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River setbacks examined

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Before the Ruidoso River flooded July 27, damaging homes and tearing out bridges and utility lines, members of Ruidoso's Planning and Zoning Commission talked about recommending deeper setbacks for construction along the river.

"We need that more than ever now," Commissioner Bill Hirschfeld said Tuesday.

But Village Attorney Dan Bryant said commissioners may want to hold off on any action,

Village planners suggest deeper setbacks, but might have to wait until FEMA acts

because representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency also are looking at that issue.

"FEMA is going to reexamine (development issues) along the river, so I bet we can't have anything ready for you to look at by the next meeting. It may be 60 days or six months," he said.

When they are finished, the village also will receive new floodplain maps, Bryant said.

No construction or obstruction is to occur in the floodway and only construction meeting design criteria and elevation requirements is allowed in the floodplain, he said. Because the flood altered the course of the river, the designation between floodway and floodplain may change.

Once FEMA officials complete their work, the commission can discuss criteria on setbacks in the floodplain, Bryant said.

Commission Chairman Glen Barrow asked if structures damaged in the floodway can be rebuilt.

Site Development Coordinator Shawn Fort said if a structure is damaged equal to or more than 50 percent of its value, it can be rebuilt, but must meet all new electrical, plumbing, elevation, structural and mechanical codes.

He estimated about 20 properties will fall under that category.

Bryant said FEMA staff is on-ground, evaluating the condition of those properties.

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BALLET OF BUCKS



COURTESY DAVID TREMBLAY

Two mule deer bucks have the same idea in this photo taken during the last week of August by nature photographer David Tremblay.

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Lot minimums lowered

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Under a recommendation from the Ruidoso Planning & Zoning Commission, previously subdivided land with single-family residential zoning no longer would be banned from subsequent splits that would create lots of less than one acre.

Instead of the straight one-acre minimum now required in the code, the majority of the commission approved new wording that no previously subdivided or platted land can be resubdivided or replatted into parcels that are smaller than 130 percent of the average lot size of the original subdivision.

Portions of the original subdivision reserved for later division would not be included in the computation of average lot size. No newly created parcel could consist of less than 10,000 square feet, slightly less

than one-quarter of an acre.

The proposed amendment recommended by commissioners to the village council also contains wording that new subdivisions must conform to a minimum lot size of 10,000 square feet.

The provisions would not prevent an owner from replatting smaller lots into larger lots or replatting contiguous or adjacent lots where no increase in the number of lots occurs, said Village Attorney Dan Bryant.

A plat is the official layout of a lot or development recorded in county property records.

Although commissioners approved the proposed changes 5-1, they noted that a "minority report" would be attached detailing Commissioner Bill Hirschfeld's opinion that the minimum lot size should be

See **LOTS**, page 8A

Neighbor notification rules revised

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How far should Ruidoso planning officials go to ensure neighbors of a proposed development or change of land use are notified in time to protest or support applications?

Members of the village Planning and Zoning Commission decided property owners within 100 feet, not including roads, should be notified at least 12 days in advance by regular mail, or 10 days by e-mail or facsimile.

They voted Tuesday to send that recommendation to village councilors for a vote, with a "minority report" attached noting Commissioners Bill Hirschfeld and Vicki Williams prefer a 200-foot notification distance.

Village Planning Director Bob Decker said previously, the notification circle differed, depending on what type of action was

proposed. A new subdivision required 200 feet, but all other actions, only 100 feet, including public rights of way.

"We chose the one in the middle, 100 feet, excluding rights of way, which will pick up properties across a street," he said.

Eric Collins of Collins & Associates Inc., a survey firm that frequently as agent for applicants, asked if the applicant or the staff would be responsible to notify the neighbors.

Decker said village staff will notify, but must receive help from an applicant compiling an accurate list of property owners and addresses.

Collins said he's experienced problems with notifications in the past, which could slow up or postpone action by the commission. Having the staff handle the job "is OK, as long as they do due diligence to help us with the list," Collins said.

Jennie Dorgan, a busi-

ness owner and planning watchdog, contended the proposed revisions were not ready for council action and that "piecemealing" changes isn't a good approach.

"This takes away some of our rights and yours, instead of giving more," she said. "Long after the time you and I are here, these ordinances are going to stand."

"What's wrong with 200 feet and send notices by certified mail, so people can't argue they didn't get it? And why not post 3x3 feet signs on each corner of the property so everyone can see. What's wrong with giving more information instead of less?"

Commission Chairman Glen Barrow said signs are posted on the land, "and we feel 100 feet is enough. It's up to the village council."

Dorgan asked if the decision was unanimous. She

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The Grand Opening for the Community Youth Center Warehouse is Saturday from 2-11 p.m.

There will be a street fair, music and games from 2 - 6 p.m. outside in front of the Warehouse with tours and information inside.

Local bands Home-Grown and Dirty Jones will be playing during this time.

At 6 p.m., the street fair will close and everything will move inside the Warehouse for a concert by El Paso's girl band Atomic Pink, followed by L.A. recording artist Next 2 the Tracks.

The Community Youth Center Warehouse is run by a Community Youth Advisory Board led by Carole Wiberg. The mission of the Warehouse is to "provide a safe educational community environment for youth."

After the Grand Opening, the hours will be 3-8 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; and 3-10:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, for 7th - 12th graders.

For more information,

visit www.ruidosoyouth-center.org or call 575-630-0318. For more on the grand opening, see today's ¡Vamonos!

HEAL fundraiser

Owners and staff at Sierra Blanca Motors are kicking off that dealership's first annual fundraiser for Help End Abuse for Life.

For every new car sold in September, Sierra Blanca Motors will donate \$100 to HEAL and the Nest domestic violence shelter in Ruidoso Downs.

Joe Gomez, sales manager for the car dealership, approached Sierra Blanca Motors owner Ted Durham about the fundraiser idea. Gomez is also a member of the HEAL board of directors.

Durham, who supports many of Ruidoso's local charities, immediately signed on to the annual car drive to benefit HEAL.

"The importance of this partnership will extend long after this event," Durham said. "We at Sierra Blanca Motors are committed to being part of the solution in Lincoln County."

The Nest opened in March 2007 and is Lincoln County's first and only shelter for victims of domestic violence. The



Staff from Sierra Blanca Motors and the board of directors of Help End Abuse for Life celebrate the beginning of a new annual fundraising month-long event.

emergency shelter has assisted more than 200 families.

Free and confidential services include emergency shelter, food, clothing, transportation, housing, education, daycare, counseling and civil legal assistance such as obtaining protection orders.

For more information about the shelter, please call 378-6378 or 866-378-6378.

Illegal dumping

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For more information on illegal dumping prevention, call 378-4697 in Lincoln County, 434-6171 in Otero County or toll free 1-877-548-8772, or log on to lcswa@valornet.com

Unclaimed property

Officials with the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department will once again try to give away unclaimed property at the State Fair, beginning Friday and through Sept. 21.

"Come and visit our booth during the state fair," said Rick Homans, Secretary of the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department. "In less than five minutes, you can see if we might be holding some of your property or money."

The booth will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

The state's Taxation & Revenue Department holds close to \$110 million in unclaimed property, representing more than 748,000 owners. The state retains the property forever, or until the rightful owner claims it. The law requires that every holder of

unclaimed property turn the property over to the state after there has been no activity for a specified period of time.

The property, or money, might have come from utility or insurance companies, or banks. The state also holds refund checks, stock certificates, bond payments and unclaimed wages.

Some of the most interesting unclaimed property is jewelry, old coins and other collector items that are abandoned in safety deposit boxes.

In addition, undeliverable checks from Personal Income Tax refunds or rebates are turned over to the Taxation and Revenue Department 13 months after issuance.

In 2007, more than 17,000 people visited the State Fair booth and 900 people claimed \$207,000 in unclaimed property.

For more information, visit www.tax.state.nm.us, or call 505-827-0668 or 0767.



Manuel Martinez, center, the owner of Mr. Burger, has been a longtime supporter of the Kiwanis Bug Program, designed to encourage students to improve their grades. With Martinez are Kiwanis members Carole Wiberg and Clinton Smith.

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Sun 9/7	10	Very High

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Alamogordo	88	59	pt sunny	Grants	84	44	mst sunny	Santa Fe	77	47	t-storm
Albuquerque	87	58	mst sunny	Guymon, OK	80	55	t-storm	Santa Rosa	87	57	t-storm
Carlsbad	87	62	pt sunny	Hobbs	88	63	pt sunny	Silver City	77	48	mst sunny
Chama	71	40	pt sunny	Las Cruces	86	63	mst sunny	Socorro	85	58	mst sunny
Clovis	86	57	t-storm	Las Vegas	77	47	t-storm	St. Johns, AZ	87	53	sunny
Deming	87	59	mst sunny	Lordsburg	89	60	mst sunny	Taos	80	44	t-storm
El Paso, TX	86	65	mst sunny	Lubbock, TX	88	62	pt sunny	Trinidad, CO	75	49	t-storm
Espanola	80	54	mst sunny	Lubbock, TX	88	66	pt sunny	Truth or Consq.	85	60	mst sunny
Farrington	86	48	pt sunny	Odessa, TX	77	46	t-storm	Tucson, AZ	101	71	sunny
Galup	84	44	mst sunny	Roswell	87	61	t-storm	Tucumcari	85	55	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	85	68	cloudy	Houston	93	71	pt sunny	Phoenix	104	78	sunny
Boston	81	63	pt sunny	Los Angeles	82	64	sunny	San Francisco	85	59	sunny
Chicago	68	59	pt sunny	Miami	92	80	pt sunny	Seattle	74	56	pt sunny
Dallas	90	68	mst sunny	Minneapolis	71	55	pt sunny	St. Louis	70	62	pt sunny
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MOUNTAIN GODS

P&Z commissioners develop landscape checklist

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Dealing with the items on a checklist presented to developers when they submit a new project, members of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission debated how much detail should be included on landscape plans.

The checklist was devised by staff at the urging of commissioners to help applicants keep track of information they must provide and when it is turned into the village Planning Department.

Village Planning Director Bob Decker Tuesday asked for guidance on what kind of detail commissioners want to see in landscape plans.

"Do you want a detailed drawing of each or just a list of what is to be planted

within a target area?" he asked.

"I prefer the second," Commissioner Don Dutton said. "We shouldn't micro-manage."

"I'd like to know the method they plan to maintain the plants, like drip irrigation," Commissioner Vicki Williams said.

"Drip irrigation is required in commercial districts," Decker assured her. The staff also requires cisterns to capture roof runoff, but there are no standards on size.

Commission Chairman Glen Barrow said instead of allowing decisions to be subjective, the ordinance should contain specific requirements.

"Often we get nothing," he said. "I can show you sites now approved for landscaping and all they have is gravel."



That's not what xeriscaping means, he explained.

Xeriscape may incorporate rocks and boulders, but many low-water-demand plants are considered compatible and can survive with that approach, he said.

Williams said nurseries supply lists of plants that work with xeriscape designs and survive in the mountains of New Mexico.

"Maybe we should ask for something more exact than just drawing a couple of circles on paper. We ought to know what they want to plant where," P&Z Commissioner Vicki Williams suggested about developer plans.

"I'd like to see more trees," she said. "Let's get trees to provide shade."

Now that the village employs a site development coordinator, someone is on staff to track compliance on landscaping.

"I want consistency," Barrow said.

"Well, maybe we should ask for something more exact than just drawing a couple of circles on paper," Williams said. "We ought to know what they want to plant where."

"I'm satisfied to know the location of the landscaping and generally, the plants to be used," Dutton

said. The majority of commissioners concurred.

"To me, as far as the checklist, I think everything has to be complied

with on that list and must be checked off before an application comes to us," Barrow said. "They have to sign off."

Decker said staff is following that directive and recently knocked a project off the agenda after finding the applicant failed to check off all items.

"We told them it will have to go next month, instead," Decker said.

Nursery being converted into retail store, bank

Mechem property will be screened from adjacent neighbors

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An existing plant nursery on Mechem Drive and Alpine Village Road will be converted into retail store space and a drive-through bank.

Members of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission Tuesday approved an amended site development plan for Tract E of the third addition to Airport West subdivision, submitted by DRP Development.

The zoning of the 6.287 acre site is C2, community commercial.

Edward Burger and James Cook are the principals.

Agent Eric Collins said Casa Verde Nursery included 16 parking spaces and exceeds the nine required for the conversion to a retail store and a bank.

A neighbor asked if the portion of the project adjoining her land will be screened and commissioners included a requirement in line with village rules for screening from adjacent residential property as a condition of approval, as well as removal of a chain link fence.

A 6-foot wooden picket fence is planned, Collins said.

Business owner Jennie Dorgan asked about the height of the building, pointing out the information was not included in the submission. Commissioner Don Dutton said the build-

ing already exists and no new construction is anticipated.

In other business, commissioners:

- approved a conditional use to build a home on two lots zoned C2, community commercial, in Camelot subdivision on the corner of Lancashire Lane and U.S. 70.

The house will be site-built by Scheile Construction of Ruidoso. The two steep lots are across the highway from the former Behr's Barn.

- approved setback variances requested by White Mountain Development Inc. for Lots 26-31 in White Mountain Meadows subdivision Unit 5, to allow construction of houses closer to the rear and side lot lines.

The lots range in size from 0.41 of an acre to 0.55 of an acre. Rear setbacks would be shortened from 20 feet to 10 feet to avoid a steep area.

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Open season on the media at conventions

Both major parties are wary of reporters, and the Republicans, especially, have a real complex — not unfounded — about the “liberal media.”

Look, we in the press, from the elitist of publications down to the little ole *Ruidoso News*, are big boys and girls. We can take it. We work in a field — as bearers of bad tidings or questioners of the impertinent — that has taken it since the dawn of time.

But the following dispatch by Amy Goodman, in these United States, is downright frightening:

Government crackdowns on journalists are a true threat to democracy. As the Republican National Convention meets in St. Paul, Minn., this week, police are systematically targeting journalists.

I was arrested with my two colleagues, “Democracy Now!” producers Sharif Abdel Kouddous and Nicole Salazar, while reporting on the first day of the RNC. I have been wrongly charged with a misdemeanor. My co-workers, who were simply reporting, may be charged with felony riot.

The Democratic and Republican national conventions have become very expensive and protracted acts of political theater, essentially four-day-long advertisements for the major presidential candidates. Outside the fences, they have become major gatherings for grass-roots movements — for people to come, amidst the banners, bunting, flags and confetti, to express the rights enumerated in the Constitution’s First Amendment: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

Behind all the patriotic hyperbole that accompanies the conventions, and the thousands of journalists and media workers who arrive to cover the staged events, there are serious violations of the basic right of freedom of the press. Here on the streets of St. Paul, the press is free to report on the official proceedings of the RNC, but not to report on the police violence and mass arrests directed at those who have come to petition their government, to protest.

It was Labor Day, and there was an anti-war march, with a huge turnout, with local families, students, veterans and people from around the country gathered to oppose the war. The protesters greatly outnumbered the Republican delegates.

There was a positive, festive feeling, coupled with a growing anxiety about the course that Hurricane Gustav was taking, and whether New Orleans would be devastated anew. Later in the day, there was a splinter march. The police — clad in full body armor, with helmets, face shields, batons and canisters

of pepper spray — charged. They forced marchers, onlookers and working journalists into a nearby parking lot, then surrounded the people and began handcuffing them.

Nicole was videotaping. Her tape of her own violent arrest is chilling. Police in riot gear charged her, yelling, “Get down on your face.” You hear her voice, clearly and repeatedly announcing “Press! Press! Where are we supposed to go?” She was trapped between parked cars. The camera drops to the pavement amidst Nicole’s screams of pain. Her face was smashed into the pavement, and she was bleeding from the nose, with the heavy officer with a boot or knee on her back.

Another officer was pulling on her leg. Sharif was thrown up against the wall and kicked in the chest, and he was bleeding from his arm.

I was at the Xcel Center on the convention floor, interviewing delegates. I had just made it to the Minnesota delegation when I got a call on my cell phone with news that Sharif and Nicole were being bloody arrested, in every sense.

Filmmaker Rick Rowley of Big Noise Films and I raced on foot to the scene. Out of breath, we arrived at the parking lot. I went up to the line of riot police and asked to speak to a commanding officer, saying that they had arrested accredited journalists.

Within seconds, they grabbed me, pulled me behind the police line and forcibly twisted my arms behind my back and handcuffed me, the rigid plastic cuffs digging into my wrists. I saw Sharif, his arm bloody, his credentials hanging from his neck. I repeated we were accredited journalists, whereupon a Secret Service agent came over and ripped my convention credential from my neck. I was taken to the St. Paul police garage where cages were set up for protesters. I was charged with obstruction of a peace officer. Nicole and Sharif were taken to jail, facing riot charges.

The attack on and arrest of me and the “Democracy Now!” producers was not an isolated event. A video group called I-Witness Video was raided two days earlier. Another video documentary group, the Glass Bead Collective, was detained, with its computers and video cameras confiscated.

On Wednesday, I-Witness Video was again raided, forced out of its office location. When I asked St. Paul Police Chief John Harrington how reporters are to operate in this atmosphere, he suggested, “By embedding reporters in our mobile field force.”

On Monday night, hours after we were arrested, after much public outcry, Nicole, Sharif and I were released. That was our Labor Day. It’s all in a day’s work.

AMY GOODMAN is the host of “Democracy Now!,” a daily international TV/radio news hour airing on more than 700 stations in North America.

Campaign 2008



Goodbye from a ‘troublemaker’

To the editor:

DEAR BILL (DEMENT, Chairman, Republican Party of Lincoln County):

“When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another ... they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.”

After reading your letter to the editor, I write to you as my friend and as the chairman of the Republican Party. This letter serves as my official resignation from the party and my personal declaration of independence.

I had turned 18 by July 1, 1971, when Congress ratified the 26th Amendment, giving me the right to vote. To the horror of my father, I registered as a Republican. My dad, his dad and his dad’s dad were Democrats; he had failed in my upbringing.

Two hundred and twelve years ago this month, George Washington published his farewell address in *The Independent Chronicle*; he was big on independence. The father of our country warned against the party system saying, “It serves to distract the Public Councils, and enfeeble the Public Administration.”

Washington believed the party system “agitates the Community with ill-founded jealousies and false alarms; kindles the animosity of one ... against another....” He contended the party system “opens the door to foreign influence and corruption.” He feared that, rather than being united behind righteous principles, we would split along party lines. You confirmed Washington’s fears when writing, “The Republican Party of Lincoln County strongly supports Sheriff Virden...” without confirming this statement with all Republicans.

I am a law-and-order, strong border, pro-life, property rights, conservative, holding firm to the 2nd Amendment, and today would have been my 37th anniversary as a member of the Republican Party. After being a life-long Democrat, your “strongly supported” candidate registered Republican on April 23, 2003, just in time to run for sheriff in a predominantly Republican county. My friend, Tom Sullivan, wrote in an Aug. 14 letter to the editor, “Rick Virden was my loyal undersheriff for 7 years.” Tom failed to notice his loyal undersheriff could not have voted for him because he only changed his voter registration when it was to his benefit.

I did not wish to be the Republican sheriff or the Democratic sheriff; I wanted to be the Lincoln County sheriff, indepen-

dent of politics, refusing to enforce the law along party lines. Your “strongly supported” candidate changed parties to be viable; I changed to be accessible.

When did my party rip the law-and-order planks from the platform? When the county clerk did not require your “strongly supported” candidate to produce nominating petitions, as I was required, wasn’t it a violation of NMSA 1-8-21? On the night of the primary election, when the county clerk was alone and opened the ballot box, is that a violation of MSA 1-13-8 that requires, “the ballot box shall be opened in the presence of the county canvassing board by the county clerk and the district judge?”

On Friday, April 25, 2008, I went to the Sheriff’s Office and looked at the Uniform Crime Reports to discover the candidate you “strongly support” lost more to burglary and theft in 2006 than any sheriff on record has lost in four years. The next working day, for the first time in 23 years, the county assessor came to my house to raise my taxes. Does any of this raise an eyebrow with the law-and-order party?

Am I a “troublemaker” because I removed myself from the “clique” and brought forward these violations of law? If so, our Founding Fathers were “troublemakers” for declaring their independence. They became “troublemakers” when they threw tea in the Boston harbor. Only “troublemakers” would write, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal?” There was no separation of men as Republican and Democrat, only equals. As equals we must demand our elected officials obey the law, just as they have no difficulty requiring from us.

We the people, Democrat, Republican or Independent, should demand the law be applied evenly and void of politics. We should stand together in saying, as the last line of the Declaration of Independence says, “And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on protection of divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.”

With warm regards, your friend

Steve Sederwall
Capitan

Death of free speech

To the editor:

I AM DISAPPOINTED in Carrizozo. In the many years I have been a Democrat activist in Lincoln County I have been booed at, spit upon, hissed at and now had my

car keyed, only because I dared express my opinion and support of Democrat candidates.

After the Labor Day parade in Carrizozo, I parked my car that still sported signs for Obama/Biden for president, Teague for Congress and Udall for Senate alongside McDonald Park where I was assisting — in a totally non-partisan manner — with the extension club table.

While there, someone keyed the entire front and sides of my husband’s car, and tore down at least one sign and threw it into a mud puddle!

What hatefulness is this? Since when did freedom of expression become a means to do such a destructive act? All I can figure is someone is very frightened.

Freedom of expression has suffered under the Patriot Act — the 1,500-page act ushered into and passed by Congress in three days! But in Carrizozo, freedom of expression is now punished by acts of vandalism and hatefulness.

Shame on you whoever did this. If you think this represents your candidate of choice, then this country has a lot to worry about.

Doris Cherry
Capitan

Teague’s flip-flop

To the editor:

THE VOTERS of New Mexico’s 2nd District who will be electing their next congressman, either Ed Tinsley or Harry Teague, are being shortchanged by misinformation about the Iraq war.

The Aug. 20 guest commentary that appeared in the *Ruidoso News* regarding the congressional forum in Las Cruces is “Exhibit A” as to how an incomplete story gets manufactured in the liberal blogs and then finds its way to other liberal media, in this case MSNBC’s “Countdown with Keith Olbermann.”

Critical facts were omitted from the commentary in question, presumably in an attempt to hoodwink southern New Mexico voters. While we do not know whether the author of this opinion was even present at the very candidate forum he writes about, one might have doubts, given that he cited the wrong date as to when the forum occurred. I have discussed this matter at length with people who were present at the forum and the following is what really occurred, for the benefit of those who were not able to attend.

On Aug. 6, Harry Teague’s Web site stated the following: “I

A solution to our emergency alert system

To the editor:

REGARDING THE need for an emergency alert system for our mountain community:

I, too, am one who agrees that our mountain paradise needs an "emergency alert system" to go along with the alert sirens. Here's a quick historical reminder.

Just after the Cree Fire,

our broadcast engineer Ken Bass and I tried to help coordinate the installation of a local "EAS Emergency Alert System," exactly like the equipment radio stations all over the United States are required to utilize for national emergency messages. Stations are required to have a specified array of emergency alert transmitters and receivers.

As I recall, this same system was installed at the Ruidoso Police Dispatch Center years ago.

Soon after, the Police Department moved and we lost the focus of the plan after an administration change. It was unfortunate, but now the need for such a system has been rekindled.

It is our intention to assist again, any way we

can, in helping design and install a system that would allow our designated Village emergency officials to immediately send an "Air-Alert" to area residents at the push of a button. This message would be heard on every radio tuned to any one of the eight stations controlled out of Ruidoso.

This alert could also be on all of the local cable

channels.

Keep in mind that we're not pointing fingers, just trying to quickly lend a hand to solve the problem. This is something that can happen right away and would not cost a lot of money.

In fact, I have already discussed this plan with our communications engineer, and left a message

with the village manager's office, offering assistance.

Thanks, again, to the Ruidoso News for a great community forum, and the opportunity to post comments here. Thank you for all you do, on the behalf of our community.

Harv Twite
Operations Manager
KEDU Radio
Ruidoso

Has Santa Fe really thought through its plans for Camp Sierra Blanca?

To the editor:

THIS IS in response to Christina Cole's letter that appeared in the Aug. 27 Ruidoso News.

Ms. Cole has missed several points. While everyone is aware that Camp Sierra Blanca (CSB) brings employment to the area, the chief concern of those attending the Aug. 20 public meeting at CSB is the planned population change of the CSB inmates, "clients." As we in attendance were told, the plan is to convert the camp to a prison with a fence.

Without local citizen taxpayer input, the Corrections Department has decided to place "medium-level" prisoners at the facility. Meeting attendees,

though several asked, were not given a definitive answer as to what constitutes "medium-level" prisoners ("clients"). Several citizens with experience in apprehending, incarcerating, prosecuting and working with youthful offenders expressed their uneasiness with this plan.

Yes, CSB has participated in local activities. However, there is a history of those who burglarized and car-jacked with a weapon. One of the CSB's victims was in attendance at the meeting and related her experience. In reference to Ms. Cole's statement in her letter - "Keep out of the business of the corrections department" - the Corrections Department

is funded by taxpayers and is accountable to taxpayers. What is the main reason for a Corrections Department? It is to protect the public!

Have the powers in Santa Fe actually thought this through? The CSB setting is pastoral, a perfect location for several activities, such as an R&R facility for returning vets and their families or a church retreat site. The existing CSB 12 residents could be moved to either the Albuquerque or Las Cruces youthful offenders' facility. Those currently employed at CSB could be offered employment at either institution.

That highlights another question: Since Albuquerque and Las Cruces are

higher in population than the Fort Stanton location and are the sites of youthful offender facilities, why is there not a similar establishment in Santa Fe?

As far as Ms. Cole's personal attack on Peggy Whittemore, she is wrong. Peggy and her husband brought their hard-earned savings to this area and employed a local contractor and tradesmen to build their retirement home. For the record, Peggy did not ask the question regarding property values at the Aug. 20 meeting.

Should the public, including those who have worked and saved for retirement, have to fear break-ins, burglaries, car-jackings, etc., from an unse-

cured nearby prison?

Richard & Mary
Samuels
Alto

Cell-ebration

To the editor:

I WANTED to thank you for printing my letter regarding the construction of a 120-foot cell tower in our residential neighborhood. Citizens of Capitan who had not yet heard about the tower began asking questions and getting involved.

At the August trustee meeting there was standing room only, as residents from all over Capitan asked questions and voiced their concerns of having a cell tower erected near existing homes. David Hughes, the

representative from Plateau Telecommunications, addressed our concerns and answered our questions. He impressed me as genuinely concerned with what we had to say and, before he left, asked if there was anyone in the room who wanted the tower to be erected on the residential site. Not a single hand went up.

Happily, due in part to Plateau's willingness to work with us, Mayor Hammons and the trustees reversed their original decision and are now looking into renegotiating the contract with Plateau to place the cell tower at another location, away from homes.

Donna R. Bass
Capitan

LETTERS FROM PAGE 4A

will vote to de-authorize funding for the war ... However, subsequently, at the Aug. 7 Las Cruces forum, Mr. Teague said he "corrected" his Web site and hence deleted this controversial reference, implying that he had supported the troops all along.

Mr. Teague emphatically stated on this Web site throughout the primary season that he would vote to de-authorize war funding, presumably so he could win his party's nomination. Mr. Teague then flip-flopped on the issue of supporting and funding U.S. troops, just in time for his speech in Las Cruces.

Almost immediately, Democratic campaign operatives swung into action, circulating a video of both candidates at the Aug. 7 forum.

Widely seen liberal blogs, including Daily Kos, Swing State Project and Talking Points Memo, published the video. However, the video was doctored to omit Mr. Teague's own reference to his Web site "correction."

One has to closely scrutinize the video, as the editing was quick and skillfully done. After all, they only had to remove this one critical sentence from Mr. Teague to entirely alter the substance of the comments made by Mr. Teague as to this issue (i.e., "my new team has corrected the Web site.")

Mr. Teague and his Democratic campaign operatives want you to believe that changing positions on key issues is as easy as hitting the delete key on a computer keyboard. In Congress, Mr. Teague will not be able to erase critical votes on war appropriations that fund protective gear for our troops so easily.

It is true that Ed Tinsley is passionate about funding the troops in Iraq. People might say he used words that were too harsh. That's fine. In fact, people disagree about whether we should or should not be in Iraq. That is fine, as well. However, the point Ed

Tinsley was making is that whatever one's view might be as to whether the U.S. should be in Iraq, the funding necessary to provide for soldiers' needs should never be compromised.

It is also not fine to present the voters with partial truths as opposed to the whole story.

I hope this clarifies the truth as to what occurred at the forum in Las Cruces.

Adam D. Rafkin
Ruidoso

Civil debate

To the editor:

I DON'T KNOW IF many readers of the Ruidoso News watched the recent presidential debate at Saddleback Church covered on Fox News, but I wanted to chime in and say I was completely impressed.

I have written this newspaper using the forum of the letters to the editor section several times in the past few years, making disparaging remarks about the character of an opponent

make me want to hang up my right as a voter and walk away from my polling place.

I have always been interested in the ideas, plans and positions our candidates take, from the local to the national level. I have never been interested to see how mean or cruel a candidate can be toward another. (Remember the days when, during any conversation about an opponent, the phrase, "worthy opponent" would be used?)

What a contrast: Pastor Rick Warren planned several questions for both candidates, asking the same questions in two sections. While this format was not in debate form, it carried with it the same weight as verbal sparring, in my opinion.

Pastor Warren further stipulated that Mr. McCain was not allowed to watch Mr. Obama's section of the interview, which would have given Mr. McCain an unfair advantage.

But here's what impressed me: Neither candi-

date at Saddleback Church denigrated the other candidate. Each had the opportunity to state his opinion on each question asked. Each had the opportunity to inform America of his stand on the issues in question, and there were many very current issues presented by Warren.

Pastor Warren stated at the end of the event that one of his purposes for presenting this forum was to prove that this type of interview was possible.

I did not agree with everything that each candidate expressed, but I was informed beyond what I had previously known about each candidate's stance on current issues. I hope those in Lincoln County who agree with me will make a public statement in affirming this type of forum. The only reason negativity in campaigning prospers is that we allow it.

Sue Hutchison
Capitan

Mouthpiece

To the editor:

FOR AN OILMAN, Congressman Pearce lacks knowledge of offshore drilling and its ramifications.

Pearce made an inane statement in an interview with the *New Mexico Independent* that Hurricanes Katrina and Rita came right through the Gulf Coast, where there are thousands of offshore platforms, and not one drop was spilled.

It was clearly reported in the official report of the U.S. Minerals Management Service that Hurricanes Katrina and Rita caused 124 offshore spills for a total of 743,700 gallons. 554,400 gallons were crude oil and condensate from platforms, rigs and pipelines, and 189,000 gallons were refined products from platforms and rigs.

Congressman Pearce and his oil cronies cannot even tell the truth. More offshore drilling might be necessary. However, we need facts, not the typical Pearce partisan rhetoric. New Mexico should wake up to the meaningless cam-

paign statements of Congressman Pearce. He is just a mouthpiece for the oil industry.

Greg Lennes
Las Cruces

For the troops

To the editor:

THIS IS TO express my thanks to the many individuals and merchants of Ruidoso, Alamogordo, Alto and Albany, Ga., for their generous donations which have been used to help provide some much needed and greatly appreciated items, such as Q-Tips, insect repellent, jerky, Chap Stick, nail clippers and many other items for our troops in Iraq.

Whether you agree or disagree with the war is not important.

The most important fact is that these young men and women are over there giving of themselves and laying their lives on the

line to assure us the continued freedom, the hallmark of the United States of America.

As long as we have young American men and women defending our freedom, our continued support of them is imperative. God Bless our troops and the United States of America!

Betty S. Upchurch
Ruidoso

Thanking village

To the editor:

TO THE VILLAGE of Ruidoso: Since July 28, I have been helping the residents at the TeePee Mobile Home Park at 100 Mechem Dr. clean up and recover from all the damage done by the flood.

All of the mobile homes in the park were damaged by the water and mud resulting in a huge amount of trash to be picked up and hauled off.

Thanks to your great

staff, all of the damaged flooring, carpet, padding and furniture have been hauled off. When we've had an excessive amount of trash to be picked up, I've called the office and Karen has been so nice and helpful. She makes sure that a truck comes out to pick up the trash.

All of the drivers, Ann, Dan, Terry, Gabriel and Tom, just to name a few, have always been wonderful in getting the trash hauled off very promptly. This has helped the residents get their homes back into livable conditions and you will never know how grateful we are for all of your help.

I know that all of the Village workers have been going the extra mile to help the flood victims and I hope that you will let them know how much we appreciate their help and efforts.

Cookie Rodriguez
Ruidoso

**The Ruidoso Downs
Auxiliary will meet
Monday,
September 8th
at the
Ruidoso Downs Senior Center
at 6:30 p.m.
to consider a motion to
disband the organization.**

**Anyone interested
in the preservation
of this organization
MUST attend!**

**For information,
contact Harold Oakes
at 802-0273**

BUSINESS

Conquering the bear market

Who knew wooden bears could ever be so lucrative? Fidel Figueroa did.

TODD FUQUA
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It's no secret that Lincoln County is known for its bears, from Smokey Bear to the bears you might find wandering your neighborhood.

Bears of the wooden sort are prevalent, too, and one family in Ruidoso Downs has made an entire career out of carving them.

Fidel Figueroa came to Ruidoso just over a decade ago from El Paso, landing a job in the construction industry before deciding to get into the bear business.

"We started watching the first bear carvers in business when we were on break

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from construction," Figueroa said. "We figured we could do that, so we got into the business."

Just over 11 years later, the career has grown to include five separate businesses: Black Bears, Ruidoso Bears, Jesus Bears, J.F. Bears and Bears R Us.

Four of the five businesses were located across Highway 70 from Wal-Mart before construction of the new Avalon Properties project forced them to move. A



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Members of the Figueroa clan gather with their wares at their bear market, now located on Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs next to Circle K. Left to right are Cenobio Rldríguez, Victor Rodríguez, Jesus J. Figueroa, Apolonia Figueroa, Claudia Morales, Martin Morales, Beatriz Figueroa, Martin Figueroa and Vero Figueroa. Not pictured is Age Mendoza, owner of Bears R Us.



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Martin Morales does some fine carving on the face of a smaller bear.

change in land ownership forced them to move again, this time to property next to the Circle K convenience store.

The timing couldn't have been better.

"We were told we had to be off the land by Aug. 31," said Claudia Morales, Fidel's sister and co-owner of Black Bears. "We were lucky this property came open when it did. Just a few days after we signed the agreement, someone else came along wanting to rent the land."

In all aspects, the move was a good one, according to Figueroa.

"For the last week, we've had a lot of customers coming in, including a lot of our regular customers, who had gone looking for us," Figueroa said. "They were able to find us, so that was a good sign."

"This is a good spot, nice and level," he added. "Our last location was down from the highway and kind of out of sight."

Being next to Circle K doesn't hurt.

"A lot of people that visit here, as they're driving out or coming in, usually, that's the first gas station they see, so they stop, and we're right next door," Figueroa said.

Bears aren't the only thing Figueroa and family sell. Benches, some furniture, ceramics and iron work can be found for sale, but bears — carved on-site — are the companies' bread-and-butter.

Wholesale keeps Figueroa in business, as well. He said 50 percent of his business is carving bears to

be shipped to retailers in a five-state area in the Southwest.

To be sure, the move hasn't been cheap. Figueroa estimates he's already spent about \$9,000 in supplies and fees to get his business up and running in the new location. But it's all been worth it.

"We're all together here, it's a big spot, and everyone can see us together," he said. "We're not in the phone book or on the Internet, so we need a nice spot where we can sell our bears."

Embezzlement preventions workshops at ENMU-Ruidoso

The Small Business Administration (SBA) estimates that as many as 30 percent of employees pilfer and that 60 percent will steal if given enough motive and opportunity.

Employee theft costs businesses an average of 6 percent per year. A recent study by The Chubb found that in the past five years, more than one in three private companies experienced a theft averaging nearly \$350,000.

The annual cost to business, and therefore to consumers who ultimately repay business, is conservatively estimated to be \$15 billion. 30 percent of business failures are due to employee theft.

Worst of all, consider that these data are from cases where the thieves were caught and the arrest was documented; statistics indicate 75 percent of internal thefts go undetected.

Find out more about this important subject by attending a series of workshop at ENMU-Ruidoso presented by John Tate and Sarah Mitchell starting Sept. 6. Tate is a Law Enforcement Officer and a New Mexico DPS Certified Instructor. He is a former white collar crime investigator for a district attorney's office. Ms. Mitchell is a reformed embezzler/forger.

ENMU-Ruidoso has scheduled the following training sessions. Call 257-

2120 for more information.

Sept. 6: Overview of How Embezzlement and Fraud Happen and How to Avoid it.

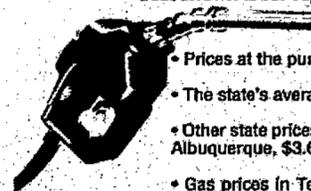
Sept. 13: Your Rights and Responsibilities

Sept. 20: Checking the Books — How to Spot a Problem

Sept. 27: The Warning Signs — What to Look for in Your Employees

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Wayne and LuAnn Ellison's band will be performing and Jennifer Lewicki will be singing the National Anthem.

Personnel from Holloman Air Force Base will be discussing the future of Holloman and their chaplain will lead us in a short prayer service.

State Senator Rod Adair and County Commissioner Tom Batten will talk about 9-11 and its implications for the US and Lincoln County.

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WALL OF COURAGE

At top, Executive Director Ed Spurr of the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts talks with Cassandra and Pete Schiavone while artist Brian Sarinova continues work on The Wall of Courage in the background. The mosaic will adorn the new Ruidoso Fire Station on Sudderth Drive near Paradise Canyon Road.

Center, Brian Sarinova places his signature on The Wall of Courage mosaic mural as it is installed in anticipation of the Sept. 11 unveiling to be held at 9 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 11.

Bottom, Ruidoso Fire Chief Tom Gavin surveys the mosaic mural with Brian and Summer Sarinova prior to beginning installation on the north wall of the new fire station.

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LOTS

FROM PAGE 1A

20,000 square feet, not 10,000, and that Commissioner Phillis Barnett was undecided, but willing to go along with the lower figure.

"Where does this benefit the village of Ruidoso?" Hirschfeld asked.

Commissioner Don Dutton said the one-acre minimum was originally specified to preserve the rural character of the village. But with the cost of land continuing to increase, he no longer sees a reason for even requiring a 10,000 square foot minimum lot size for single family residences. That requirement flies in the face of trends in cities across the nation, he said.

Bryant pointed out that as written, looking at two sections of the proposed amended ordinance, commissioners and councilors not only would required resubdivided lots to be at least 130 percent of the

average size of the original lots in the subdivision, they also would be charged to consider the effects of the action on adjoining lots, the availability of village utilities and other pertinent factors to determine the actual sizes of the lots to be allowed.

Adjoining lots would include those separated from the subject property by a street or alley.

"Density, appearance and conformity are issues, as well as the burden placed on public infrastructure," he said.

Village Planning Director Bob Decker said by providing a criteria such as percentage of the average lot size, staff tried to match the intent of the ordinance, instead of an arbitrary one acre size. Staff initially suggested 90 percent, but Commission Chairman Glen Barrow bumped the number up to 130 percent.

Barrow said he did that, "to protect property values in a subdivision and make

"Ten-thousand square feet is more than enough. I mowed one by hand and it seemed like a football field," said developer Rick Albers.

(resubdivided lots) a little larger than the average lot size there."

Dutton said the time may be right to ask the council to form an ad hoc committee to look at higher density development for the future, and to review the whole picture of land use ordinances, instead of one section at a time.

Developer Rick Albers, who owns property on Cree Meadows Drive, said when he researched minutes from council meetings more than eight years ago, the intent was not to prohibit lots consistent with other

lots in a neighborhood.

"This is restrictive and creates gaps in utilities," he said. The wording still is confusing and one small lot could skew the percentage results, he added.

In his view, "Ten-thousand square feet is more than enough. I mowed one by hand and it seemed like a football field. You put a 2,000-square-foot house on it and you still have 8,000 square feet to take care of. That's almost way too much. It doesn't promote the kind of efficiencies we should be looking at."

Plenty of housing is available for retirees in the village, but not for workers, he said, referring to energy efficient and affordable housing he may build.

Reducing the required lot size for resubdivided land "is a small step, but sends the message that you are starting to look at the issue," Albers said.

Hirschfeld said any plans for affordable housing would come to the commission to see if it fit an area. Commissioners could grant a variance to the lot size requirement.

Decker said variance can be granted on a case by case basis, but Albers owns a 5-acre tract and could file as a Planned Development Unit, which would allow 20 units per acre, he said.

Barrow said criteria should be set and variances handed out only in 5 per-

cent of the applications. Decker seemed to agree, noting that a variance is a digression from the intent of an ordinance.

"In most communities they are rare," he said. "I'm against writing in something that triggers variance requests. You're subverting the ordinance each time."

Business owner Jennie Dorgan asked if anyone looked at the potential density using the smaller minimum lot size.

"You're setting yourselves up for more, not fewer variances," she contended. She suggested going back to the village Comprehensive Plan and designating areas for affordable housing, "instead of setting criteria so they can be anywhere."

Dutton, an attorney, said that's exactly what the courts contend should occur. Affordable housing should be everywhere.

Dorgan said while commissioners may rely heavily on staff research and recommendations, people in the community blame or credit the board for what happens.

Barrow said he's just a volunteer trying to do some good and he can't prevent people from shooting verbal arrows at him.

"Is the council and planning and zoning's priority density over aesthetics or balance?" asked Dorgan, who also is in real estate. "Property values are rising, but we've never had so much property on the market."

Barrow said he could look at a map all day long, but he doesn't know where someone may try to subdivide. He suggested 130 percent as a lot size to protect neighbors who buy in a subdivision and expect development to continue in the existing or better trend. It didn't seem right that

someone with a larger lot could sell off part and the neighbors would suffer with smaller lots around them, he said.

Resubdividing into smaller lots would affect the character of a neighborhood, Hirschfeld said.

Eric Collins of Collins & Associates Inc., a survey firm, said he prefers a set criteria instead of seeing clients spend money up front in the hope of a variance being granted, because they don't know which way to go. In the past, if a client owned a 1.5 acre lot, he had to tell them a split would be prohibited, Collins said.

Bryant said unless an ordinance expressly denied the board the right to grant a variance, members can approve variances in cases where specific criteria is met.

Decker said variances cannot be granted for "a use" or for convenience, but can for physical conditions that otherwise would deny the owner the ability to build on the land, such as steep slopes and narrow configurations.

Dorgan said, "It's never more important than when it's in your backyard. I think you've got to consider the effect on the neighbors and community. We have to provide more water and sewer."

"What are the advantages (of smaller lots)? Let's be honest, this is about money and someone who buys a lot and says someday I can make money on it."

"This still is America, and there is nothing wrong with making money," Dutton replied.

"But neighbors depend on those rules as well and then one day wake up and have Little Italy (next to) their property," Dorgan said.



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SETBACKS

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In another issue, Barrow said he attended the last village council meeting when paying \$800 for the minutes of a planning commission meeting was discussed.

"I stated to the village manager that we've had \$8 minutes and \$800 minutes, but in either case, I would like them the next day," Barrow said. "I agree they should be a summary, not verbatim. I think we received clear marching orders from the mayor."

Village Planning Director Bob Decker explained that the village assistant planner spent 25 hours to prepare the minutes over a two-week period, beginning the day after the meeting. A major project was coming up on the agenda of a council meeting the week after the planning session and he needed a draft to attach to the councilors' packets for their review.

Commissioner Phillis Barnett said, based on her understanding, councilors want to know the basic action and why, "not a book."

Commissioner Don Dutton said based on personal experience, it is difficult to transcribe events.

"I can believe it took 25 hours," he said. "That's too much money."

Commissioner Vicki Williams said she's never been part of a board where a meeting discussion was transcribed into minutes.

"It's always been a general discussion and the outcome," she said. "As long as the minutes reflect accurately what occurred, they should be more than satisfactory."

Bryant agreed. He said New Mexico's Open Meetings Act requires that minutes be ready in draft form within 10 days and approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

To avoid overblown minutes, he again suggested that if a board member sees a minor correction, he or she point it out in the meeting and the minutes can be adopted as amended. If members voice a major disagreement, they can attach an addendum to the minutes stating their view.

Bryant suggested when commissioners receive their drafts prior to a meeting where minutes are scheduled to be approved, they meet before the session with the secretary and go over areas of disagreement. If the dispute is resolved, if a new draft could be submitted for a vote at the next regular meeting.

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added, "If you're at the bottom of a hill and a development is at the top of the hill, you won't be notified until you flood." Ruidoso is unique and involves special topography challenges, not answered by a cookie-cutter approach, she contended.

Commissioner Ray Alborn asked if all changes suggested by commissioners at a workshop to review the amended ordinance were included in the changes up for action Tuesday and Decker said they were.

"Are we talking about doing away with certified mail?" Hirschfeld asked.

Decker said certified mail is used only in notification of appeals and even

then the department runs into problems with undelivered mail or late returns. Some people won't accept certified mail, he said.

"But at least you have a return that it was mailed on a certain date and not signed for," Alborn said, adding it gives proof in any legal action. He estimated the cost per letter at \$3.50, but Decker said the expense runs higher.

"The idea here is to encourage the use of email as a backup and you have almost instant notification," Decker said. "Just because it's sent certified mail doesn't mean a person actually receives it."

Barrow said regular mail should suffice and 100 feet excluding rights of way will extend the notification circle much further.

Commissioner Don Dutton offered a motion that

passed to go with the proposed changes, and to include a minority report on the reasons that Hirschfeld and Williams prefer a 200-foot notification boundary.

Dorgan came to the podium again and asked if the public would be given a chance to weigh in on more than just the notification issue in the section under review.

Barrow said the hearing was opened to the public before the motion and at that time she told commissioners she had several issues and gave a few examples.

"I thought you were finished," he said.

Dutton pointed out Dorgan will have another shot when the ordinance with proposed amendments comes to the council for a public hearing.

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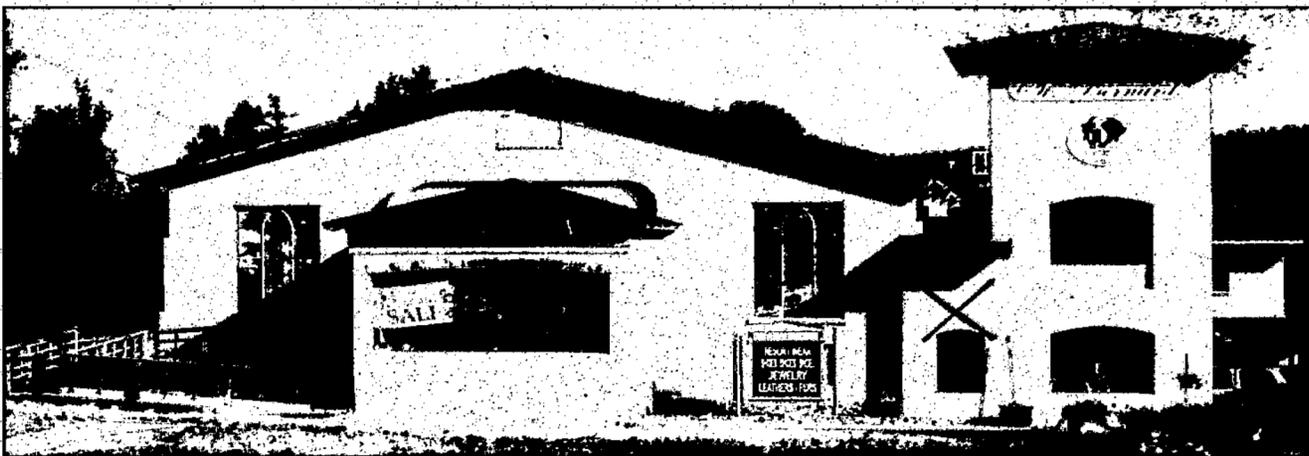
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HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

Three major networks to host cancer special

■ An estimated 8,200 New Mexicans will be affected by cancer this year.

ALBUQUERQUE - On Friday, Sept. 5, the national television networks, ABC, CBS and NBC, will be holding the first-ever cancer special to air simultaneously on all three major broadcast networks.

The goal of the television special, "Stand Up to Cancer," is to increase awareness of how cancer has affected the population of the United States and raise money to help fight the disease through several charities.

While cancer affects millions of Americans throughout the country, more than 8,200 New Mexicans will experience a life-altering cancer diagnosis this year, according to

statistics from The New Mexico Tumor Registry, housed at The University of New Mexico Cancer Center, the State of New Mexico's official cancer center based on the UNM campus in Albuquerque.

Cancer is one of the leading causes of death for New Mexicans, second only to heart disease.

In fact, based on a recent study, one in five people die annually from cancer in the state.

"New Mexico contains some of the worst cancer disparities in the nation," said Dr. Cheryl Willman, director and chief executive officer of the UNM Cancer Center.

"Native Americans and Hispanics are experiencing significant increases in cancer incidence and mortality."

However, statistics indicate that New Mexicans

have lower rates of the most common cancers than the national average, but the numbers can be misleading, according to UNM Cancer Center Epidemiologist Charles Wiggins, head of the statewide New Mexico Tumor Registry. "Among New Mexico's non-Hispanic whites, incidence rates of the most common cancers are similar to the national average. However, the state has the highest percentage of Native Americans and Hispanics in the country."

"These are populations that are less prone to the more common cancers, and are more likely to have less common cancers such as cancers of the stomach and gallbladder," he said.

Among women, breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer of all ethnic groups in New Mexico and the leading cause of cancer death

among Hispanic, Native American, and African American women.

"The median age of breast cancer onset is a decade younger here than the national average, and the stage of the disease is more advanced among New Mexicans," said Dr. Melanie Royce, director of the Multidisciplinary Breast Cancer Program at the UNM Cancer Center.

"Our studies show that breast cancer mortality is increasing among Hispanic and Native American women, with little or no decrease among non-Hispanic white women in our state."

Despite the strong presence of high technology and medical research in the state, more than 22 percent of New Mexicans lack health insurance of any kind and do not have access to preventative care, thus seeing a physician when

cancer is in an advanced stage and more difficult to treat.

"Hispanics and Native Americans are less likely to be screened, and are typically diagnosed at later stages when the cancer is less treatable, resulting in disproportionately poorer prognosis," said Wiggins.

In order to bring cancer diagnosis and treatment to all New Mexicans, the UNM Cancer Center has developed a statewide cancer care network through collaborative partnerships with community-based healthcare systems and physicians in the cities of Las Cruces, Santa Fe, Farmington and Albuquerque.

"The UNM Cancer Center provides world-class treatment to all New Mexicans regardless of their ability to pay for treatment."

"Last year we provided

more than \$4 million in unreimbursed indigent care," said Willman.

"In 2007, the UNM Cancer Center cared for more than 7,600 cancer patients - from every county, every health system and every health plan in New Mexico - in more than 84,000 ambulatory clinic visits.

"More than 80 board-certified oncology physicians at the UNM Cancer Center diagnosed and treated nearly 50 percent of the adults and virtually all of the children in New Mexico affected by cancer."

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Understanding skin changes during pregnancy

A woman's body goes through many physical changes during pregnancy, including a few that some women look forward to, such as a healthy skin, thicker hair and stronger nails.

Some women, however, experience other, not-so-pleasant changes caused by elevated hormone levels, weight fluctuation and other unknown factors.

Dark spots on the skin are common during pregnancy.

Caused by an increase in melanin - the natural substance that gives your

skin and hair color - these discolorations occur in up to 90 percent of pregnant women and may be more prominent in women with darker skin.

Many women will notice dark spots on their breasts, nipples or inner thighs.

Darkening of the area around the eyes, nose or cheeks is known as chloasma or the "mask of pregnancy."

Skin discoloration can worsen with sun exposure, so be sure to wear sunscreen with a SPF of at least 15, and a hat with a wide brim.

Dark areas are harmless and usually fade within months of delivery, but they may not go away completely.

If you notice any new or fast-growing dark spots or moles, be sure to tell your doctor.

Most pregnant women will develop "stretch marks" as their abdomens and breasts stretch rapidly to support the growing fetus.

A number of cosmetic products falsely claim to prevent stretch marks from forming or help them go away.

In reality, there's not much you can do to avoid them.

While most of the red-dish marks will fade post-pregnancy, stretch marks probably will not disappear entirely.

New, tiny red veins called "spider veins" may appear to accommodate the increased amounts of blood in your system.

They most commonly occur during the first half of pregnancy and often show up on the face, neck and arms. Redness usually

fades after delivery.

You may develop varicose veins - a condition where the added weight and pressure of the uterus slows blood flow from your lower body causing the veins in your legs to become swollen, sore and blue.

The following tips may help you alleviate some swelling and soreness:

- Get up or move around from time to time if you have to sit or stand for long periods.
- Do not sit with your legs crossed.
- Use your desk, a couch, a chair, or a footstool to prop up your legs whenever possible.
- Exercise regularly.
- Wear support hose.

While changes during pregnancy can seem significant, most will revert back to normal or greatly improve after delivery.

For more information, the ACOG Patient Education Pamphlet, "Skin Conditions during Pregnancy" can be found at www.acog.org/publications/patient_education.

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Dr. Moreno is excited about the opportunity to start her practice serving the women of Alamogordo. She shares the fact that she has been fascinated by pregnancy since she was a child and Medical School increased her passion for Women's Health. She is eager to share her knowledge with her patients especially assisting women with menopausal issues and Uro-gynecology. Dr. Moreno states, "It is a privilege to care for women as they transition through the different stages of their life."

Dr. Moreno and her husband, William, have two daughters ages 6 years and 2 years. The Medical Staff and the employees of GRCMC welcome Dr. Moreno and her family to Alamogordo.

Dr. Moreno is practicing at the Center for Women's Health and Specialty Services.



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It is the smell of roasting green chiles. The icon of the Southwest, the chile is meeting its maker as tons of them roll through drums with a high flame roasting them with every round.

I love small towns and their traditions and I love that many of them still have old neighborhoods that haven't lost track of

what is important — chile roasting and porch sitting.

This time of year offers up both in a New Mexican Currier and Ives, or perhaps

Currier and Chile, sort of way. Even the tiniest, oldest home on the street has a few chairs or an old couch in place out front for some serious, dedicated porch sitting.

These people still have a hold on the enjoyment of a simple life without high tech, high speed and high noise.

But you won't notice them from the highway as you pass through at 55 m.p.h. However, they are there. Tucked along the side streets, back streets and shaded neighborhoods.

They just sit. Sometimes they sit alone and watch a little traffic, or sometimes they gather with family and friends.

Kids are playing ball and frequently chase it into the street, unaffected by the fact it is a

street, albeit a quiet one.

They always offer a friendly wave when you drive by, but without missing a beat of their conversation or interruption to their quiet gaze off into the summer evening.

It's my belief the world needs to do a little more porch sittin'. Not the fancy patio kind with a feng shui design, but the kind where nobody on the porch knows what feng shui is.

When the guy next door is roasting chiles and the smell entices you to saunter by, you don't mind pulling up a remnant 1950s kitchen chair and keep him company.

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there with the ultimate utopian moment.

Just one piece of advice to the gringo set. Always ask first if the chile is a batch of hot or mild. Once the acute burn begins and the capsaicin from the chile begins to numb, it's a little hard to carry on an intelligent conversation except to gasp and run for something to drink.

Moreover, when the chile guy is ever so amused, he will take

advantage of your weakened state to make some sarcastic quip about a new name for you. This moment truly gives new dimension to the moniker "Hot Lips."

Julie can be reached at jcarter@ruidosonews.com. She is still trying to sneak up on another batch of chile and another round of "hot lips."

Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District sums up year-in-review

JULIE CARTER
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The annual report card for the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District (UHSWCD) indicated a productive year for the Capitan-based office.

The board of supervisors include Chairman Preston Stone, Vice-Chairman Jim Cooper, Secretary-Treasurer Jerry Burchett, members James Sanchez, Robert Runnels, Stan Thomas and Program Director Brenda Addison.

The district collects a tax of .5 mill from landowners in the unincorporated areas of the Upper Hondo District.

The collection is used for conservation projects and

practices, education, operational expenses and the salary for the program director.

Conservation cost-share projects include repair of diversions, stream bank protection, brush management and projects that meet with the standards of the Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS).

These include fencing, wells, livestock and irrigation pipelines, land leveling, diversions and water storage facilities.

Cooperators within the district are entitled to 60 percent of the cost to complete their projects, up to \$3,500/year per project.

During the 2007-08 fiscal year for the UHSWCD \$19,524.87 was contributed

in cost-share to eight cooperators requesting assistance.

The district also oversees a comprehensive noxious/invasive weed program for Lincoln County through the Lincoln County Cooperative Weed Management Area (LCCWMA).

District supervisors and employees gave formal presentations to the public throughout the year to local schools regarding soil erosion, weed control and conservation issues.

Coloring books, designed and written by former Weed Coordinator Jessica Gutierrez, were distributed to students along with several presentations using the Rolling River Water-

shed trailer.

The LCCWMA has 17 memorandums of understanding in place with entities and have been active in meeting with the county commission on local authorities concerning weed issues in the county.

This year the LCCWMA was allocated \$20,000 from the county for weed management with an allocation of \$40,433 in the 2009 fiscal year to continue the momentum.

Two grants, \$20,000 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and \$30,000 from the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Division, will round out the budget for the coming year.

The district's Acequia

Project was completed in 2008 with a contribution of \$8,700.

Activities for the year included:

- participation in the Ruidoso Home and Garden Show;
- sponsored an information booth at the county fair and Cowboy Symposium;
- demonstration at Corriente CowBelle's Ag Day for students;
- display and demonstration at Arbor Day Project;
- Smokey Bear Days demonstration;
- sponsor of Bat Conservation Initiative Wildlife Workshop;
- donated to NRCS Livestock Water

Development and Wildlife Workshop, Cream of the Crop Awards at county fair and sponsor two students to Forestry Camp.

Supervisors and employees attended 10 different workshops and trainings through the year, including a riparian workshop and a conservation and easements workshop.

The UHSWCD abides by the Association of Conservation District Act and the Open Meetings Act. They meet the first Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the office, 516 Smokey Bear Blvd, Capitan. The public is encouraged to attend.

For more information, call 354-2220.

COUNTY BRIEFS

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The Carrizozo Municipal Schools Meat Science Laboratory will be in operation from now until December.

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topher Scott at 648-2346 for appointments or further details.

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Capitan Street Dance

Capitan Public Library's First Friday event will be 7-9 p.m., Sept. 5. John and Cindy Foglesong will provide the music for a fundraiser Street Dance.

As an added feature, during intermission, line dancers from Ruidoso will demonstrate the art and

enjoyment of line dancing.

Admission will be \$5 per person at the entrance.

All proceeds will go toward the operational expenses of Capitan Public Library. The library is located at 101 East Second St., in Capitan. For more information, call 354-3035.

Capitan yard sale

The Capitan Public Library and the Capitan Chamber of Commerce are promoting the annual Village Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, Sept. 13.

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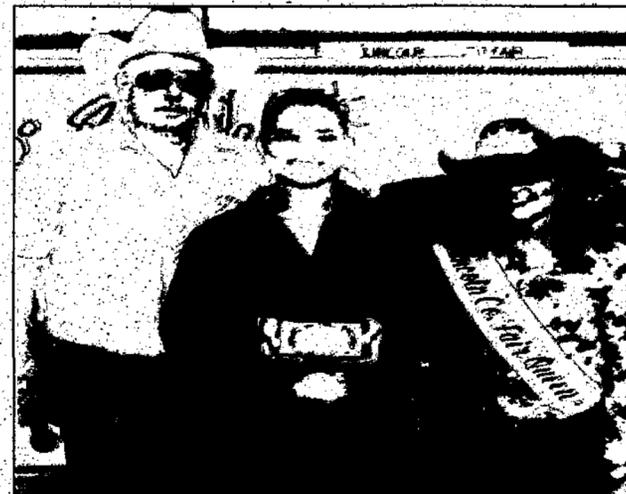
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On Aug. 30, local Realtor Bill Pippin was treated to a surprise 75th birthday party at the Elks Lodge. Inset: Among those in attendance were Pippin's daughter, Donda Richardson, and childhood friend Don Maynard, left, of El Paso, a former member of the 1969 Super Bowl Champion New York Jets. Pippin is in the center.

County road projects on list

Two projects in Lincoln County are included on a \$200 million list for highway construction in New Mexico.

Gov. Bill Richardson Tuesday signed a bill passed by legislators in the recent special session that provides the money for highway projects throughout the state.

"With this money we can address critical highway projects in rural New Mexico," Richardson said. "These rural highways are the lifeline for thousands of our residents who use them every day to commute, visit families and conduct their daily business."

The bill calls for using \$50 million in surplus dollars and \$150 million in severance tax bonds for 13 highway projects.

"Construction inflation has hit our state hard over the last several years," Transportation Secretary Rhonda Faught said. "The price of asphalt alone has increased by nearly 300 percent in the last five years. With the money the Governor has provided, we

can complete several projects around the state, especially those in rural communities where public transportation is not always readily available."

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- U.S. 62 Texas State Line to Carlsbad from mile post 25-20;
- U.S. 180 Deming to Bayard from mile post 122-141.6.

In 2003, the state Legislature passed Richardson's Investment Partnership, or GRIP, a \$1.6 billion initiative aimed at expanding and improving New Mexico highways, while creating thousands of local jobs. Since it began, 32 projects have been completed; 33 projects are under construction.

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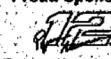
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Today's Birthday (9/5/08). Come up with a plan that turns you on. Imagine what you want to be, do and have five years from now. Then, working from then to now, list the steps you took.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 5 — Your scheme runs into financial difficulties. Modifications are required.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — A flimsy, unworkable scheme is soon to be revealed as totally ridiculous. At first it sounds wonderful. But wait. This one really is too good to be true.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 5 — A "great idea" proves unworkable. Don't get stuck in despair. You're full of good ideas. Come up with another one.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — You are a hothead, no doubt about that. And you're also cool. If you don't get what you want on your first try, you'll try again.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 5 — Reality conflicts with your mate's wishful thinking. If necessary, say, "No, that won't work." Send the plan back for revisions.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — You're good at multitasking, but you'll be most effective now if you pick one subject and stick to that. Don't let yourself get sidetracked.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 5 — It's another day to avoid financial

risks. Wait until the odds are a little more in your favor. That would be about tomorrow.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — All is not as it appears to be, regarding a domestic issue. Whether the fantasy is yours or somebody else's isn't clear. Before taking action, wait until you can see the outcome better.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 5 — You may have been counseled against procrastination, but this time it works, tell folks you'll get back to them next week, or maybe never. You don't have to be specific.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — Face reality now, before you get hit up alongside the head. Don't take risks if you can avoid them. Wait until conditions change in your favor.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5 — Patience is required in many of life's endeavors. You're pretty good at waiting. And, with all this practice, you'll get even better.

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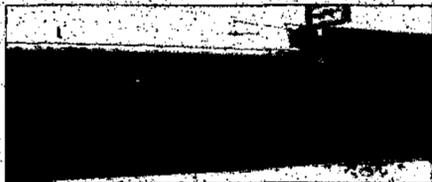
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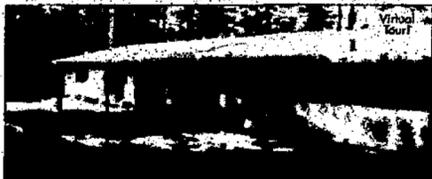
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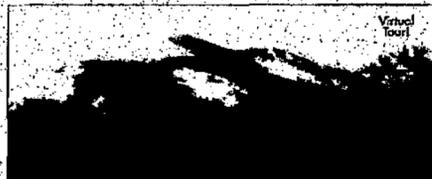
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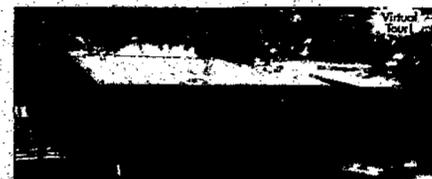
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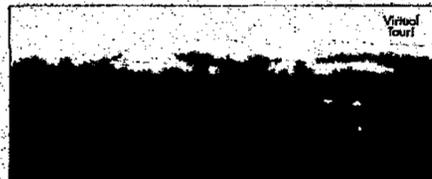
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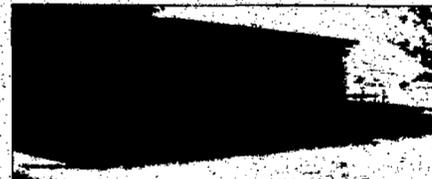
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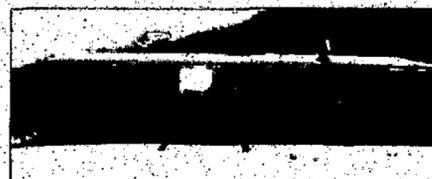
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Results

Girls Soccer
Tuesday, Sept. 2
Ruidoso 3, Artesia 1
Ruidoso JV 5, Artesia 0

Sports On Tap

Football
Friday, Sept. 5
Socorro at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.
Carrizozo at Capitan, 7 p.m.
Tularosa at Mesalero, 7 p.m.

Volleyball
Friday, Sept. 5
Ruidoso at Sweet Sixteen tourney in Las Cruces

Girls Soccer
Saturday, Sept. 6
Ruidoso at Silver City, 1 p.m.

Boys Soccer
Friday, Sept. 5
Ruidoso at Coyote Classic in Roswell

On Deck

Volleyball Officials
Those interested in officiating school volleyball games in the area please contact Carrie Barleen at 937-2283, for registration information. Training is provided. Meetings are Sunday evenings at 5 p.m. at the RMS lower gym.

Scholarship Essay
A-Grannie Gatorhead Swim Scholarship will be awarded to two lucky essay writers. The award is sponsored by the Ruidoso Athletic Club and Cree Meadows Golf Club. The first essay is to be submitted by any child aged 4-7 and must be 50 words or less. The essay subject is "Why I want to learn to swim." The second essay is to be submitted by any child aged 7-16 and must be 100 words or less. The essay subject is "Why I want to improve my stroke." The winner of the first essay will win a free learn-to-swim clinic (valued at \$70). The winner of the second essay will win a free stroke clinic (valued at \$70) with a Ruidoso High Altitude Aquatics swim coach. Essays must be submitted to *Ruidoso News* by Monday, Sept. 15. The winners will be selected and winners' essays published in the *Ruidoso News* on Wednesday Sept. 24. For info, call Connie Russell at 336-2775 or Avril Coakley at 257-2281.

Golf Tournament
The Capitan Tiger Golf Benefit Tournament will tee off Sunday, Oct. 5, at 1 p.m. at the Outlaw at Lincoln Hills Golf Course. It will be a four-person scramble with a shotgun start. The fee is \$100 per person which will cover green fees and a cart. There will be a cash prize for first place and awards for the longest drive and closest to the pin. For info, call Royce Brown at 354-8591 (work), 336-9955 (home) or 937-4686 (cell) with player names by Oct. 3. Tournament is limited to the first 20 teams.

Another race season ends



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Bunty Richardson, right, takes in her 50th consecutive All American Futurity and shares a few moments with Ruidoso Downs Race Track President and General Manager Ann McGovern.



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Rusty Crowe plays the herald trumpet and calls the races to order for the last racing weekend of 2008.



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Jerry Richards as paddock judge, identifier and stall superintendent stays alert.



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Carl Draper watches one of his racers head out to the starting gate.

Lasting memories

I think when I was born I was granted "observer status only" in life's grand adventure and never meant to become a permanent player in any one group, company or social conclave. Maybe that's why I've always had a soft spot in my heart for the guy who slugs it out daily at the mill for 25 years and comes home to his family, day-in and day-out, to fulfill a father's/husband's duty. There's something to be

said for responsible permanence.

Oh well, as I've told you before, I've met some interesting characters in my many travels. And the Ruidoso community, along with the race track, ranks right up there at the top.

CURRAN EVENTS



BY MIKE CURRAN
SPORTS EDITOR

From day one, the people at the track treated me with respect and generosity.

Admittedly, some were guarded at times until they came to know me

and figured they could half-way trust me. I wrote about many of them because they had such interesting stories to tell and I believed their narratives should be shared.

Like Bunty Richardson, the genteel, 79-year-old lady from Nogal who has witnessed all 50 runnings of the All American Futurity.

I liked Bunty from day one and the stories about her life, as she relayed them to me, were engaging, entertaining and held my attention.

She's a class act — and makes a good cup of coffee, too.

Over the last year at the track, I've come to know trainer Carl Draper, at least on a professional level, and he amuses me to no end. Don't get me wrong — I hold him in highest regard as a horseman but I guess, because of some familiarity between us, he feels comfortable with telling me his philosophies about life.

Regardless of the abundant success he has achieved over the past few years, he still remains grounded and his family is his No. 1 priority.

Maybe it's because he came from meager beginnings and had little in life, even later on, that he remains standing with both feet planted firmly on the ground.

On Sunday, mere minutes before his champion horse, Heartswideopen, was about to try for a history-making moment as the all-time leading quarter horse money earner, Carl took a few minutes to put his arm around me and whisper a medical update regarding one of his family members.

I was honored to be

See RECALL, page 2B

RUIDOSO SOCCER GIRLS SCORE BIG



MARK DOTH/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Sonya Badacht, No. 12, takes a shot on goal as Dianna Gallegos, No. 17, assists. The JV squad, topped Artesia, 5-0, Tuesday.



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Almee Vasquez, the leading scorer in the state, takes a shot on the Artesia goalie. The RHS varsity won 3-1, Tuesday.

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The last quarter is almost always the best. Folks look all summer but the "real buyers" come back in fall when they allocate time to scour the market. With much national confusion, some have been hesitant but will recall that regardless, they want to own property in Lincoln County. The last quarter of 2008 will be a positive for RE Sales. — Joseph A. Zagone (Ruidoso-Alto-River Crossing)

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LOCAL SCORES HOLE-IN-ONE



TODD FUQUA/RUIDOSO NEWS

Labor Day was a special day indeed for realtor Rose Reynolds, who spent that afternoon on the Outlaw Golf Course. During her second round, she hit a hole-in-one on No. 10, the first hole-in-one ever at the Outlaw. According to witness Jack McGrann, Reynolds was almost speechless, "ready to jump out of her skin." Also witnessing Reynolds' feat were Mitch Johnson and Don Mayberry.

WINNING PRO-AM TEAM



TERRY FITZWATER/RUIDOSO NEWS

The team of (l-r) Eddie Gibson, Ted Durham, Danny Luirette and Sean Simpson won Wednesday's Pro-Am Tournament at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Championship Golf course with a 116 (30 under). Each team was composed of four amateurs and one pro and the squad was sponsored by the *Ruidoso News*. Not pictured, Publisher Terry Fitzwater.

Ruidoso Select Yearling Sale paced by \$675,000 topper

TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

The Ruidoso Select Quarter Horse Yearling Sale concluded on Sunday night with First Prize Stanley bringing an all-time record \$675,000 and total sales for the three-night offering up 15.3 percent.

A total of 455 yearling quarter horses were offered and they brought a total of \$19,574,900, up from \$16,984,700 on 420 head last year.

The average price for a horse passing through the ring was up 6.4 percent, from \$40,400 last year to \$43,022 this year.

The upper half of the market was particularly strong with 119 yearlings fetching \$50,000 or more, a 25.3-percent increase over 2007.

First Prize Stanley, a son of leading sire Mr Jess Perry and broodmare of the year First Prize Dash, set the all-time record for the sale held during All American Futurity week

with his \$675,000 purchase price.

He was consigned by the 6666 Ranch, as agent for Weetona Stanley, and purchased by Chad Hart.

First Prize Dash, a sister to all-time leading sire First Down Dash, is the dam of three Grade 1 futurity winners, one Grade 2 futurity winner and is the second dam of 2008 West Texas Futurity winner and 300-yard world record holder Fast Prize Zoom.

The previous record of \$510,000 was set during

the 1981 Ruidoso Super Select Sale. It was for a half brother to All American Futurity and All American Derby winner Higheaster-jet.

The all-time record for a quarter horse yearling was set at the 2001 Vessels/Schvaneveldt Sale is \$700,000 for Corona

Caliente, a brother to Ruidoso Select Quarter Horse Yearling Sale second high seller Mia Corona.

Mia Corona, topped the second night of the sale. She was consigned by Julianna Hawn Holt and purchased by Gary McKinney of Midland Texas.

Mia Corona is sired by

First Down Dash and out of two-time champion Corona Chick, a broodmare of the year and member of the Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame.

Mia Corona is a full sister to champion and All American Futurity winner Corona Cash and leading sire Corona Cartel.

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included like that. Trainer Joel Marr is probably the most intellectual person I've come to know on the backside.

In the beginning, he was a tough interview. First of all, he wasn't familiar with me and hadn't yet sized me up.

Secondly, Joel isn't the most verbose or talkative person you'll come across. I guess he figures when he doesn't have anything worthwhile to say, why force the issue, like many of the rest of us.

So I've come to learn, at least as it relates to Joel, when he speaks, listen. Sort of like E.F. Hutton. His trained horse, the great Peppers Pride, has been patiently waiting to set an all-time 17th consecutive win since the originally scheduled Lincoln Handicap, July 27.

You might remember, that was the day of the infamous Ruidoso flood.

That Handicap was rescheduled and set to run last Sunday and Peppers Pride was ready to go from the 2-hole. Intermittent rains before then, however, cast doubt as to whether she would do so.

Sometime around the 6th race there was a heavy downpour and Marr wisely decided to scratch the pre-

mier racer. Afterwards, I asked him if it was a tough decision.

"She has never raced on a wet track," he replied. "It took four years to get here and I wasn't going to chance it in a 2-minute race. I wouldn't be able to live with myself if anything happened."

In early June, I asked R.D. Hubbard for a one-on-one interview and he responded in the affirmative a few weeks later. I showed up at his private office at the scheduled time and proceeded with my queries.

The first four or five questions were of a softball nature. I figured, at least that way, I'd be more at ease before I hit him with the big one, "Are you going to stay in Ruidoso?"

He didn't bat an eye and responded immediately, "We're looking at alternatives and other locations," he acknowledged. "We hope that's not necessary in the end."

In that one short moment, I easily understood the measure of his success.

He readily anticipated that question, had thought about his answer beforehand and replied with a concise, forceful rejoinder. There were no wasted words.

Media Relations Director at Ruidoso Downs Race Track Ty Wyant has supplied the *Ruidoso News*

with great, time-sensitive copy throughout the year. He's one of the top writers in his field and has raised two fine sons along the way. If you want to know about an individual, look at their friends and/or children. That will generally tell you the measure of their worth. We've shared some great moments together.

Trainer/owner Cliff Lambert who jockeyed Galobar to the first-ever All American Futurity win in 1959 always acknowledges me, as do trainers, Russell Harris, Fred Danley and Clay Sparks. Assistant trainer to Carl Draper, Jed Vane, as always, is friendly and informative.

First-year President and General Manager of Ruidoso Downs Race Track Ann McGovern is hospitable to a fault and made time for me each and every occasion when I dropped in unannounced.

She really showed her mettle during and after the flood which nearly destroyed the racetrack. Track personnel were highly impressed with her contributions.

The 2008 Meet is over, and I hope to see them next year, but whenever and wherever I go, I will never forget these people, and many others, too.

The memories of them are indelible and enduring.

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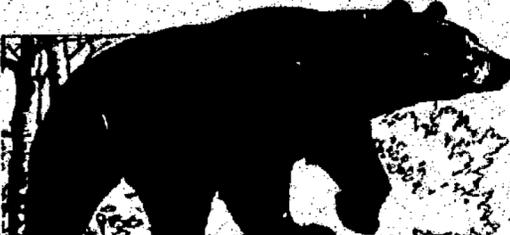
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9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7:15
p.m.; Church training: 6:30 p.m. Sunday
Study: 6 p.m.
CHURCH OF CHRIST
Perry Zumwalt, minister, Ave. C at 12th,
Carrizozo, NM. Sunday School 10:00
am; Worship Service 11:00 am; Evening
Worship 7:15 pm; Wednesday 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 Pariah
Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 518-2893/848-
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; Felto; ship Dinner 4th Sun. of
month 12:30 pm.
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Rev. Chuck Fulton, pastor/648-2339,
711 1/2 Ave. Carrizozo, NM. Affiliated
with Evangelistic Assembly Church.
Sunday 7:00 pm.
MESCALERO
Carrizo Christian Fellowship
Leonard Kanesshaw III, Pastor, 56
White Mt. Dr., 3 mi. W. of Top of the
Mountains Club, Mescalero. Sundays
10:30 & 6:30, Wed. 6:30 464-4656

RELIGION

The wisdom in choice

Summer and the racing season have come and gone. Labor Day and the All American Futurity have passed.

Slowly, but surely, our village will return to the peaceful pace of the Fall. Hold the phone! I was about to forget the Aspen Motorcycle Rally.

The third week in September, we will be inundated with Harleys, Hondas and the like.

I have not heard official numbers or estimates, but the village will be very busy with 40 - 50,000 riders and their families.

Many local residents take their vacations in that week to get away from the crowds and the vroom-vrooms. But don't forget, when that many folks come to visit, there is another sound that shows up as well - ca-ching, ca-ching.

Regardless of how the residents feel, Ruidoso and its environs are still tourist targets throughout the year.

Our local businesses depend on the tourists and summer residents for sales and tourist dollars. Take heart, locals, we will get our restaurants, grocery stores and quiet streets back to ourselves, soon.

If Ruidoso and the Sacramentos were not so attractive, we probably wouldn't be here. We thank God for the paradise we get to live in.

Let's not resent the fact that others, less fortunate, want us to share the pleasant beauty of our mountain village.

Let's face it... when given a choice, folks choose the peaceful, pleasant paradise over the hot, humid hell of the flatlands.

While I realize that is an environmental choice, I hope that people will make a similar spiritual choice.

To choose heaven over hell is a wise choice. To choose the gracious offer of God's Son and heaven trumps the devil's offer of deceitful lies and hell.

Some will say, "There goes that preacher, trying to scare us with talk of hell." Well, maybe so. But the truth is this... someone had to tell you of the pleasant beauty of Ruidoso or you wouldn't be here.

So, I will be one who tells you of the wonderful love of God and the promise of heaven through Jesus Christ, and maybe you will be there.

I want to give you help for today and hope for tomorrow.



Claryfications
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

FUNERALS DEATHS



James Strong, Jr.

James Lee Strong, Jr. passed away Aug. 26, 2008, in Truth or Consequences, following a lengthy illness.

He was born June 13, 1967, and lived most of his life in Ruidoso.

A memorial service will be held in the near future and his ashes will be sprinkled in the Sierra Blanca mountains he so loved.

Jamie is survived by his daughter, Chacity Strong, currently of T or C; his mother, Lawanda Strong of Albuquerque; his father, Jim Strong of T or C; his brother, Bruce Webb of Albuquerque; his sister, Karen Foster of Albuquerque; his sister Linda Hartsock, currently of Quito, Ecuador; and many other family mem-

bers and friends who will miss him greatly.

His family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to Dr. Walter Seidel and his staff for their years of care and friendship to James.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Alpha-1 Foundation (Alphaone.org).

Charles Edgar Hugar

Charles Edgar Hugar of Mescalero passed away Sept. 3, 2008, at Ruidoso.

He was born in Altoona, Penn., on July 25, 1930. Charles served in the U.S. Army for 23 years during the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War.

He moved to Mescalero in 1974, and worked at Marvel Engineering, retiring after 14 years.

Mr. Hugar is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Elbys Hugar of Mescalero. Also surviving are two sisters, one brother, seven children, eight stepchildren, and numerous grand and great-grandchildren. For service information, contact La Grone Funeral Home at 257-7803.

Carol Adams

Funeral service for Carol Adams, 76, of Ruidoso was Thursday, Sept. 4, at 5 p.m., in the First Christian Church of Ruidoso with a graveside service Friday, Sept. 5, at 4 p.m. in the Plainview Memorial Park.

Mrs. Adams passed away Tuesday, Sept. 2, in Albuquerque. She was born Feb. 24, 1932, in Hollis, Okla. She moved to in January 1996 from Albuquerque.

While living in Albuquerque she was a member of the Garden Club and she attended the First Christian Church in Ruidoso.

She married Jack D. Adams on Sept. 16, 1958, in Reno, Nev. She is survived by husband Jack, of Ruidoso; a daughter, Vikkee Johnson of Ruidoso; two grandchildren, Kelly Johnson and Nikkee Johnson, both of Ruidoso; and a sister, Gail Hickerson of Dallas.

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

J Bar J provides school supplies for HEAL

One of the busiest times at the Nest domestic violence shelter is the weekend before school starts.

It is not uncommon for the shelter to fill to capacity during this time.

Anticipating the influx of families and the needs of the children getting ready to go back to school, HEAL board members Dr. Chuck Harrison and Waynette Walker swung into high gear.

Both Harrison and Walker are members of the J Bar J Country Church in

Ruidoso. When they approached Pastor Charles Clary and the church congregation, they were met with amazing generosity.

Through these efforts, \$250 was donated to the shelter to purchase backpacks, complete with school supplies.

In addition, each child living in the shelter received a new pair of tennis shoes to begin the school year in style.

One of the first grade boys who received a Spiderman backpack and

matching tennis shoes excitedly declared, "I am protected by Spiderman!"

According to HEAL Executive Director Coleen Widell, "It was undoubtedly one of the best school days of this child's life, thanks to J Bar J Church. Pastor Clary and the members of this church have been overly generous to our shelter and we are deeply appreciative."

For further information about the Nest domestic violence shelter, please call 378-6378 or 866-378-6378.

BIRTHS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recent births at LCMC

July 1, 2008, a boy, Andrew Joe Dutchover Jr., 6 lbs, 10.3 oz, 19", to Jody Arviso and Andrew Dutchover of Mescalero

July 1, 2008, a boy, Jayden Rosendo Romero, 7 lbs, 4.9 oz, 20-1/4", to Cheryl HornedEagle and Lawrence Romero Sr. of Ruidoso

July 1, 2008, a boy, Logan Jay Vandever, 5 lbs, 8.9 oz, 19-1/2", to Jeraldine A. Yazzie and Jerry Vandever of Ruidoso

July 2, 2008, a girl, Katelyn Leighan Goodwin, 7 lbs, 10.6 oz, 19-1/2", to Nicole and William Goodwin of Ruidoso

July 3, 2008, a boy, Angel Efrain Eduardo Gonzalez, 6 lbs, 10.7 oz, 19", to Cristina Ontiveros and Manuel Gonzalez of Ruidoso Downs

July 3, 2008, a girl, Ashlynn Nakki Rocha, 6 lbs, 8 oz, 18-1/6", to Jacqueline Whitebird of Ruidoso

July 4, 2008, a boy, Jareden Don Mitchell, 7 lbs, 0 oz, 20-1/4", to Dena Hall and J. R. Mitchell of Ruidoso

July 7, 2008, a boy, Zaine Tareon Peralta, 8 lbs, 1.7 oz, 20", to Cheyenne Valdez and Jessie B. Peralta of Ruidoso

July 11, 2008, a boy, Nicholas Sean, 8 lbs, 19", to Jean Garbay and Mochi Zhang of Ruidoso

July 13, 2008, a boy, Donte2 Ladd Vincenti, 7 lbs, 0.5 oz, 20", to Shantilly Provencio and Jake Vicenti of Mescalero

July 15, 2008, a girl, Alexandra Saye Black, 6 lbs, 8.4 oz, 18", to Callie and Steven Black of Ruidoso

July 15, 2008, a boy, Jiedos Goodrich, 8 lbs, 6.9 oz, 19-1/2", to Wayland and Deborah Goodrich of Alamogordo

July 15, 2008, a boy, Enrique Miguel Itzel Galvez-Montejano, 6 lbs, 15.1 oz, 18", to Margarita L. Montejano and David E. Galvez of Mescalero

Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center
Welcomes

Dr. Andrew Lancaster
Nzhu Endocrinology
and Diabetes Care

Dr. Lancaster received his BA from Yale University and his MD from the University of Oklahoma (OU). He completed his internal medicine residency and his fellowship in Endocrinology at OU.

In addition to treating endocrine disorders, Dr. Lancaster predicts that a large percentage of his time will be spent managing diabetic patients. He hopes to use his skills to treat all his patients and is especially devoted to helping contain the diabetes epidemic.

He feels fortunate to be able to start his practice, *Nzhu Endocrine & Diabetes Care*, in beautiful Alamogordo. Also, Dr. Lancaster, having close ties to nearby Mescalero, hopes to increase access to and the quality of care for the Mescalero Apache community.

The Medical Staff and employees of GCRMC welcome Dr. Lancaster and his family to Alamogordo.

Dr. Lancaster's office is temporarily located at 2050 Scenic Drive. Call 437-0227 to schedule an appointment.

www.ruidosonews.com

Rebecca (Becky) Basham

73, a resident of Ruidoso N.M. passed away Sunday, August 31, 2008. Becky was born October 11, 1934 in Camden N.J. to Thelma Palmer Chapman. She is survived by her loving spouse Bear Wolf Basham of 50 years. Becky had two children, George Raymond Basham (recently deceased) and daughter Pamela-ann Jean Austin of Alamogordo. She had 4 Grandchildren, Ross and randy Austin, Todd and Candice Basham.

Becky received her Master's degree in 1996 from the state of New Mexico where she practiced as a licensed clinical psychologist. Becky was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother to her family. She was loved by all who met her and knew her beautiful and friendly spirit. She had many wonderful friends from the Ruidoso area that cherished her dearly...

Services will be held for Becky at the Gateway Church of Christ, 415 Sudderth Ave. Ruidoso at 2 p.m. with family/friends gathering to follow. Donations can be provided to the Gateway Church of Christ or flowers to be sent to 3011 Del Sur Alamogordo N.M. by September 6th.

Police searching for holdup suspects

Ruidoso Police are on the lookout for three males who held up the Friendly Loan office at 200 Sudderth Dr., Sept. 2.

According to police reports, the three males entered the business at about 1:30 p.m., brandished weapons and demanded money from the cashbox.

The clerk gave the suspects the cash and was also forced to turn over her jewelry.

The suspects were described as three Indian males, wearing dark hoodies and blue jeans. One subject brandished a small

automatic weapon, was approximately 6-feet, 2-inches tall, thin build with short hair and a scar above his left eye. He was also wearing a dark hoodie with "Metallica" on the front in red and white letters.

The second subject was about 6 feet tall, thin, with a bald head and a birth mark or scar behind the left ear. He brandished a 6-inch knife. The third subject was about 5'7", medium build, with very short dark hair.

After taking the cash and jewelry, the subjects fled in an unknown direction.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Stolen chief

A wooden Indian chief statue was reported stolen, Sept. 2, from in front of a business on the 2500 block of Sudderth Drive. The 6-foot statue is valued at \$720.

Household battery

A family argument escalated to the point of an arrest, Aug. 31, as Shethelia Kidd, 50, was taken into custody for battery of a household member. Kidd was booked at the Ruidoso Police Department and later taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center.

Fleeing the scene

A couple involved in a one-car accident, Aug. 3, left the scene on foot. About three hours later, one of the occupants was found at a nearby convenience store. Jessica Huffsteader, 24, of Ruidoso, claimed she wanted to file a stolen vehicle report, but upon finding out the consequences of filing such a report, she admitted to being in the vehicle, but that she "couldn't remember anything."

The other passenger, Michael Huffsteader, 27, was located and questioned. Neither would admit to driving the vehicle at the time of the

crash, and the two were issued citations for leaving the scene of an accident.

Nice try

A would-be burglar was foiled by bars in the window of a residence on the 100 block of Davis Drive, Aug. 31. There was damage to a shed door and bars covering one window, but no entry was gained.

Wallet stolen

A wallet was reported taken, Aug. 31, after it had been left in a restroom in a business on Sudderth Dr.

Scams and fraud report for August

The following is a summary of some of the scams and frauds reported to Attorney General Gary K. King's office during August 2008.

Scam victim recovery scam
One of the latest scam e-mails circulating is from "Mrs. Castle Calt," with subject line: "2008 SCAM VICTIMS COMPENSATION PAYMENTS." The e-mail poses as an opportunity for scam victims to recover money they have lost in scams. "Delegates" from the "United Nations in Central Bank" have offered to pay 150 victims of scam \$ 900,000 United States Dollars.

The incorrect wording and symbols in this e-mail are clues that it is a scam. Consumers receiving this type of e-mail should not respond.

Scam on Craig's List
A savvy consumer from Grants, New Mexico stopped a scam in its tracks before losing personal funds. The consumer was using Craig's List to sell an Auxiliary Fuel Tank for \$1,000. A potential buyer, Brown Williams, contacted the seller via e-mail to

arrange the purchase by check which would be in excess of the asking price. The seller was instructed to give the overage to the contracted shipper/mover. The seller was told to keep \$100 "for your running around."

The consumer sent copies of the check, UPS shipping label and e-mails to the New Mexico Attorney General's Office. Consumers should use extra caution when conducting business online with someone they do not personally know and never cash a check for more than the amount of purchase price.

Capital One scam
New Mexico residents have reported receiving Capital One Online Banking e-mails advising, "Your Capital One statement is ready." Recipients are told "this is not a promotional e-mail" and to "please call immediately at 1-800-931-1582 regarding recent activity on your Capital One Card Account." New Mexico Attorney General Gary

King's Office has been notified that these suspicious e-mails were not originated by Capital One.

Recipients of this type of e-mail should not respond. Capital One asks consumers to answer only e-mails sent from valid/secured Web sites and to only respond to an e-mail from Capital One by typing in the URL or Web site address.

Consumers can verify e-mails sent by Capital One by forwarding them to Capital One at abuse@capitalone.com and a Customer Relations representative will respond in writing.

Discount travel scams
Consumers thinking about doing business with out-of-town travel companies visiting New Mexico should be cautious. Research the company you are considering. Read the fine print on any and all contracts presented at travel seminars.

Remember, travel companies offering deals that seem too good to be true, probably are too good to be true. Phishing, lottery and Nigerian scams State consumers continue to report

receiving e-mails asking for detailed personal information to claim various prizes such as sweepstakes and lottery winnings. Requests can include some combination of the following: full name; address; gender; marital status; occupation; e-mail address; home; cellular and fax number; nationality or occupation.

Reported to the New Mexico Attorney General's Office during the month of August:
Phishing: 71
Nigerian: 13
Lottery: 11

Reminder
Scammers can contact their potential victims several different ways.

- In Person
 - Via the Internet
 - Through the U.S. Postal Service
 - On the Telephone
 - By Fax
- Do not share personal information with someone you do not know; help protect yourself from identity theft and/or significant monetary loss.

Kinch honored by ICE

ALBUQUERQUE - New Mexico Attorney General Gary King congratulated AG Special Agent Lois Kinch for being recognized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Division for her outstanding efforts in the investigation of crimes involving the sexual exploitation of children.

Kinch, a member of the AG's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) unit, has provided information to ICE resulting in the identification of more than 40 targets worldwide involved in the trading of child pornography via the Internet.



Home finder

Real Estate Press



218 MIDIRON DR. - ALTO • \$729,000
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201 RIO ARRIBA • \$229,000
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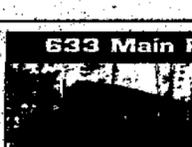
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NEW LISTING!! 2 bdrm, 2 bath 1068 sq. ft. really CUTE condo. Low condo fees! Centrally located, close to everything. Owners have access to storage unit. Newer vinyl siding, refrigerator, hot water heater, great covered deck. Some furnishings negotiable. One of the cleanest, neatest places in Ruidoso. Perfect for vacation home or perm. residence. \$135,000 #101783



COZY CABIN IN THE PINES - Excellent location for this 2 bdrm, 2 bath cabin. Tastefully remodeled, this cute little cabin has a FP, lg master bdrm, deck overlooking creek, fenced backyard, double carport & utility room. Front yard has a checkerboard and pipe fence. Great for a 2nd home or full time residence. \$175,000 #103259

PRICE REDUCED ON THIS COUNTRY LIVING HOME - This 3 bdrm, 2 bath home has the perfect view of Sierra Blanca from the front and the Capitan Mountains from the back. Just recently connected to city water, but still has well. New plumbing fixtures. Room for horses and space to ride. \$175,000 #102479

PRICE REDUCED!!! What a great place for the family in this 3 bdrm, 2



NEW LISTING WITH WIDE OPEN VIEWS! 30+ acre tract of land on Hwy 380 just east of Carrizozo. House is roomy 3 bdrm 1 bath with hardwood floors. Will have new metal roof and exterior paint soon. Lrg barn & several out-buildings. Lots of pens for animals, garden areas & beautiful wide open views. Several wells on property and comes with 1 water right, more negotiable. New water heater. \$299,000 #103632



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PRICE REDUCED ON THIS CHARMING COTTAGE! 2 bedroom, 1 bath 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 wrap-around deck with screened in porch area in back for comfortable outdoor living. Newer furnace, washer and refrigerator. Skylight in living room and beautiful large rock fireplace. Bedrooms are good size too. \$122,500 #102956



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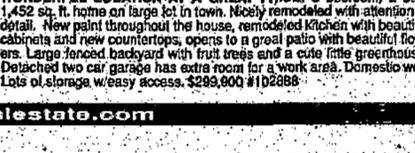
THE COE RANCH, is Lincoln's most Historic Ranch. Established in 1882 following the Lincoln County War, this ranch is located only 17 miles east of Ruidoso and 55 west of Roswell on U.S. Highway 70. In Glencoe, New Mexico. The hacienda contains 6000+ square feet of living space, five bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths 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. The ranch consists of 253 acres more or less including 88 acres of water rights. The Rio Ruidoso River runs through the ranch and the ranch adjoins the Lincoln National Forest. Over 10 irrigated pastures containing more than 85 acres will provide plenty of feed for livestock; included with the sale are many outbuildings, a double-wide manufactured home, a game room and all farming equipment. Offered at \$5,395,000. #102137



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NEW LISTING!! GREAT PRICE!! 3 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home on over 8.5 acres in Capitan with barn and rental property. Main house has been remodeled including double pane windows, refrigerated air, and stainless steel appliances. Master bath has a jetted tub. Great views from the front deck of the house. The property is fully fenced with dog run and horse walker. Needs a thorough cleaning! \$250,000 #103553

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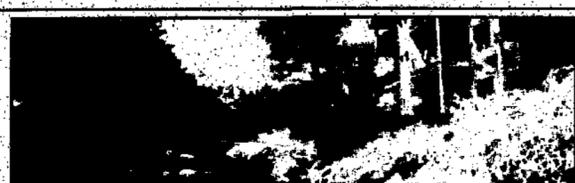


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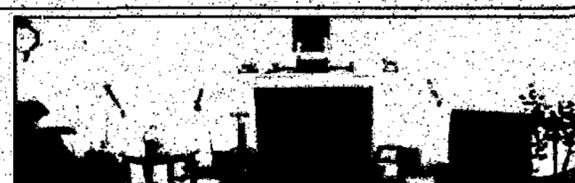
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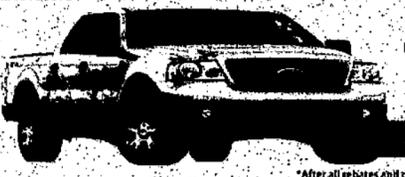
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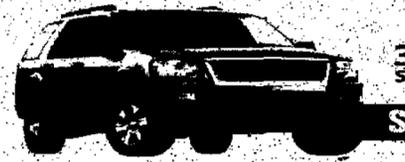
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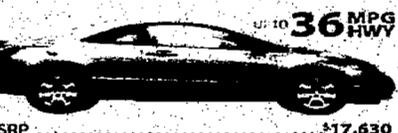
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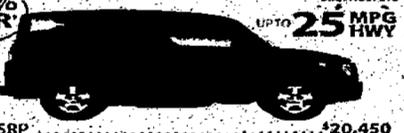


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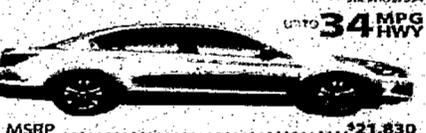


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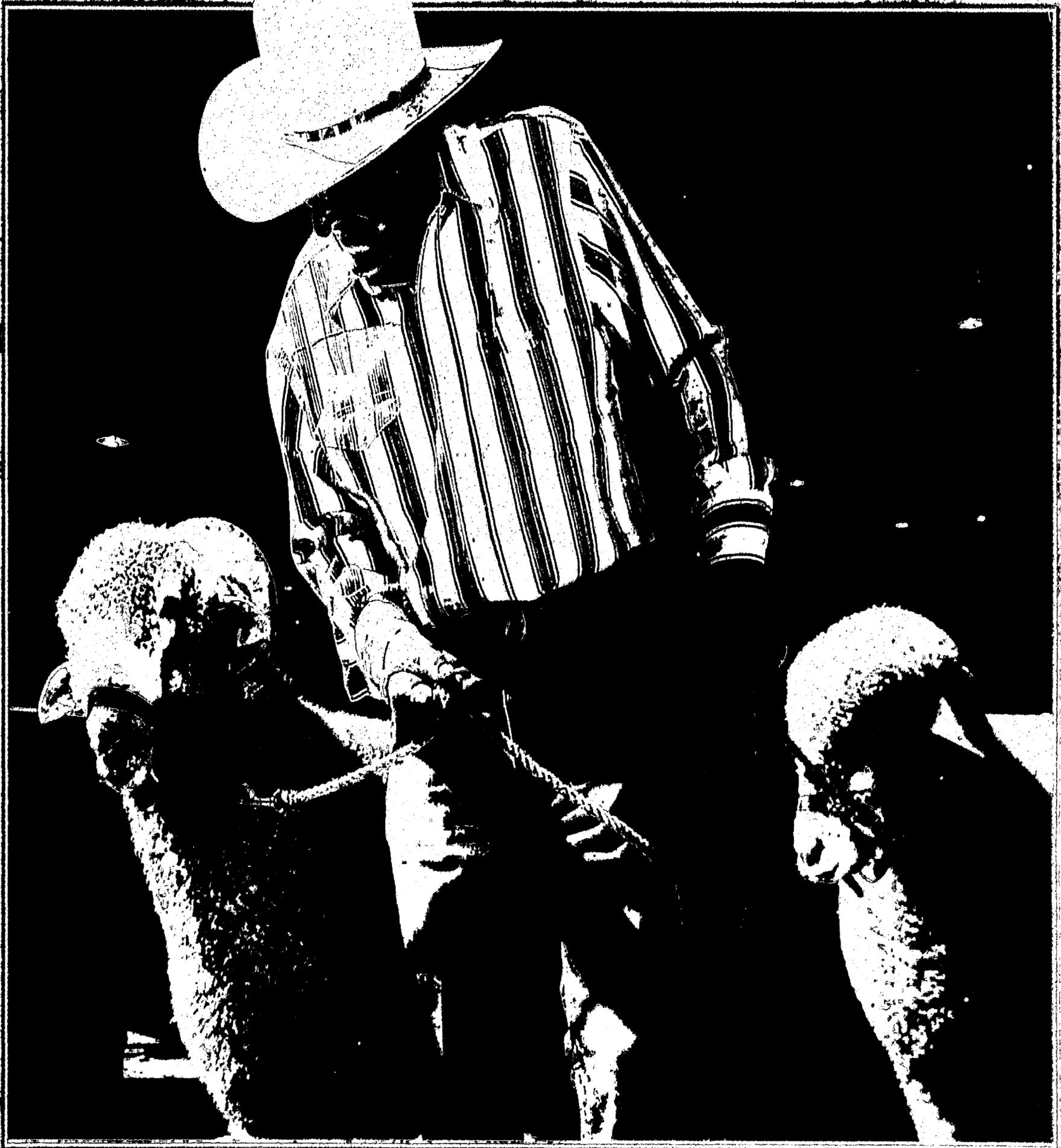
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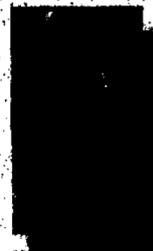
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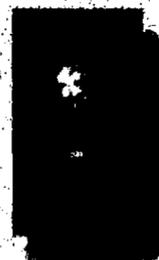
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LeRoy Cravens, of Encino, walks with two of his sheep from the Victor Pérez Ranch before last year's State Fair. [Cover photo by Pat Vasquez-Cunningham]

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At 70 years and counting, State Fair at crossroads

BY CHARLES D. BRUNT

The New Mexico State Fair, aka "The Greatest Show in New Mexico," is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year with an eye on its historic past — and its uncertain future.

While workers and vendors were busy preparing for this year's fair, which runs Sept. 5-21, Gov. Bill Richardson was soliciting ideas for redeveloping the

aging 236-acre fairgrounds, which were renamed Expo New Mexico in 2003.

And a high-profile staple of the State Fair, the Downs at Albuquerque, has announced plans to move the track and casino to Moriarty, possibly leaving the fair without one of its signature events — horse racing.

Despite the uncertainty, Judith Espinosa, who has been the fair's general manager for less than a year, is upbeat about the fair's 70th

anniversary.

Ongoing efforts to renovate the fairgrounds, coupled with its vast array of attractions, will be evident to fairgoers this year, she says.

Indian Village has undergone a major face-lift that is sure to impress visitors, Espinosa says. Villa Hispana is next up, with major renovations planned for the 2009 fair.

Similarly, the Palomino Barns —

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DENTAL BREAKTHROUGH



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Dr. Charles Gallagher uses laser-assisted therapy intended to kill bacteria below the gumline and promote bone growth.



Dr. Charles Gallagher, right, and dental assistant Cindy Gallegos, left, prep Thiel Baca for a laser therapy billed as a painless alternative to periodontal surgery.

GRIN and bear it

Laser technique takes the pain away from periodontal surgery

Dr. Charles Gallagher wields a laser like a pencil, directing a thin red beam of light into deep bacteria-laden pockets that have formed at the root of Thiel Baca's teeth.

"Now I'm going to go down a little deeper," the Albuquerque dentist said as he worked. "Now we'll take the laser and place it down at the very bottom of the pocket."

The thin beam of red laser light could mean the difference between Baca keeping her teeth or losing them.

The technique, called laser-assisted new attachment procedure, uses laser light to kill bacteria that lives below the gum line. Left untreated, bacteria can destroy bone and connective tissue that holds teeth in place.

Laser-assisted therapy also is intended to stimulate bone growth, Gallagher said. The energy of the laser penetrates several millimeters into the bone, killing bacteria that inhibits bone growth, he said.

"The goal is to get more bone to grow around the tooth and to get the gums to attach back to the tooth,"

he said.

The 21st-century technique also could spare Baca from painful surgery that involves peeling back gums so the surgeon can use instruments to remove infected tartar and attach bone grafts.

"We're hoping that the laser will get the bones growing and then we won't need surgery," the Los Lunas woman said shortly after undergoing the procedure.

Gallagher also uses the laser to form a dense blood clot around the tooth to promote reattachment of the gum.

The process is largely painless, Baca said. She has experienced little discomfort in the weeks since Gallagher used the technique on 16 of her teeth in January.

"It didn't hurt but it was just a lot of tugging," Baca said. "You can feel the pressure but it didn't hurt at all."

Gallagher said he is one of three dentists in Albuquerque, and four in New Mexico, who practices laser-assisted periodontal therapy.

Baca is one of an estimated 25 million Americans who suffers from periodontitis, an infection that causes the gums to pull away from the teeth and form infected pockets. If untreated, the condition ultimately can lead to tooth loss.

Dentists sometimes treat periodontitis using a technique called scaling and root planing to remove tartar from teeth both above and below the gums. The technique essentially scrapes rough spots from teeth to remove bacteria that live there.

Baca said some of her teeth were scaled but stronger treatments were required. "My teeth were starting to move around," she said.

Alternatively, a periodontist uses a surgical technique that involves peeling back the gums to remove tartar, then suturing the gums so they fit tightly against the teeth.

Most dental insurance companies have a benefit for periodontal treatment, Dr. Gallagher's office will do all the paper work for the treatment to your insurance company. Gallagher said the cost of the procedure varies from \$400 to \$1,500

per quadrant of the mouth, which includes eight teeth.

Gallagher said he became interested in laser-assisted therapy last year because some of his patients simply refused to undergo the painful periosurgery.

"They needed the surgery but they just wouldn't do it," Gallagher said. Laser-assisted therapy is less invasive and, in Gallagher's opinion, as effective as surgery. "I'm convinced that it's a replacement and it's just as good."



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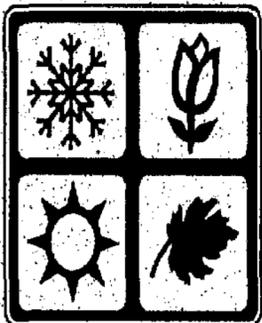


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among the oldest buildings on the fairgrounds have been refurbished. The barns not only retain their original adobe design, but they also now have removable stalls that allow the building to be used for more than housing horses.

"That's something we've been working on to make our buildings more multipurpose so they can be used year-round," Espinosa says.

The Fine Arts Building has also undergone a renovation, Espinosa says, but it won't be entirely redone until later in the year.

Another huge change at the fair this year will be drum roll, please free parking.

Fair-goers who have grown used to paying \$4 for one of the roughly 7,500 parking spaces inside the fairgrounds can park for free.

"We're hoping free parking will encourage people to come during the week, not just weekends," Espinosa says.

"We know that, economically, times are tough for people with the price of gas and everything else," she says.

While the fair has held to the price on concert and rodeo tickets, admission prices for adults have increased. Last year, adult



RICHARD PIPES

The new entrance to Indian Village invites fair-goers to "The Greatest Show in New Mexico," the New Mexico State Fair. This year, the fairgrounds underwent major face-lifts at several facilities, spiffing up for the fair's 70th anniversary.

admission was \$7, and children age 12 and younger paid \$5. This year it's \$9 for adults, \$5 for people age 62 and older and \$4 for kids age 12 or younger.

The fair will have "Two-for-One Tuesdays," meaning two admissions for the price of one. And though there won't be a \$1 rodeo night this

year, fair officials have added more concerts to the Free Stage.

Still, the State Fair is an entertainment bargain, says Michael Henningsen, the fair's new communications director.

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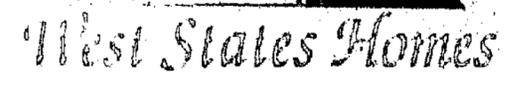
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- Parking is free; it used to cost \$4.
- Adult admission is \$9, up from \$7 last year.
- Admission for children age 12 and younger is \$4, down from \$5 last year.
- A senior discount is added. Admission for people age 62 and older is \$5. On Sept. 15, Senior Day, the senior admission is \$3.
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HOURS: Grounds, 9 a.m.-midnight; exhibit buildings, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. daily; Manual Lujan Jr. Exhibit Complex, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sundays-Thursdays (10 a.m.-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays); entertainment stages, noon-9 p.m. Sundays-Thursdays (noon-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays); midway opens at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays (11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays).

HOW TO GET THERE: Expo New Mexico, centrally located in Albuquerque, is bordered by Central Avenue on the south, Louisiana Boulevard on the east, Lomas Boulevard on the north and San Pedro Drive on the west.

ADMISSION: \$9 adults; \$5 seniors age 62 and older; \$4 children age 12 and younger.

SPECIAL PROMOTIONS: Two-for-One Tuesdays, grounds admission is two for the price of one. Senior Day is Sept. 15; fair-goers age 62 and older get into the fair for \$3.

PARKING: Free

WHERE TO PARK: Only right turns are allowed in and out of the fairgrounds. Enter Gate 1 from Central Avenue, enter Gate 8 from Louisiana Boulevard south of Lomas and enter Gate 9 from Louisiana Boulevard near Central.

DISABLED PARKING: Available at Gate 1 (Central), Gate 4 (San Pedro) and Gate 8 (Louisiana, south of Lomas).

INFORMATION AND SOUVENIRS: Three visitors centers offer maps and event schedules for all the happenings throughout the 236-acre grounds. Official New Mexico State Fair souvenirs are also available. The centers are at Gate 1,

Gate 8 and along Avenue of the Governors. Hours of operation are 9 a.m.-7 p.m. daily. The phone number for the State Fair is 222-9700. The Web site is exponm.com.

PARK & RIDE: The city's transit department offers continuous Park & Ride service to the State Fair from 8:30 a.m.-midnight daily (except last day, which is 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m.) from two locations: Coronado Center and the West Side. Direct bus service is offered every 15 to 20 minutes (more frequently during peak times). Visitors may park and catch a bus on the northwest corner of Coronado Center (near San Pedro and Menaul). West Side visitors can catch Park & Ride at the vacant lot on the southwest corner of St. Josephs Avenue and Coors NW. Tickets are \$2 each way; children age 12 or younger can ride free when accompanied by an adult. Park & Ride tickets do not include fair admission.

WHEELCHAIRS AND STROLLERS: Strollers, wagons and wheelchairs can be rented at the infield tunnel entrance by the Downs at Albuquerque Racetrack and at Gate 1. Rentals require a driver's license and deposit. The rentals are available from 9 a.m.-10 p.m. with the following daily fees: strollers, \$7; wagons, \$14; wheelchairs, \$10; and motorized wheelchairs, \$40.

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SECURITY: New Mexico State Police and a collaboration of other law enforcement agencies patrol the fairgrounds. The headquarters is behind the Fine Arts Gallery.

SMOKING: Not allowed in buildings.

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Don't miss these special attractions — they're at the heart of the annual event

The New Mexico State Fair, taking place Sept. 5-21 at Expo New Mexico, celebrates its 70th anniversary this year with some familiar — and a few new — venues for fair-goers to enjoy during its 17-day run. Here, and on the pages following, to page 12, are some of this year's highlights.

THE PARADE



MARLA BRÖSE

Along the State Fair parade route in 2007, Fellpita Sandoval, senior queen from San Felipe Pueblo, adjusts her tlara. At her left is her husband, Phillip Sandoval, senior king in 2006.

MOVING ENTERTAINMENT

The New Mexico State Fair Parade, the largest parade in the state, gets under way at 8:45 a.m. Sept. 6.

Parade organizer Rodger Beimer says the parade, which is more than two miles long, starts at the southeast corner of the fairgrounds at Louisiana and Central, goes east on Central and ends one block east of Eubank.

By mid-July, more than 200 entries, including floats, sheriff's posses, car clubs, marching bands, fraternal organizations, equestrian clubs, businesses and clowns, had been received.

In keeping with the State Fair's 70th anniversary, this year's parade theme is "Seventy Years of Fun!"

"It's going to be a big one," Beimer says.

Young parade watchers should keep an eye open for parade participants passing out wooden nickel passes for free admission to the State Fair. About 10,000 of the tokens will be given out.

This year's parade grand marshal will be former Gov. Jerry Apodaca.

Eastbound traffic on Central Avenue from San Pedro to Eubank will be diverted starting at 6 a.m. to make preparations for the parade.

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When the sun goes down, the lights come up at the midway, which offers thrills and chills for all ages.

THE MIDWAY

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For 22 years, Tulsa-based Murphy Brothers Exposition has provided the chills and thrills for the State Fair's midway, and 2008 is no exception.

Cathy Murphy, office manager for Murphy Brothers, says the fair will feature more than 50 midway attractions this year, including several new rides.

The Silver Streak, an updated version of the ever-popular Himalaya ride, will debut at the fair as well, Murphy says.

For the little ones, a new ride called Wild Hogs lets kids ride miniature chopper motorcycles just like dad's — or mom's.

Last year's Megaride pass is being replaced by daily wristbands that let

wearers ride any of the midway rides as many times as they like, Murphy says.

The bands, sold only on the midway, are priced at \$25 Mondays through Thursdays, and \$35 Fridays through Sundays.

"It's a great deal," Murphy says.

The midway opens at 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and at 11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The fairgrounds close at midnight.

—CHARLES D. BRUNT

THE AGRICULTURE

BOUNTIFUL HARVESTS

Among the oldest traditions at the State Fair is the display of the best of the state's diverse agricultural products.

The Agriculture Building houses the New Mexico Country Store, which features a cornucopia of New Mexico-produced food and beverages.

The building also houses one of the fair's most popular exhibits, the Bolack B-Square Ranch display, which boasts some of the largest and most diverse vegetables in the state. Now in its 51st year at the fair, the Bolack exhibit is a "must-see" event.

In the northern wing of the Ag Building sits produce from throughout the state, submitted

by growers who think they have the best fruits and vegetables in New Mexico. Some of them are right, as the many ribbons awarded by judges will attest.

The wing also houses the County Booths competition, in which various counties around the state showcase their agricultural roots in hopes of bringing home the Best of Show ribbon — and educating viewers about their county.

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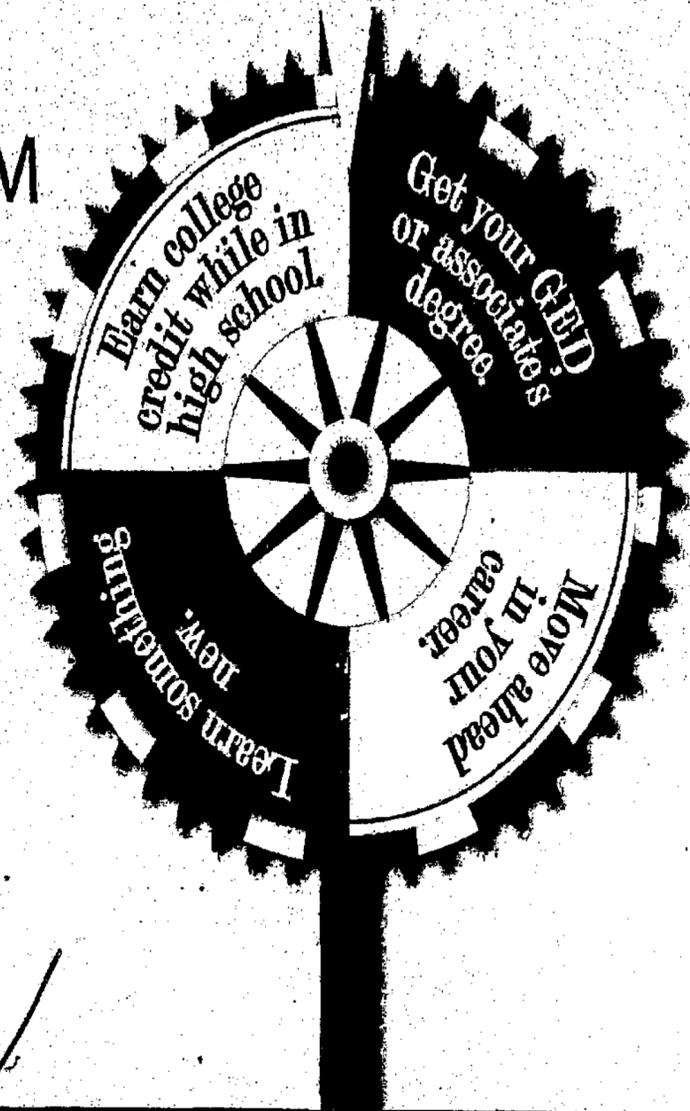
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THE SPECTACULARS

SHOWS FOR ALL AGES

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The Backyard Circus

Back in the days before television — when kids made up their own fun — putting on a circus in your backyard was one popular way to stave off summer boredom. The Backyard Circus gives today's children and their families a chance to revive the tradition.

The ringmaster provides the big top, the backdrop, the costumes and the opportunity for young volunteers from the audience to play circus roles like tightrope walker, lions, tigers, clowns and the human cannonball, much to the delight of parents and other

audience members.

The costumes drop over kids' clothes, and all are welcome to join in this nostalgic exercise of pure imagination.

SHOW TIMES: 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. daily in the lot east of the Manuel Lujan Jr. Exhibit Complex.

The Amazing Rainforest Experience

This unique stage show, set in ancient Asian ruins, will entertain and educate viewers about the amazing animals with which we share this planet.

The ever-changing cast of

animals is unique to each performance and includes parrots, monkeys, lemurs, tigers, cougars, foxes, coatimundi (a racoonlike rain forest mammal) and an Asian fishing cat. They all demonstrate their natural abilities and unique personalities, while their trainers share interesting facts about them.

The exhibit is completely landscaped, including running waterfalls, greenery and the sounds of the rain forest. Viewers are met by a beautiful princess who narrates the show from the

back of a horse.

The Rainforest Experience's zoo-quality caging meets high safety standards for animals and the public, and the natural enclosures are designed not only to provide mental and physical stimulation for the animals, but also to provide guests with an entertaining and educational experience.

SHOW TIMES: 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. daily in the lot south of the Creative Arts Building. The show's animals will be on display from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

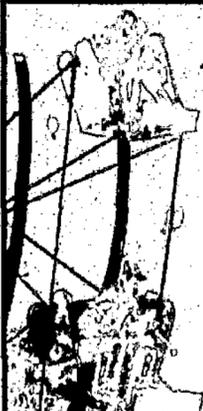
Mapapa African Acrobats

Originating in Mombassa, Kenya, the Mapapa African Acrobats present a high energy "afro-batic" show that is part Cirque du Soleil, part Harlem Globetrotters and completely unique.

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Audiences have marveled at the troupe's teamwork.

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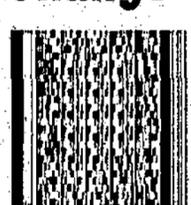
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THE FAIR QUEEN

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More than 20 young women from throughout the state will compete in this year's State Fair queen competition, vying to be the fair's official representative for the coming year.

Contestants representing counties statewide are judged over a three-day period during the fair by a three-member panel that awards points based on horsemanship, personality and an interview.

The winning entrant also serves as an ambassador for New Mexico during her reign and promotes the state's western and agricultural heritage, says fair spokeswoman Kathy Duffey.

The 2008-09 State Fair queen will be crowned during the rodeo Sept. 20. She will receive a sterling silver crown, a new horse trailer, a trophy saddle and buckle, \$100 in cash and up to \$2,000 in travel expenses during the coming year to attend events promoting the fair.

Reigning State Fair queen Chy'a Johnstone of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque says the contest isn't a beauty pageant. "It's about being a well-rounded young woman who can be an example for the other



GREG SORBER

Reigning State Fair queen Chy'a Johnstone, 19, of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, has spent her year promoting New Mexico's heritage.

women in New Mexico," says Johnstone, who represented Bernalillo County in the contest.

Duffey says this year's fair will feature a reunion of past State Fair queens, including the fair's first, Wilma Vaughn Fulgham of Clovis, who was crowned in 1950. Fulgham still serves on the fair's queen committee.

—CHARLES D. BRUNT

THE SPECTACULARS

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timing, as well as conga lines, skipping, acrobatics, limbo and even hand-clapping and laughter.

SHOW TIMES: 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Fridays through Sundays at the Boxcar Stage.

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SHOW TIMES: Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Fridays through Sundays. The pool and diving tower are on the south side of the Food Court.

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Popular livestock sale teaches youth valuable lessons

By LLOYD JOJOLA

“Shooter” had about tripled in size to 1,500 or so pounds. The early-to-rise, late-to-bed days of feeding the steer, putting it through drills, hauling it in and out of a climate-controlled “cool room,” bathing it, blowing it dry and brushing it again and again ended with Jace Pugmire’s crossbred market steer being named a grand champion during the Junior

Livestock Show at last year’s State Fair.

“It was exhilarating,” the 13-year-old Pugmire says. “I hit my knees in the middle of the ring and started crying.”

At the Junior Livestock Sale, the animal fetched \$42,000.

This year, some 580 young exhibitors will take part in the Junior Livestock Show, which includes several categories of animals. About 130 kids will have their animals auctioned off at the

Junior Livestock Sale, which lures buyers from all over the state, says Melissa Shaw, livestock manager for Expo New Mexico.

For months leading up to the event, participants have doted on their heifers, goats, pigs, lambs and steers — market-quality animals that will be shown from Sept 6-11. The sale takes place at 1 p.m. Sept. 12 in the Beef Barn.

“This right here is the grand finale,” is the way State Fair

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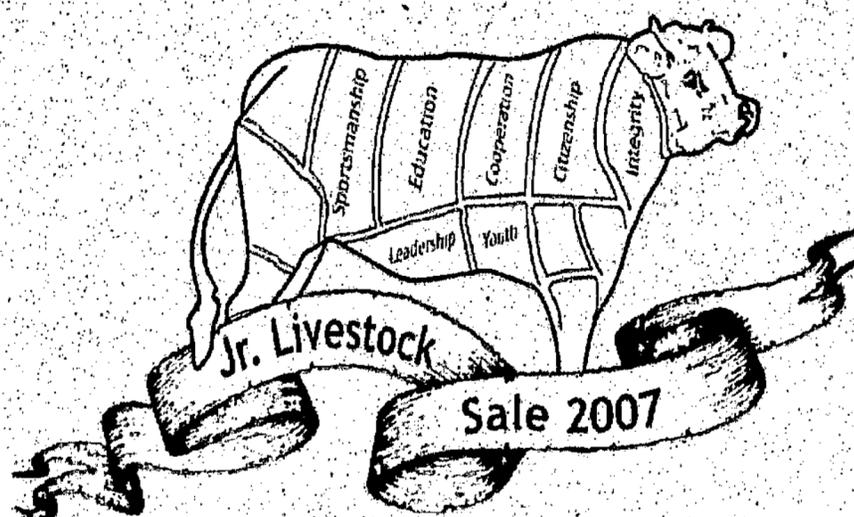
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The Junior Livestock Competition, which runs for one week during the Fair, is the culmination of considerable time and hard work that 4-H and FFA youth spend in breeding, raising, grooming and preparing their animals for the Fair. These young entrepreneurs vie for an opportunity to be eligible to go to the Junior Livestock Sale to earn financial recognition for their year-long efforts.

The 2007 Junior Livestock Auction raised \$439,365.12. Businesses and individuals from communities throughout New Mexico helped make it possible by participating in this event.

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- Reserve Grand Champion Replacement Dairy Heifer shown by Lynzi Hyde of Dona Ana County, purchased by Farm Credit for \$4,000.00.
- Reserve Grand Champion Goat shown by Chelsea McCall of Bernalillo County, purchased by Wagner Equipment for \$1,500.00.
- Best of Show - Poultry shown by Danielle Stark of San Juan County, purchased by Gasco for \$1,250.00.
- Best of Show - Rabbit shown by Jessica Burson of Chaves County, purchased by Akome for \$1,750.00.

Year spent raising a steer teaches youth valuable lessons

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Commissioner Bob Frost puts it. "This is the one everybody goes to."

The show and sale give spectators and buyers the chance to see some of the best livestock raised all across the Land of Enchantment.

Yes, there's the sale money or scholarships to be gained for the student participants — who are members of 4-H and FFA (formerly known as Future Farmers of America) chapters from throughout the state. But more than that, everyone seems to agree that raising animals for show provides valuable lessons — from learning

responsibility to basic business acumen, such as budgeting and borrowing and reinvesting money to buy and care for the animals.

"It pays off because of the experience," says 18-year-old Jessica Hurtgen of Springer, who has raised steers for show since she was 13.

An ultimatum from her mother — it's either 4-H or sports, her mom told her — pushed her into the activity that she admitted wasn't an interest at first.

"It teaches you a lot of responsibility and compassion for other things — caring for an animal for a year," she says. "You have it for so long."

It takes time

Appearance, size, fat amount and the product it will produce — those are among the criteria for judging. And getting into show shape isn't a short haul, Pugmire says.

"It takes an entire year," says the La Plata Middle School student from Silver City.

Pugmire bought Shooter, for instance, about a month after the 2006 fair ended. The steer weighed about 500 pounds then.

Basics like daily feeding and exercise, breaking the steer into a halter and getting it familiar with the handler soon evolve into many other

additional routines when it comes to raising a show animal.

"They get a bath every single day," Pugmire says of his steers. "Their hair has to be prettier than yours."

Ultimately, the animals judged highly can rein in huge numbers. The livestock sale brought in \$437,000 in 2007 and \$450,000 in 2006, Shaw says.

"The work and dedication you have to put in teaches you a lot," says Hurtgen, who plans on attending Luna Community College.

But even she admits, "When you end up selling them, it's kind of sad. You get pretty attached to those animals."



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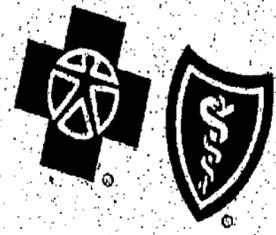
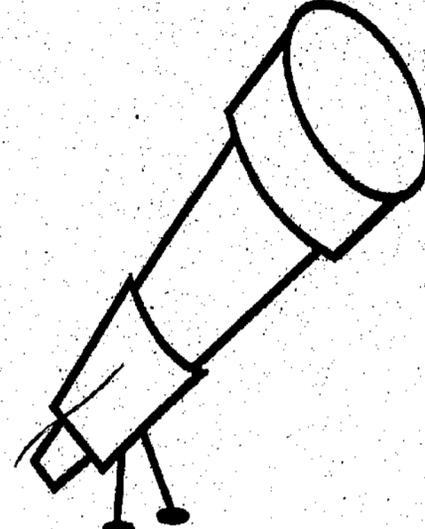
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Noon and night

African Call of the Drums will frame each day

BY DONNA OLMSTEAD

For the 17 days of the New Mexico State Fair, African drums will call visitors to welcome the day and then say good night.

The Call of the Drums begins each day's events at noon at the Alice K. Hoppes African American Pavilion. It also closes each day with a rhythm that echoes through the fairgrounds.

"It's crazy what it does," says pavilion coordinator Ricky Warren. "It draws all people, no matter what their ethnic background. Kids love it."

Warren explains that drums are a common element in most African countries and that many villages drum to signal the beginning and end of a day. The drums are different and the rhythms change, he says, but the desire to communicate is universal.

"Drums are how you communicate. Different rhythms can be a warning or a celebration," Warren explains. "The Call of the

Drums is like a village alarm clock."

This year, Ken Smith and Ricardo Sarto are on schedule to beat out the rhythms of the two 30-minute Call of the Drums.

Drumming favorite Kobiana Nakigan with his band Casa di Manza also will be on the schedule throughout the fair and will assist fair-goers every Monday and Tuesday with drumming lessons at about 12:30 p.m. or after the Call of the Drums.

Take a turn

Nakigan says he looks forward to the drumming workshops. "I bring 10 drums, but it seems it is never enough," says the musician who came to the United States from Senegal in 1999.

For his performance, he often uses an hourglass-shaped drum, a djembe that comes from Guinea, a neighboring country to Senegal. With his hand toward the center he elicits bass tones while the lighter

sounds come from slaps and taps at the edge of the drum.

Nakigan, who has taught drumming for eight years and performed at the State Fair for the past three, writes in an e-mail, "The most difficult part of learning to drum is learning to listen. It is also very tough on your hands at first."

Nakigan says he loves sharing his West African culture with people, especially children. In a video performance and interview on youtube.com, he describes his culture as having "a tradition of happiness" and his home as agricultural and green.

Every year he and his wife bring a group of drum enthusiasts to Senegal to immerse themselves in dancing and drumming firsthand. The annual trip, usually in June, begins along the beach and migrates to his hometown of Adiana, he says. More information about the trips can be found on the Web site casadimanza.com.

Along with drums and dance, Warren says he has booked a variety of music to



At last year's State Fair, Kanamoko Cisoló of Senegal plays the kora, a West African instrument made of a large calabash. The sound resembles a harp.

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keep people coming back to the Hoppes Pavilion day after day.

On rhythm and blues day, he has a full lineup that features the Digital Underground, Sweet Willie and a group called "Royalty." "The girls are going to love them. They are very up-tempo."

Warren is a keyboardist with his bands, Mixx'd and Rampage, when he isn't

coordinating acts for the fair. He says he has worked hard to find quality entertainment from across the country. "If you have quality, you draw people to your pavilion," he says.

On Jazz Sunday, scheduled for Sept. 14, he has bands lined up all day, including Michael Herndon and David and Company. "It's killer jazz," he says.

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Futurity races offer a sizable combined purse of \$100,000

BY JAMES STALEY

Mike Zownir has a love-hate relationship with horse racing and the Downs at Albuquerque.

"Sometimes I wish I never got started," Zownir says. "You win some, you lose some."

His actions, however, drown out those words.

Zownir, a retired Sandia National Laboratories machinist, ventures into the Downs three times a week. The 92-year-old has been betting on horses there for more than 50 years, since a friend got him hooked.

He almost certainly will be there for the live racing during the New Mexico State Fair, a late summer/early fall tradition that showcases several stakes races.

Perhaps the most well-known of those is the New Mexico State Fair Señor Futurity. The race is the oldest continuously run American Quarter Horse Association stakes event. It started in 1946 and has since split into the Señor (for colts and geldings) and the Señorita (for fillies).

The races, which at 400 yards are more of sprints — offer a combined purse of more than \$100,000.

"It's the most consistent purse we have," says Downs general manager Don Cook.

As with many of the 10 other stakes races contested at the Downs during the State Fair, the Señor and Señorita feature only registered New Mexico-bred horses.

So where is Zownir putting his money?

Hard to say. He bets the live races less often than he does the simulcast events.

"The horses that come here are very unpredictable," Zownir says.

He might not offer tips on how to fatten your wallet, but the genial Zownir makes for a decent tour guide.

He's the kind of guy who wouldn't mind just showing you around. Zownir would explain the touch-screen stations at which you can print tickets or introduce you to many of the cashiers if you prefer the old-fashioned method of betting.

He would take you to the Jockey Club, where, for a small cost, you can access better seats and a weekend buffet.

He'd also teach you how to decipher the vast information encoded in the Daily Racing Form.

Soon Zownir's knowledge of the

Downs will serve no function, other than to revisit memories.

In May the New Mexico Racing Commission voted unanimously to let the Downs transfer its racetrack and casino to Moriarty. Construction should begin this fall and officials hope to open the new facility by spring 2010.

The "hate" aspect of Zownir's relationship with racing emerges again when discussing the move.

"Sometimes I'd say good riddance," he says.

Then Zownir softens a bit when asked if he plans to visit the new location. He's uncertain.

"I don't know," Zownir says. "It's kind of doubtful. Maybe once in a while. It's not worth it, pretty far to go. ... I don't know. Maybe they'll talk me into going once a week."

It isn't as if he doesn't have plenty to keep him occupied.

Zownir, a World War II veteran and Purple Heart recipient, is a jazz drummer for the Dukes of Albuquerque, an American Legion band. The former Marine also plays pool. As recently as 1998 he won a pool state championship in his age group.

"I keep busy with that," he says.

STATE FAIR STAKES SCHEDULE

First post time for the daily racing slate is 1:30 p.m., with stakes race times varying each day. For more information, go to abqdowns.com.

Sept. 6: E.T. Springer

Sept. 7: Harvest Stakes

Sept. 13: Fair Queen Handicap

Sept. 14: Albuquerque Derby

Sept. 20: New Mexico State Fair Señor Futurity; New Mexico State Fair Señorita Futurity; New Mexico State Fair Thoroughbred Breeders' Derby

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Shows at Indian Village touch the heart, educate the mind

By DONNA OLMSTEAD

The best way to appreciate a Native American dance is to let it touch your heart.

"If it touches your heart, then you are appreciating it," says Steven Toya of Zia Pueblo, who heads the award-winning nine-member drumming group Southern Slam.

Sheldon Manuelito, singer for the Navajo Naat'sii'lid Dancers, says he tells the stories of the dances his troupe performs to help visitors appreciate what they experience.

The basket dance honors and represents the harvest, for example, while the sash dance honors Changing Woman.

Both are featured on a New Mexico State Fair entertainment lineup at Indian Village that aims to educate as well as enthrall.

Deborah Abeita, event coordinator for Indian Village, says she is working to have each of New Mexico's 22 pueblos and tribes represented.

Most days will feature dancing and drumming groups — from noon until 9 p.m. on weekdays and from noon until 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, according to Abeita.

And that isn't all. About \$3.6 million has been invested in the stage, dancing arena, sound, lights and other facilities of the village, says John Hooker, director of facility and capital projects for Expo New Mexico.

From many sources

Toya, 42, who tracks his ancestry through Zia, Jemez and Hopi pueblos as well as the Comanche and Navajo tribes, says he will play songs from many of those New Mexico influences in his performances.

He has learned many Pueblo and Plains Indian songs. "There are lots of songs. All songs are prayers," he explains. "The drum is intimate. It's like a Bible."

Toya has performed since he was 15 years old. "The language of the drum is a

personal thing for the person who hears it and the person who plays it. It's coming from my heart."

Toya has been known to sing a Plains-style song in Keres, his pueblo language, because it honors

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At Indian Village

Highlights at Indian Village include Native Roots, an Albuquerque reggae band that performs across the country with original music about its Native American experience, which will play Sept. 6, 13 and 19.

Also look for a special tribute from the newly organized New Mexico Native American Veterans Association each day to honor veterans. On Sept. 19 and 20, there will be a pow-wow and fancy dance contest.

See full fair schedule, with times and dates, for a complete list of performances of Southern Slam and Navajo Naat'sii'lid Dancers mentioned in this story.

Sing me a melody

Mariachi Tenampa among bands serenading fans in Villa Hispana

BY GLEN ROSALES

Raul Ojeda and his uncle, Elias Ojeda, the current patriarchs of Mariachi Tenampa, are proud the band has its roots deep in Mexico.

The band, a fixture at the New Mexico State Fair for 20 years, dates its official birth to 1971, when its members immigrated to Santa Fe and took the name of the bar where it played. Raul and Elias have been along for the whole ride, having joined as teenagers in Mexico.

Even the band's name has a Mexican origin as the Santa Fe saloon borrowed the name of the famous El Tenampa bar on the Plaza Garibaldi in Mexico City, said to be the mariachi capital of the world.

Mariachi Tenampa will give several performances in Villa Hispana throughout the fair's run. Mariachi Tenampa is among the half-dozen mariachi acts that highlight the nonstop entertainment at Villa Hispana during the fair.

As for Tenampa, though, the band has done its thing all over the country, visiting mariachi festivals from Georgia to Michigan, from Washington, D.C., to Guam.

Raul's father and Elias' brother, Don Miguel Ojeda Sr., formed the original band and taught the two teenagers. The younger Ojedas both left school to pursue music.

"We both started the same day," Raul Ojeda recalls. "We were tired of school, and we told my dad that we weren't going any more. We started learning music that day."

Raul Ojeda has since become one of the leading guitarron players in Albuquerque. Elias Ojeda croons the songs while playing violin.

As the teenagers mastered their craft, the renown of the group began to grow, eventually reaching north of the border. They were

recruited to play in Santa Fe in 1971, and Mariachi Tenampa was born.

"We played there five days a week from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.," Raul Ojeda says. "It was pretty good."

Through the years, even after the death of Raul's father, the band has persevered, holding to its long-standing traditions.

Standards remain a large part of the repertoire, says José Santiago, a violinist whose father was a band member for 12 years.

That doesn't mean the group isn't open to change. "We strive to keep the



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At Villa Hispana, Jerry Castillo, center, dances in a circle with other mariachi fans at last year's State Fair.

traditional sound alive," says Santiago, who is also the band's musical director. "But we don't want to lose our grip on the new sounds, either."

Several years ago the band welcomed classically trained violinist Monica Montoya to the mix and she was accepted as a full-time member in 2004. The band has since added two more women to the violin section.

Tamarah Lucero came in with her husband, trumpeter Robert Lucero, at the beginning of this year, and Sheila Martinez just earned permanent status.

Band director and vihuela player Alfredo Gurulé says it was a good decision. "They bring versatility and a changing sound. We're able to do different things."

In the works at Villa Hispana

Although Villa Hispana was revamped several years ago, it's due for about \$1 million in improvements in the coming year, says John Hooker, director of facilities and capital projects for the fairgrounds. Expo New Mexico will seek architects soon to design an updated stage that can be used when the fair is not in session.

The project also will provide new dressing rooms for performers. "What we have out there now is pretty makeshift," Hooker says. "We want to put in something professional and we want to have another outdoor stage that we can use year-round, weather permitting."

Hooker hopes the project will be completed in time for next year's fair.

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Expect to see new stage, lighting and other features at Indian Village

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his ancestry. Sometimes people didn't understand his intentions and would laugh, but he has persisted, he says in the kitchen of his home at Zia Pueblo.

"We are such a diversity of culture in New Mexico," he explains. Each pueblo and tribe is unique, but many have common symbols. For example, four is a sacred number and represents the four directions, the four seasons and the four stages of life, he says.

Generally, the dances that fair-goers will see at Indian Village are social dances, says Manuelito, but many are abbreviated forms of ceremonial dances.

Manuelito, who is from the Navajo Bitter Water Clan and the Coyote People Clan, says he farms around his home

in Shiprock and raises corn, squash and watermelon. He also weaves traditional Navajo sashes to sell.

Colors in the sash represent protection, strength and happiness, he says.

The Naat'sii'lid Dancers, whose name means rainbow, perform most weekends and include Manuelito's family members.

"Many times in our performance our different formations honor the four directions of earth, wind, sun and moon and stars," says Manuelito, 35, who has been "singing and dancing as long as I've been walking."

About the meaning of the songs and dances, he says, "It's however you want to see and hear it. If you see it and hear it and something I sing moves you, then that's respecting the dance."

The Indian Village has been remodeled to make it

more inviting with a new stage and dance arena on the west end, according to Hooker.

Another \$3 million has been invested in 2008, bringing the total remodel begun in 2007 to about \$3.6 million, Hooker says.

Shops, restaurants and restrooms have been revamped for safety and comfort. New lighting makes it easier for visitors to navigate, he says. Updated technology helps bring better sound and lights for performances.

The entrance has been redesigned to honor the heritage of the Anasazi, ancient Native Americans, whose excavated pueblos in Chaco Canyon served as a model for the design, Hooker says.

Joe Gallegos of Huit-Zollars, an architectural firm with offices in

Albuquerque, was the lead designer on the Indian Village project, Hooker says.

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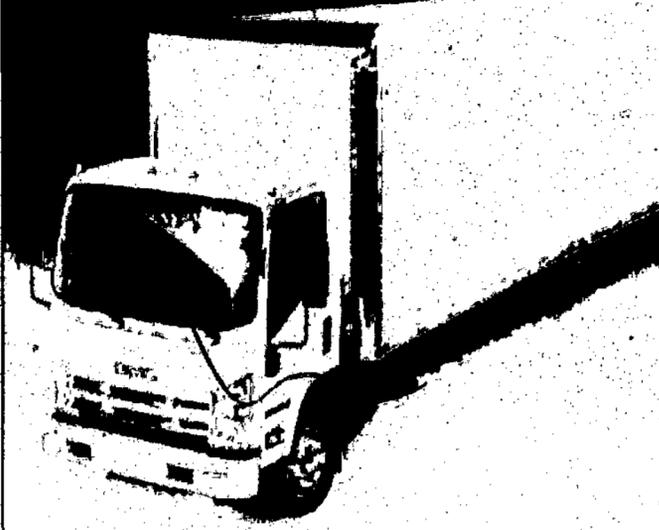
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Eggs, eggs and more eggs

By DONNA OLMSTEAD

Turns out, Dr. Seuss was right — there are green eggs. Some Ameraucanas chickens that lay green, aqua and blue-shelled eggs will be on exhibit in the Poultry Barn during the open division show at this year's New Mexico State Fair.

The breed, which was developed in America from Chilean chickens, comes in all shapes and sizes, from a small bantam of 26 ounces to a large fowl of 6½ pounds. Their feathers of black, blue, buff, brown and white can appear in many combinations, according to the American Poultry Association.

Marilyn Novat, superintendent for the Expo New Mexico poultry division for 30 years, says she loves green eggs, but her personal favorites are dark chocolate-colored eggs from her Cuckoo Marans or the terra cotta shells of her Dutch Welsummers.

One thing that all those eggs, laid by home-raised chickens with a varied diet, have in common, no matter the color of their shells, is their rich flavor. "An egg is an egg," she says.

Novat says fair-goers can expect to see antique or heirloom breeds like a white Rosecomb or a Redcap, an old English breed with glossy brown to black feathers and a profuse red comb.

The junior division with poultry, rabbits and cavies, also known as guinea pigs, holds exhibits the beginning weekend; the open division of rabbits shows the second weekend. Chickens, turkeys

and geese in the open division are featured the final weekend of the fair.

Novat says people raise chickens because they enjoy them and like the eggs.

Raising chickens in the city is becoming more popular, she says. Albuquerque allows it. The city's animal ordinance limits the number of chickens to 15 and allows one rooster. Different cities and towns have different ordinances, so it's best to check before buying chickens, she says.

Most backyards will support chickens and with the right breed, that could mean a half-dozen eggs a week. Hens need a place to roost out of the weather, but the size of a 5-foot by 20-foot dog run will accommodate them, she says.

She recommends American and English breeds for beginners and warns that some Mediterranean breeds, while quite beautiful, are flighty. "They get scared easily. They jump and squawk at the drop of a hat."

Your very own

Chickens and rabbits will be available for sale at the fair. Hens sell for \$5 to \$20.

Fair-goers pick up their animals when they go off exhibit, usually on Mondays. Usually, people who purchase animals in the junior division return them as a gift to their young owners, Novat explains.

Novat tells a story about a hen in her brood who caught a mouse and the fun of watching the other hens chasing her for the prize. "It's interesting to watch them scratch," she says. "It's entertainment."

Rabbit cages bursting with 'cute' and 'cuddly'

By DONNA OLMSTEAD

Marilyn Novat expects the cages to be bursting when the rabbits are exhibited the middle weekend of the fair. "I hope I have enough cages," she says.

As head of the rabbit and poultry division of the New Mexico State Fair for 30 years, Novat works especially hard with her crew to keep them contained because rabbits have a habit of getting out of their cages and romancing other rabbits, with unexpected kits in their owners' futures.

"Rabbits are escape artists," she says. "When we come in the morning, one or two will have gotten out of their cages. We tell the owners to expect bunnies in 30 days."

The Southwest Dutch Rabbit Fancier's Association will host a special breed show at 5 p.m. Sept. 12. Dutch rabbits have a two-tone face with white and a darker color. They have a white midsection with the darker color — gray, black or brown — on their haunches.

About 180 of the two-tone bunnies are expected for the competition, says Carolyn Hidalgo, secretary of the group.

Dutch rabbits are one of the most popular breeds because of their small size, 2 to 3 pounds as an adult, and their winsome nature, she says.

"They really are cute and cuddly," she says. Unlike other smaller breeds they are "calm



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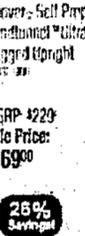
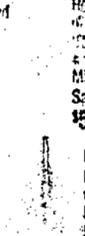
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Palominos, pintos, appaloosas — horse shows breed splendor

BY JANE MAHONEY

This year, improvements at the New Mexico State Fair are for the horses as well as their human admirers. The horses will find substantial improvements in the renovated Palomino Barns, the 70-year-old adobe barns built by Work Projects Administration workers in the late 1930s.

The humans, in turn, will find a refreshing seat in the Don Chalmers Ford Horse Complex thanks to a recently installed evaporative cooling system.

Every day during the State Fair's run, visitors can find a variety of horses and competitive events in the barns and arena at the north end of the fairgrounds' main street, now known as the Avenue of the Governors. Horse breeds ranging from miniature horses to huge draft horses are part of the excitement. Joining the crowd are buckskins and pintos, paints and Arabians and more than a dozen more breeds.

"The modern West was built by strong men and strong women riding strong horses," says Alison Haxton, horse show manager and superintendent, who oversees the 24 breeds making an appearance in the fair.

"Try to imagine history without the domestic horse," she says. "Horses have reshaped agriculture, communication, warfare and travel."

The State Fair's public events — most mornings, afternoons and some evenings — generally take place in the Don Chalmers arena, although some competitions are in the adjacent outdoor arena.

Crowd pleasers

Even Haxton would be hard-pressed to name the public's favorite events.

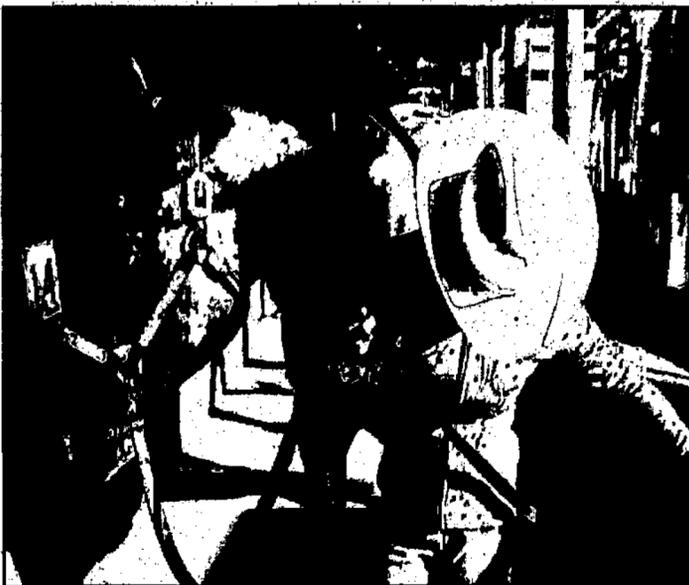
"Certainly, audiences are fascinated by the extremes," she says.

Miniature horses — those animals officially measuring 34 inches or less in height — captivate fair-goers in a colorful show Sept. 17 as they are judged pulling small carts or sulkies containing drivers dressed in racing silks.

On the opposite end of the size spectrum, the draft horses (Belgians, Percherons and Clydesdales) make appearances Sept. 18-19. These giants will awe the crowd in a team pulling event at 7 p.m. Sept. 19 in which a pair of draft horses pulls a weighted sled.

"Last year's winners pulled 10,000 pounds," Haxton says.

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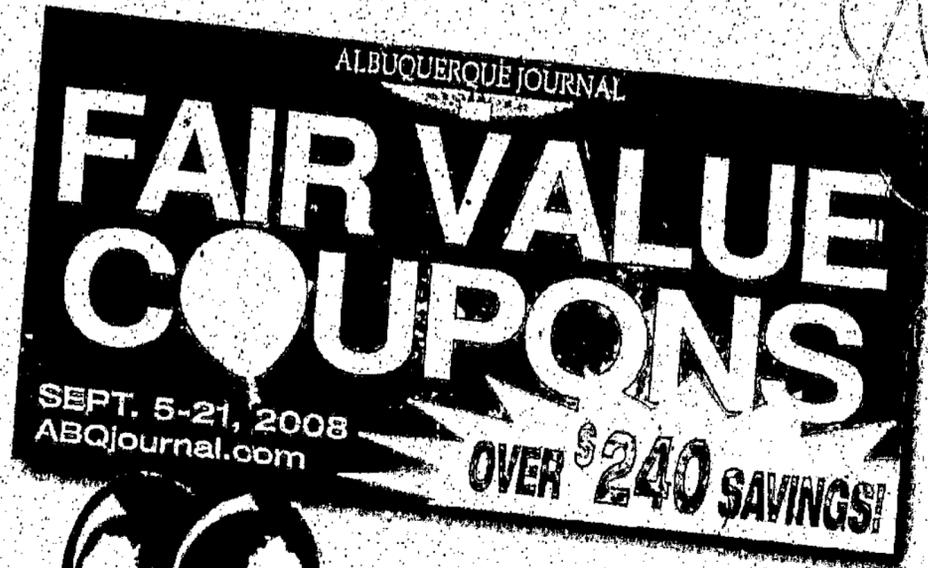


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Rough riders

Don't know much about rodeo? Here are the basics on the 7 competitions

BY AMANDA SCHOENBERG

If you are an urbanite whose closest encounter with a rodeo is the mechanical bull at your local bar, the rodeo can be overwhelming. But there are a few basics that will help you blend in and kick up your heels like a real cowboy at the New Mexico State Fair.

At this year's rodeo, newbies can expect seven events: bareback riding, steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronc riding, tie-down calf roping, bull riding and barrel racing. Each event has its own rules and scoring. Some, like team roping, are based on speed, while events like bull riding and bareback riding are judged by the performances of the cowboy and the animal.

Rodeo enthusiasts, like State Fair Commissioner Bob Frost, say city slickers should know that rodeo is one of the oldest sports around. According to the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, the first rodeo began in 1869 when two groups of cowboys met in Deer Trail, Colo., to settle their differences by competing in ranching jobs like roping and riding bucking animals.

"Even way back, if a rodeo came to town everybody went," Frost says.

Frost, who lives near the Texas border in eastern New Mexico, grew up riding bareback and still gets emotional about the rodeo.

"When you grow up with it, it's hard to get rid of it," he says.

In the sawdust

The rodeo is also in barrel racer Julie Pluemer's blood. Pluemer is ranked No. 1 in barrel racing so far this year in the state's amateur division, the New Mexico Rodeo Association, and hopes to compete at the State Fair, as she has for several years.

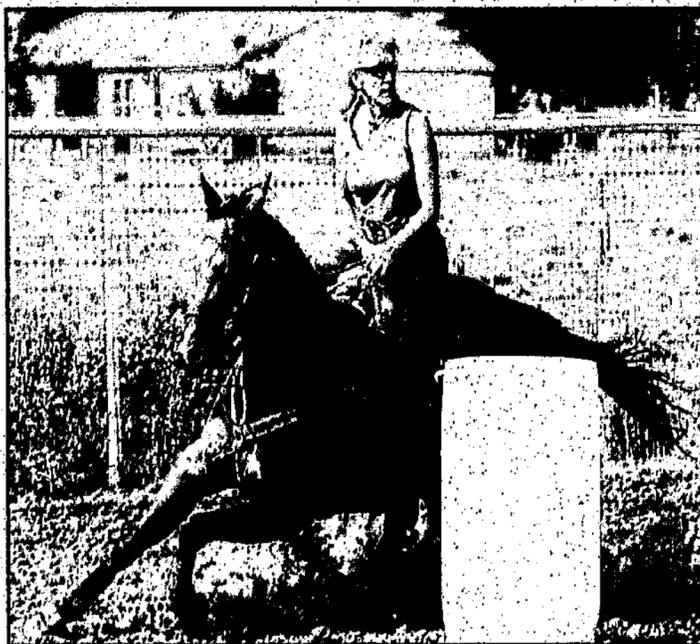
Pluemer, a Bosque Farms real estate agent, says she gave up the possibility of a full time rodeo career while raising her two children, Leia, 13, and Sean, 9.

"When you have kids, it's kind of hard to abandon the kids and hit the road," she says.

After years of competition, Pluemer, 47, now spends most of her time bringing the sport to the next generation as director of the barrel racing division at the New Mexico Wrangler Junior High Rodeo. That includes training her own children, who now compete in youth rodeos in New Mexico and Colorado.

To appreciate the rodeo, new fans should understand the relationship between competitors and their animals, Pluemer says.

When you see a fast time at the rodeo, imagine the "countless hours of practice and training" that went into it, she says. Preparing horses for competition can mean hours of training every day. It is also a significant investment. Top horses fetch as much as \$50,000, she says.



GREG SORBER

Julie Pluemer of Bosque Farms, ranked No. 1 in barrel racing so far this year in the state's amateur division, looks forward to competing in this year's State Fair rodeo.

Unlike other sports, rodeo cowboys and cowgirls only earn money when they win. They don't have a trainer on hand to offer them a towel, and there are no "spoiled athletes" in the bunch, says rodeo announcer Boyd Polhamus, a 23-year rodeo veteran from Brenham, Texas.

"These guys earn their living on their own merit," he says. "I think they really embody everything that's

right with our country."

The New Mexico State Fair is a particularly exciting rodeo because it is the next-to-final event before the December world championships in Las Vegas, Nev., Polhamus says. Along with top cowboys who will compete from across the country, New Mexico has its share of rodeo talent, including Taos Muncy, the 2007 PRCA World Champion Saddle Bronc rider.

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How rodeo is judged

After 23 years spent in rodeo, Boyd Polhamus, the 2007 Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association announcer of the year, knows his rodeo rules. Here's a guide:

For roughstock events like bull riding, saddle bronc and bareback riding, the cowboy must keep riding either a bull or horse while it attempts to buck him. The animal and rider each receive between 1 and 25 points from two judges, for a possible total of 100 points. In all three roughstock events, the more difficult the animal is to ride, the better shot the cowboy has at a higher score.

For timed events, such as tie-down roping and steer wrestling, there is a barrier line. If a cowboy breaks the barrier before giving the steer or calf a head start, he gets a 10-second penalty.

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"These horses stand 18 hands tall — that's four inches per hand — so they're six feet at the shoulder, and then the head on top of that."

Other spectator favorites in the horse complex include jumping events (Sept. 5-7), carriage driving (Sept. 18-19), and the Arabian mounted costume class (Sept. 20-21), in which the horse and rider have coordinated costumes that may include ornate tassels and breast covers created of shells and sequins.

Nearly all of the horses making the State Fair rounds are judged on conformation, or how closely the animal

conforms to the standards of the breed. Judges consider everything from the shape of the animal's shoulders to the structure of its hocks.

Kathryn Erickson, owner of Erickson Performance Horses in Stanley, is partial to appaloosas, a breed easily recognized for its unusual color coat patterns that might include a leopard-spot design. While the calm and even-tempered appaloosas will take center stage Sept. 16, the breed will also be represented in the hunter

and jumper shows on the first days of the State Fair.

"People enjoy watching the horses jump," says Haxton. "Even if you don't know much about horses, you can tell if it has made a successful jump. The hunter competition, in turn, is judged on a horse's suitability to be ridden cross-country over rough conditions while maintaining an even speed and pace. They're expected to jump whatever might appear in the pathway — or in this

case, obstacles in the arena."

The State Fair's historic Palomino Barns have undergone a \$1 million renovation in time for the September events, according to John Hooker, the State Fair's capital projects manager and architect.

While the original adobe structures remain (a favorite of horses and owners because of the barns' cooler temperatures), the 60 stalls in three barns have been rebuilt.

Rotting and water-damaged wood stall walls

have been replaced, as has wiring and plumbing that now makes possible large wash racks for the animals. New log columns rise to meet corbels — some new and some original, but all based on the 70-year-old original designs.

Cooling fans at the Don Chalmers arena have been replaced with an evaporative cooling system, providing a respite for fair-goers seeking a seat and entertainment out of the sun. The complex also offers a cafe, the Branding Iron Restaurant.

The daily show

The 2008 New Mexico State Fair Horse Show events are in the Don Chalmers Ford Horse Complex on the northernmost end of the Avenue of the Governors. Here's the daily lineup:

- 8 a.m. Sept. 5-7: Hunter/jumpers
- 8 a.m. Sept. 8: Paint horses and palominos
- 8 a.m. Sept. 9: Pintos and buckskins
- 8 a.m. Sept. 10: All-breed horses
- 8 a.m. Sept. 11: 4-H horses
- 8 a.m. Sept. 12-14: Quarter Horse, Open & Youth
- 6 p.m. Sept. 13: NM Quarter Horse Futurity
- 9 a.m. Sept. 15: Quarter Horse Versatility Ranch Horse Event
- 8 a.m. Sept. 16: Appaloosa horses
- 8 a.m. Sept. 17: Miniature horses
- 8 a.m. Sept. 18: Hackflingers
- 8 a.m. Sept. 18: Donkeys
- 8 a.m. Sept. 18-19: Carriage driving
- 8 a.m. Sept. 18-19: Draft horses
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DJs: Concert lineup at Tingley, Free Stage first-rate

BY GLEN ROSALES

The New Mexico State Fair is traditionally a place where classic country music groups continue to thrill their fans.

But it also has been an exceptional proving ground for up-and-coming bands just beginning to make an impact on the industry.

And who better to judge the fair's talented slate of performers than two local veterans of country music radio? Here's what they think of this year's crop.

This year, officials accomplished a real coup with fast-rising Lady Antebellum, says Eddie Haskell, operations manager for the local Citadel Communications FM stations and program director for KRST (92.3 FM).

That group, fresh off being named the top new group at the 2008 Academy of Country Music Awards, plays the Free Stage on Sept. 10.

Lady Antebellum, which is actually made up of two men

Charles Kelley and Dave Haywood and a woman Hillary Scott, brings a musical array to the stage.

"They have a good sound to them," says Tony Lynn, drive-time disc jockey on KBQI (107.9 FM). "They kind of have a country rock kind of sound, but a little bit softer."

Lady Antebellum has played Nashville's iconic stage, the Grand Ole Opry, and has opened for such noteworthy acts as Kenny Chesney, Carrie Underwood,

Tim McGraw, Alan Jackson and Rodney Atkins.

"A lot of it is timing," Lynn says. "I'm sure they were booked before they got their awards. But this has happened many times in New Mexico."

Though James Otto is not a free concert — he plays at Tingley Coliseum on Sept. 17 — he's another reason people are fired up about the fair concert lineup, Haskell says.

"I'm a big James Otto fan. His first single ("Just Got Started Lovin' You") went all the way to No. 1."

Another standout on the Tingley lineup is country legend Ronnie Milsap. When it comes to No. 1 songs, few singers can match Milsap, performing Sept. 14 at Tingley. He has had 40 No. 1 hits, 25 million records sold, seven Grammy awards, eight Country Music Association Awards and four Academy of Country Music awards.

Lynn still remembers the first time he saw Milsap. "It was in 1978 in Philadelphia at Veterans Stadium," Lynn recalls. "It was after a Phillies' game. Ronnie Milsap is a classic. The guy can play. He's one of those old-school guys. Some people know how to entertain and he's one of them."

A double-header

Concerts kick off at Tingley Coliseum on Sept. 5 with the double-header of Gary Allan and Blake Shelton, one of the two non-rodeo concerts.

Allan brings a hard, gritty edge to his music, sharpened

by the experience of losing his wife several years ago to suicide. He has a new release, "Living Hard," that's just starting to make its way up the charts.

Shelton is riding a wave created by his single, "Home," a cover of the Michael Bubl  song. His album, "Pure BS," was re-issued this year to add the hit track.

Teen stars Vanessa Hudgens and Corbin Bleu take the Tingley stage Sept. 6, also a non-rodeo concert. Both starred in the runaway Disney hit "High School Musical," parlaying that into recording careers.

Sept. 11 sees Joe Nichols at Tingley. Nichols shot to the top of the charts in 2005 on the strength of the hit single "Tequila Makes Her Clothes Fall Off."

Jason Michael Carroll, Billboard's Top New Country Artist of 2007, will feature his album, "Waitin' in the Country," when he takes over Tingley on Sept. 12. The album went to No. 1 in its first week of release.

Terri Clark, female vocalist of the year nominee for the Country Music Association and the Academy of Country Music, will show why Sept. 13 at Tingley. Her hit, "Dirty Girl," talks about such unusual feminine pursuits as four-wheeling and tearing down engines.

Classic rock band Grand Funk Railroad will play Tingley on Sept. 18.

"Locomotion" and "We're An American Band" are among the group's time-tested hits.

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- 7 p.m. Sept. 6 Corbin Bleu/Vanessa Hudgens
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- 7 p.m. Sept. 12 PRCA Rodeo/Jason Michael Carroll
- 7 p.m. Sept. 13 PRCA Rodeo/Terri Clark
- 7 p.m. Sept. 14 PRCA Rodeo/Ronnie Milsap
- 7 p.m. Sept. 17 PRCA Rodeo/James Otto
- 7 p.m. Sept. 18 PRCA Rodeo/Grand Funk Railroad
- 7 p.m. Sept. 19 PRCA Rodeo/Clay Walker
- 7 p.m. Sept. 20 PRCA Rodeo/Luke Bryan

Tickets can be purchased at the Tingley Coliseum box office and through Ticketmaster at 883-7800.

For rodeo concerts, tickets cost \$31 for box seats, if available; \$20 for chair backs and \$12 for general admission chair backs.

For non-rodeo concerts, tickets range from \$25 to \$48.

Country acts continue with Clay Walker on Sept. 19. A chart-topper since 1993 when "What's It To You" climbed to No. 1, Walker has put 31 songs on Billboard lists.

Luke Bryan provides the finale Sept. 20. A down-home country boy who grew up on a Georgia peanut farm, Bryan will twang his way through his repertoire.

A great deal

And then on the Free Stage, in addition to Lady Antebellum, the action begins Sept. 7 with the classic rock band Eric Burdon and the Animals, which made mega hits out of "House of the Rising Sun"

and "We've Got to Get Out of This Place."

"Low Rider" helped make War a household name in the 1970s. The group will play Sept. 8 on the Free Stage.

Deana Carter will headline the Free Stage on Sept. 9. Carter burst onto the music scene in 1996 with her quintuple platinum album "Did I Shave My Legs for This?"

Southern-fried hard rockers Molly Hatchet play Sept. 15 and the Gin Blossoms play the finale Sept. 16.

"I would rate the lineup as a seven out of 10," Lynn says. "I think the fair did a pretty good job this year."

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Rough riders kick up the sawdust in rodeo's seven competitions

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"To those novices who have never been to the rodeo, my answer is forget about understanding it," Polhamus says. "If you could see Elvis in concert would you go? This is the premier rodeo in the entire state. Those guys that want to ride in Las Vegas, they have to come to Albuquerque."

Rodeo fans say the biggest thrill of the sport is the way cowboys and cowgirls interact with their animals.

"When you sit down on the animal, it's you and him," Frost says. "Nobody else but you and him. When you get on that horse, you need to know what he's fixing to do."

What to watch for

Polhamus has a few other

hints for the uninitiated. Spectators should pay close attention to how well cowboys adopt their animal's rhythm. Watching their feet can help determine how well they are doing.

The question is, "Does it look like Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, or does it look like two-left footed dancers," Polhamus says.

Along with stiff competition, fans can expect a few laughs at the rodeo. This year barrelman Dale McCracken, known as Gizmo, will entertain the crowd along with bullfighters Cory Wall and Andy Burelle. Their job is to keep the crowd lively and the cowboy safe during the competition.

As for your new rodeo attire, Frost has one piece of advice: "if you've got boots, wear 'em."

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- 11 a.m.: Read to Me Corner, BS
- 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m.: Milking demonstrations, DB
- 11:45 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 3:45 p.m.: Pee Wee Stampede, BS
- 11:45 a.m.: Flag Raising Ceremony, IV
- Noon: Call of the Drums, AAP
- 6:45 p.m.: Flag Lowering Ceremony, IV
- 8:30 p.m. weekdays, 9:45 p.m. weekends: Call of the Drums, AAP

FRIDAY, SEPT. 5

- 8 a.m.: Hunter/jumper horses, HC
- 9 a.m.: Cactus and gourd Show, FB
- 9 a.m.: Rabbits, PRB
- Noon: Mariachi Tenampa, VH
- Noon: Andrew Thomas, IV
- 12:30 p.m.: Rafael Polomar, VH
- 12:45 p.m.: Seasonal dancers, IV
- 1 p.m.: Mariachi Tenampa, VH
- 1 p.m.: The Heaters, AAP
- 1:30 p.m.: The Porter Draw, FS
- 2 p.m.: Opening day sewing, CA
- 2 p.m.: Cotton extravaganza, CA
- 2:15 p.m.: Mr. G, VH
- 2:30 p.m.: Lassana Kouyate, AAP

- 2:30 p.m.: Marcy Heller and Nancy Poes, KP
- 3 p.m.: Baila Española de Santa Fe, VH
- 3 p.m.: The Saltine Ramblers, FS
- 3:30 p.m.: Michelle's Magic Poodles, YH
- 3:45 p.m.: Seasonal Dancers, IV
- 4 p.m.: Midnight Magic, VH
- 4 p.m.: L.P. Saxx, AAP
- 4:30 p.m.: Young Edward, FS
- 4:30 p.m.: New Mexico Stars Dance Team, YH
- 5 p.m.: NM Jump Rope Association, YH
- 5:15 p.m.: Acoma Buffalo Dance, IV
- 5:15 p.m.: Laguna Corn Dancers, IV
- 5:30 p.m.: The Tik Tocks, AAP
- 5:30 p.m.: National Dance Institute of NM, YH
- 5:45 p.m.: Ballet en Fuego, VH
- 6 p.m.: Jeff Scroggins & Fresh Horses, FS
- 6:30 p.m.: Al Hurricane & Al Hurricane Jr., VH
- 7 p.m.: Laguna Corn Dancers, IV
- 7 p.m.: Midnite Special, AAP
- 7:30 p.m.: Rudy Boy Experiment, FS
- 7:45 p.m.: William Clark, IV
- 8 p.m.: Blake Shelton/Gary Allan, TC
- 8:30 p.m.: Renaissance Man, VH
- 8:30 p.m.: Casa Di Manza, AAP
- 9 p.m.: The Squash Blossom Boys, FS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6

- 8 a.m.: Hunter/jumper horses, HC
- 8 a.m.: 4-H Dog Show, DB
- 8:45 a.m.: State Fair parade
- 9 a.m.: Cavies, PRB
- 9 a.m.: Junior rabbits, PRB
- 9 a.m.: Junior poultry, PRB
- 10 a.m.: National Dance Institute of NM, YH
- Noon: El Diamante Negro y Efrain Castillo, VH
- Noon: Folklorico de Valle, FS
- Noon: Cecilia Webb, AAP
- Noon: The Little Gym, YH
- 12:30 p.m.: Interplay School of Music, YH
- 12:45 p.m.: Hopi Reed Clan Dancers, IV
- 1 p.m.: Shiloh, AAP
- 1 p.m.: National Dance Institute of NM, YH
- 1 p.m.: First Flower Show & Youth Show, FB
- 1:30 p.m.: Dairy Heifer, BB
- 2 p.m.: Martial Artistry, YH
- 2:15 p.m.: Flamenco de Ronaldo, VH
- 2:30 p.m.: Metropolitan Choir, AAP
- 2:30 p.m.: Cristina and Armando Ortega, KP
- 2:30 p.m.: Universal Miss, YH
- 3 p.m.: Hopi Reed Clan Dancers, IV
- 3:30 p.m.: Angel Espinoza y Enternidad, VH
- 3:30 p.m.: Michelle's Magic Poodles, YH
- 4 p.m.: Wool Lead, DB
- 4 p.m.: Eulogistic Alliance, AAP
- 4:45 p.m.: Dominic Vargas, VH
- 4:45 p.m.: Mariachi Nuevo Sonido, FS
- 5 p.m.: Jam's Voice Studio, YH
- 5:30 p.m.: Cielito Lindo Grupo Folklorico, VH



James Otto's first single went straight to No. 1. He plays Tingley on Sept. 17.

- 5:30 p.m.: Royalty By Grace, AAP
- 5:30 p.m.: Red Hot Peppers Jump Rope Team, YH
- 6:30 p.m.: Sass Fire, VH
- 7 p.m.: Corbin Bleu/Vanessa Hudgens, TC
- 7 p.m.: Rosalind Jones, AAP
- 7 p.m.: Seasonal Dancers, IV
- 8 p.m.: Sunny Ozuna and The Sunliner Band, VH
- 8:30 p.m.: Native Roots, IV
- 8:30 p.m.: Meghan Williams, AAP
- 9 p.m.: The Big Spank, FS

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7

- 8 a.m.: Hunter/jumper horses, HC
- 8 a.m.-3 p.m.: Domestic cars & trucks, AG

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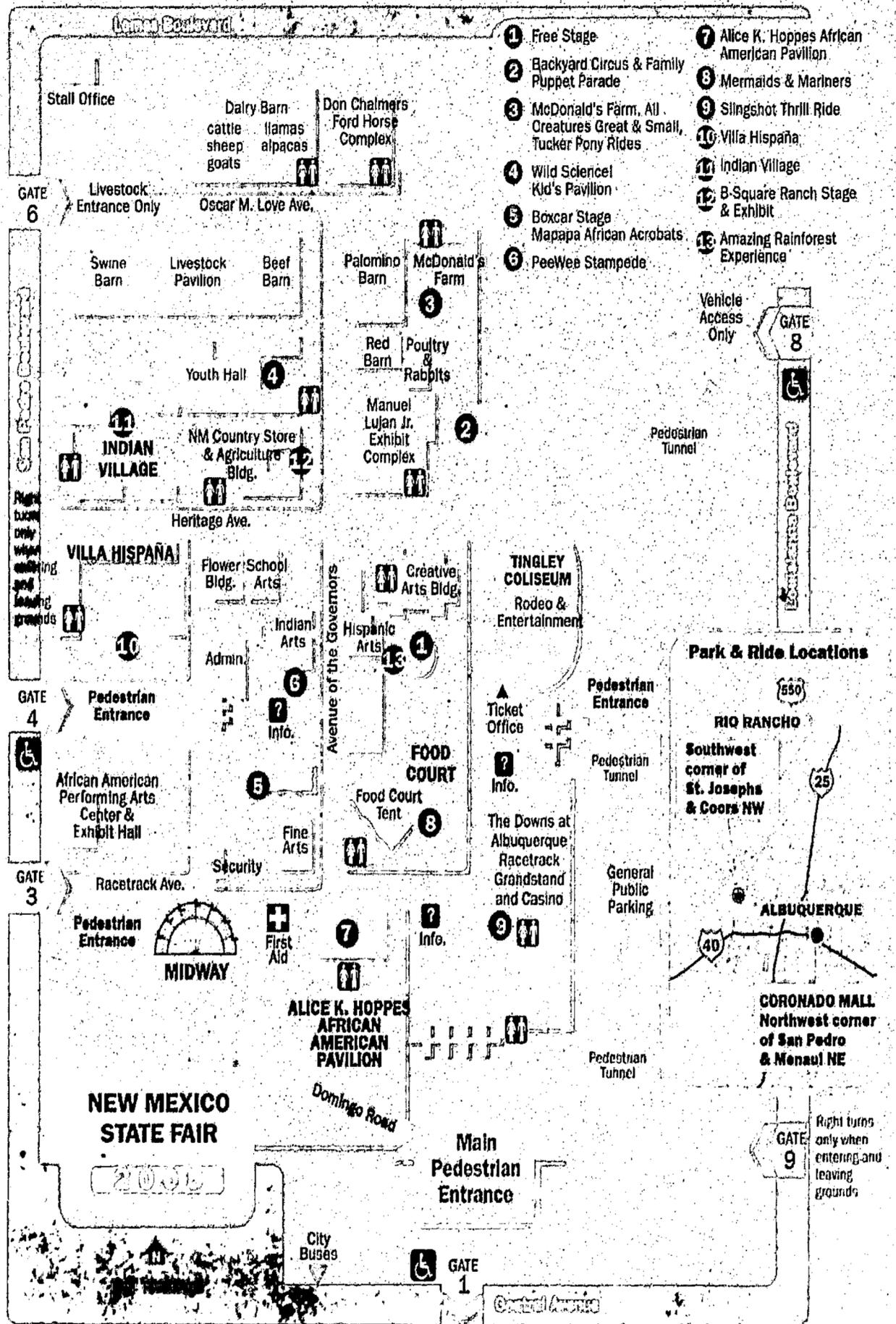
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- 10 a.m.: National Dance Institute of NM, YH
- 10 a.m.: Mark Twain impersonation, BS
- 11 a.m.: Character Counts! Kids!, YH
- Noon: Karliz de Marco, VH
- Noon: 3rd Element, FS
- Noon: Laguna Corn Dancers, IV
- 12:30 p.m.: Interplay School of Music, YH
- 12:30 p.m.: Tom Sawyer storytelling, BS
- 12:40 p.m.: Oldies But Goodies, VH
- 12:45 p.m.: William Clark, IV
- 1 p.m.: National Dance Institute of NM, YH
- 1 p.m.: Hip Huggers, AAP
- 1:30 p.m.: Whittier/Bandelier Jump Rope Team, YH
- 1:45 p.m.: Severo, VH
- 2 p.m.: Martial Artistry, YH
- 2:15 p.m.: Naat'sii'lid Dancers, IV
- 2:30 p.m.: On Stage Experience, YH
- 2:30 p.m.: Pigment!, AAP
- 2:30 p.m.: Kersten Hamilton, KP
- 3 p.m.: The Hip Huggers, FS
- 3 p.m.: Acoma Buffalo Dance, IV
- 3 p.m.: Los Tapitios, VH
- 3:30 p.m.: Michelle's Magic Poodles, YH
- 3:30 p.m.: Miguel Timoteo y Suavedad, VH
- 3:45 p.m.: Laguna Corn Dancers, IV
- 4 p.m.: Market Goats, DB
- 4 p.m.: Bar N Band, IV
- 4 p.m.: Glynn David, AAP
- 5:30 p.m.: Los Trinos, VH
- 5:30 p.m.: Mr. G, AAP
- 6 p.m.: Andrew Thomas, IV
- 6:15 p.m.: Sonora Dinamita, VH
- 7 p.m.: Acoma Buffalo Dance, IV
- 7 p.m.: Eric Burdon & The Animals, FS
- 7 p.m.: David and Company, AAP

MONDAY, SEPT. 8

- 7 a.m.: Market Barrows, SB
- 8 a.m.: Paints and palominos, HC
- 10 a.m.: Neezy Twinem, KP
- Noon: Paul Pino & Tone Daddies, VH
- 12:45 p.m.: Seasonal Dancers, IV
- 1 p.m.: African Drum Journey, AAP
- 1:30 p.m.: Gimme My Moon Back, FS
- 1:30 p.m.: Ghirardelli Chocolate contest, CA
- 1:45 p.m.: David Chavez, VH
- 2:15 p.m.: AAA Zuni Dancers, IV
- 2:30 p.m.: Cielito Lindo Tu y Yo, VH
- 2:30 p.m.: Droop, AAP
- 3:30 p.m.: Michelle's Magic Poodles, YH
- 3:45 p.m.: Seasonal Dancers, IV
- 4 p.m.: Casa Di Manza, AAP
- 4:15 p.m.: Mariachi Nuevo Sonido, VH
- 4:30 p.m.: AAA Zuni Dancers, IV

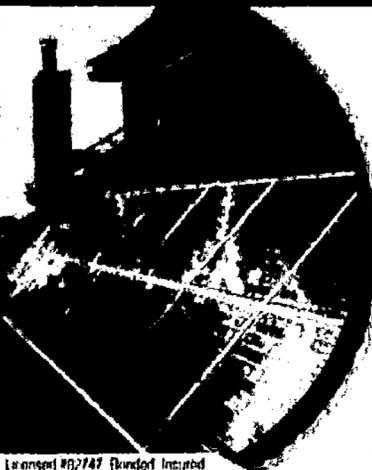
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5:15 p.m.: Naat'si'ild Dancers, IV
 5:30 p.m.: Four-Pack, VH
 5:30 p.m.: Lenny & The Legends, AAP
 5:30 p.m.: Albuquerque Stars, YH
 6:45 p.m.: Nessa, VH
 7 p.m.: Voices of Music, AAP
 7 p.m.: War, FS
 7 p.m.: Cellicion Traditional Zuni Dancers, IV
 7:30 p.m.: Grupo Tradiclon, VH
 7:45 p.m.: Seasonal Dancers, IV
 8:30 p.m.: William Clark, IV

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9

7 a.m.: Market Lambs, DB
 8 a.m.: Pintos and buckskins, HC
 9 a.m.: Brangus, BB
 Noon: AAA Zuni Dancers, IV
 Noon: El Gato Negro, VH
 Noon: O'Rourke & Smith, FS
 Noon: Fernando Cellicion, IV
 12:30 p.m.: Kersten Hamilton, KP
 1 p.m.: Second Flower Show, FB
 1 p.m.: Drum UP, AAP
 1:30 p.m.: Spam contest, CA
 1:45 p.m.: Yolanda Pinela, VH
 2:15 p.m.: Seasonal Dancers, IV
 2:30 p.m.: Desperados, VH
 2:30 p.m.: African American Cultural Workshop, AAP
 2:30 p.m.: Lois Ruby, KP
 3 p.m.: All other breeds (open beef show), BB
 3 p.m.: AAA Zuni Dancers, IV
 3:30 p.m.: Michelle's Magic Poodles, YH
 4 p.m.: Mateo, AAP
 4:15 p.m.: Mariachi Nuevo Sonido, VH
 5:15 p.m.: Seasonal Dancers, IV
 5:30 p.m.: Poetry Slam, AAP
 5:45 p.m.: Los Tapitios, VH
 6 p.m.: Cellicion Traditional Zuni Dancers, IV
 6:30 p.m.: Los Trinos, VH
 7 p.m.: Deana Carter, FS
 7 p.m.: Andrew Thomas, IV
 7:30 p.m.: Micky Cruz y Sismo, VH

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10

8 a.m.: All-breed horse show, HC
 8 a.m.: Market steers, BB
 Noon: Camino Oscuro, VH
 Noon: Aaron Stuedli, FS
 Noon: Cellicion Traditional Zuni Dancers, IV
 1 p.m.: DT Vocal, AAP
 1:30 p.m.: Maegen White, FS
 1:30 p.m.: Fleischmann's & bread contest, CA
 1:30 p.m.: Hooyapi Dancers, IV
 1:45 p.m.: Mariachi Nuevo Mexico, VH
 3 p.m.: Apache Jump Rope Team, YH
 3 p.m.: Miguel & Javier Ortega, FS
 3:30 p.m.: Michelle's Magic Poodles, YH
 4 p.m.: Folklorico de Valle, VH
 4 p.m.: Juar, AAP

4:30 p.m.: Lois Ruby, KP
 4:30 p.m.: Hooyapi Dancers, IV
 5 p.m.: Mariachi Tepeyac, VH
 5:30 p.m.: The James Douglas Show, AAP
 5:30 p.m.: Apache Jump Rope Team, YH
 6 p.m.: Antonio Reyna, VH
 6 p.m.: Cellicion Traditional Zuni Dancers, IV
 6:30 p.m.: Mariachi Tepeyac, VH
 7 p.m.: Lady Antebellum, FS
 7 p.m.: AB, AAP
 7 p.m.: Hooyapi Dancers, IV
 7:15 p.m.: Alfred Sanchez, VH
 8:30 p.m.: William Clark, IV

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11

7 a.m.: Breeding Heifers, BB
 8 a.m.: 4-H Horse Show, HC
 10 a.m.: Kristin Embry Litchman, KP
 Noon: Los Primos, VH
 Noon: JUBALation, YH
 Noon: Hooyapi Dancers, IV
 12:30 p.m.: Mary Sundstrom, KP
 1 p.m.: Livestock judging contest, DB
 1:30 p.m.: Pie contest, CA
 1:45 p.m.: International Charisma, VH
 2 p.m.: Red Angus, BB
 2:15 p.m.: Blue Eagle Dancers, IV
 2:30 p.m.: Jalli Kuunda, AAP
 2:30 p.m.: Jody Alpers, KP
 3 p.m.: Scendence, FS
 3 p.m.: JUBALation, YH
 3 p.m.: Mariachi Alma de Albuquerque, VH
 3 p.m.: Hooyapi Dancers, IV
 3:30 p.m.: Michelle's Magic Poodles, YH
 4 p.m.: Sandra Taylor Group, AAP
 4:15 p.m.: Dominic Vargas, VH
 4:30 p.m.: Laguna Corn Dancers, IV
 5 p.m.: Legacy of Santa Fe, VH
 5 p.m.: Apple Mountain Harp Kids, VH
 5:15 p.m.: Blue Eagle Dancers, IV
 5:30 p.m.: Reality, AAP
 6 p.m.: The Next Chapter, FS
 6 p.m.: Hooyapi Dancers, IV
 6:40 p.m.: Tony & Company, VH

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7 p.m.: Calf Scramble, TC
 7 p.m.: PRCA Rodeo/Joé Nichols, TC
 7 p.m.: Scarless, AAP
 7 p.m.: Cellicion Traditional Zuni Dancers, IV
 7:30 p.m.: Tijernia, FS
 7:45 p.m.: Laguna Corn Dancers, IV
 7:50 p.m.: ZoZobra, VH
 8:30 p.m.: William Clark, IV

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12

8 a.m.: Quarter Horse Open & Youth, HC
 9 a.m.: Open rabbit judging, PRB
 10 a.m.: Elsie Karr Kreischer, KP
 Noon: Sangre Joven, VH
 Noon: JUBALation, YH
 12:45 p.m.: Blue Eagle Dancers, IV
 12:45 p.m.: Hooyapi Dancers, IV
 1 p.m.: Sax by Darryl, AAP

1 p.m.: Livestock sale, BB
 1 p.m.: Frances Lujan de Los Tapatios, YH
 1 p.m.: Third Flower Show, FB
 1:30 p.m.: AAA Zuni Dancers, IV
 1:30 p.m.: DJ Mittens, FS
 1:30 p.m.: Canola Oil food contest, CA
 2 p.m.: Mariachi Tenampa, VH
 2:30 p.m.: Erika Bonilla, VH
 2:30 p.m.: Rashaan, AAP
 2:30 p.m.: Kimberley Griffiths Little, KP
 3 p.m.: Hopi Reed Clan Dancers, IV
 3 p.m.: Darbstar, FS
 3 p.m.: JUBALation, YH
 3:30 p.m.: Michelle's Magic Poodles, YH
 3:45 p.m.: AAA Zuni Dancers, IV
 4 p.m.: Droop, AAP
 4:30 p.m.: Baile Illusion, VH
 4:30 p.m.: The Lifted Drifters, FS

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4:30 p.m.: Blue Eagle Dancers, IV
5 p.m.: NM Jump Rope Association "Synergy Team," YH
5 p.m.: Southwest Dutch Rabbit Fancier's Association, PRB
5:15 p.m.: Hopi Reed Clan Dancers, IV
5:30 p.m.: April Armour & Dancers, AAP
5:30 p.m.: Duke City Stars, YH
5:45 p.m.: Simpatico, VH
6 p.m.: Laguna Corn Dancers, IV
6 p.m.: Poetry Slam, AAP
6 p.m.: Mantis Fist, FS
6 p.m.: Cellicion Traditional Zuni Dancers, IV
7 p.m.: PRCA Rodeo/Jason Michael Carroll, TC
7 p.m.: Tezcaltipoca, VH
7 p.m.: Created to Praise, AAP
7 p.m.: Andrew Thomas, IV
7 p.m.: Jay & Tinesha Begaye, IV
7:30 p.m.: VOW, FS
8 p.m.: Jerry Dean, VH
8:30 p.m.: Scarless, AAP
9 p.m.: Skinny Fat, FS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13

8 a.m.: Quarter Horse Open & Youth, HC
8 a.m.-3 p.m.: Model A and Model T cars, AG
9 a.m.: Open rabbits, PRB
9 a.m.: Angus, BB
9 a.m.-9 p.m.: New Mexico Rail Runners Show, YH
10 a.m.: National Dance Institute of NM, YH
11 a.m.: Pygmy Goat show, DB
11 a.m.: Los Tapatios de Frances Lujan, YH
Noon: Dorothy Martinez Sabor Band, VH
Noon: The Little Gym, YH
Noon: Cellicion Traditional Zuni Dancers, IV
12:30 p.m.: Interplay School of Music, YH
12:45 p.m.: Blue Eagle Dancers, IV
1 p.m.: National Dance Institute of NM, YH
1 p.m.: Glynn David, AAP
1 p.m.: Highland High School Varsity Cheer, AAP
1:30 p.m.: Into the Ocean, FS
1:30 p.m.: Junior baking contest, CA
1:30 p.m.: Martial Artistry, YH
2 p.m.: Interplay School of Music, YH
2:30 p.m.: Reality, AAP
4 p.m.: Exotics of The Rain Forest, YH
4 p.m.: Midnite Special, AAP
4:30 p.m.: Carolee Dean, KP
4:30 p.m.: New Mexico Stars Dance Team, YH
4:45 p.m.: Ballet Folklorico Arco Iris Fantastico, VH
5 p.m.: Jam's Voice Studio, YH
5:15 p.m.: Blue Eagle Dancers, IV
5:30 p.m.: Red Hot Peppers Jump Rope Team, YH
5:30 p.m.: M-Music, AAP

6 p.m.: NMQHA Futurity, HC
6 p.m.: Element 37, FS
6 p.m.: Darren Cordova, VH
7 p.m.: PRCA Rodeo/Terri Clark, TC
7 p.m.: Juar, AAP
7 p.m.: William Clark, IV
7:30 p.m.: Liquid Cheese, FS
8:30 p.m.: PDUB, AAP
8:30 p.m.: Native Roots, IV
9 p.m.: Law of Attraction, FS

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14

8 a.m.: Quarter Horse Open & Youth, HC
8 a.m.-3 p.m.: Early Ford V8 and Antique Car Show, AG
9 a.m.: Open rabbits judging, PRB
9 a.m.: Hereford, BB
9 a.m.: Mini dairy goat show, DB
9 a.m.-9 p.m.: New Mexico Rail Runners Show, YH
10 a.m.: National Dance Institute of NM, YH
11 a.m.: Character Counts!, YH
Noon: Untouchables, VH
Noon: Cellicion Traditional Zuni Dancers, IV
12:30 p.m.: Interplay School of Music, YH
12:45 p.m.: Hopi Reed Clan Dancers, IV
1 p.m.: Lady B & The Jazz Me, AAP
1 p.m.: National Dance Institute of NM, YH
1:30 p.m.: Ballet en Fuego, VH
1:30 p.m.: Martial Artistry, YH
1:30 p.m.: Re-Coil, IV
2:15 p.m.: Gonzalo, VH
2:30 p.m.: On Stage Experience, YH
2:30 p.m.: The Pap Malone Treo, AAP
2:30 p.m.: Marcy Heller and Nancy Poes, KP
3 p.m.: Frances Lujan de Los Tapatios, YH
3 p.m.: Cellicion Traditional Zuni Dancers, IV
3:45 p.m.: Andrew Thomas, IV



Teen star Vanessa Hudgens performs with "High School Musical" co-star Corbin Bleu at Tingley on Sept. 6.

4 p.m.: Exotics of The Rain Forest, YH
4 p.m.: TK Duo, AAP
4 p.m.: Cuarenta y Cinco, VH
4 p.m.: Albuquerque Stars Dance Team, YH
4:30 p.m.: Hopi Reed Clan Dancers, IV
5:15 p.m.: Laguna Corn Dancers, IV
5:30 p.m.: Michael Herndon Quartette, AAP
5:45 p.m.: Miguel Caro, VH
6 p.m.: Hopi Reed Clan Dancers, IV
6:30 p.m.: La Caravan Mexicano, VH
7 p.m.: PRCA Rodeo/Ronnie Milsap, TC
7 p.m.: Simply Jazz, AAP
7 p.m.: Southern Slam, IV
7:30 p.m.: Freddie Chavez Foundation, VH

7:45 p.m.: Andrew Thomas, IV
8:30 p.m.: Laguna Corn Dancers, IV

MONDAY, SEPT. 15

9 a.m.: Quarter Horse Versatility Ranch Horse event, HC
9 a.m.-9 p.m.: New Mexico Rail Runners Show, YH
9:30 a.m.: Sons of the Rio Grande, FS
11:30 a.m.: Ralph Sarracino, IV
Noon: Los Reyes de Albuquerque, VH
Noon: Shrine Concert Band, FS
Noon: Cellicion Traditional Zuni Dancers, IV
12:45 p.m.: Hopi Reed Clan Dancers, IV
1 p.m.: Fourth Flower Show, FB
1 p.m.: Drum UP, AAP
1:30 p.m.: Chile contest, CA

1:30 p.m.: Sociedad Colonial Espanola de Santa Fe, VH
1:30 p.m.: Whittier/Bandelier Jump Rope Team, YH
1:30 p.m.: Hopi Reed Clan, IV
1:30 p.m.: Naranjo Warrior Group, IV
2:30 p.m.: African American Cultural Workshop, AAP
2:30 p.m.: Kimberley Griffiths Little, KP
3 p.m.: Elvis Chavez Show, FS
3 p.m.: Mariachi Tepeyac, VH
4 p.m.: L.P. Saxx, AAP
4:30 p.m.: Erika Bonilla, VH
5:15 p.m.: Jenna, VH
5:15 p.m.: Naranjo Warrior Group, IV
5:30 p.m.: Voices of Music, AAP
6 p.m.: Grupo Tradicion, VH
6 p.m.: Acoma Buffalo Dance, IV
7 p.m.: Hip Huggers, AAP
7 p.m.: Molly Hatchet, FS
7 p.m.: Southern Slam, IV
7:30 p.m.: Midnite Special, VH
7:45 p.m.: Acoma Buffalo Dance, IV
8:30 p.m.: Cellicion Traditional Zuni Dancers, IV

TUESDAY, SEPT. 16

8 a.m.: Dairy goat show, DB
8 a.m.: Appaloosa horse show, HC
9 a.m.: Mutton, wool and natural, DB
9 a.m.-9 p.m.: New Mexico Rail Runners Show, YH
10:30 a.m.: Chile ristra demonstration, FB
11:30 a.m.: Ralph Sarracino, IV
Noon: Miguel Caro, VH
Noon: JUBALation, YH
Noon: Fernando Cellicion, IV
12:30 p.m.: Edith Tarbescu, KP
12:30 p.m.: Irish Step Dancers of NM, VH
12:30 p.m.: Chile ristra demonstration, FB
12:45 p.m.: Naranjo Warrior Group, IV
1 p.m.: African Drum Journey, AAP

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1 p.m.: Japanese Folk Dancers, VH
1:30 p.m.: Goodbye Cody, FS
1:30 p.m.: Hidden Valley cooking contest, CA
1:45 p.m.: Jubilation, VH
2:30 p.m.: DT Vocal, AAP
2:30 p.m.: Sue Houser, KP
2:30 p.m.: Casa Di Manza, VH
3 p.m.: Mariachi Alma de Albuquerque, VH
4 p.m.: M-Music, AAP
4:15 p.m.: Andrew Thomas, VH
4:30 p.m.: Naranjo Warrior Group, IV
5 p.m.: The Fabulous Chekkers, VH
5:30 p.m.: Lenny & The Legends, AAP
6 p.m.: Cellicion Traditional Zuni Dancers, IV
6:45 p.m.: Yolanda Pinela, VH
7 p.m.: Kathy McGill, AAP
7 p.m.: 'Gin Blossoms, FS
7 p.m.: Andrew Thomas, IV
7:30 p.m.: Los Garrapatas, VH
7:45 p.m.: Cellicion Traditional Zuni Dancers, IV

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17
8 a.m.: Miniature horses, HC
9 a.m.: Texas Longhorn, DB
11:30 a.m.: Ralph Sarracino, JV
Noon: Impresion, VH
12:45 p.m.: Fernando Cellicion, IV
1 p.m.: Racin Kreyol, AAP
1 p.m.: Highland High School Varsity Cheer, AAP
1:30 p.m.: The Highest, FS
1:30 p.m.: Cake contest, CA
1:45 p.m.: Rafael Polomar, VH
2:30 p.m.: Jalli Kuunda, AAP

2:30 p.m.: Neecey Twinem, KP
2:30 p.m.: Mark Rendon Musicians, VH
3 p.m.: Jubilation, FS
4 p.m.: The James Douglas Show, AAP
4:15 p.m.: April Zamora, VH
4:30 p.m.: Cellicion Traditional Zuni Dancers, IV
5 p.m.: La Onda, VH
5:15 p.m.: Acoma Buffalo Dance, IV
5:30 p.m.: Mr. G, AAP
5:30 p.m.: Duke City Stars, YH
6:45 p.m.: Cielito Undo Grupo Folklorico, VH
7 p.m.: PRCA Rodeo/James Otto, TC
7 p.m.: Rena & David Wade, AAP
7:30 p.m.: Juntos Unidos, VH
7:45 p.m.: Acoma Buffalo Dance, IV
7:45 p.m.: Cellicion Traditional Zuni Dancers, IV
9 p.m.: Vertigo Venus, FS

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18
8 a.m.: Haflinger, HC
8 a.m.: Donkey, HC
8 a.m.: Carriage driving, HC
8 a.m.: Draft horses, HC
8 a.m.: Dairy cattle, DB
9 a.m.: Texas Longhorn, DB
9 a.m.: Open Dairy Cattle Show, DB
Noon: Albuquerque Police Color Guard with Sgt. Adrina Escalante, VH
Noon: NMQA - Quilt Show, AB
Noon: Cellicion Traditional Zuni Dancers, IV
12:15 p.m.: Desperados, VH
12:30 p.m.: Cristina and Armando Ortega, KP

1 p.m.: The Heaters, AAP
1 p.m.: Fifth Flower Show, FB
2:30 p.m.: Mariachi Norteño, VH
2:30 p.m.: Lassana Kouyate Group, AAP
3 p.m.: The Giranimals, FS
3:45 p.m.: Ralph Miramontes, VH
3:45 p.m.: Cellicion Traditional Zuni Dancers, IV
4 p.m.: Christ Lyke, AAP
4:30 p.m.: The Breaktone, FS
5:30 p.m.: Pigment, AAP
5:45 p.m.: Ballet en Fuego, VH
6 p.m.: Andrew Thomas, IV
6:30 p.m.: Nessa, VH
7 p.m.: Southern Slam, IV
7 p.m.: PRCA Rodeo/Grand Funk Railroad, TC
7 p.m.: The Tik Tocks, AAP
7:30 p.m.: Gonzalo, VH
7:30 p.m.: A Man About a Horse, FS
8:30 p.m.: Andrew Thomas, IV

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19
8 a.m.: Carriage driving, HC

THEME DAYS AT THE FAIR

Sept. 6: Hispanic Heritage Day
Sept. 8: Pathway to Colleges and Careers Day
Sept. 9: Firefighters Day
Sept. 11: Law Enforcement Day
Sept. 12: Science & Technology Day/Native American Day
Sept. 15: Senior Day
Sept. 16: Hospitality/Tourism Day, International Day, Smokey Bear Day
Sept. 17: Military & Veterans Appreciation Day
Sept. 18: Armed Forces & Veterans Appreciation Day
Sept. 19: Environmental Appreciation Day, Women's Day
Sept. 20: African American Day, Gathering of the Counties Day

8 a.m.: Draft horses, HC
8 a.m.: Mule show, HC
8 a.m.: Dairy cattle, DB
9 a.m.: Open poultry, PRB
9 a.m.: Open dairy cattle, DB
Noon: NMQA - Quilt Show, AB
Noon: Casa Di Manza, VH
12:30 p.m.: Anne H. Weaver and George Lawrence, KP
1 p.m.: Sax by Darryl, AAP
1 p.m.: Highland High School Varsity Cheer, AAP
1:30 p.m.: Mariachi Nuevo Mexico, VH

2:15 p.m.: Fernando Cellicion, IV
2:30 p.m.: Baila Espanola de Santa Fe, VH
2:30 p.m.: Rashaan, AAP
2:30 p.m.: Kersten Hamilton, KP
3 p.m.: Naranjo Warriors, IV
4 p.m.: Kathy McGill, AAP
4:15 p.m.: Mr. G, VH
5 p.m.: New Mexico Stars Dance Team, YH

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5 p.m.: Mariachi San Jose, VH
 5:30 p.m.: Character Counsil, YH
 7 p.m.: Draft pull, HC
 7 p.m.: Pow-Wow grand entry, IV
 7 p.m.: Rena & David Wade, AAP
 7 p.m.: PRCA Rodeo/Clay Walker, TC
 7:15 p.m.: Call of the Drums, VH
 7:45 p.m.: Pow-Wow, IV
 8 p.m.: Los Tapitios, VH
 8:30 p.m.: Adam Gonzales and Purple Rain, VH
 8:30 p.m.: Royalty, AAP
 8:30 p.m.: Native Roots, IV
 8:30 p.m.: Pow-Wow, IV

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

8 a.m.-3 p.m.: Hot Rods & Custom Cars, AG
 8 a.m.-3 p.m.: Mopar Muscle

Cars, AG
 8 a.m.: Arabians, half-Arabians, saddlebreds, Morgans & hackney ponies, HC
 9 a.m.: Santa Gertrudis, BB
 9 a.m.: Open Boer goats, SB
 9 a.m.: Open poultry, PRB
 9 a.m.: Open alpaca, DB
 10 a.m.: National Dance Institute of NM, YH
 Noon: Mariachi Tepeyac, VH
 Noon: NMQA - Quilt Show, AB
 Noon: The Little Gym, YH
 12:30 p.m.: Rafael Polomar, VH
 12:30 p.m.: Interplay School of Music, YH
 1 p.m.: Mariachi Tepeyac, VH
 1 p.m.: Flower Youth Show, FB
 1 p.m.: National Dance Institute of NM, YH
 1 p.m.: Shiloh, AAP
 1:30 p.m.: Frog Fiddlers, YH
 1:45 p.m.: Severo, VH
 2 p.m.: Martial Artistry, YH
 2:30 p.m.: Eulogistic Alliance, AAP

2:30 p.m.: Elsie Karr Kreischer, KP
 2:40 p.m.: Encanta, VH
 4 p.m.: Exotics of The Rain Forest, YH
 4 p.m.: Duke City Stars, YH
 4 p.m.: Royalty By Grace, AAP
 4:15 p.m.: Folklorico del Valle, VH
 4:30 p.m.: NM Jump Rope Association, YH
 5 p.m.: Jari's Voice Studio, YH
 5:30 p.m.: Dominic Vargas, VH
 5:30 p.m.: Metropolitan Choir, AAP
 5:30 p.m.: Red Hot Peppers Jump Rope Team, YH
 6 p.m.: Darren Cordova, VH
 7 p.m.: Pow-Wow grand entry, IV
 7 p.m.: Christ Lyke
 7 p.m.: PRCA Rodeo/Luke Bryan, TC
 7:45 p.m.: Pow-Wow, IV
 8:15 p.m.: Midnight Sun, VH
 8:30 p.m.: Rosalind Jones, AAP
 8:30 p.m.: Pow-Wow, IV
 9 p.m.: La Junta, FS

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

8 a.m.-3 p.m.: Classic Chevys and Corvairs, AG
 8 a.m.: Arabians, half-Arabians, saddlebreds, Morgans & hackney ponies, HC
 9 a.m.: Open alpaca, DB
 9 a.m.: Open Boer goats, SB
 10 a.m.: National Dance Institute of NM, YH
 11 a.m.: Los Tapatios de Frances Lujan, YH
 Noon: Ray Lucero Band, VH
 Noon: NMQA - Quilt Show, AB
 Noon: Saving Damsels, IV
 12:30 p.m.: Interplay School of Music, YH
 12:30 p.m.: Anne H. Weaver and George Lawrence, KP
 1 p.m.: Poultry, PRB
 1 p.m.: David and Company, AAP
 1 p.m.: National Dance Institute of NM, YH
 1 p.m.: Rooster crowing contest, PRB
 1:30 p.m.: The Sandivas, FS
 1:30 p.m.: Whittier/Bandelier

Jump Rope Team, YH
 1:45 p.m.: Los Zapateados, VH
 2 p.m.: Martial Artistry, YH
 2:30 p.m.: The Pap Malone Treo, AAP
 2:30 p.m.: Anna Redsand, KP
 2:30 p.m.: On Stage Experience, YH
 3 p.m.: Wild Bunch, VH
 3 p.m.: Jir Project Band, IV
 4 p.m.: Mariachi Tenampa, VH
 4 p.m.: TK Duo, AAP
 4 p.m.: Exotics of The Rain Forest, YH
 4 p.m.: Albuquerque Stars, YH
 4:30 p.m.: Felonious Groove Foundation, FS
 4:30 p.m.: Mayela, VH
 4:30 p.m.: When Darkness Falls, IV
 5:30 p.m.: Michael Herndon Quartette, AAP
 6:15 p.m.: Ernestine Romero "La Jovencita," VH
 7 p.m.: Simply Jazz, AAP
 7:30 p.m.: Los Reyes de Albuquerque, VH

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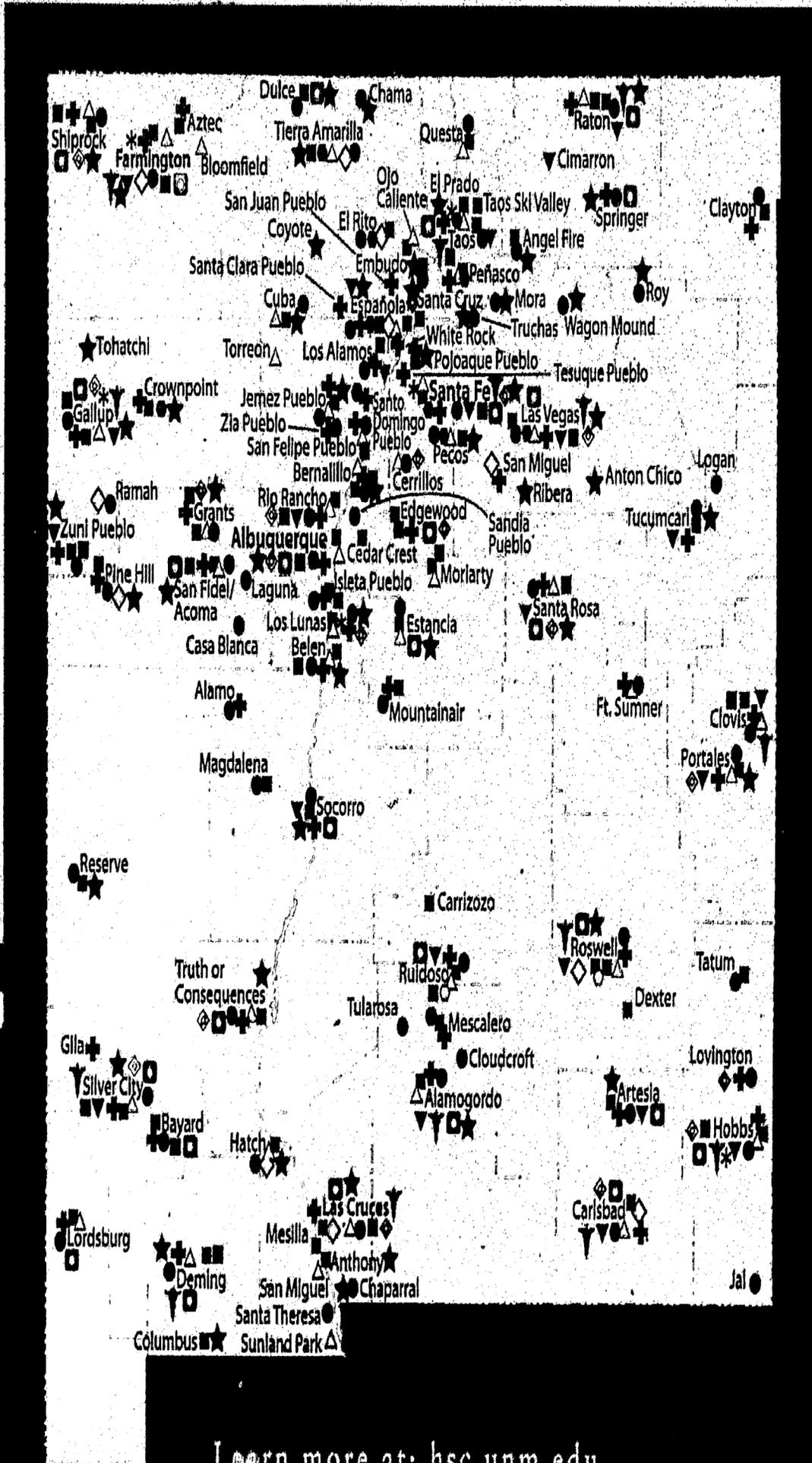
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21.82 ACRES A beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011480

PRIME COMMERCIAL PROPERTY Super location, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011481

2.98 ACRES IN ALTO Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011482

NEW SUBDIVISION Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011483

RARE BEAUTY MOSTLY LEVEL 5+ ACRES Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011484

TOP OF THE WORLD (OURS ANYWAY!) VIEW Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011485

BEAUTIFUL PREMIER FAIRWAY GOLF LOT Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011486

HUGE VIEWS OF THE MOUNTAINS! Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011487

HIGH MESA RV RANCH Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011488

PRIVATE LOCATION Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011489

3 AWESOME ACRES ONLY 10 MIN FROM TOWN Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011490

NEW SUBDIVISION Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011491

NEW SUBDIVISION Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011492

NEW SUBDIVISION Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011493

BEAUTIFUL LEVEL TREED & SECLUDED Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011494

NEW SUBDIVISION Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011495

BEAUTIFUL NEW SUBDIVISION IN NOGAL Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011496

HIGH MESA RV RANCH A gated community, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011497

HIGH MESA RV RANCH A gated community, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011498

HIGH MESA RV RANCH A gated community, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011499

HIGH MESA RV RANCH A gated community, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011500

HIGH MESA RV RANCH A gated community, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011501

HIGH MESA RV RANCH A gated community, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011502

HIGH MESA RV RANCH A gated community, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011503

HIGH MESA RV RANCH A gated community, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011504

HIGH MESA RV RANCH A gated community, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011505

BIG SIERRA BLANCA VIEWS Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011506

NEW SUBDIVISION Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011507

GREAT LOT Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011508

BEAUTIFUL PINES ON THIS VERY LEVEL LAND Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011509

CORNER LOT ON FAIRWAY GOLF Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011510

NEW SUBDIVISION Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011511

INCREDIBLE VIEWS Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011512

ELEVEN ACRES! Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011513

ELEVEN ACRES! Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011514

HIGH MESA RV RANCH A gated community, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011515

HIGH MESA RV RANCH A gated community, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011516

BIG SIERRA BLANCA VIEW View of Bonto Creek, beautiful acreage in Southern Colorado building site, wall you asked for including Rio Bonito frontage, 2 hours allowed access to lake & park. \$1,299,000. MLS #1011517

WONDERFUL WESTERN SETTING Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011518

NEW SUBDIVISION Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011519

HIGH MESA RV RANCH A gated community, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011520

NEW SUBDIVISION Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011521

UPPER CANYON LOTS Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011522

NEW SUBDIVISION Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011523

RARE VIEW Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011524

BEAUTIFUL LOT Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011525

GREAT GOLF COURSE LOT Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011526

SIERRA BLANCA VIEWS Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011527

REALLY NICE ALL LEVEL ACREAGE TRACT Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011528

GREAT PLACE TO BUILD A HOME Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011529

GREAT 1 ACRE TRACT Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011530

VERY NICE BUILDABLE LOT Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011531

SPECTACULAR VIEW LOT Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011532

BEAUTIFUL NEW SUBDIVISION IN THE MOUNTAINS Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011533

ALTO Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011534

GREAT VIEWS Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011535

GREAT VIEWS Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011536

FANTASTIC FULL MEMBERSHIP LOT Views of Sierra Blanca & Sacramento. Extra large tract w/ good building sites. One of the largest lots on top of the ridge. \$835,000. MLS #1011537

FULL GOLF LOT Fabulous large lot on golf course. Tall pines, lots of room to build, good access. Wonderful lot! \$825,000. MLS #1011538

BEAUTIFUL NEW SUBDIVISION In Boulder, private & secluded. Good views, paved, all city utilities, underground. 25 lots to choose from! \$815,000. MLS #1011539

BEAUTIFUL NEW SUBDIVISION In Boulder, private & secluded. Good views, paved, all city utilities, underground. 25 lots to choose from! \$815,000. MLS #1011540

BEAUTIFUL 10 ACRE TRACT In Arabela, all but 1/2 acre paved on the west side, under the Capitans Super grow, power to front, connected w/ great water. \$795,000. MLS #1011541

BEAUTIFUL BUILDING ACREAGE (7.42) 7/8 mile of the Capitans, w/ valley, lot of trees, beautiful views. Many fine features in the area. \$795,000. MLS #1011542

GREAT VIEW OF THE CAPITANS And the Rio Bonito Valley. Many bird sites on this 1/2 acre parcel. Lots of trees & privacy. Access to flooded meadow thru L433. \$775,000. MLS #1011543

OUTSTANDING VIEW Of the Capitans Mountain, 1/2 acre, w/ great building sites. Good trees, great privacy & view of the Rio Bonito Valley. \$755,000. MLS #1011544

VIEWS, VIEWS, VIEWS! Beautiful home on almost 10 acres amongst the trees. Located at the end of a cul-de-sac, w/ topographic view of the Capitans, Sierra Blanca & the valley. \$745,000. MLS #1011545

HIGH MESA RV RANCH 15 LOTS TO CHOOSE FROM A gated community, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011546

FABULOUS SIERRA BLANCA VIEW Super, elevated, w/ great view, paved, all city utilities, underground. 25 lots to choose from! \$745,000. MLS #1011547

FANTASTIC TREE BUILDING LOT Super, elevated, w/ great view, paved, all city utilities, underground. 25 lots to choose from! \$745,000. MLS #1011548

SUPER LOCATION W/ NICE VIEWS OF THE CAPITANS Upper acreage in the area of Boulder, w/ high downtown view. Tall pines, this is a great location, paved, street water, and great view of the property. \$745,000. MLS #1011549

2 FULL GOLF MEMBERSHIPS For 20 years, upper Altiplano, beautiful views from the top of Mt. Elbert. Mountain & valley w/ Might trade the w/ a super membership lot. \$745,000. MLS #1011550

BEAUTIFUL NEW SUBDIVISION In Boulder, private & secluded. Good views, paved, all city utilities, underground. 25 lots to choose from! \$745,000. MLS #1011551

BEAUTIFUL NEW SUBDIVISION In Boulder, private & secluded. Good views, paved, all city utilities, underground. 25 lots to choose from! \$745,000. MLS #1011552

HOW ABOUT ALTO ASSISTED LIVING? Approx 3/4 acre, w/ great view, paved, all city utilities, underground. 25 lots to choose from! \$745,000. MLS #1011553

BEAUTIFUL 1/3 AC LOT Beautiful, wooded lot, 1.12 acres, view of the town, low impact, back & view from every angle. The property has a great location, beautiful views, swimming pool, hot tub, and a large garage. \$579,000. MLS #1011554

BEAUTIFUL NEW SUBDIVISION In Boulder, private & secluded. Good views, paved, all city utilities, underground. 25 lots to choose from! \$745,000. MLS #1011555

BEAUTIFUL NEW SUBDIVISION In Boulder, private & secluded. Good views, paved, all city utilities, underground. 25 lots to choose from! \$745,000. MLS #1011556

OUR AGENTS CAN SHOW YOU ANY PROPERTY LISTED BY ANY LOCAL REALTOR!!!

BEAUTIFUL NEW SUBDIVISION
In Ruidoso private & secluded Good views paved all city utilities underground 25 Lots to choose from! \$65,000 MLS #18852

SUPER NEAT 3.5 ACRES Great sun, good trees, super north view Lots of level land to pick a good bldg site \$65,000 MLS #101903

BEAUTIFUL LOT Fabulous views of The Capitan Mountains Great bldg sites w/very nice tree cover See this 5+ acre lot today! \$65,000 MLS #102409

FULL GOLF MEMBERSHIP Flat paved access flat building lot Capitan views \$64,900 MLS #103218

BEAUTIFUL NEW SUBDIVISION In Ruidoso private & secluded Good views paved all city utilities underground 25 Lots to choose from! \$63,000 MLS #18826

BEAUTIFUL NEW SUBDIVISION In Ruidoso private & secluded Good views paved all city utilities underground 25 Lots to choose from! \$63,000 MLS #18828

BEAUTIFUL NEW SUBDIVISION In Ruidoso private & secluded Good views paved all city utilities underground 25 Lots to choose from! \$63,000 MLS #18856

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BEAUTIFUL NEW SUBDIVISION In Ruidoso private & secluded Good views paved all city utilities underground 25 Lots to choose from! \$63,000 MLS #18858

EASY BUILDING LOT Views of Sierra Blanca & Capitan Mts. Access from 2 streets Non-golf membership mostly level w/easy access A great place to build \$63,000 MLS #103300

BEAUTIFUL NEW SUBDIVISION In Ruidoso private & secluded Good views paved all city utilities underground 25 Lots to choose from! \$62,000 MLS #18850

BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAIN & VALLEY VIEWS Heavily wooded 6.5 approx acres in Branches of Southern Several perfect building sites owner has supplied an easement to lots 88 & 89 Only \$61,900! MLS #102190

BEAUTIFUL NEW SUBDIVISION In Ruidoso private & secluded Good views paved all city utilities underground 25 Lots to choose from & prices vary \$60,000 MLS #18818

BEAUTIFUL NEW SUBDIVISION In Ruidoso private & secluded Good views paved all city utilities underground 25 Lots to choose from! \$60,000 MLS #18825

BEAUTIFUL NEW SUBDIVISION In Ruidoso private & secluded Good views paved all city utilities underground 25 Lots to choose from! \$60,000 MLS #18817

BEAUTIFUL NEW SUBDIVISION In Ruidoso private & secluded Good views paved all city utilities underground 25 Lots to choose from! \$60,000 MLS #18819

SIERRA BLANCA VIEW AT N SIDE OF LOT Full golf! Super lot almost flat nice trees, trimmed to Alto specs. Dining pool tennis swimming exercise room Super lot & subdivider \$59,900 MLS #103217

GREAT OPEN SPACES & PANORAMIC VIEWS Lots of elbow room for a growing family or peaceful retirement mostly flat for easy building & grazing \$56,000 MLS #102406

FULL GOLF MEMBERSHIP Wonderful lot at Alto entrance Easy access, big trees, & walk to the club! \$55,000 MLS #40244

BEAUTIFUL NEW SUBDIVISION In Ruidoso private & secluded Good views paved all city utilities underground 25 Lots to choose from! \$55,000 MLS #18824

BEAUTIFUL NEW SUBDIVISION In Ruidoso private & secluded Good views paved all city utilities underground 25 Lots to choose from! \$55,000 MLS #18823

GREAT LOT W/BIG VIEWS OF THE CAPITANS Great level building site w/full golf membership Big Ponderosa pines on back of lot Corner with level access \$55,000 MLS #103424

UNOBSTRUCTED VIEWS Beautiful lot w/prepared building site Seller has gone to great lengths to insure conventional septic system approved & permitted All utilities installed \$54,500 MLS #102718

1/3 ACRE ON CEDAR CREEK DR The creek runs thru the front Community water electricity & telephone available Easy access lovely wooded location \$52,000 MLS #103352

GREAT LOT Views over 3/4 acre in the trees desirable area near schools tall pines all city utilities 0.77 Acre Owner financing offered Owner agent \$51,900 MLS #18101

SEASONAL CREEK FRONTAGE Wildlife views of the valley & potential views of The Capitans complete the peaceful & serene setting of this 3.89 acre property \$50,000 MLS #103551

LARGE LOT IN ALTO Wonderful building site, 1 acre full golf membership View of Sierra Blanca & Capitan views \$49,900 MLS #91311

OVER 2 ACRES OF HEAVILY WOODED LAND Only 10 min from town Sub restricted from mtg homes but site built as small as 800 sq ft heated area is allowed Horses allowed but kept in barns, stables, or corrals \$49,900 MLS #102567

NICE 5 ACRE TRACT Level access surrounding mt views & valley views Nice homes in this area \$49,900 MLS #102904

ALTO Full golfing membership lot Possible Sierra Blanca view from this heavily wooded lot Great location for that mountain cabin \$49,500 MLS #40243

BEAUTIFUL RUIDOSO LOT Valley views in popular Sunny Slope Subd All city utilities to this 1.3+ acre lot \$49,000 MLS #101786

VERY BUILDABLE LOT In Upper Canyon located on a quiet cul-de-sac Secluded location in the cool pines city water & sewer available \$49,000 MLS #103377

3 CONTIGUOUS LOTS + ANOTHER! Lots 119, 112, 114 Block 11 & Lot 14 Block 2 all in Black Forest Lots have been thinned as required All lots less than 1.3 ac \$48,000 MLS #102626

SUPER SIERRA BLANCA & VALLEY VIEWS Full golf membership on approx 0.5 acre Beautiful building site toward back of lot offering privacy & huge Sierra Blanca views \$47,500 MLS #103286

BEAUTIFUL NEW SUBDIVISION In Ruidoso private & secluded Good views paved all city utilities underground 25 Lots to choose from! \$44,900 MLS #18821

FULL GOLF Level lot in beautiful Deer Park Valley on approx 0.499 ac View of Sierra Blanca & the valley \$44,900 MLS #101887

BEAUTIFUL LAND W/TALL PINES At the end of a cul-de-sac Breath taking valley mt views & over 1 acre to build your dream home Non-golf membership \$44,000 MLS #102126

LARGE GOLF MEMBERSHIP CORNER LOT Near entrance to Alto Mature trees very buildable & good building sites \$44,000 MLS #102797

ALTO LOT Great views from this corner lot full golf membership in the tall pines Golf views of Sierra Blanca Very desirable bldg site come see for yourself! \$39,900 MLS #15738

4 RUIDOSO LOTS SOLD TOGETHER Total of 1 acre Pleasant neighborhood Buildable & wooded city water & sewer available \$39,900 MLS #16305

GOOD BUILDING LOT Just off Sudderth Dr access from River Crossing Owner to entertain offers \$39,900 MLS #18202

BEAUTIFUL NEW SUBDIVISION In Ruidoso private & secluded Good views paved all city utilities underground 25 Lots to choose from! \$39,900 & up MLS #18820

GOOD, TREED LOT In established subdivision Nice homes all around \$39,500 MLS #102099

WIDE OPEN SPACES Views of Capitans & Sacramentos Horses allowed on this 40 acre parcel Take the drive to Corner Buffalo Way & Fenceline it's well worth it! \$39,000 MLS #102598

ACREAGE - 20+ ACRES Adjoins #101577 Corner lot on cul-de-sac w/huge expansive views in every direction Southern boundary abuts common land for extra privacy Needs well & septic \$35,000 MLS #101611

VERY NICE MOUNTAIN LOT Sierra Blanca view Owner financing w/20% down Almost 1/3 acre w/valley & Sierra Blanca views \$35,000 MLS #101767

BEAUTIFUL ALTO LOT Full golf membership w/view of Alto Lake \$35,000 MLS #102495

NON-GOLF MEMBERSHIP LOT Includes exercise room, fine dining, swimming pool & tennis for this 0.40 ac lot \$35,000 MLS #102811

GOOD TREED LOT In established subdivision Nice homes all around \$34,500 MLS #102098

TOP NOTCH RIDGE LINE VIEWS Easily accessible from Sudderth Dr Owners have like new dbl wide listed & willing to make package deal Also adjoining 2 lots on 5th could be added \$34,000 MLS #103418

GREAT NON-GOLF MEMBERSHIP LOT Building lot w/southern exposure gentle slope for easy building Lot is 0.57 ac & on paved rd \$32,500 MLS #102487

TWO NICE WOODED LOTS - BACK TO BACK Single wides less than 5 yrs old are allowed City water available, electricity & cable TV \$32,000 MLS #101657

LOOKING FOR MFG HOME SITE? 2 Nice lots w/all village utilities Driveway & bldg site roughed in Recently surveyed Good tree cover close to town Mobiles allowed! \$25,000 MLS #17850

MOBILE HOME LOT - DOUBLE WIDE Quiet cul-de-sac good south view & sun Good buildable lot Septic required Lot for double wide 2003 or newer \$29,900 MLS #102464

BEAUTIFUL 0.99 ACRE LOT Tall trees great views & several bldg sites for your home Horses allowed too! Lot will be cleaned to city ordinance 6/18 \$29,900 MLS #102474

NEAT STREET TO STREET LOT Central paved access easy location from all parts of Ruidoso Tall pines Builders look here! \$29,900 MLS #102532

GOOD FLAT LOT Non-golf membership at Alto Sierra Blanca views Almost 1/2 acre w/community water Tennis swimming & more \$29,900 MLS #103158

MOSTLY FLAT BUILDABLE LOT 1/3 acre w/Capitan Sierra Blanca & valley views Nice homes in this area Non-golf membership Reasonably priced! \$29,900 MLS #103229

VERY BUILDABLE LOT Fairly level non-golf membership Nice trees Buy with the house at 125 Sunset for privacy or would make a nice lot for a new home site \$29,500 MLS #102768

BUILDABLE NON-GOLF LOT Tall pines close to club house South facing road to road for easy access \$28,995 MLS #16165

NICE NON-GOLF LOT IN ALTO Southern exposure lot is 100x150 w/Ponderosa Pines Next to upscale homes in the \$500,000 range on paved rd w/gas elec comm water \$28,500 MLS #102818

NICE BUILDABLE LOT On corner of Coconino & Skyland Septic required but other utilities there Cleared per Village Forest Health Regs certificate in file Seller is Texas licensee \$28,500 MLS #103563

NICE CUL-DE-SAC LOT N end of Mustang mobiles allowed good bldg site NE side of lot cleared per Village Forest Regs certificate in file Septic required \$27,500 MLS #103562

BUILDERS DELIGHT OR DREAM A flat lot Very buildable lot w/plenty of room to stretch out Plenty of room for a nice sized home w/community water system available \$27,000 MLS #102934

LOVELY VALLEY VIEWS This is a large & easy to build on lot on Little Creek (when running) Don't miss out Annual Assoc Fee \$120.00 \$24,900 MLS #100730

NICE LEVEL LOT Rancho Ruidoso Valley easy access w/Sierra Blanca views to this 1/2 acre lot \$24,900 MLS #101353

STREET TO STREET LOT Buildable w/trees slopes & paved access city water all in a quiet area \$22,500 MLS #18200

VERY NICE SOUTH FACING LOTS 2 Lots 36 & 37 Sold together Big pines seclusion & privacy would make a nice lot for mtg home Sewer over on Ponderosa Dr \$21,000 MLS #102039

BUILDABLE & AFFORDABLE! Terrific view of Sierra Blanca Easy access off of Hwy 48 onto Sandia Rd Just below Swiss Chalet Utility easement on the backside of lot \$20,000 MLS #101182

NICE LOT IN FOREST HEIGHTS Priced for your spec builders Cleared to Village Forest Regs w/certificate Homes must be site built Septic require but other utilities available Seller is Tx licensee \$20,000 MLS #103566

WOODED VALLEY VIEW All utilities available level paved road southern exposure & usable slopes New modulars & new mtg double wides allowed \$19,900 MLS #16810

VIEW OF WOODED VALLEY All utilities available paved rd southern exposure & usable slopes New modulars & new double wide mtg allowed \$19,900 MLS #16813

BEAUTIFULLY TREED LOT Tall pines direct access to sloping lot w/good buildability southeastern exposure for good sun & reasonable utilities \$19,900 MLS #100595

BEAUTIFULLY TREED LOT Trees thinned to Alto specs good buildable lot 1/3 Acre w/non-golf membership includes tennis swimming exercise room & dining \$19,900 MLS #103214

VIEW LOT FOR HOME On site construction only City water & natural gas available \$19,500 MLS #101862

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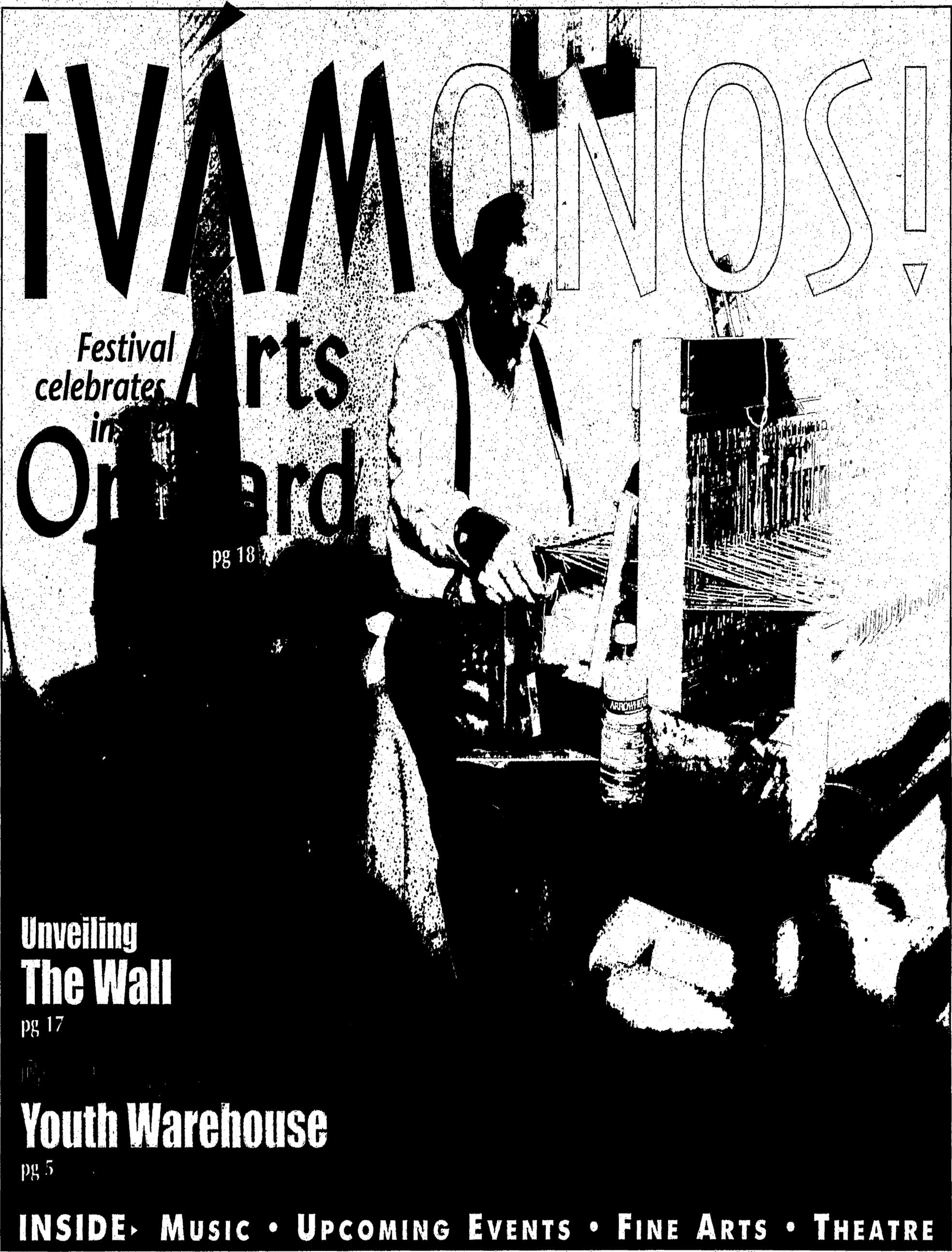
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COMING SOON

AspenFest time

Aspenfest, Ruidoso's annual fall celebration, is Oct. 4-5. The Aspenfest Weekend allows residents and visitors alike to participate in the celebration of our caring community, the cool

crispness of the coming fall and the beauty that is Ruidoso. Aspenfest weekend is kicked off every year with a parade at 10 a.m. through Midtown Ruidoso. This year's parade theme is VIVA RUI-

DOSO! in celebration of the compassionate spirit our village has to survive in the wake of historic flooding. The parade gives Ruidoso area individuals, businesses and organizations a chance to show their spirit.

"After the flood, we saw how our incredible community came together to ensure we were all safe," said Special Events Coordinator Kathy Alexander. "Viva Ruidoso (last weekend's fundraiser) was the first benefit for the victims of the flood and we felt its vitality and spirit should be furthered. The annual village parade was the perfect avenue for that."

"Ruidoso area residents look forward to this community-wide celebration, and the Chamber is so honored to organize the event and appreciate all the hard work our volunteers and the Ruidoso Police and Fire Departments do to help make it a success."

placed at the end of the parade and late fees will apply. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top three floats which will be judged based on adherence to the theme, originality, workmanship and overall impression. Proceeds from the parade entry fee will go to fund the flood victims.

AspenFest Parade road closure information

The parade will bring road closures Saturday beginning at approximately 9:20 a.m. with the closure of Mechem Drive at Lower Terrace for all traffic except for parade participants. Westbound Sudderth Drive will be closed at 9:30 a.m. at Paradise Canyon Road. All roads intersecting the parade route will be closed at approximately 9:45 a.m. Westbound Paradise Canyon Road will remain open prior and during the parade for rerouted traffic. Public parking areas are located at the corner of Wingfield and Center streets and along Rio Street just north of Midtown. On-street parking along the parade route will not be available.

"We know that closing roads can be a slight inconvenience for parade goers," said Chamber Executive Director Sandi Aguilar. "We encourage everyone to allow plenty of time for parking to allow the police and fire department staffs to safely prepare the parade route for an enjoyable morning."



Aspenfest Weekend loaded with activities for everyone

The weekend is full of activities with a parade kicking off the festivities at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the corners of Sudderth and Mechem Drives. An arts and crafts show hosted by the Ruidoso Gymnastics Club will be held on Saturday and Sunday at School House Park from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day.

The New Mexico Open Chili Cook-off will be at Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino, Saturday,

Oct. 4, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., with a Ruidoso Chili Society Pod Cookoff at noon on Sunday.

The Rod Run to Ruidoso Car Show will also be at Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Throughout the weekend, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce will be selling "The Art of Compassion" T-shirts for the flood victims' relief fund.

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For complete calendar listings, or to list your event, visit www.ruidosotoday.com.

Calendar Highlights

Arts in the Orchard

Sept. 6-7: (Lincoln) Eleventh Annual Arts in the Orchard: in Lincoln, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Arts, crafts, music & more at the Dr. Wood's orchard and monument visitors center (mile-marker 97.5) on Hwy 380. Enter the apple pie or fruit-of-the-orchard contest, check out

a magic show and listen to local musicians. Info: Sue, 575-630-0044.

Youth Warehouse Grand Opening

Sept. 6: (Ruidoso) Community Youth Center Warehouse celebrates its opening with a street fair (2-6 p.m.), food, fun and music; 2-11 p.m. Bands are Dirty Jones, Home-Grown High, Atomic Pink and Next 2 the Tracks. Info: 630-0318.

History of the Block Ranch

Sept. 6: (Capitan) History of the Block Ranch presented by, Nathalee Britton Taylor. The Block Ranch is located north of the Capitan Mountains and at one time, had a drift fence that stretched from the Capitan

Mountains to near Vaughn, NM., and was one of the largest ranches in the United States. Nathalee's father, Nathaniel Britton, was the foreman of the Block Ranch from 1951 to 1964. The ranch was also the largest employer in Lincoln County at that time. A graduate of Capitan High School, Nathalee now lives in Lubbock and has recently written a book on the ranch, which should be published this fall. The presentation will take place at the Capitan Public Library at 3 p.m.

St. Eleanor Day in the Park

Sept. 7: (Ruidoso) Arts, crafts, food, dunking booth and live auction highlight the fundraiser at School House Park, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Raffles for giant flat-screen TVs and more. Family fun. Info: 257-2330.

Run for the BEACH

Sept. 13: (Ruidoso) Meet at McGary parking lot for the 8 a.m. 5K walk/run benefiting mammograms for Lincoln County citizens. Info: 257-9251 or fccfrankie@valornet.com.

Alamogordo Area House Concert

Sept. 13: (Alamogordo) Spend an evening with singer/songwriter Dana Cooper who has worked with the likes of Shake Russell, Leland Sklar and Russ Kunkel. Optional potluck starts at 6 p.m., with music 7-9 p.m. Suggested donation of \$10 at the door at 2050 Calle del Sol. Info: SKY of John Yates, 437-0325.

Golden Aspen Bike Rally

Sept. 17-21: (Ruidoso Downs/Ruidoso) Ruidoso Downs Race Track Sports Theater. This Ruidoso rally will attract more than 30,000 enthusiasts and is on the 2008 Lightning Customs Major Motorcycle Rally List. The Golden Aspen hosts the AMA National Road Riding Convention and has a trade show that covers more than 85,000 square feet. Other attractions include bike shows, field events, demo rides, poker runs through the Ruidoso area, motorcycle giveaway, motorcycle parade and other events and attractions. For information, email info@motorcyclerrally.com

Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street

Sept. 18-19: (Alto) Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m. both days. A musical thriller without compare, it is a bizarre tragic revenge packed with lush melodies, audacious humor and spine-tingling excitement. Marvelous music and lyrics by multiple Tony Award-winner Stephen Sondheim and brilliantly innovative, intimate and ingenious new direction and design by Tony Award-winner John Doyle. Starring 10 multi-talented

actors/musicians, its revolutionary revival – a winner of the 2006 Tony Awards for Best Musical – is being technically produced during a 10-day period at the Spencer by the phenomenal touring Broadway company of NETWORKS Productions. Phone 336-4800 or visit www.spencertheater.com for reservations.

Joan Jett in Concert

Sept. 20: (Ruidoso Downs) Joan Jett in concert at the Ruidoso Downs Racetrack & Casino. Joan Jett is a true American original. While still in her early teens, Joan, often called "the girl Elvis," founded the seminal all-girl rock group, The Runaways, whose hits such as "Cherry Bomb" made them an international sensation. She became the first woman in rock to own her own record label, Blackheart Records. There, her next group, Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, became a staple in the Top 10 charts and includes the hit, "I Love Rock 'n' Roll", which was No. 1 on the *Billboard* charts for two months. Jett also boasts many stage and film credits. Phone 378-4140 for information and tickets.

Tularosa Basin Wine & Music Fest

Sept. 20-21: (Alamogordo) Tularosa Basin Wine & Music Fest at the Alameda Zoo, 1321 N. White Sands Boulevard, Alamogordo. The Tularosa Basin Wine & Music Fest celebrates its 3rd year at a new and larger location. The combined Rotary clubs of the area come together to promote New Mexico's historic wine industry, showcasing the best of the state's wines, along with local and regional artists and live music all day. This event takes place concurrently with the White Sands Balloon Invitational, drawing pilots and crews, along with balloon enthusiasts from around the state, to Alamogordo. Costs are: ages 21 & over – \$10 in advance, \$12 at gate, Under 21 – free with parent or legal guardian.

Mountain Men

Sept. 27: (Ruidoso Downs) Mountain Men: The Adventurous Lives of the Fur Traders presented by Paul Wenzel at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs at 11 a.m. Mountain men were trappers and explorers who roamed the North American Rocky Mountains from about 1810 to the early 1840s. These men were primarily motivated by profit, trapping beaver and selling the skins, although some were more interested in exploring the West. A second trading and supply center grew up in Taos, in what is today New Mexico. Meet Mountain Man Paul Wenzel, as he shares the history of his trade and reveals the traditional skills of quill embroidery on hide.



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LET'S GO!

Youth Warehouse rocks

The long-awaited grand opening of the Community Youth Center Warehouse will be held tomorrow, Sept. 6, 2-11 p.m. There will be a street fair, music and games outside, with entertainment provided by local rockers Dirty Jones and HomeGrown High.

At 6 p.m., the entertainment will continue with a concert showcasing the Warehouse's fabulous light and sound systems, featuring El Paso's girl rockers, Atomic Pink, and LA recording artist Next 2 the Tracks.



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MUSIC & CONCERTS

Duo hits big time

You've heard the phrase "Number 1 with a bullet" Well, a local band, The Hillbilly Potentates, comprised of Jay Castleberry and Tim McCasland, has exploded onto the national scene. Their recently released CD, *It Takes One, To Know One*, has created quite a stir in the recording industry. One industry insider described their latest release as "No. 319 with a slingshot."

Aaron LaCombe, local musician and owner of Landlocked, looked on with excitement (at right) as recording industry "fat cat and big shot," Rutherford P. Lumbar, presented The Hillbilly Potentates with the coveted, and seldom-awarded, Plywood Record Award. After the ceremony, Potentate McCasland, in a gesture of his appreciation for the award, gave Lumbar a tomato from his garden.

The Plywood Record Award is presented by the recording industry to musicians that have certified sales of their CDs of at

least 47 copies. The Hillbilly Potentates were able to achieve this goal in a mere 2 1/2 months from the date of the release of their newest CD.

The reason the Plywood Record is seldom awarded is that most musicians don't want that designation, and prefer to move on to both Gold and Platinum records. The Hillbilly Potentates refer to those types of musicians as either "Smarty Pants" or "Know It Alls."

Following are a few comments from The Hillbilly Potentates after the awards ceremony.

¡Vámonos!: What is your opinion regarding this prestigious award?

McCasland: It's a good thing I planted "early girl" tomato plants ... it says 67 days on the little pot thingie and as of today, it's been 103 days since I planted her, and this is the very first red tomato I've got, and I'm not sure if she's totally ripe ... We'll find out here in a minute ... old Aaron knows from good food, I'll tell you that much.

¡Vámonos!: More specifically, how do you feel about your award?

McCasland: I guess that's nice

Castleberry: Hey, Tim, I sure wish you had brung me one of them tomatoes.

¡Vámonos!: Jay, how do you feel about the Award?

Castleberry: I sure like the crushed velvet background ... It's really soft."

¡Vámonos!: Aaron, what is it like having The Hillbilly Potentates play at Landlocked on a weekly basis?

LaCombe: Our customers seem to like them and I sell "Bootleg Copies" of their CD for cheap, so that makes a little extra money for the restaurant ... we divide that money among the staff.

¡Vámonos!: Mr. Lumbar It must be exciting having a band like The Hillbilly Potentates doing so well in the music business.

Lumbar: " A Yeah ... Right ... Hey, I've got a plane to catch. Thanks, gotta go ... so long ... see ya.



The Hillbilly Potentates will perform at Landlocked tonight, Sept. 5, beginning at 6 p.m. Be sure to look for a review of their award-winning CD written by Lazarus Cook in an upcoming edition of ¡Vámonos!

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Dreamcatcher - Roadmap
Club 49 at Inn of the Mountain Gods - 8 p.m.-1 a.m. - Shabang
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
Landlocked - 6-9 p.m. - Hillbilly Potentates

Saturday, September 6

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THEATRE

Teching the tours

BY KATHLEEN McDONALD
FOR VAMOS

When the lights go down and the curtain rises, patrons know they're about to be whisked into a breakaway reality. Two to three hours later, following the roar of hearty applause and standing ovations, the magic motors on down the road.

But what went on behind the scenes to make that theatrical experience so successful was altogether another drama — a grueling, yet extremely rewarding work call that synthesized tiers of details and made the production ready for the road.

The process is called "teching," and being selected as the facility for that process — as well as the site for premiering the show and launching its national tour — is quite simply an honor.

Well — ta da! Now for the fifth and soon to be sixth time in our brief 10-year tenure, the Spencer has been identified as the full-scale theater at which to tech major Broadway tours. This season, the Spencer will be preparing two elaborate productions — the Thursday, Sept. 18 and Friday, Sept. 19 premiers of *Sweeney Todd, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* for NETworks Presentations and the Thursday, Nov. 20 and Friday, Nov. 21 premiers of *Jesus Christ Superstar* for Troika Entertainment (a division of Columbia Artists Theatricals).



Both companies are among the best in touring Broadway productions whose top-notch revivals travel to roadhouses throughout North America, Europe and parts of Asia.

This will be our first teching experience with Troika Entertainment; our previous engagements have all been with NETworks for hit productions that included *Big* (1999), *Cabaret*, *Fosse*, and *Seussical the Musical*.

According to Kary Walker, the executive producer of NETworks, who joined crews during the teching of *Seussical*, the Spencer was again selected because of its high-quality staff, ample production and stage space, lack of distractions and the supreme mountain beauty of the Ruidoso area.

"The Spencer is the most astonishing theater I've ever seen," he enthusiastically declares. "Beautiful, surrounded by nature, out there in the middle of nowhere and with a staff that is the most competent, sweet and nicest bunch of people. It's unbelievable!"

"Our technicians, staff, administrators — everyone fights about who will get to work the Spencer shows," he says. "I mean, what is there not to love about the place? It's just the most pleasant community, the people are lovely — they actually take the time to talk to you — and the facility is exquisite!"

The teching of *Sweeney*, a bizarre thriller based on the 2006 Tony-Award winning revival starring 10 actors/musicians, will take place with a crew of approximately 65 people over a 10-day period (each work call is a 15-hour shift running 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.). The teching of *Superstar*, a poignant musical retelling of Jesus' final days (starring a cast of 20 and an orchestra of 10) will also take place over a 10-day period with a similar call for crew and production officials. Within those crew calls are production company officials and touring crews as well as Spencer stage crews and temporary crews.

Both runs involve the detailing of stage blocking and cues, fine-tuning of choreography, light and sound designs, rehearsals (for all stage hands and performers —



including actors and orchestra musicians), creation or repairs of scenic drops, sets, props, special effects, wardrobes, wigs and makeup, the filming of B-roll for TV marketing and — ultimately — the labeling and organization of the critical packing plans for every subsequent load-in and load-out for the rest of the tour.

In short, it's a lot of work that involves a lot of professionalism and employs a lot of people of all backgrounds. Why the Spencer has been selected to be the teching honoree is quite simple: its 5,000-square-foot stage with 48 fly-lines, state-of-the-art lighting and sound capabilities, large shop area and loading dock make it an ideal place at which to tech a show.

Having the two dimensions is unique. "Usually when a company techs a show they want to be in a city because of the excess of supplies needed," says Spencer Tech Director Bob Phaup. "But here, even if they have to travel to Alamogordo or El Paso to get the extra supplies, they find it worthwhile because of the size of the stage and reputation of our crew and the location of Ruidoso itself."

Of course, producing a show on site is 10-times more hectic than the typical one- or two-day whirl through our hall, but teching here is a definite win-win for both the Spencer and the production companies. The Spencer, staff and surrounding community become partners in

the touring Broadway business and the Ruidoso area is not only marketed to the world (via good word of mouth and actual show publicity) but also provides the NETworks production the most positive kick-off imaginable. "Everyone always comments on the hospitality here and the wholesome beauty of the area," says Phaup. "It's a refreshing experience for those in the industry to be here and that positive feeling comes through."

Meanwhile, the cast and crews' extended pre-performance stay in town is a boon for the local economy. "All these folks are staying in area hotels and will be dining and shopping in the community," says Charles Centilli, the Spencer's executive director. "Believe me, Ruidoso will know these folks like family before they leave town, and scores of industry professionals who hadn't previously heard of the Spencer will know it now. Our past experiences teching productions have added to our appeal as one of the most respected roadhouse theaters in the business, and have garnered us rave reviews from professionals both nationally and internationally. Without question, teching is rewarding for everyone around!"

For tickets to *Sweeney Todd* (\$53-\$59) and *Superstar* (\$46-\$59), call the Spencer Box Office at 575-336-4800, or visit www.spencertheater.com.

GOOD TO KNOW

Abundance of cookbooks



Polly's Potpourri

by Polly E. Chavez

I started to take inventory of my Mexican/Spanish/New Mexican/Hispanic cookbooks, recipe booklets and clipped newspaper and magazine recipes of the same nature. Whoa! Too many recipes!

I even have a wish list of the cookbooks I would like to buy: *Southwest Flavors*, *A Taste of*

Enchantment, Authentic Southwest Cooking, Best from New Mexico Kitchens, Mexican Cookbook, Genuine New Mexico Tasty Recipes, Mexican Family Favorites, New Mexican Cooking, Savor the Southwest, Seasonal Southwest Cooking and Mexican Cuisine with an American

Twist. Others are: *Fiesta Mexicali, Pink Adobe Cookbook, Rancho de Chimayo Cookbook, Route 66 Cookbook, Coyote's Pantry, Border Cookbook, and Foods of Santa Fe.*

Some cookbooks have a personal touch in the title: *Blonde Chicana Bride's Cookbook, Flora's Kitchen, Frida's Fiestas, Rick Bayless Mexican Kitchen, and Jane Butel's Hotter than Hell*. There are cookbooks for specific foods: *101 Things to do with a Tortilla, Gourmet Tortillas, Tortillas Lovers Cookbook, Well Filled Tortilla Cookbook, Tacos, Tamales 101, and Wholly Frijoles*. There are cookbooks for the busy: *Southwest Slow Cooking, Quick and Easy Mexican Cooking and Simple Southwestern Cooking.*

Cookbooks for the nutritionally minded include: *Vegi-Mexican, Low Fat Mexican and Healthy Southwest Cooking*. There is even a *Billy the Kid Cookbook*. It not only has recipes but it's a history book, too. The author may have re-searched the fact that Billy spoke fluent Spanish and señoritas cooked his favorite tongue-tingling dishes.

There are many cookbooks that deal with chile, the ingredient that is sure to perk up your taste buds: *Chile Lovers' Cookbook, Crazy for Chipotle, Great Chile Book, Great Salsa Book, Green Chile Bible, On the Chile Trail, Pepper Pantry: Habaneros, Real New Mexico Chile, Real Women Eat Chiles, Take this Chile and Stuff It,*

Totally Chile Pepper and Chili Madness (this cookbook ends chile with an "i". Tsk, tsk ...)

I season my red or green chile only with salt and garlic. (Green chile, roasted and peeled as for green chile stew. Red, dried chile pods blended as for red chile with pork or for enchiladas.) My parents and grandparents called it Carrizozo/Lincoln County chile.

We had not heard of chipotle or habanero chiles or cumin for a spice. One day I will compile a tried-and-true, user-friendly, quick and easy with common ingredients chile cookbook. I will title it, *Chile Making for Dummies*, borrowing the yellow and black color covers of the "any-subject-for-dummies" books.

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Out of the heartland of America – the stomping ground of Truman and Twain – Dana Cooper was playing his music in Kansas City clubs by the age of 16. Leaving behind a college art scholarship,

Dana toured the country and landed in Los Angeles.

In 1973, Elektra Records released his self-titled debut solo album featuring luminary players Russ Kunkel, Leland Sklar and Jim Horn. Cooper later moved to Texas to join forces with longtime friend Shake Russell. Their collaborations produced five highly successful folk-rock albums, including one on MCA in 1981.

The two became one of the most popular acts throughout Texas and the Southwest appearing together on Austin city Limits. Dana and Shake

continue recording and performing together to this day.

Cooper has wowed audiences throughout the U.S. and Europe recently with tunes from his newest album, *Made of Mud*, to be released on Sept. 13 on King Easy Records. Ingenious guitar work and gutsy harmonica continue to augment his passionate voice and insightful lyrics.

Cooper has been named Best Songwriter in Houston, was nominated Best male Vocalist by the Kerrville Music Foundation and nominated for their Hall of Fame.

Dining Guide

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Key Code:

- Y** Alcoholic beverages served
- R** Reservations required or suggested
- V** Vegetarian friendly

Alamogordo / Otero County

Bar-B-Que

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

Spring Mountain ChuckWagon BBQ • 1187 Hwy. 82, High Rolls • 682-4550 • Open Fri-Sun; Lunch and dinner.

Sunset Run Restaurant • 54 McDonald Rd. (west end of 10th St.), Alamogordo • Ribs, brisket, pork, sausage, smoked chicken and fish • Tue-Sat, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. • sunsetrunrestaurant.com or 434-9000. **Y T**

Texas Pit Barbeque • 211 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1101.

Cafés

Airport Grille • 3500 Airport Rd., Alamogordo • 439-1093 • Open Mon-Fri, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. • Specialty sandwiches, and daily specials.

Amigos Bakery • 1107 10th St., Alamogordo • 437-0592 • 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Deli, daily special. **V**

Brown Bag Deli • 900 Washington, Alamogordo • 437-9751 • Open Mon-Sat, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Deli, daily special. **V**

Café 675 • 675 Tenth St. at Lowes, Alamogordo • 437-5150.

Carina's Deli • 1200 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo, at Carina's Cucina • Hot and cold sandwiches, breakfast burritos, croissants and crepes • Take-out and delivery • Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. • 443-1350.

Cloudcroft Deli • 505 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-5588 • Open 7 days, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Soups, sandwiches, pastries. • Carry-out only.

Coffee & More • 308 Granada • Deli • Tularosa • 585-4575.

Dave's Café • 300 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thu, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. • Hamburgers/Coney Islands.

Front Porch Eatery Café • 94 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-7492 • Open Mon-Thu, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sun, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

High Country Lounge & Grill • 90 Pleasant Valley Dr., Timberon • 987-2580.

High Rolls General Store Deli • 845 Hwy. 82 • 682-2855.

Jamocha Bean Coffee House Café • 505 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2332 • Open Mon-Fri, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun 8 a.m.-5 p.m. • Coffees, salads & sandwiches.

Java The Hut • 506 St. Francis • Tularosa • 585-

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Josey's Sweets • 603 St. Francis Dr • Tularosa • 585-3120 • Open Mon-Sat, 12:30-9 p.m.; Sun, 2-8 p.m.

Mayhill Café • Mayhill • 687-3066

Mayhill Mercantile • Mayhill • 687-3425.

Mountain Top Mercantile Deli • 105 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-2777 Open 7 days, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. • Soups, deli, BBQ, pasta & pies. Carry-out only.

Mountain View Café & The Bistro (GCRMC), 2669 Scenic Dr., Alamogordo • 443-7456 (Mountainview) / 443-7457 (Bistro).

Nature's Pantry • 915 New York Ave., Alamogordo • 434-1670 • Open Mon-Thu, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fri-Sat 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • Organic foods. **V**

Nut House • 32 Ivy Ln • La Luz • 437-6889.

New York Avenue • 902 New York Ave. • Alamogordo • 434-1952 • Travel, coffee, crepes, jewelry and more. • Mon-Fri, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

Olive Branch Coffee & Deli • 123 N. White Sands • Alamogordo • 443-8151 • Open Mon-Sat, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. • Specialty coffees & teas, breakfast fare, sandwiches.

Plateau Espresso • 2724 N. Scenic, Alamogordo • 434-4466 • Open Sun-Thu, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-11 p.m. • Specialty coffees, sandwiches/soups. Wireless Internet.

Plaza Pub • 1004 N. White Sands, Alamogordo • 437-1092 • Open Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • Historic building. Green chile stew, sandwiches, salads. Bar featuring local micro brews.

Sweet Shop • 300 Burro Street • Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thu, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-8 a.m. • Smoothies, ice cream, fudge & truffles.

Tullie Oasis • 512 St. Francis • Tularosa • 585-2102.

Weed Café • Weed • 687-3611.

Western Bar & Café • 304 Burro Street • 682-2445 • Cloudcroft • Open 7 days 6 a.m.-9 p.m. (café). 7 days 9 a.m.-12 a.m.

Casual Dining

Al-O-Mar • 7400 U.S. 54/70, Tularosa • 585-2129.

Aspen Restaurant • 1315 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1031 • Open Mon-Sat, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Big Daddy's Diner • 1705 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1224 • Open Tue-Thu, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Chili's Grill & Bar • 202 Panorama, Alamogordo • 437-5903.

Denny's • 930 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-6106.

Gallo's Red Rooster Café • 306 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2448 • Open Sun-Thu, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat-Sun, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

La Rosa Steakhouse • 21 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa (inside the Tularosa Travel Center) • 585-3339 • Open 7 days a week, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. • Steaks, seafood, pasta, burgers, sandwiches and soups.

Lazy D Restaurant • 1202 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-2532.

Maria's Hired Hand • 905 Central, Tularosa • 585-5574.

Mom's Home Cooking • 604 First St., Alamogordo • 439-0288.

Mustard's Last Stand • 1920 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-2333 • Open Fri-Sat, 5 p.m.-9 p.m. • Dining and dancing.

Palm Side • 905 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-8644.

Chinese / Asian

Bamboo Garden Restaurant • 2617F N. White Sands, Alamogordo • 437-5552 • Korean and Chinese. **V**

Chinese Express • 3199 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-8880.

Golden Palace • 700 E. 1st St., Alamogordo • 434-2136.

Rocket National Buffet • 607 White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • Authentic styles of Chinese and American cuisine. • 437-5905.

Taiwan Kitchen • 110 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-4337.

The Spicy Thai • 915 Texas, Alamogordo • 434-0650.

The Wok Inn • 1010 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-4388 • Buffet, carry-out or dine in • 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily. **Y**

Yee's Oriental Express • 1115 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-7423.

Fast Food

Arby's Restaurant • 421 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-3534.

Blake's Lota Burger • 1320 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-0466.

Burger King • 117 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9297.

Hi-D-Ho Drive In • 414 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-6400.

Long John Silver's • 19 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-0330.

McDonald's • 222 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo, 437-2414 • Wal-Mart, 437-4339.

Sonic Drive In • 504 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-6505 • 101 Glacier Dr, 434-5263.

Subway Sandwiches & Salads • 100 Central, Tularosa • 585-8410.

Subway Sandwiches & Salads • 630 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-7461 • 1101 E Tenth St, 437-0200.

Taco Bell • 201 Panorama, Alamogordo • 437-3873.

Tullie Freez • 419 St. Francis, Tularosa • 585-4409.

Waffle & Pancake Shoppe • 950 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-0433.

Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers • 301 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-0865.

Fine Dining

Memories Restaurant • 1223 N. New York Ave., Alamogordo • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • 437-0077. **Y**

Pepper's Grill • 3200 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9717.

Rebecca's at The Lodge • 1 Corona Place, Cloudcroft • Breakfast, 7-10:30 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., with soups, salads, sandwiches, pasta; dinner, 5:30-10 p.m., with appetizers, steak, seafood, lamb, chicken, duck and pasta dishes • Dressy casual • Full bar • 800-395-6343 or 575-682-2566

Mexican

Alfredo's • 801 Delaware, Alamogordo • 437-1745.

Casa de Sueños New Mexican Restaurant • 35 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-3494 • Fax 585-3496. **Y V**

Eddie's Burrito Express • 750 E. First St., Alamogordo • 437-0266.

El Camino Restaurant • 1022 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-8809.

Juan's Cactus Café • 3199 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-2368.

La Hacienda • 800 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo.

Margo's Mexican Food • 504 E. First St., Alamogordo • 434-0689.

Maria's Mexican Food • 604 E. Tenth St., Alamogordo • 434-4549.

Mariscos Costa Azul • 415 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-1219 • Tue-Sun, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. • Full Mexican and Mexican-style seafood menu.

Maximino's • 2300 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 443-6102.

Si Señor Restaurant • 1480 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-7879.

Pizza/Italian

Carina's Cucina • 1200 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • Italian and Mediterranean specialties • French pastry chef offers European pastries for take-out • Mon-Thu, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat, 4-9 p.m.; Sun 11 a.m.-4 p.m. • 443-1350.

Gigi's Pizza • 600 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-5811.

Pizza Hut • 120 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9785.

Pizza Mill & Sub Factory • 1315 E. Tenth St., Alamogordo • 434-1313.

Pizza Patio • 2203 1st St., Alamogordo • 434-9633.

Ruidoso / Lincoln County

Bar-B-Que

Apache Summit • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at Inn of the Mountain Gods next to pro shop • 464-7695. **Y**

Can't Stop Smokin' • 418 Mechem Dr. • 630-0000

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Dining Guide

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- 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** • 506 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 11 a.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. **T**
- 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. **T**
- 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. **T**
- Denny's** • 2219 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • 378-1389 • Open 24/7.
- Elsie's Charbroiled Burgers** • Hwy. 54 at Hwy. 380 (old Taste 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. **T**
- Four Winds Restaurant** • 111 Central Ave., Carrizozo • 648-2964 • Mon-Sun, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. • American variety, Mexican, freshly baked goods, lounge. **T**
- 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 T**
- Landlocked** • 441 Mechem • 257-9559 • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 12-8 p.m. **V T**
- Lincoln County Grill** • 2717 Sudderth • 257-7669 • Open 7 Days, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. **T**
- 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. **T**
- 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.
- Schlitzky'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.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 8 a.m.-11 p.m. • Recent menu changes and additions • 464-7928. **T**
- Smokey Bear Restaurant** • 310 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 354-2557 • Open 7 Days, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.
- The Quarters** • 2535 Sudderth • Complete restaurant featuring steaks, burgers, barbecue, drink specialties and more • Live music Sundays for "Blues & BBQ" • 257-9535. **T**

Fast Food

- Burger Trolley** • 647 Sudderth • 257-3868 • 11-7 daily • Take-out only. **T**
- 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, 7 a.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. **T**
- 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 T**
- 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 T**
- Morsels** • 2919 Sudderth Dr. • 630-0113.
- Texas Club Bar & Grill** • 212 Metz Dr. • Ruidoso • 258-3325. **T**
- 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. **T**
- 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 T**
- 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 T**

Mexican Food

- Casa Blanca** • 501 Mechem • 257-2495 • 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily • New Mexican cuisine, lounge. **T**
- 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. **T V**
- Chileo's** • 135 W. Hwy. 70 • 378-4033 • 7 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. **T**
- 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. **T**
- El Localito** • 2415 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso • 257-8448.
- El Paisano** • 442 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 354-2206. **V**
- El Paraíso 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. **T**
- 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, 11 a.m.-7 p.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 T**
- 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.
- Michelenia's** • 2703 Sudderth • 257-5753 • Sun-Thu, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. **V T**
- 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 T**
- Pizza Hut** • 725 Sudderth Dr. • 257-5161 • 1201 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso • 258-3033. **V T**
- Santino's Italian Restaurant** • 2823 Sudderth • 257-7540. **V T**

Chinese / Asian

- Great Wall of China** • 2913 Sudderth Dr. • 257-2522. **V T**
- Yee's** • 633 Sudderth • 257-5888 • Chinese, eat in or take out • Daily, 10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Dinner Theater

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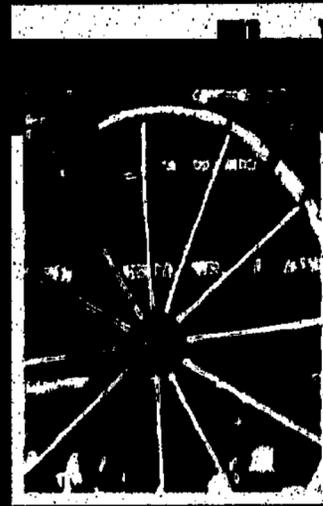
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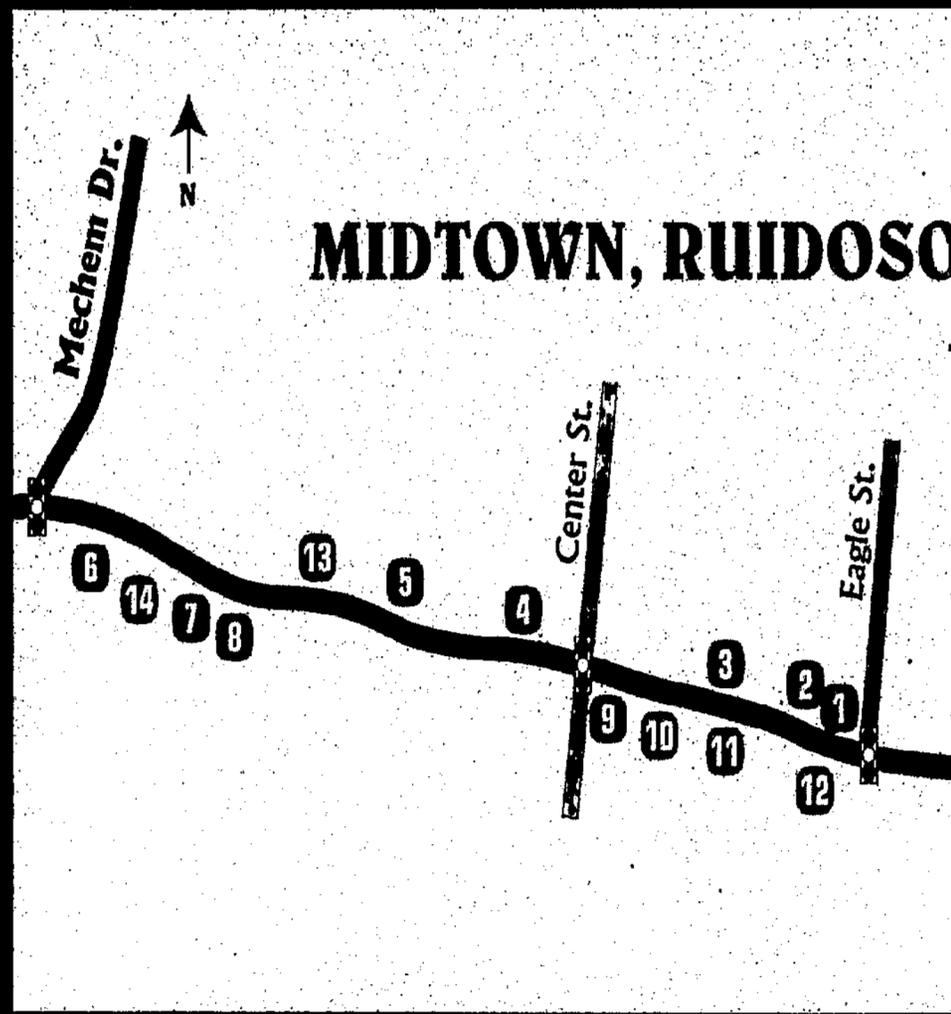
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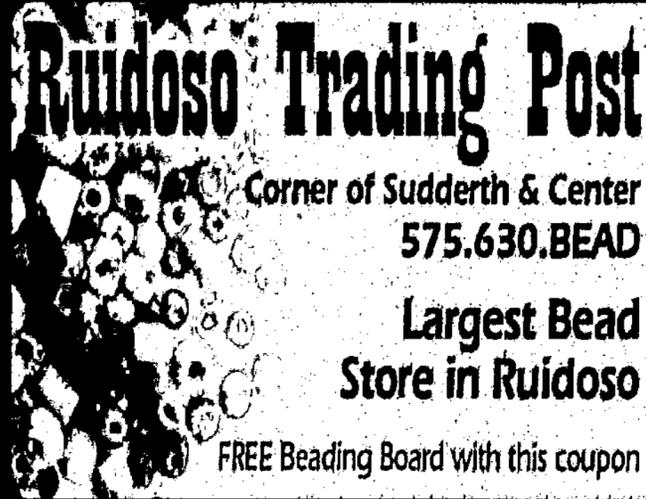


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As a reminder, BEACH stands for Breast cancer Education, Awareness, Cure and Hope, and through the previous 10 years, funds have been raised for well more than 1,000 mammograms.

To continue this much-needed project, the members of the Run for the BEACH committee are seeking not only participants, but sponsors and help from the community. Donations of cash, prizes, food or assistance are welcomed. The

organization is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, and all proceeds go to defray mammogram costs in Lincoln County.

The entry fee is \$20, but must be received by Sept. 5 to ensure receiving a 2008 T-shirt. Registration and T-shirt pick-up will be at the Village Buttery, 2107 Sudderth Dr. Late registration may also be made the morning of the race, from 7:15-7:30 a.m. There will be an aerobic warm-up at 7:30, with the 5K race commencing at 8 a.m.

Awards will be given out at the finish line, which include 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for both male and female runners in the various age categories. Refreshments will be provided.

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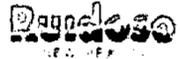
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Help & Healing

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-Anon: Meets at noon every Friday at the Methodist Church in Carrizozo. Come to the back door and bring your own lunch.

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m., 8 p.m. daily at 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 Mesalero 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 paintladies64@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 community. 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.

Wisdom 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 8 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.

Mountain Top 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

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

Altusa Club: 5:30 p.m. every first Tuesday for program; Noon every third Tuesday for lunch; Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mesalero 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.

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Capitan Smokey Bear Lions Club: 5:30 p.m. every Thursday at Smokey Bear Restaurant. Info: Marcia, 937-2731, or Randy, 354-2047.

Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program: 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso. For children age 4 to 6th grade; Info: 257-2081, www.fbcruaidoso.com.

Friends of Capitan Library: Call for volunteers for Not 2 Shabby Thrift Shop. Info: Raynena, 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.

Laughing Eyes Kennels: 501(c)(3) nonprofit breeder and trainer of Service Dogs in Nogal seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling & puppy socialization, bookkeeping, fundraising and kennel upkeep/man-

agement. Info: www.jekennels.org or 575-354-4342.

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 Zaragoza, 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 whitemountain-sar@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountain-sar.org or phone 336-1530.

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: Monthly meeting at various locations with guest speakers and lunch. For more information, phone Dolores at 653-4379.

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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, 437-5616 or Allen, 434-2349.

Ulusa 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 Manscos 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, Alamogosa, Tularosa and Mesalero. 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 Tirling, 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 Mosler, 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 desert-basin.toasthost.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 Fraternia Order of Eagles Club, 471 24th St. Join to play or learn. Contact Delilah at 442-8750.

Other Ongoing Activities

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ART SCENE

Maravilla 2008



Detail of "¡Volver, Volver!" by Polly E. Chávez.

Sandia Resort and Casino Grand Ballroom will be the site of Maravilla 2008, a dinner/dancing event of Albuquerque's National Hispanic Cultural Center (NHCC) Foundation on Sept. 13.

Maravilla 2008 welcomes entertainer Cheech Marin, as the NHCC honorary chair for the gala. Marin is an acclaimed collector of Hispanic art and on the NHCC advisory board. The spectacular silent auction highlights will include the glass art of Dale Chihuly; lunch in Washington, D.C., with Former President Bill Clinton; tour of the nation's capitol with U.S. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton; and autographed items by sports figures like Pelé and Brian Urlacher.

In addition to original art and trips, the auction includes jewelry and gift certificates. Maravilla 2008 will also feature donated art of artists throughout the state.

Visit the auction art gallery at www.nhccnm.org. A percentage of auction items will be designated to the NHCC Community Art Gallery.

Lincoln County artist Polly E. Chávez

donated a Día de los Muertos shrine (ofrenda) for the NHCC auction. She created her ofrenda "¡Volver, Volver!" to honor musicians. She has researched this Mexican celebration and embraced it because of the ties to history of the Spaniards when they entered Mexico. Chávez has constructed a variety of miniature shrines for art shows and history projects.

Día de los Muertos is a time for fiesta music, special foods, flowers, poems and crafts created especially for this holiday. Chávez says, "Día de los Muertos is a celebration of the memories of our dearly departed. It is celebrated on Nov. 1 and 2, when the Aztecs, Maya, Inca and Catholic traditions come together in an expression of love for our dead, similar to Memorial Day in the United States."

Chávez, a retablo artist, works at Carrizozo Public Schools as an elementary art facilitator and educational assistant. She writes a column, "Polly's Potpourri," featured weekly in the pages of ¡Vámonos!

Unveiling The Wall

The Wall of Courage, the nation's largest mosaic monument, is currently being installed on the north wall of the new Ruidoso Fire Station. The grand unveiling of this gigantic piece of art will take place at 9 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 11. The Wall of Courage honors firefighters for their heroic service to the public. It has been a project of artists Brian and Summer Sarinova, coordinated by the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts.

Invitees include Governor Bill Richardson and Lieutenant Governor Diane Denish. On hand will be speakers Ruidoso Mayor L. Ray Nunley, Brian Sarinova and RRCA Board of Directors President Josie Powell. The Ruidoso High School 24-Karat Gold Band will play "The Star Spangled Banner" as the Ruidoso Fire Department Color Guard displays the flag. The event will be broadcast live on New Mexico in the Morning with Tim Keithly on KRUI, News, Talk and Tourism Radio,

1490 AM. Also on hand will be Fire Chief Tom Gavin and Ruidoso firefighters, who will release the covering, unveiling this stirring tribute to our heroes which will be a legacy for our children and visitors for generations to come.

The public is invited to come to the unveiling at the new fire station at 541 Sudderth Dr.

The Arts Council has been conducting a funding drive for the project all summer, and started the project in earnest when they believed they had reached their goal. There have been some substantial funding pledges fail, and consequently, the RRCA is still seeking donations to help repay a loan which they have taken out to ensure the project's completion would meet the goal of Sept. 11, which is now known as "Patriot Day."

For information, phone the RRCA at 575-257-7272.



LET'S GO!

Arts in the Orchard

This weekend, Sept. 6-7, brings the 11th Annual Arts in the Orchard to Lincoln, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., both days. Arts, crafts, music and much more attract visitors from all over to Dr. Wood's Orchard and the Lincoln National Monument Visitors Center (mile-marker 97.5) on Hwy. 380.

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Mark Remington will entertain and act as emcee during the 11th Annual Arts in the Orchard, Sept. 6-7, in Lincoln. Artists and crafters will be showing and selling their creations, and everyone is welcome to enter the pie-baking contests. Photos by John Soden.

ASTRONOMY

Another rock to visit

Last week's edition of this feature discussed Comet d'Arrest, which is currently bright enough to view with binoculars as it travels through our southern sky during the evening hours. Comet d'Arrest is only one of numerous comets that are presently passing through our skies and that are detectable with telescopes of various sizes; like d'Arrest, many of these are regular visitors that return to the inner solar system every few years.

One of these other visitors currently in our nighttime sky is Comet Churyumov-Gerasimenko, an object discovered by two Russian astronomers in 1969 (by a curious coincidence, on a photograph that had been taken of another comet).

This particular comet has an orbital period of just under 6 1/2 years and is presently traveling through the obscure southern constellation of Microscopium (curiously, not too far from where Comet d'Arrest is currently located).

It is far too dim to detect with any backyard telescope, however, and when it is closest to the sun next February it will be moving over to the far side of the sun as seen from Earth and will still be a

In Our Skies

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Astronomer



dim and difficult object to view.

When Churyumov-Gerasimenko returns again in 2015, it will be somewhat better placed for viewing, and sky-watchers with larger backyard telescopes should be able to follow it in the morning sky during the late summer months of that year. The

comet should have a companion with it when it returns then: the European Space Agency's Rosetta spacecraft, which was launched in March 2004.

If all goes according to plan, Rosetta will have reached the comet in mid-2014 – over a full year before its closest approach to the sun – at which time it would (presumably) be an inert object.

The Rosetta mission plan calls for the spacecraft to accompany Churyumov-Gerasimenko as it "turns on" during its excursion into the inner solar system, and among other investigations a landing probe will be detached to land upon the comet's nucleus.

Rosetta is taking a rather circuitous route to get to Churyumov-Gerasimenko, and has already made two flybys of Earth and one of Mars in an effort to use the planets' gravity to give it the energy it needs to complete its journey.

It is now traveling

through the main asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter which, contrary to popular opinion, is actually not the crowded and dangerous environment often depicted in various science fiction movies.

Despite the very large number of asteroids, the space they inhabit is so vast that they are in fact separated by enormous distances.

If Rosetta, or any other spacecraft passing through the asteroid belt, were to encounter any asteroids, this would almost certainly have to be the result of a deliberate attempt to do so. Indeed, this has been done with previous missions; for example, a decade and a half ago, the Galileo spacecraft passed by the asteroids Gaspra and Ida while en route to its final destination of Jupiter.

As it turns out, Rosetta is slated to fly by two asteroids during its excursion through the main asteroid belt while on its way to Churyumov-Gerasimenko. The first of these encounters takes place today, Sept. 5, when Rosetta passes 500 miles from the asteroid Steins.

Rosetta has already been imaging Steins for the past month, in an effort to test its imaging and targeting systems. But up until very recently Steins has appeared as little more than a starlike object in Rosetta's camera.

If all goes well during this encounter, we should soon know quite a bit more about this 3-mile-wide rock that likely her-

alds from our solar system's earliest days.

Steins, incidentally, was discovered in 1969 by the Russian astronomer Nikolaj Chernykh, and travels around the sun in a near-circular orbit every 3.6 years. It is currently located low in our southwestern sky after dusk, traveling through the stars of the constellation Libra, but is far too dim to detect with any backyard telescope.

Following its encounter with Steins, Rosetta will soon dip back into the inner solar system, passing by Earth again, in November 2009, to get the final burst of energy it needs to complete its trip. On its way back out, it will pass by another (and much larger) asteroid, Lutetia, in July 2010, before heading out on its way for its history-making rendezvous with Churyumov-Gerasimenko four years later.

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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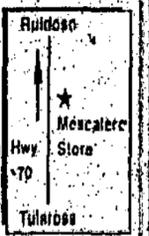


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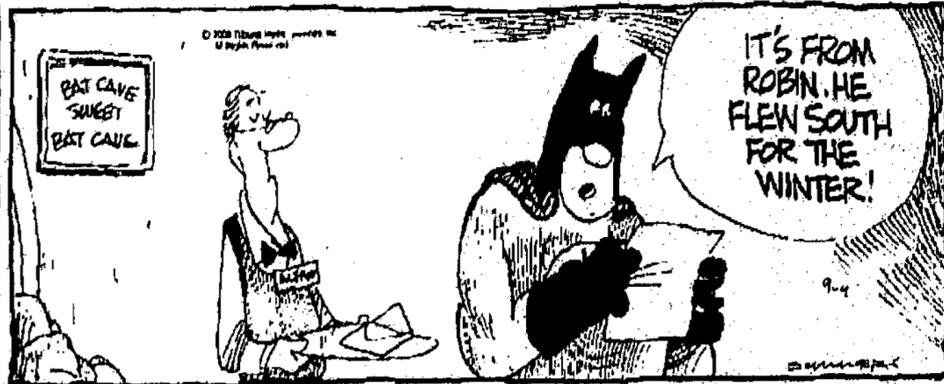
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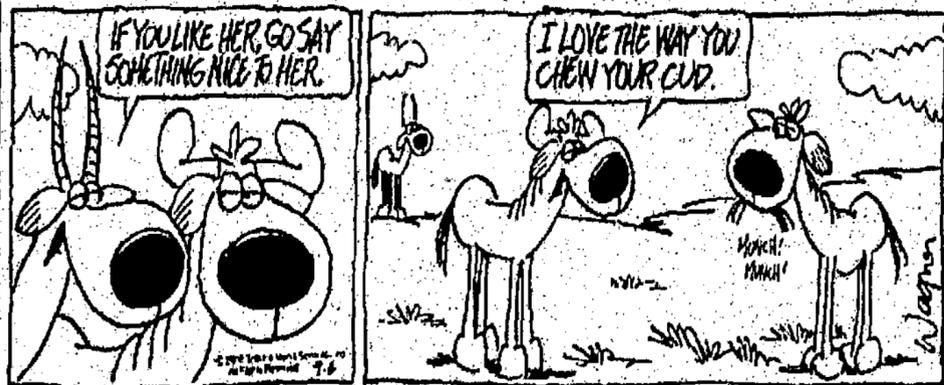
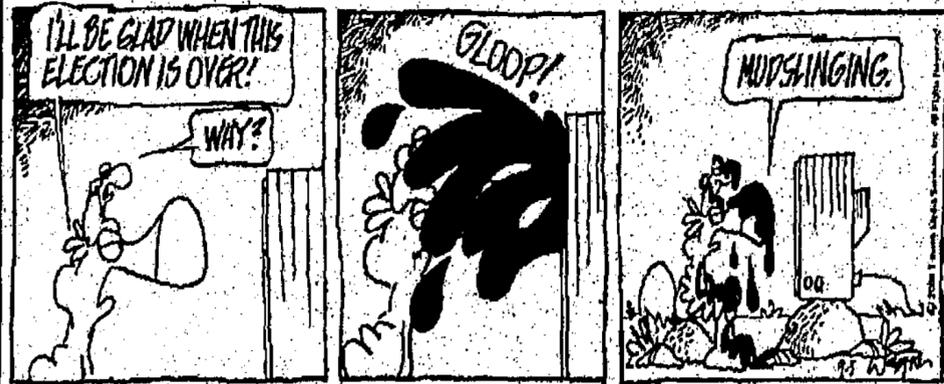
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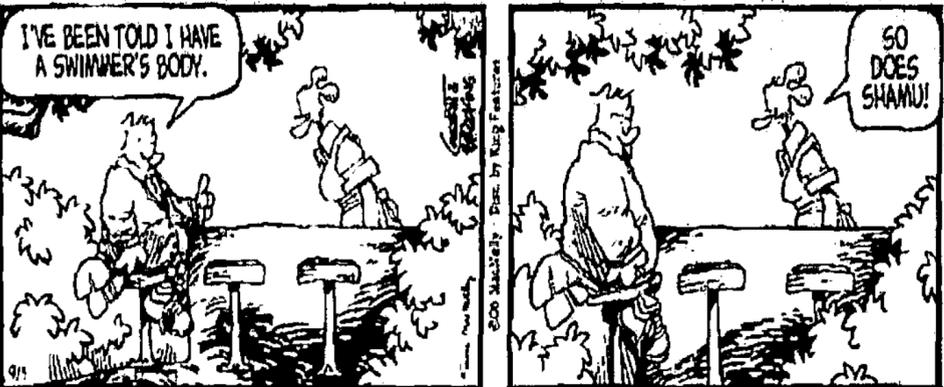
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Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS
1 Time to attack
5 On the trail of
10 Space Mountain, e.g.
14 Doomed
Genesis city
19 Celtic language
20 Dance studio rail
21 Lou Grant's ex-wife
22 Start of a noted B-29 name
23 Dense private eye?
26 Cat, at times
27 "seen enough!"
28 Stood
29 Mountain feature
30 Not at all generous
31 Thanks overseas
33 River in Lyons
35 Integra maker
36 Out-of-shape policeman?
41 Org. for pieceniks?
44 Dale Evans, for one
47 Motel offerings: Abbr.
48 Church service closers
50 Morales of "NYPD Blue"
51 Sewing case
53 Understanding
54 Many cons
55 NFL great portrayed in "Brian's Song"
57 Frequently seasick sailor?
61 Ravel's "Gaspard de la
62 Old marketplace
63 Clinton's "My Life," e.g.
64 Unfamiliar with
66 Clock stopper, at times
67 Numbered rds.
69 Beira won it in the A.L. three times
70 Fall spot
71 Orlando-to-Miami dir.
74 Topps rival
76 Steals, slangily
78 Burger option
80 Twice tetra
82 Inaccurate animal doctor?
85 Tasks for Hercules
86 Aversion to slang, say
88 Musical sense
89 Spanish snack

- 91 Mercury or Saturn, but not Mars
92 Tropical cooler
94 Alpine road section
96 Poor rating
98 "Hold on a..."
99 Confused fighter pilot?
102 Some '80s Chryslers
104 "...boy or ..."
105 State in northeast India
109 Five Nations tribe member
111 Texas's state tree
113 Outback hoppers
116 Source of 3-D pictures?
117 1990 Hotelier of the Year
Trump
118 Amateurish psychiatrist?
121 Interior design
122 Native Nebraskan
123 Tough tests
124 He won the Nobel Peace Prize three years after Lech
125 Bothered
126 Pelé's org.
127 Wonka's favorite tree?
128 Queen's subjects
DOWN
1 Wrangler fabric
2 Forced
3 Yellow-centered bloomer
4 Nevertheless
5 Peek-
6 Helpful Web pages
7 Most loyal
8 Pa. airport north of PIT
9 It's often in the basement
10 More sunburned
11 "Gotchal"
12 Backgammon need
13 "A mouse!"
14 Go from 10 to 70, e.g.
15 Broadcasting
16 Clientless talent finder?
17 Two-time pairs skating gold medalist
18 Contrary gardener
24 Small antelope
25 Types
30 With no adverse consequences
32 More shrewd
34 Luxor Hotel feature
35 Apt. coolers
37 Mined things
38 Final: Abbr.
39 Phone co. employee
40 Québec's Champlain
42 Santoni who played restaurateur
Poppo on "Seinfeld"
43 Kind of prof.
44 Labor leader
45 Missouri feeder
46 Wandering cabby?
49 It parallels the radius
52 Takes advantage of
53 Two-time chess World Champion
56 Uncommon
58 Type of leather jacket
59 Turning point
60 Postscripts
63 European blackbird
65 L.A. Sparks' org.
68 It's needed in most pro sports
70 "At Last" singer
James
72 Somewhat, informally
73 CNN reporter
David
75 -back
77 Assaults
79 Dishonors
80 Elects
81 Fix
83 Gave temporarily
84 Dry streambed
85 "Smallville" girl
87 "Once and Again" Emmy winner
90 Rue Morgue creator
93 One of Us?: Abbr.
94 Blue book filler
95 PR specialist
97 Net funds
100 Buffalo's place, once?
101 "Magnificent" late-night role
103 Pond glider
106 Beam
107 Four-time Masters winner, familiarly
108 They may be directional
109 Call-length skirt
110 No longer mourning
111 Hummus holder
112 Baseball Hall of Famer Slaughter
114 St. with counties named Comanche and Choctaw
115 Bologna bone
118 Director Howard
119 "Deathtrap" playwright Levin
120 Yank's foe

Crossword puzzle grid with numbered squares for clues.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

Jumble words: DOJOT, TOSOP, STEGAK, BRONCA. Each word is represented by a grid of squares with one letter circled.

Answer:

Answer grid showing the unscrambled words: CABBY, STOLE, GASKET, OUTDO.



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Scrabble solution grid showing rack scores and word counts for Rack 1 through Rack 4.

Scrabble puzzle grid with words like 'CABBY', 'STOLE', 'GASKET', 'OUTDO' visible.

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

Jumbles: OUTDO STOOP GASKET CARBON Answer: Her fiance was quite a catch because he came from --- GOOD STOCK

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MUSIC & CONCERTS

Pickamania!

Pickamania! – a bluegrass festival – is the latest in Silver City's growing list of musical events. Staged by the Mimbres Region Arts Council, Pickamania! will feature bluegrass, folk and Americana music on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13 and 14.

Like the region's Blues Festival in the spring, admission to Pickamania! is free. The music will fill the air at Silver City's tree-shaded Gough Park, at 12th and Pope, just north of downtown. Spectators are reminded to bring their own blankets or chairs. Food and refreshments will be available for sale.

Ten groups will perform at the first annual Pickamania! Festival, starting at noon on Saturday



and ending at 6 p.m. Sunday, according to Faye McCalmont, executive director of the Mimbres Region Arts Council. Among the headliners are bluegrass favorites Chatham County Line, Robin and Linda Williams, Boulder Acoustic Society and Red Molly. Silver City groups Bayou Seco, Gypsy Feet Band and the Silver City String Beans also will perform.

"There is a resurgence of bluegrass music in America," according to McCalmont. "The classic style was born in 1946 and bluegrass bands today

reflect influences from a variety of sources, including traditional and fusion jazz, contemporary country, rock and roll, gospel and even Celtic music. Pickamania! will sample much of this."

Sure to become a spectator favorite is the Band Scramble. Anyone attending Pickamania! with an instrument, and who wishes to play, may be selected to perform as part of a group. Each group will be given time to practice before performing on Saturday at 2:15.

Pickamania! resulted from a conversation between McCalmont and Bill Bussmann, a master mandolin maker, who lives in Caballo, N.M.

"For several years he had a fun event on his property, which grew to 20



acts and lasted past midnight," said McCalmont. "The crowd became too large for Bussmann's place," she added, "so the event was discontinued."

"For several years, Bill and I talked about resurrecting the event in Silver City. When I approached the MRAC Board of Directors, it unanimously voted to resurrect Pickamania! It's a great way to end the summer."

Bussmann has blessed Pickamania! with the donation of a handmade mandolin valued at

\$2,400, which will be given away just before the final performance. Raffle tickets are \$5, and may be purchased at the MRAC office inside the Wells Fargo Bank, online at www.mimbresarts.org and onsite at Pickamania!

Free admission to Pickamania! is made possible by support through a

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