitan. The land is flat & very usable...home was built in 1998 is well taken care of. Some features include an open floor plan w/tons of kit. cabinets all w/ oak facing. ADA accessible ramp. Call for more info! $159,900. #103457.

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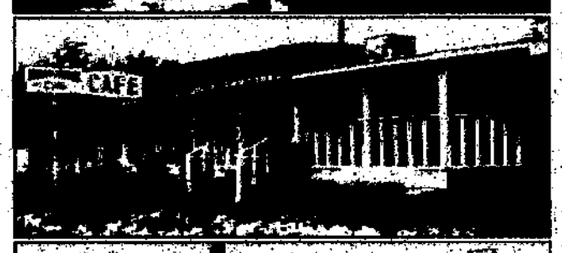

Here's the perfect opportunity to own your own restaurant! Located right on Hwy 70 in Hondo, New Mexico. Sits on .85 acre with plenty of room to expand! Includes land, building, and ALL equipment and furniture!
$159,000
MLS# 103524

CUTE, CUTE, CUTE!
Rarely used, 2004 Palm Harbor home looking for new owner! Great home, great location, ready for you to move in to! Open floor plan, fenced yard, 3 BR / 2 BA with great kitchen!
$133,000
MLS# 102022

WOW!
Look at the view you will enjoy from the over-sized deck of this wonderful updated condo, 2 BR / 2 BA. Parking in front and back - only two steps at back entrance!
$121,900
MLS# 103391

GREAT BUY!!
Two living areas, wood floors, granite countertops, large master - open floor plan. Priced more than $30,000 below last appraisal @
$309,900!
MLS# 101738

NESTLED IN THE PINES!
Relax on the large deck of this brand new 2700 sf 3 BR / 2 BA home on 5+ acres. Huge bonus/game room. Lots of wildlife and plenty of room for a barn!
$409,000
MLS# 103527

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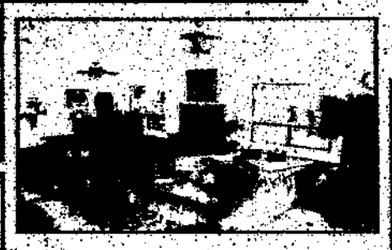
3/2 FP social membership. Beautifully furnished SANTA FE stucco style. Wooded valley & soft mountain view. Huge front & back porch deck & hot tub.



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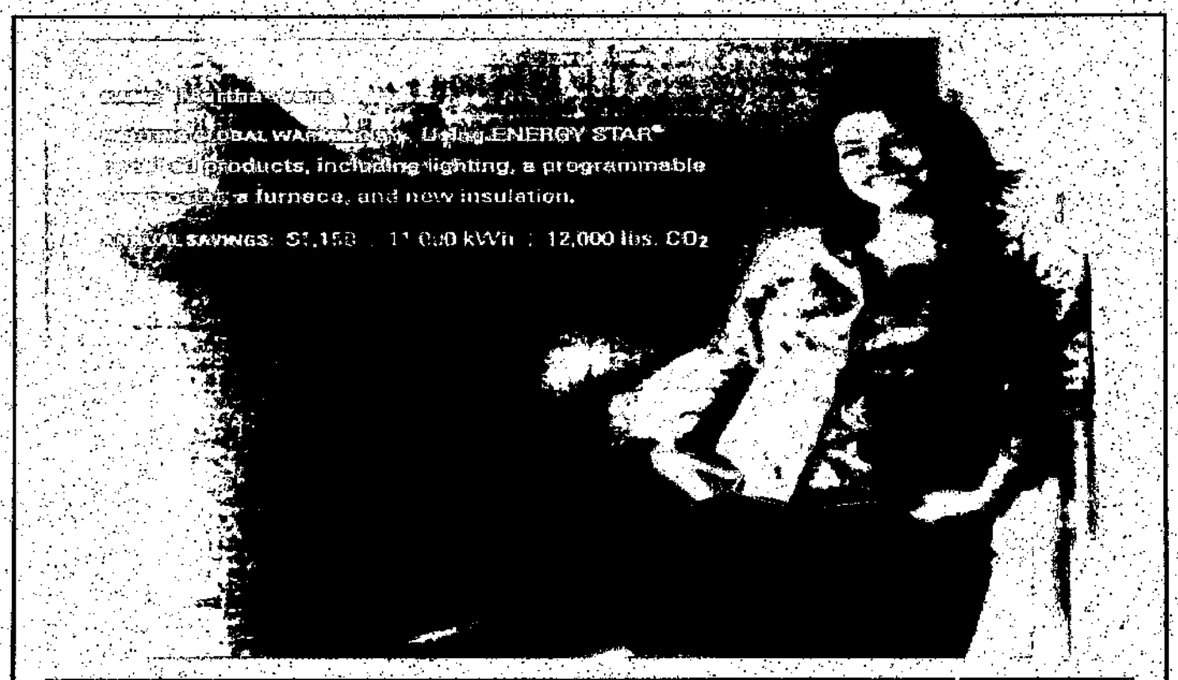

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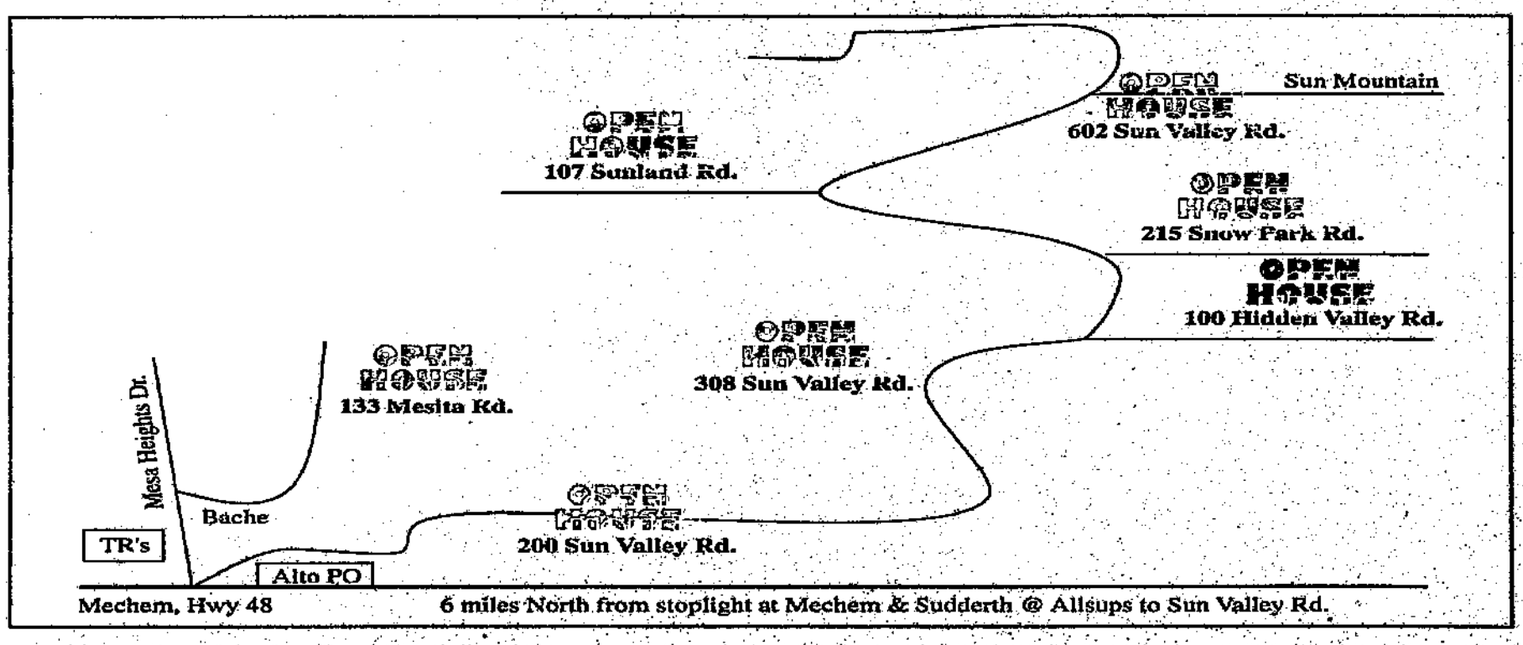

133 MESITA

(In Enchanted Mesa Sd.)
Peace & quiet surround this adorable 4 bdr/2.5 ba Victorian home on 4.7 Ac. Large sunroom. Would make a great family retreat. Horses allowed. Mary Weaver 575-937-5229 Prudential Lynch Realty
$535,000 • #103123

200 SUN VALLEY RD

Darling 3/2 country cottage with covered/uncovered decks on .52 Ac. Separate living quarters, shed, fenced yard, A/C.

Denise Hawthorne 575-937-5918
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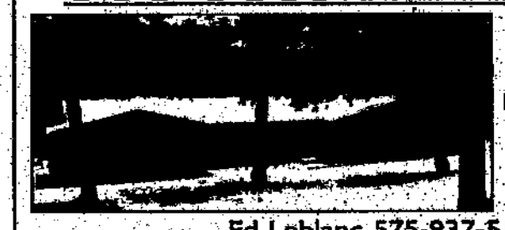
$259,000 • #101501

308 SUN VALLEY RD.



Newly remodeled 3/3 Southwest style with 2 kitchens on .53 Ac. Separate apartment below.

Ed Leblanc 575-937-5112
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$294,000 • #102868

100 HIDDEN VALLEY RD.

Excellent 3/2 home nestled on .43 Ac. lot amongst the tall pines. Decks galore. Large living w/fireplace and rich wood tones.

Paul Park
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$199,500 • #100709

215 SNOW PARK RD.

New 4 bdr/3.5 ba home on 1.75 Ac. Huge kitchen, large living w/vaulted ceilings, 2 triple garages.

Rose Reynolds 575-973-1260
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$595,000 • #101878

107 SUNLAND RD.

Beautiful 2/2 home with a great sun room on .51 Ac. Custom built by Osborne Const.

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$271,500 • #101545

602 SUN VALLEY RD.

Remodeled 2/2 set in the woods with lovely pines on .436 Ac. Stacked rock fireplace, granite counter tops, hickory cabinets.

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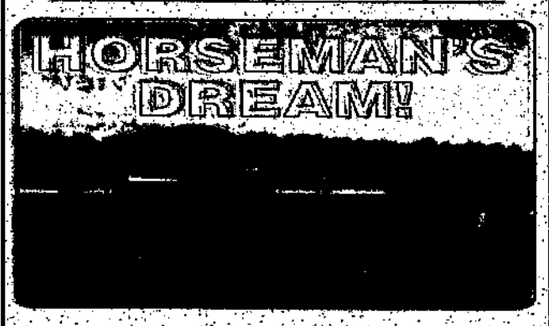
149 Saddle Back Road, Alto



2756 SF Custom 4 BD / 2 BA on 6 AC and bordering Little Creek, less than a mile from the Spencer. This beautiful prop. Has it all. Fabulous SB views from lg. Covered patio. Main house tiled throughout w/ carpeted BDs, open great room w/kiva FP, custom cabinets, Jacuzzi tub in master, Jenn-Aire stove, lg. Walk-in pantry. Oversized 2 car garage w/ add'l storage. Plus separate bunkhouse, tack room, 6 cov'd stalls, 6 paddocks, lg. Pasture. Private well w/ storage tank. **MLS 103109**

$595,000 • 215 Snow Park, Alto

4 BD / 1 BA, 2-3/4 BA, 1/2 BA, Fabulous mtn. Home on 1.75 AC 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. 2 triple garages, RV storage have in floor heat, completely finished. SF Per seller. **MLS 101878**

$600,000 • 108 Park Place, Ruidoso

4 BD / 3 ½ 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, 9' 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 ruidosoretreat.com for more info and photos. **MLS# 102957**

$159,900 • 513 Second Street, Ruidoso

2 BD / 1 & ¾ BA Perfect, cozy cabin in the woods. Huge corner lot. Beautifully furn'd, fully renovated, new wood flrs,carpet, central heat, skylights, updated baths, refrig., ext. Paint, new roof, driveway, lot cleared to forestry standards. **MLS 101656**

$169,000 • 112 North Street, Ruidoso

Terrific 2 BD / 2 BA cabin in the best location on North St. Fully and tastefully furnished, impeccably maintained. Big SB views, fenced, great deck in front to gaze at the mtn. **MLS 103538**

$218,000 • 214 Metz Drive, #248, Ruidoso

3 BD / 3 1/2 BA spacious, fully furnished condo in desirable Innsbrook, 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**

$125,000 • 110 Jack Little Dr. #C5

Well maintained, desirable end unit in fabulous Pinon Park. Gas log FP, full size washer/dryer, newer heating/AC. Private balcony off master BD. Covered deck at entry. On site prop. Management and maintenance. Cozy home for year round enjoyment. **MLS 103383**

$405,000 • Sundance

9 Acres! Dramatic Sierra Blanca views from one of the largest tracts in gated section of Sundance sub. Overlooks Sierra Blanca, Links Golf Course and Valley. This is the newest, most prestigious area in Lincoln County, with million dollar homes being built in the area.. **MLS 103066**

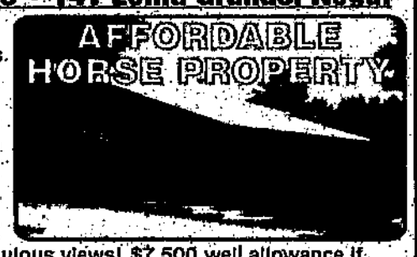
$175,000 • Canaan Trail, North Alto

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

$500,000 • Hwy 37, Nogal

40 AC adjoining Nat'l Forest. Spectacular acreage, perfect for a horseman's ranch or for someone who loves wide open spaces. Gently rolling hills with approximately 750 ft of Lincoln Nat'l Forest frontage. Easy year round access off of Hwy 37 just north of Ruidoso. This is a beautiful piece of land and one of the few lg. unrestricted tracts left in the county. **MLS 102064**

$259,000 • 141 Loma Grande, Nogal



3 BD / 2 BA cabin. A horse lover's dream + easy Nat'l Forest access. True log home on 2 secluded acres. Tack room and corral. Deck, hot tub, privacy and fabulous views! $7,500 well allowance if necessary. **MLS 100962**

$90,000 • 248 Antelope Trail, Mescal - 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# 102522**

$139,000 • 400 Sutter Road, Ruidoso Downs 3 BD / 2 BA Mfgd home w/ 2 living areas, fully fenced front yard, Tons of kitchen cabinets, sep. dining area. Master bath w/ garden tub + his and her sinks. Well maintained. **MLS# 101522**

$179,000 • 110 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/ pwr lift. Master BD has vaulted ceilings, wrap deck and Jacuzzi tub. Tons of storage and new roof. **MLS 101540**

$179,000 • 104 Sun Mesa, Ruidoso Furnished 480 cabin in the tall pines. New tile, wood floors, new window coverings, light fixtures, handplank siding, and new washer/dryer. Great deck w/ views of the tree tops. Beautiful rock FP. **MLS# 102446**

$127,000 • 100 Cranberry Rd., Capitan Great split flr plan in remodeled doublewide. All new stainless appliances, new wiring, new kitchen counter tops, new water heater, new back deck. Plenty of storage, lg closets, 2 sheds (1 w/elec.) Lg 1-1/2 AC lot has beautiful views. Lg enclosed garden area, circular drive, RV access. Great Value! **MLS# 102983**

$199,000 • 213 Maverick Court, Alto 4 BD / 2 BA Very spacious TRIPLE wide, on quiet cul-de-sac, oversized 2-car garage, great split flr plan, lg BDs & an add'l office. Huge walk-in closet in master. Kitchen has island & bright open breakfast nook. Cathedral ceilings in living area & formal dining room. Extra rm being added for exercise or reading. Fully fenced yard, nicely landscaped, great for children or pets. **MLS# 102969**

$199,000 • 1230 Mescal #13, Ruidoso 4 BD / 2 -½ BA - Beautiful condo in The Springs. 2 FPs, 3 covered decks, wet bar. Master walk level. Upstairs loft great for an office, Garden like setting, garage, perfect or part-time home. **MLS# 101536**

$209,900 • 404 Alpine Village Road, Ruidoso 4 BD / 2 + 3/4 + 1/2 BA home in secluded setting close to town. Hot tub on huge deck overlooking forest. Fully furnished with colorful decor. Great kitchen, big FP, oversized windows, vaulted ceilings. Lots of storage. Fabulous rental history. Adjoining lot available. **MLS# 100749**

$229,000 • 301 Bancroft, Capitan 3 BD / 2 BA 15 acres beautiful land Capitan views, seasonal creek. Mfgd home w/ new tile, wood floor, triple detached garage. Excellent home prop. See also MLS #s. 101761-6.8 acres and 101760-15 acres. **MLS# 101763**

$247,000 • 110 Alonka's Court 3 BD / 2 BA 2,774 sf. home in secluded Mtn. setting close to town. Perfect for a large family, lots of decks and remodeled baths. Fully furnished with great rental potential. **MLS# 103067**

$139,000 • 213 Whitefield Super clean, newly remodeled, 3/2 split flr plan w/2 sep. living area, rock FP, vaulted ceilings. Walk to kitchen. All new bling, new light fixtures, new trig., spacious kitchen, comfy master. Perfect affordable vacation home or investment prop.

$299,000 • 200 Big Bear Road, Alto Beautifully remodeled and added to. Charming mountain home feels like a ski lodge. Silver Plume and Eagle Creek border both sides of the prop. Great nightly rental potential. Wildlife abounds. True feeling of being in the "great outdoors".

$123,000 • 300 Cimarron's Run Dr., Ruidoso Downs MOVE IN READY! 2BD/2BA fully furn. Condo. Great as weekend getaway, rental prop., or full time. Granite tile counter tops, quality carpet, tasteful tile, vaulted ceilings, knotty pine sunroom, cov'd parking. Enjoy mtn. Views, pool, nearby casino and racetrack. Condo fees incl. Outside maint., pool, water, trash and snow removal. **MLS 103166**

$299,500 • 303 White Mtn. Meadows Beautiful new const. In prestigious White Mtn. Meadows. 3 BD / 2BA Master bath has Jacuzzi tub, walk-in closet. Lg. open kitchen w/ grand island, blt appliances, rustic Hickory cabinets. Dbl attached garage, cov'd deck and cozy FP complete this home.

$129,000 • 107B Sun Mesa, Ruidoso 3 BD / 1-3/4 BA mfg. Home w/add-on. 2+ acres. Lg. Living area, breakfast bar, wood stove, cov'd front deck. Lg. Workshop/carport, pump house, and add'l shed. 300' of Hwy 380 frontage + half mile N. Of Hwy 70. Great location to live, set up shop, or both! **MLS 103215**

$139,000 • 104 White Mtn. Dr. #406 Great, super clean condo in Whispering Bluff. New carpet, laminate bling, interior paint and nice appliances. One of the larger 2 BD / 1-½ BA units and move-in ready. Convenient location across from The Links walking path. **MLS 103242**

$119,000 • 100 Hawkins Road, Capitan 2 BD / 2 BA nice, clean mf'd home on 1.5 acres of horse prop. Vaulted ceilings, garden tub in master bath, 2 cov'd 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 101901**

$241,000 • 121 Albuquerque, Ruidoso 380/ 28A1/2-BA/3/4-BA Beautiful new const., high efficiency home in Upper Canyon. Granite counter tops, upgraded fixtures, bamboo flooring, pine ceilings, Anderson Low-E windows, solid wood doors, Heatilator FP, 2 lg decks to enjoy the views. 2 living areas, one w/ private entrance. **MLS 102717**

$224,000 • 210 Crocodile Lane, Ruidoso 380/28A Beautiful home in a great location. New furnace, air conditioner, and hot water heater. Great views of the Nat'l Forest, and Valley. Fully furnished but never rented. **MLS 102190**

$294,000 • 2428 Sunset Street Dr. Fully furn. 380/2-1/2BA w/ 2 living areas. - High BDs. Master has Jacuzzi tub, sep. Shower, walk-in closet, & Bose surround sound. Outstanding has wet bar, frig and Bose. New furnace, AC, skylights, newer appliances and 3 covered decks, fenced yard and dbl. Attached garage. **MLS 103247**

$277,000 • 115 Bell Road, Ruidoso Beautiful lg home w/pine wood accents, vaulted ceilings, new kitchen counters, and stone FP. 3 master bedroom suites. Main master has Jacuzzi tub, walk-in shower, fireplace and huge closet with built-ins. Lower master has sep. Entrance, and plumbing for a kitchenette. Tons of storage.

$139,000 • 112 North Street, Ruidoso Terrific 2 BD / 2 BA cabin in the best location on North St. Fully & tastefully furnished, impeccably maintained. Big SB views, fenced, great deck in front to gaze at the mtn!

$189,500 • 292 Smith, Ruidoso Great location! Only 1/2 blk to Links Walking Path and close to midtown. Nice wooded lot, great covered back deck, circular drive w/ampit, huge built-in FP, modeled bath, fenced backyard, workshop, and lg. storage room. Lg. kitchen and dining area are perfect for family gatherings. **MLS 103278**

$259,000 • 101 Double Lane, Ruidoso 3 BD / 2 BA Absolutely the most beautiful mfg'd home ever! Couple that with almost 1 acre, very quiet neighborhood, and close to town, you have a home priced to sell. Looks like built. **MLS# 102492**

$209,000 • 110 Berry Court, Alto Lakes 3 BD / 1 & ½ BA 2500 SF newly remodeled on peaceful cul-de-sac. Beautiful treed lot w/ plenty of sun. This very well kept home has vaulted ceilings, see-thru FP, gorgeous tile and wood floors, new s/s appliances, custom cabinets, designer interior paint, central vac, A/C & tons of storage. Sep. entry to studio/office w/ complete darkroom available and ½ BA could be easily converted to a gameroom. Fantastic views of Capitan Gap from huge windows. Alto Social membership included. **MLS 103332**

$139,000 • 213 Whitefield Super clean, newly Remodeled, 3/2 split floor plan w/ 2 sep. living areas, rock fireplace, vaulted ceilings, just 2 blks from Midtown. All new flooring, new light fixtures, new trig., spacious Kitchen, comfy Master. Perfect vacation home or investment prop.

$199,000 • 213 Whitefield, Ruidoso Neighborhood const. Living just one block south of Sudderth. 2 homes on one. Can be home when, guest house OR a perfect live/work location. Front house has 2 BD / 1 BA, new floors, great FP, all appliances, covered back deck. Back house has 2BD / ½ BA + ½ BA and handicapped accessible. 2 storage sheds, 1 w/elec. Great rental investment prop. Or live in one and work in the other! **MLS 103146 & 103147**

$229,000 • 108 Monica's Court, Ruidoso 2 BD / 1-¾ BA very well maintained home on quiet cul-de-sac. New appliances, negotiable. Each rm has a thermostat. Rock gas fireplace. Ceiling fans. Large covered deck. Extra room could be 3rd bedroom. Plenty of storage. **MLS# 102683**

$44,000 • 290 Bonito Dr., Ruidoso Awesome 480/38A mtn. Retreat at top of Cedar Creek w/ spectacular west views of SB and Nat'l Forest frontage. Cathedral ceilings, private loft w. Deck and FP, knotty pine throughout, southwest décor, maple/oak furniture and several bear carvings. Lg. Wrap around deck w/ hot tub. Secluded and fully furnished. Excellent rental history.

$299,000 • 112 Mountain Sun Trail, Alto 480/4BA Spacious condo in Alto Mountain Village. 2 master suites, 3 FPs, beautiful dining area, Jacuzzi, dry sauna, weight system and oversized covered and uncovered decks w/ views of the Capitans. Lower level includes efficiency kitchen. **MLS# 103539**

COMMERCIAL

$224,000 • 108 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso - C2 Commercial Business. Huge bldg. 3 lg showrooms, storage office. Kitchen area, 2 restrooms, 2 levels, 2 storage and bays, large area has upgraded wiring. Huge storage area upstairs + 3 sm. Storage areas upstairs, 4 storage areas downstairs, swa Val system, elevator. **MLS# C102105.**

$75,000 • 1100 Eagle's Nest, Ruidoso - Wild West Dry Spa (Business Only) - Great opportunity! Full service dry spa & tanning salon. All equipment included: Mystic tanning booth, 4 Sunsome tanning beds, 3 stylist chairs, 2 shampoo bowls, facial room with equipment, etc. Five year lease at $750.00 per month. Visit the website www.wildwestdryspa.com. Established name and marketing program. **MLS 102368**

LAND FOR SALE

$47,000 • 112 Whitetail Dr., Ruidoso Beautiful wooded lot in Upper Canyon. Secluded w/nice views, great home sites 2 adj. lots avail. = almost a full acre in Upper Canyon. Also see MLS # 102009 and 102011. **MLS 102918**

$229,000 • Lot 33, Mule Mtn. Ranch. 11 AC w/ absolutely breathtaking views! See Sierra Blanca, Valley, Capitans, and Gruff. Must see! **MLS 102995 or MLS 102996**

$139,000 • Lot 21, Mule Mtn. Ranch, Alto 17+ AC Spectacular land w/views of Sierra Blanca, Capitans, Valleys and Spencer Theater. Beautiful escarpments all around. Paved roads. Gate Code 3453. Owner Agent. **MLS #102993 or MLS 102994**

$34,000 • Lot 32, Mule Mtn. Ranch. 15.6 AC of unspoiled panoramic views! Most dramatic views in Lincoln City of Sierra Blanca, Capitans, Sacramentos and Rio Bonito Valley. Paved roads, phone & elect. in. Abundant wildlife. **MLS 102969**

MOTIVATED SELLER - BUY ALL 80 PARTS! 000 10 Hwy 48, Alto 88312 - 1 const AC on Hwy 48 just south of Airport RA 1A2 Zoning. **MLS 100911 $40K** - 1+2 AC const, multi-family zoned, prime location. **MLS 100904 $40K** - 1/2 const multi-family zoned, prime location. **MLS 100903**

$99,000 • 10700 Hwy 380 - 4 Acs. In Hondo area backs up to Donaldson Ranch. Now has 2 paved mobil spaces @ $220 per month each. Included older single wide that is hot/cold up. Mostly level land w/ Hwy 380 frontage. **MLS 100348**

$99,000 • 28 Sundance Way, Alpine, NM Great 140 Acres in Windmill Ranches. Enjoy the peace and tranquility of country living, beautiful summer sunsets. Backs up to common area. Panoramic views of Capitans and Sierra Blanca. Perfect homesite or Land of Enchantment. **MLS 101068**

124 Alamosa - 78 AC $55,000 #100035
111 Alamosa - 5 AC $59,000 #100037
763 Big Pines #1 - 1+AC $33,500 #102431
115 Dryden - View Lot - $18,000 #102315
163 S. Candlewood - $21,000 #102315
196 Mule Over Alto - 1AC $34,900 #101475
Corner 48 & Northview - 3+AC $143,900 #102043
Northview Dr, Capitan - 1 AC $34,900 #11971
MM 18 Hwy 48 - 1 AC const MM $30,000 #10091
Cuenos Trail, North Alto - 10 AC w/360° views $175,000
Bancroft, Lot 30, Capitan - 6.6 AC w/views $45,000
Hwy 70, Hondo - Level horse prop. 62 acres $37,000
164 Whiteway - Upper Gyn lot w/utilities and $42,900

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931 State Highway 48 • Alto, NM 88312
(575) 336-7711 • Toll Free 888-336-7711
2205 Sudderth Drive • Ruidoso, NM 88345
(575) 257-7711 • Toll Free 866-480-3275
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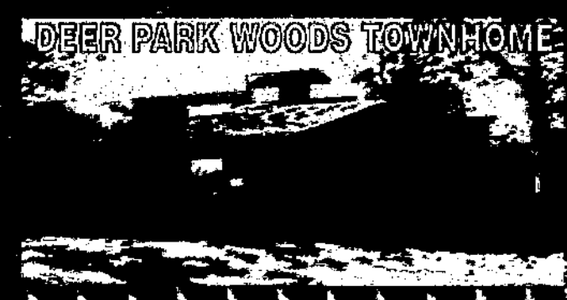
MLS# 100948 • $1,695,000
IMMACULATE & FULLY FURNISHED, 6104 sq.ft., 5 bdrms, 5 1-2 baths on 1.5 acres. Native stone & wood exterior, steel roof, outdoor living area & triple garage. Kitchen has granite counters, 2 dishwashers & 2 built-in ovens. Price incl 12 Jockey Club seats, Kokopelli Golf membership, & Alto Golf Membership.

MLS# 101806 • $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, new granite counters, triple garage, professionally landscaped with level access. Includes Alto golf membership



MLS# 101864 • $449,000
MINT CONDITION DEER PARK WOODS TOWNHOME WITH GOLF MEMBERSHIP. Approx. 2281 sq.ft., 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath. Recently remodeled with solid surface counters, New carpet & paint. Girrard roof. Like new appliances.

MLS# 103161 • $499,000
MAGNIFICENT MTN. HOME ON OVER 1.5 ACRES. Built in 2004, low maintenance stucco w/ metal roof. 3 bdrms, 3 bths, 2 master suites, 2 living areas, wet bar, study area upstairs. Stainless appliances & granite counters. Vaulted ceilings, wood & tile flooring. In-floor radiant heat.

MLS#102186 • $3,500,000
BIG MOUNTAIN VIEWS! Beautiful Ranch North of Ruidoso. 1100 deeded acres. 4040 acre forest permit, 160 acre state lease. Permitted to run 90 animal units per year. High meadows, Ponderosa Pine, Juniper & Cedar. Deeded land is surrounded by National forest. Some Hwy 37 & Hwy 48 frontage.

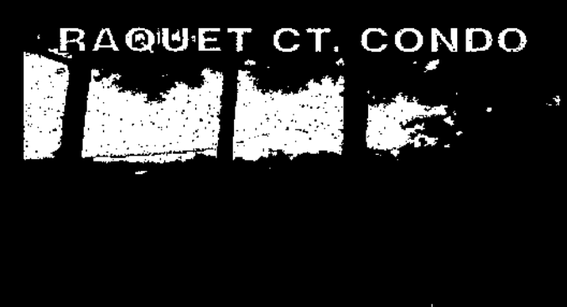
MLS# 16993 • $187,000
CHARMING, ONE LEVEL HOME WITH SIERRA BLANCA VIEW. Approx. 1253 sq.ft. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, large deck, paved drive, close to town. Some furnishings stay.

MLS# 102984 • $365,000
BEAUTIFUL LOCATION IN HONDO VALLEY. 4 bdrm, 2 bath, approx 1980 sq. ft. Triple wide on 6.8 acres. 4.5 acre ft. of water rights. 500 gpm well. 90+ fruit trees, 120 2,500 sq. ft. shops + 1,200 sq.ft. 3 sided shed

MLS#102885 • $2,575,000
FANTASTIC HORSE PROPERTY ON 50 ACRES. Beautiful main house built in 2003, approx 4633 sq. ft. 3 bdrm, 3 bath. High end finishes. 10 ft. ceilings, & 8 ft. doors. Theater room. 3 car garage 13 stall barn, round pen, roping arena, caretakers house + 3 more guest houses.

MLS# 102128 • $118,400
COMPLETELY REMODELED CONDO FULLY FURNISHED W/ FIREPLACE. Approx. 1,092 sq. ft. 2 bdrm, 2 1-2 bath. New carpet, blinds and hot water tank. One of the nicest in complex.

MLS# 101930 • $799,500
BRAND NEW SANTA FE STYLE ONE LEVEL HOME. 1.5% CORNER LOT! 3922 sq.ft. + 686 sq.ft. heated triple garage. 3 bdrm, 2 living areas, media room, granite tops, finishes and golf membership.



MLS# 101700 • $299,000
DOUBLE UNIT AT RAQUET COURT CONDOS. Great Sierra Blanca view. Double attached garage. Large master suite, spacious living area, separate dining, study. Fireplace, refrigerated air, and all extra features.

$1,660,500 • MLS# 101397
WONDERFUL CUSTOM LOG HOME IN THE UPPER CANYON ON THE RIVER! 4 bdrm, 3 1-2 bath. Beautiful new hardwood floors, lots of decks overlooking the river. Hot tub. Large 2 car garage with full bath over garage.

RUIDOSO NEWS

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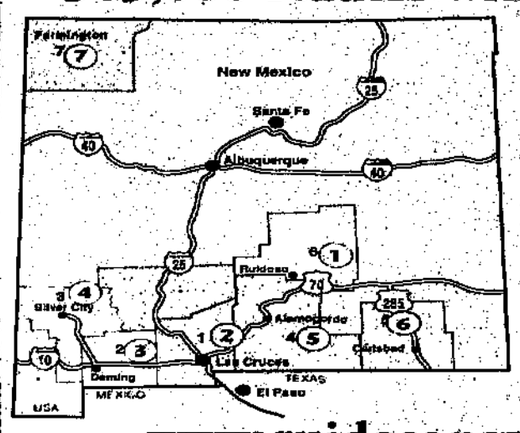

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MESCALERO Apache SCHOOL

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

NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR BIDS

Bid File #1 0809
Playground Equipment

The Mecalero Apache School is soliciting sealed bids for playground equipment that is age-appropriate for three to five year olds. The new equipment will be located in an already existing chain link fence. Copies of the specifications can be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent at 249 White Mountain Drive, Mescalero, NM 88340 or by phone (575) 464-4431.

In order to be considered, all bids must be received at the Office of the Superintendent no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 28, 2008. NO FACSIMILE TRANSMISSIONS SHALL BE ACCEPTED. All bids must be addressed as follows:

Dr. J Charles Harrison, Superinendent
Playground Equipment Bid #1 0809
P.O. Box 230; 249 White Mountain Drive
Mescalero, NM 88340

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

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

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO

In the Matter of the Estate of EDWARD G. FLECK Deceased

CAUSE NO. PB-08-24 DIVISION III

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

FRANKYE KEISLING FLECK has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of EDWARD G. FLECK, Deceased. 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 to the Personal Representative, c/o Michael S. Line, Attorney at Law, Box 519, Ruidoso, New Mexico, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Frankye Keisling Fleck

Michael S. Line
Attorney at Law
Box 519
Ruidoso, NM 88355
(575) 258-4636

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Village of Ruidoso Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the joint Ruidoso Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zoning Authority will hold a Public Hearing on August 11th, 2008 in conjunction with their regular scheduled meeting at 6:30 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Council Chambers at Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, New Mexico. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear two cases.

1) Appeal, case # ET ZAP08-002 denial of ETZPSD08-001 for 48 Gaylian Canyon, Lot 53A, Barney Luck sub., Ruidoso, NM. Dave Robinson, owner/agent.

2) Appeal, case # ET ZAP08-001 approval of ETZPSD08-001 for 1700 Mechem Dr., Lot 11, Block 2, Alto Crest sub. Dennis McMillan owner/agent.

Anyone having questions concerning this case should contact the Village of Ruidoso Planning Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Village Administrative Offices are located at 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345 or call 258-4343 Ext 1062.

s/ Shawn Fort, Land Development Coordinator

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(B) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 10-15-1 to 10-15-4) states that, except as may be otherwise provided by the Constitution or the Open Meetings Act, all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, council, commission, administrative adjudicatory body or other policy making body of any state or local public agency held for the purpose of formulating public policy, including the development of personnel policy, rules or regulations, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of or the delegated authority of such body, are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times; and

WHEREAS, any meetings subject to the Open Meetings Act at which the discussion or adoption of any proposed resolution, rule, regulation or formal action occurs shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the Capitan Municipal Schools Board of Education to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Capitan Municipal Schools Board of Education that

1 All Meetings shall be held at the Capitan School Board Room at 6:30 p.m. or as otherwise indicated in the meeting notice.

Regular Meetings

2 Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings shall be held each month on the second Thursday of each month. The agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting from the Superintendent whose office is located in Capitan, New Mexico. Notice of any other regular meetings will be given ten (10) days in advance of the meeting date. The notice shall indicate how a copy of the agenda may be obtained.

Special and Emergency Meetings

3 Special meetings may be called by the President or a majority of the members upon three (3) days notice. The notice shall include an agenda for the meeting or information on how members of the public may obtain a copy of the agenda. The agenda shall be available to the public at least twenty-four (24) hours before any special meeting.

4 Emergency meetings will be called only under unforeseen circumstances which demand immediate action to protect the health, safety and property of citizens or to protect the public body from substantial financial loss. The Board will avoid emergency meetings whenever possible. Emergency meetings may be called by the President or a majority of the members upon twenty-four (24) hours notice, unless threat of personal injury or property damage requires less notice. The notice for all emergency meetings shall include an agenda for the meeting or information on how the public may obtain a copy of the agenda.

5 For the purposes of regular meetings described in paragraph 2 of this resolution, notice requirements are met if notice of the date, time, place and agenda is placed in newspapers of general circulation in the state and posted in the following locations: Capitan Post Office and the Office of the Superintendent. The Superintendent's Secretary shall also mail copies of the written notice to those broadcast stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and newspapers of general circulation which have made a written request for notice of public meetings.

6 For the purposes of special meetings and emergency meetings described in paragraph 3 and 4 of this resolution, notice requirements shall be met by posting notice of the date, time, place and agenda in the office of the Superintendent. The Superintendent's Secretary shall also provide telephone notice to those broadcast stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and newspapers of general circulation that have made a written request for notice of public meetings.

7 In addition to the information specified above, all notices shall include the following language.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the Superintendent's Secretary at 354-8500 at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible. Public documents, including the agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible formats. Please contact the Superintendent's Secretary at 354-8500 if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.

8 The Capitan Municipal Schools Board of Education may close a meeting to the public only if the subject matter of such discussion or action is exempted from the open meeting requirements under Section 10-15-1 (H) of the Open Meetings Act.

a If any meeting is closed during an open meeting, such closure shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Capitan Municipal Schools Board of Education taken during the open meeting. The authority for the closure and the subjects to be discussed shall be stated with reasonable specificity in the motion for closure and the vote on closure of each individual member shall be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects specified in the motion may be discussed in a closed meeting.

b If the decision to hold a closed meeting is made when the Capitan Municipal Schools Board of Education is not in an open meeting, the closed meeting shall not be held until public notice appropriate under the circumstances stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting and the subjects to be discussed with reasonable specificity is given to the members and to the general public.

c Following completion of any closed meeting, the minutes of the open meeting that was closed, or the minutes of the next open meeting if the closed meeting was separately scheduled, shall state whether the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion or notice for closure.

d Except as provided in section 10-15-1 (H) of the Open Meetings Act, any action taken as a result of discussions in a closed meeting shall be made by vote of the Capitan Municipal Schools Board of Education in an open public meeting.

9 The Board recognizes that Board members will occasionally attend social events, community functions, school activities or programs, athletic events or meetings of other groups or entities, or be present at local commercial establishments. In the event a quorum of the membership of the Board is present on such occasions, a violation of this resolution and the Open Meetings Act does not occur so long as the board members do not discuss school business or prospective Board actions as described in this resolution. By adoption of this resolution, each member represents and agrees to abide by these limitations and not to engage in such discussions outside the context of a duly-called board meeting that complies with the Open Meeting Act.

Adoption

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Education of the Capitan

Legal Notices 152

Municipal Schools on July 10, 2008, at a public meeting, held after reasonable notice to the public pursuant to the Board's existing notice of policy.

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Help wanted Station Clerk. Part or Full. Apply with in @ 400 Sudderth or call 575-257-6797

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Artists wanted for 11th annual Arts in the Orchard. To be held Sept. 6 & 7 in Lincoln. Contact Sue at 630-0044

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Now hiring a Full Time year round Sales Assoc. 3-4 days a week. Extremely flexible. Apply in person @ 2316 Sudderth

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ALAMOGORDO DAILY NEWS

General Assignment Reporter

The Alamogordo Daily News is seeking a strong general assignment reporter to join our newsroom. This position will be a member of the team implementing change in our newsroom as we move toward a fully integrated multi-media operation. The successful candidate must have a traditional journalistic skill set along with an open, creative approach to the dissemination of news and information. Online, niche and the core product all are treated equally in our shop.

Basic requirements include a degree in journalism or related field. Web savvy and other tech skills are a definite plus.

The Daily News is an 8,500-circulation six-day daily (and an average of 550,000 monthly web page views) located in the beautiful Tularosa Basin in southern New Mexico. We are 85 miles north of El Paso, Texas, and 15 miles west of the Lincoln National Forest. Alamogordo is the home of Holloman Air Force base and the unbelievable White Sands National Monument.

We are an equal opportunity employer. We recognize and appreciate the benefits of diversity in the workplace. Those who share this belief or reflect a diverse background are encouraged to apply. In addition to a competitive salary, we offer excellent benefits including medical, dental, vision, spending account, 401(k), and an opportunity for outstanding growth potential. Our concern is for the health and safety of our employees; therefore we offer a smoke-free work environment and conduct pre-employment drug testing.

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Alamogordo Daily News
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Alamogordo, NM 88310
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Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District

Permanent, Part-Time Utility Clerk

Proficiency in MS Word and Excel required. Bookkeeping experience with A/R or A/P data entry preferred. Application procedure is available at www.wsd.altolakes.net "Job Openings", or call 575-336-4333.

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Busy Community Mental Health Center seeking:

SATELLITE CLINIC DIRECTOR
to oversee all managerial/supervisory functions in our Ruidoso clinic. Minimum qualifications include a master's degree in psychology, social work or closely related field, independent licensure in NM (LPCC, LMFT or LISW) and five years of proven leadership experience. This position serves as an integral part of the executive management team.

MENTAL HEALTH THERAPISTS
to provide assessment and treatment services in our Alamogordo and Ruidoso clinics. Minimum requirements: Master's degree in mental health or related profession and NM licensure.
Competitive pay with excellent benefits.

Send résumé and letter of interest to:
The Counseling Center,
ATTN: Human Resources,
1900 E. 10th St., Alamogordo, NM 88310.
Positions open until filled. EOE.

Gen. Help Wanted 224

MOTEL 6 ACCOR hotels

Front Desk, Immediate openings for 2 full time Front Desk Persons (swing shift). Excellent salary for qualified or experienced person. Apply in person, No Phone Calls Please. 412 Hwy 70 W

Line Service Technician

Salary $ 12.65 hourly. Excellent benefit package included (vacation, sick, retirement & insurance). Applications accepted until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, 2008. Complete job description and applications at the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr. Ruidoso, NM 88345. Phone 258-4343 or 1-877-700-4343. Fax 258-5848. Website www.ruidoso-nm.gov *"Drugfree Workplace"*. EEOE.

Gen. Help Wanted 224

Meter Reader

Salary $ 11.24 hourly. Excellent benefit package included (vacation, sick, retirement & insurance). Applications accepted until 5:00 p.m. Monday, July 28, 2008. Complete job description and applications at the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr. Ruidoso, NM 88345. Phone 258-4343 or 1-877-700-4343. Fax 258-5848. Website www.ruidoso-nm.gov *"Drugfree Workplace"* EEOE.

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Humane Society of Lincoln County

is seeking energetic animal loving person to fill the part time position of Animal Caretaker, 20 - 25 hrs. per week starting at $7.00 an hr. The ideal candidate will be: reliable, caring, a team player, pay attention to details, be good with people and animals, and have a professional manner and appearance. Training provided. Shift starts at 8:00 AM all work days, candidate must be at least 18 years of age. Resume required. Call 257-9841 for an interview or mail your resume to PO Box 2832, Ruidoso, NM 88355. *HSLC is a "Drug Free" work place. EEOE*

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HEAD START TEACHER

Region IX Education Cooperative (Lincoln County Head Start) is seeking highly qualified individuals committed to early childhood programs for a position at the Capitan site.

Minimum qualifications:
1. Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education or a related field desired
2. Successful experience working with preschool age children

Application deadline is **August 4, 2008 4pm.**

For complete job description and application call (Teresa Barnett or Fred Romero) 257-2368 or log on to, http://www.recixnm.org/.

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Employment 204

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MESCALERO Apache SCHOOL

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

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

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

- Physical Therapist--contract
- Elementary Counselor grades PreK-6
- Reading Specialist--must coordinate Reading Intervention Program, hire tutors, test and analyze data for grades K-6
- Reading tutors during and/or after school
- Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach
- Boys' and Girls' Varsity Country Coach
- Assistant Girls' Varsity Volleyball Coach
- Activity Bus Driver. Must have NM bus certification
- Elementary Teacher
- High School Reading Teacher

POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

*****All Certified positions and Coaching positions require a valid license from the NM Public Education Department.*
*****All positions require background checks and clearance from any criminal charges prior to employment.*
*****Selections for employment will be based on the Mescalero Apache Tribal Ordinance 06-02.*
*****All new employees will be drug tested.*

For additional information and application:
Mescalero Apache School
Personnel Office
P.O. Box 230; 249 White Mountain Drive
Mescalero, NM 88340
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McDonald's

NOW HIRING ALL CREW POSITIONS
Interviews Every Monday
Between 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Starting pay
$7.50 per hour.

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We are now taking applications for School Bus Drivers. All training (bonus $100) & licensing is available, classes starting right away. Great opportunity for anyone; All Holidays, Spring break & Summer off. Retirement plan available. An Activity Driver is also needed as well. Call 378-5410 Leave message & number. We'll call you back!

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THE LODGE AT SIERRA BLANCA

Room Attendants Wanted
Dependable, hardworking and over 18. MUST be able to pass a background and credit check. Please apply in person at 107 Sierra Blanca Dr. Good pay and Benefits available.

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DOMINO'S PIZZA
Now Accepting Applications
DRIVERS
- Averages between $11 - $14/hr
- Apply at store 1717 Sudderth Dr.

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TCBY
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APPLY IN PERSON
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Gen. Help Wanted 224

Michelena's
is now hiring full time Kitchen Manager /Head Cook. We pay top wages. Apply in person at 2703 Sudderth or call 575-257-5753

Gen. Help Wanted 224

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Contact Eric at 378-4400.

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is seeking a full-time Resident Advocate for the Nest domestic violence shelter for swing shift, Mon-Fri. Duties include crisis intervention, information and referral services, safety planning, and case management. Pay is $8.50-$10.50 per hour, DOE. Please bring resume to the Nest at 512 E. Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs Position closes July 25th

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Do You Enjoy Fixing Things?
Join Our Maintenance Team At Crown Point Condos
Apply at 220 Crown Dr.
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Gen. Help Wanted 224

Full & part-time positions available, work ing with Developmentally Disabled individuals. Shift work required. Phone 257-4672 for info.

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KOKEPELLI COUNTRY CLUB. Apply in person. 1200 High Mesa Rd. Alto. Full time position avail. Details given at interview: Position Day Server & Night Cook.

Lincoln County Detention Center is now under new management, Emerald Companies is now accepting applications for Chief of Security, Food Service Assistant, Detention Officers, Classification Officer & part time, Full time maintenance supervisor. Must meet minimum qualifications. Shuttle services may be available for surrounding areas. Send resumes to P.O. Box 339, Carrizozo, NM 88301

MICHELENA'S is now hiring Servers, (16 yrs old and up) Bussers, Dishwashers & Cooks. Full- & part-time available. Top wages. Please apply in person at 2703 Sudderth or call 505-257-5753.

Needed A mature Part-Time DriverDMV record required call 258-4800

New Housekeeping Management, Housekeeping & Front Desk Positions Available. Apply in person at Swiss Chalet, 1451 Mechem, Ruidoso.

Ramada Inn needs Front Desk/Housekeepers. Apply at 2191 Hwy 70

Taco Bell Of Ruidoso Hiring Starting at $7.00 Hr with increases based on performance Apply In Person @ Ruidoso Taco Bell

Business Opportunity 244

MOTEL
31 Units
Located in Ruidoso Area. Call 520-456-6557

rentals
300-383

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EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Roommate Wanted 365

ROOMMATE WANTED. Nice open environment. Close to town on Hull Rd. 575-258-4800

Mobile Home Rental 308

RV Trailers & spaces. Centrally located. Water paid. No large pets. $210 & up. 505-257-5388.

Ruidoso News 257-4001

Two small bd, 1 ba, w/d, lg yd, nice neighborhood, $495/mo + util & dep. 172 North Oak. 937-0381 or 378-1197

HELP! AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD PUPPIES HAS SHOTS TOO MANY SOME W/ BLUE EYES 550. 257-2221

Furn. Apts. - General 314

AFFORDABLE RENTALS
Convenient locations.
Efficiencies
1 or 2 bedrooms, furnished or unfurnished units.
Weekly, monthly or long-term. Bills paid. No Pets.
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Mobile Home Rental 308

3 bd 2 ba; 2 bd 2 ba; Wtr, gar, sew., furn. Near Wilmart. 915-526-8326

Furn. Apts. - General 314

For Rent 1 Bd. Apartment furnished, dep., & utilities pd. 257-9881

Unfurn. Apts. - General 328

1 bd., 1 ba. in Ruidoso Downs. You pay gas & electric. $450/mo. $300/dep. 937-1081 or Habla Espanol 575-973-0790

La 1 bd apart. $500/mo. + dep. Water pd. 575-378-4661

3 1 bd aprts for rent. $400, $550, $675 per mo. + dep. Call for Frank, All American Realty, at 258-8444

3 bd, 2 ba., in Ruidoso Downs. $700/mo. $300/dep 937-1081 Habla Espanol 973-0790

All until paid 2 BD, newly carpeted & painted really neat ref. dishwasher, fp, w/d hookup, ALL util pd. No smoking $800. mo. 336-2983

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El Capitan Apartments. Large 1 & 2 Bedroom apartments, long or short term lease. $425 - $525/month. Convenient Village location. School System Walking distance. 354-0967

APARTMENT for rent. Unfurn. 1 bd. located in quiet residential area in Ruidoso $650.mo $500/dep., utilities & w/d included, available Call 575-937-1025 or 575-635-1911

Townhouses/ Condominiums 342

CONDO FOR RENT
2 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath. New Paint/Carpet, quiet neighborhood. $650/mo.
U-pay gas/ electric. 1st/last & dep. req. (575) 258-3283

Rental Service 300

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RENTALS

HOUSES:
103 MUSKET COURT - Furnished, 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, beautiful cabin in the Cedar Creek area. 1208 SF per Co records. $1200 per month + utilities.
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434 3RD STREET - 2 BDR, 3/4 bath with great decks. Living room, fireplace, dining area, hardwood floors & enclosed carport. $850 per month + utilities.

CABINS:
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COMMERCIAL:
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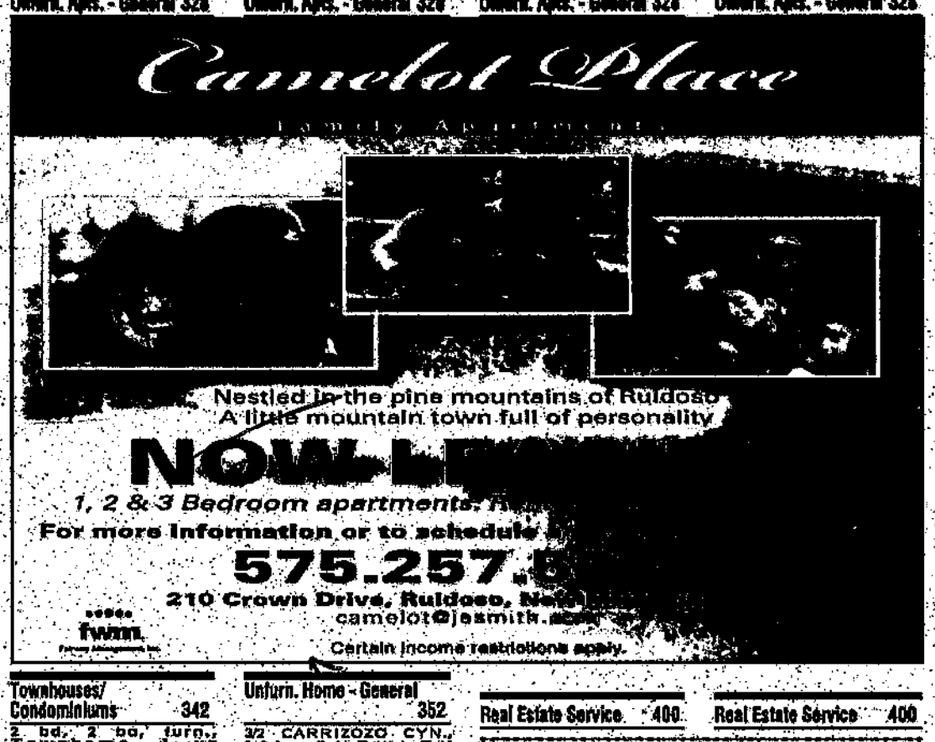

Townhouses/ Condominiums 342

2 bd, 2 ba, furn. Townhome, 1 yr lease. No Smokers. $2,400/mo 575-336-4856

EXECUTIVE RENTAL. Quality, Spacious 2/br 2/ba condo w/Sierra Blanca view over looking racetrack. Seeking long term tenant. $850/mo. No pets. 708-218-1966

Need to sell something? Phone 257-4001 Ruidoso News Classifieds

2/1.5 fpl. all major appl. quite location close to town incl. water & gas $795.00 owner agent 937-0513

3 bd, 2.5 ba, 1870 sq ft. Best view of the Inn of Mountain Gods. Furn/unfurn. Excel Land. 915-867-5693

Unfurn. 2-4 Plex 348

1/2 of Duplex, 2 Bd approx. 1000 sq.ft. Excellent location & access. All Kitchen appliances, central heat & A/C, wood stove, water paid, 1 year lease, $500 clean/damage deposit, references are required, no pets $650/mo.
258-5717

Furnished Houses 350

Capitan Main St. location 2 Story 1 Full Bath 2 Bd., unfurn., no appliances, large storage, Gas heat, Nice yard. $650/mo + util. 6 mo. lease or lease w/option to buy. 1 dog ok, no cats. 354-2370 or 937-5268

Awesome Home in Alto 3bd/3ba Partially Furnished Very Clean Newly Remodled. 1yr. lease 575-808-2860

Beautiful Home In Alto 3bd/3ba Partially Furnished Very Clean Newly Remodled. One yr. lease 575-808-2860

Cabin Upper Canyon. No kitchen. No smokers. $575/mo. Bills pd 430-7877 or 257-4233

Newly Remodeled, River front 2 bd, 1 ba, secluded & gated, wood stove, w/d. All bill paid except propane. Horses & pets welcome. First & last dep $1,100/mo. Call 808-0755, David

Unfurn. Home - General 352

GREAT AREA Great View 3/1.5 ba. 1550 sq ft. FPL,deck, kitchen appl.,Office or spear room, non-smoking $750. mo. avat.8/1 719-942-4253

Large, new 3/2. Natural gas, garage, views, deck, fireplace $975/mo 378-4159

Saturday Only 8am 102 Half Circle Dr. In Cedar Creek

2br/2ba, garage, storage, splendid SB views. Large deck, level access, in town. No pets. No smokers. Utilities included $1,000/mo. AMOR Real Estate, Owner/Agent Dan Bolin, 937-0600.

3 bd, 2 ba, mf home in Ruidoso Downs. Wonderful mtn views. 700/mo. 378-8847

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Townhouses/ Condominiums 404

3 bd, 2.5 ba, 1870 sq ft. Best view of the Inn of Mountain Gods. MUST SELL! Realtors Welcome $249,750. 915-867-5693

For Sale! 2 bdrm 2 ba condo Fully furnished with Southwest decor on Cree Meadows Golf Course. Call for info. 432-687-4387

Homes - General 412

FSBO 3 bd, 3 ba, main house w/d attached studio bath two car garage Alto. $268,500 obo. Owner fin. avail. 575-496-2781 or 575-622-9286

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2400 sq. ft., 3br/2ba, all upgrades. Oversized Master Br. RRVE. $147,500. Selling below cost. AMoR Real Estate, Dan Bolin, 937-0600 OPEN TO TRADES

By Owner Alpine Village area Cozy Cabin 3/1 1bl. Jacuzzi Deck. Nice View $212K 786-402-4864

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152 Mountain Sun Tr - 1/1 condo, just remdld. Carpet and tile. Gas log fireplace. Senior friendly. Terms $79,900. Owner/Broker

Alto Mountain Village 112 Thunder Mountain - 2Bd/2Bth, Redecorated, new metal roof, Southwest decor, fireplace, furnished, open floor plan, way below market. $112,000.

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MLS# 102415 • $95,000
This is one of the cutest condos in Champions Run! Must see! Decorated with class! End unit with easy access and extra visitor parking across from the main office.

MLS# 101124 • $135,000
Very nice fully furnished 2007 doublewide, never occupied. Has built-in fireplace, fenced back yard. Soft Sierra Blanca views from front deck and one of the bedrooms.

MLS# 103019 • $289,000
ALTO GOLF COURSE. Hard to find location. Lovely home nestled in the pines across from #13 tee box. Nicely decorated, mostly furnished. Would make wonderful summer retreat and ski hideaway.

MLS# 102801 • $299,000
Great Cree Meadows home located at #9 tee box and overlooking greens #6 and #8. Stunning view of valley below and just a short walk to midtown shopping and dining. Large deck overlooking golf course.

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FOR SALE! 2.21 acres, fenced, barn w/tack room, corrals. 3 bd, 3 ba home. Carpeted, office, den/living room, double car garage, refrigerated air. Fenced yard w/fruit trees. Paved rd in front. $175,000. Call 575-354-4273. 117 W. Grandview

Awesome view w/large deck. 3/2 w/loft, dbl car garage, furn., metal roof, near forest & lake. 661-342-8126.

By Owner Upper Canyon 1-bed w/carport walk to the River, fotal Remodeled in 2004 used as a Nightly Rental. $113,000. Call 505-263-6114

GREAT PRICE REDUCTION 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home on large lot in town. This home has been nicely remodeled with attention to detail. New paint throughout the house, remodeled kitchen with beautiful cabinets and new countertops, opens to a great patio with beautiful flowers. Large fenced back yard with fruit trees and a cut little green house. Detached two care garage has extra room for a work area. Domestic well. Lots of storage w/easy access. $229,900 #102886 BILL PIPPIN REAL Estate 257-4228

By Owner Alto Country Club Home. 3,450 sq. ft. 5,800 under roof. 1/4 acres. $698,000. 336-4163 or 808-1749

CARRIZOZO-3 bd, 2 ba, & shop, very nice, like new. In town, may owner fin. REDUCED $145,000 336-1555

Homes - General 412

HOME FOR SALE BY OWNER
$199,900
304 OTERO
1284 sq.ft., 2 lg bed, 2 lg bath, open living area, fireplace, deck, metal roof, 1 car garage, nice neighborhood with view. Newly remodeled kitchen, new appliances, new tile & carpet. Tongue & groove vaulted ceiling. Very nice! A must see! Call 575-937-3014 or 575-635-2627

Homes - General 412

3 Bd/3 Full bath, 1 LG office seperate den. Nice view of Sierra Blanca. In Alto. Like new w/ a builders 1 yr warranty. $350,000 will consider local lots in trade. 973-0017 or 575-937-3515 Saturdays ONLY

Homes - General 412

For sale by owner. Sq ft 3,760. New construction in Alto Lakes. For $399,900. 3 bdrm, 2.5 ba. Awe-some views from the 2,200 sq ft of deck. 1,880 sq ft upstairs & 1,880 sq ft downstairs 600 sq ft heated/cooled storage room, 900 sq ft game room, 400 sq ft. office. Call 336-2798 or 937-0024

homes 400-502

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Beautiful 3 acre tract of level treed land. Custom 1 level, wood vaulted ceilings, big custom kitchen, tile counter tops, 4 Br, 3 1/2 Ba, big FP, huge deck. $589,000. #103002
Call Joseph A. Zagone at 808-0282

THIS REMARKABLE HOME FEATURES A LARGE MASTER SUITE, Studio/Office, commercial kitchen, climate controlled hot tub room & antique fixtures. Previously a 4-Diamond rated B&B. 3.6 AC w/ horses allowed. Light commercial allowed. $595,000. #101380
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BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM DEER PARK WOODS HOME
Large master suite, living rm & 3 lounge -study areas, formal dining, breakfast area & lots of counter seating in huge kitchen. Porte cochere & 2 car garage, landscaping. $695,000. #101054
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ALTO AT DEER PARK WOODS
Sierra Blanca view. 3 Br, 3 1/2 Ba, 3 car garage. Beautiful flagstone FP, wood accents, crown molding in formal dining room. Master w/ his & her baths & Jacuzzi, workshop. $468,000. #101896
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RUIDOSO NEWS

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COTTAGE CHARM IN RUIDOSO Adorable 3 bedroom cabin in a great, central location. Knotty pine walls and weathered wood floors lend to the cottage charm! Situated on a flat lot with wonderful pines all around. Good year round access. Fully furnished at only $169,500 #103253

FULLY FURNISHED, WITH A VIEW Comfortable 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with large deck and Sierra Blanca view. Fully furnished. Carpet and furniture were new in 2003 and rarely used. Great full-time or part-time home. $180,000 #103466

ALTO HOME WITH MOUNTAIN FLAIR Well-maintained, 3 bedroom home in Alto with full golf membership. 2 fireplaces, open deck to enjoy the mountain air. Living room, loft area and a spacious master bedroom. Come take a look at this one! $274,900. #101879

AMBIENCE AND CHARM IS ALL AROUND Carport leads to open courtyard that is surrounded by this wonderful home that was once owned by the old owner of the race track (as per owner). There is even the old bell to start the races from yesteryear! Approx. 4140+/- sq. feet, this 4 bedroom, three full & two 3/4 bath home is a must see! A seasonal spring sometimes runs by. Check out this sq ft price: $259,000 # 102896

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Residential Lots 436

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Easy Terms
Resdential lots just north and touching Ruidoso City limits. Great views. No city taxes. Served by public and private roads. Water and septic needed. Doublewides allowed. Various sizes and prices. Seller Motivated.
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Farms/Ranches 435

HORSEMEN 8 acres, 4 bd, 2 ba, barn in Ru (large for sale. $115,000. Va approved. 1-575-354-1447 to show by owner.

Residential Lots 436

Alto Country Club lot. 3/4 acre. All utilities. $45,000. 575-336-4163 or 575-808-1749

3 LOTS, sewer and water, in town $23,000 Owner/Agent, AMoR Real Estate, Dan Bolin, 575-937-0600

2.5 acres next to National Forest and Adjacent to town. Well with great water. Views of Sierra Blanca. Horse Allowed. Easy Access. $80,000. Owner Agent, AMoR Real Estate, Dan Bolin, 937-0600

LOT IN CAMELOT SUB. Lancaster Dr. 10,000. 505-378-8303

NICE VIEWS FROM THESE TWO LOTS being sold together. Utilities nearby. City Sewer and water about 100 feet from property. $38,500 #102273 BILL PIPPIN REAL Estate 257-4228

2 lots, sewer and water. Double and Singlewides ok. $45K. Trees/views.Owner/Agent, AMoR Real Estate, Dan Bolin, 937-0600 Poss. Owner Fin.

421 Lakeshore Dr. SB view lot, social membership, $32,000. 257-9507 or 937-7106

1.9 acres near mid town. Unrestricted. Nice views. AMoR Real Estate, Dan Bolin, 937-0600

Land/Acreage 442

EXTRA GOODIES come with this extra clean manufactured home 2 bdrm 2 bath. Attached double care garage/workshop. Located on two large lots. Price includes a riding lawn mower and 1975 Corvette. $149,500. #101701 BILL PIPPIN REAL ESTATE 257-4228

BEAUTIFUL CORNER ACREAGE LOT in 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 homesites pad. Some clearing done. $189,000 #101983 BILL PIPPIN REAL Estate 257-4228

RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES - Wooded .39 acre lot that will have great views. New double wides allowed. All underground utilities available. Adjoining lot available at extra price. $28,000 #102141BILL PIPPIN REAL Estate 257-4228

Land/Acreage 442

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Ruidoso/Capitan
40 Acres abutting National Forest land, county road, electric & telephone, private, views of Sierra Blanca. $120,000.00 Also 174 acres available. Owner 800-883-4841

Misc. Items 625

Trailer Hitch Class 3 Receiver Hidden Hitch. Fits '97-03 F150 $65[00]
Mr. Pick Up Chrome Grill Guard Came Off '02 F150. Fits Other Years $225, Both Like New
-Less Than 1/2 Price-
Trade Snow Blower For Rear Tine Rotatiller. Like New 5hp 22in 6speed Wizard Self Propelled.
258-1503

Antique upright piano, $75. Good Condition. 575-257-2524

Full size Keggerator w/ tap,keg,& co2 $450. obo 257-8707 or 808-2775 pd $800.

Kokopelli full golf membership for sale. $14k + transfer fee. 830-336-2469

Maple Consol Piano, $900. Antique Singer Sewing Machine. 258-3048 or 808-0111.

Piano. $400 O.B.O. Daybed (Serta). $150. O.B.O. Full Road Bike, $50. O.B.O. Bowflex Extreme, $500. O.B.O. 257-3143

Piano Tunning Call for an appointment 257-5284 or 937-5022

Appliances 626

FOR SALE. Cream colored, electric stove. Works good. $50. Gas dryer in good condition. $75. Please call 575-585-3569

GE Profile, side by side Refrig/ice maker. $300. 36" TV. $200. O.B.O. 336-9179

Maytag Refrigerator/freezer. Black, water, ice maker. 71hx36wx29d. Like new! Asking $960 obo. 575-973-1719

Viking professional free standing 6 burner gas/ confection 36" oven removable griddle excellent cond. 575-682-3388

Home Furnishings 627

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ONE DAY ONLY
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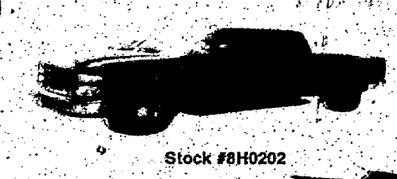

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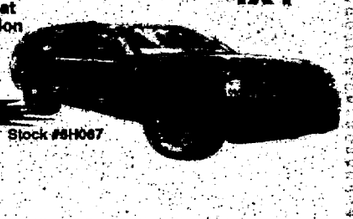

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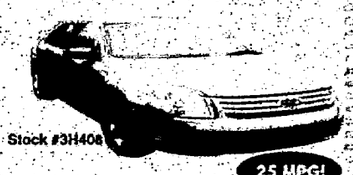

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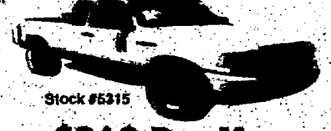

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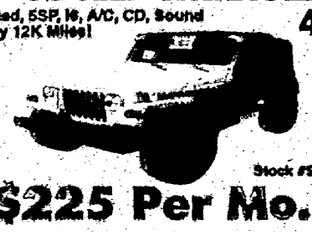

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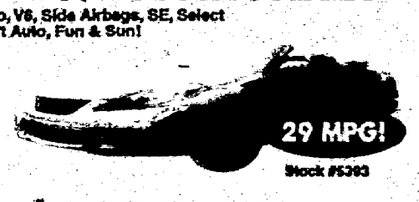

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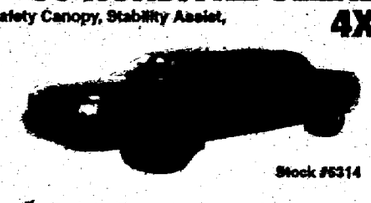

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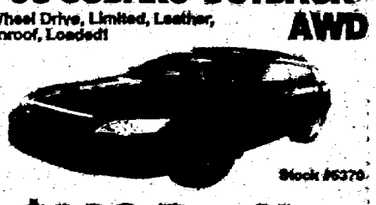

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Those items will be on display all weekend long beneath the grandstand, and the weekend of food and fun culminates this Sunday, with the running of 9 or more stakes races, all featuring New Mexico-bred Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds vying for their share of a total of more than a million dollars.

But it's more than a week of racing, it's also a week for those interested in the history and majesty of this state and all the wonderful things it has to offer.

So sit back, relax and enjoy this special day for New Mexico. If you want to lay down a wager or two, we won't mind.

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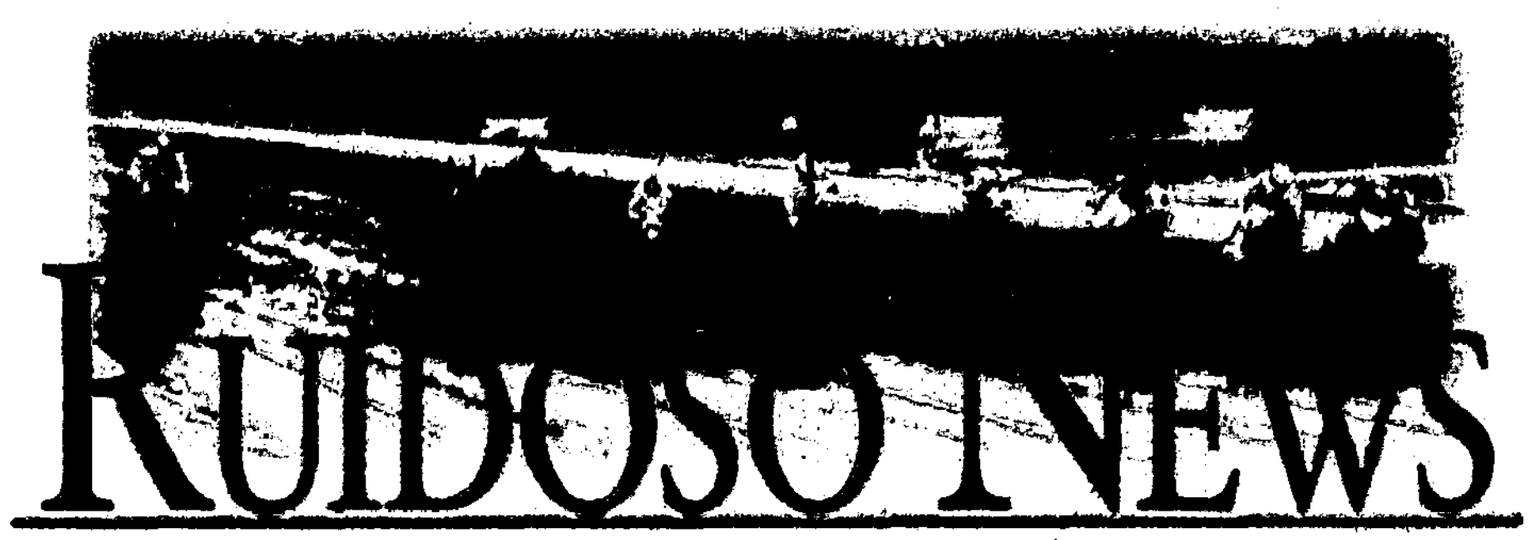
***Horse racing** won't be the only thing on display at this year's Zia Festival, as several New Mexico-based vendors will be selling their wares in the area beneath the grandstand. Interested buyers will be able to purchase everything from jewelry to hatware to original works of art.*



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A few tips on wagering

Okay, it's Zia Festival weekend at Ruidoso Downs, so get ready for some action and some winners. But, most of all, we're going to have some serious fun. This serious form of fun seems to be the most enjoyable when we leave with a few more dollars than when we arrived at the track.

To get ready for this serious fun, let's review some handicapping basics to make sure we are in the right frame of mind.

Race Conditions

Read the race's conditions at the top of each race's program page. You can't pick the right pony if you don't know the class of horses in the race. One of the horses in a race may have won three straight races, but those wins could have been against inferior competition. A horse that was beaten in his last race may have been competing against better horses and be a better horse than the three-time winner. So, know the quality of the field by understanding the race's conditions.

Head Games

Keep your head up. In other words, look at the horses on the track and try to get inside the horse's head. What is the horse's frame of mind? Is he attentive and a happy camper about to go out and have some fun and win a race? Or, is he dull and listless and tired of the whole racing game? Or, does he look like every thought is a new thought and he won't have his mind on the business of racing? Always look for the happy campers in good condition.

Who's Winning?

Remember, winners win. The leading trainers and jockeys are the leading trainers and jockeys because they win the most races. Aren't you trying to pick winners? Therefore, always give extra consideration to the proven winners. The best owners pick out the best trainers and the best trainers generally use the best jockeys.

Make it exotic

Bet a little, win a lot. Consider using exotic wagers to try for that illusive "big score." Betting odds-on shots to show has no financial upside. Even if you win, you don't win much. Using exotic wagers gives you the opportunity to go home with a really big smile.

Whoopee!

Have fun. The idea of going to the races is to have fun. So make up your own rules, break your own rules and have fun. Remember, a bad day at the track is better than a good day anywhere else. Cheers.

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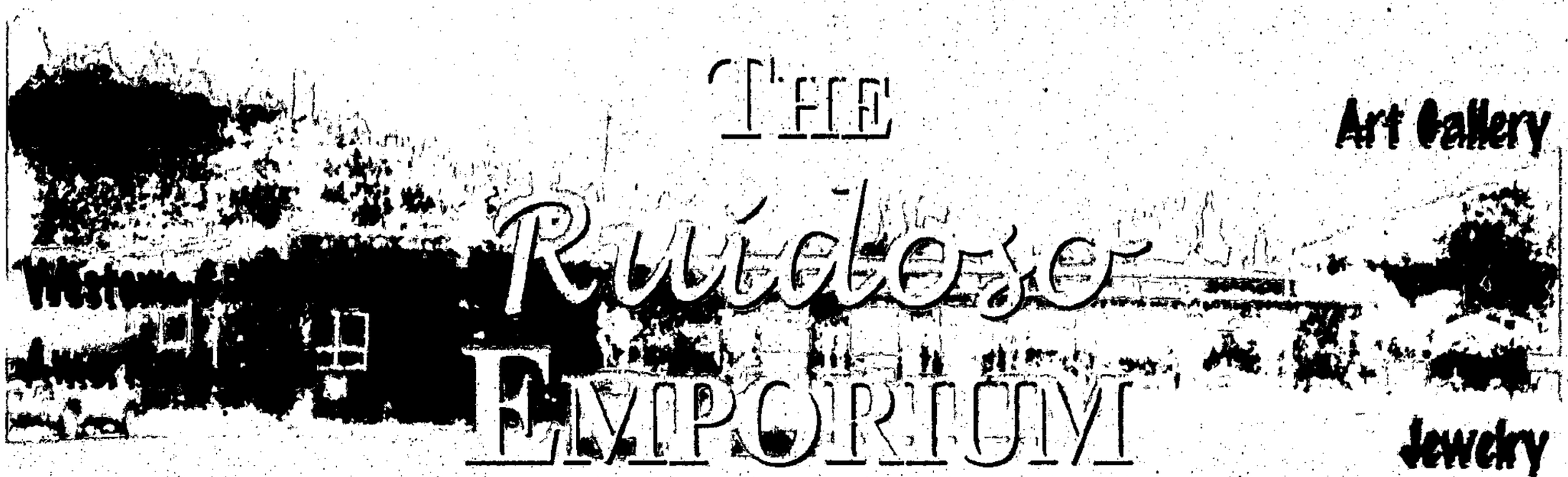

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Betting on the big ones

In racing, it's the major stakes races that attract most of the attention. These races, both Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse, attract the marquee horses from the most powerful stables and the big-money jockeys. They are the races that you'll fondly recall years from now.

Major stakes races are also a lot of fun for wagering and offer the horseplayer a few advantages. You can get more bang for your wagering buck.

First, you know what you are buying. Stakes horses, especially the horses in major Grade 1 stakes, become stakes horses because they are faster than the vast majority of the other racehorses, have the determination to win and, usually, offer consistent form. These attributes appeal to the horseplayer, especially the class handicapper. Simply include the horse(s) in your wager who have exceled against the strongest competition and look like they are coming into the race with improving form.

Second, trust the top stakes trainers. The trainers who develop the best stakes horses are worthy of your support because these trainers know how to point a horse at a big race and win that race. Generally, look for trainers whose stables have the highest earnings because these earnings are usually accumulated by winning stakes races. If you find a horse at an attractive price from a leading stable, give that horse consideration.

Third, stakes horses are treated like royalty. Stakes horses tend to be "barn favorites" and get that little extra-special care. So, they should look good on the track. If you are watching the post parade and a horse doesn't look like he or she is ready for a big effort, you may want to throw the horse out of your wager. For horses to beat top-level horses, they must be in peak form on that day.

Fourth, look for horses who have done this before. Whenever possible, look for horses who have won at the distance against similar company. If it is a consistent horse and in good form, you can count on the horse repeating the performance.

There is a big exception and it's a fun exception. Some major stakes races ask horses to race at a distance they have never raced at in prior races. The All American Futurity is the first time two-year-old Quarter Horses race in a stakes over 440 yards and the Kentucky Derby is the first time virtually all three-year-old American Thoroughbreds race at 1-1/4 miles. These races are fun to handicap because all the horses in the race are in the same distance situation, so the "playing field" is level. The fact that these horses are being pointed to the biggest race of their careers at a more challenging distance adds to the excitement.

Fifth, you get the best jockeys. There are jockeys and there are big-money riders. Like all athletes, some jockeys thrive on the pressure of major stakes races and other riders have yet to learn how to cope with the pressure. As a rule, go with the experienced jockeys who have proven records in major stakes races. Like trainers, these are the jockeys at the top of the money-earning list.

Have fun and enjoy the excitement of major stakes races. These are the races that shape racing history.

In the jockey's hands

After the horse you have placed a wager on leaves the starting gate your gambling fate is in the hands (and the mind) of the jockey.

If your horse is, by far, the best horse in the race then that horse may be able to overcome significant trouble in the race and still win. However, that circumstance is rare, very rare, indeed.

In virtually every race the jockey will have a major impact on whether you are laughing and cashing a ticket or if you are grumbling and tearing up that ticket. Therefore, it is mandatory that you consider the jockeys when placing your bets.

Fortunately, there is a simple procedure to help you evaluate the jockeys. Just turn to the program page with the jockey standings and see who are the leading riders at the track. It's simple and it works because the jockey standings show the winning jockeys and you are trying to select winners.

The best trainers want to put the best jockey on their horse and the top jockeys want to ride for the best trainers, so there is a correlation between the top trainers and the top jockeys. Therefore, in about every race you will find the winning jockeys riding horses from the winning stables. These are the horses you want to use in your wagers,

Also, each jockey has an agent, who works on a commission, trying to get the best mount in each race for their jockey. If an agent represents a leading rider then that agent has added leverage when trying to put his or her rider on the best horse in a race. Generally, this process leads to the top jockeys riding the best horses.

The handicapper should also consider jockey changes in each race. A quick glance at the past performances for any race shows that many horses have had more than one jockey in their recent races. So, when does a jockey change merit a wager? This can be a tough call. Usually, when a leading rider rides a horse after a less successful jockey has ridden the horse then the horse will improve.

However, sometimes a trainer will think that a certain jockey "fits" a horse better than another rider. The trainer will put another jockey on the horse and that jockey may have a lower winning percentage than the previous jockey. This type of jockey change is hard to discern by looking at the past performances. Therefore, the best course of action is to look for jockey changes to leading riders and use them in your wagers. If you are placing a multiple-horse exotic wager it is wise in include horses with jockey changes to a leading rider.

Many times you will see that a leading jockey previously rode more than one horse in a race. This is a good thing for the handicapper. Just assume that the jockey is riding the horse he or she thinks has the best chance in that race. Even if you don't bet on that horse, consider eliminating the other horses that jockey rode. Of course there are exceptions, but this situation offers the horseplayer a potentially valuable insight.

Vendors offer great buys

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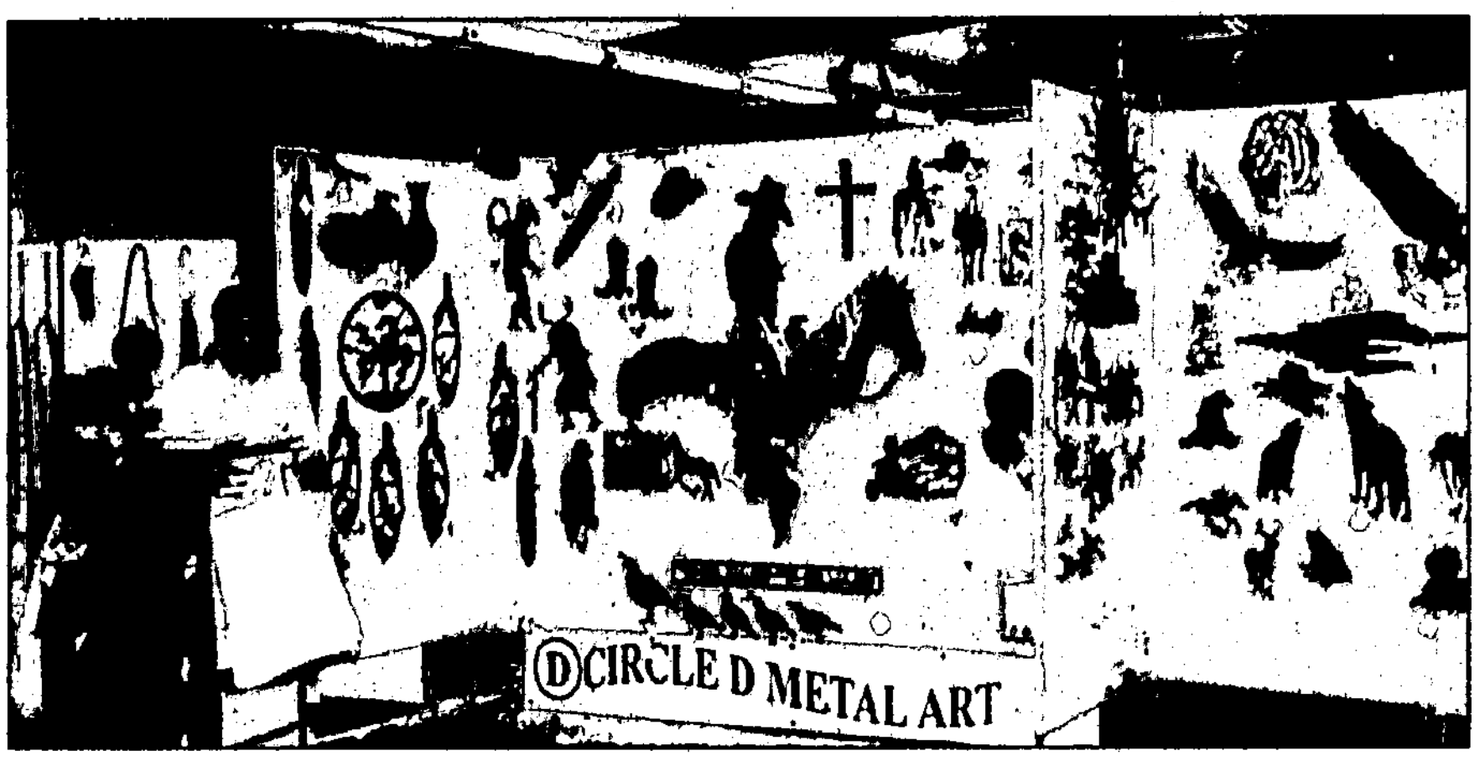
Are you looking for good deals and exceptional merchandise in art, jewelry, foods and other locally made commodities? Then the Zia Festival vendors at Ruidoso Downs Race Track will certainly have just what you're looking for. There will be 23 prime sellers, set up in their own booths on the ground floor at the Downs. The vendor stalls will be located between the casino and arcade for two days, July 26-27, and will be open for business at 11 a.m. each day.

This will be the eighth year dealers have set up shop at the track and each year has proven beneficial, not only for the vendors, but the many race fans and visitors who have frequented the two dozen merchandizers of New Mexico-made wares. Employees of the track also take part in the festivities, helping to decorate the vendor booths, and cash prizes are awarded for the three top ornamented stalls.

With the exception of Labor Day, the Zia Festival at the Downs is the biggest racing weekend of the season. The dealers who take part in the two-day celebration eagerly anticipate the event.

Debbie Roberts, of Circle D Metal Art of Capitan, has participated in the Zia weekend for the past four years and says, "We look forward to the Zia Festival because it has been such an enjoyable experience for us. If Ruidoso Downs would let me I'd do it every weekend."



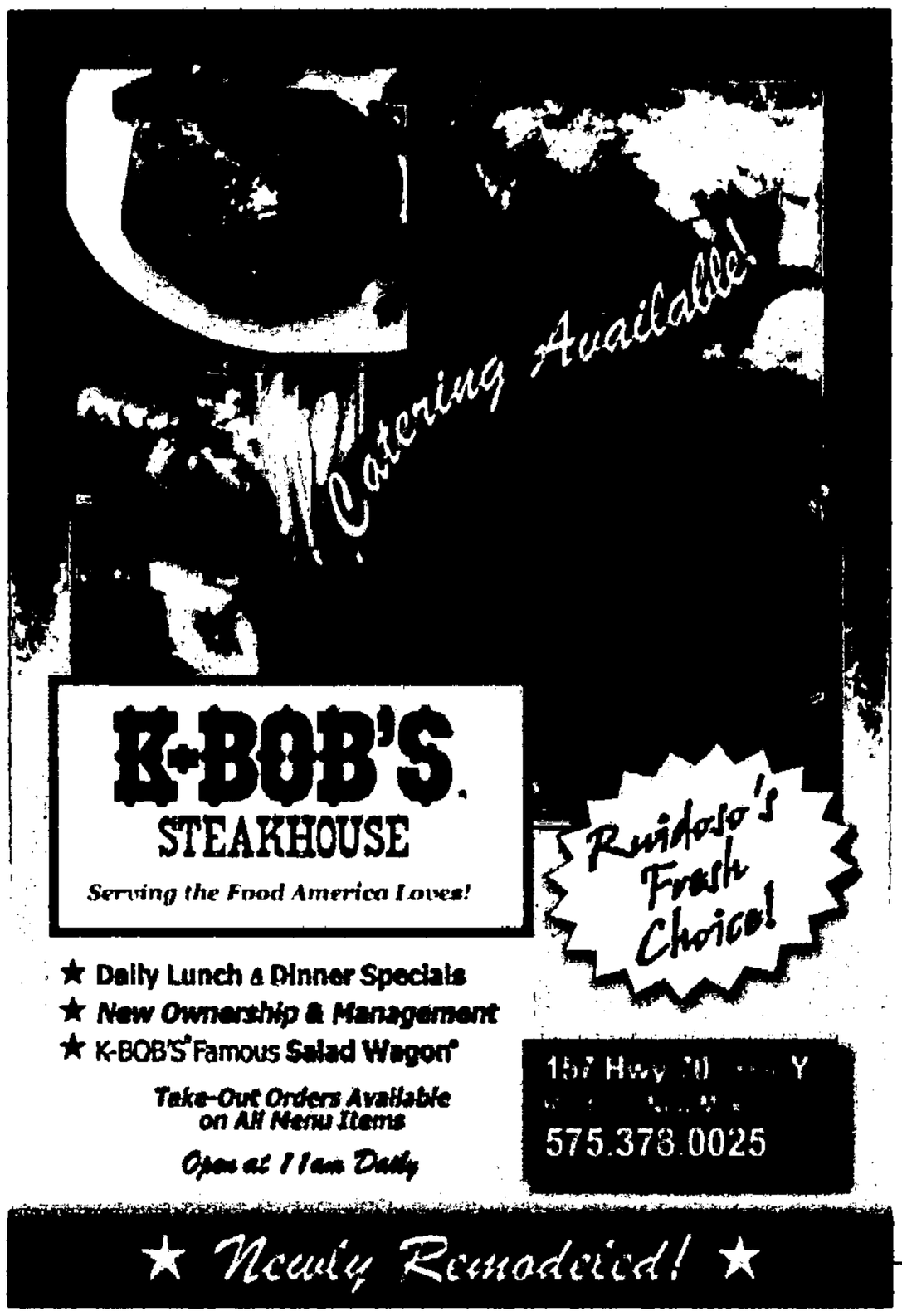
Circle D offers originally designed wall art, hand drawn and hand cut – made by New Mexico artisans.

"This is the seventh year we've been in business and we really count on events such as the Zia Festival because of the good crowds," Roberts said. "We usually work 16 hours a day in preparation for that weekend, making appropriate art for the people who come.

"Several of the vendors, like Paul and Jane Nevarez, of Jus Rope'n Creations and Dennis Haskell, of Gems by Dennis are friends of ours and we look forward to seeing them there."

The Nevarez husband and wife team offers rope art – vases, crosses and the like – made from used lariats, while Haskell maskes his own jewelry from semi-precious gems.

Be sure to stop by and visit with these talented merchandizers, as some of them will surely have something of interest to you. Help celebrate all things New Mexican.



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Tall Order leads Zia Futurity

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Denis and Julie Schoenhofer's Tall Order raced to the fastest-qualifying time to a futurity for New Mexico-breds for the second straight race when he ran to a :19.620 victory over 400 yards in the 12 trials to the Grade 1, $345,260 Zia Futurity at Ruidoso Downs on July 10.

He also set the fastest-qualifying time to the Ruidoso Quarter Horse Sale Futurity.

Dealing with a sloppy racing surface after several days of monsoon rains, Tall Order drew out to an easy win in the 11th trial by three lengths under jockey Esgar Ramirez.

The Mike Joiner-trained son of top freshman sire The Down Side finished third in the Ruidoso Quarter Horse Sale Futurity behind the Blane Wood-trained pair of Hearts Runaway and Victoria Hotpants.

Victoria Hotpants also returns in the Zia Futurity after impressively setting the fourth-fastest qualifying time. She should vie for favoritism in the finals on July 27 after her overwhelming trial win and solid stakes credentials. In the eighth trial, she parlayed a textbook start into a length-and-a-quarter victory in :19.779.

Victoria Hotpants raced to her third win from five starts. She has two second-place finishes behind stablemate Hearts Runaway in the $181,000 Ruidoso Quarter Horse Sale Futurity and the $130,000 New Mexican Spring Futurity. Hearts Runaway passed on the Zia Futurity and will be pointed at the Grade 1, $2 million All American Futurity trials on Aug. 14.

The Hugo Lee-owned and -trained Janos also thrived in the wet conditions to set the second-fastest qualifying time, :19.660. He won the ninth trial by a half-length over Six Tunes.

Six Tunes turned in the third-fastest qualifying time of :19.725. Also reaching the finals on July 27 from that trial are Bluesboro and Run Regard Run. The Zia Futurity is the richest race on the stakes-filled Zia Festival program that offers more than $1 million in purses.

Janos was supplemented to the Zia Futurity trials after showing promise at Sunland Park and SunRay Park. He qualified for the finals of the $75,000 Spring Fling Futurity at Sunland Park and then stepped forward to finish second in the New Mexico Breeders Futurity at SunRay Park in his start prior to the Zia Futurity trials.

Zia Futurity Qualifiers

Horse	Trial	Trainer	Jockey	Time
Tall Order	11	M. Joiner	E. Ramirez	:19.620
Janos	9	H. Lee	J.J. Gonzales II	:19.660
Six Tunes	9	C. Sedillo	E. Ramirez	:19.725
Victoria Hotpants	8	G.B. Wood	R. Ramirez	:19.779
Wild Wonder Child	7	J. McArthur	A. Medellin	:19.833
Man On The Move	7	M. Joiner	B. Perez	:19.861
Butchs Gem	10	J. Aldavez	N. Garcia	:19.932
Pass The Six Pack	12	C. Sedillo	J.M. Alvarez	:19.933
Bluesboro	9	R. Driggers	B.D. Harmon	:19.943
Run Regard Run	9	J. Gonzales	N. Garcia	:19.952

Uncovered Regard fastest to Derby

Ty Wyant
Ruidoso Downs Race Track

Uncovered Regard easily won the first trial, and his time of :19.509 for 400 yards stood up as the fastest-qualifying time from the four trials to the $132,032 Zia Derby on July 11 at Ruidoso Downs.

The New Mexico-breds with the 10 fastest times from the trials became eligible to race in the Zia Derby on July 27. The Zia Derby is one of the highlights of the stakes-filled Zia Festival program that offers more than $1 million in purses.

K.H. Lopez-Gaxiola's Uncovered Regard, the strongly backed second choice at 5-2 odds, dominated his trial and the qualifiers when he pulled out to a length win over second-fastest qualifier Gold Zime. The victory was the Juan Gonzalez trainee's first since winning his Zia Futurity trial a year ago. The gelding returned from that trial score to finish third behind A Streak Regard in the Zia Futurity.

John D. Valenzuela was aboard for the trial win.

Uncovered Regard was a $27,000 purchase at the Ruidoso Yearling Sale and has earned more than $88,000 from eight starts. That figure will rise in the Zia Derby, and would increase by $66,016 if he wins.

Lowell Neumayer, Butch Wise and James Pruitt's Gold Zime should be dangerous in the Zia Derby with his consistent record. The gelding from the Mike Joiner stable has finished on the board in six of seven starts. He gained attention a year ago when he ran a strong second in the $200,000 Ruidoso Quarter Horse Sale Futurity.

Jim Nebeker's Jess Ought To Flash won the third trial in :19.840 for the third-fastest qualifying time. The 5-1 shot prevailed by a half length over odds-on favorite A First Caller, who reached the derby with the sixth-fastest qualifying time of :19.902.

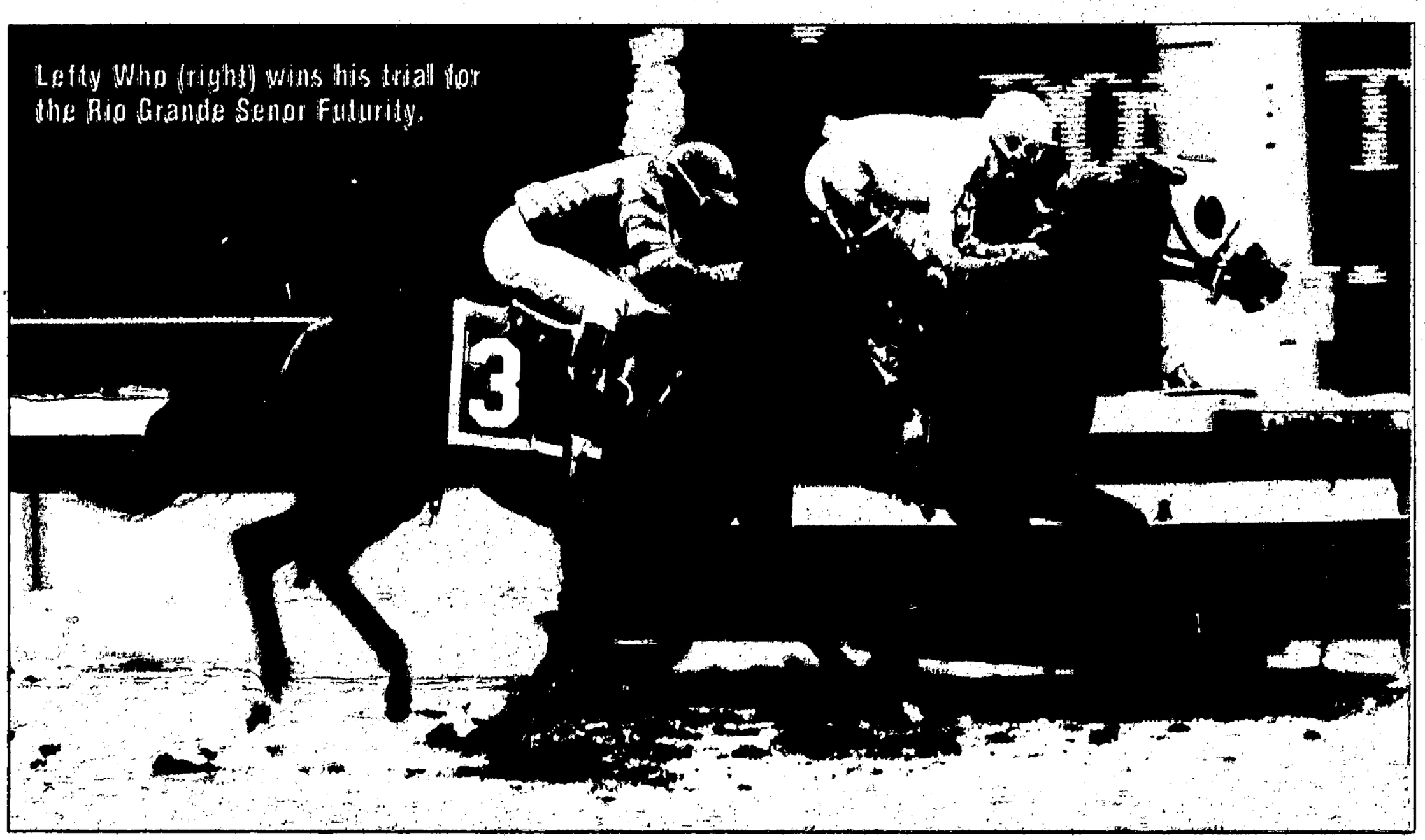
Jess Ought To Flash came into the trials off a fourth-place finish in the $75,000 New Mexico Breeders Handicap at SunRay Park.

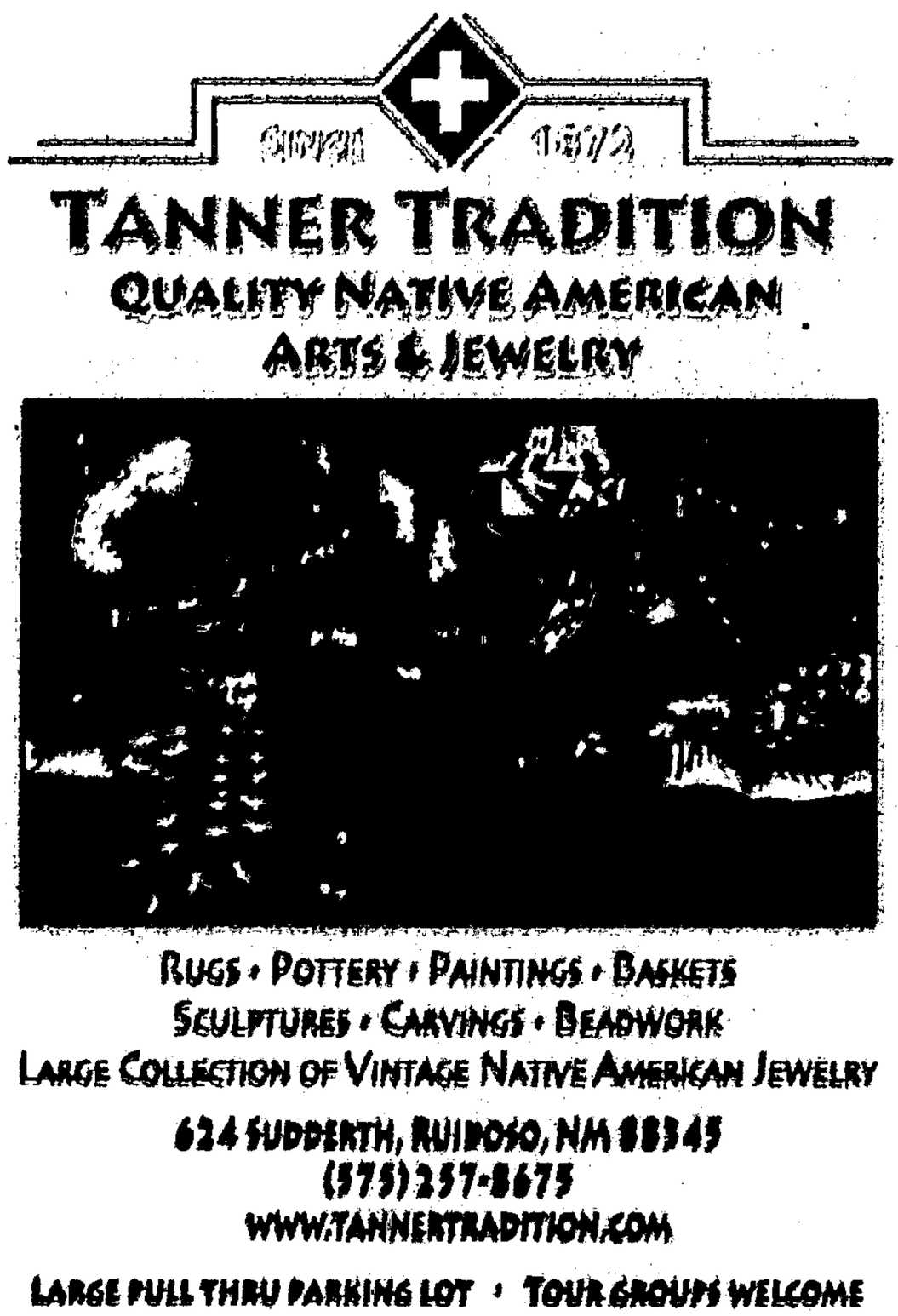
A First Caller gained favoritism after winning the $100,000 Mesilla Valley Speed Handicap two starts before his second-place run in the third trial.

Zia Derby Qualifiers

Horse	Trial	Trainer	Jockey	Time
Uncovered Regard	1	J. Gonzalez	J.D. Valenzuela	:19.509
Gold Zime	1	M. Joiner	A. Baldillez, Jr.	:19.658
Jess Ought To Flash	3	B. Rust	E. Ramirez	:19.840
Runaway With This	2	A. Quintanilla Jr.	R. Ramirez	:19.851
Blazin Zeena	2	H. Dominguez	A. Medellin	:19.877
A First Caller	3	G.B. Wood	R. Ramirez	:19.902
Astreakin Bliss	1	F. Danley	E. Ramirez	:19.932
Pucci Bug	1	T. Fincher	B. Perez	:19.932
Blazin Elans	1	C. Sedillo	J. Martinez	:19.952
ICU Cash	3	C. Draper	B. Perez	:19.955

Thoroughbred hopefuls


Lefty Who (right) wins his trial for the Rio Grande Senor Futurity.



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Ruidoso Downs Race Track

The youngest thoroughbred stars took center stage at Ruidoso Downs on July 12 when they competed in the sex-segregated trials to the Rio Grande Señorita Futurity for females and the Rio Grande Señor Futurity for males.

The 5-and-a-half furlong trials provide the finalists for the two futurities that will be held as part of the $1 million Zia Festival program on July 27 at Ruidoso Downs. The two-day Zia Festival celebrates New Mexico-bred racing and New Mexico arts and crafts.

Unlike quarter horse futurities with finalists determined by time, the finalists for the Señor and Señorita futurities are determined by their trial position.

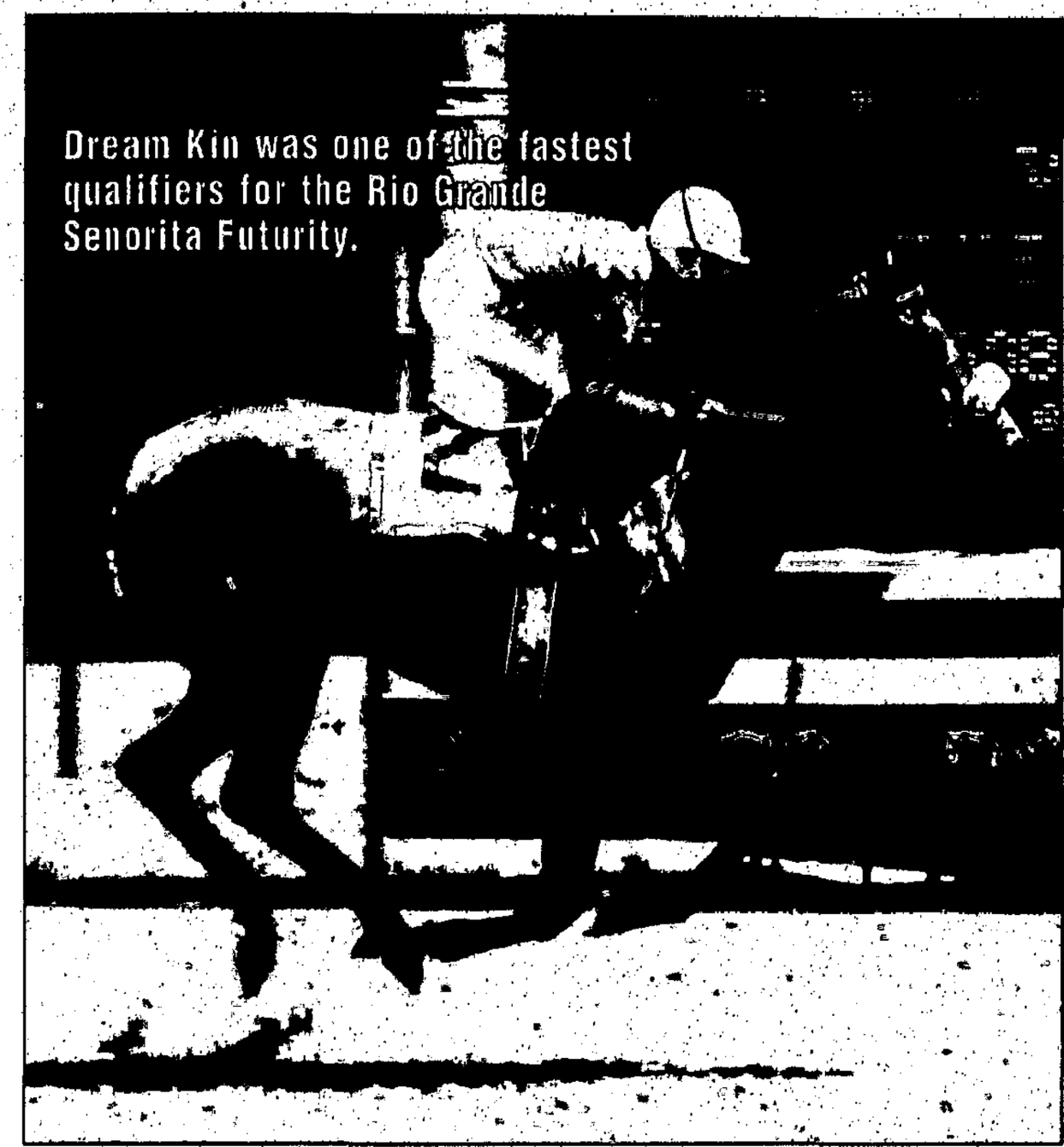
The winners of the three Señorita Futurity trials were Dream Kin, Blue Eyed Bella and Lesters Girl.

Joe Allen's Dream Kin, trained by Joel Marr, won the first trial under a hand ride by jockey Carlos Madeira. The homebred daughter of Desert God covered the 5-and-a-half furlongs in 1:05 3/5, the fastest time from the trials to the Señorita.

Dream Kin raced to her second win from three starts to go with her third-place run in the Kendrick Futurity at SunRay Park. Following Dream Kin under the wire was qualifier Supa Dome.

Qualifying from the second trial were winner Blue Eyed Bella and Oh My Ghost.

s shine in Ruidoso trials



Dream Kin was one of the fastest qualifiers for the Rio Grande Senorita Futurity.

Making the Señorita finals from the third trial were winner Lesters Girl and Devil's Prospector.

The fourth trial produced winner Rock Box and Winter Mist for the finals.

The remaining two qualifying spots will be determined by a shake from the third-place finishers.

Trainer Marr also impressed in the Señor Futurity trials when his first-time starter Lefty Who won the second of three trials by a half-length while receiving a hand ride from Madeira. The son of Quinton's Gold was timed in 1:06 2/5

Runner-up Uptown Charlie and third-place finisher Tejano Cat also reached the finals from that trial.

In the first trial, Clara's Tizzycat dominated by 2-and-three-quarter lengths over fellow qualifiers Jewell's King and Runnin Red.

In the third trial, Flomot won over qualifiers Hollywood Move and Perfect X Play.

The final spot in the Señor Futurity field will be determined by a shake between the fourth-place finishers in the three trials.

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Not unlike most other trainers, the beginning was wasn't easy for trainer Joel Marr. But by 1999, the year of his marriage, he came up with one of his first big wins when the New Mexico-bred quarter horse Alibi Alibi won the New Mexican Spring Futurity at Sunland Park. Two other great quarter horse winners for Marr were ZU Silver Bullet and Dash Ta Moon.

On the thoroughbred side, he has scored with the distinguished likes of Tellmeaboutit, Urlacher, Jonnygetachex, Shezapirate and FullofEnergy. Queen of the mountain, though, is the esteemed 4-year-old mare Peppers Pride. She won her maiden race in her debut on July 16, 2005, and won her next 15 starts. If she can win her next start, the Joe Allen-owned Peppers Pride will set a modern-day record for consecutive wins to start a career – 17.

When asked when that next race might be, Marr replied, "We're pointing to the Lincoln Handicap, July 27, during Zia Festival Weekend. That's a strong possibility, excluding inclement weather.

"Peppers Pride is an amazingly talented horse who loves to run – that's what she wants to do. Under pressure, she's powerful."

Her top two traits, Marr believes, are her consistency and soundness.

To bolster those strengths, he has the same people attend the horse – the farrier, veternarian, grooms, jockey and exercise people are constants. Even down to the same stall and turnout facility at each respective track.

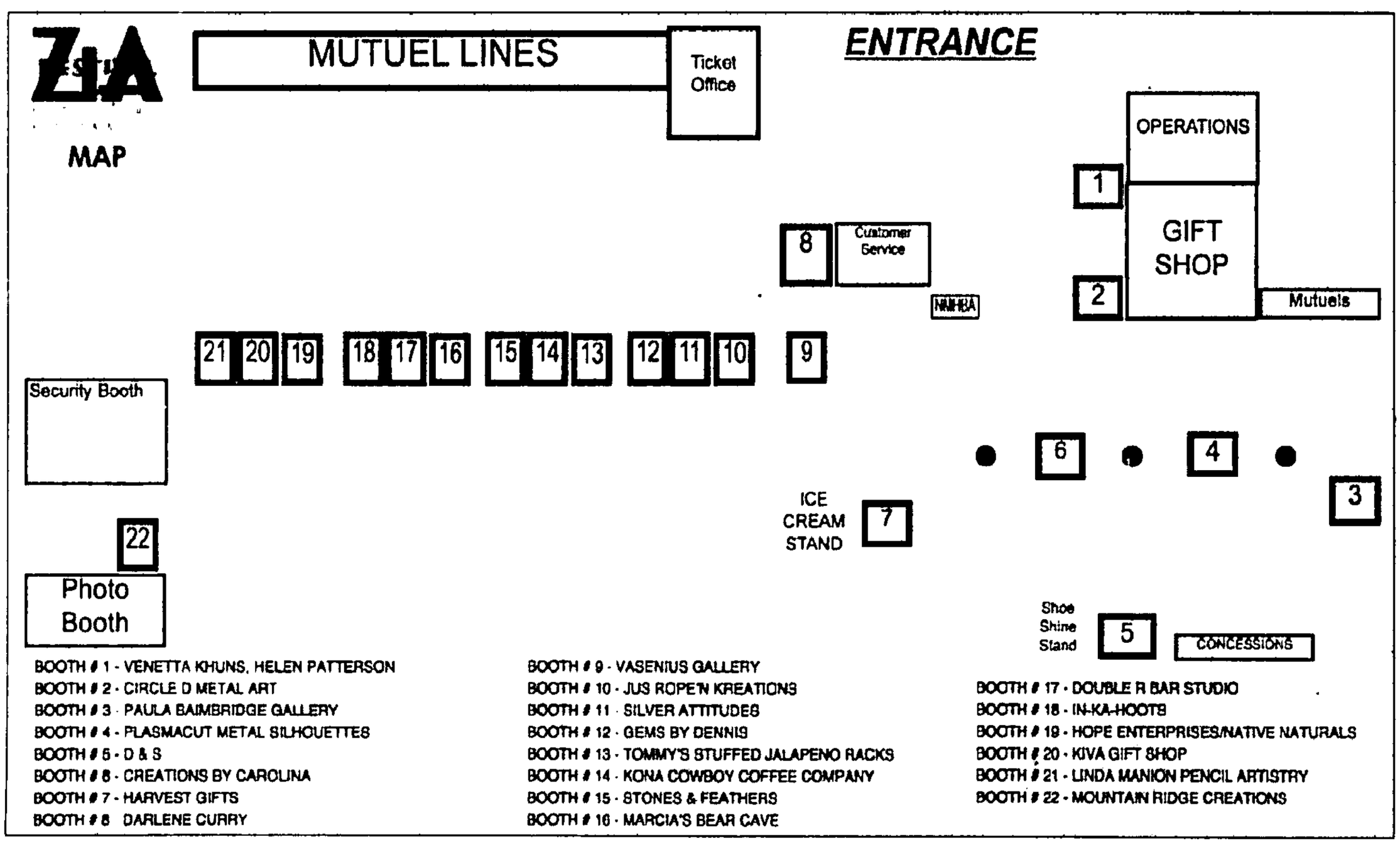
"It takes tremendous dedication, loyalty and sacrifice by everyone involved to accomplish something like this," Marr said. "And I would like to thank them and their families for all they have done."

This flourishing trainer believes horseracing is a sport like none other. To back that up, he points out some common factors to horseracing that are overlooked by many people.

"Normally, most racers have four variables in common that must work in sync for each individual horse to prosper," Marr believes. "The trainer, the owner, the jockey and the horse itself must all work together as one to arrive at a fruitful conclusion. It's a sport like no other."

Joel H. Marr concludes he has been lucky to have had so many nice horses thus far in his career.

"Some may have made a lot of money, and others not so much, but they were special 'hard knockers' who just wouldn't ever quit," Marr revealed. "You get attached to them. I will remember them forever."



State-bred horses are something to behold

If you are looking for fun, excitement and rewards at Ruidoso Downs this year, plan on attending the 2008 Ruidoso New Mexico-Bred Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse Sale. The thoroughbred sale will take place July 25-26 and the quarter horses will be sold Aug. 15-16. Be sure and visit the New Mexico Horse Breeders booth at Ruidoso Downs sale pavilion. We will be glad to provide information regarding our program or answer questions you may have.

The New Mexico Horse Breeders Association is a non-profit corporation, established in 1961. The purpose of the Association is to promote the breeding of racing quarterhorses and Thoroughbreds in New Mexico. The Association is the official registry for the New Mexico Breeds. The office is located in Albuquerque and publishes a bi-monthly magazine. Being a part of the Association will keep you involved in breeding and race related activities around the state. You can contact us at 505-262-0224, P.O. Box 36869, Albuquerque, NM, 87176 or www.nmhorsebreeders.com.

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Memories of the past

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New Mexico is known as the "Land of Enchantment," and no where is that more true than with the state's long and storied history in horse racing.

While Billy the Kid raced across Lincoln County on horseback in the late 1800s, today, horses are still racing in Lincoln County, New Mexico. The difference today is the horses are racing against each other, not trying to outrun the law. Each summer, the best New Mexico-bred horses gather to determine the best of the best on the Ruidoso Downs racetrack just steps away from the Billy the Kid Casino.

For decades, horsemen have been bringing their fastest mounts to Ruidoso to win money and bragging rights. The same horses that were used to work the cattle on the vast ranges were often brought to a meadow outside of town between the river and old Mr. Miller's cornfield to match race.

The cow pony races became increasingly popular and by the 1930s and into the early '40s, quite a few horses that didn't know anything about a cow were running. Back then, racing was a Sunday-afternoon-picnic kind of thing. Hidden from the highway view by trees, the meadow was reached by a twisting gravel road, and bleachers were set up to accommodate the two or three hundred people who might attend the races. The racing strip was built not far from where the current homestretch sits, and a four-horse starting gate ensured a fair start for participants. The horses raced uphill as there was about a 12-foot rise from the starting gate to the finish line.

In 1947, pari-mutuel wagering was instituted, and the cornfield meadow, which was at that time known as Hollywood Park because of its proximity to the settlement of Hollywood, New Mexico, was upgraded with a canvas-covered grandstand. The name would eventually change as California already had a Hollywood Park.

Ruidoso has been on the forefront of racing. In 1949, the track was a 5/8ths-mile oval with a 660-yard straightaway and carded the first 870-yard races which pitted American quarter horses against Thoroughbreds in the same field. Ruidoso was also the first track in the southwest to have a complete film patrol which filmed each race.

In 1986, the track expanded its race surface and replaced its former five-furlong track with a seven-furlong oval for Thoroughbreds and a separate 550-yard straightaway for quarter horses, making Ruidoso the only track on which the two breeds of horses race over surfaces specifically tailored for the given animal and type of race. The renovations meant rechanneling the Rio Ruidoso so it now flows through the track's infield.

But when it comes to notoriety, nothing touches the track's signature race, the All American Futurity. The All American Futurity, the world's first million dollar horse race, got its start in the fall of 1955.

Z Tops

The Zia Futurity has been contested at Ruidoso Downs since 1991, when it was named the Zia Freshman Championship. In 1992-93, the race was called the Zia Freshman Handicap. In 1995, it received a Restricted Grad 3 status from The American Quarter Horse Association. The following year, the grade was raised to Restricted Grade 2. In 2004, the race was elevated to the highest level with a Restricted Grade 1 rating. The following is a list of the race's winners. Who will join the list this year?

Zia Futurity (RG1) Winners

1993	Chargin Forth
1994	Major Rime
1995	Now I Know
1996	Namehimastreaker
1997	Beduinos Call
1998	Cowgirl Cadilac
1999	Itsaneasycall
2000	Mark My Dial
2001	Rabbits Jet
2002	Dooley For Cash
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Derby Winners

The Zia Derby has a longer history than the Zia Futurity, having been first run at Ruidoso Downs in 1990. The following is a list of the race's winners.

Zia Derby (RG1) Winners

1991	Sitting On A Native
1992	Am Hard To Come By
1993	Merry Ego
1994	Am News
1995	All Iced Up
1996	Now I Know
1997	Namehimastreaker
1998	Py Yii
1999	Curisen Cal
2000	Alibi Alibi
2001	Chicks For Sure
2002	Chicks Goes Steppin
2003	Runawaywithecash
2004	Ongoing Ta Fame
2005	Run MR
2006	Eddie Stinson
2007	Miracle In Seattle
2008	????

According to noted American Quarter Horse historian Richard Chamberlain, the All American Futurity was "born in the bar of the Hilton Hotel at Albuquerque where J.B. Ferguson, Elmer Hepler and a few other horsemen were bending elbows and bragging about the bloodlines of their horses. One thing led to another, and before the evening was over, they decided to stage a race two years hence, matching the yet-unborn foals of their mares in the winner-take-all."

Fifteen mares were involved in the horsemen's deal and 11 foals were nominated to the race and four actually started the races, which was called the Southwestern Futurity. Segura Miguel won the race and earned $19,700, the largest single check by any Quarter Horse that year.

The idea intrigued breeders and they began planning for a future race, the All American. The first All American Futurity was contested on Labor Day 1959, and Galobar won by half a length. The filly earned $64,843 for the victory.

Ruidoso Downs continues its deep history in racing. On July 26-27, Ruidoso Downs will host the sixth annual Zia Festival, a celebration of all things New Mexican, especially horses. On July 27, the track will contest the Zia Futurity, Zia Derby, Zia Handicap, Zia 870 Championship, Sierra Starlet Handicap, Rio Grande Senorita Futurity, Rio Grande Senor Futurity, Road Runner Handicap, Land of Enchantment Handicap and Lincoln Handicap. The purses for the day will total more than $1 million.

The event is co-sponsored by the *Ruidoso News*, and in addition to the exciting horse racing, vendors will be set up in the grandstand selling the finest goods and products from the state of New Mexico.

The American Quarter Horse Association in Amarillo, Texas, maintains race records and pedigree information on racing American quarter horses. To find handicapping statistics, new owner information and other news about American quarter horse racing, visit www.aqharacing.com.

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If you aren't managing your money then you need to start today. It's that simple.

Also, always remember the first rule of gambling is connected to money management. That golden rule is never bet more money than you can afford to lose. This is not only sound gambling advice, but also insures that you leave the track having a positive fun, experience. It's all about having fun. If you make money, great. Of not, still enjoy a fun experience.

To understand money management, think of your bets as investments and you are the financial planner. As a financial planner, you are dealing with past performances, opportunities, trends and other data to reach an informed decision. Then, as a financial planner, you are allocating funds to diverse investments. It's the same deal when wagering on horses.

Therefore, as a horseplayer, consider the relative merits of each horse in each race and also evaluate the merits of the race. By doing this, you can determine how much you wish to bet on a horse and how much you want to bet on the race. If you really like a horse in a race and you are getting value in the odds, bet more on this race. If the opposite conditions exist, bet less.

The same thought process applies to what wagers to select. Example: If you like one horse in a race then you might want to key that horse in exotic wagers. If you like two or three horses then you might want to consider "boxing" them in exotic wagers. Then determine how much you like the horses before deciding how much to bet. This process is fundamental to finding wagering opportunities. We always try to bet a little and win a lot.

Try to look at the entire race program before placing your first bet. This enables you to judge the relative merits of each race. Then you can make an informed decision on how much to bet on each race. Example: If you can't wait to bet on a horse in the seventh race, be sure you adjust your fund allocations to try to make a sizable wager in the seventh race.

Again, don't bet more than you can afford to lose and remember that if an investment planner told you to put all of your money in one investment you'd want to get another financial planner.

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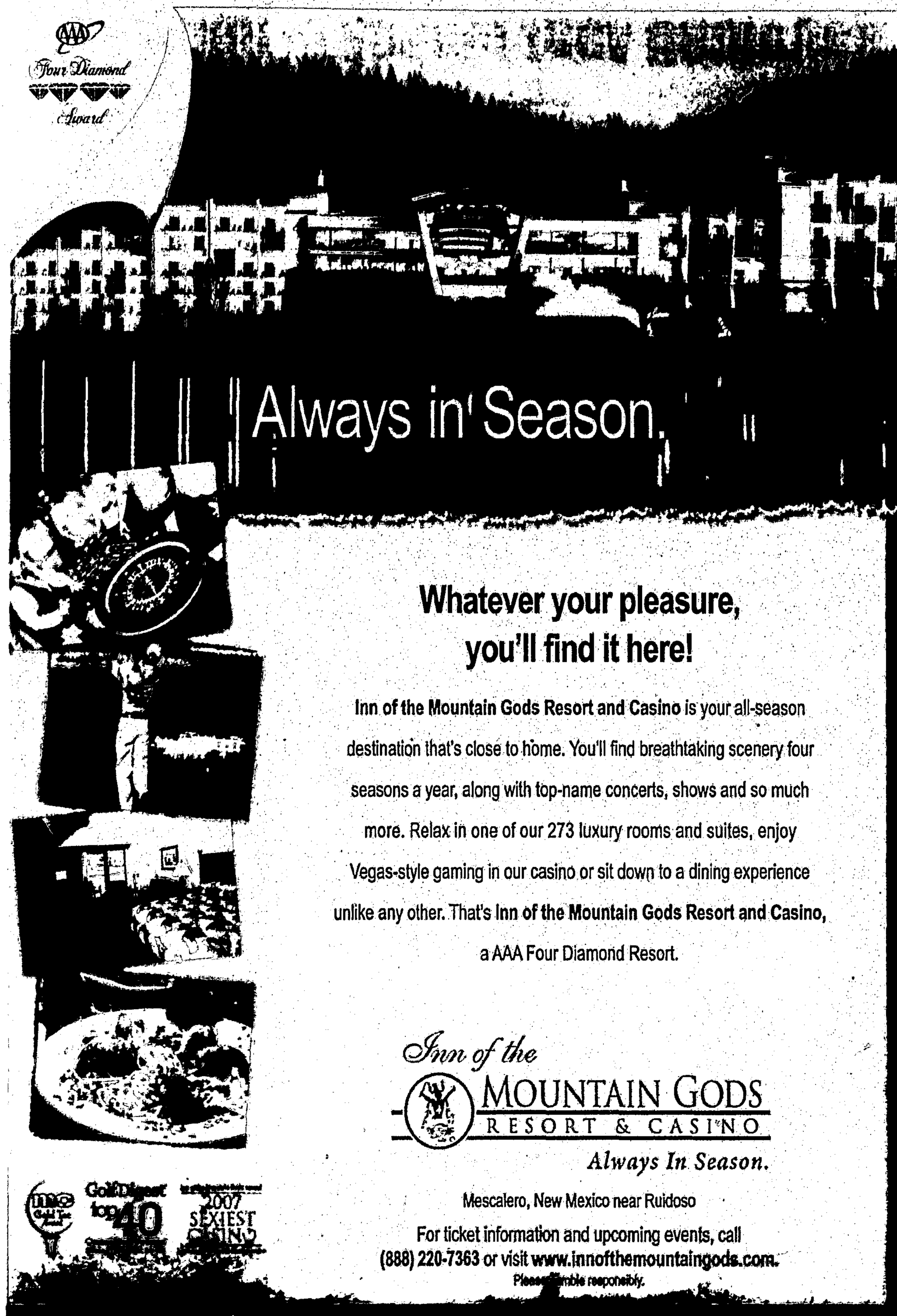
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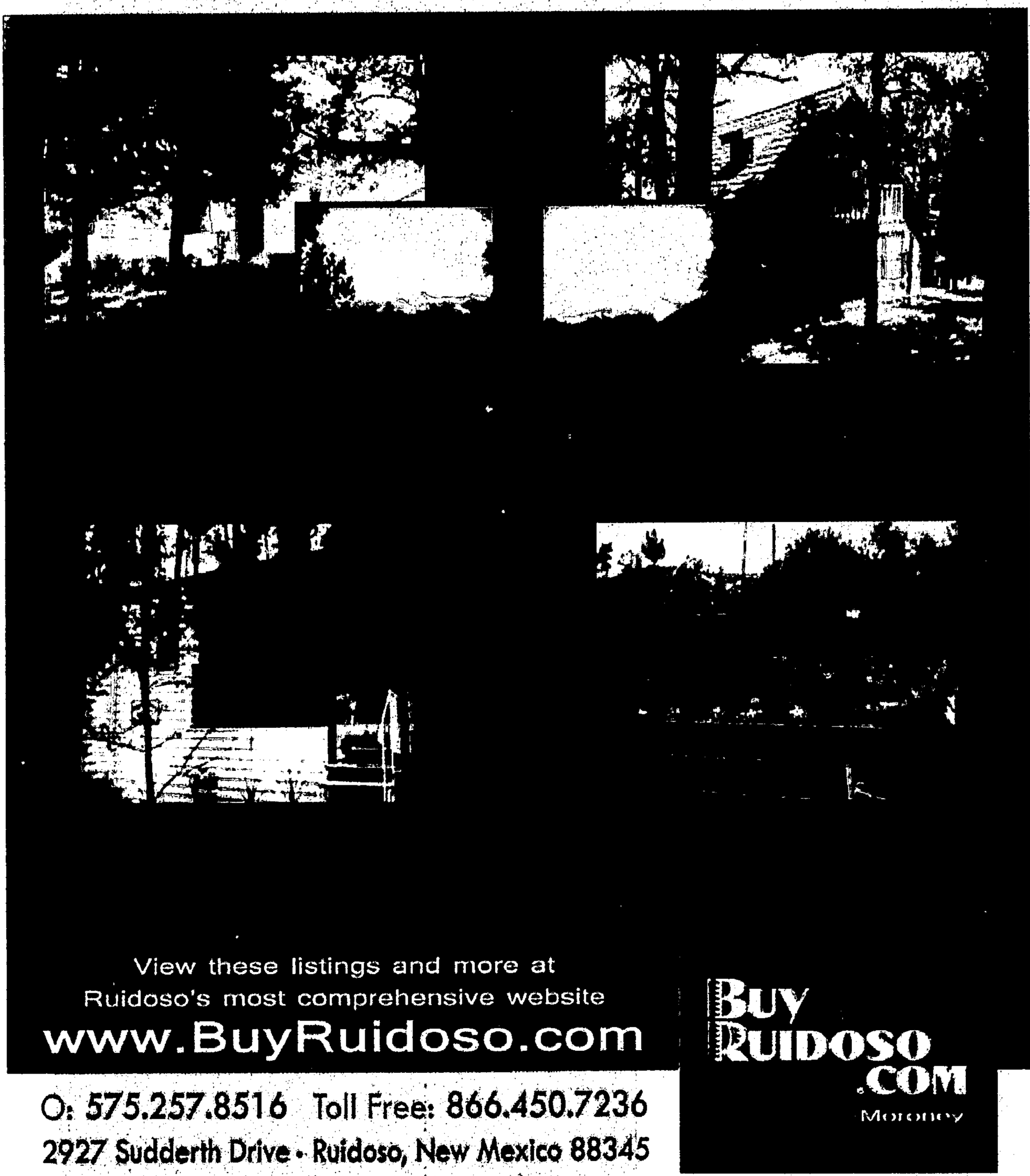

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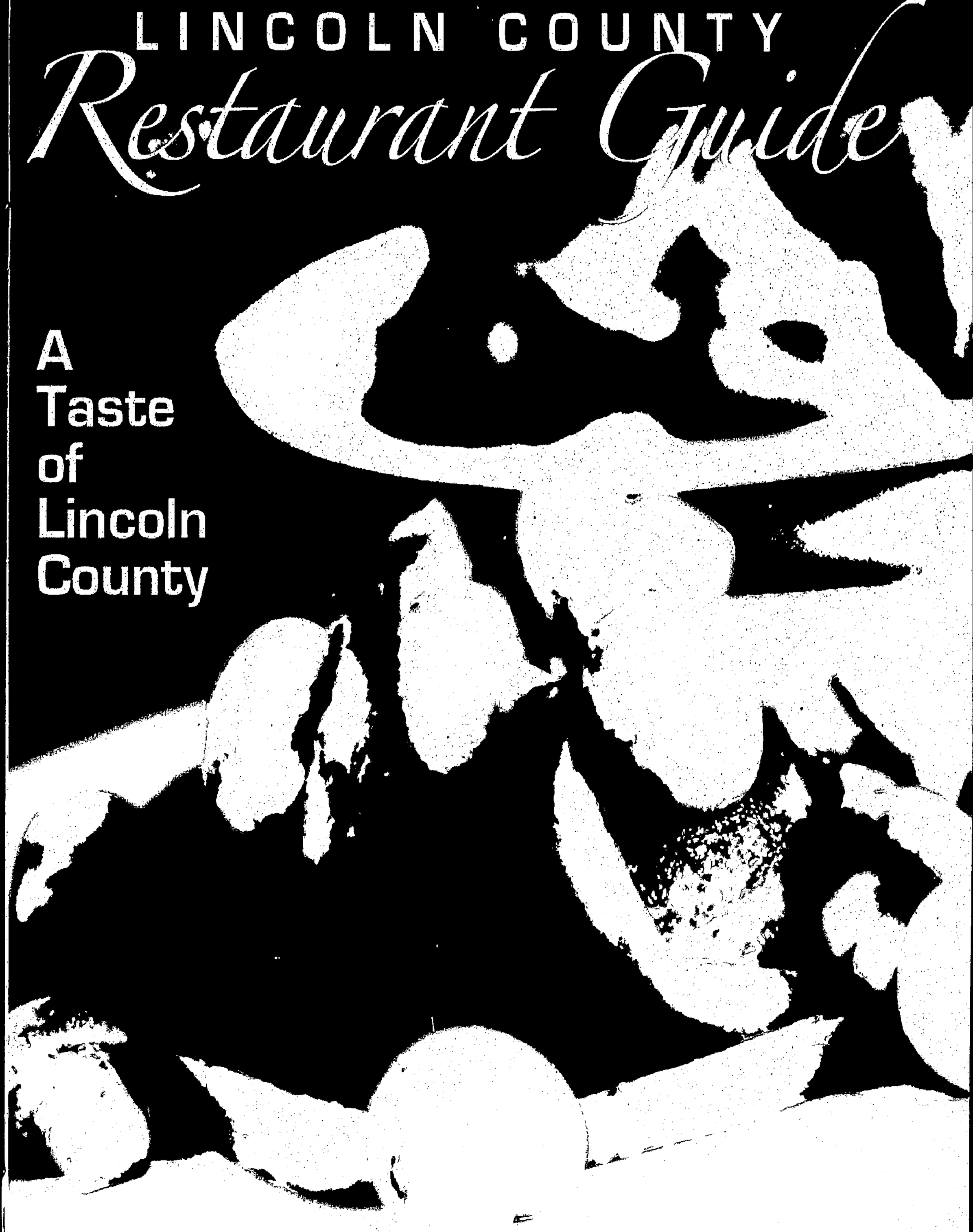

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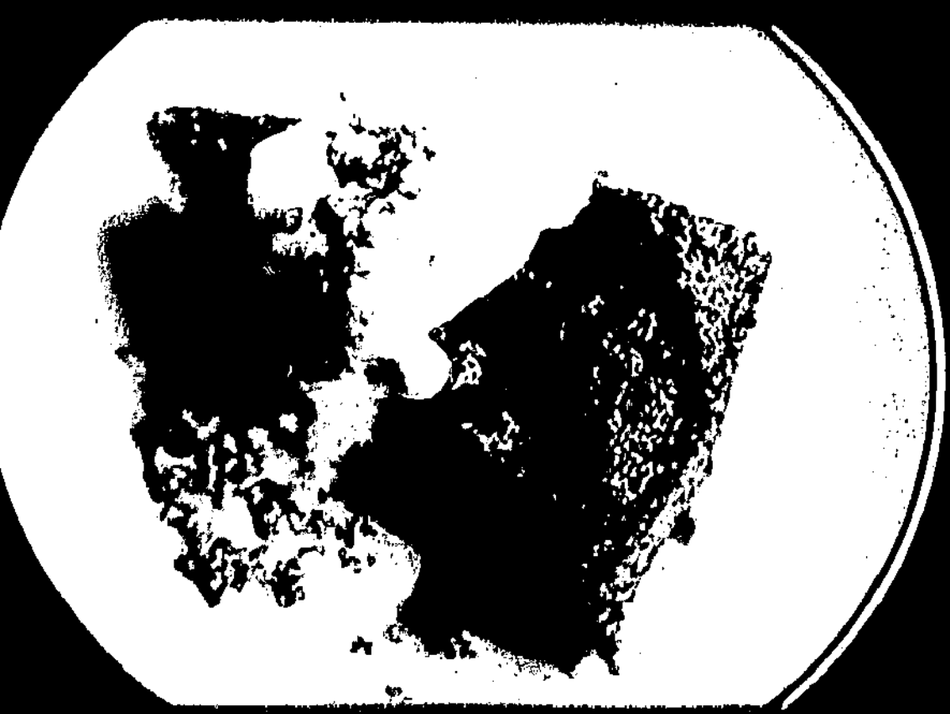

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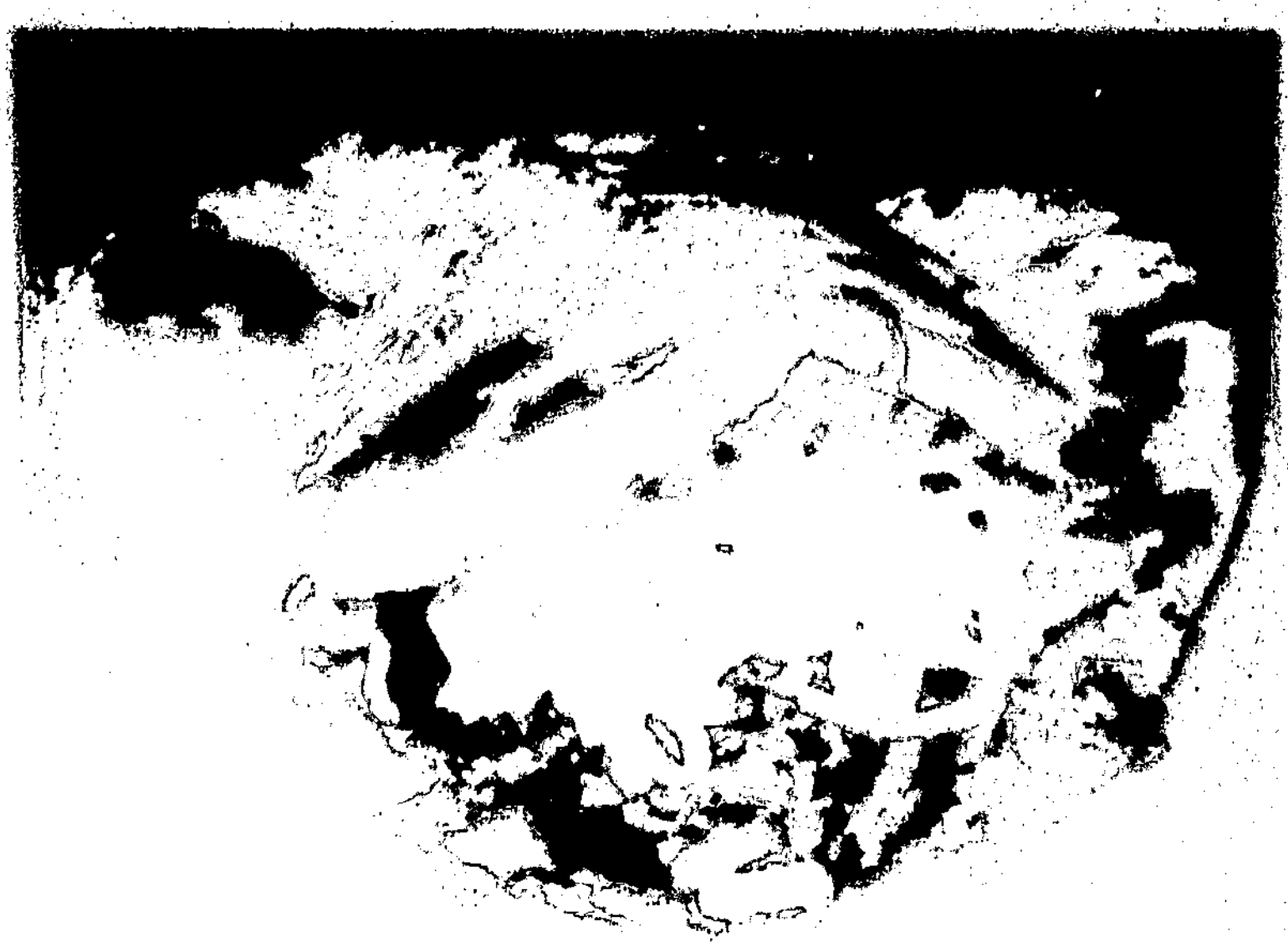

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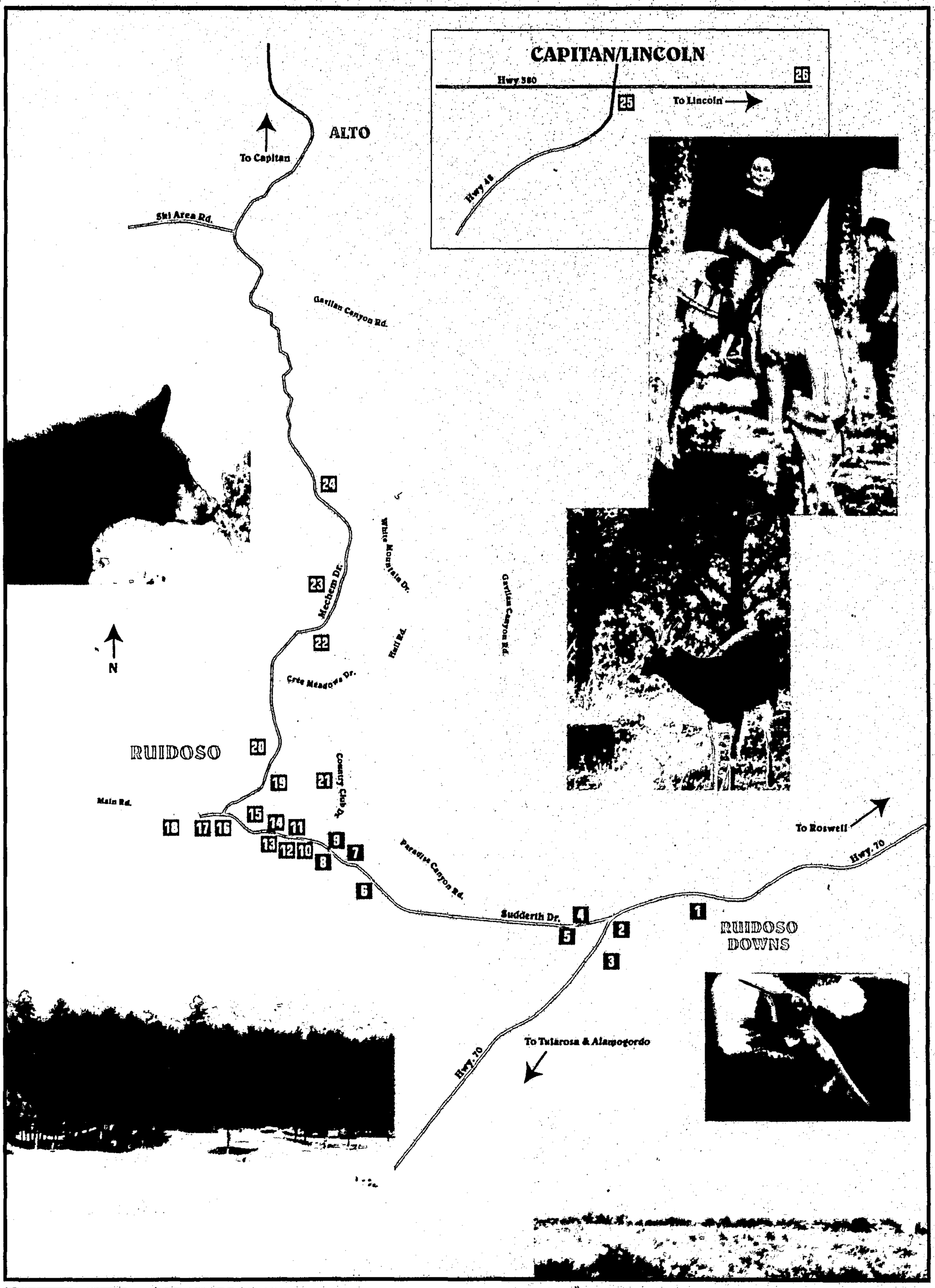
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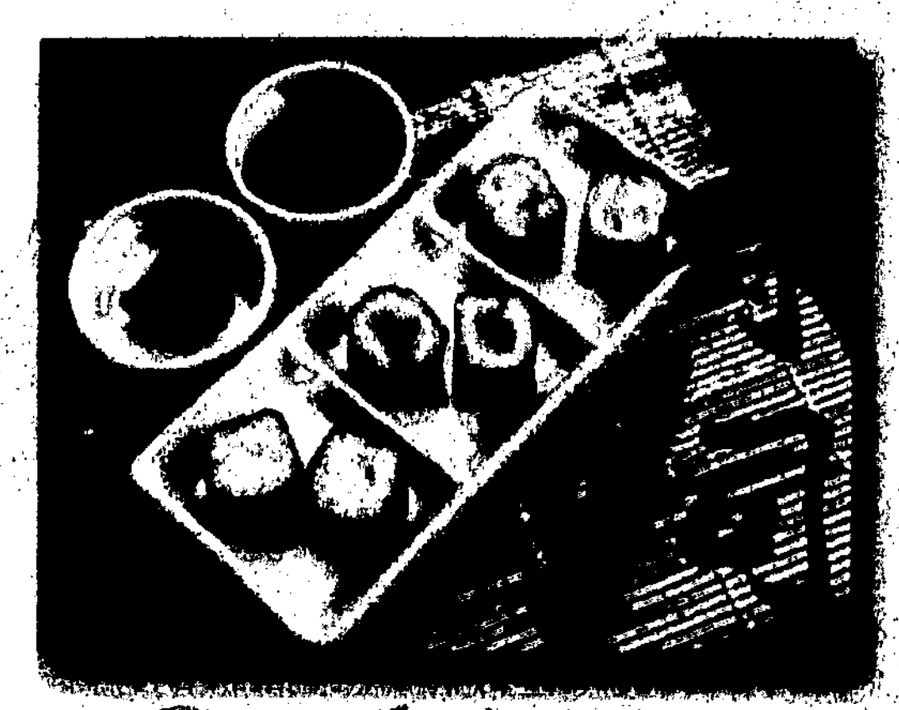

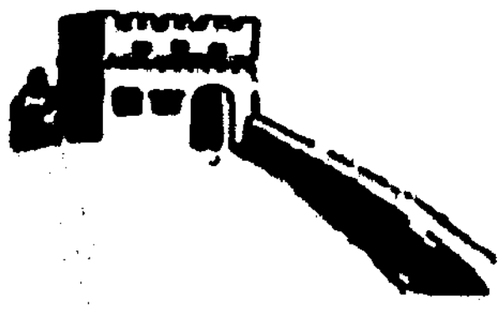

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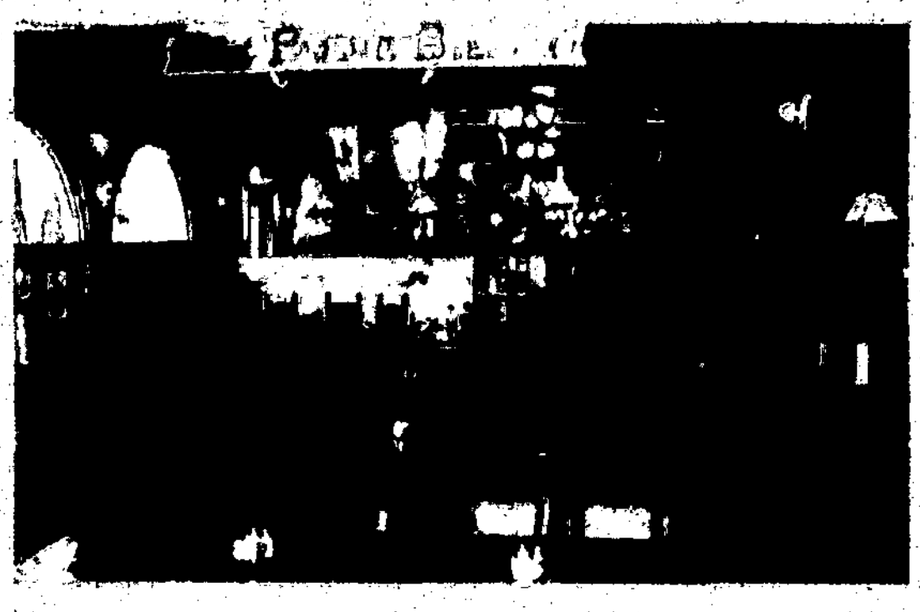

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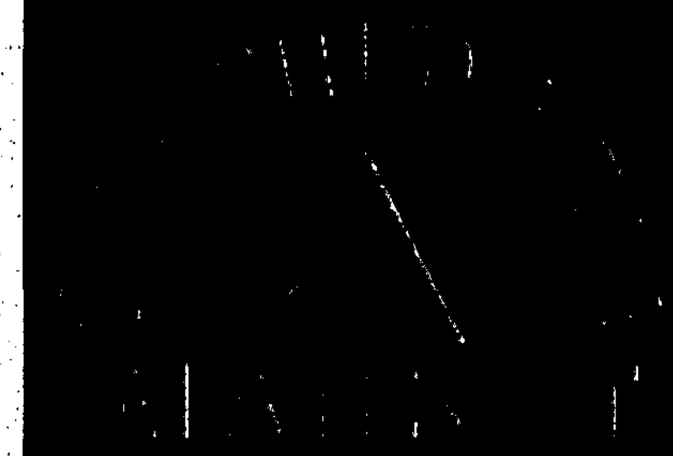
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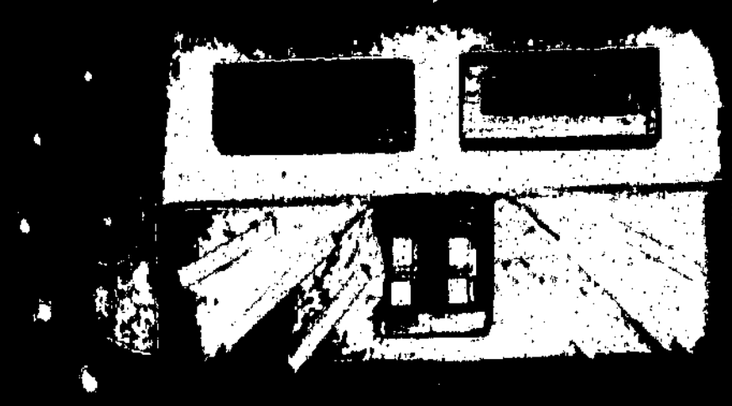

Ruidoso Art Festival arrives this weekend

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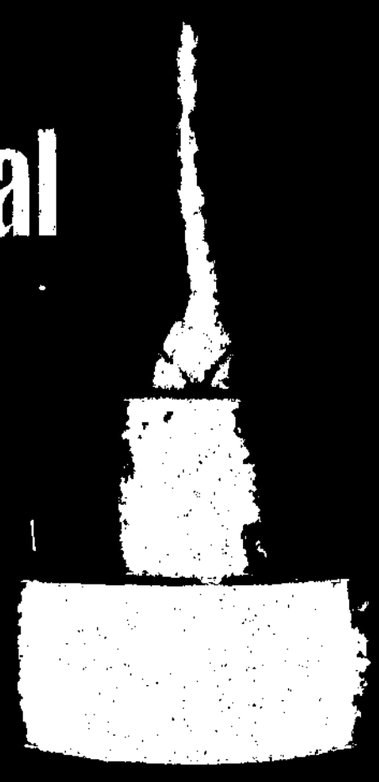

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THIS WEEKEND

'You Can Do It'

The Hubbard Museum is pleased to announce that the eighth installment of the "Saturdays at the Hubbard" program series will feature a special program for the public entitled "You Can Do It! Museum Preservation for Your Family Heirlooms" at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 26.

"Gwen is a very talented Curator and she will share her knowledge of best practices, and demonstrate how to ensure that your family heirlooms are preserved," commented Museum Director Jay Smith.

The program includes a brief tour behind the scenes at the Hubbard Museum where one can follow Curator Gwen McCausland for a sneak peek into the museum collections storage area and a discovery of museum professional secrets for preserving family heirlooms, from photographs to textiles. This program will bring you up to date about proper storage and preservation techniques you can practice at home.

There is no additional charge other than regular admission fee to attend the program. Members of the museum will receive free entry to the program and to the museum as well.

The Hubbard Museum of the American West is located at 841 Highway 70 West, and is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission to the museum is $6 for adults, and reduced admission is available for senior citizens, military personnel and youth.

Visit their Web siteat www.hubbard-museum.org or call 575-378-4142 for information about other events, exhibits, and activities at the museum.

Chamber Music Festival '08
in Ruidoso

Amelia Piano Trio

August 2, 2:00 pm

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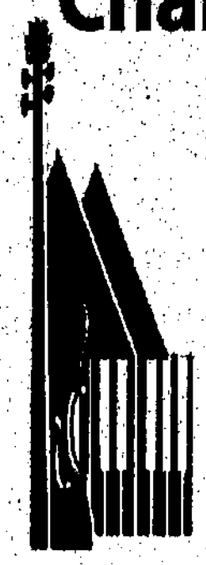

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Amelia Piano Trio
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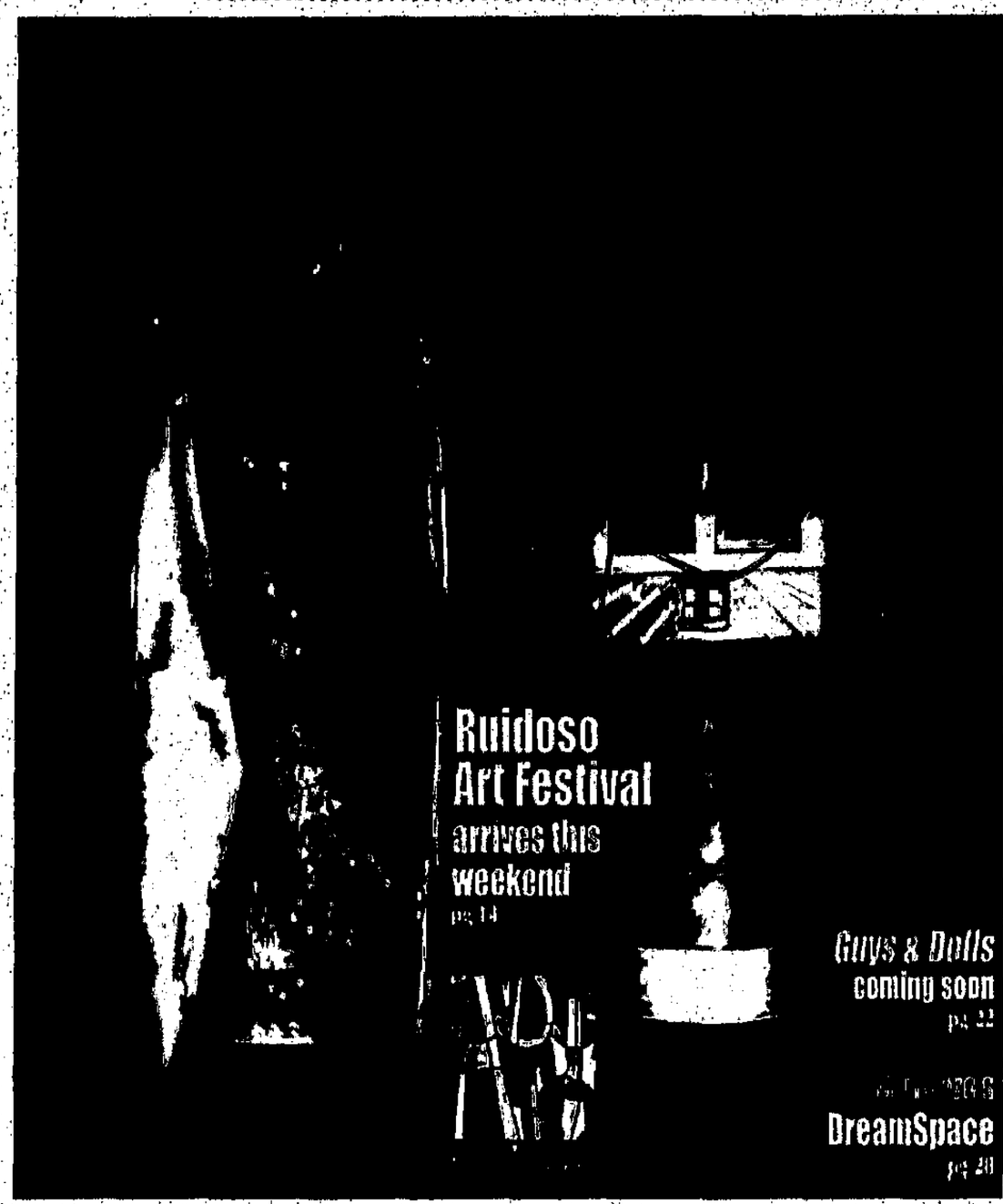

Artwork by Betsy and Ray Shaw. See Ruidoso Art Festival story, pg. 14.

Dining on history

Polly's Potpourri

by Polly E. Chavez

James Joseph Dolan was born on May 2, 1848, in Loughrea, County Galway, Ireland. That was along way from Lincoln County in New Mexico.

While waiting for my lunch at Lincoln's Dolan House, I read the history that was included in the menu provided by restaurant owners, Bill and Beverly Strauser.

I learned that the Dolan family immigrated to New York in 1854. To make a long story short, in 1866, Dolan reenlisted in the 37th Infantry and left the army at Fort Stanton, New Mexico Territory, with an honorable discharge in 1869.

Eating my way through a huge chicken salad sandwich (Dolan's Sandwich of the Day), I read that Dolan became a clerk for L. G. Murphy & Co., fort sutlers. "Sutlers" are camp followers who peddled provisions to soldiers.

In 1873, Dolan got into an argument with an army captain and threatened to kill him. After charges and countercharges, Murphy & Co, was ordered off Fort Stanton.

They moved their operations to the town of Lincoln becoming the dominant economic force in Lincoln County.

Murphy elevated Dolan to partner in "The House" (now the Court House Museum) in 1874, after the death of former partner Emil Fritz.

While I munched on the coleslaw accompanying my sandwich, I learned that when the Tunstall Store and associates opened for business in 1877, they were competing with the well-connected businessmen of "The House." In 1879, Dolan married Caroline Fritz, daughter of a prominent rancher, and they had four children.

This column space – and this entire newspaper – are too small to tell about the deadly shooting in downtown Lincoln and in the area. The series of incidents became plots for movies. I guzzled my iced tea as I read that Dolan, renowned as a heavy drinker, succumbed to alcoholism in 1898.

I nibbled on the fresh fruits on my sandwich plate and looked around the dining room, with its old-time décor. James Dolan actually lived here! I looked out the window and saw the Tunstall Store. Wow! If I shut my eyes I can hear gunfire sounds.

Excerpts from the Dolan House menu were written by Charles L. Usmar III. A book about James Dolan will be published by the end of the year.

I added the "edible" parts (food/beverage talk) in this column.

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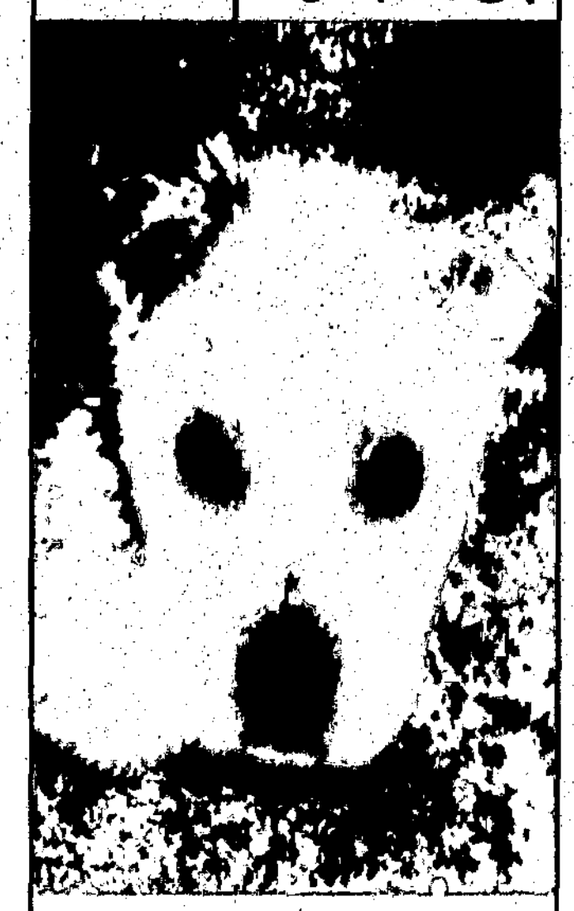


watch for sweet little faces, just like this one, featured on the pet ad every week in the Ruidoso News.

EVENT CALENDARS

Performances and Special Events

Corona Festival

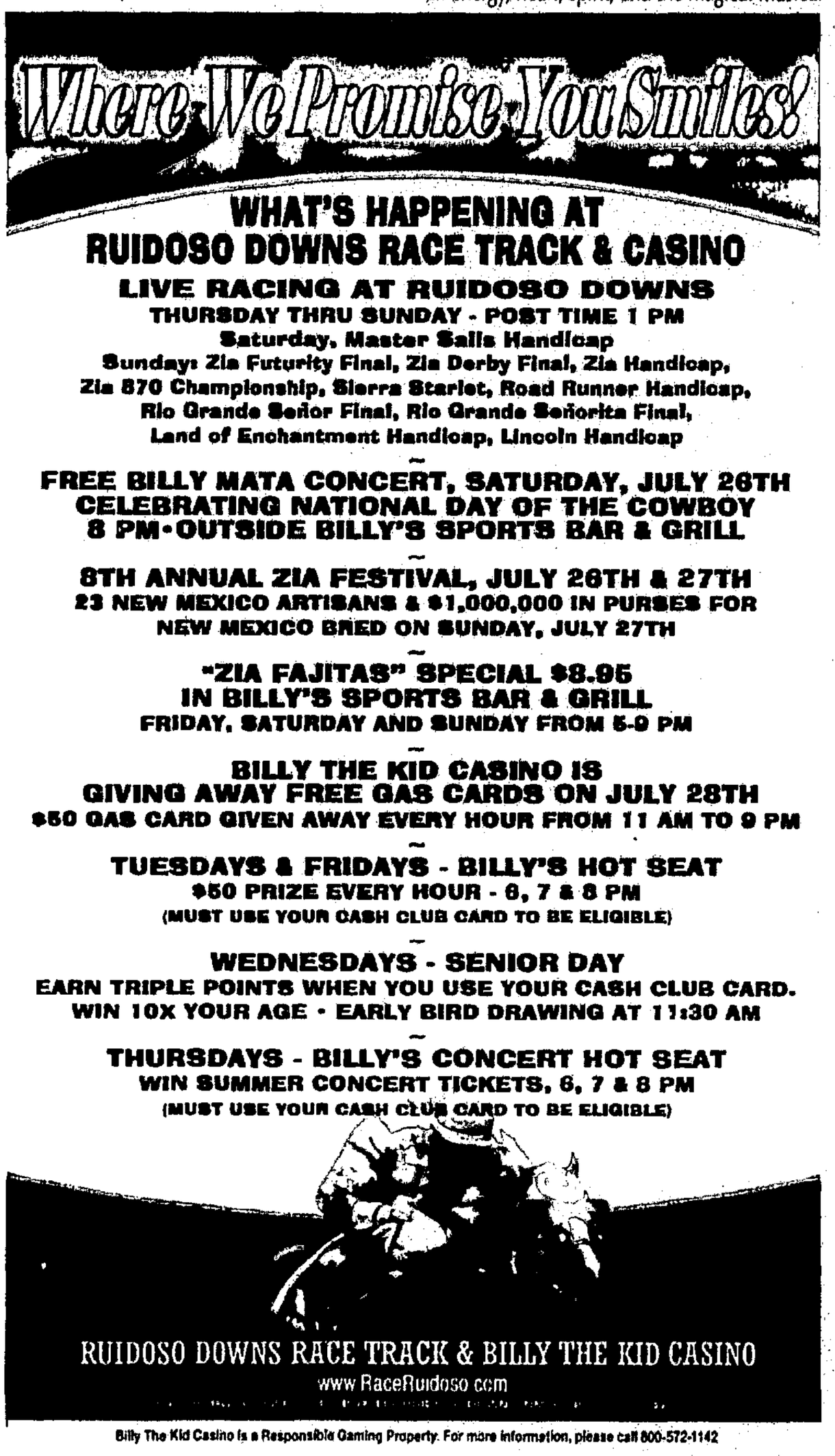
July 25-26: (Corona) Annual festival and ranch rodeo features kids' rodeo playday on Friday, and includes displays and hamburger fry. Parade on Saturday at 10 a.m. Ranch rodeo begins at 1 p.m. and FFA brisket dinner is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Corona cafeteria. Flamenco dancers in the Corona auditorium at 7 p.m. and a dance at 8:30. Ranch rodeo admission: adults, $5; children 6-12, $3; and Little Cowpokes are free. Info: 849-1414 for playday; 849-5511 for parade.

Ruidoso Art Festival

July 25-27: (Ruidoso) Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce presents the 37th Annual Ruidoso Art Festival, recognized by the Harris Poll as one of the top Juried Art Shows in the United States. Features more than 100 award-winning artists displaying work in a variety of fine art mediums. For more information, call the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at 1-877-RUIDOSO, 1-575-257-7395, or email Kathy at ArtFest@RuidosoNow.com.

Billy Mata Free Concert

July 26: (Ruidoso Downs) For more than 30 years, Billy Mata has been performing traditional music for honky-tonkers and a new generation of Western swing dancers. His music is all energy, heart, spirit, and the magical musical talent of his band, The Texas tradition – now celebrating more than a quarter century together. Free concert is at 8 p.m. at Billy's Sports Bar and Grill. Info: 378-4431.



Titovets

July 26: (Ruidoso) Ann Buell Fine Art presents Aleksander and Lyuba Titovets in a two-person show and sale. Aleksander has recently completed First Lady Laura Bush's portrait. Come hear stories of his experiences at the White House. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Info: 257-9102.

Rubber Ducky Derby

July 26: (Ruidoso) 2nd annual event benefitting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeastern New Mexico and Lincoln County. The race is at Two Rivers Park at 10 a.m. Tickets are on sale now – $5 for one duck; $20 for five ducks; or $100 for 25 ducks. Sponsored by the Hubbard Foundation. Info: 575-258-4185.

Preserving Family Heirlooms

July 26: (Ruidoso Downs) Hubbard Museum of the American West presents "You Can Do It! Museum Preservation for Your Family Heirlooms." Curator Gwen McCausland takes participants on a behind-the-scenes tour of the museum and reveals professional secrets for preserving family heirlooms. From photographs to textiles, the program instructs on proper storage and preservation techniques you can practice at home. 11 a.m. Info: 378-4142.

Zia Art Festival

July 26-28: (Ruidoso Downs) From 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, featuring all New Mexico-made arts and crafts along with live entertainment. Free admission at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino. Info: 575-378-4431.

Baby Sanatorium Presentation

July 27: (Cloudcroft) Sacramento Mountains Historical Society presents Dr. Werner Spier of El Paso with a PowerPoint presentation on the Baby Sanatorium, which operated in Cloudcroft from 1911 through 1934. The public is invited to become acquainted with the museum board and personnel, and refreshments will be served at the society's annual meeting. Cloudcroft Church of Christ, 2:30 p.m.

Fabulous Festival Fling

July 31: (Ruidoso) The Chamber Music Festival in Ruidoso presents Fabulous Festival Fling at the Swiss Chalet, July 31, at 7 p.m. Tickets for this fundraiser are $25. Info: 575-378-4302 and 866-375-7370. Web site: www.ruidoso.net/-chambermusic.

"Clay Work as a Metaphor for Life"

Aug. 1: (Capitan) Capitan Public Library's First Friday Adult Lecture Series presents Raynene Greer, who has worked with clay for 30 years. She will give examples of the stages of creating with clay and comparissons to life. 7 p.m. Refreshments served; free of charge.

Pam Tillis

Aug. 1: (Alto) Pam Tillis in concert at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m. Just one year after releasing her first hit single "Don't Tell Me What to Do," singer, songwriter, guitarist, actress and music producer Pam Tillis was named the Country Music Association's (CMA) Horizon Award winner. Four years later, in 1994, she was awarded her first Grammy and named CMA Female Vocalist of the Year. Broadway stages, television appearances and more have marked the career of this dynamic performer. Info: 336-4800.

Chamber Music Festival

Aug. 1-3: (Ruidoso) Chamber Music Festival at the Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center, 125 Warrior Dr. on the high school campus. Russian pianist Alex Kobrin, Gold Medalist at the 2005 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, will perform Friday, Aug. 1, 8 p.m.; Miró Quartet, Saturday, 8 p.m.; Amelia Piano Trio, Sunday, 2 p.m. The Amelia Piano Trio will also perform "A Hair Affair," a humorous introduction to classical music for children and their parents (or grandparents). Saturday, Aug. 2, at 2 p.m. Info: RRCA at 575-378-4302 or 866-375-7370.

Last Escape of Billy the Kid Pageant

Aug. 1-3: (Lincoln) Last Escape of Billy the Kid Pageant at the Pageant Grounds in Lincoln. This is a truly unique event featuring a full-scale recreation of Billy the Kid's escape from the Lincoln County Courthouse performed by members of the community complete with horses, buggies, wagons and gunfire. Performances Friday and Saturday at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Bring the entire family; kids love the horses and gunfights.

Old Lincoln Days

Aug. 1-3: (Lincoln) Street vendors, food, mountain-man camp and a parade through Historic Lincoln at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Info: 653-4025.

Guys & Dolls

Aug. 1-3, 8-9: (Alamogordo) Alamogordo Music Theatre presents one of Broadway's favorites, *Guys & Dolls*, at the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts. $10 tickets available at the door.

Cross Canadian Ragweed

Aug. 2: (Ruidoso Downs) Cross Canadian Ragweed in concert at Ruidoso Downs Race

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Track & Casino at 8 p.m. The band established itself as a relentless touring group throughout the Texas/Oklahoma area, then broadened its reach nationally, releasing several albums of rabble-rousing alt-country.

Lincoln County War at the Hubbard

Aug. 2: (Ruidoso Downs) Dr. Bill Boverie presents "Trying To Understand The Lincoln County War: A Singular Perspective" at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs. For years historians have been trying to sort out fact from fiction surrounding the Lincoln County War. Speculation has spawned illusive tales by writers more intent on relating a good yarn than accurately describing history. It's high time some of those myths were put to rest, to clear up the often cloudy picture of that 1870s fracas. Historian, cowboy poet, blacksmith, preacher from Cloudcroft, Dr. Boverie presents The Lincoln County War with a twist. 11 a.m. Info: 378-4142.

Ruidoso House Concert

Aug. 3: (Ruidoso) Corinne West brings an original blend of bluegrass, Irish folk, rock and country styles. West was a Kerrville Folk Festival songwriting finalist. Noisy Water Lodge in Upper Canyon, 4 p.m. $15. Info: 937-7094 or pamela@buyruidoso.com.

Lincoln County Fair

Aug. 4-9: (Capitan) Annual Lincoln County Fair at the Capitan Fair Grounds. Livestock show, dance and lots more to do and see. An event for the entire family. For more information call 575-648-2311.

Music in the Sculpture Garden

Aug. 6: (Carrizozo) Music in the Sculpture Garden, an outdoor informal gathering featuring local musicians, features Lanny Maddox at Gallery 408 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Doug Montgomery

Aug. 6: (Alto) Doug Montgomery in concert at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m. Montgomery is an extraordinary pop and classical pianist, and his live performances and nine recordings reveal the vast range of his exceptional artistry. But what really makes him stand out is his remarkable talents as a stage entertainer. A concert with Doug — which includes classical, pop and show standards from Gershwin's expansive "Rhapsody in Blue" to gorgeous serenades like "O Sole Mio" and galloping rhythms like the theme from "Gunsmoke" – always includes humorous asides, personable banter and reams of laughter. In addition to his chosen repertoire for the night, he always takes requests from the crowd to create original medleys of classical masterpieces, barroom ditties and sentimental Broadway standards. For tickets, phone the Spencer Box Office at 336-4800.

JULIE CARTER

Don't miss "The Last Escape of Billy the Kid," during Old Lincoln Days, Aug. 1-3.

Business After Hours – Alto Artists Preview

Aug. 7: (Alto) Preview of Alto Artists Studio Tour and Business After Hours at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, 5-7 p.m. Art preview and silent auction. Food, fun and networking. For more information, call the Spencer Box Office at 336-4800, or visit www.spencertheater.com.

Trace Adkins

Aug. 8: (Alto) Trace Adkins live in concert at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino.He is, quite simply, country music's Alpha male and a towering presence in an era when larger-than-life personalities are a rarity. His instantly recognizable baritone has been cutting through the airwaves and energizing concert hall speakers for more than a decade, establishing Adkins as a major force in contemporary country. His body of work has been marked by both good-time anthems and soul-stirring slices of life. Tickets start at $40. Under 21 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Visit www.innofthemountaingods.com.

Mountain Mummers Melodrama

Aug. 8-9, 14-16: (Ruidoso) Lincoln County Community Theatre's Mountain Mummers present *The Pony Expresso ... or ... the Villain Came to a Grinding Halt.* Dinner Theater production is $25 at Cree Meadows Country Club, directed by Jason Johnson. Info: 505-400-6081 or 575-430-9889.

Alto Artists Studio Tour

Aug. 8-10: (Alto) Self-guided tour of Alto artists studios. Various locations, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

For more information, call Betsy at 575-336-7712.

Benefit Biker Rally

Aug. 9: (Carrizozo to White Oaks) The Carrizozo Street Fair is sponsoring a benefit biker rally to raise money for scholarships assisting local college and trade school students. Live music, food, door prizes and raffle at No Scum Allowed Saloon. Bikers meet at 1 p.m. at Carrizozo's McDonald Park and ride to White Oaks, where music begins at 3 p.m. Info: J'Lane Zamora, 648-2802.

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Pam Tillis is one of country's most established artists for good reason. Her beautiful falsetto vocals and hit songs like "Cleopatra," "Queen of Denial," "Shake The Sugar Tree" and "Mi Vida Loca" have kept her name at the top of hot country since she first came on the scene in 1991.

In concert, Tillis displays her talents in abundance, singing to audiences as if they were close, personal friends while holding perfect command of the entire stage.

The daughter of country legend Mel Tillis, the Grammy-winning songstress has not only enjoyed recognition as a CMA Female Vocalist of the Year but has charted gold or platinum with 11 of her albums. The versatile, down-to-earth beauty has also starred on the Broadway stage and appeared in popular TV series – but it clearly is her singing and song writing that make her heart tick.

On the charts, 11 of her simmering albums have gone gold or platinum, with six songs hitting No. 1. Her most recent release, the 2007 *Rhinestoned*, gained 5-star rave reviews for its lyricism and beautiful cohesion. Said industry magazine *Country Universe*: "*Rhinestoned* is more than just a stunningly well-crafted album from one of the genre's most consistent talents. It is a timely and much-needed reminder that country music is an art form, not just a radio format ...

"This is country music that finds its roots in the '70s folk-country of Gram Parsons and Emmylou Harris, with a streak of Glen Campbell's polished California sound for added flavor. But rather than mimic the sounds of the artists who came before her, she applies the lessons that they taught her instead."

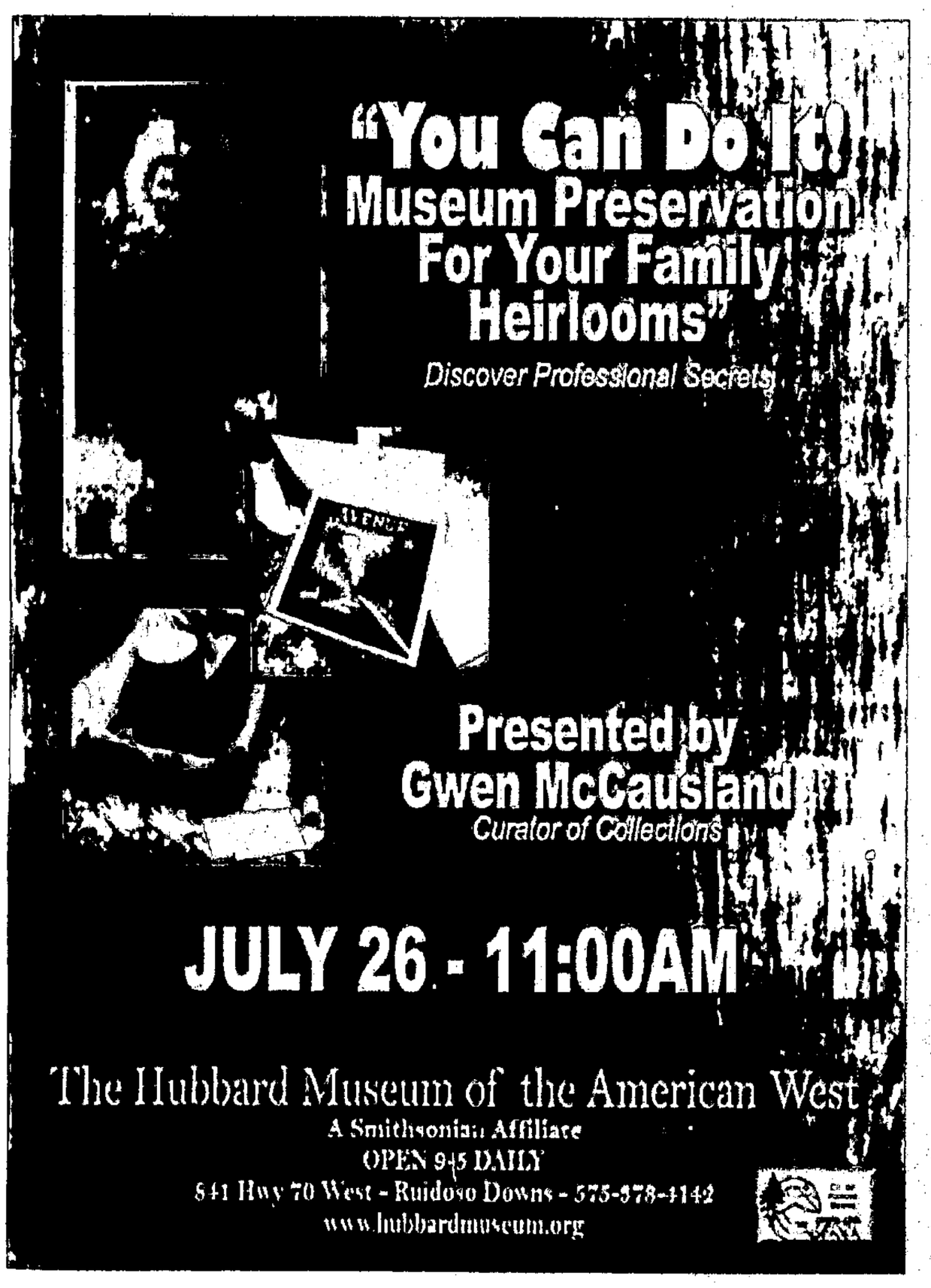
Experience Tillis' country beauty live, onstage at the acoustically supreme Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts on Friday, Aug. 1, at 8 p.m. Excellent seats (approximately100) remain for $69 and $66.

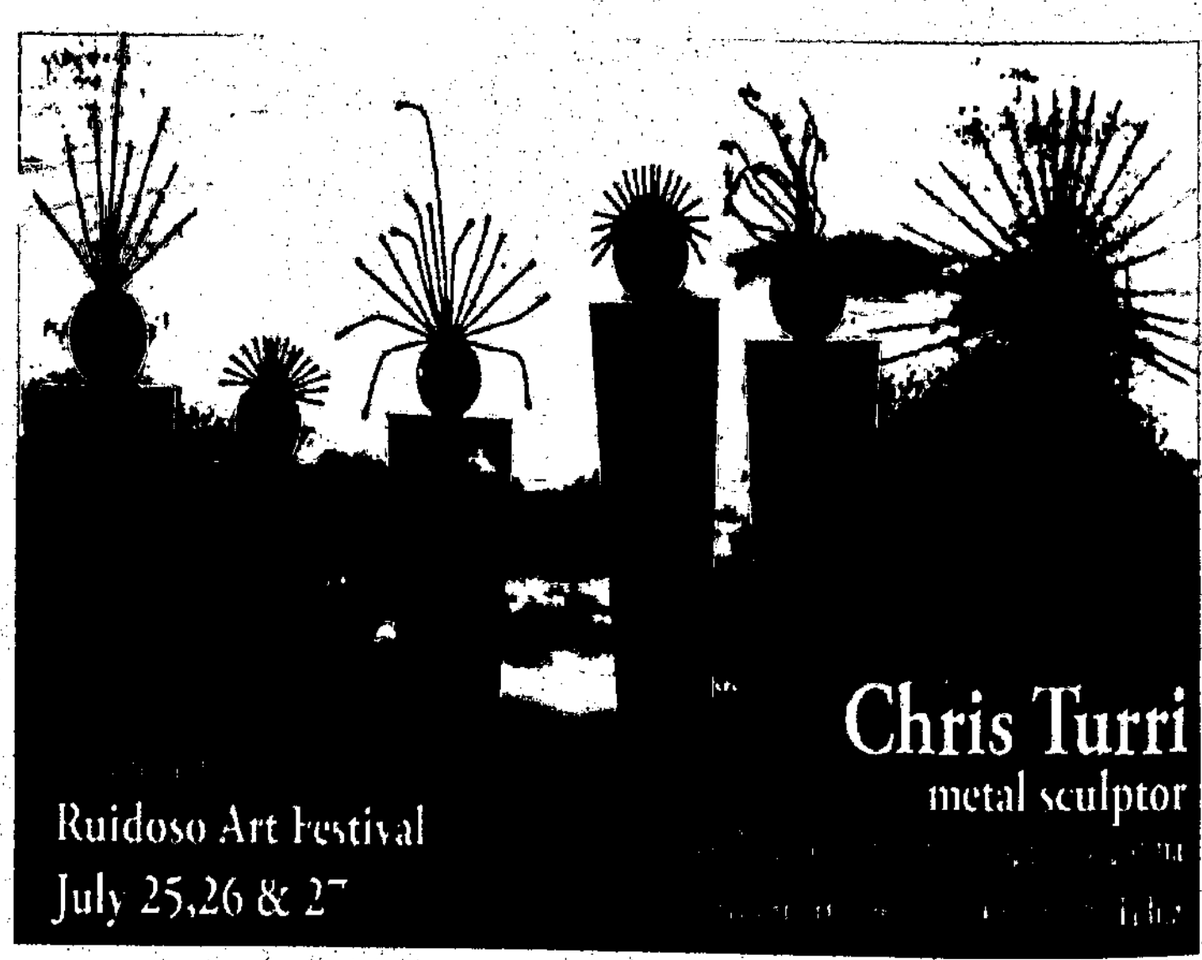
Call the Spencer Box Office at 575-336-4800 or visit www.spencertheater.-com.

The concert is sponsored in part by KWES 93.5 FM.

Coming up;

Doug Montgomery – Wednesday, Aug. 6, at 8 p.m. ($49 and $46). New Mexico's beloved "Piano Man" performs a vast range of piano favorites – everything from barroom ditties to Broadway standards and classical masterpieces.





MUSIC & CONCERTS

Delivering the soul of a song

There's magic in Corinne West's voice. It aches and breaks. It soars. It's clear, penetrating and washed in emotion. When she wraps that voice around her sublime songs, she's spellbinding. That's because she knows that great singers are great communicators, and every note sung can be a complete story in itself.

This remarkable artist will be in Ruidoso Sunday, Aug. 3, to perform in concert at Noisy Water Lodge in the Upper Canyon. According to organizer Pamela Cromwell, this is an invitation-only event. Getting on the invitation list is easy – just send an email message to pamela@buyruidoso.com.

"The evening begins with a social hour, and then we all sit down to enjoy a private concert," Cromwell said.

Corinne West was brought to Cromwell's attention by a friend. "I started listening to her CD in the car, and when I caught myself singing along, I knew she'd give us a great house concert," Cromwell said. "She has a fun personality, too, and I think she'll really connect with the audience."

Giving listeners an unfettered glimpse into the raw and wild places of the soul is West's ultimate goal. So she sings the story of life unfolding – sometimes brutal, sometimes beautiful, but always honest.

West says she learned about the importance of communication early in her musical career when she joined a nomadic group of artists traveling around the country in a converted school bus. She was 15 and dropped out of school to tour the country.

"I left home and school really young," she says. "I was a wild energetic kid, and I had this incredible wanderlust from a very early age. People always assume something heavy happened at home, but that wasn't the case. It just wasn't all that great. Everything seemed really static. I wasn't being offered anything I could sink my teeth into. Then I met a group of traveling artists and activists and that finally lit me up. I found a window into a different way of life, and I jumped through it.

"Living on a bus and being a young teenager among counter-culture artists had a massive impact on me. I met a lot of characters and saw many, many ways to live ... some crazy, some sane. I realized that the world was chock full of possibility, and that a creative life was a potent way to contribute, make statements and have a great time. And I had this guitar ..."

So, with guitar in hand, West hit the road and began busking – performing in public places for tips. That's where she earned her master's degree in delivering the soul of a song. It was a solid training ground for someone who had never taken formal music lessons and taught herself to play.

She immersed herself in the process, but her love affair with music took root well before that. At 5 years old, she was writing and singing tunes to whomever would listen – often her parents or their friends who she would steal away one at a time during parties, but more often to the sky or a little girl's version of God in her room at night.

Her grandfather was also an influence. While he wasn't a musician, he exposed her to the power and magnetism of live music.

"My grandfather started taking me to honkytonks when I was 11 and taught me how to two-step," says West. "There were always big, live country bands playing at the clubs. I would move across that dance floor following his lead, beneath the band and the colored lights, in a swingin' sea of dancers. Grandpa always knew everyone in the club. The two-beat would start and he would hit the floor with whoever was ready to step. It was love and magic and I was with my champion."

No one knew that the two-step and childhood songs would lead her to the life of a musician. That idea began germinating while she was busking. She loved the energy and excitement of playing to a live crowd. Returning to her native California, she pursued music with a newfound passion.

West joined her first band at 19 and poured her heart into making music. The group ultimately dissolved, as did several others she joined thereafter. The breakups were understandable but disappointing.

"I got tired of democratic bands always blowing up," she says. "Everyone has a different vision of what they want. It's like being in the kitchen with three other people and one wants Mexican, one sushi and one Cajun. Sometimes all you end up with is a big mess and a stomachache. I got to the point where I didn't want to be in another situation where everything stopped before it got off the ground, so I started writing and performing my own material."

Choosing that path led to an explosion of creativity. She honed her craft and developed her own signature sound. It was a heady mix with the intensity of rock, the sincerity of country, the storytelling of bluegrass, and the wide-openness of Americana.

West soon had enough songs for an album and began recording what would become her debut CD, *Bound For The Living*. Put together on a shoestring budget over the course of months, the album made West a rising star on the acoustic music scene.

She toured relentlessly and won rave reviews from *Maverick*, *Relix*, and *SingOut!*, among others. She also was named a finalist in the prestigious Kerrville Folk Festival songwriting competition. That, in turn, launched her onto the national festival circuit.

The other side of the Atlantic fell in love with her music when BBC legend Bob Harris began featuring her on his radio show. That led to a tour of England and Ireland in early 2007.

Her travels and the response from *Bound* inspired a new batch of songs and new level of confidence in her music. Always willing to stretch her artistic boundaries, she brought producer Mike Marshall on board for her second album. Marshall is an acoustic music legend having collaborated with such icons as David Grisman, Mark O'Connor, Bela Fleck and Edgar Meyer. It was exhilarating working with an outside producer after self-producing her debut record.

"Mike is brilliant and it was an honor to work with him," West said. "He was so focused on making sure we served the songs well. It took the recording process to a whole new level."

The music also inspired Marshall to recruit top-shelf artists like Jerry Douglas, Darol Anger, and Tony Furtado to play on the album.

The care and craftsmanship West and Marshall poured into *Second Sight* shines through every aspect of the recording. From the opening turbo acoustic, breakneck bluegrass of the title track, West casts a spell that's hard to escape. She segues from the blues-tinged world-weariness of "Roses To Rust" to the plucky, vibrant positivity of "Hell Yes" without missing a beat.

West's emotive voice is at turns subtle and sophisticated, unbridled and passionate. It captures and conveys both the fragility and strength of the human spirit and translates the mysteries of the heart into something tangible. And if that's not magic, what is?

Following a social hour at 4 p.m., Corinne West performs from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, at Noisy Water Lodge in Upper Canyon. She will be accompanied by two members of her band – Aaron Phillips on sax and flute, and Henry Nagle on pedal steel and lead guitar.

Guests are asked to donate $15 per person to support the artists.

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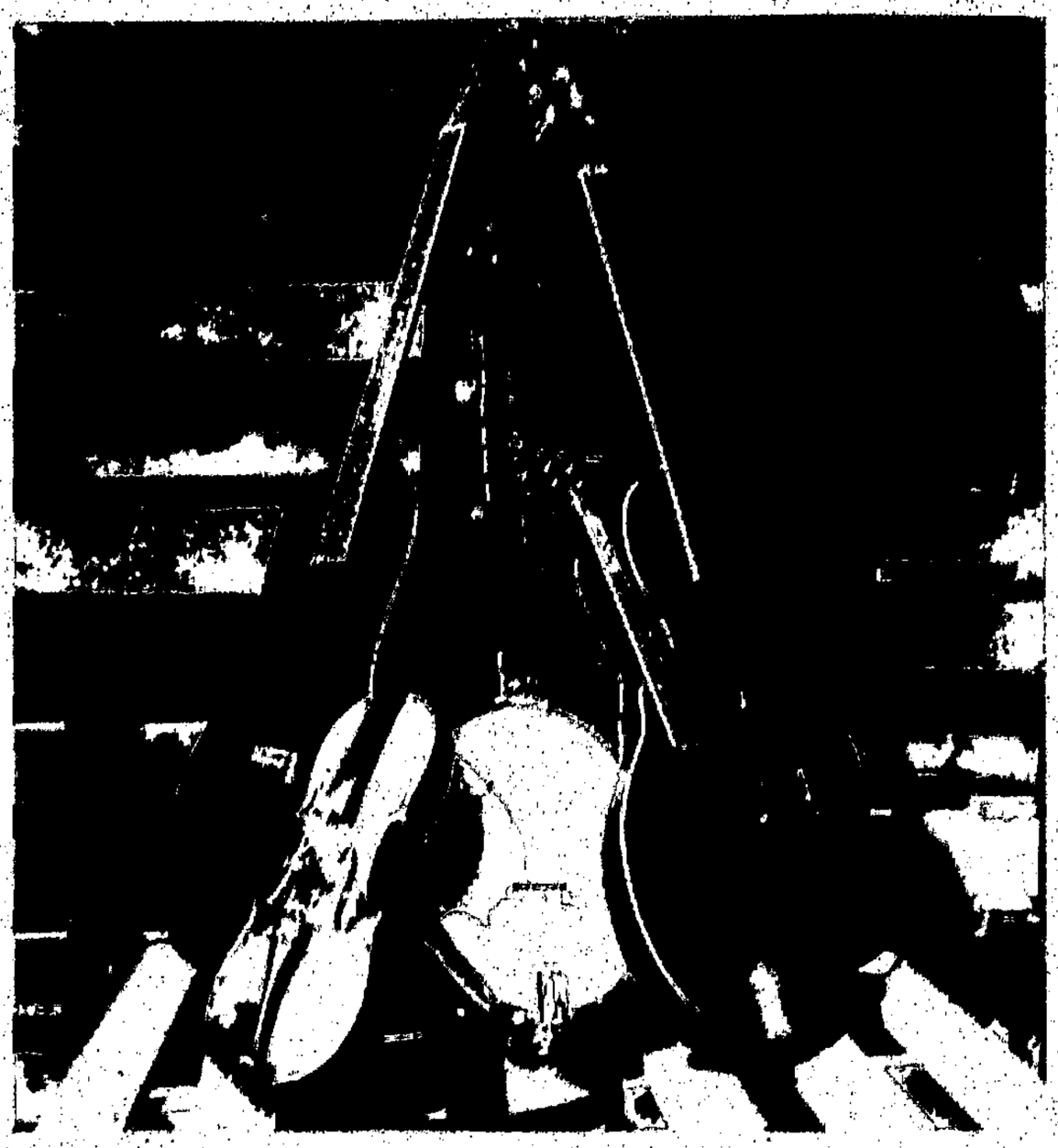

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Every Sunday

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Friday, July 25

Win, Place and Show – 8:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. – The Mixx

Texas Club – 7-10 p.m. – Brenda Breuer

Dreamcatcher – 3-6 p.m. – Jim Blakey; 7-10 p.m. – Sam Dunahoo

Club 49 at Inn of the Mountain Gods – 8 p.m.-1 a.m. – Ronnie Wolf

Wendell's Restaurant (Inn of the Mountain Gods) – 5-11 p.m. – Mike Sunjka

Wendell's Lounge (Inn of the Mountain Gods) – 5-10 p.m. – Doug Fuqua

Billy the Kid Casino – 5-9 p.m. – Rich Chorné and The Usual Suspects

Landlocked – 6-9 p.m. – Tomás Vigil

Saturday, July 26

Win, Place and Show – 8:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. – The Mixx

Texas Club – 7-10 p.m. – Brenda Breuer

Dreamcatcher – 3-6 p.m. – T.J. Clay; 7-10 p.m. – Sam Dunahoo

Club 49 – 8 p.m.-1 a.m. – Ronnie Wolf

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Billy the Kid Casino – 5-9 p.m. – Billy Mata and the Texas tradition

Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant – 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m. – Los Sheriffs del Norte, upstairs

Lughing Sheep Farm (Lincoln) – 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. – Tomás Vigil

Landlocked – 6-9 p.m. – Hillbilly Potentates

Sunday, July 27

The Quarters, Blues & BBQ – 3-7 p.m. – The Mixx

Win, Place and Show – 8:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. – The Mixx

Wednesday, July 30

Cafe Rio – 5-8 p.m. – Mark Kashmar, acoustic blues

Dining Guide

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CUISINE

What sounds good?

Culinary Adventures

with Perry Champion
pchamp@wildblue.net

In a Culinary Adventures column a while back I wrote about the mythical "Best Cheeseburger" in Ruidoso. I also mentioned my personal favorite, a ground bison cheeseburger that very soon would appear on the menu of a local restaurant.

The Great Bison Cheeseburger has now become part of the menu at Hennington's Grille and Tavern. Nice.

Now for the twist – $2 of each bison cheeseburger purchased at Hennington's will be donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lincoln County.

In case you have never had the pleasure of dining on bison, it is quite lean yet retains many of the desirable characteristics of beef without the high fat content.

Add the in-house baked buns and an excellent view of Sierra Blanca, and The Great Bison Cheeseburger becomes a wonderful thing.

The official roll-out luncheon will be next Friday, Aug. 1, at noon at Hennington's.

Everyone is invited to attend and support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lincoln County.

Local Food Notes

This new segment is about what is going on in the local restaurant and food world. Send me your email tips about what is going on and I will cover it for you in CA.

LFN for this week: The Sunday Afternoon Nosh

Normally, Sunday is a quiet day here at the little house on the hill – preparing for the radio week and gathering some ideas for CA.

This last Sunday, after working in my garden – wow, it is growing so fast now – I telephoned and invited a friend out for a nosh.

After a cruise through the village, it was clear that most restaurants were very busy. Good deal. We had not planned on a specific restaurant as this was a "let's see what sounds good to us" nosh.

We ended up at the Apache Summit BBQ Company at the Inn.

I suppose the secret is out about ASBC as the place was packed. We got the last table in the place at one o'clock.

The overall experience was darn good. Not perfect, but just right for a relaxed Sunday lunch. The view of the golf course, the lake and the mountain is hard to beat.

For the entrées, I went with the BBQ Bacon Cheeseburger and fries. You know how much I dig the cheeseburger thing. This C-burger was very nice and priced just right.

The BBQ sauce served with the burger is made in-house and is tangy, with some residual heat.

My guest had the Chicken Caesar Salad; the chicken was prepared well with good crisp greens and a pleasant dressing.

We were treated nicely, with various members of the staff and management dropping by the table to say hello.

Food Trends

I was given this information from a local bartender/restaurant owner. This is a true story about an article in a bartending magazine.

The article made a big to-do about the new "hot" trend in cities like New York and Paris of squeezing fresh juice for drinks. Astonishing. Who would have thought of using freshly squeezed juice?

New York, New York – Food sticker shock has arrived in the "Big Apple". Since this spring, chain restaurants in New York are required by law to post the calorie count of each food on the menu.

Soon, Seattle and California's Santa Clara and San Francisco join the movement. Ouch!

The Lincoln County Food Bank

In these difficult times, the Lincoln County Food Bank, located at the First Baptist Church in Ruidoso Downs, needs your assistance more than ever to maintain its inventory.

As you might guess, the demand on the program is climbing and they are in need of cash donations and/or food.

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HISTORY

Bad day at Ingalls, part 1

Past Tense

by Drew Gomber
Historian

There isn't much left at Ingalls, Okla. And there is almost nothing to commemorate one of the deadliest confrontations between outlaws and lawmen to have ever taken place in the Old West.

There *is* a monument, dedicated to Deputy U.S. Marshals Dick Speed, Tom Hueston and Lafayette "Lafe" Shadley, all of whom lost their lives on the fateful day of Sept. 1, 1893. The monument simply states: "In Memory of U.S. Marshals Dick Speed, Tom Hueston, Lafe Shadley." There is no information on the monument that tells us anything about these men or the circumstances of their deaths. And therein lies the tale.

Beginnings

The Dalton Gang was shot to pieces attempting to carry out a feather-brained scheme to rob two banks simultaneously in Coffeyville, Kansas, on October 5, 1892. The other members of the gang – the ones who were either not invited or saw the foolishness of the endeavor – re-formed under the leadership of Bill Doolin.

According to legend, Doolin accompanied the Daltons on the way to Coffeyville, but somewhere along the road, he decided – quite correctly – that Bob Dalton's plan was suicidal, and bowed out at the last minute.

Unlike the Daltons, Doolin had no delusions of grandeur. He was in it strictly for the money and regarded fame as a detriment to his chosen profession. Initially, Doolin's chosen profession had been that of a cowboy, but by the 1890s it had become difficult for cowboys to find work. Consequently, Bill had simply turned to a more lucrative line of work – robbing banks and trains.

Included in Doolin's "Wild Bunch" (or "Oklahombres" as they were frequently known), were such confirmed hardcases as George "Bitter Creek" Newcomb, "Tulsa Jack" Blake, "Dynamite Dick" Clifton, Bill Dalton (the only other outlaw member of the family left alive who was not in prison), Roy "Arkansas Tom Jones" Daugherty, and a vicious, unpredictable killer named George "Red Buck" Weightman.

Ingalls

The town of Ingalls had been good to the outlaws - and they to it, for that matter. As long as they minded their own business and did no robbing or killing in Ingalls itself, Doolin and his men were made welcome. In fact, the outlaws were quite popular at Ingalls. They spread their ill-gotten gains around generously, even giving to charity. Everyone knew them and no one minded them.

When Doolin married a local girl named Edith Ellsworth – the preacher's daughter, no less – it was considered to be a good match.

Needless to say, such a situation was unacceptable to lawmen. They couldn't have outlaws leading these double lives. It confused the issue.

In one town, the desperadoes were considered to be vicious killers, and in another (Ingalls), pillars of the community. People began to wonder who the good guys and the bad guys really were.

When word of the Oklahombres' arrangement with the good citizens of Ingalls reached the ears of Evett Dumas (E.D.) Nix, United States Marshal for the Oklahoma Territory, he immediately began to formulate a plan to either catch or kill Doolin and his entire gang. As far as Nix was concerned, the citizens of Ingalls had literally made a deal with the Devil. His plan was ambitious – and doomed to failure.

The Plan

For the most part in the Old West, the office of U.S. Marshal was an administrative one, so Nix himself was not involved in any of the violence that he would bring to Ingalls. The assault was led by Deputy U.S. Marshal (it was the deputies who actually got their hands dirty) John Hixon, chosen by Nix for his courage and intelligence. Nix was preoccupied with the land rush for the Cherokee Strip, which was his official reason for staying behind.

Hixon hand-picked a dozen deputies to accompany him into what would become, for some of them, the Valley of the Shadow of Death. Among Hixon's deputies was Jim Masterson, brother to the famous Bat, and a top-notch lawman in his own right. Masterson had been a policeman at Dodge City, along with Wyatt Earp and others, when it was at its zenith as a wild cow-town.

The policemen at Dodge were so tough that many trail bosses would caution their cowboys before arriving, telling them that the lawmen were as tough, and in many cases tougher, than anyone the cowboys had ever met, and they were neither kidding nor exaggerating.

Many a rowdy cowboy found himself waking in the Dodge City jail, his head aching from a hangover and also from being pistol-whipped into unconsciousness by one of Dodge City's finest. Many others simply "woke up dead" as they used to say.

Also in Hixon's group were the ill-fated three officers mentioned above: Shadley, Hueston and Speed. Nix's plan called for the lawmen to conceal themselves in two covered wagons, the type commonly used by and identified with Oklahoma land seekers. The officers planned to enter the town from opposite ends and surprise the outlaws in their lair. They would then kill any of the outlaws who would not submit to arrest, which pretty much meant that they were going to have to kill all of the outlaws.

At about 9 on the morning of Sept. 1, 1893, Hixon started the wagons into town.

Just another day at Ingalls

Over the years, a number of Ingalls' citizens remembered what they were about that clear autumn Friday morning. Charley Vaughn opened both the front and back doors of his saloon, taking advantage of the morning breeze to air the place out.

The breakfast hour at the O.K. Hotel was over, and Mary Pierce was with her two small children in the dining room, churning butter. Next door, Mrs. Call was sweeping the porch of her modest little home.

Across the street from her, Mrs. Wagner was hanging over her fence, discussing plans for an upcoming basket social with Mrs. Bill Wilson, who had dropped by en route to Perry's Dry Goods Store to look at some new dress material. Five-year-old Ernest and 7-year-old Harry Selph were shooting marbles in the street in front of their father's grocery.

"Arkansas Tom" had passed the boys in the street, pausing to tell them that "he wasn't feeling well" and was on his way back to the hotel. "He stopped and gave Harry and me two sticks of gum ... he was always giving us gum. We called him 'Chewing Gum Tom'."

Just minutes before the Selph boys conversed with Arkansas Tom, Bitter Creek Newcomb had taken his horse to Wagner's Blacksmith Shop to have a shoe tightened. The horse, named "Old Ben," was greatly valued by Newcomb because of his endurance.

"Old Ben" later belonged to George Ransom, owner of Ingalls' other saloon, the one the outlaws thought of as their home away from home ... In short, it appeared to be just another quiet day in Ingalls.

No one suspected that all hell was about to break loose.

Next: The Battle

SOURCES: *Gunfight at Ingalls: Death of an Outlaw Town*, by Glenn Shirley, and *Hell on the Border*, by S.W. Harman.

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Dining Guide

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Can't Stop Smokin' • 418 Mechem Dr. • 630-0000 • Bar-B-Que to go. Beef, poultry & pork.

Circle J Barbecue • 1825 Sudderth • 257-4105 • Sun-Thu, 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

Tom's Barbecue • 435 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 937-1515 • Spare ribs, brisket, pork, sausage, green chile burger and all the trimmin's • Dine in or carry out • Catering available.

Cafés

Alto Café • Hwy. 48 & Gavilan Canyon Rd. • 336-1980 • 6:30-3 daily.

Atticus Books & Teahouse • 413 Mechem • 257-2665 • 32 varieties of tea, plus European pressure and pressed coffee, homemade scones, fresh lemon curd and clotted cream • 10:30-7 p.m., closed Tue • Entertainment on Saturdays.

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 • 257-2273 • Mon-Sat, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. • Sandwiches, quiches, organic coffee, espresso bar. V

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

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

Casual Dining

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

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

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

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

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

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

Emily's Southern Accent' • 320 E. Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 354-5459 • Mon-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 Mon-Sat, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

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.

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.

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ART SCENE

Only in America

Born in Siberia, Aleksander Titovets received his education in St. Petersburg, Russia, culminating with a MAster's Degree in Fine Art. Along with his wife Lyuba, Aleksander immigrated to America as Russian arts flourished and expanded westward.

Their destination and new home was El Paso, where they arrived in 1995 with only $50 and very little command of English.Fifteen years later, Aleksander has perfected his skills and artistic vision, establishing a national reputation.

That excellence has resulted in the honor of being asked to paint the portrait of First Lady Laura Bush. it is, indeed, the story of dreams come true.

The portrait, which was completed and shipped to Washington, D.C., on Memorial Day, will now become a part of our American history, hanging in the National Portrait Gallery in the capital.

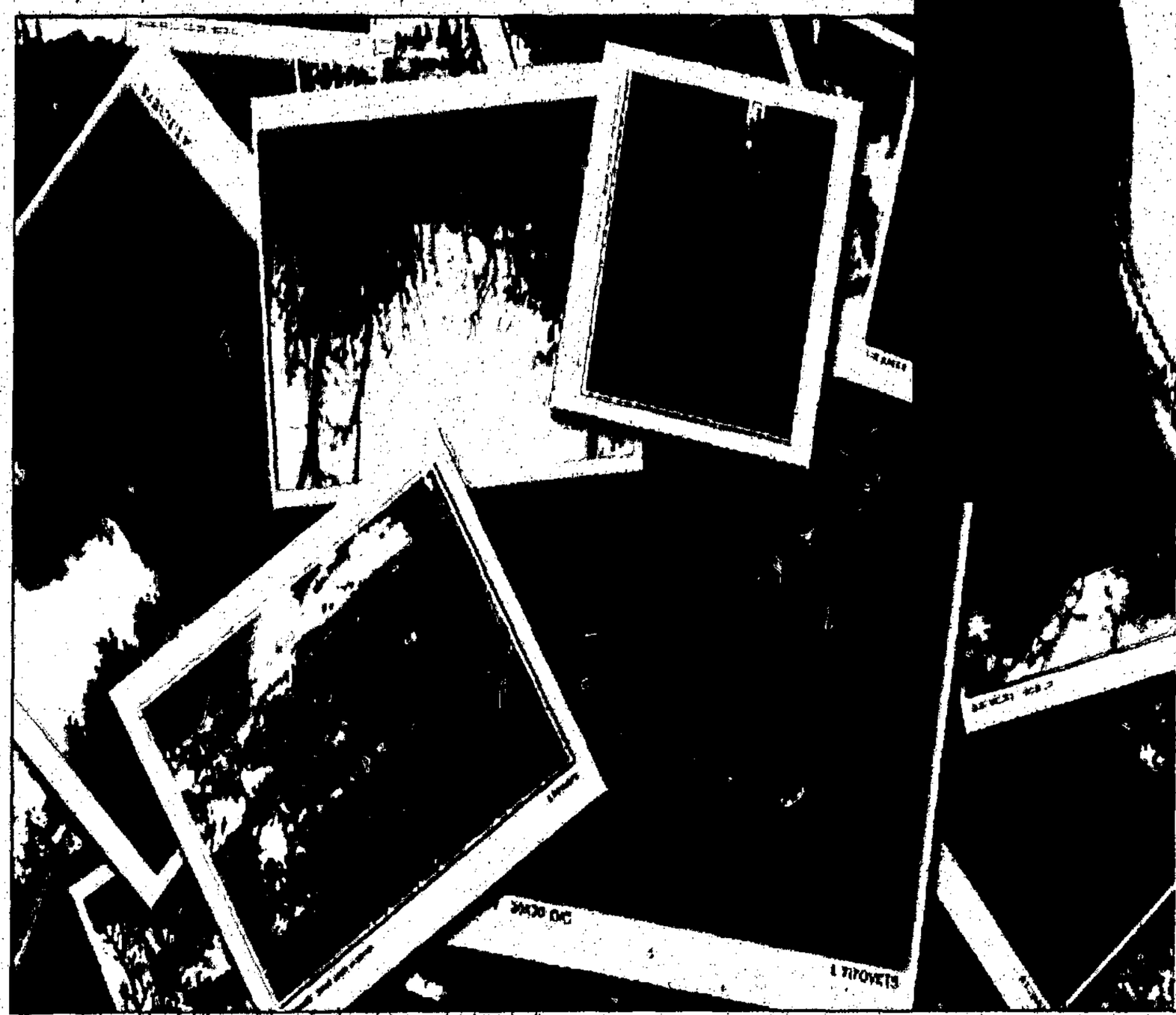
"At first I thought it was a joke. I couldn't believe it," the 47-year-old Titovets said. For him, the commission was a bit surreal. He drew a comparisson of his journey to that of an 18th century French sculptor named Auguste Monferran. Catherine the Great commissioned Monferran to create a giant sculpture of her husband, Peter the Great. Centuries later, the sculpture, "Copper Horseman," is one of St. Petersburg's treasures.

"This sculptor used to do miniature sculptures for the aristocracy, but Catherine asked him to do this sculpture, and he did it because he did not want to spoil the chance given to him," Titovets explained in an Associated press story.

"That's how I feel. I am blessed somebody gave me the chance."

Aleksander and Lyuba Titovets are represented locally by Ann Buell Fine Art in Ruidoso, the first gallery in America to show his work.

The gallery will host an artist show and reception for the works of the Titovets on Saturday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The public is invited to meet the artists and hear stories of Aleksander's experiences at the White House. For more information, phone the gallery at 257-9102.



If you go

what: **Aleksander and Lyuba Titovets - 2-Person Show and Sale**

when: **Saturday, July 26, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

where: **Ann Buell Fine Art, 2825 Sudderth Dr., 257-9102**

ART

Ruidoso Art Festival feature

BY PAMELA CROMWELL
FOR VAMONOS

Once a year, the Convention Center in Ruidoso is transformed from an empty cavern into a chamber of wonders by the Ruidoso Art Festival.

Selected by jury from more than 200 applicants, the festival features 110 artists from New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, California, Arizona, Ohio, Utah, Montana, Florida and Oklahoma.

This year, 39 of those artists are based in New Mexico. Last year's winners included famous Santa Fe artist Amado Peña, Albuquerque watercolor painter Michael McCullough, and fabric artist Cheri Reckers.

Reckers makes dramatic hand-dyed silk apparel – coats, wraps, scarves and home accessories. McCullough is a painter who works in acrylics and watercolors. His themes are Southwest landscapes, pottery and Kachinas.

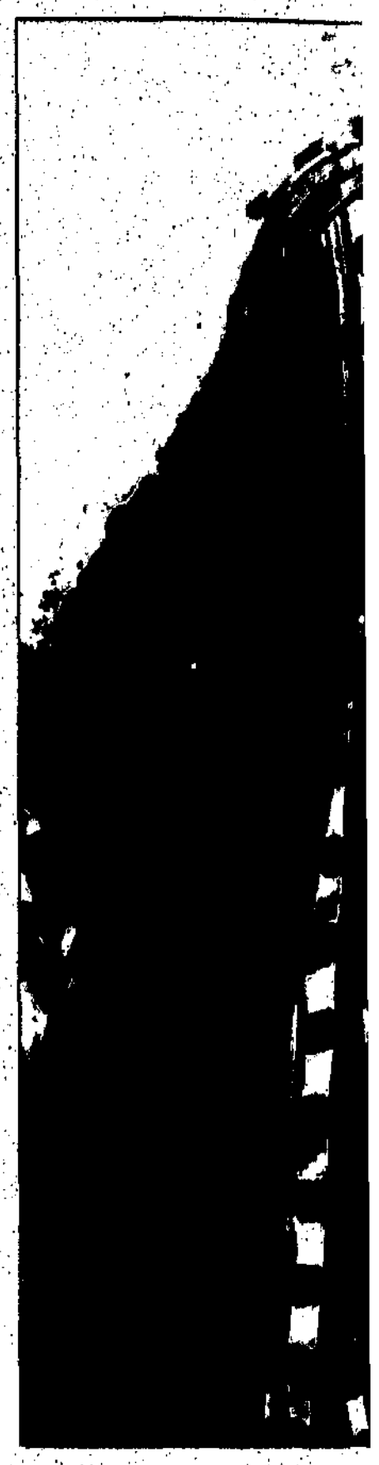
Amado Peña is recognized as an Artisan of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona. This is a particularly high honor and one that he cherishes. He is dedicated to furthering the public's knowledge and interest in the tribe, its art, its history and its culture.

His art celebrates the strength of a people who meet the harsh realities of life in an uncompromising land, and his work is a tribute to the Native Americans who survive by living in harmony with an adversarial, untamed environment.

His artwork is inspired by places such as Canyon de Chelly, Spider Rock, Monument Valley, Enchanted Mesa, Acoma and Black Mesa. These sites are part of an enduring landscape that speaks of the ancient heritage of a region that is now known as Arizona and New Mexico. Amado's artwork is defined by its bold color and form and dynamic composition. Through his art, he communicates his vision of a land, its people and their art.

Now in its 37th year, the Ruidoso Art Festival is rated among the top juried art festivals in the country by the Harris Poll. The event is a one-room tour of fabulous shapes and colors hammered and woven into a myriad of forms. Each booth is a microcosm of a larger artistic world, each with its unique visions and artifacts. Journey from pastoral paintings to gleaming glass colors whirled into beautiful vessels. Enjoy the rugged and earthy feel of pottery or the internal song of a finely turned wood bowl, still alive with the energy of the tree.

In addition to traditional fine art, the Ruidoso Art Festival juries entries in jewelry, photography, textiles/fabric, pottery, metal, glass, wood and mixed media.



Velvet coat by Cheri Rec

"Spirit Dancer," by Victoria Mauldin (above).

"Tres Colchas," by Amado Peña (left).

New Mexico Artists attending 2008 Ruidoso Art Festival

Philip J. Sonier – Albuquerque
Regina Zavier – Albuquerque
Renee Brainard Gentz – Albuqueurque
Amado Peña – Santa Fe
Barbara Holloway – Galisteo
Anton Boder – Las Cruces
Barbara Woods – Santa Fe
Cathra Anne Barker – Santa Fe
Cheri Reckers – Jarales
Chris Turri – La Luz
Dana and Karen Robbins – Moriarty
Dawn Enoch – Placitas
Gary Strein – Mountain Park
Gary Mosely – Carlsbad
Gloria Schmidt – Las Cruces
Irene Wiley – Sandia Park
Jeff Kuhns – Silver City
Jennifer Cavan – Angel Fire
Jeremy Stein – Albuquerque
John Saunders – Albuquerque
Jordon Torres – Mescalero
Judy Osburn – Ocate
Karen Cooper – Santa Fe
Karl Shafer – Deming

SCENE

s 39 New Mexico artists

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"Timberline Aspens," by Michael McCullough.

Kathryn Allen – Bayard
a Lazaro Gutierrez – San Ysidro
Maria Kenarov – Santa Fe
Michael McCullough – Placitas
Alan Miner – Ruidoso
Narrie Toole – Alto
Robin Lee Makowski – Tularosa
Scott & Stephanie Shangraw – Alto
Vicki Conley – Ruidoso Downs
Victoria Mauldin – Ruidoso
e Zoe deNegri – Capitan
e Ray and Betsy Shaw – Alto
Dianne Doan – Carrizozo

Pamela Cromwell is a real estate agent for BuyRuidoso.com.

Ruidoso Art Festival

Special Event and Entertainment Schedule

Friday, July 25

Kids' Activity Tent sponsored by Hubbard Museum

11:50 a.m. – Drum Troupe 1492 – Mescalero Dancers

1-3 p.m. – P. Blake Martin

4-5 p.m. – Elliot Topper and Sawyer Ward

Saturday, July 26

Blacksmithing and weaving with ZW Gallery

11 a.m.-1 p.m. – Rich Chorné and The Usual Suspects

2-4 p.m. – The Mixx

Sunday, July 27

11 a.m.-1 p.m. – Susan Kolb

2-3p.m. – Hillbilly Potentates

Entertainment provided by City Bank New Mexico

Ruidoso Convention Center – Information: 1-877-RUI-DOSO or www.RuidosoNow.com/artfestival

37TH ANNUAL

ACRYLICS/OILS
Bill Barrick TX
Al Borrego TX
Byron Fullerton TX
Jesse T. Hummingbird AZ
Randy Keedah AZ
Maria Kenarov NM
Michael McCullough NM
Victoria Mauldin NM
Krystyna Robbins TX
Cynde Roof OK
Cheryl Roush TX
CharlesThomas AZ
Jordon Torres NM

FABRIC/WEAVING/LEATHER
Barbara Holloway NM
Renee Brainard Gentz NM
Cheri Reckers NM
Rose Tanecka Tx

GLASS
Ron & Sherry Blankenship OK
Lynn Foley TX
Mark Hines AZ
John LaRosa CO
JoAnna Ordonez TX
Judy Osburn NM
Ralph Parker CO
Dana and Karen Robbins NM

METALWORK
April and Stuart Bower AZ
Jim McKenzie MO
Kay Primer TX
NJ Scarcy AZ
Lorrin Stetson AZ

MIXED MEDIA
Linda Caperton NM
Michael & Sumati Colpitts AZ
Dianne Doan NM
JohnGibson MS
Ray & Betsy Shaw NM
Penny Stover TX
Barbara Woods NM

JEWELRY
Anton Boder NM
Micheline Brierre CO
Sean Brown CO
Randy Bryant TX
Zoe deNegri NM
Dawn Enoch NM
Lazaro Gutierrez NM
Hanan Ingel CA
Monroe JacksonTX
Steve Kriechbaum TX
Ed Mitchell, IA
Tamara M. St. Jean TX
Gloria Schmidt NM
Fred Stockbauer TX
Jonathan Stopper FL
Gary Strein NM

PASTEL/PENCIL/PEN & INK
Jennifer Cavan NM
Karen Cooper NM
Candy Mayer TX
Gary Mosely NM
Amado Pena NM
Sherry Steele TX

WOODWORK
Clinton "Duddy"Compton TX
Butch Hall TX
Scott Luchansky AZ
Ted Muckermann AZ
Scott and Stephanie Shangraw NM

PHOTOGRAPHY
Clark Crenshaw TX
Lorelei and Joe DeAngelisTX
Richard Korczynski TX
Brian Miller LA
Martin Pothier TX
Philip J.Sonier NM
Jeremy Stein NM
Matt Suess AZ

POTTERY/PORCELAIN
Kathryn Allen NM
Cathra Anne Barker NM
Cristi Clyburn TX
Vicki Conley NM
Alex Gregory TX
Barbara Heard CA
Chris Heede AZ
Jeff Kuhns NM
Bobbie McCrea TX
Alan Miner NM
Les Mitchell TX
Karl Shafer NM
IreneWiley NM

SCULPTURE
Sunny Apke CO
Marianne Caroselli TX
Royce Gillilland TX
Tim Harmon AZ
Gary W. JohnsonAZ
Jerry Locke TX
Kim Obzut AZ
Charles Rice TX
Kim Shaklee CO
Eric Slocombe TX
Chris Turri NM
Ronnie Wells TX

WATERCOLOR
Don Collins TX
Manuel S.Franco TX
Tom Gavitt TX
Robin Lee Makowski NM
Edith MaskeyTX
John Saunders NM

ART SCENE

Studying the stones

With designs influenced by glimpses of the grandeur of ages past, jewelry artist Monroe Jackson creates one-of-a-kind fabricated pieces and has developed a following of those with a passion for the unique.

Jackson is self-taught, and began dabbling in jewelry in 1967, after purchasing his first jewelry saw in 1965. At the time, he worked for Exxon and, with his wife, showed Afghan hounds.

He wasn't a jeweler. Not yet, anyway.

As the years passed, his jewelry-making evolved into wearable art creations. His art is worn and displayed throughout the United States and 37 other countries.

Many collectors cherish his hearts with verses of love, unique crosses, exciting horse and dog pieces, large pendants and flambouyant rings.

Most of his silver, gold, and silver-accented-with-gold pieces frame large unusual stones that exhibit their own unique beauty. He has a special place in his heart for opals, cat's eye and star stones.

"I study each stone," Jackson explains, "allowing it to tell me how it would like to be set and what it would like to be.

"I then fabricate the piece by cutting, soldering, fusing, reticulating, overlaying and texturing. The work then goes through five polishing processes, the last being after the stone is set."

Jackson is one of the artists featured in this weekend's Ruidoso Art festival, and his beautiful, unique works may also be found locally at The Adobe and DJ's Jewelry.

Exquisite one-of-a-kind pieces are created by jewelry artist Monroe Jackson, who is one of the featured artists at this weekend's Ruidoso Art Festival. Jackson favors large, unusual stones, such as the 21 carat red tourmaline (left) and a 44 carat emerald from India (right).

In addition to jewelry, other types of work to be found at the three-day event at the Ruidoso Convention Center include acrylics/oils, watercolor, pastel/pencil/pen and ink, metalwork, woodwork, fabric/weaving/leather, glass, sculpture, mixed media, photography and pottery/porcelain.

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Help & Healing

H.E.A.L. (Help End Abuse for Life): Domestic violence shelter and hotline: 1-866-378-6378.

Al-Anon: Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor, Ruidoso; Info: 258-88857.

Al-Anón: 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 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor, Ruidoso; Info: 258-88857.

Alcoholics Anonymous Women's open meeting: 6:30 p.m. every Monday at Grace Harvest Church, 1108 Gavilan Canyon.

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: 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Holy Mount Episcopal Church in Ruidoso. Info: 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 second and fourth Sundays of each month, 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.

Bereavement or Grief Support: For the commuunity. Call 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: Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m.; New members and visitors welcome; Info: Elena, 258-3724, or Pam, 653-4292.

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.

Lincoln County Writers' Association: Meets every first and third Thursday at RRCA office, 1712 Sudderth Dr. All genres and experience levels welcom. Info: Genevieve, 336-2694.

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 every Monday; program varies. Potluck and bridge/card games. Second Monday (Sept.-May) includes program, business meeting, potluck, bridge/card games at 116 S. Evergreen. Annual Arts & Crafts Fair coming July 12.

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.

Sacramento Mountain Village: Offering interested older area residents the practical means and confidence to enjoy life to the fullest; Meets each Thursday for "Tea and CD," featuring university lecture series at 208 Rio Arriba, Ruidoso, 3 p.m.; Breakfast talk on fourth Saturday of every month at Cree Meadows Country Club, 9 a.m.

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.

LCpl Steven M. Chavez VFW Post 12071: Meets Saturday, July 12 at 10 a.m. at Ruidoso Evening Lions Club behind Chef Lupe's Restaurant on Sudderth Drive. For information, contact Post Commander Harold Oakes at 937-7618.

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: Jill, 336-1339.

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: Lion Bob Callendar, 258-1345.

Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program: 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso. For children age 4 to 6th grade; Info: 257-2081, www.fbcruidoso.com.

Friends of Capitan Library: Call for volunteers for Not 2 Shabby Thrift Shop. Info: Raynene, 354-3046 or library, 354-3035.

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: Meetings, every fourth Tuesday, noon, at various locations. Watch this space for specific locations and times. All are welcome.

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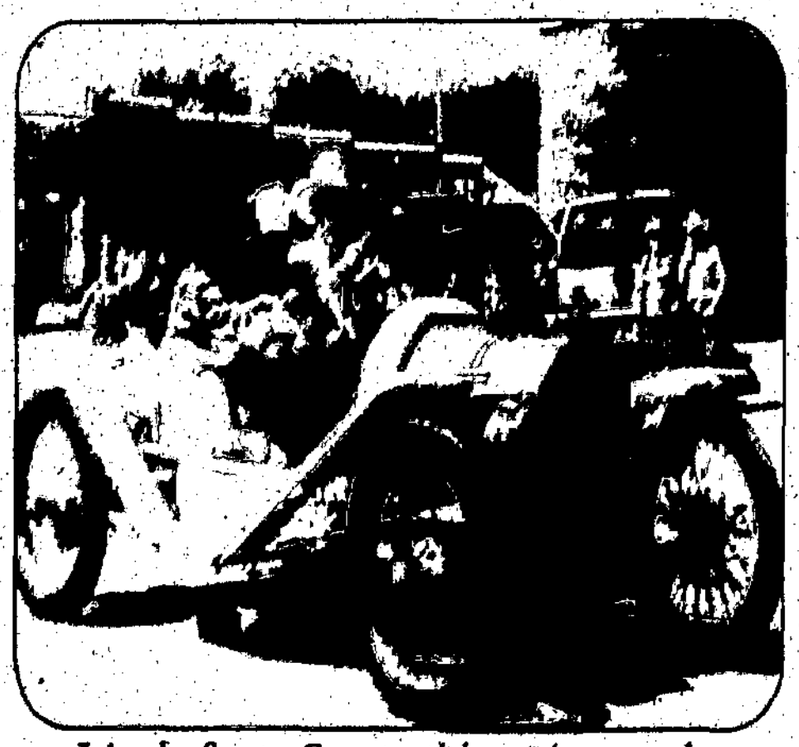
Also on Friday, 5-8 p.m., an open house at the library at Village Hall will feature a photography display, rodeo memorabilia and music by The Cycling Minstrels. And don't miss the hamburger fry at the Senior Center at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, the dedication of the Veteran's Memorial name plates at the Corona Cemetery is scheduled for 8:30 a.m., followed by the parade at 10 a.m., with a library open house ongoing, 9 a.m. - noon. The FFA Brisket Dinner is 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the school cafeteria with plates for $8/adults and $5 for kids 6-12.

The 11th Annual Corona FFA Ranch Rodeo starts at 1 p.m., with $5/adult admission, $3/age 6-12 or $20 per car load. And Little Cowpokes get in free. Events will include Trailer Loading, Team Penning, Team Branding, Team Tying and Wild Cow Milking.

At 7 p.m., there will be Flamenco dancers in the school auditorium followed by a dance at 8:30.



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Baby Sanatorium

Dr. Werner Spier of El Paso will give a Power Point presentation on the old Baby Sanatorium at the Sacramento Mountains Historical Society's annual meeting. This meeting will be held at the Cloudcroft Church of Christ at 2:30 pm on Sunday, July 27.

Dr. Spier is a retired doctor who has his own medical museum in El Paso. His father was one of the doctors who worked at the Baby Sanatorium.

The Baby Sanatorium operated in Cloudcroft during the summers from 1911 through 1934. It was started by Dr. Herbert Stevenson, a prominent physician in El Paso. Dr. Stevenson had a young son who became critically ill from dehydration in 1904. Dr. Stevenson and his family took a train to California, hoping the cooler climate would revive the child. Unfortunately he died in route. This spurred Dr. Stevenson into pushing for a cool place nearby where babies and children could recuperate from illness.

The "Baby San" officially opened on June 14, 1911. The building had a large room with space for thirty cribs and a small room for any child with a communicable disease. There was also a living room with a fireplace, a doctor's office, rooms for the nursing staff, several bathrooms, and a large kitchen and a covered porch on three sides, where infants in their cribs could be taken on sunny days. During its operation it treated more than 500 tiny patients, generally from the nearby desert communities of El Paso, Alamogordo, and Las Cruces.

The Sacramento Mountains Historical Society has an exhibit on the Baby San, and has the original log of "Baby San" patients, which gives the names, dates, ages, addresses, the referring doctors, the types of treatment, and their final condition - either improved or deceased.

The public is invited to attend, and refreshments will be served. In addition to Dr. Spier's presentation, last year's events will be reviewed and future plans, including those for adding a one-room school and the Mountain Park railroad depot to the Pioneer Village, will be discussed. Volunteer awards will be presented, and the public will have a chance to become acquainted with the museum board and personnel.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

Celiac Disease/Gluten Intolerance Support Group: Meets second and fourth Sundays, 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.

Child Health Care: No or low cost for children under 19. Apply at the Otero County Public Health Office. 437-9340, 437-9899, or 437-9093.

Father Hay Thrift Store: Donations accepted, 1640 N. White Sands Blvd. Proceeds benefit Father Hay Catholic School. 434-5450.

HIBAC: Counselors are available in the Nutrition Office at the Alamo Senior Center, 9 a.m.-noon, Monday & Wednesday to assist with supplemental insurance for Medicare.

Habitat for Humanity Store: Open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every 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.

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.

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.

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 16 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.

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Astronomer

It's eclipse season again. Because the moon's orbit around the Earth is tilted some five degrees with respect to the Earth's orbit around the sun, full moon and new moon usually occur when the moon is either north of, or south of, the Earth's orbit.

However, every six months these phases will occur at the same time as the moon is crossing the Earth's orbital plane, and we here on Earth will experience eclipses: at least one solar eclipse at new moon, and perhaps one or sometimes even two lunar eclipses at one or both of the adjacent full moons.

Our next new moon occurs on Friday, Aug. 1, and we do have a solar eclipse taking place then. This turns out to be the best kind of solar eclipse: a total one, wherein the moon passes directly in front of the sun and is close enough to Earth to be able to block out the sun completely.

For the few minutes of totality, day is briefly turned into night, and some of the brighter planets and stars may become visible. Totality is only visible from a narrow path along the Earth's surface; regions close to this path will experience a partial eclipse, with the eclipse being deeper the closer one is located to the path.

Much of the path of next Friday's eclipse crosses the Earth's Arctic regions. The path begins in Queen Maud Gulf just north of the Canadian mainland and then crosses several of the islands in the Canadian Arctic, including Victoria, King William, Prince of Wales, Somerset, Cornwallis, Devon and Ellesmere (these islands being the site of the fabled "Northwest Passage"), and then at its farthest north (latitude 83 degrees) crosses the northern coast of Greenland.

The eclipse takes place very early in the morning (around 3:30 a.m. local time) at these locations, but because they are north of the Arctic Circle the sun will still be above the horizon.

After leaving Greenland, the totality path passes just northeast of the Svalbard island group, and crosses the extreme westernmost portion of Franz Josef Land, before crossing the center of the Novaya Zemlya islands north of Russia.

It then enters central Russia, heading almost due southward, including over the city of Novosibirsk, before turning towards the southeast, crossing the westernmost region of Mongolia and then coming to an end at sunset in central China.

As total eclipses go, this one is fairly short, with the longest duration of totality being just under 2 1/2 minutes, from a site in Russia just south of its northern coast.

Weather prospects are not especially good, especially in the Arctic regions (although from an eclipse viewer's perspective this can perhaps be partially offset by the opportunity to visit some unique areas of our planet's surface); the best chances for clear skies can be found in northwestern China.

The partial phases of next Friday's eclipse will be visible from northeastern Canada (with the northeastern corner of Maine being the only part of the U.S. that will see the eclipse, as a very small partial event just after sunrise); all of Greenland and Iceland; central and eastern Europe; and all of Asia except for the southwestern and easternmost extremities.

Also, anyone who happens to be visiting the Earth's North Pole will see a 90 percent partial eclipse.

The current eclipse season also brings with it a lunar eclipse, this event being a deep partial eclipse that takes place on Aug. 16. This eclipse (with mid-eclipse taking place at 3:10 p.m. MDT) is almost strictly an Eastern Hemisphere event; all of Europe, Africa, and Australia, along with all but the far northeastern extremities of Asia, will get to see it.

Because they are currently experiencing winter and thus the longer nights that come with that season, sky-watchers in South America will see the eclipse as well. Those of us in North America are almost completely left out; only the sky-watchers in the far northeastern part of the continent – curiously, the same people who were able to view the partial solar eclipse two weeks earlier – will get to see the very tail end of the eclipse after sunset.

Our part of the world, in fact, gets left out of any eclipses for quite a while. The next eclipse season, which takes place in early 2009, will feature an annular solar eclipse on Jan. 26 that will primarily be visible from the southern Indian Ocean, and a very small partial lunar eclipse that takes place after our sunrise on Feb. 9.

The eclipse season after that has an excellent and long total solar eclipse on July 22 that crosses the southern Pacific Ocean and central China, and two extremely tiny lunar eclipses at the adjacent full moons that will probably be undetectable.

We finally get our turn with a total lunar eclipse on the early morning of Dec. 21, 2010, and an annular solar eclipse that crosses central New Mexico on the late afternoon of May 20, 2012.

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

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THEATRE

Great play, great music, great talent

BY JD DRODDY
FOR VAMONOS

Alamogordo Music Theatre (AMT) has presented many great Broadway shows and has featured an extraordinary amount of talent over the past 50 years.

During the first two weekends of August, AMT will reprise one of the best Broadway shows of all time, *Guys & Dolls*, which will feature some of the best talent the group has ever gathered together for one show.

Guys & Dolls was the first show AMT produced, back in 1958. This will be their fifth presentation of the show during the past 50 years, but the first since 1988.

"This show is very special to us," said Director Paula Storms. "Not only is it the first show we ever produced, but it is one of the very best Broadway shows of all time. And the level of talent we have in this particular presentation is fantastic. We are all excited about it and believe the audiences are going to love it."

Choral Director Robert Coburn, who also stars as "Sky Masterson" in the show, is equally enthusiastic about *Guys & Dolls*.

In an earlier interview, Coburn said of the show, "It's a wonderful story about motives, unusual relationships, redemption and love, all combined with some of the best-written and fun music in any of the big musicals from Broadway's golden era".

The three incarnations of *Guys & Dolls* on Broadway have won numerous prestigious awards and thrilled countless audiences since it was first introduced in November 1950.

Songs from the show have been recorded by many big name artists, including Frank Sinatra, Mel Tormé, Doris Day, Ella Fitzgerald, Carmen McRae, Sarah Vaughn, Dinah Shore, and Joe Williams.

The original production won the Tony award for Best Musical, and the 1992 revival won the Tony for Best Revival.

The level of talent for AMT's 2008 production has the theater group buzzing with excitement. Local audiences are familiar with the outstanding singing and acting abilities of Coburn (*Pirates of Penzance, Brigadoon, Damn Yankees, Honk!, 1776, Into The Woods, Amahl and the Night Visitors*), Ronnie Arn (*Grease, A Year With Frog & Toad*), and Paul Foree (*Honk!, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*), who play Sky Masterson, Miss Adelaide and Nathan Detroit, respectively. They will soon be familiar with newcomer Sabria Vasquez, who plays missionary Sarah Brown.

"She has one of the most beautiful soprano voices AMT has ever had on stage," Storms said of Vasquez in an earlier interview.

The level of talent extends from the principals down to everyone in the cast. John Braswell is a "natural" as gangster "Big Jule." Although he hasn't appeared in an AMT production for quite some time, he has starred in such shows as *Bye, Bye Birdie*, in which he played the title role of Conrad Birdie (1970), and *South Pacific*, in which he played Frenchman Emile de Becque (1980).

Jim Huff, who has starred in numerous AMT productions over the years, including *The Unsinkable Molly Brown, Annie Get Your Gun, Paint Your Wagon, Brigadoon, Damn Yankees*, and *My Fair Lady*, just to name a few, returns to the stage after a six-year absence. He will play the part of New York Detective Lieutenant Brannigan.

Playing gambler Harry the Horse may seem out of character for Steve Trout. In his day job, he is pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in Alamogordo. His previous acting experience includes one-man shows portraying Disciples of Jesus.

"But Steve is excellent at whatever he plays," said Storms.

There will be plenty of comedy in this show, much of it provided by Jeremy Patton (Nicely-Nicely Johnson) and Randall Cutts (Benny Southstreet). Both are veterans of numerous AMT productions.

Sabria Vasquez, as Sarah Brown, gets advice from Don Thorp, as Arvide Abernathy, in rehearsal for AMT's upcoming production opening Aug.1. Rehearsal photos by JD Droddy.

Recently retired from the Music Department at NMSU-A, Don Thorp will lend his beautiful voice to the production as Arvide Abernathy, Sarah Brown's grandfather and fellow missionary.

A supporting cast of more than 40 gamblers, missionaries, nightclub dancers and various "Broadway characters" (including a juggler) round out the talented ensemble.

Rehearsals have been underway since June and the performers are eager to take the stage.

Guys & Dolls will be presented at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 1, 2, 8 and 9, and at 2 p.m. Aug. 3.

Tickets are $10 and will be available at the door. Advance tickets can be purchased from the Flickinger Center box-office or TLC Portraits in the White Sands Mall.

Nathan Detroit (Paul Foree, in cap) addresses Big Jule (John Braswell, second from left) as the Gamblers look on during a recent rehearsal for AMT's Guys & Dolls.

Gamblers performing at Tailgate. Photo by Marcos Makowski.

THEATRE

Trouble is brewing

Lincoln County Community Theatre's Mountain Mummers presents *The Pony Expresso, Or.... The Villain Came to a Grinding Halt*, opening Friday, Aug. 8, at Cree Meadows Country Club. The melodrama is set in the rugged Wild West town of Waterpit, where the Pony Express stop is Star Bright's and Dee Caff's Pony Expresso Café.

Trouble is brewing in the town of Waterpit as the Pony Expresso's regular customers have been struck by a mysterious illness. Doc Cappuccino suspects foul play, but Sheriff Gallstone has taken a leave of absence and there's no one to investigate the matter. Enter our hero, Buck Brawn, to save the day!

Will Buck discover who is behind the plot to destroy the Pony Expresso? Will Buck ever declare his love for the lovely Star Bright? Will the audience survive all the groaner jokes in the script?

"It's a real popcorn tosser," says director/leading man Jason Johnson.

The audience is encouraged to throw popcorn, boo and hiss the villain, and generally have a rip-roarin' good time.

The cast includes Jason Johnson as Buck Brawn (tea drinker to the rescue), Jordan Kelley as Star Bright (our dazzling heroine, who also makes a fine cup of coffee), Mary Maxson as Dee Caff (Star's brave and rugged aunt), and Jim Sicard as the evil Mo Cabana (evil man with an evil brew).

The supporting cast includes Pamela Cromwell as Fifi Latte (Zee partner of Mo), Larry Kingsley as Mayor Rich Coffey (getting roasted because of Waterpit's problems), Julianne Lamb and Sydney Annala as Sugar and Spice (the mayor's twins), Larisa Hoke as Barb Dwyer (earnest employee of Master Blend), Leo Mitchell as Doc Cappuccino (coffee gives him a lot of patience), and Sharon Lurix as Palomino Polly (Pony Express rider).

The Pony Expresso opens Friday and Saturday, Aug. 8-9, and continues Aug. 14-16. Admission to the show includes dinner for $25.

Grub hits the table at 7 p.m. and the side-splitting melodrama follows. For reservations, call Cree Meadows at 257-9816.

The happy cast of LCCT's Mountain Mummers takes a break from their rehearsal schedule. From left, Leo Mitchell, Larisa Hoke, Julianne Lamb, Mary Maxson, Sydney Annala, Jason Johnson, Jordan Kelley, Larry Kingsley and Sharon Lurix. Not pictured are Pamela Cromwell, who gets the photo credit, and Jim Sicard.

Buck Brawn and Star Bright (Jason Johnson and Jordan Kelley) lend a spark to the hysterical, rapid-fire script as the Mountain Mummers bring dinner theatre melodrama to Cree Meadows Country Club, opening Aug. 8. Have a great meal, throw popcorn, boo the villain and cheer the hero. Don't miss this one.

ART & MUSIC

Music festival offers variety

Don't know much about classical music? The Chamber Music Festival offers two ways to have fun while learning about some famous composers.

The festival begins with a free concert talk July 30 at noon on the grounds of the Ruidoso Public Library. Bring your lunch and a lawn chair, and learn about the performers and the music that will be played at the Chamber Music Festival. Robert Walshe, former professor of music at Moorehead University and UTEP, leads the talk. Pre-order a gourmet brown bag lunch for $10 by calling 378-4302.

Children and families can enjoy "A Hair Affair," a humorous introduction to classical music performed by the Amelia Piano Trio, Aug. 2, at 2 p.m. at the Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center. Cellist Jason Duckles is an amateur cartoonist who highlights the programs with caricatures of several famous "wild-haired" composers.

Tickets are still available for performances by Russian pianist Alexander Kobrin, the Miró Quartet and the Amelia Piano Trio. The Ruidoso Women's Club, Rotary and Optimists have contributed student scholarship tickets to enable area music students to attend the concerts. Contact Dan Hood, Chamber Music Festival board president, for information at 257-8864.

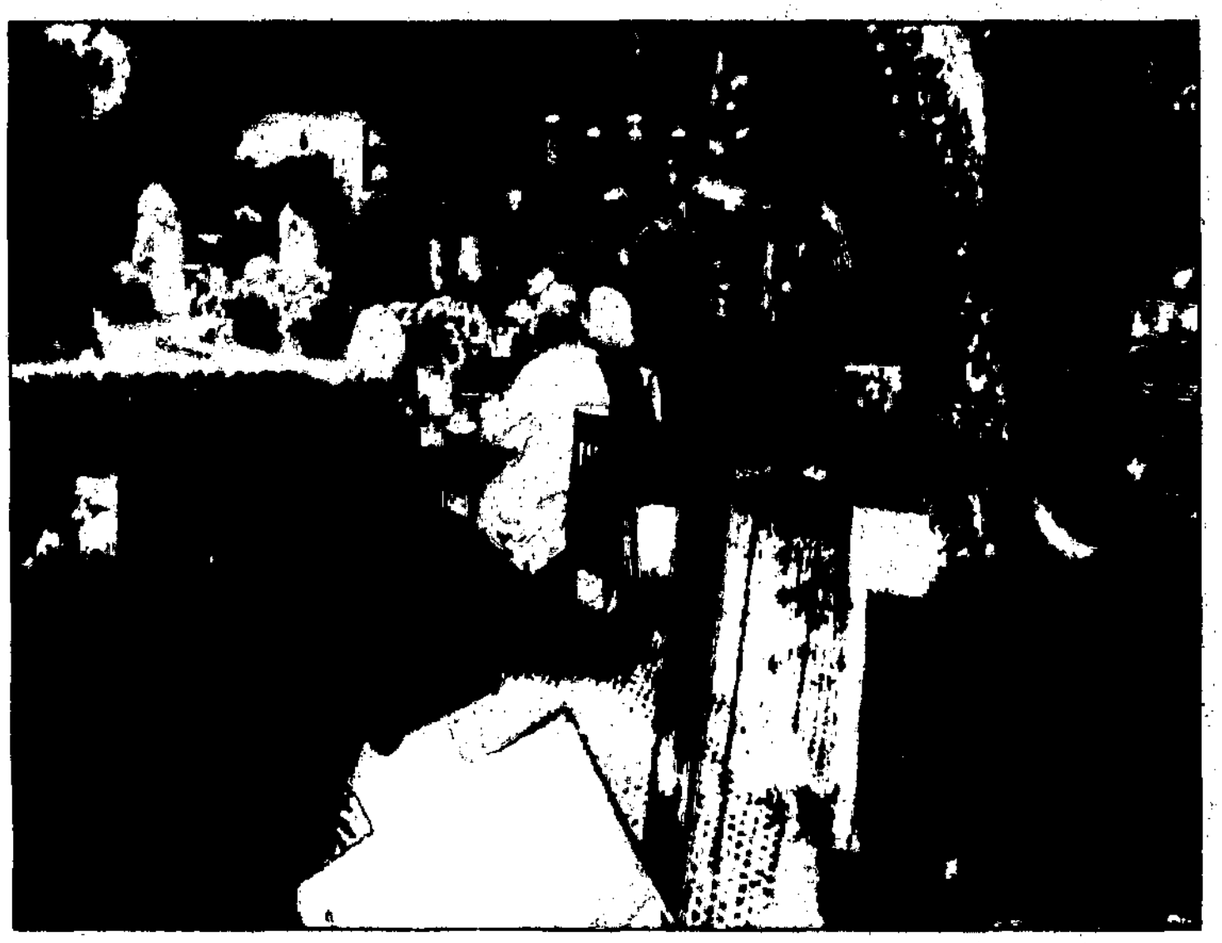
The festive Fabulous Festival Fling is July 31 at 7 p.m. The fundraising event is at the Swiss Chalet, 1451 Mechem, and is catered by Hennington's Grille & Tavern, with contributions by Quail Valley Farms, Eagle Ranch Pistachios, Sierra Blanca Brewery and Imagine That! Event Planning. Tickets for the party are $25.

Chamber Music Festival wines, created by Willmon Vineyards, are available at End of the Vine and Viva New Mexico. "Ensemble" is a Cabernet blend; "Trio" is a white wine blend.

Raffle tickets for "Garden Reverie," a ceramic sculpted figure and fountain by sculptor Patricia Huckins and potter Vicki Conley (shown at right), are on sale at RRCA and at all CMF events. The drawing will be held Aug. 3, immediately after the intermission during the concert.

For information about any Chamber Music Festival event, call 378-4302 or go online at ruidoso.net/chambermusic.

Chamber Music Festival in Ruidoso features an art show in the lobby of the Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center. The event's fundraiser, the festive Fabulous Festival Fling (below, left), will be held July 31 at the Swiss Chalet.



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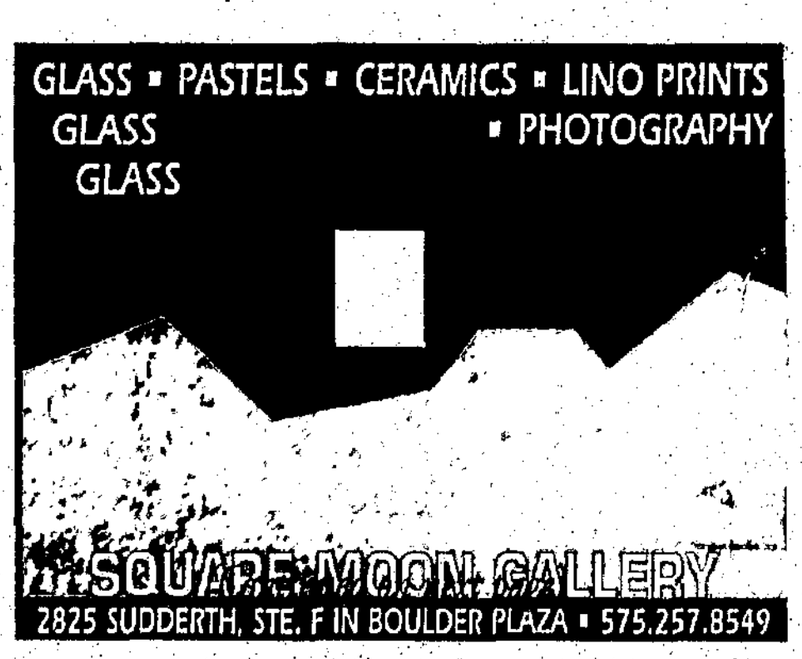

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Artists Sought

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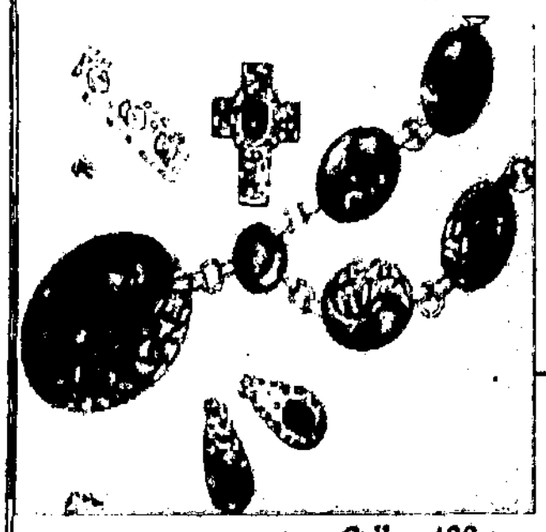

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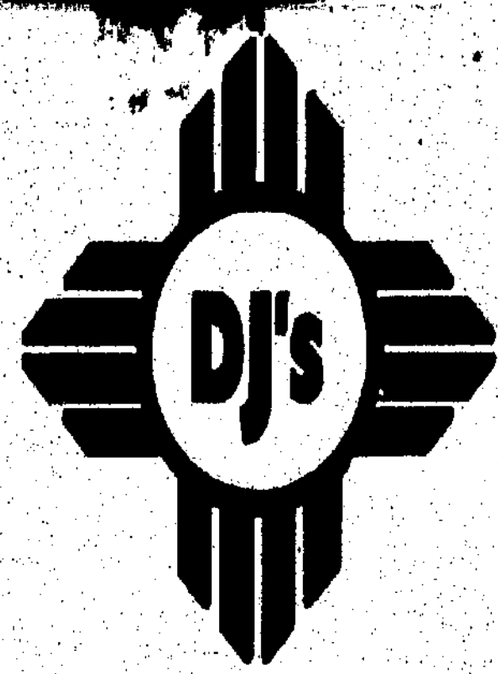

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Documentary a love letter to Carrizozo

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Capturing the light so abundant in Carrizozo fuels Marc and Julia Cohen's dreams for the oasis they discovered and have made their home in the Southwest.

Basing all their creative efforts and plans out of their newly renovated building called DreamSpace, the Cohen's latest project involves 50-plus hours of filming people and places in and around Carrizozo.

Joined by Brooklyn documentarian David Ambrose, the Cohens have launched into taping the thoughts, opinions, hopes, plans and dreams of residents in and around Carrizozo.

Seeking to capture on film what they see in the diversity of age, culture, heritage and values of Carrizozo, the documentary is what the Cohens hope will be the first of many featuring small-town America. The Cohens began taping this week, and will continue up to, and through, a town hall meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

At the town hall meeting, they hope a cross-section of Carrizozo dwellers – all ages, all cultures, all walks-of-life – will participate and help the Cohens capture the truth of small-town living.

"We haven't named the documentary yet," said Marc Cohen. "But we think of it as our love letter to Carrizozo. We want this film to give a voice to the people."

The Cohens discovered Carrizozo while traveling through the area and became enamored with the old buildings, the friendly, hospitable community and the light that emanates both from the Southwestern sun and from what they describe as "an inner glow of the town."

Purchasing the Ziegler Building – also known as Petty Hardware, then Carrizozo Hardware – they painted the inside white, top to bottom, and knew it would become the foundation for their production dreams. DreamSpace serves as their studio and office as well as their home.

"When I saw the youth of this town come wandering through our open door, drawn by the expanse of white floor," said Julia Cohen, "I knew that we had something here they needed and we could offer.

"They would sit on the floor and just talk. I saw in them possibilities for a future, something we could show them, and teach them in the world of art, theatre, music and film."

First "out of the box" from DreamSpace came a short video production called *Legend of Four, Part 1.*

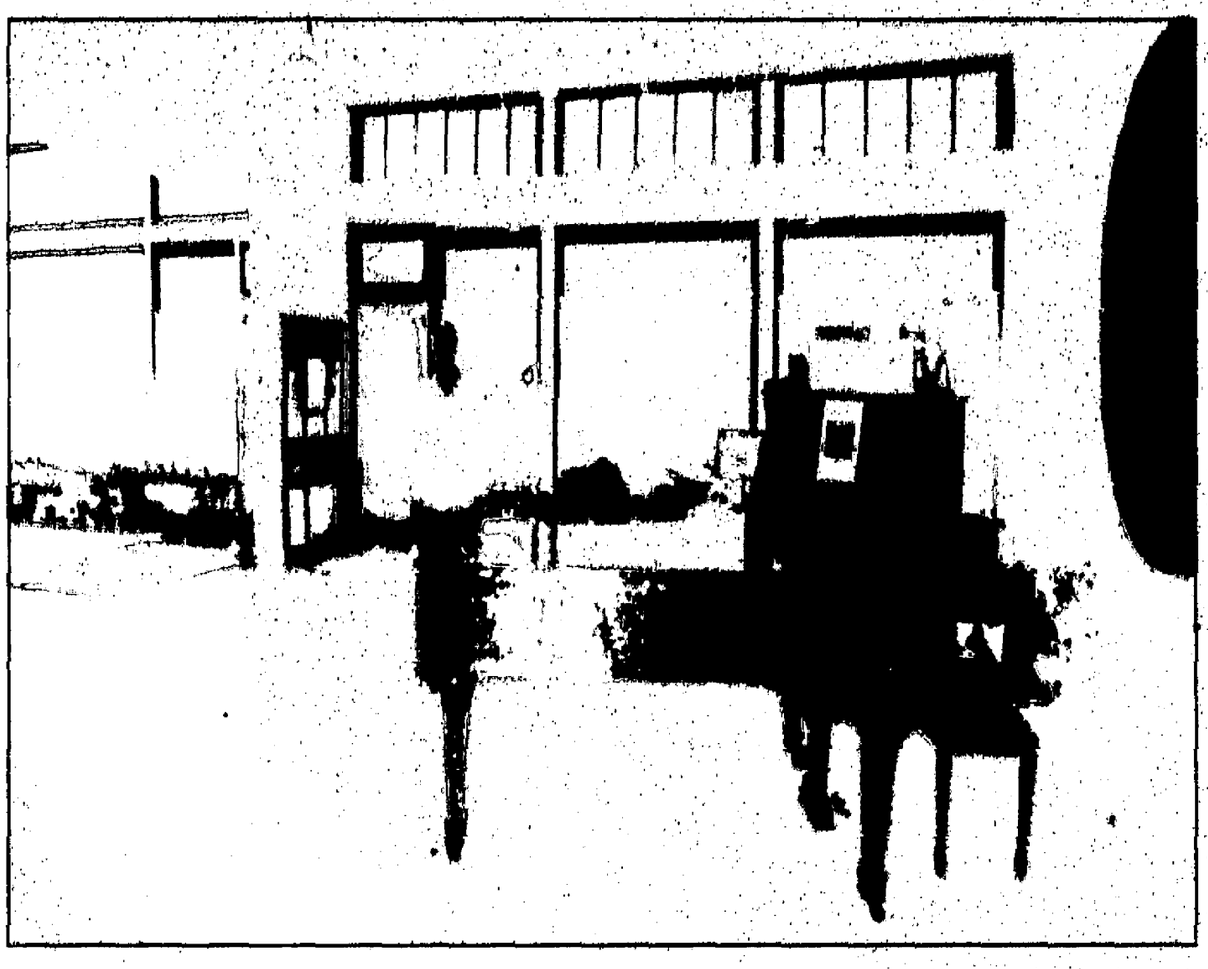
Completed last April, it is offered for viewing on their Web site at www.playwiththebox.net or can also be found on YouTube.

The video features a number of local players, include four teen boys that found a new calling in their chance to don costumes of the Old West and step back in time in White Oaks. The Legend will continue with another segment at a later date.

Because of their extensive theatre and art production background and contacts, the Cohens believe the documentary will be seen through either television viewing or a round of film festivals, and possibly both.

For those interested in participating in the documentary, the town hall meeting is at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 26, at the Carrizozo Town Hall.

The Cohens can be reached at 648-3222 or at the DreamSpace, 400 12th St.



Marc and Julia Cohen have created DreamSpace in Carrizozo. Photos by Julie Carter.

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