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ENMU board president killed

Alva C. Carter of Portales, a supporter of the Ruidoso campus, dies in a car wreck

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Alva C. Carter Sr., 68, president of Eastern New Mexico University's board of regents, died in an automobile accident early Thursday in Roosevelt County.

According to the New Mexico State Police, at about 7:18 a.m., officers responded to a one vehicle crash on State Road 202, also known as Cacahuate Road, about five miles from U.S. 70.

Carter, who lived in Portales, was driving a 2005 Dodge Magnum east on State Road 202. The reporting officer wrote that for an unknown reason, the vehicle traveled off the south side of the roadway and struck a tree, which caused the vehicle to overturn and land on its top.

Carter, who was wearing his seatbelt, was pronounced dead at the scene. State Police Capt. Jimmy Glascock said his officers were assisted by Roosevelt County Sheriff's deputies.

On hearing about the accident, Gov. Bill Richardson said, "I am saddened by the untimely passing of Alva Carter, Sr. His lifelong dedication to education and his commitment to Eastern New Mexico University and the surrounding community will be greatly missed. Barbara and I extend our condolences to his family and friends.

Mike Elrod, who heads the

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CARTER

FINGER-LICKIN' GOOD

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Mackenzie Beavers, 2 1/2, of Ruidoso, licks lollipop residue from her fingers after visiting Santa Claus last weekend during the annual Christmas Jubilee held at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Domenici: PILT program 'fully funded'

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Officials with the Department of the Interior Thursday released an additional $13.6 million in Fiscal Year 2008 funding to 32 New Mexico counties through the federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes program.

U.S. Senator Pete Domenici announced that for the first time since 1994, the state received the entire federally entitled amount for PILT. The latest installment supplements the $22.4 million received by New Mexico counties in June as part of the first round of FY2008 PILT payments, bringing the state's FY2008 funding total to $36.1 million.

That amount is the largest payment received by any state and dramatically higher than the $22.7 the state received in FY2007.

For Lincoln County, the supplement of $637,928 will bring the 2008 total up from $1,051,288 to $1,689,216.

Domenici is a member of the Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee that funds the PILT program and frequently supported attempts to boost federal appropriations funding for the program, which is intended to help counties make up for lost revenues due to tax-exempt federal lands within their jurisdiction.

The new funding is the result of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 passed by Congress

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Property taxes are in earlier

■ Economy may be changing priorities, treasurer surmises

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Lincoln County property owners are sending back annual tax payments earlier this year, County Treasurer Beverly Calaway told county commissioners Tuesday.

"I think with the financial crisis, people are making sure their number one priority is taken care of first," she said.

The entities that receive property tax distributions also benefit when owners pay their 2008 tax bills faster, she said.

Smooth process

"The billing process went smoothly and we were able to mail a few days earlier than the Nov. 1 deadline required by New Mexico state statutes," Calaway said. "I like to get them out as early as possible to give our people more time to prepare for the burden of paying taxes. On Oct. 22, we mailed 30,043 tax bills, an increase of 207 from 2007. The total amount billed for 2008 was $20,697,038.55, an increase over last year's figure of $1,707,888.29.

"As of (Monday), we collected $5,862,514.07. The taxes have been coming in very well. Our office has been swamped to process every payment within the 24 hour period required."

Property taxes become delinquent after Dec. 10.

"We do accept the postmark, but I advise people to take the envelope into the postmaster and watch them postmark it, because we had a lot of problems last year," she said.

Calaway prepared a chart for commissioners showing the breakdown of property taxes billed by her office.

The largest chunk

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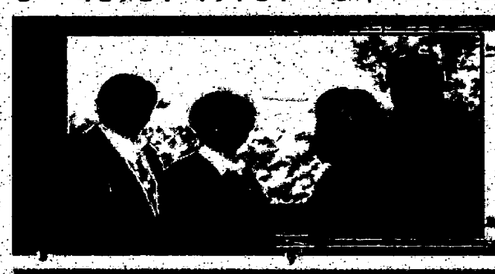

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Lions Club District 40S Governor Kitty Callender, center, helps Terry Wood and Chris Blatchley carry about 45 new coats into the Gateway Church of Christ for the Coats for Kids Drive. Callender spent almost $1,000 of a Lions International Foundation Grant she received for victims of the July 27 Ruidoso Flood to purchase the coats.

Alpine meeting

Members of the Alpine Village Water and Sanitation District board will meet at 5:30 p.m., Dec. 1, in the District's building at 112A Alpine Meadows Trail.

The meeting will cover regular business for the District, such as paying bills and reporting on the operations of the water system.

The agenda also may contain discussion regarding new security fencing, emergency generator, and committees to address the Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan, Capacity Assessment, and revising the Bylaws and Regulations.

All residents of the District are welcome to attend. Agendas are available at least 24 hours prior to meeting time. Regular meetings are set for 5:30 p.m., the first Monday of the month.

Food drive

With the holiday season rapidly approaching, the teams at First Savings Bank and Help End Abuse for Life are sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Nest, a domestic violence shelter.

Donations of non-perishable food items are being accepted at First Savings Bank at its temporary location at 2710 Sudderth Dr. through out the holiday season.

Food collected through Nov. 25, will be delivered the day before Thanks-giving and food collected from Nov. 28 through Dec. 23, will be delivered on Christmas Eve.

For more information contact the staff at First Savings bank at 257-7170. First savings Bank is Member FDIC and Equal Housing Lender.

U.S. 48 restriping

Routine restriping work on New Mexico 48 began Wednesday at the junction of Sudderth and Mechem Drive, and crews will work their way to Capitan.

The work is expected to take a week to two weeks to complete.

Motorists should maintain a safe distance behind striping equipment, at least 500 feet back. They are advised not to cross the wet material, because the paint is difficult to remove, and are encouraged to avoid an area being striped when possible.

Temporary traffic control measure will be in place, while work is taking place.

Much mulch

Officials in the Ruidoso Solid Waste Department in cooperation with Sierra Contracting, Inc., will begin the "Community Give Back Mulch Program" on Monday.

Area residents will be allowed to pick up the mulch at the village Solid Waste Shop at the White Mountain Sports Complex on Hull Road.

Just follow the signs or call 257-1502. Watch for other pick up locations to be announced later.

Larger quantities can be picked up at the Sierra Contracting, Inc. compost facility located in Ruidoso Downs. The charge is $2 per cubic yard. Delivery also is available. A 10 cubic yard load can be delivered locally for $65 or a 30 cubic yard load for $95.

For delivery, call Sierra Contracting, Inc. at 378-1091.

DWI meeting

The regular meeting of the DWI Planning Council is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Sheriff's Substation next to the Ruidoso Public Library on Kansas City Road.

The purpose of the meeting is:

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of New Members and Guests
3. Report on Prevention Implementation by Secretary
4. Report by other members on Prevention activities
5. Report by Chairman
6. New requests

LCMC meeting

The Lincoln County Medical Center Board of Directors meets at 6 p.m. Monday, in the hospital Conference Room.

It will be the final meeting for 2008.

U.S. 70 speed limit

Drivers will be able to cruise an extra 5 mph on U.S. 70 heading east from Riverside toward Roswell.

Officials with the New Mexico Department of Transportation reviewed accident history and conducted speed studies for a section of U.S. 70 and of U.S. 82 west of Artesia. After reviewing the traffic data, they decided to adjust the speed limits.

The posted speed limit was increased on U.S. 70 from 65 mph to 70 mph effective immediately. The affected section of U.S. 70 is from the top of the hill east of Riverside to just west of the intersection of Brown Road in Roswell, from mile post 302 to mile post 325.

As a result of the speed study on U.S. 70, traffic officials determined that 85 percent of drivers operated their vehicles at 71.5 mph. Based on the speed studies, the increased speed will better meet the current traffic conditions and promote uniformity among speeds along the highway sections, DOT officials stated.

The posted speed limit was increased on U.S. 82 from 55 mph to 65 mph effective immediately. The section of U.S. 82 is from mile post 70, west of the intersection with New Mexico Highway 13 to mile post 101, west of Artesia.

The lower speed limit

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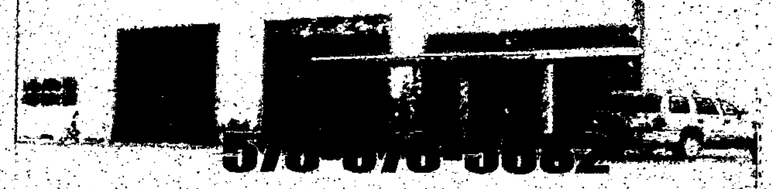

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COURTESY KATHLEEN MCDONALD

Crowned with a lavaliere mic, the famed actor Ted Neeley, who stars in Jesus Christ Superstar at the Spencer Theater on Thursday and Friday night, points out his dressing room to theater paparazzi during his rehearsal break on Tuesday. Neeley, who has been portraying Jesus in the Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber masterpiece for the past 35 years, starred in both the 1973 movie and the Broadway and LA stage versions.

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through Hope will remain, with an additional short 55 mph speed zone on each side of Hope.

DOT officials said the benefit of a uniform speed is that vehicle collisions are less likely to occur if drivers are traveling at about the same speed.

They reminded motorists that with the increased speed limit, it is important to drive at the posted speed and obey all traffic signs.

GOP officers

At their November meeting, the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County kicked off preparation for the 2010 election cycle with an enthusiastic and informative meeting that included installation of club officers to serve the next two years: President, Karen Clontz; 1st Vice-President, Lavonne Adams; 2nd Vice President, Connie Nelson; Treasurer, Diana Billingsley; Recording Secretary, Dolores Stevens; and Correspondence Secretary, Norma Lundberg.

John Billingsley, past chair of the Republican Party of Lincoln County and manager of Steve Pearce's campaign for U. S. Senator, spoke about the necessity of grass-roots participation in any campaign.

He also stressed the importance of fund-raising, saying voters shouldn't feel if they can't donate large sums of money they can't contribute financially; "Believe me, five or ten dollar donations mount up fast."

The FRWLC will resume their regular 4th Tuesday meetings on Jan. 27 at La Quinta Inn & Suites. For membership information, call Karen at 575-336-1360.

Genevieve Duncan, FRWLC past President and Board member, inducts the 2008-2010 officers of the Republican Party of Lincoln County: President, Karen Clontz; 1st Vice-President, Lavonne Adams; Correspondence Secretary, Norma Lundberg; 2nd Vice President, Connie Nelson; Treasurer, Diana Billingsley; Recording Secretary, Dolores Stevens.

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The winner of the first annual Halloween Pet Costume contest is Eevee, owned by Lana Emerson-Beth. Thanks to a majority of votes, Eevee and her owner will receive goodies from the Humane Society of Lincoln County and the *Ruidoso News*, which cosponsored the competition. Scores of dogs and their owners entered the contest, and the Humane Society thanks all participants.

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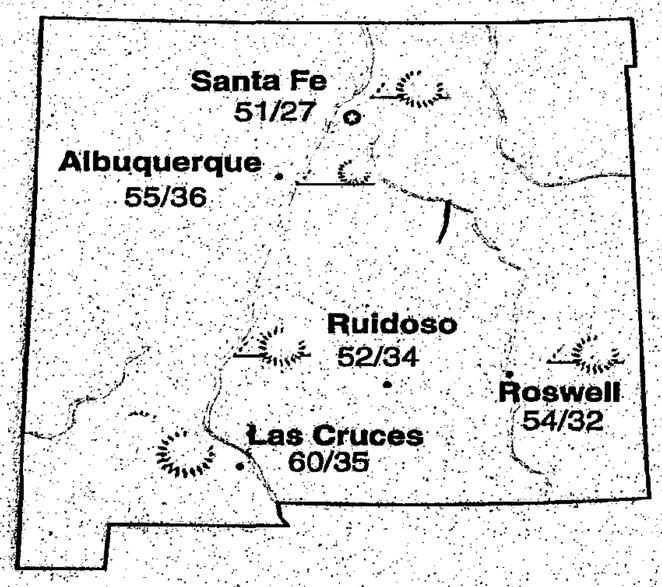

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Nov 19	Nov 27
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Sun	11/23	4	Moderate

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Alamogordo	60	32	sunny	Grants	61	19	sunny	Santa Fe	51	27	mst sunny
Albuquerque	55	36	pt sunny	Guymon, OK	52	29	pt sunny	Santa Rosa	60	35	mst sunny
Carlsbad	52	34	mst sunny	Hobbs	52	38	pt sunny	Silver City	53	24	sunny
Chama	46	21	mst sunny	Las Cruces	60	35	sunny	Socorro	59	33	sunny
Clovis	51	31	mst sunny	Las Vegas	55	28	mst sunny	St. Johns, AZ	64	27	mst sunny
Deming	60	31	mst sunny	Lordsburg	62	33	mst sunny	Taos	51	18	mst sunny
El Paso, TX	62	39	sunny	Lubbock, TX	51	35	mst sunny	Trinidad, CO	57	31	mst sunny
Espanola	55	31	mst sunny	Odessa, TX	51	40	pt sunny	Truth or Consq.	59	36	sunny
Farmington	58	27	sunny	Raton	57	25	mst sunny	Tucson, AZ	76	51	mst sunny
Gallup	32	18	mst sunny	Roswell	54	32	mst sunny	Tucumcari	51	30	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	48	24	mst sunny	Houston	61	46	pt sunny	Phoenix	79	53	mst sunny
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Dallas	55	39	mst sunny	Minneapolis	24	20	pt sunny	St. Louis	39	28	mst sunny
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OUR OPINION

An intriguing plan for Capitan

Former fire station could come alive again

On Saturday, historic 12th Street in Carrizozo will come alive with the third annual Burro Serenade.

The street will be festooned with artists and fellow travelers, bringing a vitality to a stretch of town that, until a few years ago, was haunted by the ghosts of yesteryear.

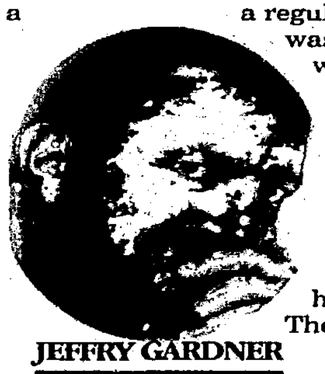
What Warren Malkerson has done for Carrizozo, Gregg Russell, owner of the complex that houses Oso Art, is doing for Capitan.

Now, Capitan may put together a little district of its own, thanks to Chamber of Commerce President Peter Rennich, who wants to turn the old fire station, across from Oso Art on Smokey Bear Boulevard, into a multi-use facility, including artist bays.

Such a rebirth of the historic building would greatly benefit an area that includes a park, the old train depot and Smokey Bear Historical Park.

We urge the mayor and the board of trustees to support this endeavor, one that promises to revitalize Capitan's business and cultural district.

NM Republicans hurt by Obama — and themselves



JEFFRY GARDNER
SOLID FOR A REASON

The past, it's said, is prologue. And with the referendum on George W. Bush complete, it's time to sift through the rubble and talk about the future.

Specifically, the future of the Republican Party. And, yes, Virginia, it does have a future.

First, lest we drift completely into the outer limits, before we call the GOP dead in the water – at least in federal elections – let's remember that 58 million people voted either for John McCain or against Barack Obama.

And it bears keeping in the mind that the turnout was NOT historic. Large, sure, but not a record-setter.

Here New Mexicans can look forward to complete Democrat rule. Now, just like our state, everyone in our Congressional delegation is Democrat. All right, there are a handful of Republicans in our Legislature.

But how did the whole Washington change happen? Did The One, as Oprah adoringly calls Barack Obama, generate a wind beneath the wings of Tom Udall, Martin Heinrich and Harry Teague?

Or did Steve Pearce, Darren White and Ed Tinsley run bad campaigns?

The answer is yes. Denying Obama's influence would be foolish. But it wasn't as deep as many had predicted

Consider this: Obama banked $700 million (thank God for the campaign finance reform, yes?) and, I suggest, a lapdog mainstream media gave him that much in earned media (free and positive press). And still the turnout wasn't record-shattering and 58 million people voted against him. (The racist votes cancelled each other out. For all the people who voted against Obama because he's black, it's likely that number and more voted for him because he's black.)

McCain's campaign never identified Obama as the liberal he is; in fact, at the end of the day it was hard to say just what John McCain's underlying message was.

The same held true for Tinsley, White and Pearce. Ultimately, what they failed to do was rightly and repeatedly convey just how liberal their opponents were.

In the final weeks, the McCain campaign's only traction in the polls was the gift Obama presented him by telling a regular American that it was time to "spread the wealth around." It was time – and will be time, we can assume – to finally and absolutely redistribute the wealth in America.

Neither Pearce, White nor Tinsley hammered this home. Their opponents will soon vote to raise taxes. Period. And if 95 percent of Americans are going to get a tax break, and a huge chunk of them don't pay a cent in the first place, that can only mean one thing: free and fast, free and fast, their checks are coming – free and fast.

Obama and Udall are on record as wanting to repeal the Bush tax cuts of 2001 and 2003. According to the Treasury Department, that will raise taxes on 43 million families with children by $2,100 annually.

For years, Udall served as a rubber stamp for liberal policies. He was even a long-standing member of something called the Progressive Caucus, a collective of Congressional collectivists.

But it was Udall, with the help of Heather Wilson's primary campaign against Pearce, who was able to paint his opponent as the extremist, and that was that.

To their credit, Obama, Udall, Teague, Heinrich and their colleagues kept the focus on George W. Bush and off their personal politics. Fortunately for them, their opponents were there to help.

Yet, it wasn't too long ago pundits were asking if the Democratic Party would cease to exist. Shortly after the first Gulf War and George H. W. Bush's approval rating at 84 percent, it was popular to wonder if the Democrats had reached the end of the line.

Being whipped allows Republicans to regroup and remember what they stand for; success, equal opportunity and freedom are as attractive today as they've ever been.

Doug McLeod 08
Ruidoso News

YOUR OPINION

Dumping on a traveler

To the editor:

TO THE Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce/Respected Director/Members:

We have visited The Ruidoso Valley many times over the years golfing, skiing, shopping, dining, including a KOAT TV live broadcast in the early '90s when Dianne Anderson and I used to go around the state for a special segment in the news called "Celebrate New Mexico." I drove a ball off tee No. 10 live on the air. I told viewers how hospitable residents and businesses alike seemed to be in Ruidoso. How charming the valley felt with its mountains, vegetation, crisp air and friendly folks.

This weekend, I took my 91-year-old mother in our RV to Ruidoso again to not only visit the shopping district, which she and my wife love, but to have dinner at Wendell's at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, ride in the golf cart and to just enjoy the ambiance of Ruidoso and its beautiful surroundings. We've been to many of the city's finest restaurants.

As we drove back to Albuquerque through the scenic roads on SR 48 then left onto 37, we talked about the lovely time we had. But we spoke too soon after we pulled into Sundance RV campground looking for a place to "dump" our black/gray water. As an avid RVer, I certainly stand ready to pay a service fee after dry camping. I have for years paid on the average of $5 to $10 for the service.

At the Sundance RV Park, immediately after pulling onto its drive way, I began looking for a sign which may have told of the location of the dump station and how much the RV park's fee for non-customer service might be. Only one sign posting stands by its office which says "pick your site, someone will register you later"

The office appeared closed. I pulled into an open RV space. Again, I looked for someone in charge to ask for permission and service fee.

About 10 minutes after arriving and failing to locate someone for permission to dump, I took care of business feeling somewhat assured that it would be OK as it has been at countless RV parks. I had intentions of leaving $12 in an envelope with our info and gratitude.

As we were leaving, I noticed someone walking outside the office a few feet away. I pulled up to the gentleman asking for the manager. This somewhat large and tall man "weighing in" at approximately 200 pounds with a cowboy hat told me *he* was the manager. Not asking his name, I told him we had just dumped and inquired how much I owed him. He said quite sternly, "$25."

My reaction was that of disbelief. I told him we did not overnight in his park and that we only dumped. He went on to tell me he just spent tens of thousands of dollars for his septic tank and that's what he charges.

I paid him his fee vowing to pass the word around to friends who travel to Ruidoso in RVs that if they need to dump, be prepared to pay $25 at least at one particular place. (No sympathy from hoteliers; I can understand that. Our apologies, we love our RV).

It may seem as though I shouldn't complain given the amount as a whole. But it's the point. In these fragile economic times, business people should be "wooing" their customer; not continuing the "consumer confidence" erosion because of their blatant greed.

I'll take the approximate $15 lesson: If there is no attendant, no person with whom to seek permission, no sign, drive on.

However, when one feels there is little or no sense of appreciation for spending hundreds of dollars on each trip at an oft-visited destination, it is time to re-evaluate where to spend one's fast disappearing dollars. Yes I know; I shouldn't change my opinion of Ruidoso's charm and its business people because of one rip-off.

Some might say I should pay without complaint since I didn't get to speak to someone before dumping. True. Lesson learned. But I'm positive he would not have quoted me $25 just to empty a few gallons of black/grey water.

I have called around today and your average RV overnight fee in Ruidoso is $30 with full hookups. Sundance just quoted me $29 by the river. And checking other RV parks in your city, dumping fees are $10. One owner said "no fee 'cause we'd like to see ya stay with us sometime." Now there's a kind, wise business person (Cedar Mesa RV) to whom I will give my business if and when we come up again.

I had forgotten that not all business people are fair. However, as I learned, some are shrewd and don't care if you are a potential repeat customer.

In today's financial crisis, business people everywhere should help re-build consumer confidence. This gentleman at Sundance RV Park is, on the surface anyway, a greedy man who showed us he could care less if we ever stayed at his park, just so long as he received his $25 dump fee.

It's that kind of attitude that is pushing many of us over the edge who are still spending for things we could do without (stay home, RV trips not encouraged). *Stay home!* Yes, it's less trying and less expensive.

Thank you for your ear. Oh, and I asked for a receipt. He said he had some things to do so it would be a while. I turned off the engine and waited. Five more minutes passed and I moved the RV a few more feet closer to the office since the owner was not in sight. We finally saw him inside, assuming he was working on a receipt. A few more minutes and I was handed a credit card slip. I think his hand writing tells it all: SEWER, $25. SUNDANCE RV CAMPGROUND/RUIDOSO.

P.S.: Please help the consumer and post a sign.

Respectfully,

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In T or C, a small-business model for survival

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ALL SHE WROTE

Times like these call for wisdom, and you can find it in surprising places.

Meet Twyla McBride.

Twyla operates Moon Goddess, a tiny boutique in downtown Truth or Consequences. At a time when we hear almost daily about closings of retail outlets, Twyla and Moon Goddess are doing fine, thank you.

Twyla considers herself just another small business, but I think she's a role model for survival, with such good retail instincts that she should teach classes. I confess I'm not a big shopper, but when I'm in T or C, I stop in because I enjoy hearing her take on things.

Start with a contagious upbeat attitude. This is somebody who really does find a way to make lemonade of lemons. Add familiarity: She knows her town – very, very well. Twyla grew up in T or C and spent several years working for another retailer across the street who's been a mentor.

Top with keen observation and flexibility. She studies her town and notes when traffic is moving, when people are out and about, when they stop and when they don't, and adjusts her hours accordingly. She steps outside her shop to observe the activity level on Broadway and at surrounding shops and eateries. When customers are on hand, so is Twyla.

One weekend when I was there, Moon Goddess was about the only shop open in the downtown district. And yet, that's when visitors from El Paso and Albuquerque are most likely to be there, enjoying the mineral baths or lake.

That's basic, you say, but the duh-factor among retailers is amazingly high, especially in places like Santa Fe. Twyla says she closes only on Thanksgiving and Christmas. She opens mid-to-late morning and stays open as long as she has traffic – early sometimes, late at other times.

Merchandise at Moon Goddess gives a whole new meaning to the word "eclectic." Hip clothing crafted from recycled garments by Twyla and her friends, jewelry, art dolls, vintage clothing, second-hand clothing and even Halloween costumes – in a profusion of color, beads and feathers that swirl up the walls. Moon Goddess helps support a handful of local artisans and consignors.

Twyla's also a student of her customers, a mix of locals and tourists. "People are struggling right now," she says. "I see people debating whether to spend $10 on jewelry. But they work hard, and they still want to reward themselves." She makes sure she has affordable rewards.

She monitors her lines as closely as she monitors traffic. One customer can only spend a few dollars; others are still buying her high-end lines. Not everybody is struggling. "I look at my receipts every day and pay attention to what's moving and what's not," she says. She offers some second-hand clothing at $1 a bag, which keeps the local teenagers coming in.

Finally, there is Twyla's own thrift. Her space is so small, you wouldn't think it could even hold very much, but she makes it work. She doesn't have a business phone or Web site.

There's another element in this success story: Her rent is low.

T or C's downtown district is making a healthy comeback from the boarded-up derelict storefronts that haunted it a few years ago, but its progress is as fragile as the wings of a Moon Goddess fairy doll. All the district's new businesses depend on low rent and a civic-minded landlord who accepts that some rent is better than no rent.

This is another duh-factor that's rampant in New Mexico. Too often, the moment a store or restaurant begins to succeed, the landlord jacks up the rent, the business disappears, and the building sits empty, often for a long time.

The times call for new awareness, new approaches, flexibility. Twyla McBride could teach MBA students a few things.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Tim Jennings didn't stand up for wrongfully accused Democrats

JOHN V. WERTHEIM
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The 2008 elections brought many surprises to New Mexico: voters delivering handily for Barack Obama, all federal positions now in Democratic hands for the first time in decades, and even additional seats for Democrats in the State Legislature. As a former Democratic chairman, I felt a mixture of pride – at the ascendancy of important progressive policy ideas – and awesome responsibility at the sheer size of the work ahead of us. Both feelings were welcome, albeit sobering.

Seeing a top Democratic leader campaigning on behalf of a particularly partisan Republican was, however, decidedly unwelcome. Democratic Senator and President Pro Tem Tim Jennings, who raised eyebrows by ardently defending the Republican Senate Minority Whip, Leonard Rawson (SD-37, Las Cruces) in the final days of a tight election contest against criticism of Rawson's record, demonstrated an indefensible double standard.

After all, quite a few of Jennings' fellow Democratic candidates this year were falsely accused and roughed up by Republicans during the give-and-take of the election season. But Senator Jennings said not a word in defense of them. What gives here?

I've known Sen. Jennings for years and have often admired his principled stances, even when he opposed the party mainstream. I consider him a friend, and friends should be able to tell each other when they've done something wrong. And make no mistake: it's wrong to apply double standards, especially for purely political motivations.

Fearful of losing his President Pro Tem job to the cadre of new progressive senators coming into the Legislature, Jennings recorded a robo-call and radio spot on behalf of Republican Senator Leonard Rawson, who lost narrowly to progressive Democrat Steve Fischmann.

Jennings, of course, has cut many an amiable deal in the Senate with Republican Rawson over the years. Much of Jennings' power comes from such horse trading. Nothing wrong with that. Politics is just that way a lot of times. But to try to preserve the status quo at all costs, even when the voters don't seem to like the status quo all that much? Nothing right about that.

The Roswell Democrat says he recorded the robo-call and radio spot only after getting a campaign call at home [interesting: Jennings does not live in the district] that supposedly called Rawson a "crook." The unkind words about "a good man," Rawson, drove Jennings to campaign for his re-election. After being upbraided by the state's Democratic leaders for the unusual action, Jennings expressed pious motives for campaigning for Rawson to the media. Ask whether they're not a little too pious, coming from a seasoned, hard-ball politician like Jennings:

"I have no desire to go against my party or anything else, but I for one believe you should stand up when somebody says something that isn't true ... his mother should not have to listen to that crap." [11.03.08, Heath Haussmann blog].

"I look at that as a true attack on democracy. When someone goes out and falsely accuses someone of something, you should stand up." [11.03.08, Green Chile Chatter blog]

"If someone is spreading lies about someone, I'm not going to sit and say, 'Go ahead.' " [11.6.08, the *Santa Fe New Mexican*]

The mothers of a few New Mexico Democrats cannot be too pleased with the harsh and untrue character attacks made by Republicans on their children, but Senator Jennings was silent in their cases.

Tim Eichenberg, successful Democratic Senate candidate from Albuquerque, was attacked by Republicans with direct mail that said he was "bankrolled by anti-military extremists," "viciously oppose[d] our men and women in uniform" and that "Tim Eichenberg dishonors our men and women in uniform" – all because he utilized ActBlue, a Democratic online credit card processing platform to raise campaign funds. The mailer featured a grisly-looking photo of a wad of money splashed with fake blood.

Victor Raigoza, Democratic candidate for Senate in Albuquerque this year, was harshly attacked with mail and phones by New Mexico Republicans saying he was a "radical" who wants to "tear down" our state's "wholesome way of life and its traditional values," and strongly implied he was gay. The piece was widely condemned by civil rights leaders and moderate Republicans.

Rep. Andrew Barreras, Democrat from Tome, N.M., was attacked in this election by Republicans with mail that featured his photo festooned with marijuana leaves, suggesting he was in favor of illegal drugs. With mail and phones, the New Mexico GOP said Barreras promised "policy for a price," "favors for friends," was corrupt and sold his votes in the Legislature to the highest bidder.

Where was Tim Jennings when these good Democrats were falsely accused, personally maligned and attacked by New Mexico Republicans? He never said a word in defense of any of them.

Oh, and if Jennings tries to say lack of familiarity explains his deafening silence, I know everyone mentioned above very well, including Sen. Rawson, and let me vouch for Messrs. Eichenberg, Raigoza and Barreras. They're good men, too, and just as deserving of a spirited defense.

Unless it's a anti-progressive Republican named Leonard Rawson – a sure vote for Jennings to remain as President Pro Tem in the 2009 Session – Tim Jennings can't be bothered to stand up for victims of campaign smears.

Another anti-progressive Democrat, State Senator Mary Kay Papen, was busy forwarding Jennings' robo call via e-mail to voters in the 37th district.

Obviously, lofty ideals do not lay behind this behind-the-scenes machination.

So here are two questions Democrats, Independents and moderate Republicans should ask:

Why are Jennings and Papen so afraid of the progressive agenda that voters embraced in this recent historic election?

Can we count on Tim Jennings to give up his double standards as President Pro Tem of the Senate?

The stakes are high. In just two years, the state Legislature will have responsibility for creating a new redistricting plan for all of New Mexico's legislative and congressional electoral boundaries – boundaries that will go far in determining the future of progressive politics in New Mexico for years to come.

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On a mountain high

Work at the Alto Mountain Village draws buyers and renters alike

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To say the homeowners association at Alto Mountain Village is excited about the development's new direction is an understatement.

About two years after the association was able to take control of operations – following much legal and financial wrangling, the association's board has been able to hire a full-time manager, and the grounds – located near TR's Market on Highway 54 – are looking noticeably different.

"We've really made a turnaround out there," said Chris Adams, current board president. "I really feel better about the development now that we have the board structure together."

After taking over – and changing the name from Alto Alps – the board was able to hire Paul Heath, formerly of the Alto Lakes Country Club, as the general manager, and he's glad he took the job.

"Jim Lorah [board member and former manager at Alto Lakes] asked me if I'd like to do it," Heath said. "I'd never managed a homeowners association before, but I was a home contractor in the past, so that helps.

"This is the most rewarding job I've ever had," he continued. "It's nice to see the improvements that are being made every day."

There are 134 units on site, along with a clubhouse, outdoor pool and tennis and basketball courts, all of which are in the process of interior and exterior renovations.

The most visible renovations are the repainting of every structure on site, from a dingy white to a more earth-tone-friendly tan.

Several units were also without decks, as they had deteriorated or disappeared in the 33 years since the development was created.

It actually got to the point – according to Heath – that several Realtors wouldn't even show the properties, meaning they weren't being sold.

With the renovation underway in earnest, Heath said 13 lots have been sold in the past year.

Additionally, several units are rented – either through the office or an independent agency – for a few nights a week, while the clubhouse has been reserved all the way through January for large groups.

"We get a lot of church groups and family reunions," Heath said.

Proceeds from rentals got to the homeowners association, which in turn puts the money back into maintenance of the grounds. The next major project will be resurfacing driveways and roads in the development.

Most of the homeowners are from out of town, and many have been returning to see the improvements that have been made – and to make some improvements of their own.

All the work has proved to increase the value of each home, something that's worth a lot in today's fragile economy.

"Buying one of these units is still a very good investment," Adams said. "They're selling for a good price compared to what they were bought for."

For more information on buying or renting a unit, contact Heath at 1-866-331-9566 or visit the development's Web site at www.altoalpscondos.com.

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Above Paul Heath, general manager at Alto Mountain Village, shows off the remodeled clubhouse, which is booked solid through January.

Left Improvements to certain properties on site are readily obvious. The near home has been repainted, with landscaping and work to the deck completed. In the background stands a property still in need of work.

CHAMPION OF SERVICE

COURTESY

Bev Reynolds and the Ruidoso Valley Greeters presented the Champion of Service Award to Kay Watts of Wal-Mart's electronic department on Oct. 30. Watts (center, holding trophy) was recommended by Alto resident Juanita Rogers (orange shirt) for her outstanding customer service. Watts received a framed certificate, the Greeter's traveling trophy to display for a month and will also be recognized on a plaque at the Chamber of Commerce.

The Gas Gauge

Average prices in the area and state for the week

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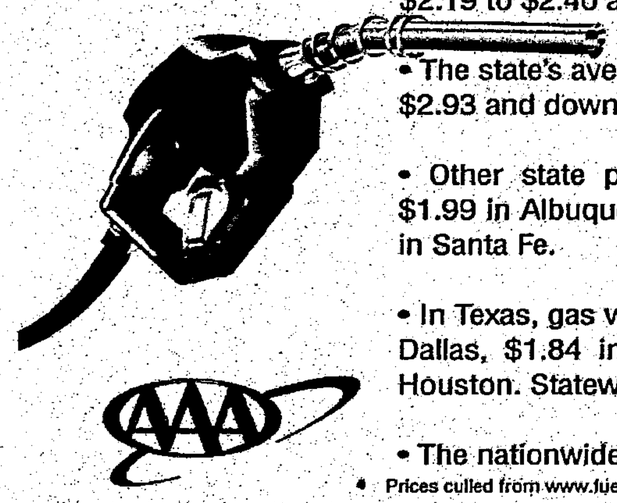

- Prices at the pump in the Ruidoso area range from $2.19 to $2.40 a gallon.
- The state's average is $2.19, down from last month's $2.93 and down from last year's $3.09.
- Other state prices include $1.99 in Alamogordo, $1.99 in Albuquerque, $2.32 in Las Cruces and $2.19 in Santa Fe.
- In Texas, gas was listed at $2.14 in El Paso, $1.85 in Dallas, $1.84 in Fort Worth-Arlington and $1.81 in Houston. Statewide, Texas averages $1.88 per gallon.
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CARTER

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Ruidoso campus of ENMU, told staff and community members, "I, as well as the entire ENMU family, am saddened to learn of his tragic death.

"He dearly loved ENMU and what it represented, and was a passionate supporter of the Ruidoso campus.

"Mr. Carter recently built a retirement home in Alto and was looking forward to spending more time in the mountains."

ENMU President Steven Gamble added, "The Eastern New Mexico University community is saddened to learn of the sudden death of Mr. Alva Carter. His commitment to the university and his strong support of this community was well-known and he will be sorely missed."

The two university leaders said, "Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Mary Helen and his family. Mr. Carter will be deeply missed by the entire ENMU family."

U.S. Senator-elect Tom Udall of New Mexico said,

Mike Elrod, president of ENMU-Ruidoso, says was a "passionate supporter" of the fledgling campus. Carter had recently built a retirement home in Alto.

"New Mexico has lost a great leader today. Over the course of a lifetime committed to bettering his community, Alva Carter touched the lives of so many.

"He loved education; he loved eastern New Mexico; and he loved ENMU. His single-minded commitment to the University and its mission has already paid dividends for students and the community, and we can only imagine the mark he would have left with more time to put his ideas into action.

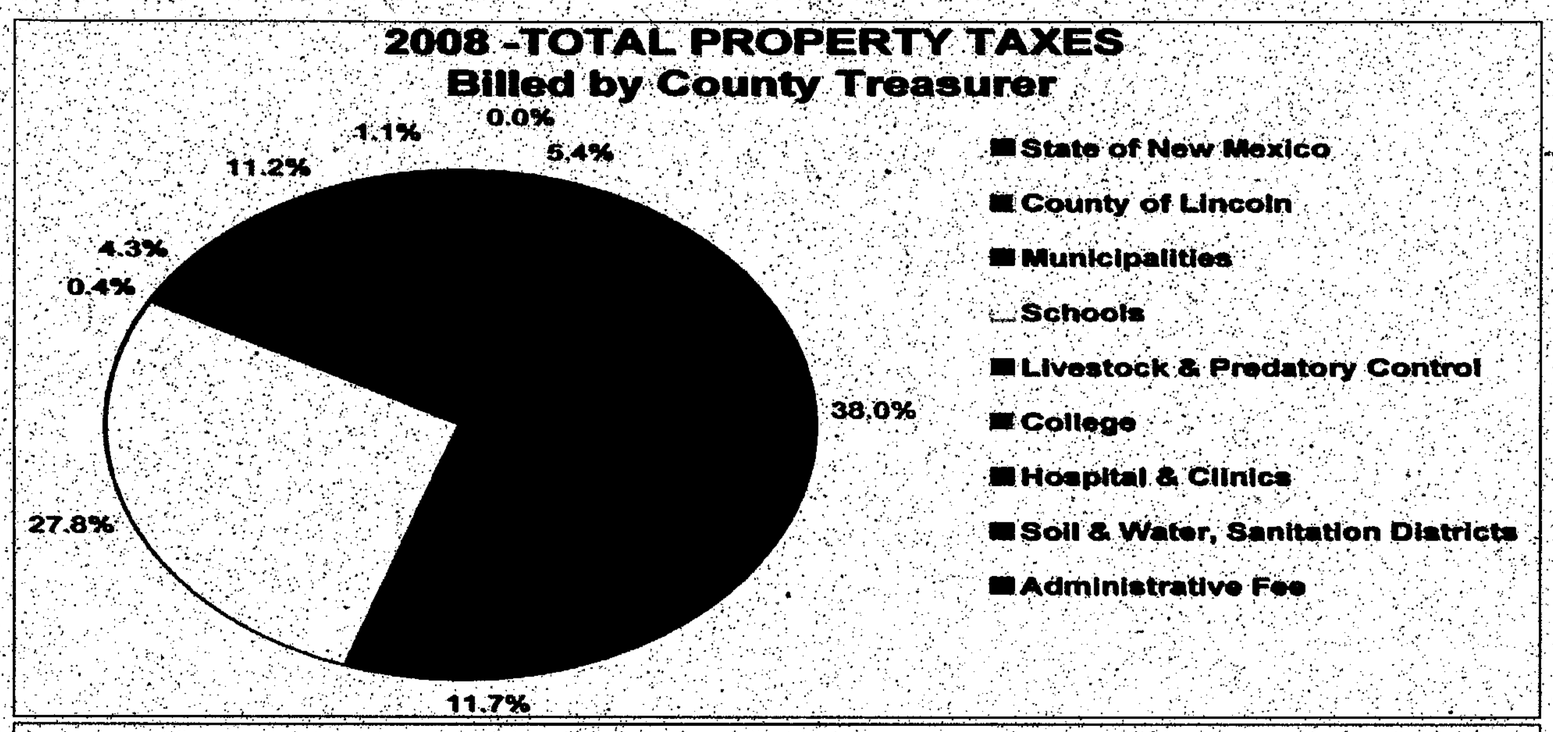
"Alva also served New Mexico's dairy farmers ably. His knowledge, wisdom and judgment were apparent in every conversation we had about the industry, and his work has helped the industry navigate a difficult and changing world.

"He will be remembered for his easygoing nature, his refreshing candor and integrity, and his passion for the area he called home his entire life."

Carter was a native of San Jon and earned a bachelor's degree from West Texas State University in 1962 and a master's in business administration from ENMU in 1970. According to his biography on the university Web site, he retired as assistant principal of the Portales school system in 1968.

He was active in agriculture and served as past president of the New Mexico Peanut Growers, on the National Peanut Board and the national corporate board of Dairy Farmers of America.

He owned Big Valley in Portales, Carter's Milk Factory and AC Farms.



2008 -TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES — Amounts from Tax Schedule

Billed by County Treasurer

State of New Mexico	$1,112,057.48
County of Lincoln	$7,874,258.36
Municipalities	$2,427,520.59
Schools	$5,755,015.70
Livestock & Predatory Control	$79,997.54
College	898,344.20
Hospital & Clinics	2,313,090.17
Soil & Water, Sanitation Districts	$234,751.60
Administrative Fee	$2,002.91
TOTAL	$20,697,038.55

TAXES

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billed, $7,874,258 or 38 percent, will go to the county. School districts account for 27.8 percent or $5,755,015, and municipalities for 11.7 percent or $2,4227,520. The county hospital in Ruidoso, ambulance service and rural health clinics lined up for 11.2 percent, or $2,313,090.

The rest of the taxes billed will go to the state, to livestock and predator control, to Eastern New Mexico University, to cover administrative fees and for soil and water sanitation districts.

Later, County Assessor Paul Baca walked to the podium to thank County Manager Tom Stewart for pursuing reimbursement for a broken windshield on one of his department's two new sports utility vehicles.

One of his appraisers was driving two weeks ago when a large dump truck approached and a chunk of rock hit the windshield of the new vehicle and broke it.

"Tom said let's see if they will pay for it," although others predicted the company would not agree to pay, Baca said. "I got a report from the sheriff's office within 45 minutes and sent a letter to the company that owned the truck and three weeks later, a $249 check was received. I just wanted to thank Tom."

CALAWAY

PILT

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in October that fully funded PILT through 2012.

"These are hard times, so fully funding PILT is coming at the right time for our counties," said Domenici, a New Mexico Republican who retires at the end of the year. "This revenue source, and the money to be paid in succeeding years, should help our counties provide the services that our residents need.

"I am pleased that this year New Mexico counties will receive the full amount to which they are federally entitled, and hope Congress will continue to take steps to fully compensate counties for the federal land ownership within their borders."

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Payments are made directly to local governments, usually counties, in areas with substantial acreage of federal lands like national forests, national parks, national wildlife refuges, lands used for federal water programs, some military installations, and lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

Some of the other counties receiving the top amounts in New Mexico are Chaves, another $1,031,239 for a total of $2,730,693; Cibola, another $671,295 for a total of $1,777,569; Doña Ana, another $1,020,720 for a total of $2,702,838; Eddy, another $1,141,745, for a total of $3,023,309; Grant, another $834,734 for a total of $2,210,353; Luna, another $638,197 for a total of $1,689,927; Otero, another $1,128,720 for a total of $2,988,820; Rio Arriba, another $958,110 for a total of $2,537,050; San Juan, another $740,064 for a total of $1,959,670; and Sandoval, another $814,550 for a total of $2,156,906.

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Village Council again postpones action on subdivision

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Once again, action on the 26-lot, 18 acres Lankford Estates subdivision was postponed by Ruidoso village councilors.

This time, although members of the village Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval, councilors said they want to see a peer review of the engineering and of staff-drafted language for maintenance of individual detention ponds on housing lots.

The vote on a motion by Councilor Greg Cory to postpone action until Nov. 25, split with Councilors James Stoddard and Angel Shaw voting against it.

Damon C. Richards with Harding, Bass, Fargason, Booth & St. Clair, L.L.P. based in Lubbock, Texas, who said he represented the Lankfords, questioned if Shaw should participate in the vote or discussion because of a potential conflict of interest.

"What's my financial interest," Shaw challenged. "I live in a neighborhood close to it, but not within the 200 foot notification area and I've told the council that."

Richards pressed that if the Lankford property flooded her lot, a potential financial interest may exist. He contended because Shaw was worried about flooding, she is not unbiased and couldn't be impartial.

Cory interjected that he was comfortable with Shaw's participation. Stoddard agreed, saying councilors are charged with watching out for the interests of village property owners.

At that point, Mayor L Ray Nunley interrupted and said, "We're not going to try this before the council. She asked for an explanation (for a letter objecting to her participation) and you gave it."

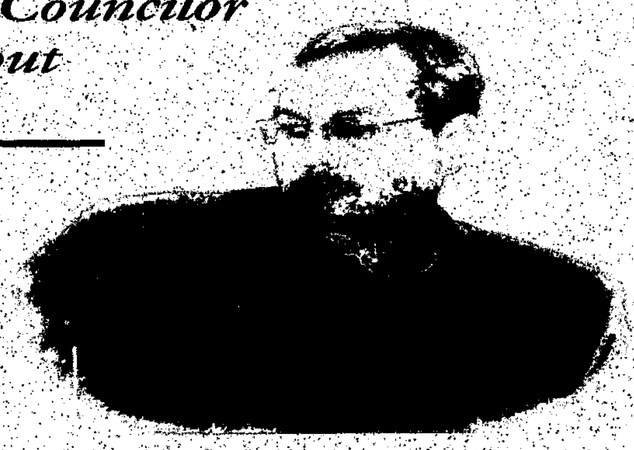
In response to a request for clarification about the nature of the item on the agenda, Village Attorney Dan Bryant said it is not an appeal, because the planning commission recommended approval at its October meeting. The item consisted of a request for approval of a subdivision final plat.

Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris explained that the proposed development at the end of College Road has one paved street and a cul-de-sac.

The major issue from the beginning was drainage. Lots 1 and 26 were set aside for drainage structures to handle runoff from the road, but individual detention ponds were to be required on site development plans at the time building permits were issued. The design of each would be tied to the positioning and size of the proposed house, he said.

Drainage calculations would be reviewed by Wilson & Co., an independent firm working for the village and already looking at village-wide drainage, he said. The lots range from a half acre to three-quarters of an acre.

"I'm torn on this," Councilor Greg Cory said about Lankford Estates.



Cory asked who reviewed the developer's proposed plan and determined it would work.

"Staff," Morris replied. "This configuration addressed the drainage and we believe it will take care of the water."

Cory asked about waiting until the hydrological and hydraulics study of the area by Wilson is finished. Morris said that could take three months. An ordinance is being drafted that will allow village staff to review drainage features every five years to ensure they are maintained and the designs are working, he said.

Councilor Michele Rebstock pointed out village rules allow a construction permit to be issued, but a certificate of occupancy can be withheld until all requirements are met. "We have no development agreement in writing yet," she confirmed.

"I'm torn on this," Cory said. I'm looking at a unanimous recommendation for approval by the planning and zoning commission, but this of all years (with a record flood July 27 that resulted in massive infrastructure damage), we should be sensitive to flooding. Why not wait a few months for the H & H study?"

Morris reiterated that the same engineers performing the study will look at each lot site plan when someone applies to build a home.

Ed Long, the engineer on the project, said with an approved and recorded plat, Dr. James Lankford could sell the entire subdivision as a package, or he could record the plat and do some pre-sales.

The size of a proposed house will determine how much water runoff must be handled and the size of each pond, he said.

"We presented different scenarios and we thought this protected you the most," Long said. "We had some eight submittals and worked closely with all village departments."

Councilor Ron Hardeman asked how the council can be assured individual homeowners will maintain the ponds if silt erodes from above and reduces the capacity.

Morris said the plat contains a statement that homeowners are responsible and a note could be added about being subject to village review every five years. Bryant noted that what is written on a plat becomes law for that development, even if an ordinance doesn't exist.

Cory still was uneasy. What if the council approved the plan and three months later the reviewing consulting engineer decided it's not adequate, he asked. Morris said the design engineer's professional stamp is on the line.

But Hardeman, Cory and Commissioner Don Williams repeated their preference to wait for the results of the study. Long said the study is broad and his figures are specific to Lankford's area. Village Manager Dan O. Higgins agreed that the Wilson study is "huge" and can't be hurried.

Morris said possibly a small portion of the study could be parceled out ahead of the rest, but he emphasized that the drainage calculations by Long are subject to a second engineering review anyway.

Rebstock told Lankford she didn't think it was fair not to be able to get black and white answers, "but we've learned what is said and what happens can be different. I'm not going to approve without something in writing."

Bryant said if staff ignored directives from the council, they would be guilty of insubordination.

"I can't imagine someone knowingly doing something like that," the attorney said.

Shaw said the council had no construction or development agreement to review, nor do they have a review report from Wilson & Co.

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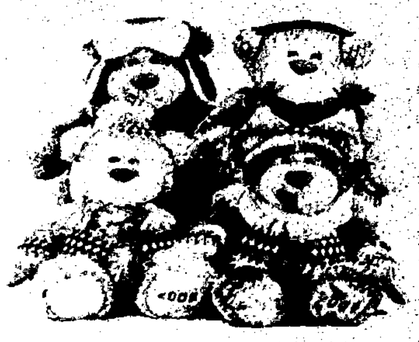

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Hardeman reminds staff about conservation efforts

■ A year of record flooding should not make us complacent, about water, he says

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After a year with record flooding, Ruidoso Councilor Ron Hardeman doesn't want complacency to derail village water conservation efforts.

He asked Deputy Manager Bill Morris at the council meeting last week to begin preparing monthly water status reports for the board, including storage levels in reservoirs and tanks, and the rate of water production.

He also asked about a request for proposals for a firm to design a conservation and contingency plan for the future to prepare for periods of drought.

Morris said the RFP is in draft form and should be ready to advertise within the next two weeks.

In another issue, Village Attorney Dan Bryant told councilors the governor announced that to boost New Mexico's available revenue in 2009, he will seek to recapture money from unspent state capital outlay allocations to municipalities and counties.

In reaction, Bryant said he worked with officials from the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District to identify all grants and allocations to Ruidoso, especially those for the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant that must be revamped for an estimated $40 million.

He wanted to ensure as much of the money as possible was obligated for payment of purchases or services.

Anna Gail Grassie was hired by the village to help track the grants, he said.

All of the $6.7 million for Phase I of the plant will be gone and the dollars "are safe," he told councilors.

In other business, councilors:

• heard that an unusually high number of families will need help this holiday season through the Lincoln County Food Bank, the Gateway Church of Christ and other organizations.

• approved appointments to the DWI Council of Brenda Motley-Lopez, Rachel Weiser, Chris Stoner, Jessica Mauler, Valerie Edmister and Jeremy Ray.

• approved a bid award of $142,168 and $87,376 under the Natural resources Conservation Service program to David Montoya Construction Inc. for Phase 2 of the Emergency Watershed Protection Program for bank stabilization, channel capacity restoration and debris removal.

• approved a memorandum of understanding between the village Police Department and Barnett Harley-Davidson LP for the $5,876 lease of two 2008 Electra Glide FLHTPL motorcycles.

• approved a multi-bid award of $19,875 to Fire Service Equipment and Artesia Fire Equipment for aircraft fire fighting gear for Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

'SUNDAY MORNING'

Artist Sherry Witt is helped by Scott Annala to hold up her watercolor of Hondo Valley titled "Sunday Morning," presented to the Lincoln County Commission. A native New Mexican with family roots in the Lincoln area since the late 1800s, Witt is a retired university-level fine arts instructor. Many of her paintings involve detailed portraits of regional people. The Ruidoso resident also works in oil and in stone and bronze sculpture. An award winning artist, her pieces were accepted into private and museum collections in the United States and Mexico.

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Powell decries water rights transfers for golf courses

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"Someone's going to have to feed us and I'd rather it not be China," County Commissioner Jackie Powell said.

Unhappy to see more water right transfers proposed to irrigate a golf course, Lincoln County Commissioner Jackie Powell Tuesday repeated her fears about future water shortages.

"These are surface water transfers to ground water for golf courses and someday we have to face what's happening," with the possible impairment of senior water rights, she said. In one petition, water used on about 60 acres will be shifted to 18 acres, she said.

Commissioner Eileen Lovelace Sedillo said she doesn't understand how the State Engineer allows such transfers. "It's obvious what's going on," she said.

Commission Chairman Ton Battin pointed out that while the commission is advised of the transfers, "We don't really have a seat at the table."

"It will affect us," Powell contended.

Calling the engineer

Commissioner Don Williams suggested the state engineer be asked to make a presentation to the commission. "I understand it's getting harder to get transfers," he said.

Powell said she attended a recent meeting of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy, which covers 60,000 acres. But the calculated water demand for Albuquerque and related metropolitan areas along the corridor projects they are overdrawn by 60,000 acre feet per year. One acre foot equates to about 325,800 gallons of water.

"They'll have to retire every single agricultural water right to balance," Powell said. "Eventually, someone's going to have to feed us and I'd rather it not be China."

Ken Nosker of San Patricio, who has acted as a water broker, reminded commissioners that a water right is a private property right, "And that means you can do what you want with your property as long as it is administered by the state engineer and the law is followed.

"If I wanted to sell my house, it's my right, and it's the same with my water right."

But Sedillo said there's a big difference. A water right is a moving right, not stationary like a house, she said.

Oscura resident Jerry Carroll said like it or not, New Mexico water law cannot simply be overturned by the state Legislature. The water law is based on the Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty, he said.

"You can't alter it without violating the treaty," he contended. You can't legislatively take away (a part of the law), because (the state has) no authority to overturn the treaty."

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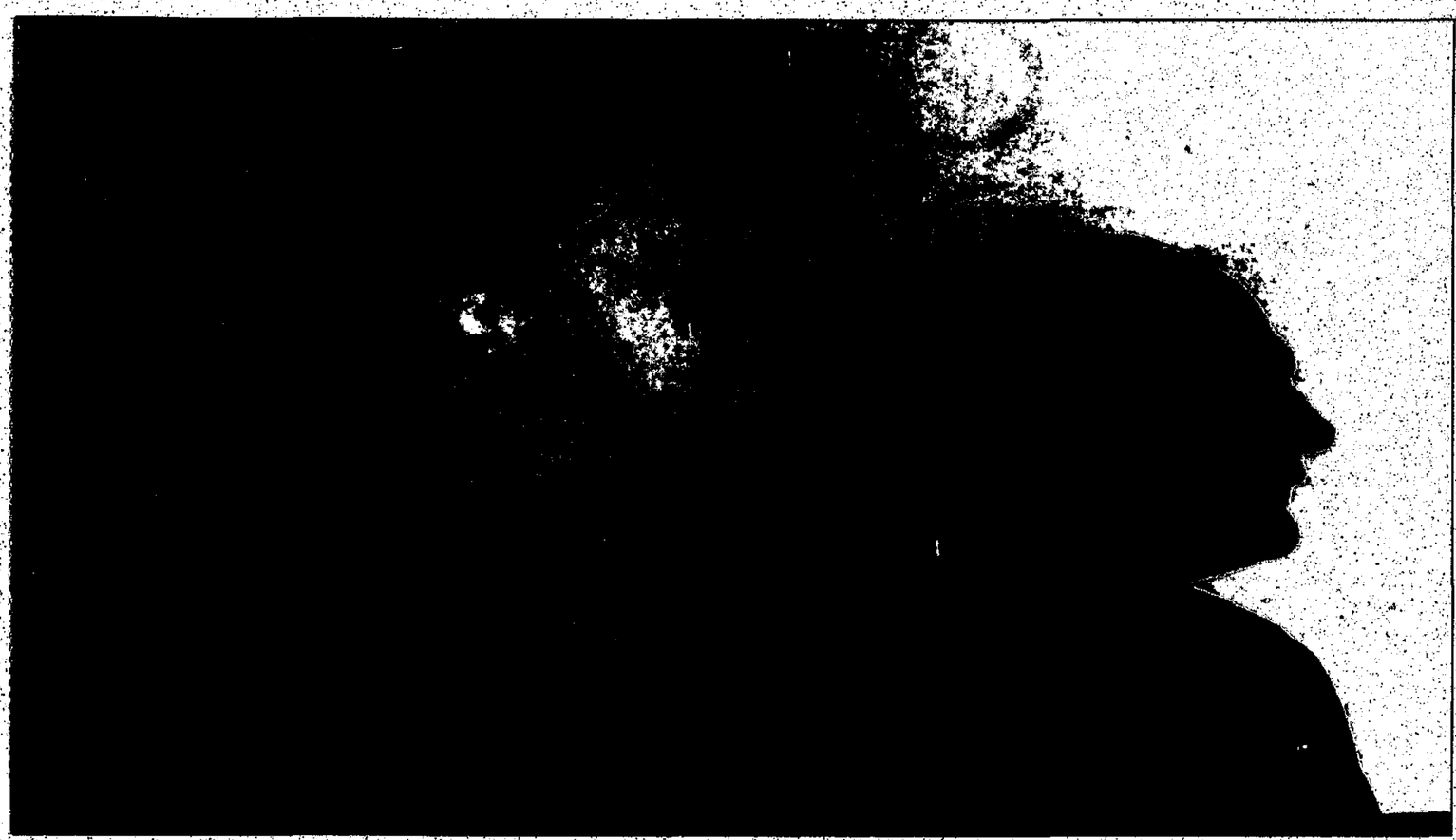

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Scott Annala, left, the new Lincoln County Health Care Fund coordinator, succeeds Rhonda Burrows, who resigned last month to work in a law office.

Annala assumes indigent role

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Scott Annala, new Lincoln County Indigent Health Care Fund coordinator, participated Tuesday in his first report to county commissioners about monthly claims.

Annala took over last month from Rhonda Burrows, who guided the fund for several years, fostered the local enrollment in the state health care insurance program and became active in state lobbying to guard county healthcare programs. She resigned last month to work in a law office.

County Manager Tom Stewart said commissioners should be happy to see a drop in claims against the fund.

"This month our coordinator processed 39 claims and 34 are recommended for approval," he said. "The total recommended for payment is $25,316.51."

Within budget

With approval of the claims, the total for the year-to-date hit $153,197.56. Last year, the average monthly payment was $44,272, This year since July, the average is $35,702.81.

If claims continue at that pace, the county will need $428,422.77 for the year, which falls within the budget cap of $571,663, Stewart said.

The manager pointed out that under mid-year budget adjustments, he added $100,000 to a line item for prisoner care under indigent health to keep the fund healthy.

"I don't think it's fair to reduce the funding capabilities to our citizens," he said.

"That's $100,000 over what we already budgeted for inmates (at the county jail in Carrizozo)," he said. "They are indigent and if at the end of the year, the money is not expended, we can revert some back to the general fund."

Costs tracked

He assured commissioners that the cost of care for prisoners is tracked and kept separate from other claims. The inmate care is not reflected in the monthly totals, he said. If any prisoners have private insurance, the county attempts to seek payment through that avenue.

In a related issue, Stewart reported that Annala processed 39 claims from the Sole Community Provider Program, which covers uncompensated care at the county hospital, the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.

Twenty-nine claims were recommended for approval for $26,798.33, bringing the year-to-date total to $371,272.27.

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Carrizozo swears in a new chief of police

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The Town of Carrizozo has a new police chief as of Tuesday's council meeting.

The face is not new but the title changed from interim chief to chief when trustees unanimously gave the nod to accept Rachel Weiser to the position.

Municipal Judge Chuck Rominger officially swore Weiser into office as Carrizozo Chief of Police the following day, Nov. 19

Weiser became acting chief when former Chief Carrie Spencer was fired from her position in July. Spencer was immediately reappointed by Mayor Bob Hemphill but declined the reappointment by a letter of resignation, leaving the position open.

Weiser is a 14-year veteran of law enforcement with a master's degree in Criminal Justice from Belford University in Humble, Texas.

She received her New Mexico Law enforcement certification in Hobbs and she also she served on the Hobbs police force.

She came first to Lincoln County to work for former Chief Angelo Vega at the Carrizozo Police Department. She spent three months on the Carrizozo force before taking a position with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. She served at the LCSO for four years.

In November 2007, Weiser returned to the Carrizozo Police Department as a part time officer for Spencer. She served there until she accepted the offer to interim chief on July 28.

Weiser heads a force where she is one of two full time officers with an additional officer serving part time.

Weiser is the fifth chief to serve on the Carrizozo force since Vega resigned in 2005.

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Rachel Weiser, receives congratulations from Carrizozo Mayor Bob Hemphill after her appointment as the new Carrizozo Chief of Police.

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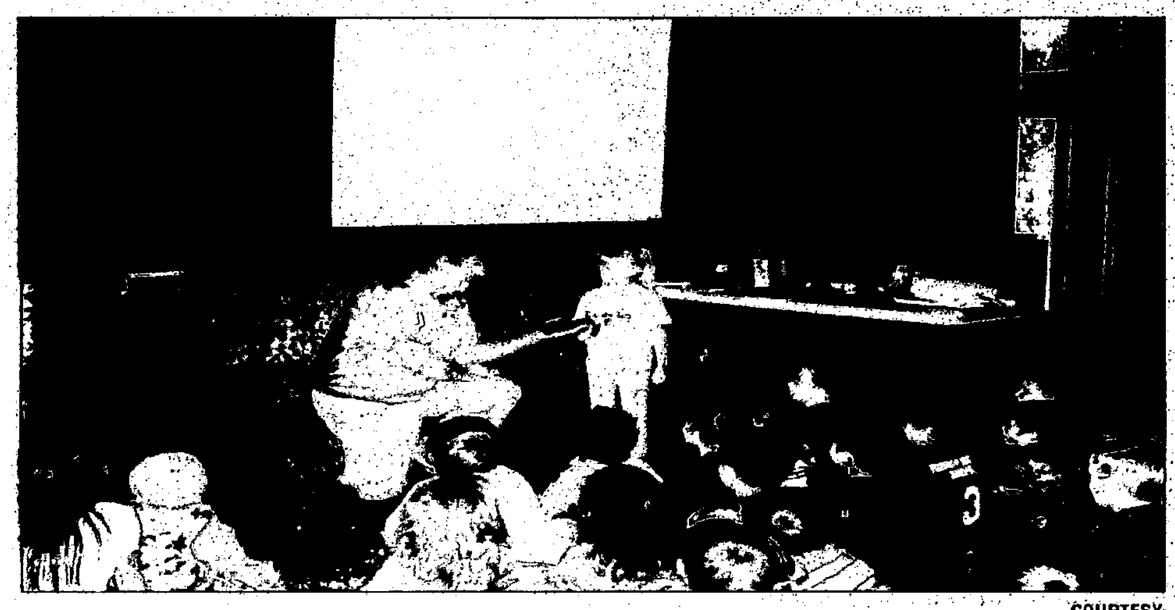

COURTESY

Children's author Michael Shoulders visited Capitan schools Oct. 28, and spoke to students in the elementary and middle schools. He gave age-appropriate lectures about becoming an author. Older students were instructed on the steps necessary to publish a book. Shoulders entertained students with magic tricks and reading, as well "rapping" the lines of one of his books. He also taught them how to write an alphabet book. Shoulders emphasized the importance of reading to all students, and shared information from his recent visit to Rome for the research of his new book *G is for Gladiator*. Shoulders lives in Clarksville, Tenn, and has written nine children's books including Gold Medal winner *Say Daddy*, which is a top pick for the National Parenting Publication Award. Prior to becoming an author, he was a fourth and fifth grade teacher for 13 years and a principal for 12 years. For more information, visit his Web site at michaelshoulders.com. The author's visit was sponsored by the Capitan PTA and Capitan Schools

Grant will fund Smokey's greenhouse

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A $23,000 Daniels Fund grant has been awarded to Smokey Bear's Hometown Association to support a greenhouse project at the Smokey Bear Historical Park.

"The grant will enable Smokey Bear Historical Park to complete the Greenhouse Project and hold educational programs for students and citizens of Lincoln County," Park Ranger and Project Manager Rebecca Judd said.

"The greenhouse programs will significantly advance the conservation message of the existing exhibits at the park, and become a place to gain practical knowledge in the use of native plants and learn about water conservation, a topic so vital to New Mexico.

"It is hoped the greenhouse will also become a distribution point for the New Mexico State Forestry Conservation Trees Program."

The Daniels Fund operates the Daniels Fund Scholarship Program and the Daniels Fund Grants Program in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. The Fund was established in 1997 by Bill Daniels, a pioneer in cable television known for his kindness and generosity to those in need. For more information, visit www.danielsfund.org.

"Originally a 2004 legislative allocation purchased a greenhouse structure in pre-construction form, a type of kit, to be used to maintain the native plant exhibits and xeric demonstration gardens," Judd said.

"Educational programs can be administered within the boundaries of, and as a windfall to, the original purpose of the allocation. Centrally located, the park is walking distance from the schools," Judd said. "We are very pleased with forward movement of this project and very grateful to the Daniels Fund."

Smokey Bear's Hometown Association is an all volunteer, non-profit organization whose mission is to encourage the awareness and appreciation of Smokey Bear's fire prevention messages and to raise money to support and improve the Smokey Bear Historical Park.

The Association promotes annual events to increase tourism to the rural area and organizes renovation projects at the park.For more information about Smokey Bear's Hometown Association, visit www.smokeybearshometownassociation.org

The greenhouse construction has begun and is expected to be complete by the end of the year. The contract was awarded to GC Construction, LLC.

Invite a stray to Thanksgiving dinner

Cowgirl Sass & Savvy
BY JULIE CARTER

Here comes Peter Cottontail. Wait! Wrong critter. This is the holiday we give thanks and make a turkey a centerpiece.

OK, now I'm on track. Every year these holidays get closer and closer together and the memories blur from one to another. Where was I, who was there and what did we eat and why so much?

Was it only a year ago I was watching it rain in torrents through the holiday in Central Texas at the gathering of strays at Sam's Place? Unbuttoning the top button of my jeans at sundown to make room for yet one more of the 12 desserts sitting on the side table. That was a dangerous Thanksgiving.

I'm sure the year before that I managed to be somewhere as well. Somewhere where someone else had to cook.

Not so clever this year. My daughters reserved the day to converge on my home with their families.

Just to make sure it happened, they let me know sometime last summer that they were coming, ready or not. I thought I had taught them better.

Truly, it's good to have them come home again. It doesn't happen often and so we enjoy it. I get to play with the grandchildren while the daughters wash the dishes. See, I can make plans, too.

I am a product of my raising and holidays are no exceptions. Growing up, we were a big family with not a lot of options of places to go from our middle of nowhere home along the mountain range in Colorado.

So we pulled out the big oak table, added a half dozen leaves, drug up any thing a person could sit on, piled the table full of food and through the noise of a dozen kids and at least that many adults, we shared the day.

Those memories remain vibrant in my mind when many holidays since then are not so three-dimensional. I know my mother didn't set out to "make a memory."

She simply was following tradition with what she had to work with and in the process, signed herself up for a huge amount of work. I hope it matters to her that it made a difference for me and my life.

I'm fortunate to live in a community that still has those kinds of family values so it's not a rare sight. However, I have also lived long enough to see a fractured world with a good number of people with no place to go. In this, they find melancholy in a holiday that should be filled with reverent thanks and much joy.

I'm making my list for the grocery store, planning menus for the visit that will last several days. In the process, I am finding what I am truly thankful for and it's not the day, not the turkey and not the pumpkin and pecan pies, although all that certainly counts for something – usually about 5 pounds.

I am thankful for my family, thankful for this wonderful country we live in where we can work, buy groceries and have a home to find safety and warmth. Our abundance of bounty should never to be taken for granted.

The Pilgrims shared the first Thanksgiving with the Indians and each other. In it they found peace and new friendship. If you have those things to offer, don't keep them to yourself. Spread it around a little.

If your life is bountiful, share it. Invite a stray to Thanksgiving dinner. It could make a difference.

Julie, an occasional stray, can be reached for comment at jcarter@ruidosonews.com.

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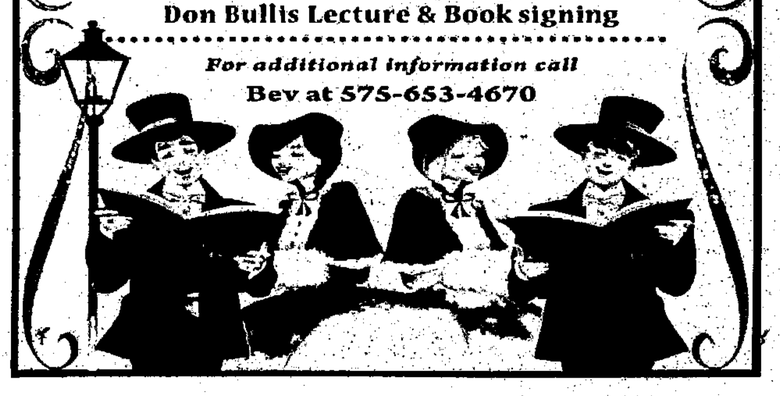

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Carrizozo ¡BRAVO! winners in grades K-2 for September were; **Front row:** Jacob Parkhurst, Sydney Zamora, Max Sanchez, Joanna Vega, Kaitlin Guevara, Suntana Zamora, Dallton King, Gabby Mason, Ethan Ortiz, Daniel Daugherty, and D'anna Willingham **Middle row:** James Gonzales, Duncan Daugherty, Robert Gonzales, Nicole Swearingen, Nathan Montes, Nickolas Archuleta, Austin Vega, Sebastian Barela, Ryslyn Lueras, Marcus Vallejos, Bo Perry, and Mya Zamora **Back row:** Patrick Hooten, Jared Guevara, Dominic Barela, Tristen Barela, Samantha Miller, Detrick Miller, Isaiah Ysasi, John Wyatt Hemphill, Nicklas Swearingen, and Aurora Vega. Not Pictured: Samantha Chavez, Tazia Swift, and Clayton Swift.

COURTESY

Carrizozo ¡BRAVO! winners in grades 3-5 for September are: **Front Row:** Cody Carter, Adrianna Samora, Deline Arteche, Gracie Hooten, Kristie Gallacher, Janae Willingham, and Dominic Garcia **Middle row:** Christian Najar, Dana Lamay, Hannah Perry, Emily Comstock, Cirsten Barela, Lexi Zamora, and Anthony Vallejos **Top row:** Kadee Sedillo, Caleb Ventura, Lashae' Lueras, Taylor Thornton, Danny Roper, Xavier Zamora, Garrison Ventura, and Mikhail Zamora. Not Pictured: Alex Randolph and Hannah Ventura.

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A Honor Roll

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Seventh grade: Johnathan Smith, Mason Huston, Shayna Gallacher, Sarah Ferguson

Eighth grade: Victoria Ventura, Brooklyn Griffin

Ninth grade: Marshall Ventura

Tenth grade: Stephanie Zamora, Marshal Wilson, Lauren Smith, Jenna Schartz, Fernando Najera, Jordan Hill, Kylie Gaines, Joel Ferguson

Eleventh grade: Dakota Webb, Stefan Najar, Tessa Hendricks, Alex Borowski

Twelfth grade: Jennifer Shafer, Kathleen Schlarb, Alyshia Culley

B Honor Roll

Fifth grade: Hannah Perry, Dana LaMay, Emily Comstock

Sixth grade: Lisa Ventura, Josh Ventura, Tiffany Vega, Jacie Thornton, Fantasia Dennis, Jennifer Caleb

Seventh grade: Rylah Zamora, Jace Hill, Josh Hernandez, Cassy Childress, Nicholas Chavez, Devon Arteche

Eighth grade: Shayna Zamora, Andrea Vigil, Casey Vega, Jade Roper, Tavi Nash, Arturo Najera

Nineth grade: Amilia Lueeras, Don Myers, Mario Silva

Tenth grade: Wade Sultemeier, Troy Niederstadt, Chelsea LaMay, Jordan Griffin, Melissia Autrey

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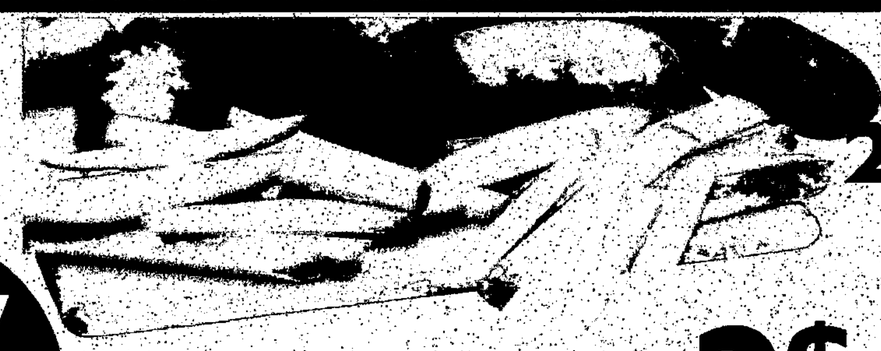

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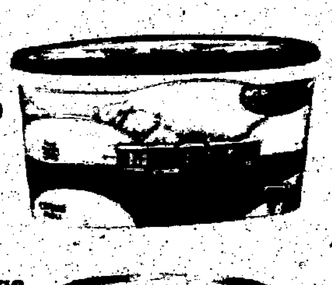

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County commissioners urge road clearance for residents

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Requiring an annual fee to use easements across U.S. Forest Service land is nothing new, Buck Sanchez, Smokey Bear District Ranger, told Lincoln County commissioners Tuesday.

County Manager Tom Stewart wrote Sanchez after Commissioner Jackie Powell reported a complaint in October from Johnny Cox, a resident who was asked to pay an annual $61 assessment to cross federal land in the Lincoln National Forest near County Road C007 north of Capitan.

Sanchez replied to Stewart in a letter that levying a charge for use of an access easement to a private residence is standard practice and the amount of the charge is based on an assessment of fair market value.

He attended the commission meeting Tuesday to answer more questions and offer more details. Sanchez said he signs about a dozen fee easement charges annually.

Powell said the property was an old 160-acre homestead that existed before the national forest was created. An agreement was struck to use the easement and later a rule was adopted allowing a fee to be imposed, she said. The family began paying in 2005.

"I feel there shouldn't be a fee to get back and forth to their house," Powell said. She favored the county declaring the road under a designation called RS2477, indicating its longtime existence and public use inside the forest.

Commissioner Eileen Lovelace Sedillo agreed, saying many more such roads to homes exist in the forest and none of the families should be charged.

Sanchez said another option would be to enter into a cooperative road use agreement with the county commission and transferring responsibility for the road to the county. To declare the road an RS2477, the claimant must go to court to establish the designation, he said.

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District Ranger Buck Sanchez told commissioners easement fees are common.

County Attorney Alan Morel asked if Cox applied for an easement, which throws the situation into a different light than if he just continued using the drive for access.

Oscura resident Jerry Carroll clarified further, "Once you request, it falls under a different jurisdiction. If you have prior existing rights, you don't need to permit them."

Sedillo said it irked her that Cox was living his life without bothering anyone, received the letter from the Forest Service, tried to do the right thing and it turned out wrong for him.

Powell said she'd like to meet with Cox, Sanchez and Morel to work out a solution and Sanchez agreed. Morel said if the road was proven an RS2477, it would become a public road and the county would be responsible for it.

"I'm just a little concerned if the landowner agreed to an easement, that's a binding agreement, and it may not be eligible under RS2477," he said.

Continuing with the subject of roads, Sanchez told commissioners over the past 18 months, staff worked on compiling travel management regulations to comply with relatively new federal rules. A map should be ready to release in March showing the roads in the national forest, and will be reviewed annually.

"That may be a way of knowing whether someone is on a public road," he said, adding that data from the county about roads thought to qualify under RS2477 was considered in preparing the map.

Powell said all-terrain vehicles are the biggest and most destructive problem in national forest in Arizona, where registration in one area grew in a decade from 1,800 to 130,000.

"I feel like the Forest Service shouldn't close any more roads in this area," Powell said. "I think any (proposed closings) should go through the county road review committee like any other roads in the county.

"ATVs are the problem. Limit those, not the ranchers, horseback riders and hunters." No roads should be closed without commission concurrence, she insisted.

Sanchez said district officials do not propose to change anything substantive.

"We're mostly cleaning up maps to show the public clearly what is open and what is not open," he said. He agreed that increasing ATV use poses a problem.

"We're all wrestling with balancing recreation use and protecting resources," Sanchez said. "We welcome help and input."

Amateur radio organization agrees to proposed antennae design changes

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Although they would prefer no regulation, members of a local amateur radio relay organization told Ruidoso planning and zoning commissioners they agree with proposed wording changes to an ordinance governing antennae design.

Commissioners took no action, asking that drawings be submitted to help them understand the size of the antennae to be allowed in comparison to houses and trees.

Wayne Greaves, president of Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club, told commissioners at their meeting earlier this month the existing ordinance regulations for residential areas are overly and unnecessarily restrictive.

"I have not seen one ordinance more stringent than Ruidoso's. As a result, antennae that are universally and routinely used by amateur operators elsewhere in New Mexico and the United States cannot be utilized in Ruidoso," he said.

The 40-member nonprofit group raised the issue and worked with staff to improve technical standards to enhance the ability to provide volunteer emergency communication services, support for search and rescue operations and free communications for numerous public service events in the village and surrounding communities, he said.

He pointed out that during the July 27 record flood along the Ruidoso River, amateur radio operators handled vital emergency communications for government entities and agencies at no cost. Amateur radio operators helped during Hurricane Katrina and spot tornados for the National Weather Service.

One of many designs

But the ordinance as now written was crafted around one type of antenna and excludes 99 percent of other designs available, Greaves said. As written, the ordinance formula for determining antenna structure height relative to antenna height generates bizarre and nonsensical results, and imposes unwarranted limits on horizontal antennae, he contended. The ordinance does not consider the extreme terrain in Ruidoso, he said.

Members also would like to eliminate a limitation of one antennae per home.

He reminded commissioners that federal law passed in 1985 prohibits local ordinances that preclude antennae communication. Ordinances must reasonable accommodate the activity and must set forth minimal regulations to accomplish the legitimate purposes of zoning, Greaves said.

Commissioner Bill Hirschfeld recalled that the original ordinance was written by club members, including Harvey Foster, who was at the commission meeting with Greaves.

Commissioner Ray Alborn asked if all of the emergency systems now in place in the village negated the need for the participation of amateur radio operators, but Village Attorney Dan Bryant said the systems work together.

Foster told commissioners the original ordinance was designed for cellular and television towers, not home antenna. He worked with the former village planning director and they went around in circles, he said. A hotly contested conditional use application for an antenna in North Heights Subdivision sparked the issue.

The ordinance passed, Foster said. "But it was not at all what we wanted."

Commission Chairman Glen Barrow asked if by the December commission meeting, club members could provide drawings to show the height and width of antennae preferred in relationship to houses and trees.

In any case, the commission only will recommend changes to ordinance standards to the village council, which has the final vote, he said.

Foster said the amateur group "is fine" with the proposed ordinance as rewritten.

But resident and business owner Jennie Dorgan said while she appreciated the help from amateur radio operators, Ruidoso must consider an element that doesn't come into play in other communities, interference with the spectacular mountain views.

"Here view equals dollars," she said. "People spend more (on a house) because they have a view. If the ordinance is changed, they might want to include wind turbines."

In other action, commissioners:

- denied a request for a variance by Burt Johnson to allow construction within a side yard setback on a lot on Edinburgh Place in Unit 1 of the Camelot Subdivision, reducing the required 10 feet to 7.5 feet. Commissioner Don Dutton pointed out that the staff contended the application doesn't met any of the three tests for a variance, because not granting the variance would not deny the applicant reasonable use of the land, the lot is not substandard and allowing the variance might negatively affect neighboring lots.
- delayed action on all proposed ordinance changes until a joint meeting with Ruidoso village councilors.

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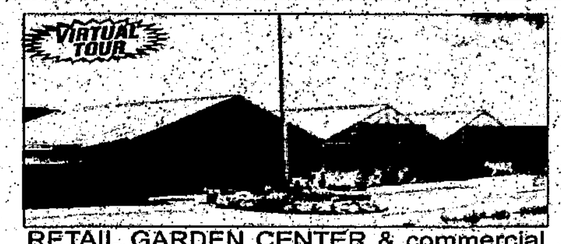

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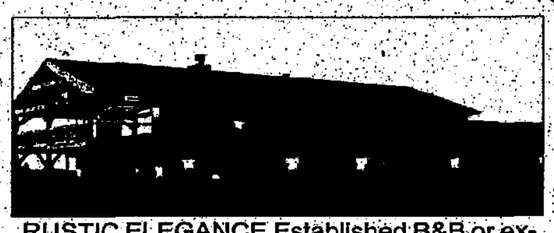

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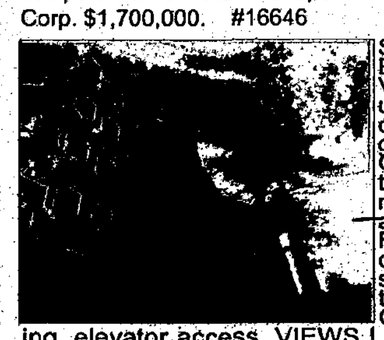

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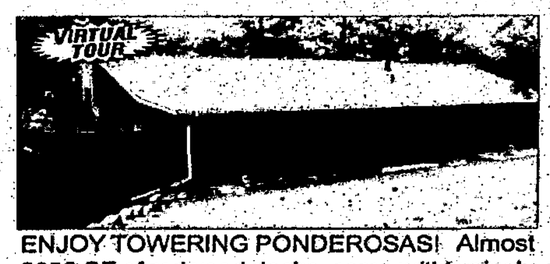

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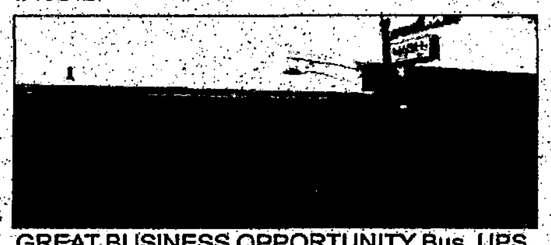

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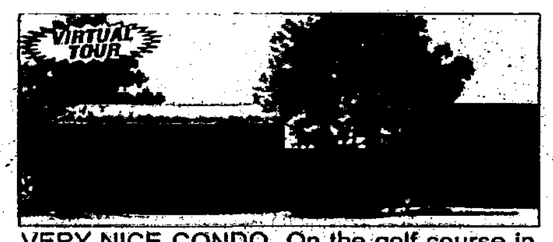

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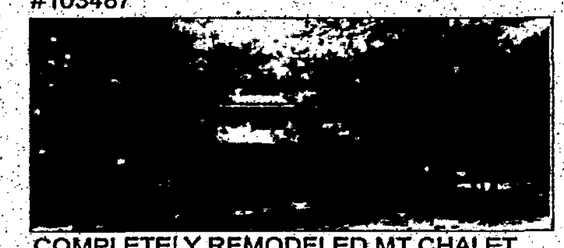

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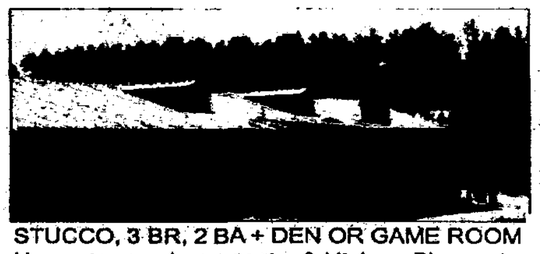

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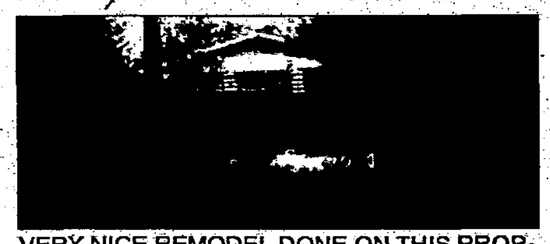

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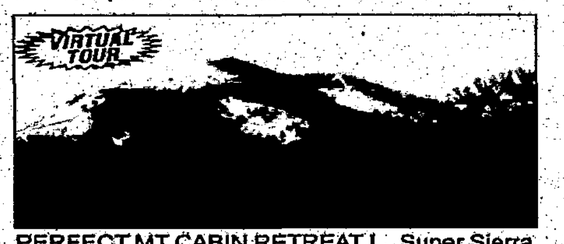

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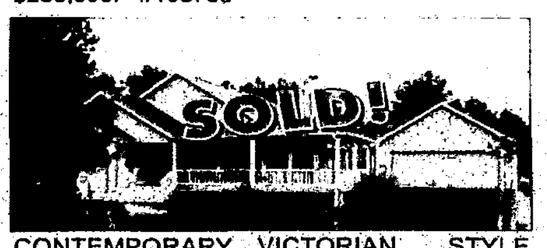

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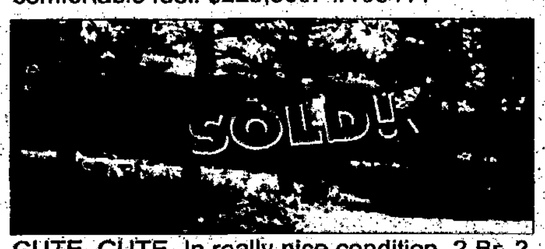

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Monday, Nov. 17
Mescalero 60, Artesia JV 35
Tuesday, Nov. 18
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Capitan 89, NMMI 19

Boys Basketball
Tuesday, Nov. 18
NMMI 64, Capitan 52
NMMI 53, Capitan JV 11

Sports On Tap

Football
Saturday, Nov. 15
Ruidoso at Lovington, 2 p.m.

On Deck

Warrior Gymnasium reopens
You are cordially invited to the grand reopening of the Warrior gymnasium and Champions Day for Fall, 2008. The event will take place from 2-3 p.m. This Champions Day RHS will recognize the 2008 3A volleyball state champions and the 2008 3A girls state champions. This year's boys district soccer and girls district volleyball champs will also be feted. All-Southwest linebacker (Texas) and former NFL player, Brian Jones will be the guest speaker.

All American Futurity quandary

MIKE CURRAN
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There appears to be a consensus that 2008 All American Futurity champion Stolis Winner had caffeine in his system during the race.

The two-year-old gelding won the Labor Day race by a half-length over the undefeated, Louisiana-bred stallion, Jet black Patriot, to claim the $1 million prize.

All 10 two-year-olds that took part in the Sept. 1 race were urine tested.

"Subsequently, a random deep screen blood test was found to contain caffeine," Executive Director for the Racing Commission Julian Luna said.

"We then tested the urine sample for that substance, and it, too, showed positive."

The purse was released, Luna said because, "The first test was not analyzed for caffeine and was clean."

Jet Black Patriot's interests are represented by the Fritz Law Firm (namely, Robert Fritz), a Houston-based firm.

"Every single test has come back positive," Fritz said Tuesday. "Definitive results were shown in the blood test which displayed a 43.5 ng/ml (nanograms per milliliter). States such as Louisiana have a threshold of 25 but New Mexico has a zero tolerance."

> **"Stolis Winner had the banned substance in his system during his running of the All American ..."**
>
> Dr. Thomas Tobin
> Toxicologist

Information has recently been furnished to the *Ruidoso News* which also purportedly confirms the finding of caffeine in Stolis Winner.

Dr. Thomas Tobin, a well known toxicologist from Lexington, Ky., has analyzed the urine and blood samples taken from Stolis Winner and concluded:

"With regard to the blood and urine samples taken from Stolis winner after the All American Futurity, September 1,

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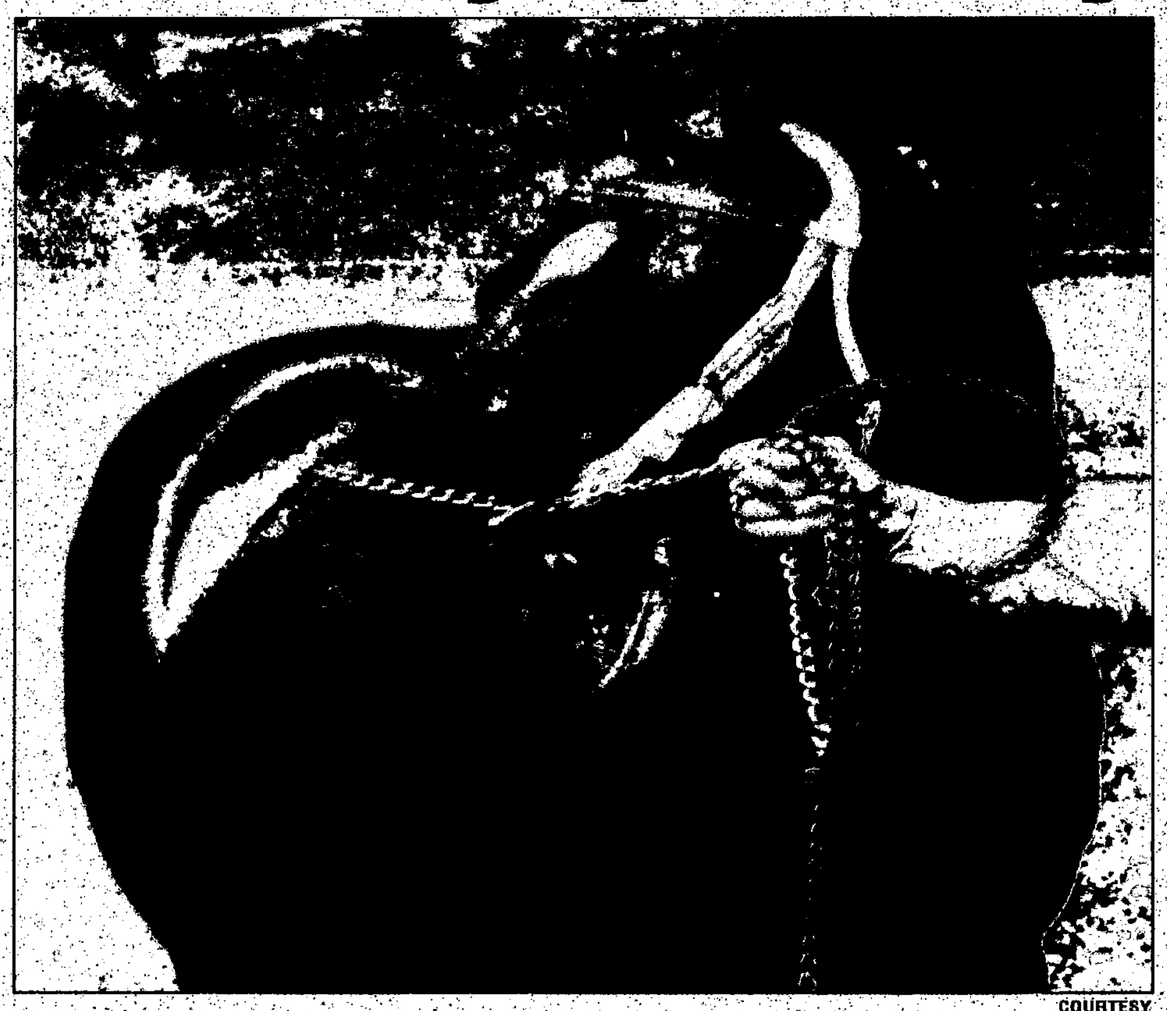

COURTESY

Stolis Winner was the fastest qualifier in the All American Futurity trials.

The five toughest sports?

CURRAN EVENTS

BY MIKE CURRAN
SPORTS EDITOR

About a month or so ago I found myself on the way to Zia Park one weekend to watch Peppers Pride set an all-time thoroughbred record by winning her 17th consecutive race.

My friend Ty Wyant was at the wheel, it was a two hour trip and I had lots of idle time on my hands to think (that's not always a good thing).

Somewhere along the line one of my usual, strange, unimportant thoughts entered my brainpan (from left field or the twilight zone) and wouldn't leave.

I wondered what the five (an arbitrary number, it sounded better than four or six) toughest sports (legitimate) were and how they ranked in terms of risk-to-injury, skill, conditioning and talent, etc.

Over the next few weeks I periodically went over the list, adding a sport, then subtracting another.

When I felt I had my top five I still wasn't fully satisfied.

At that point I placed rugby/Australian football, first, then, cage fighting, boxing, bull riding, and, finally, football.

As for boxing, I can still visualize Rocky Marciano's second fight with Ezzard Charles in 1954.

Charles threw an uppercut at Marciano which missed, but his elbow connected with Rocky's nose and completely split it down the middle.

Marciano fought on, oblivious to the horrific injury and knocked Charles out in the eighth round.

Back where I come from the three B-boys — that's your barber, bookmaker and bartender — were always ready with an opinion.

They knew you well. In fact if you put them in a room together, collectively, they would be able to come up with a reasonably truthful biography about the subject at hand.

One recent evening I retreated to my favorite watering hole to enjoy some solace and libation.

That five-toughest thing kept rattling around in my cranium and was preventing me from engaging in friendly, social intercourse when I felt like it. I figured there was only one way to put the matter to rest (for the night).

I would ask "Mick, the bartender." There was no doubt in my mind he would have an opinion — he always does.

His top five were rugby/Australian football, boxing, soccer, bull riding and cage fighting.

I had already considered soccer (I've really come to respect that sport), as well as cheerleading (lots of injuries there), jockeys, wrestling, football, barefoot water skiing (for a number of years I engaged in that insane hobby), white water rafting, speed skiing (snow) and bronc riding, among others.

I know Mick's the man but I still wasn't comfortable with either of our top five picks.

One day, when I was supposed to be interviewing the Ruidoso High School volleyball coach, Steve Brown, about the team's district championship over Portales, I ask him what his five toughest were.

He suggested ice hockey should be on the list.

"Yeah, that's right," I said. "I hadn't considered that one."

I realized at the time there is no right answer. It's all relative, depending on who's doing the listing.

At any rate, here's my final tally. I'm going with cage fighting, boxing, rugby/Australian football, bull riding and football — in that order. That's it. That's final (until tomorrow).

Again, I doubt it's right. I've been wrong many times in my life and I'm probably incorrect here, too.

I'm sure your list will be different than mine and I know I will hear from you on this consequential matter. But hey, I've been writing to you for close to two years and I figure we can reason this out.

My next list will be the five most skilled sports, such as baseball, golf and pool. I hope this one doesn't consume me like the last one.

Local scores in rodeo

The New Mexico State University women's rodeo team won first place overall at the final rodeo of the semester, the NMSU National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) rodeo, held Nov. 15 in Las Cruces.

The women's team finished with a lead of more than 200 points over the second place team. The men's team placed second overall, coming in behind Central Arizona College.

"The women's team did well, though we need to start taking control of the goat tying and breakaway events. If we can rest this winter and come back fresh for next spring, we should be able to close the gap on the other schools and finish the year on top," said Jim Dewey Brown, NMSU rodeo coach.

In the breakaway roping event, Staci Stanbrough, of Capitan, placed second, with teammate Megan Wilkerson, of Sonoita, Ariz., finishing third.

El Paso native, Laura Baeza, won first in the barrel racing. Jordan Bassett, of Dewey, Ariz., placed second.

Stanbrough placed second in the goat tying event.

For the men's team, Trey Bissett, of Bay City, Texas, won first in the bareback riding. Clay Geronimo, of Mescalero, placed third.

In the saddlebronc event, Daniel Orris, of Durango, Colo., placed third.

Jett Sours, of Grady, and Marco LeBaron, of Mexico, placed first and third, respectively, in the bull riding.

Bryce Runyan, of Silver City, received third in the tie-down roping.

Wyatt Althoff, of Gilbert, Ariz., placed second in the steer wrestling event.

In the team roping, header Tyler Findley and heeler Donny DeForest, of Yuma, Ariz., received second. The team of Dalton Doak, of Las Cruces, and Brock Kipp, of Animas, placed third.

Stanbrough was named the women's all-around champion for the weekend.

The next NIRA rodeo will be held at Cochise College in Fort Huachuca, Ariz., March 6-7, 2009.

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Staci Stanbrough, of Capitan, was named the all-around champion for the weekend at the NIRA rodeo in Las Cruces.

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Ski Apache kicks off 2008-09 Winter season

Ski Apache, one of the premier ski and snowboarding resorts in the Southwest, opens for the 2008-2009 winter season on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 27.

Ski Apache is the perfect retreat for all snow-lovers, offering a variety of trails for skiers and snowboarders – and even a tubing hill for younger guests and those young at heart.

With snowfall already being reported on the mountain, Ski Apache officials are optimistic for an on-time opening.

"With so many new amenities debuting at Ski Apache, we are extremely excited for this year's season," said Justin Rowland, director of operations for Ski Apache.

"The ski resort offers something for everyone – people of all skill levels are encouraged to come up and enjoy the runs, new tubing hill and great snow conditions."

Sitting atop the peak of Sierra Blanca, Ski Apache offers 55 trails for skiers and snowboarders to explore, with a top elevation of 11,500 feet.

As the southern-most major ski location in the United States, the resort has a dry, arid climate that makes for optimal snow conditions, typically producing more than 15 feet annually.

Additionally, should the weather not cooperate throughout the season, Ski Apache boasts a state-of-the art snowmaking system. The ski resort has the ability to create enough snow to cover more than 35 percent of the entire mountain – even when the temperature rises above 32 degrees.

In celebration of opening day, Ski Apache and Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino are offering a special ski and stay package. The first 50 guests who book by November 27 will receive one free lift ticket per room when they stay Sunday through Thursday.

The offer runs from Nov. 30 to Dec. 18 and provides guests the opportunity to play from day to night.

"Enjoying the nightlife at the resort is the perfect ending to a day on the slopes," said Douglas Lentz, COO of Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino.

"Having the opportunity to take in a show, play in the casino and order a gourmet meal – on top of the outstanding Ski Apache accommodations – allows guests to achieve the complete getaway vacation experience."

One Ski Apache amenity that is offered exclusively to guests of Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino is the new Ski Valet service.

Through Ski Valet, hotel guests can pre-order their ski rental equipment prior to heading up to the mountain.

Upon arriving at Ski Apache, patrons will find all of their customized orders waiting, allowing them to avoid lines and get on the slopes faster.

Ski Valet is free for all Inn of the Mountain Gods guests, who can request the service when booking their room reservations.

"Our goal at Ski Apache is to make everything as easy and accessible for our guests as possible," Rowland said.

"We want them to start having fun the moment they walk onto the property and be able to take advantage of all of the great experiences the resort has to offer."

Ski Apache is also a great place for beginners to get their first taste of skiing and snowboarding.

The resort's Snow Sports Learning Center offers several daily instructional programs where qualified instructors provide training on techniques and safety of the sports.

However, for those not yet ready to don the ski gear, there is a newly opened tubing hill and the recently renovated Elk Lodge restaurant to enjoy.

"We see so many people return year after year to Ski Apache," Rowland said. "Many of them learned how to ski here themselves, and now they bring their children to share in the experience.

"The mountain is a special place – one we strive to keep on the cutting edge of ski technology, but also always retain the charm that keeps people coming back."

For more information on pricing, hours and weather conditions, please call 464-3600 or visit www.skiapache.com.

Information on room rates and ski packages at Inn of the Mountain Gods can be found at www.innofthemountaingods.com or by calling toll-free (888) 262-0478.

NMSU Aggie volleyball team rolls in multiple awards

The New Mexico State volleyball team placed five players on the All-Western Athletic Conference team while head coach Mike Jordan was named WAC Coach of the year as the WAC office announced the 2008 All-WAC teams.

Seniors Amber Simpson, Krystal Torres and Lindsey Yon join junior Krista Altermatt on the first team, while freshman Jennah DeVries earned a spot on the all-freshman team. Head coach Mike Jordan says this proves that his team and his support staff have worked hard all season and continue to do so.

"I'm really proud of them and they have all worked hard so they are very deserving," Jordan said.

"They represent NMSU and our conference very well."

This was the third time during the four years NMSU has been in the WAC that Jordan has earned the Coach of the Year award after winning it in 2005 and 2006.

Jordan has led his team to a 21-7 overall record and 15-1 conference record, while all losses have come at the hands of teams in the top 25 AVCA poll or teams that have been receiving votes all season long.

"I am honored to receive, especially because there are so many great coaches in the WAC," Jordan said.

Yon earned her third WAC honor of the year as she was named WAC Player of the Week twice this season. This is the second first-team All-WAC honor for Yon in as many years, as she has averaged 3.86 kills per set in 2008, which is third best in the conference. She also has 26 service aces and tallies 2.47 digs per set.

After earning WAC Player of the Week honors last week, Torres earned her third all-WAC honor in her four years of playing under Jordan. She was named second team all-WAC in 2006 and first team in 2007. Torres has been leading the WAC in digs all season with 4.60

Simpson earned her third consecutive first team All-WAC honor of her career after hitting .326 heading into the conference tournament. She has also posted 244 kills while also breaking the all-time total blocks record at NMSU. Simpson is averaging 2.57 kills per set on the offensive side of the net, while posting a league best 1.37 blocks per set this year.

A second team All-WAC selection during her sophomore season, Altermatt stepped up her play to become a first team selection in 2008. Altermatt averages 2.46 kills per set and is second on the team in digs averaging 2.79 per set. She is also tied for the most service aces on the team with 26.

DeVries is one of two setters in the 6-2 offense the Aggies run, was named to the All-Freshman team, putting up 457 assists and averaging 1.70 digs per set. She is also tied for team high in service aces with 26 this season.

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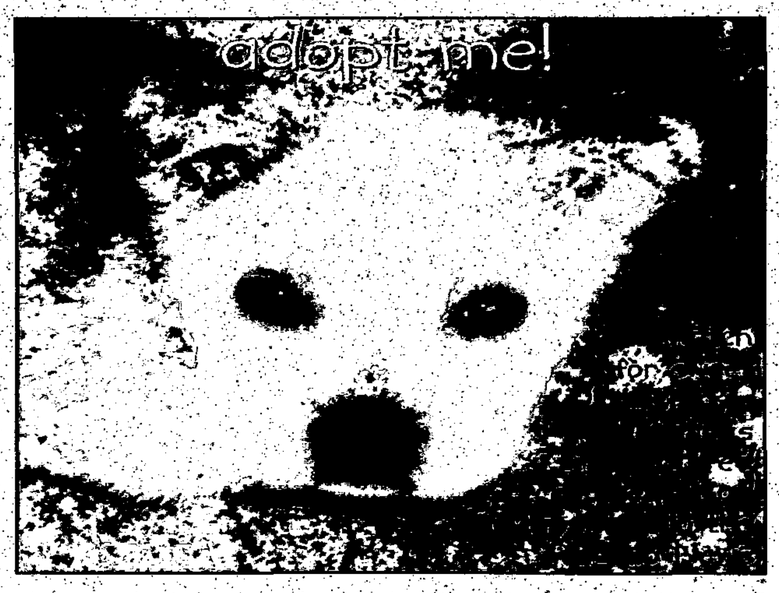

HOROSCOPES by Linda C. Black

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

Today's Birthday (11/21/08). You're a teacher, a coach, and the brains behind the operation this year. The others respect your wisdom, and well they should. You give them something to think about and work toward.

Aries (March 21-April 19) —Today is an 8 — If you're not already working for yourself, you probably should be. You're knocking yourself out for low pay, and that's the way most entrepreneurs start out. Give it some thought. You might like the fringe benefits.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — The sun's going into Sagittarius for the next four weeks. This is the area that brings emphasis to your financial holdings. You have natural talent, but guard against surprises. Stay in charge.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — Stick with your family's traditions. If you don't have any, make up some. You'll find that doing the same old thing is very comforting now. Cinnamon and ginger are recommended.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — Practice makes perfect but, as you may have noticed, it can take a while. Keep at it; you're losing your inhibitions and your terror of making mistakes. That last should almost be used up.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — There's way too much for one person to do, so get as much help as you need. This job pays well enough that you'll come out ahead. If this is totally not happening in your life, move over to where it is.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — Continue to let your loved ones build up your confidence. They think you can do anything, even when you wonder. Trust them. They're probably right this time.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 5 — A behind-the-scenes negotiation works out well for you. This could be a trade or you get it free for hauling it away. You don't have to tell anybody how much you paid, unless you want to brag.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Hurry and start whatever it is that you want to have grow and be abundant. Pray for what you want to learn easily in the coming year. Make lists of your wishes as well as your resolutions.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — You can advance your career now, and make a lot more money. This might involve making a change, but it's not impossible. Think about the pros and cons. Yes, a decision will be required.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Friends can make a connection better than you can yourself. Luckily, you've been getting better at delegating responsibilities. That hasn't happened yet? Well, here's a chance to practice.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5 — Conditions are changing in your favor. The next few weeks should be fun. Keep sorting through your expenses to see if there are any you can cut. It gets easier with practice.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — By now you should have your plan just about figured out. That's good, because you're about to take on more responsibility. You can do this, especially if you're prepared. So, prepare.

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FUTURITY

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2008, review of documents provided by the New Mexico Racing Commission unequivocally demonstrates that the post-race urine sample in question contains caffeine, a class 2 banned substance.

"Furthermore, the finding of caffeine in the corresponding plasma sample definitely refutes any possible claim that the caffeine identified in the urine sample taken from Stolis Winner is from post-collection contamination that entered the urine sample during or after the collection process.

"In other words, for lay people, Stolis Winner had the banned substance in his system during his running of the All American Futurity on 9.1.08."

A specimen provided by the Racing Commission was examined by the Iowa State University laboratory. A split sample was made available by the Commission and given to the Horseman's Association which chose to send it to Louisiana State University's laboratory.

All subsequent tests showed positive.

Luna was contacted Wednesday by the *Ruidoso News*, informed of Dr. Tobin's findings, and disclosed he was already acquainted with Dr. Tobin.

"Tobin is a major player," he said. "He's a known expert witness in cases such as this.

"But you should understand there are different players with contrasting concerns in this dispute. Some chemists think they're better than others and competing labs may have differing opinions as to whose findings are more reliable."

Luna also confirmed that all tests sent to the above-mentioned labs tested positive.

"The New Mexico Racing Commission released the purse after the initial urine test came back clean," Luna reiterated.

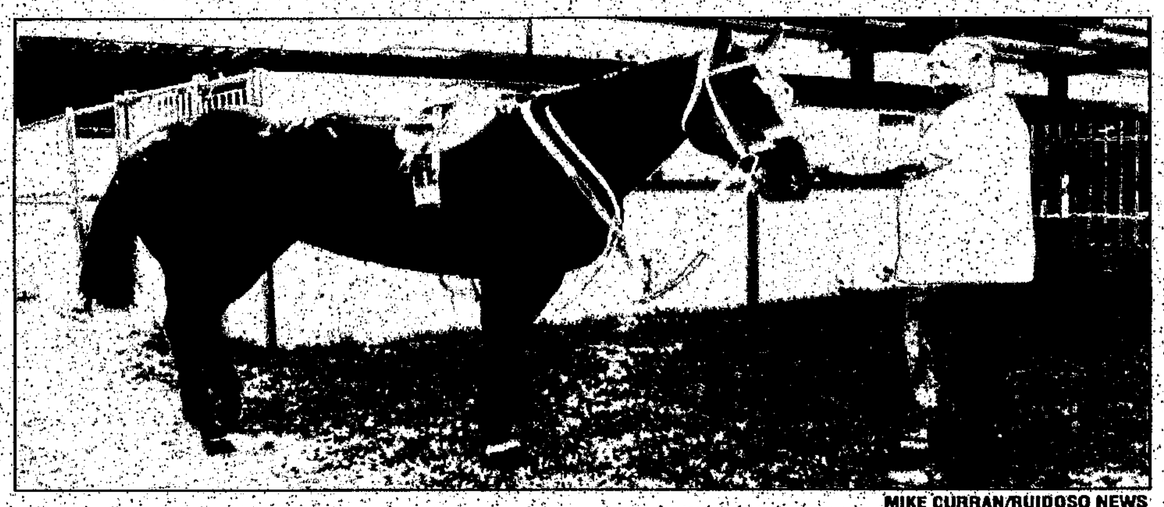
Jerry Windham, owner of Stolis Winner, maintains that the positive results showing caffeine were from a post-contaminant source (such as human perspiration or some other accidentally induced means which did not go through the horse's system).

When asked if the Attorney General's office for the state of New Mexico was involved, Luna replied, "The administrative office of the Attorney-General assigns attorneys to the Racing Commission in matters such as this.

"This is true for any case that involves potential rules infractions or violations.

"We do not feel at this time any of our policies need to be changed. The purse was not released prematurely.

"We work closely with the racing industry to maintain the safety of the horses, and at the same time, try to see that the purses are distributed in a timely manner so the owners and trainers can meet their responsibilities."



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Jet Black Patriot is shown, with trainer Eric Curtis, shortly before a workout this summer.

Deep fields to run at Zia

TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

HOBBS – Races with stakes-class fields for both thoroughbreds and quarter horses highlight two very deep fields at Zia Park on Saturday afternoon.

First post time is 12:15 p.m. for the 11-race program. There is always free parking and free grandstand admission at Zia Park.

The 10th race for thoroughbreds features Lea County Handicap runner-up Daddy Warbucks and the consistent Honoring.

Daddy Warbucks adores the six-furlong distance of the 10th race and comes off a second-place run in the $56,000 Lea County Handicap.

The four-year-old set the pace in the Lea County Handicap before being caught in the lane by Ducky Drake, who turned in an excellent 1:10 for the six furlongs.

Daddy Warbucks has earned $207,000 with four wins and four seconds from 13 starts.

Daddy Warbucks has the fourth post position with Ken Tohill aboard.

Honoring defines consistency as he has not been below third in his latest 13 starts, primarily against claiming and allowance company.

Two starts ago he went from gate to wire in an allowance race at The Downs at Albuquerque to win by four lengths and was then second behind Ducky Drake in a Zia Park optional-claiming race.

Honoring drew the seventh post position and has the services of jockey Joe Martinez.

The sixth race is stocked with quarter horses boasting classy backgrounds racing 400 yards.

The Sleepy Gilbreath-trained Winninginthebuff won the Grade 1 Ruidoso Derby in 2006 and looks like he could be back in top form after winning a Zia Park allowance race.

He won by a half length with a sharp :17.44 time for the 350 yards.

Jose Alvarez rides Winninginthebuff with the fourth post position.

Mr Gordon Shultz also comes off a Zia Park allowance win. The Carl Draper-trained gelding prevailed by one-half length over 440 yards on September 30.

The four-year-old gelding was third in the $150,000 All American Juvenile in 2006 and qualified for the 2007 Rainbow Derby.

Bonifacio Perez has the riding assignment on Mr Gordon Shultz with the ninth post position in the 10-horse field.

Ruidoso Little League
BASEBALL

2009 Board Nomination List will be posted at the Gavilan Canyon Field Concession Stand from November 21st to December 1st. All interested please sign up. Per little league rules a board may consist of up to 15 people.

2009 Election of Board Member will be December 2nd from 5pm-7pm at Gavilan Canyon field score keepers box.
-Fee of $1.00 will be charged to register as a "member" of little league
-All interested "members" may come to vote on nominess.

The first meeting of the 2009 RLL Board will be December 8th at 6pm at the Gavilan Cyn Field Scorekeepers Box
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Humility and thanksgiving walk hand in hand. A little humility can make us feel truly thankful. Conversely, an attitude of thanksgiving can help us experience true humility. Humility is a strength that liberates us; it frees us to enter into a right relationship with God.

Let us resolve to keep the spirit of thankfulness and humility that we experience on this Thanksgiving Day. Let us worship God with thankful hearts and humble ourselves before Him in praise.

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you..." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm 100	Psalm 113	Psalm 115	Psalm 68	Psalm 65	Psalm 66	Psalm 67

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NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Peace Chapel Interdenominational (ULC) Alto North, 336-7075. Jeamsie Price, Pastor. Morning chapel: 6:30 a.m. (Sept. – June); Sun. Service: 11 a.m.

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

NON-SECTARIAN

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

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

CAPITAN & LINCOLN CHURCHES

BAPTIST

Trinity Southern Baptist Church (south on Highway 48) Mt. Capitan Rd. 354-2044. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Service 11 a.m., Celebrate Recovery (Faith based 12 step program for all types of addictions) Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Meal @ 6:00 p.m. CrossFire Youth Group meets Thursday 6:30 p.m. Meal @ 6:00 p.m. Mel Gnatkowski, pastor 808-0607

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

CATHOLIC

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

EPISCOPAL

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

FOURSQUARE

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

METHODIST

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

NAZARENE

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

QUAKER WORSHIP GROUP - Quaker Unprogrammed meeting: The Bonito Valley Worship Group meets at 5 pm on First day, at the Anderson-Freeman Visitor's Center in Lincoln. For details of this and other Quaker activities contact Sandra Smith at 505-653-4951.

CARRIZOZO CHURCHES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

BAPTIST

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

CATHOLIC

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

EPISCOPAL

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

METHODIST

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

MESCALERO

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

Your wants are not the same as your needs

Clary-fications
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

Several verses in the Bible help us understand the basis for Thanksgiving.

In Matthew 6:33, Jesus advises us to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things (food, clothing, and shelter) will be given to you as well."

In Philippians 4:19, the Apostle Paul states that "my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." In I Timothy 6:17, Paul says that God "richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."

So many folks are not getting what they want, so then they do not enjoy what they have. It is really the old, "Is the glass half-full or half-empty?" conundrum. Our "wanter" sometimes blinds us to see and enjoy what we have. We don't enjoy what we have, because we don't have what we want. Paul did not write to say that God will meet all your "wants."

Jesus said that here were qualifications to be met for God to give us "all these things." We are to seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, then "all these things" will be given to us. If a person is not seeking Jesus Christ, there will not be a meeting of needs in God's riches.

In another verse, Psalm 37:4, David writes, "Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." That does not mean that He will give to you what you desire. God very well knows the evil desires of men's hearts. That verse means God will give you the right kind of desires when you delight in Him.

The key to understanding the Philippians verse lies in the phrase, "in Christ Jesus." All the blessings, good things, and riches God wants to give us are "in Christ Jesus."

The results of understanding and applying these truths to our lives, is to be blessed. The natural response to these blessings is to give thanks to God. Our forefathers were blessed as they made it through that first, difficult year. The harvest came in with the help of the Native Americans, and together, red men and white men, celebrated God's goodness with thanksgiving.

There may be a few things that you and I do not like about the U.S.A., but we should thank God for the multitude of blessings that He has poured out on us.

His blessings give us help for today and hope for tomorrow.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Sophie Sago

Visitation for Sophie Sago, 66, of Mescalero was Nov. 20, 2008, at the LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso. The prayer service was at 6 p.m. in the Mescalero Assembly of God Church where the funeral service will be on Friday, Nov. 21, at 10 a.m. with burial to follow at the Mescalero Cemetery.

Mrs. Sago passed away Monday, Nov. 17, 2008, in El Paso, Texas. She was born March 8, 1942, in Mescalero and had lived there all of her life. She had worked as a cook at the Mescalero Elderly Center and the Mescalero Jail and was currently a homemaker. She attended the Mescalero Assembly of God Church.

She is survived by three children; Therman Wade Sago, Myron James Fatty-Sago and Greta Mardell Sago; two grandchildren, Arieal Second and Gregory Second; and a sister, Pauline Murphy.

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

Joyce Ann Black

Joyce Ann Black, 75, of San Angelo departed this life on Nov. 18, 2008. She was born in Zwolle, La., on May 5, 1933, to Sam C. and Bertha Machen Wood. She graduated from Texarkana Texas High School and attended Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth.

She lived in Ft. Worth where she was active in many civic organizations, receiving a national award for her work with the Camp Fire Girls of America. She married Bob Black on Sept. 7, 1973, and they made their home in Ballinger, Texas. While in Ballinger she was active in the Business and Professional Women and Ballinger Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, serving as president of both. She was a member of the First Christian Church.

Joyce and Bob moved to Ruidoso and enjoyed many friendships and good times in New Mexico. Later they made their home in San Angelo and Ruidoso. She enjoyed a variety of things from cooking to horse racing. She always enjoyed an afternoon of bridge with friends. Joyce is survived by her husband of 35 years, Bobby Black of San Angelo; her five daughters, 10 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Joyce Black were Thursday, Nov. 20 at the First Christian Church in Ballinger. Burial will followed in Ballinger Evergreen Cemetery.

Services are under the direction of Lange Funeral Home. Guests may register at ballingerfuneralhome.com.

W.B. "Bill" Jennings

W. B. "Bill" Jennings, 68, of Big Spring, died Nov. 19, 2008, in an Odessa hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008, at the First United Methodist Church of Big Spring with Rev. Sharon Wiese and Rev. Ed Williamson, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

He was born on Sept. 27, 1940, in Fort Worth and married Mary Hall on Oct. 5, 1974, in Fluvanna, Texas. Bill was raised in Snyder and graduated from Snyder High School. He received his Bachelors Degree from Sul Ross University and taught Agriculture and Science at Fluvanna and Borden County. He then went to work for the Department of Public Safety as a DPS officer retiring in 1995. He served as Howard County Sheriff from 1997 to 2000 and then worked for the Big Spring ISD as a Liason Truant Officer for several years. Bill was a member of First United Methodist Church.,

Survivors include his wife, Mary Jennings of Big Spring; four sons, Bill Jennings of Ruidoso, Burt Jennings of Austin, Joel Jennings and wife, Kari of Georgetown, and Shane Forrest of Big Spring; three grandsons, Kyle Jennings and Dean Jennings both of Austin, and Joshua Forrest of Big Spring; two grandaughters, two nephews, one niece.

The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

Online condolences can be made at: www.np-welch.com

Sharon Kennedy Messerli Kanouse

Sharon Kennedy Messerli Kanouse, age 73, of El Paso, TX, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, November 16, at 4:25 AM at Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso, NM.

Sharon was born in Ottumwa, IA, and was a graduate of Parsons College. She taught school in Ottumwa for seven years before moving to El Paso in 1965, where she taught for EPISD for an additional twenty-one years. Sharon was an accomplished vocalist, loved opera, traveling, football, and snow skiing. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Vincent and Mary Beth Kennedy.

She is survived by her husband of twenty-one years, Tom Kanouse, her sister Jane Hoover of Ruidoso, NM, her son, Brent Messerli of El Paso, and grandchildren, Kaila and Megan Messerli. Also, step-children Tracy Chisum of Frisco, TX, Meredith Athens of El Paso, John Kanouse of Prosper, TX, several cousins, step-grandchildren, and her many friends. A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 1:00 pm at the Harding Orr and McDaniel Chapel at 320 Montana Avenue.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Sharon Kanouse Memorial Fund at LCMC, PO Box 8000, Ruidoso, NM 88355, ATTN: Business Office. Services entrusted to Harding Orr and McDaniel Funeral Home.

Valton Hall

08/09/14 - 11/11/08

94, died on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2008. He was born Aug 9, 1914 in Marlow, OK, the son of Clarence Coney Hall and Millie Hash. He graduated High School in Electra, TX.

Valton graduated from Texas A&M University in 1938 with a degree in Agronomy. He was a Ross Volunteer and was crowned King Cotton his senior year.

After graduating he served his country in the farming industry. He was an administrator for the CCC in Franklin, TX and taught GI School after WWII.

He married Mary Marjorie Weber, (Margie) November 4, 1938, with whom he shared 68 years of love and marriage until her death in June 2006.

Valton is survived by his daughter, Marganna King and her husband, Raymond King, of Edmonds, WA. His son, John Valton Hall, preceded him in death in June 2002. He is also survived by 2 grandchildren, Charles E Dye and his wife, Ann, of Bozeman, MT, and Adelaide El Zein and her husband, Hussein, of Edmonds, WA and 4 great-grandchildren, Eimanne & Hassan El Zein, Colm & Maeve Dye; brother, Clarence Hall of Arlington, TX, a sister Greta Eller of Burleson, TX.; brother-in-law, Lance Weber of Austin TX, nephew, Tom Hall of Thoreau, NM and niece, Bev Hissett of Denver, CO. His beloved cat, Pippin, also survives him.

Valton was a farmer and rancher in the Brazos River area, Calvert, TX until 1965. He and Margie moved from Texas to Capitan, NM (home of Smokey, the Bear) in 1962. He purchased the 4800 acre Spires Ranch and was one of the first developers in the Capitan area, remaking the ranch into residential, multi-family and commercial properties. For many years Valton was very active in the Lincoln County Community. He served on the Capitan City Council for many terms and was Mayor of Capitan for 2 terms beginning in 1968. In and around Ruidoso, NM he developed both vacant and improved properties. Valton also developed a 40-acre tract in the Alto area where he built La Junta Guest Lodge, a well-known guest lodge that is still in operation today. He also served on the Ruidoso and Alto water board, Eagle Creek Water Association, for many years.

With his wife by his side, Valton was a self-made man. Not only a successful businessman, he also had time for his church, the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount in Ruidoso. He water skied in Texas, snow skied in New Mexico and played a serious game of bridge anytime he could find a foursome. In November of 1995, he & Margie moved [illegible] Midland TX. With his advancing age and wanting to be near family, he had [illegible] to Mountlake Terrace, WA [illegible] him will miss him dearly.

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The season for an attitude of thanksgiving is here

SANDI BROWNE, LPCC
for the Ruidoso News

Asked to write a composition entitled, "What I'm thankful for on Thanksgiving," little Timothy wrote, "I am thankful that I'm not a turkey."

Colorful leaves float to the ground on currents of invigorating air, the pines are shedding excess needles in preparation for winter snows, and the hummingbirds have migrated to warmer climes.

It's the season of Thanksgiving. Gratitude comes easy with feasts and crisp days, but what about all those other times?

You know what I'm talking about, those days when your job or the stock market collapses into a sinkhole, the weather is lousy, your kids – whatever their ages – are not pleasing you, no one understands, and a part of you is very ticked off.

In times like those, you don't even know what you want, much less be filled with gratitude for what you have.

So, how do we move into the fullness of abundance and gratitude?

Abraham Lincoln once said, "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." These are powerful words spoken by an individual who suffered periods of severe depression.

Honest Abe, in spite of his human frailties, spoke the truth: our thoughts influence our state of happiness.

Anti-depressants can be life-savers, but for sustained changes in attitudes we must take charge of what we focus on in our minds.

Thankfulness is relative. We human beings have a tendency to whine and groan about life until faced with a major challenge such as an illness or death of a loved one.

At such times, our petty demands on life seem very insignificant and unimportant. Perception shifts when we get life in perspective.

A helpful trick is to pretend our time is limited, perhaps our last day on earth. With such a short time, would we waste time disliking life, being upset with others or getting down of ourselves?

Most of us would go for the greatest experience in each remaining moment.

With that focus, colors become more vivid, people more poignant, the beauty of the mundane inspiring.

In the movie "Michael," John Travolta plays an angel whose time on earth is coming to a close.

His character expresses a deep joy in the simple pleasures of this world, even in the midst of a barroom brawl or being thrown in jail.

His simple prescription is love and laughter.

We can lighten up; take time to enjoy the bellyache laugh or the giggle.

As we slow our thoughts, we begin to notice the details and splendor of daily life. The gift of childhood awe and wonder is always available.

In that path lies the fullness and abundance we desire, whatever the season of the year.

"You can complain because the roses have thorns, or you can rejoice because the thorns have roses." Ziggy

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SANDI BROWNE is a Licensed Professional Clinical Mental Health Counselor who works with The Heritage Program for Senior Adults.

The Heritage Program offers older individuals an opportunity to improve the quality of their lives by reducing distress and maximizing their ability function independently. Heritage provides transportation.

For more information, call (575) 257-0491.

Article is courtesy of the Lincoln County Community Health Council, 973-1829.

Time to sign up for Medicare Part D in open enrollment period

ROBERT GOLDBERG
For the Ruidoso News

From now until Dec. 31, Medicare Part D is offering an "open-enrollment" period, meaning that seniors can change their prescription drug coverage to pick a new plan that better meets their needs.

Seniors should jump at this once-a-year opportunity. Instead of being forced into a one-size-fits-all plan run by the government, Part D participants can choose among a variety of private insurance plans, custom tailoring their coverage to their particular drug needs.

Since companies have to compete for the premium dollars of millions of Part D participants, they're delivering increasingly attractive offerings. Beneficiaries are seeing a broader selection of drugs, lower prices, and more generous benefits.

Indeed, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) estimates that the average monthly premium for standard Part D coverage in 2009 will be $28, only $3 higher than last year, and a whopping 37 percent lower than the $44.12 monthly premium projected for 2009 when Part D was launched.

The prospect of substantial cost savings is another big reason why savvy seniors should sign up for Part D. "Until I enrolled in Medicare Part D I paid more than $4,000 a year just in premiums," says Joan Wells of East Aurora, N.Y. "Now I only pay about $300 a year for coverage."

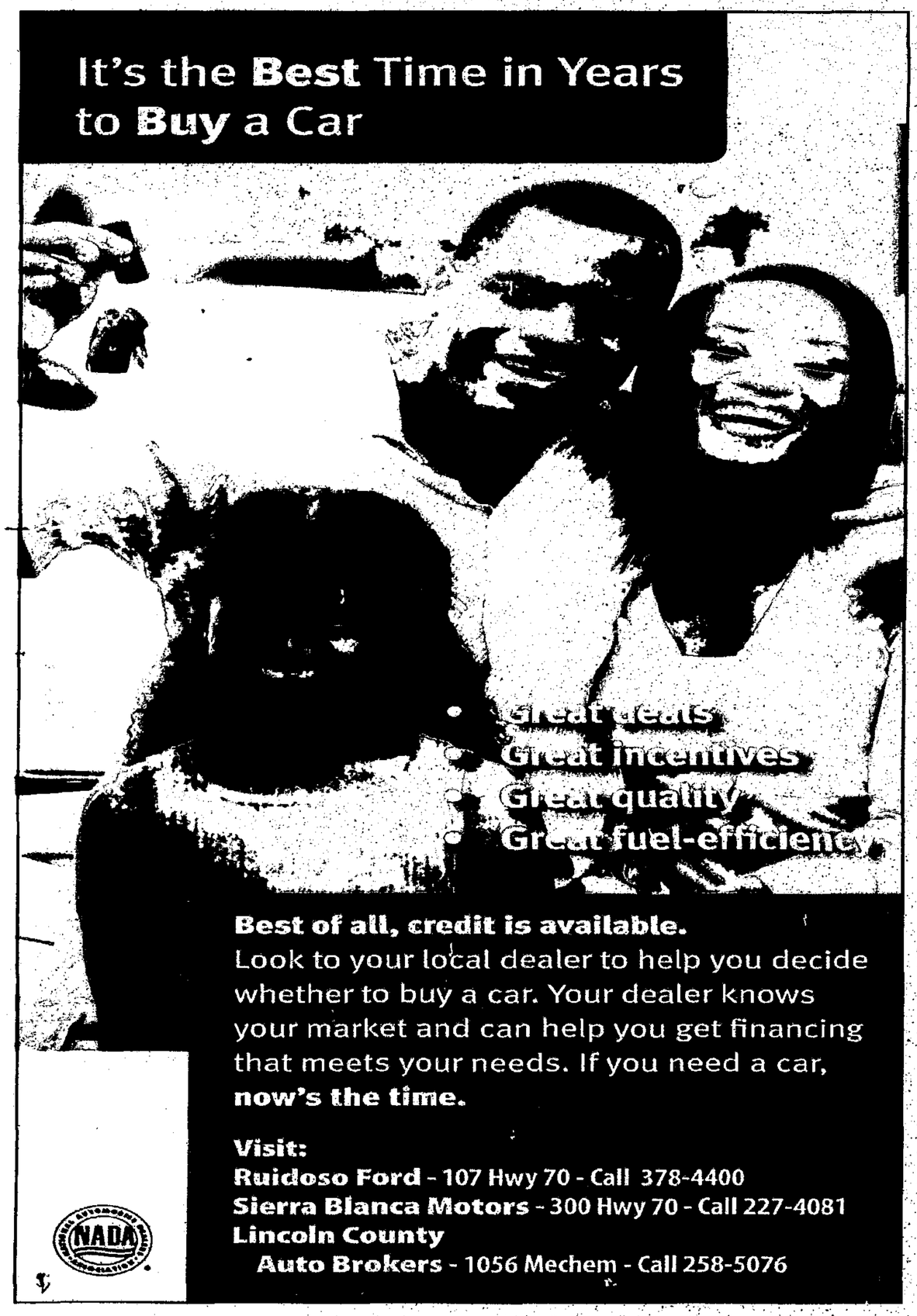
You don't have to be a rocket scientist to pick the right plan. Simply make a list of all your current prescriptions and dosages. Then visit Plan Finder, an easy-to-use, interactive comparison tool at Medicare.gov. Once you enter your information, Plan Finder kicks out a list of all the appropriate plans and their costs in your area.

This year, the CMS Plan Finder has a valuable new feature that can help you save even more on drugs by comparing the cost of filling your prescriptions by mail versus buying directly from a local retail pharmacy.

According to a recent poll, nearly nine in ten seniors covered by the Medicare drug benefit are satisfied with the program. In the coming weeks, seniors should take advantage of the open enrollment period and sign up or switch to a new plan that better meets their needs.

Seniors should also pay attention to any effort Congress makes to take those choices away. Many lawmakers are pushing for a redesign of Part D, as they'd like to turn it into a more traditional government program with just a single, price-controlled plan. By taking the opposite approach, Medicare Part D leverages market forces to create competition, leading to lower prices, better service, and more choices.

ROBERT GOLDBERG is vice president of the Center for Medicine in the Public Interest.



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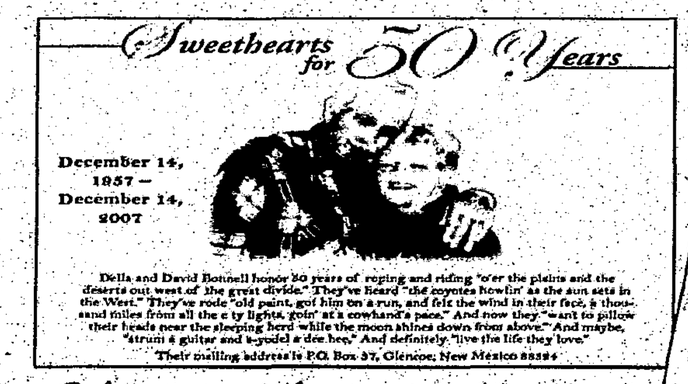

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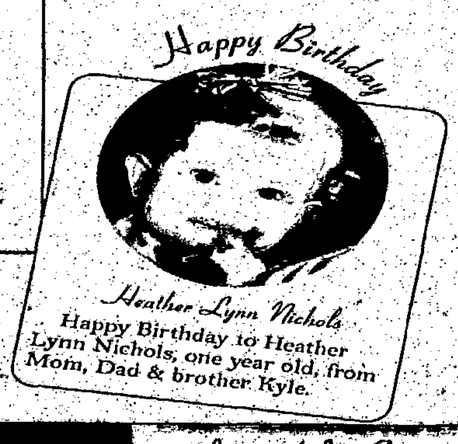

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RUIDOSO NEWS

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Please leave

After police officers tried "pleading" with Christopher Kazhe, 31, of Mescalero to leave a bar in Midtown, Nov. 9, Kazhe became uncooperative and was placed under arrest for criminal trespass. During the arrest, Kazhe was combative, and police added charges of resisting an officer. He was booked at the Ruidoso Police Department and taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center on a $584 bond.

Jealousy

After an evening on the town, Nov. 11, an argument got physical and officers arrested Lindsey Murphy, 26, of Austin, Texas, for battery and interference with telecommunications. She was booked at RPD and later taken to the Lincoln County Medical Center.

Take a hint

Police arrested Jamie Keaton, 19, of Ruidoso, after she was found at a residence on the 200 block of Upper Terrace, Nov. 6. Keaton had been arrested the night before for underage drinking and possession of marijuana after banging on the windows of the residence and refusing to leave. She returned to the residence the next night – twice – and was arrested the second time, again for underage drinking. Keaton was taken to LCDC and ordered to appear in Magistrate Court.

Techno-thief

Three different homes in the same neighborhood were the target of a techno-minded thief, Nov. 13 and 14.

The first resident to be targeted was on the 400 block of Fifth Street, Nov. 13, as a flat screen monitor, cordless telephone and jar of face cream were taken.

The following day, homes on the 400 block of First Street and 200 block of Third Street were reported broken into. Suspects took computers, a monitor and modems from the residences.

Sneaky female

A woman who asked to see a cabin at a business on the 300 block of Main allegedly took a flat screen television, Nov. 15. The woman was seen driving off from the property in a vehicle being driven by an "unknown male." The television is valued at $800.

Bothering customers

A man who just "wanted to hang out" with the clerk of a store on the 700 block of Mechem, Nov. 16, was eventually arrested for resisting an officer after being told to leave. Dennis Cannon, 51, of Ruidoso was booked at RPD and later taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center.

Compression

Burglers took an air compressor from a work site on the 2900 block of Sudderth Drive, Nov. 13. The compressor is listed at $525.

Battery arrest

Police arrested Julius Suton, 22, of Ruidoso, for battery against a household member, false imprisonment, interference with telecommunications and criminal damage to property in reference to an incident on Nov. 13. He was booked on a total $8,500 bond for the various charges.

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE RESULTS

Phone harassment

Police responded to the Ladera Apartments, Nov. 7, in reference to threatening phone calls. Officers met with the victim, who stated he had received multiple calls from a suspect out of state. A report was taken.

Mart mayhem

A vehicle parked in the parking lot at Wal-Mart, Nov. 9, had its headlight broken out with a stick while the car's owner was in the vehicle. The suspect was located and cited into juvenile court.

Asleep at wheel

Officers found a vehicle stopped, but still running, on Highway 70, Nov. 14, and found the driver slumped over the steering wheel. The driver, David Stone, 48, was arrested for DWI.

Vicious dog

Police responding to the 500 block of River Lane, Nov. 11, met a witness who stated a dog had been attacked by another dog that was running loose.

Runaway

A runaway 15-year-old female was reported, Nov. 15, in the Willow Mobile Home Park. The young girl was located, but the case is pending further investigation.

Dual-ing departments

Officers from the Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs Police departments assisted in the arrests of Christina Portillo, 30, of Ruidoso Downs, Dustin Sultemeier, 26, of Capitan and Adam Samora, 27, of Ruidoso, for pro-

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bation violations. Portillo was also arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia found in her vehicle.

Warrant arrests

Kristen Wade, 34, was arrested, Nov. 7, on a warrant issued by adult probation. Police arrested Felicia Lucero, 26, on a Lincoln County Magistrate warrant, Nov. 12, while Kathleen Salcido, 36, was arrested, Nov. 13, on an adult probation warrant.

THE LINCOLN COUNTY WAR

During the 1870's a group of civilian merchants gained control over the economy of Lincoln County, New Mexico, southwest United States, including a monopoly on filling lucrative contracts from the military at Fort Stanton. This group who monopolized trade and their allies was called The House.

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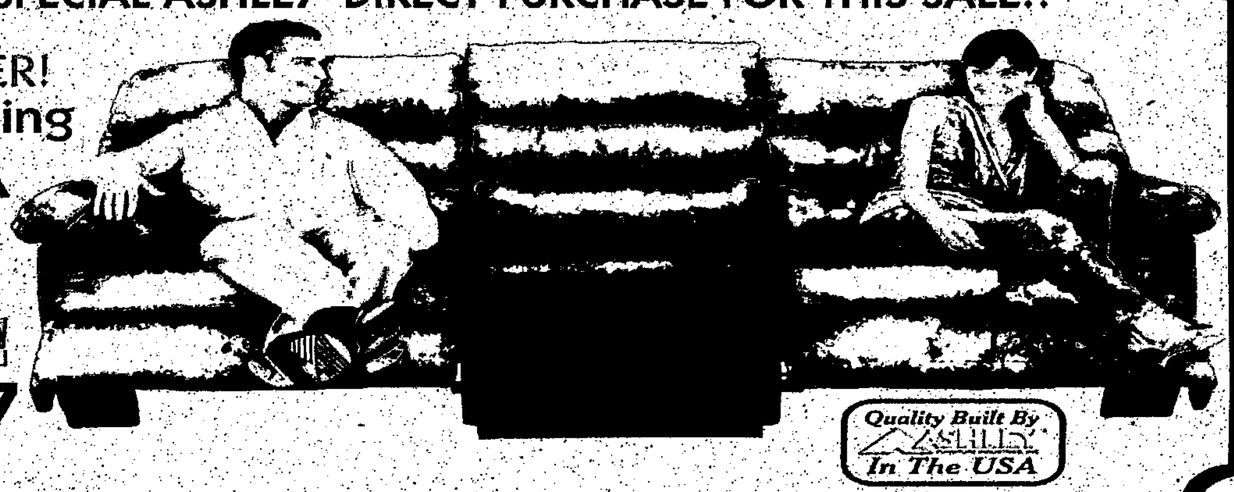

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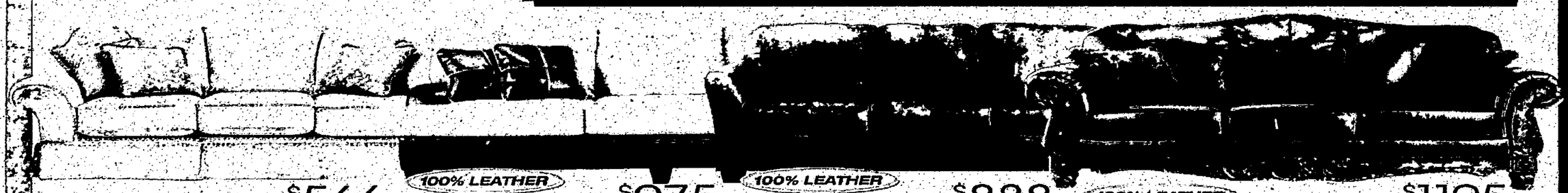

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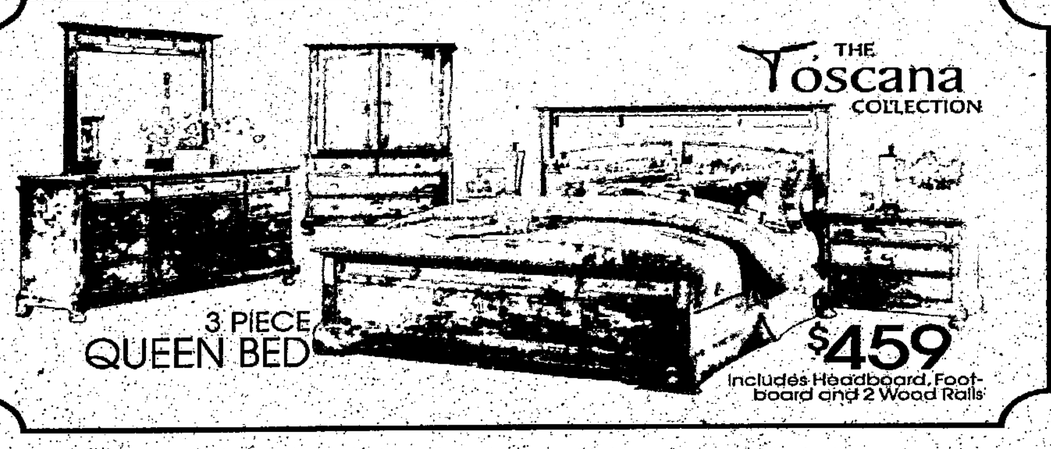

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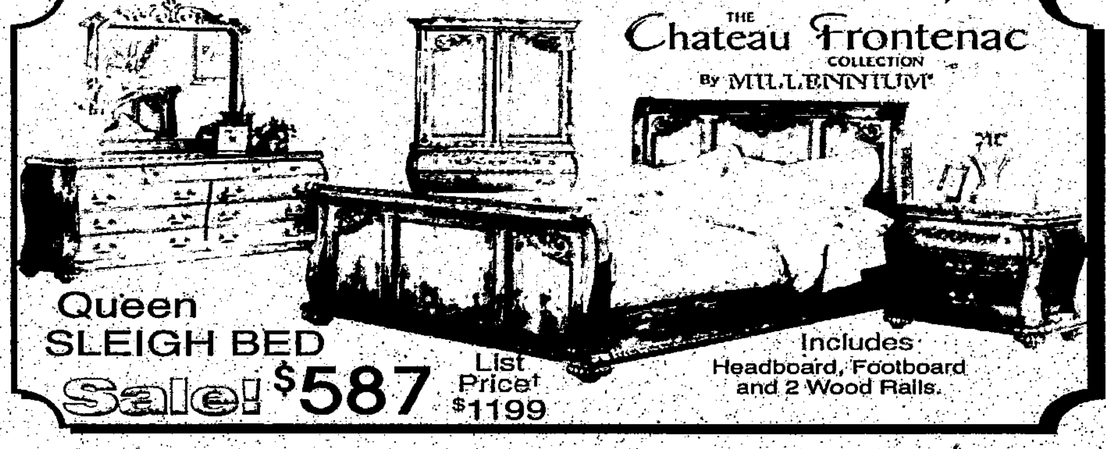

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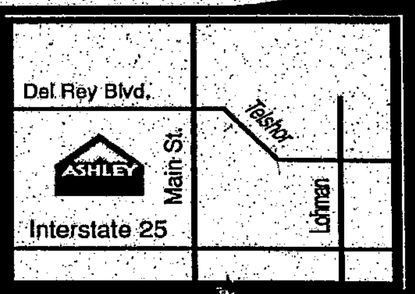

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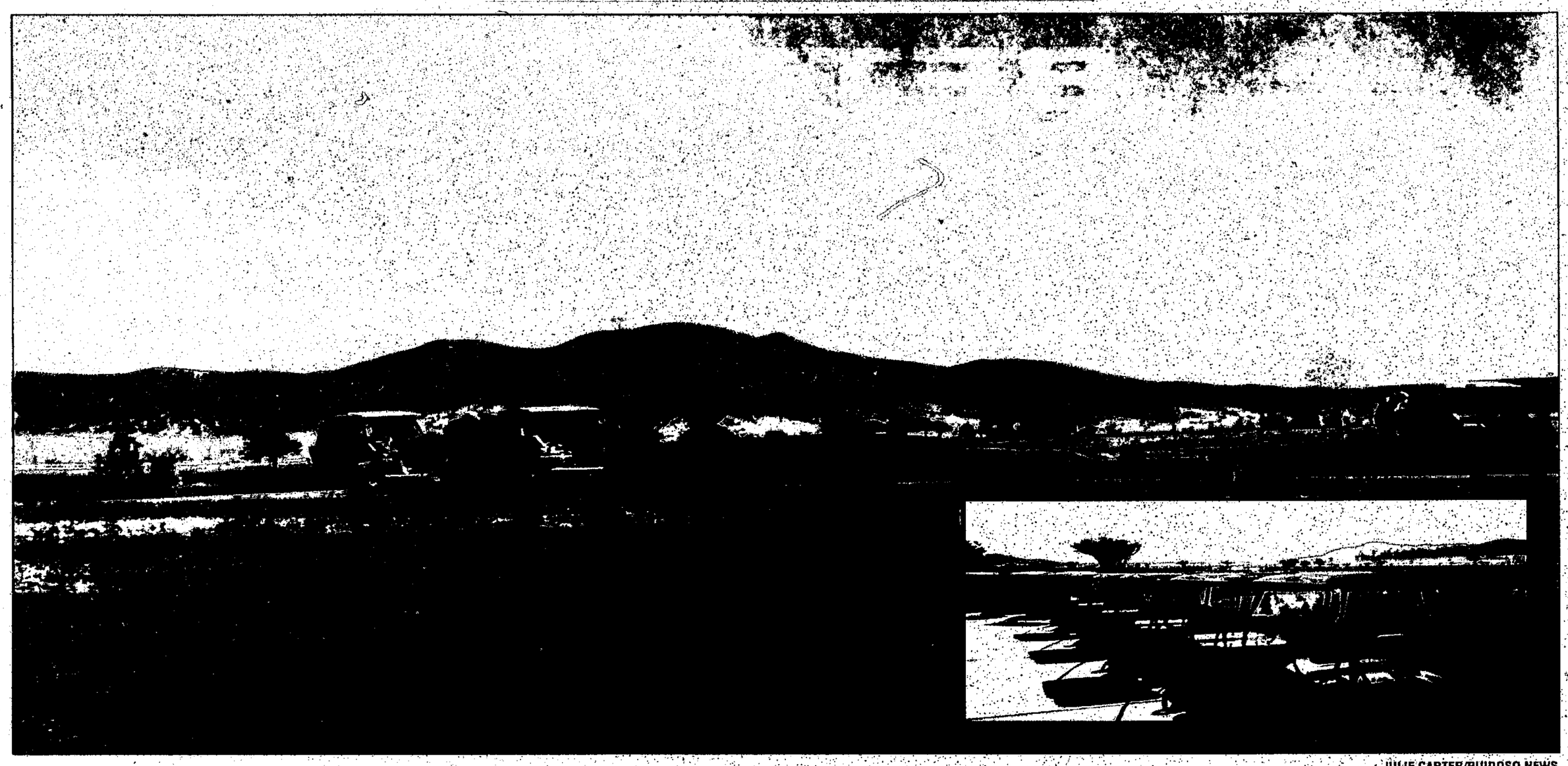

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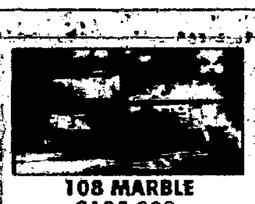

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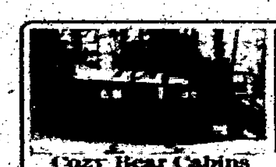

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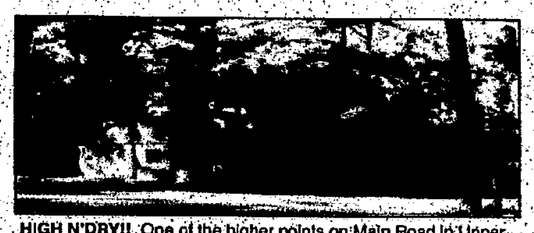

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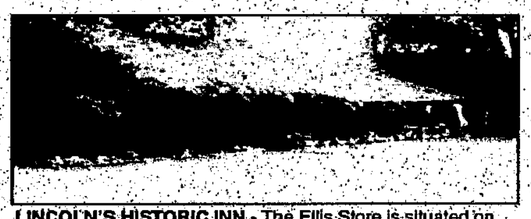
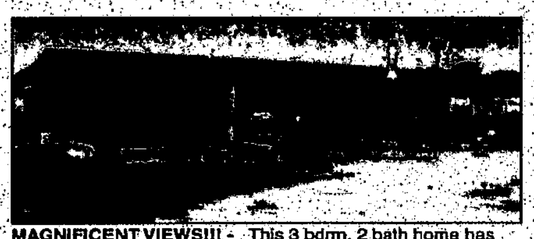
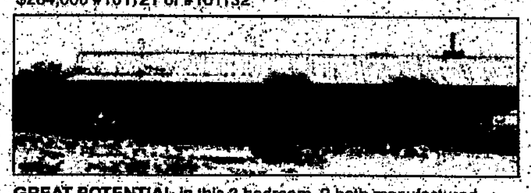


LINCOLN'S HISTORIC INN - The Ellis Store is situated on 4.32 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds. The Main House has a wonderful kitchen, excellent for the chef in the family, a beautiful dining room and sitting room, bedrooms that make you feel as if you have stepped back in time. Currently operated as a Country Inn, there are numerous commercial uses or simply a historic grand home. $750,000 #102488 & #103714



MAGNIFICENT VIEWS!!! - 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



GREAT POTENTIAL in this 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

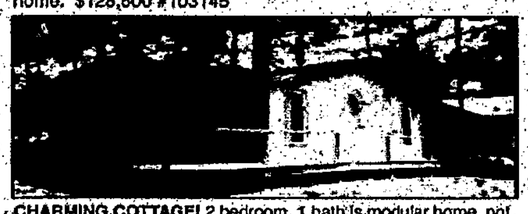
FEATURE OF THE WEEK:

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

LOCATED NEAR GLENCOE this 40' X 80' metal barn w/16' sidewalls located on almost 3 acres has large septic tank already installed. Good well w/200+ GPM. Horses and new doublewides OK. Level and fenced on 3 sides. Easy access. $198,500 #102873

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

FAWN RIDGE – This 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1344 Sq. Ft. home has been Remodeled! Very nicely done interior, all new kitchen and bathrooms, new water lines, wood floors in living, dining and hall. Huge wrap around deck with mountain views. Large under house storage area. Hot tub under house works and will stay but needs to be installed. $169,900 #103735



CHARMING COTTAGE! 2 bedroom, 1 bath is modular home, not mobile home. New exterior paint! This one won't last long so check it out. Beautiful flat lot with trees, great for kids or pets. Large covered wraparound 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

UPPER CANYON LOG CABIN - Two lots 0.82 acres, three levels, 4 bdrms, 4 baths. Main living area has open kitchen/living room great for entertaining. Finishes include hand hewn hardwood floors, kitchen has granite counters, Kraftmaid cabinets, large center island with lots of storage. Stainless steel appliances by Whirlpool, five-burner KitchenAid cooktop. Radiant in-floor heating. Magnificent floor to ceiling stone fireplace. All the fine quality furnishings throughout the home were selected exclusively to enhance the log home charm. OWNER MOTIVATED WILL CONSIDER OFFERS! $895,000 #102020

GREAT LOCATION! 3 bedroom, 2 bath 1,452 sq. ft. home on large lot in town. Nicely remodeled with attention to detail. New paint throughout the house, kitchen with beautiful cabinets and new countertops, opens to a great patio with beautiful flowers. Large fenced backyard with fruit trees and a cute little greenhouse. Detached two car garage has extra room for a work area. Domestic Well. Lots of storage w/easy access. $299,900 #102888

NEW LISTING IN THE PINES!! Take the beautiful drive to Villa Madonna and check out this great cabin on two lots. 3 bedroom, 1 bath wonderful for hunting or enjoying the cool crisp mountain air. Attic storage and a room for your tools. Two fireplaces and a large kitchen. $110,000 #103951

THE GUY WITH THE BUY

LOCATED IN THE VALLEY – You will be impressed with this 3 bedroom, 2 bath 1960 sq. ft. manufactured home on 5.4694 acres in San Patricio. Well groomed with fruit trees, irrigated pasture, river frontage, shop building, tractor and equipment, pic-nic area, 1.7 acres of water rights with 1880 priority date, fenced, comfortable views and triple car port. $299,500 #104005

CHAMPION'S RUN CONDO - Cute, roomy, 2/2 1362 sq. ft. condo. Nicely furnished. Close to track, Hubbard Museum and Wal-Mart. Pellet stove to keep you warm. And don't forget the pool for your daily exercise routine. $120,000 #104090

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

EXCELLENT LOCATION – Cozy cabins in the pines 2 bedroom, 2 bath that has been tastefully remodeled. This cute little cabin has a fireplace, large master bedroom, deck over looking creek, fenced backyard, double carport and utility room. Front yard has a cinderblock and pipe fence. Great for a second home or full time residence. $175,000 #103259

YEAR ROUND LOCATION - 2 bedroom 1 bath this is a well maintained house with upgraded kitchen and appliances. Beautiful landscaping and the location is accessible all year. Extra 10 X 24 Shop/Storage unit. $119,500 #103761

PARADISE CANYON RETREAT - 3 bedroom 1 ¾ bath two-story house has numerous opportunities either as a great weekend cabin or full time residence. Never in the rental pool but has great rental potential. Must see to appreciate. $175,000 #102399

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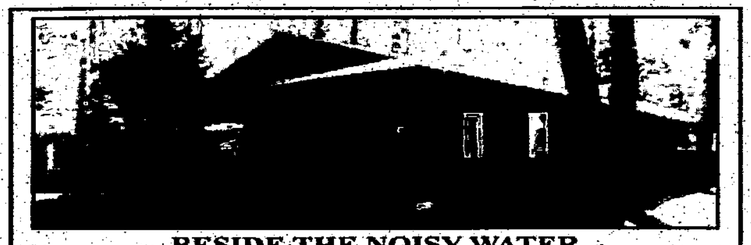
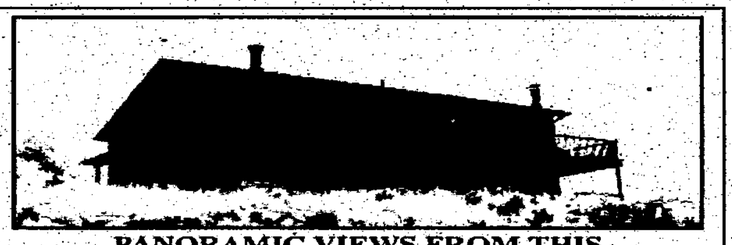
STUNNING VIEWS
from this secluded 5/3 SW style beauty on almost 10 ac. Open flr. plan, cathedral ceilings, gourmet kit., lrg. decks to enjoy views of S.B. & Capitan Mtns. Spacious mstr. suite w/jacuzzi tub, huge shower, see thru FP, his/her sinks & closets. First class all the way! $739,900. #102932.



BESIDE THE NOISY WATER
sits this charming mtn. home! One lvl. for easy living, great rm. w/oak floors & original stone FP, open kit. Main house w/4 bdrms., 2 baths. Cozy guest cottage w/full bath too! Plenty of storage & parking. Relax in the hot tub on the lrg. deck or walk a few ft. to fish in the river. A unique property! $599,850. #104117.

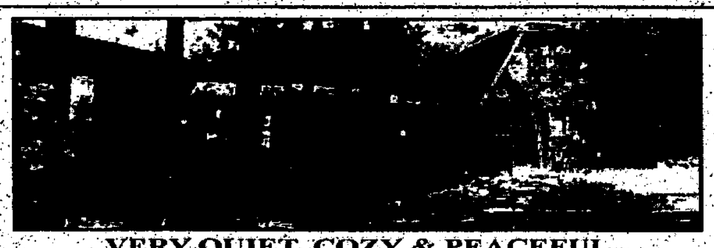


PANORAMIC VIEWS FROM THIS WONDERFUL 3/3 MOUNTAIN HOME!
Hand scraped wood floors, granite counters, living room w/corner FP, fully furn. Mstr. on main lvl., den down w/2 bdrms. Must see inside... wonderful year 'round or vacation home! $399,900. #103778.

AMBIANCE GALORE FROM THIS MAGICAL SETTING NEAR NOGAL
Fully fenced acreage with 2 bdrm., 1-1/2 bath home in tranquil setting. Kiva fireplace, stained concrete floors, great kitchen, plus sunroom & bonus office/studio. $399,700. #104159.

CLASSY 4 BEDROOM, 3 BATH HOME WITH LEVEL ACCESS
Open concept kitchen, dining & living area. Family - game - den downstairs. 3 fireplaces, security system, furnished. Golf membership. $360,000. #103847.

THE PERFECT RETREAT, ARTIST STUDIO, HUNTING LODGE
Adjacent to BLM land. Garden, fruit trees, elk, deer, bear, mountain lion, turkey, dove & quail. Separate studio, office or 2nd bdrm. all on 5.668 acres w/great views. $279,500. #103597.



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

AIRY, LIKE NEW
2 bdrm., 2 bath, 1 level Racquet Ct. condo w/high ceilings. Built in 2004. Gas log FP. Breakfast bar w/open pass thru. Formal dining or nice office. Lrg. covered back deck w/view. Refrig. air. Priced reduced $20K. Quick occupancy available. $199,000. #103607.

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

VERY CLEAN,
2 bdrm., 1-1/2 bath Whispering Bluff condo. Fully furnished, nice decks, close to walking path. Tile & carpet, priced for quick sale. $129,500. #101699.

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$440,000 Hwy 37, Nogal
40 acres adjoining National Forest Spectacular acreage, perfect for a horseman's ranch or for someone who loves wide open spaces. Gently rolling hills with approximately 750 feet of Lincoln Nat'l Forest frontage. Easy year round access off of Hwy 37 just north of Ruidoso. This is a beautiful piece of land and one of the few large, unrestricted tracts left in the county. MLS 102064

$275,000 405 Antler, Alto
4 BD/1 & 2-3/4 & ½ BASuper Southwest/contemporary home with separate studio/guest quarters. Double garage and ample living space in main home. Wonderful Deer Valley with Alto Lakes G&CC social m'ship. Beautiful FP w/ built-in shelves, vaulted ceilings, wood floors, open inviting kitchen w/ dining area and terrific covered deck. This home sits on one half acre at the end of a peaceful cul-de-sac. MLS 103998

$399,900 909 High Mesa Dr. Alto Lakes
3BD/2-3/4BA 1792 SF Beautifully remodeled w/new wood floors, new heating/AC, new insulation, new driveway/walkways. Handicapped accessible & one level. Vaulted ceilings, central vac, low maint stucco and big oversized garage w/tons of storage. On the 4th Green of Alto Lakes &CC w/ majestic views of Sierra Blanca that can never be obstructed. Close to the Club House w/ full golf m'ship.

$299,000 260 Ski Run Road, Alto
3BD/1 & ¾ BA Home is located on Ski Run Road. Beautifully remodeled and added on to. This very charming mountain home feels like a ski lodge. Silver Plume and Eagle Creek border both sides of the property. Great nightly rental potential. Wildlife abounds. True feeling of being in the "great outdoors".

$186,800 213 Maverick Court, Alto
4BD/2BA Spacious TRIPLE wide, on a quiet cul de sac, w/ oversized 2-car garage. Great split floor plan, lg BDs and an add'l office. Huge walk-in closet in Master. Kitchen has center island & bright open breakfast nook. Cathedral ceilings in living area lead into formal dining room. Extra rm being added for exercise or reading. Fully fenced yard is nicely landscaped and will be great for children or pets. MLS 102689

$218,000 214 Metz Drive, #248, Ruidoso
Rare find at desirable Innsbrook! Extra large 3BD/3 1/2BA spacious, fully furnished condo, each BD has private bath, lg Rock FP, 2 new decks overlooking golf course and pond. Newer carpet, level entry. Terrific investment with great rental history and on site management. PRICED TO SELL! MLS #100424

$163,000 581 White Mtn Meadows Dr.
2BD/2 BA Wonderful one level townhome w/ fresh paint, newer roof, open living concept and beautiful gas log fireplace. Soaring ceilings make this home bright and cheery. Lush landscaping and an attached garage makes this the perfect full time home or vacation get away. Shows like a model home! Some furniture negotiable outside of the sale. MLS 103932

$199,000 516 Wingfield, Ruidoso
Neighborhood comm'l zoning just one blk south of Sudderth. 2 on one. Can be home w/sep guest house OR a perfect live/work location. Front house has 2BD/1BA, new floors, great FP, all appliances, covered back deck. Back house has 2BD/ 3/4BA+1/2BA and is handicapped accessible. 2 storage sheds, 1 w/elec. Great investment prop or live in one and work in the other. MLS 103146 & 103147

$124,900 111 Junction Rd, Ruidoso
2 BD/1BA Older, very well maintained, fully furn home w/ lots of charm. Knotty pine living rm, large master BD w/ private patio, built in brick F/P and separate utility room. On over 1/2 acre, it includes an enclosed carport with workshop, extra large storage building (could be guest house) plus a shed and paved drive. Home is close to churches and Hwy 70. MLS 104096

$125,000 408 Spring Road, Ruidoso Downs
3BD/2BA Mfgd home w/ 2 living areas, fully fenced front yard and metal roof. Tons of kitchen cabinets, separate dining area. Master bath w/ garden tub + his and her sinks. Well maintained. Perfect set up for a large family. MLS 101822

$199,000 121 Hillcrest Loop, Capitan
Beautiful horse property off of Laughing Horse Road. Home is well kept and in like new condition. Five fenced acres with dramatic views of Sierra Blanca. Newer well (only 2 years old) at a depth of 285 feet. Priced near a 2006 appraised value.

$159,000 83 Rio Street, Ruidoso
1BD-3/4BA sweet cabin w/ 50' of Rio Ruidoso frontage! Excellent nightly history rental w/ Casey's Cabins. Cabin is on high ground w/no flood damage. Great week-end getaway, w/ investment potential or build your dream home on the river! City utilities new roof, FP. Best buy on the river! Owner/ broker. MLS 104129

$139,000 202 Heath Drive, Ruidoso
3BD/ 1 BA What a great location for your Ruidoso home. Half a block to The Links walking path and close to Midtown. This home sits on a nice wooded lot, has a great covered back deck, huge built-in FP, remodeled bath, fenced back yard, circular drive with carport, workshop and large storage room. Large kitchen and dining area are perfect for family gatherings. New roof being put on and back deck being repaired. MLS #103482

$99,000 139 Deer Park Dr., Alto
3BD/2 &3/4BA 2642SF Fully furn exec home on one level. Vaulted ceilings, open & bright living area, sep office & great deck. Gorgeous master w/ sne-thru FP, bidet, Jacuzzi tub, lg vanity, double walk-in closet. This prestigious home has a new metal roof, new paint, new water heater, heated golf cart storage and two car garage with work bench. A perfect turnkey opportunity with full Alto Lakes golf m'ship or for $575,000 you can have both Alto CC and a m'ship to The Dullam, NM's newest premier course (a $10,000 savings!)

$419,000 250 Sierra Dr., Ruidoso
Awesome 4BD/3BA mtn retreat at top of Cedar Creek w/spectacular west views of SB + half Forest frontage (3.4 acres). Cathedral ceilings, pinkale tilt w/deck and FP knotty pine interior. SW decor, maple/stain furniture and several bear carvings. Lg wrap around deck w/ hot tub. A perfect get away, totally secluded, fully furnished. Excellent rental history. MLS 104006

$89,000 141 Saddle Back Road, Alto
HORSEMAN'S DREAM! 2756 SF Custom 4BD/2BA home on 6 Ac, bordering Little Creek, a mile from the Spencer. This beautiful prop as it all! Fabulous SB views from lg covered patio. Main house has tile throughout w/ carpeted BDs. Open great room w/Alco FP, custom cabinets, Jacuzzi tub in master, Jenn-Aire stove, lg walk-in pantry. Oversized 2 car garage w/ add'l storage. Sep bunkhouse, tack room, 6 cov'd stalls, 6 paddocks, lg Picture. Private well w/ storage tank. MLS 103109

$229,000 200 Sun Mountain Loop, Alto 3BD/3BA Cute,cute,cute! Modified A-Frame in Alto, has built in FP w/ gas starter, tile counters in kitchen, lots of cabinets, utility room, lg loft & great deck. Nestled in the pines, perfect get-away with a new metal roof, new deck and driveway. Home sits on a beautifully wooded lot in a great, secluded neighborhood. Furniture & W/D are negotiable. MLS 104064

$129,000 211 Sierra Ln., Ruidoso Downs 2BD/1BA Cozy mtn Cabin. On quiet street w/all city utilities and great mtn views. This home has been updated and had lots of added amenities. Priced right for a first time buyer MLS 104169

$127,000 100 Cristalaire Road, Capitan
3BD/2BA Great split floor plan in this remodeled mfg'd home. All new s/s appliances, new w&d, new kitchen counter tops, new water heater and new back deck. This home has plenty of storage, large closets and 2 sheds (1 w/elec.) This large 1 1/2 acre lot has beautiful views, large enclosed garden area, circular drive and RV access. Come take a look! MLS 102693

$67,000 124 Saddle Back Rd, Alto
4 BD/5 & 1/2 BA on 6 acres w/ studio. Beautiful living area, wood beam vaulted ceilings, built in f/p and office area. Lg open kitchen, granite & butcher blk counters, and bright dining area w/ views. Master BD has his & her's bath, see through f/p, Jacuzzi tub and walk-in closet. A screened-in sunroom and separate hot tub area. Too many features to describe. MLS 103959

$417,000 141 Antler Dr., Alto 3BD/3BA 2178SF on 2 AC in Deer Park Valley w/Alto Social m'ship. Spectacular Rustic built home w/gorgeous views and plenty of seclusion. Red oak floors, cactus pine ceilings, floor to ceiling river rock FP, lg open kitchen, granite cc/liners, pantry, s/s appliances. Total privacy in each BD. Oversized 2 car garage, heat/cooler FP, private courtyard. MLS 103993

$119,000 100 Sierra Road, Capitan – 2BD/2BA nice, clean manufactured home on 1.5 acres of horse property. Home has vaulted ceilings, garden tub in master bathroom, 2 covered decks and plenty of storage. Yard has 2 fenced horse areas, one with a barn, 20'x12' metal shed and small garden shed. MLS 101891

$21,500 104 Hale Ct., Ruidoso Great starter home on quiet cul-de-sac in excellent neighborhood with dead-on Sierra Blanca views. New paint, new appliances, open, airy living room with vaulted and beamed ceilings and beautiful rock fireplace. There is a laundry room, breakfast bar and workshop/storage shed. Relax on the covered front porch and enjoy the view. Owner will consider financing.

$134,000 609 White Mtn. Dr. #409 Great, super clean condo in Whispering Bluffs. New carpet, laminate flooring, interior paint and nice appliances. One of the larger 2BD/1-1/2BA units and is move-in ready. Convenient location across from The Links walking path. MLS 103242.

$175,000 117 W. Grandview, Capitan 3BD/2 & 3/4BA mfg'd home beautifully maintained on 2 Ac. Oil heat, horse prop. Fully landscaped, fruit trees, pipe fencing, corral w/water, pasture, hay storage and tack rm 2 masters and 3rd BD w/BA. Open flr plan w/2 living areas, bright inviting sun room, plus sep. Bldg. For guest qrs., studio or workshop. Owner financing avail. MLS #103675

$259,000 141 Lions Gulch, Nogal — 3BD/2BA cabin. A horse lover's paradise w/easy Nat'l Forest access. True log home on 2 secluded acres. Tack room and corral. Deck, hot tub, and fabulous views! $7,500 well allowance if necessary. MLS 100962

$575,000 257 Cruces Dr., Ruidoso 3BD/2 & 1/2BA genuine log home in Camelot w/ SB views. Offered fully furn, W/daylight Lazy Boy furniture. Beautiful hickory cabinets compliment stylish granite counter tops. Lg. Picture windows take in dramatic views. Upgraded feeling throughout w/ an open flr plan, vaulted ceilings, real log accents, wood flrs, and great wrap around deck. You will feel like you are on top of the world.

$675,000 100 Deer Park Dr., Alto 3BD/1BA+2-3/4BA Full golf m'ship in prestigious Alto Lakes G&CC. Custom Tom Garber home w/ perfect floor plan for entertaining. 2 flagstone FPs, 10-12 ft. ceilings lg. atrium doors give lots of bright light and a warm ambiance. Master BD has built-in bkd. FP, two walk-in closets, sep entrance to courtyard. Master BA is one any woman's dream. Beautiful hand troweled walls, wet bar, study/den, and great kitchen. 2 Car attached garage + golf cart storage. Full golf membership included. MLS# 104127

$114,000 306 Chaparral's Pass Dr., Ruidoso Downs MOVE IN READY! 2BD/2BA fully furnished condo. Great as a week-end getaway, rental property, or full time residence. Granite tile counter tops, quality carpeting, tasteful tile, vaulted ceilings, knotty pine sunroom, covered parking. Enjoy mtn. Views, pool, and nearby casino and racetrack. Condo fees incl. Outside maint., pool, water, trash and snow removal. MLS 103184.

$249,000 111 I Bar Road, Ruidoso — 3BD/3BA Beautiful large home with pine wood accents, vaulted ceilings, new kitchen counters, and stone fireplace. This home has three master bedroom suites. Main master has Jacuzzi tub, walk-in shower, fireplace and huge closet with built-ins. Lower master has separate entrance, and plumbing for a kitchenette. This house has plenty of storage. MLS 104019

$119,500 110 Jack Mills Dr. #C3 2BD/1 & 1/2BA Well maintained, desirable end unit in fabulous Pinon Park. Gas log FP, full size washer/dryer, newer heating/AC. Private balcony off master BD. Covered deck at entry. On site prop. Management and maintenance. Comfortable and inviting home for year round enjoyment. MLS 103383

$208,879 152 Mescalero Sun Trail, Alto 4BD/4BA XL condo in Alto Mountain Village. 2 master suites, both w/ gas log FPs, beautiful dining area, Jacuzzi, dry sauna, skylight system and oversized decks w/ views of the Captians. Lower level includes efficiency kitchen. H/O dues include water, sewer, trash, basic cable, ext. Maint., snow removal, pool, tennis, basketball and clubhouse. MLS# 103549

$999,999 213 Sierra Park, Alto — 4BD/3BA, 2-1/4 BA, ½ BA, 1.75 acres in Sun Valley (Alto). New home w/ radiant flr heat, huge open kitchen w/ JennAir stove and dishwasher. Lg. Living area w/vaulted ceilings, split floorplan and dining room that feels like your eating outdoors. 2 triple garages (RV storage) have in floor heat and are completely finished. Sq.ft. Per seller. MLS 101878

$399,000 303 White Mtn. Meadows - Beautiful new construction in prestigious White Mtn. Meadows. 3BD/2BA Master bath has Jacuzzi tub and walk-in closet, lg. Open kitchen has grand island, s/s appliances and Rustic Hickory cabinets. Double attached garage, covered deck and cozy FP complete this home. MLS 103883

$349,000 234 Hensel Canyon Rd., Hondo Picturesque ranch the toward the end of Nogal Canyon. Beautiful 3 BD / 2 BA home overlooks 7 Ac's of horse prop and guest house. Elk fencing, horse facilities, pasture and 17+ Ac's of water rights. Pristine views. Excellent price for all these amenities. MLS #103736

$135,000 202 Heath Drive, Ruidoso 3BD/ 1 BA What a great location for your Ruidoso home. Half a block to The Links walking path and close to Midtown. Nice wooded lot, great covered back deck, huge built-in FP, remodeled BA, fenced backyard, circular drive with carport, workshop, lg storage room. Large kitchen and dining area are perfect for family gatherings. New roof! MLS 103482

$99,000 240 Antelope Trail, Nogal 2BD/2BA Well maintained home on beautiful lot with views of SB. This fully furnished home has raised ceilings, metal pitched roof, and is on a permanent foundation. Over 3 acres of horse property with seasonal creek. MLS 100323

$139,000 315 Windsor, Ruidoso Super clean, newly remodeled, 0/2 split flr Plan w/ 2 sep living areas, rock FP, vaulted ceilings and just 2 blks from Midtown. All new flooring, new light fixtures, new frig., spacious Kitchen, comfy Master. Perfect vacation home or investment prop. MLS #103719

$129,000 10700 Hwy 390, Hondo 3 BD/ 1-3/4 BA mfg Home on 2+ acres. Lg. Living area, breakfast bar, wood burning stove, and covered front deck. Also, lg. workshop/carport, pump house, and add'l shed. 300' of Hwy 380 frontage and half mile north of Hwy 70. Great location to live, set up shop, or both! MLS 103215

$145,000 104 White Mountain Dr., #104 2 BD / 1-½ BA, Terrific Whispering Bluffs condo! Centrally located, across from the Links walking path and great views of the Sacramentos and golf course. Perfect mountain retreat, good nightly rental potential or affordable full time residence. Reasonable quarterly fees incl. Ext. maint., snow removal, water and trash. MLS# 103654

COMMERCIAL

$375,000 2215 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso Prime midtown comm'l bldg. In the heart of Ruidoso's walking district. Newer bldg. W/retail on ground level and upstairs 4 rooms, kitchen and ¾ bath. Upstairs could be easily converted into spacious living quarters w/a Sierra Blanca view! Current monthly income $3,000 on M to M leases. Asking price near appraised value. MLS 103946

LAND FOR SALE

$75,000 Cougar Trail, North Alto Enjoy breathtaking views from this 10 acre parcel on the northern edge of Alto. Several wonderful building sites with 360 degree views of Sierra Blanca, the Captians, Nogal Peak and the valley. Build your dream home on this wooded, secluded lot with easy access all year. You must walk this land to fully appreciate its beauty. State subdivision laws apply. MLS 101994

$47,000 102 Wildflower Dr., Ruidoso Beautiful wooded lot in Upper Canyon. Secluded w/nice views, great home sites. 2 add. lots avail. + almost a full acre in Upper Canyon. Also see MLS # 102009 and 102011. MLS 102918

$174,000 Lot 33, Vista Nte Destin 11 AC w/ absolutely breathtaking views! See Sierra Blanca, Valley, Capitans, and Bluffs. Must see! MLS 102095 or MLS 102096

$190,000 Lot 21, Vista Nte Destin, Alto 17+ AC. Spectacular land w/views of Sierra Blanca, Capitans, Valleys and Spencer Theater. Beautiful escarpments all around. Paved roads. Gate Code 3488. Owner/Agent. MLS A102093 or MLS 102094.

$99,000 60 Engelmann Drive, Ranchos of Ruidoso Beautiful private setting with dramatic views of the Captians, huge valley views also! Includes over $10,000 of road grading and building pad improvements. MLS 103879

$120,000 102 Hensel, Capitan Affordable comm'l bldg. With reception area, five separate rooms or offices plus laundry & bath/room. This would be ideal for doctors, dentists, attorneys or insurance offices. Quiet, convenient location w/parking. MLS #103912

$140,000 Hwy 37 6 Hwy 37, Nogal Spectacular unrestricted 10 acres to growing Nogal area. Gently rolling hills w/ Lincoln Nat'l Forest access. Beautiful views of the Captians and Nogal Peak. Easy access off Hwy 37 at MM 6. Three adjacent 10 acre parcels also available see MLS #103645,103646,103648. MLS102067

124 Alhambra - 78 AC $47,000 #100035
110 Alhambra - .5 AC $47,000 #100037
115 Deodar - View lot - $18,000 #78815
153 S.Candlewood - $21,000 #78816
Corner 48 & Northview - 3+ AC $149,900 #102045
25 Branding Way, Arabe Mil - 140 Acres $89,000 #101805
10706 Hwy. 380, Hondo - 4 acres $85,000 #103445
160 Whirlaway - 3 AC $49,900 #102009

$99,000 10 Hwy 48, Alto – 1 commercial acre on Hwy 48 just south of Airport Road. M3 Zoning. Motivated Seller! MLS 15091

$45,000 10 Hwy 48, Alto - One half acre, commercial, multi-family zoned, prime located. Additional land available. MLS 15094

$49,000 10 Hwy 48, Alto – Over one half acre, commercial, multi-family zoned, prime location. Additional adjoining acreage available. MLS 15093

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FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY,
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vs
HAROLD W PERRY SR and GLENDA J PERRY and TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, STATE OF NEW MEXICO,
Defendants

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on Monday the 22nd day of December 2008, at 10 00 a m., at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell and convey all of the right, title and interest of the parties in the above-entitled action in and to that certain real property (the "Property") located at 128/132 Smokey Bear Road, Capitan, Lincoln County, New Mexico, also described as lot 1 and 2, Block 6 of Mt Capitan Subdivision, Lincoln County, New Mexico The Property is more particularly described as follows

Lots 1 and 2, Block 6 of MT. CAPITAN SUBDIVISION, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, February 5, 1965 in Tube No 210

together with all structures and improvements thereon

The Property will be sold "as is," without warranties, express or implied.

This foreclosure sale is being made pursuant to the Summary Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure (the "Judgment") entered in the above-entitled cause on October 22, 2008, in an action to foreclose the interests, mortgages, and liens of the parties, under which Fidelity National Title Insurance Company ("Fidelity") was determined to have a valid second Mortgage which is prior to any liens, mortgages, or claims of interest of the other parties herein (and junior only to a lien in favor of Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), and the redemption period was determined to be one (1) month

The lien of Fidelity secures the Judgment in the sum of $112,757 02 (including interest through October 6, 2008 in the amount of $44,529 36), together with interest at the rate of $14 72 per day (10 25% per annum) dating from October 6, 2008 until the date of entry of the Judgment, including attorney fees incurred herein in the amount of $9,500 00, including loan fees and late fees totaling $7,025 20, including tax, costs, and expenses, together with interest on said Judgment at the rate of 10 25% per annum, until paid in full

As of the date of the Special Master's sale the total amount of the Judgment of Fidelity will be $113,890 46 However, said sum does not include the costs, expenses and fees of the Special Master (estimated to be approximately $200.00 plus tax, plus the cost of publication of Notice).

The Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America In payment of a bid, the Special Master will accept only cash or a bank cashier's check issued by a federally chartered and insured bank or a New Mexico state chartered and federally insured bank or savings and loan association The cash or cashier's check from the successful bidder must be received by the Special Master no later than 2 00 p m. on the date of the Special Master's sale. Plaintiff, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company may bid and purchase the Property at the Special Master's sale, and may bid all or a portion of its Judgment in lieu of cash towards the purchase price.

Proceeds of the sale will be distributed first to the Special Master to satisfy his fees, costs and expenses, and then to payment of the above-referenced Judgment owing to Fidelity National Title Insurance Company
Any excess proceeds will be distributed pursuant to further order of the Court

s/ Nick Vega
NICK VEGA, Special Master
PO Box 383
Carrizozo, NM 88301
(575) 648 2463

MOSES, DUNN, FARMER & TUTHILL, PC
Nathan C Sprague, Esq
Attorneys for Plaintiff
PO Box 27047
Albuquerque, NM 87125-7047
(505) 843-9440

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Public/Special Notices 114

Free pregnancy test. Caring & confidential assistance. 258-1800

WANTED: Persons interested in creating a flying club in Ruidoso. Pilots or Non-Pilots. 575-808-0404

Lost Pets 130

REWARD! Lost white Siberian Husky. Needs Medication. Lost since Aug. 28. 937-6885

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#8401 3T (11)7,14,21

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

MOREQUITY, INC., a corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

BRYAN M. BAILEY, JANE DOE BAILEY his wife and ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN AND TO THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF,

Defendants.

No. CV-08-212

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS, GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage dated August 14, 1990 by and between Bryan M. Bailey, Mortgagor, and TMS Mortgage, Inc. dba The Money Store, Mortgagee, being Lots 856 and 857 of Skyland, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, State of New Mexico the address being 111 North Willow Road, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345.

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BE ADVISED that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before December 5, 2008 judgment by default will entered against you.

Name and address of Plaintiff's Attorney:

SPANN, HYER, HOLLOWAY & ARTLEY
CALVIN HYER, JR.
P.O. Box 1307
Albuquerque, NM 87103
(505) 243-3525

WITNESS the Honorable James W. Counts, Lincoln County District Court Judge, and the seal of the Lincoln County District Court, this 31st day of October, 2008.

Jan Perry
Clerk of the District Court

/s/
Elizabeth Ysasi
Deputy Clerk

#8411 3T (11)14,19,21

Region IX Education Cooperative Coordinating Council meeting Monday, November 24, 2008 9:00 am. REC. IX Conference Room. The meeting is open to the public. Agenda items include budget approval, budget adjustments, project updates, and employee hiring/resignations. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, community members are requested to contact Cathy Jones at 257-2368, if public accommodations are needed.

/s/
Cathy Jones
Executive Director

#8416 2T (11)19,21

INVIATATION TO BID
ALTO LAKES WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT

Perimeter Fence - Block & Stucco

Perimeter Fence-Block & Stucco

Sealed BIDS for Perimeter Fence-Block & Stucco at the Alto Lakes Solid Waste / Recycling Collection Center will be received by the Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District. All bids are to be submitted to Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District, 214 Lake

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Shore Drive, P.O. Box 750, Alto, New Mexico 88312. Bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. prevailing time on December 10, 2008 and then will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the following locations:

Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District
214 Lake Shore Drive
Alto, New Mexico
88312
(575) 336-4333

Operational Consultants
1408 8th Street
Alamogordo, New Mexico 88310
(575) 437-8986

There will be no pre-bid meeting, it is the responsibility of Bidders to visit the site and direct any question to the PROJECT MANAGER.

Joe Lewandowski
Operational Consultants
1408 8th Street
Alamogordo, NM 88310
(575) 437-8986

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INVITATION TO BID
ALO LAKES WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT

Asphalt Paving, Concrete Pad, & Base Course
Perimeter Fence-Block & Stucco

Sealed BIDS for Asphalt Paving, Concrete Pad & Base Course at the Alto Lakes Solid Waste / Recycling Collection Center will be received by the Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District, 214 Lake Shore Drive, P.O. Box 750, Alto, New Mexico 88312. Bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. prevailing time on December 10, 2008 and then will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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INVITATION TO BID
ALO LAKES WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT

Electrical Installation

Sealed BIDS for Electrical Installation at the Alto Lakes Solid Waste / Recycling Collection Center will be received by the Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District. All bids are to be submitted to Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District, 214 Lake Shore Drive, P.O. Box 750, Alto, New Mexico 88312. Bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. prevailing time on December 10, 2008 and then will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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(575) 336-4333

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(575) 437-8986

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(575) 437-8986

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88310
(575) 437-8986

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INVITATION TO QUOTE
ALO LAKES WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT

Metal Security Gates

Sealed QUOTES for Metal Security Gates at the Alto Lakes Solid Waste / Recycling Collection Center will be received by the Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District. All quotes are to be submitted to Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District, 214 Lake Shore Drive, P.O. Box 750, Alto, New Mexico 88312. Quotes will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. prevailing time on December 10, 2008 and then will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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Alamogordo, NM 88310
(575) 437-8986

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Ruidoso Downs City Council invites all interested citizens to a Public Hearing to be held at City Hall, Hubbard Room, Council Chambers on Monday, December 8, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

This hearing is held to advise citizens of accomplishments of the Community Development Program, Particularly IV 05-C-RS-1-7-G-35

4 LINES, 4 DAYS 5 BUCK$!*

Any one item.

Any price.

Call JAMES at 257-4001

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Water System Project.

The Community Development Block Grant Program is intended to provide benefit to low and moderate-income persons, prevention or elimination of slum and blight or address urgent needs. Funding categories include community infrastructure, housing, public service capital outlay, economic development, emergency and planning.

Local Citizens are encouraged to attend and non-English speaking residents will be fully accommodated.

For information contact:

Carol Virden,
City Clerk/Treasurer
City of Ruidoso Downs

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PO Box 348
Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the City of Ruidoso Downs City Council during their regular meeting to be held on Monday, December 8, 2008, at 5:30 p.m., City Hall, Hubbard Room Council Chambers, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso, NM will consider adoption of a resolution for determining reasonable notice of meetings of the City of Ruidoso Downs Governing Body for the next twelve months.

/s/
Carol Virden, MMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

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#8424 2T (11)21,26

All items in the Rice Storage Unit in the WILD WEST STORAGE COMPLEX will be sold to cover debt. Sale will be Novem ber 28, 2008

#8427 4T (11)21,26 (12)3,10

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN

CITY BANK NEW MEXICO, a New Mexico Banking Corporation,

Plaintiff,

-v-

MARY MANSFIELD and her UNKNOWN SPOUSE, if any,

Defendants

No. CV-08-256
Div. III

NOTICE OF FORE CLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that on December 16, 2008, at 10:00 A.M., at the front entrance to the Village of Ruidoso Municipal Building located at 313 Cree Meadows Drive in Ruidoso, New Mexico, the undersigned Special Master will offer at public sale and sell the following described real property to the highest bidder for cash:

Lot 93A, Block 1, PONDEROSA HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, UNIT V, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico as shown by the replat of Lots 93, 94, 104, 105 and 106, Block 1, Ponderosa Heights, Unit V, thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, April 19, 2002, in Cabinet H, Slide No. 341.

The real property is also known as 156 Spruce Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345.

The Special Master's sale will be conducted pursuant to the Judement, Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered by this Court on November 6, 2008, in an action for collection of a Promissory Note and foreclosure of Mortgage.

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

Principal and interest through 12/16/08 ——— $38,298.09

Prepaid insurance and Taxes ——— -2,088.23

Costs of suit——— 312.47

Attorney fees—1,401.25

Special Master's fee ——— 296.48

$42,376.82

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

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

/s/
Sarah Prothro
Special Master

LEE GRIFFIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

/s/
Lee Griffin
1044 Mechem Dr.
Ruidoso, NM 88345
(575) 258-9404
Attorney for Plaintiff

#8428 1T (11)21

INVITATION FOR BID

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico calls for sealed bids on IFB #08-014.

The Village of Ruidoso is requesting sealed bids for: R-1 Upper Canyon Emergency Watershed Program, Bank Stabilization, Channel Capacity Restoration, Debris Removal for damage caused by July 2008 flooding - Phase 4 (2 projects).

A Mandatory Pre bid conference will be held at 1:30 p.m., Monday, November 24, 2008 at Village council chambers at 313 Cree Meadows Dr. Ruidoso, NM 88345.

Bids will be received at Village of Ruidoso Purchasing Warehouse located at 311 Center St., Ruidoso, NM 88345 until 3:00 pm Tuesday, December 2, 2008. Submitted bids will be opened publicly at the Annex Building at 421 Wingfield. Any bids received after closing time will be rejected and returned unopened. The fact that a bid was dispatched will not be considered.

Copies of the Request can be obtained in person at the office of the Purchasing Agent at 311 Center St. or will be mailed upon written or telephone request to Vicki Eichelberger, Purchasing Agent, at 575/257-2721.

The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and waive all informalities as deemed in the best interest of the Village.

Vicki Eichelberger
Village of Ruidoso
Purchasing Agent

jobs 200-232

Gen. Help Wanted 224

Do you Love Kids and need a pay check? First Christian church child development center is hiring part time/ & substitute care givers work your way up call Jamie 258-1490

EL PARAISO Now accepting applications for server @721 Mechem, Sierra Mall. Apply within.flexable schedule M-Sat.

Front Desk Receptionist needed at Ruidoso Orthopedic. Send resume to 2301 Indian Wells, Alamogordo or Fax to 575-434-4146.

Full & part-time positions available working with Developmentally Disabled individuals. Shift work required. Phone 257-4672 for info.

LOG CABIN is now looking for full time Dish Washer & Bus set. Apply in person at 1074 Mechem.

Gen. Help Wanted 224

BIG O TIRES
Experienced Mechanic Wanted
Apply in person.
2259 W. Hwy. 70

Gen. Help Wanted 224

SCHLOTZSKY'S DELI
TCBY
Permanent Position with well-established locally owned business. All shifts available. Benefits available. APPLY IN PERSON
Come Grow with us!
2812 Sudderth Drive

DRIVERS WANTED
We are now taking applications for School Bus Drivers. All training (bonus $100) & licensing is available, classes starting right away. Great opportunity for anyone. All Holidays, Spring break & Summer off. Retirement plan available.
Call 378-5410
Leave message & number.
We'll call you back!

Lincoln County Detention Center is accepting applications for
Full Time Detention Officers $9.50 per hr.
Full Time Receptionist $9.75 per hr.
100% Medical Benefit.
Apply at the Lincoln County Detention Center or mail resumes to PO Box 339 511 Hangar Lane Carrizozo, NM 88301

Needed part time Sewing Machine Repair Person. Call 257-5303

To place a classified ad phone 257-4001

Gen. Help Wanted 224

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER/GAS FITTER, AND HVAC TECH. NEW CONSTRUCTION AND/OR SERVICE. PAY DEPENDENT ON EXPERIENCE. CALL (575) 257-5228 OR MAIL RESUME TO PARSONS PLUMBING HEATING & UTILITY CO. POB 623 RUIDOSO, NM 88355

Employment Wanted 230

Carpenter/Painter looking for work 25+ exp. Able to do all phases of construction & painting 937-4397

Child Care Provided 231

MILK & HONEY Day care Has openings Aval. Please Call Janeth Lucero At 378-9140 or 937-6663 State certified and Meals provided

financials 239-250

rentals 300-383

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EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

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ENMU-Ruidoso

Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso is recruiting qualified applicants for the following positions:

Full-Time Faculty
•Adult Education Instructor & College Success Liaison
•College Success Instructor & Department Chair

Full-Time Staff
• Case Mgr I/Career Dev. Specialist
• Case Mgr I/Employment Counselor

Full time positions include generous benefit package.

Part-Time Instructors - Spring 2009
• English • Math • Reading

To review a full description, qualifications and application procedures go online to: www.ruidoso.enmu.edu
Inquire at 257-2120 or toll free (800) 934-ENMU.
An AA/EEO Employer

Gen. Help Wanted 224

RUIDOSO NEWS
ADVERTISING SALES

The Ruidoso News seeks an experienced **sale executive** to call on established accounts and new business prospects.

This individual also designs and develops campaigns and promotes within an assigned territory by utilizing and presenting demographic information and spec layouts. Solicits and sells into specialty products and theme pages.

Prefer an individual with a minimum of two years sales experience; Bachelor's Degree with knowledge of newspaper industry is preferred. Must possess excellent written and verbal communication skills along with high ethical standards and strong customer service skills.

Bilingual abilities in English and Spanish are a big plus.

Must be able to operate a motor vehicle, and provide proof of valid driver's license and liability insurance.

We are an equal opportunities employer. We recognize and appreciate the benefits of diversity in the workplace. Those who share this belief or reflect a diverse background are encouraged to apply. In addition to a competitive compensation package, we offer excellent benefits including medical, dental, vision, spending account, 401K and an opportunity for outstanding growth potential. Our concern is for the health and safety of our employees, therefore we offer a smoke-free work environment and conduct pre-employment drug testing.

The Ruidoso News is a Media News Group Newspaper and this entry level position offers tremendous career opportunities within one of the leading corporations in the newspaper industry.

Attn: Terry Fitzwater, Publisher
104 Park Avenue
Ruidoso, NM 88345
Fax: 575-257-7053

Your application/resume will be reviewed in the HR Dept. If you meet the listed qualifications, your application/resume will be forwarded To the appropriate department for further consideration. Due to the large number of applications and resumes received, only those chosen for further consideration will be contacted.

Rental Service 300

Prudential Lynch Realty
www.PrudentialLynchRealty.com
RENTALS

HOUSES:
309 SUN VALLEY RD
Furnished, 3BDR, 2 BA, single car garage. $1400 per month includes all utilities. Washer/Dryer. Available thru May 2009
186 OLD LINCOLN RD
Unfurnished 3BDR,2BA . Granite counter tops. Heated garage/workshop. Corner lot with Sierra Blanca view. REDUCED to $1400 per month + utilities
178 JUNIPER
Unfurnished 2 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, $750 per month + utilities.
114 TONTO DRIVE
Completely furnished, 2BDR, 2BA, + garage with peaceful views and hot tub. $1500 per month + utilities.

MOBILE HOME:
500 BRADY CANYON
Unfurnished 3BDR, 2BA manufactured home located on approximately 1 1 1/2 acres. Seclusion with that real feeling of mountain flavor. $950 + utilities *On the market for sale*

APARTMENTS:
115 EVERGREEN #4
Unfurnished, 1 BDR/1BA. $475 includes water only.
115 EVERGREEN #1
Unfurnished, 1 BDR/1BA. $475 includes water only.

CABINS:
103 MUSKET COURT
Furnished, 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, beautiful cabin in the Cedar Creek area $1000 per month + utilities, + Washer/Dryer

CONDOS:
THE SPRINGS #31
Furnished 2BDR, 2 BA stand alone Condo. $1650 includes utilities.
174 CROOKED STICK (Deer Park Woods)
Furnished 2BDR, 1 3/4 BA Condo. $1100 + utilities
101 RACQUET COURT
Vista Townhome #3; Delightful completely furnished 2BDR, 1BA Condo. $1200 per month, includes utilities.
416 CHAMPIONS RUN
Furnished, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo + carport. $1100 + utilities.

COMMERCIAL:
418 MECHEM - Office building on Mechem Drive. $675 + utilities. Owner/Agent.
2900 SUDDERTH - Office space, approx. 1k high traffic location. $400 + utilities.

257-4011 • 800-530-4597
View these rentals at: www.ruidosorelo.com/long-term_leases.htm

Roommate Wanted 305

Housemate Wanted
Mature, professional woman seeks compatible female or male to share lovely mountain home in Ruidoso. For only $300 + 1/2 utilities, enjoy your own bedroom and bath with full use of kitchen, living room w/fireplace, sun/meditation room, garden and deck. Call (575)257-0540

Mobile Home Rental 308

RV Trailers for rent & spaces. Centrally located. Water paid. No large pets. $225 & up. 505-257-0872

2 bd 2 ba, $495. 3 bd 2 ba, $510. Nice. Near Walmart. Wtr, sewer, pd. Willow Mobile Park. 915-526-8326

Furn. Apts. - General 314

Aspen Lodge Holiday move in Special 1/2 off 1st month. Furnished util. paid call today 575-637-11

1 BD APT., FURN, DEP, BILLS PD, 257-9881

Executive Apartment, 1 large bd, jacuzzi tub, furn, Upper Canyon area. $650/mo includes util. Marsha Guynes, Exit Realty Group, 937-2731

sm. apt for rent Nogal $500. mo + 200. Dep. 354-0315

1bd apt. util pd. near mid town call 637-1186

Efficiency aprt. All bills paid. $295/mo. $100/dep. 505-808-1246

Small eff apt ;w/ stove ,frig , micro, private entrance util. pd, incl., sat TV wireless inter. $425 mo., + dep. Bonito / Nogal area, 354-2600

Aspen Lodge is now renting newly remodeled aprts. 1 & 2 bd units, furn. & util. pd. No pets. 575-637-1186

Unfurn. Apts. - General 328

1 bd w/lp & sun porch. $475/mo. + dep. Water pd. 575-378-4661

Rental Service 300

Furnished Houses 350

Fully furn., 3 bd, 2 ba. Remodeled. Lower Camelot. $900/mo + Util. No Smokers or pets. Marcia Guynes at Exit Realty of Ruidoso 937-2731 or 354-2047

Lovely, newer furnished 3/2 in Alto available 9/10/08. $1,200 per mo. 575-218-0009

Unfurn. Home - General 352

House for Rent. 3 bd, 2 ba, fen. yd. Great Location. 575-637-1186

Ruidoso News 257-4001

Very nice newly remodled 3bd/2ba Great lot $850 mo $500. Dep Water paid no pets no smoking 505 350-4412 or 575-257-4272

For Lease 4/3/2 car garage in Capitan. $1500/mth + Deposit. (254) 485-1263.

House for Rent. 3 bd, 2 ba, fen. yd. Great Location. 575-637-1186

3bd/2ba in Desirable white Mountain estates. Views , fenced yard, small pet neg., all appliances,fpl, 1075 + util. 575-257-2893

Unfurn. Home - General 352

2 bed, 2 bath, central heating, W/D and all appliances included. Large fenced yard Non-smokers only $875 / mo. plus bills $600 deposit
257-4345
937-6454

Townhouses/ Condominiums 342

1 & 2 BR Furnished & Unfurnished Condos. Utilities Included. 257-2511

Townhouses/ Condominiums 342

2 bd/2 ba,GARAGE, appls., FP,decks,SB views,N of Links $895 own/agent 937-0513

Townhouses/ Condominiums 342

CONDO FOR RENT
2 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath. New Paint/Carpet, quiet neighborhood.
$650/mo. U-pay gas/electric. 1st/last & dep. req.
(575) 258-3283

2 bd/1.5 ba,FP,appls, In-Town, INCLS. water&gas$795 owner/agent 937-0513

Need to sell something? Phone 257-4001 Ruidoso News Classifieds

Innsbrook Village Condo 2bd/2ba furnished all appliance $900. lease 257-9526

Furnished Houses 350

Rent or lease to own 3 to 4 bd. 2 ba work shop close to mid-town and lake. Professionally decorated and furnished. A must see $1200 per mo. 575-937-6164

Unfurn. Home - General 352

Spotless 3bd/2ba house, secluded, studio/workshop, carport, laundry room w/washer & dryer, f/p, water softener & reverse osmosis for drinking water, no pets, no smokers. Lease $1100/mo. + util. $1000 deposit. 104 Raven Place, 336-4576

3bd/1.5 Ba in Ruidoso Downs. Rent $700. +$300. dep 937-1081

For Rent in Capitan 213 4th Cute. 2bd/1.25 Ba w/ separate equipped Laundry room. $490. Mo. 128 W. Grand View. Lg. 4/2 Ba w/ dishwasher w/d living Family Dining rm. In Sub Division $875. www.kbellaproperties.com 354-0600

Lease/ purchase or rent. 3/2, 2.2 acres, Horse stall, near Nog al. $1,200/mo. Owner/Agent. 575-235-2403

homes 400-502

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Townhouses/ Condominiums 408

CHAMPION'S RUN CONDO - Cute, roomy, 2/2 1,362 sq. ft. condo. Nicely furnished. Close to track, Hubbard Museum and Wal-Mart. Pellet stove to keep you warm. And don't forget the pool for your daily exercise routine. $120,000 #104090 BILL PIPPIN REAL Estate 257-4228

To place a classified ad phone 257-4001

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Innsbrook Village
Country Club & Resort
Homes For Sale
Full Club Membership
Golf, Tennis, Fishing, Pool.
Beautiful Town Home
4 BR / 4 BA
2 Car Garage
Great Furniture
$378,000
Great Ski Retreat
4 BR / 5 BA
Large Game Room
Lots of Updates
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Great Ski Retreat
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$204,500
Western Elegance
2 BR / 2 1/2 BA
$299,900
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Ann Hearn-Butler,
Qualifying Broker
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Homes - General 412

3 BD 2.4 BA, OPEN FLOOR PLAN, TWO LIVING AREAS, GOURMET KITCHEN, ALL CITY UTILITIES, 2659 SQUARE FEET. OWNER MUST SELL, AGE OF HOME 1.5 YRS., BELOW APPRAISAL $389,000 CALL 258-1416.

Homes - General 412

For sale by owner. Sq ft 3,760. New construction in Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club. For $399,900. 3 bdrm, 2.5 ba. Awe-some views from the 2,200 sq ft of deck. 1,880 sq ft upstairs & 1,880 sq ft downstairs 600 sq ft heated/cooled storage room, 900 sq ft game room, 400 sq ft office. Call 336-2798 or 937-0024

Homes - General 412

FSBO 3514 sq. ft. w/4 Bd, 3 1/4 ba, Master Bd Suite w/sitting area, 2 Wi closets & Marble. LR, DR, FR. Studyroom. Full Guest Suite. LG gourmet kitchen w/ ss appliances, granite CH wood cabinets. 3 car garage on 14 wooded acres. 3 yrs old. $750 K 336-9963

Homes - General 412

GLENCOE - 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,240 sq ft on 2.961 acres. This older home has lots of charm including hardwood floors and updated kitchen. Large fireplace in living room. This would be the perfect home for your horse, chickens, milk cow and variety garden. Barn w/slab floor, outbuildings. 1.3 acres of water rights, private but good neighbors and ready for occupancy. Even a new hot tub. $299,500 #103831 BILL PIPPIN REAL Estate 257-4228

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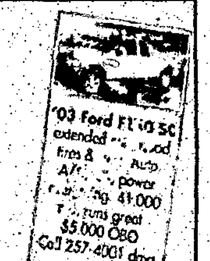

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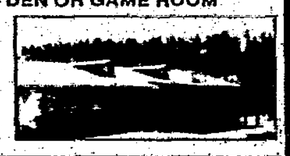

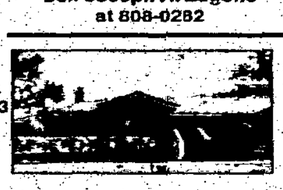

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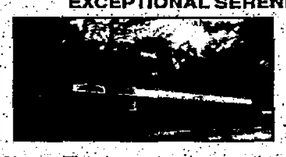

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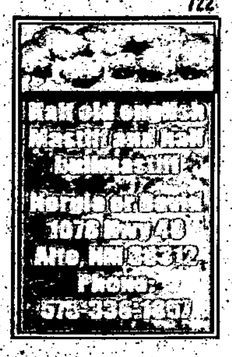

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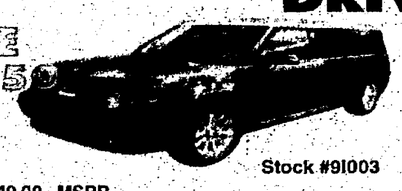

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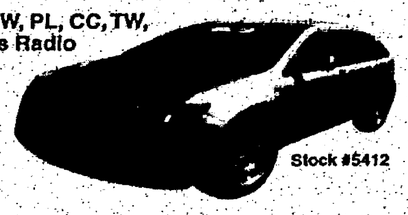

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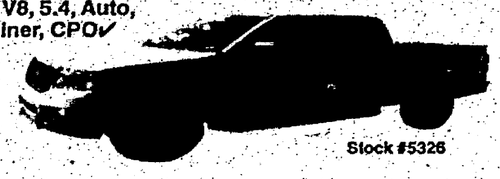

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7 Pass, 4x4, SR5, Tow PKG

Stock #9H266

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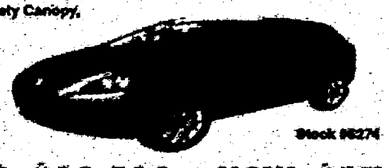

Stock #6274

WAS: $22,500 • NOW: $17,747

'07 HONDA PILOT 4X4

EX, Safety Canpy, 7 Pass.

Stock #6275

WAS: $26,350 • NOW: $21,333

'06 JEEP WRANGLER

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FABULOUS VIEW ON McBRIDE DRIVE!

A wonderful Sierra Blanca view awaits the new owner of the 3 br., 2 ½ bath home with level access. Centrally located home in beautiful area. Having the master bedroom on the main level is a real plus. More great features...2 fireplaces & lots of storage downstairs. Comfort, luxury, and a super location...it's all here! $349,000. #103036

ONE OWNER CUSTOM-DESIGNED MOUNTAIN HOME!

Big, Big, Big Sierra Blanca views are yours from this prestigious 4 br. home with wood accents throughout. Recent updates include new countertops & flooring in kitchen. Situated on a lavish .74 acre lot. Highly desirable open kitchen - living concept. Excellent buy per sq. ft. Also has super family/game room. $349,500. #102785

FABULOUS ALTO STUCCO WITH STYLE & CHARM!

This 4 br., 4 ba. home exudes Santa Fe chic. The open concept living and dining area has lofty ceilings accented by authentic vegas and latillas.... a beautiful, sun-splashed interior for luxurious living! Exquisite master suite. Wonderful kitchen. Amazing courtyard gardens and patios. New Mexico living at its best! For your private showing call us today. $695,000. #102970

WHEN ONLY THE BEST WILL DO!

This impeccably tasteful Kokopelli Villa home is perfectly placed in an exclusive gated community. This spectacularly furnished 3/3 home has a beautiful view of distant mountains, the course, and an enchanting water feature.Full club membership. What a delightful place to live! Looking for your heart's desire? Here it is! $735,000. #101441

SECLUDED MOUNTAIN ESTATE ON 5.3 ACRES!

This impressive, 4 br., 3 1/2 ba., one owner home will wow you! Breathtaking Sierra Blanca and valley views, and adjacent to National Forest! Cozy 2 br. guest house with wonderful porch. Barn w/ 2 stalls & corral. Everything your heart desires is right here...surrounded by the pristine mountain wilderness! Saddle up and experience your dream come true! $1,350,000. #101[illegible]

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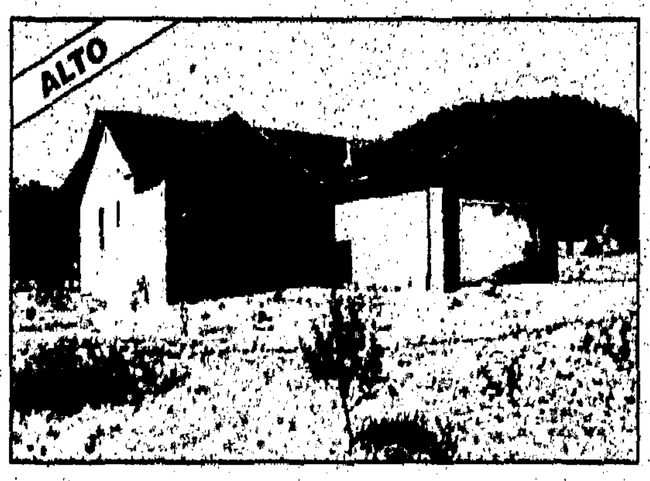
ALTO STUCCO ON FAIRWAY W/ BEAUTIFUL ARCHITECTURAL LINES!

You'll enjoy the uniquely, clean design lines of this full-golf 3 br. home with a wonderful open concept plan. 2 real pluses... a gorgeous fairway view and it's really close proximity to the clubhouse. Master has fireplace and "his and her baths." A prestigious Alto home. $439,500. #103484

CLASSY ALTO TOWNHOME ON THE 9TH FAIRWAY!

This great location is just walking distance to the Alto clubhouse. Freshly stuccoed with new metal roof. Nice views front and back. This 3 br., 2 ½ bath unit is what everyone wants...convenience, low maintenance, and wonderful interior! Great patio too & full golf membership. Super offering at $299,900. #103023

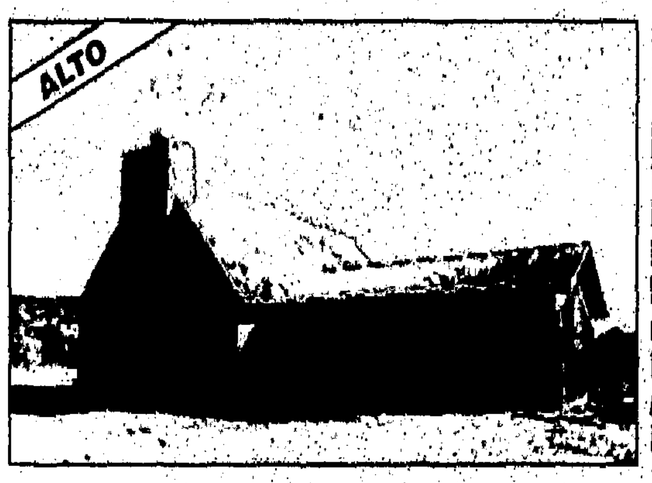


CUSTOM BUILT 3 BR. ALTO STUCCO WITH ROCK ACCENTED EXTERIOR!

A large .5 acre corner lot in Alto is the perfect setting for this custom home with vaulted and wood accented ceilings. The open concept, floor plan is very pleasing and you'll love the kitchen w/ granite counterlops. The covered back porch is complete w/wood ceiling & fans. Relax and enjoy! $328,500. #103371

CLASSY 4 BR., 3 BA. ALTO BEAUTY WITH LEVEL ACCESS!

Snuggled in the tall pines of Alto is this great home with an appealing open-concept living, dining, and kitchen area. You'll love the cozy atmosphere provided by 3 fireplaces, and the fact that it is beautifully decorated. Wonderful den downstairs completes the package. $325,000. #103848



CONTEMPORARY 3 BR. MOUNTAIN HOME WITH LEVEL ACCESS.

This full-golf Alto membership home is situated on a generous 1.1 acre lot. Charming, newly updated kitchen. Vaulted ceiling. Master on main level. Great view. Large decks for enjoyable outdoor living. Adjacent lot available; please inquire. $369,000. #101916

CHARMING ALTO HOME ON A GREAT CORNER LOT!

This 3 br., 3 ba, golf membership home has a split bedroom floor plan for yours and your guest's privacy. You'll be happy that this home has a living room and a fabulous sunroom...great for multiple family activities. So livable and in a stellar location. $299,500. #103503

LUXURIOUSLY, LIVABLE STUCCO ON FAWN COURT

This stellar 4 br., 3 1/2 ba. is a well orchestrated living space with an office/study and play area too. This open concept beauty has sun-splashed interiors & vaulted wood ceilings. Charming outdoor Bar-B-Q patio w/ kiva for your enjoyment on cool min. evenings. An exceptional home in everyway. Full golf too! $694,500. #103287

YOUR DESTINATION FOR STYLE AND LUXURY IN ALTO!

This 3 br., 3 ½ ba. Deer Park home is unrivaled in its setting and construction. This contemporary mountain beauty is for the discriminating buyer who wants to surround themselves with the very best. The kitchen & dining area are a virtual dream! Amazing decks & fabulous landscaping too. $636,000. #101483

***As long-time members of Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club** we can certainly attest to the many enjoyable times that our family has enjoyed at this fine facility. Richard has served on the numerous Alto committees for many years, and we have enjoyed watching the club grow. It's reasonable dues structure and the beautiful amenities make Alto a place you'll want to be. **We look forward to helping you in your Alto search."** — Richard and Janis*

CLASSY ALTO HOME IN A GREAT LOCATION!

This impressive 3 br., 3 1/2 ba. home is close to the ALGCC & has a convenient, level access. An impressively, large living area is accented by vaulted ceilings & a beautiful moss rock fireplace. This prestigious home is very spacious & has a wonderful back deck w/ amazing valley views. Split bedroom plan is ideal for peace & privacy. $399,500. #102717

SUPER ALTO HOME ON LEVEL LOT W/ VIEW!

You'll enjoy a fabulous Sierra Blanca view from this special home w/ great room floor plan. Master bedroom has access to deck and a really nice master bath with double vanities. Great room has vaulted ceilings. Wonderful kitchen accents this bright, cheery, open-concept plan. Very nice home w/ great cabinetry. $342,000. #102323

CLASSY ALTO HOME LOCATED ON THE 11TH FAIRWAY!

This one owner 3 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath home has over 3000 sq. ft., a 2 car garage, vaulted ceilings and the master bedroom is on the main level. Entertain or relax in the large living room and game room area. Located on Pinehurst. This home includes a full golf membership. There is a studio/family room over the garage that is a real bonus. Don't miss this one! $435,000. #103984

COMPLETELY REMODELED ALTO MOUNTAIN VILLAGE 3 BR. CONDO!

New...down to the windows, carpet, and tile! Some counters will be updated and new cabinets installed. Remodel in progress. Great east facing deck for all day enjoyment. A fresh look and a great price! $159,000. #103499

TUCKED AWAY IN A WONDERFULLY PRIVATE CUL-DE-SAC ON DEER PARK!

This spacious 4 br. home takes perfect advantage of a highly desirable view lot with its expansive windows and multiple decks. Master on main level. TV room on every level and large dorm/bedroom on bottom level. Perfect set up for owners and guests! Exceptional! $695,000. #103151

PRESTIGIOUS ALTO HOME ON EXPANSIVE 1.5 ACRE LOT!

This beautifully designed 5 br., 5 1/2 ba. Alto home has a grand feeling! An impressive and spacious floor plan features exceptional quality throughout. The lofty ceilings, gourmet kitchen & bar, lovely wood accents, and 3 car garage will please even the most discriminating buyer. Professionally decorated. Alto full golf & Kokopelli membership. Pkg. includes jockey club seats too! Luxurious Alto living at it's best! $1,695,000. #103940

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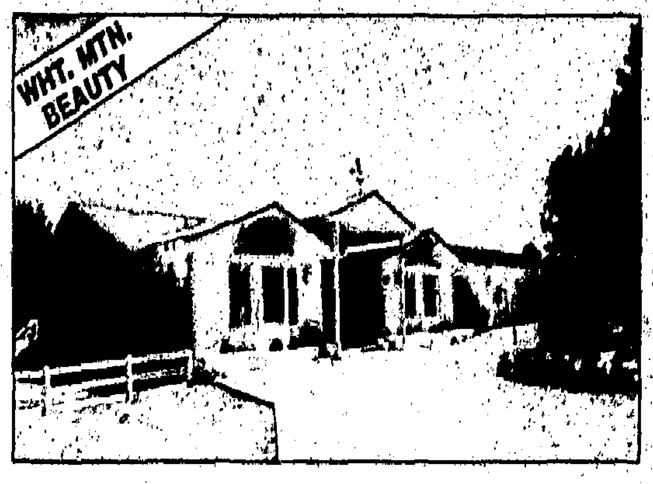


FABULOUS ONE-LEVEL WHITE MTN. MEADOWS HOME!

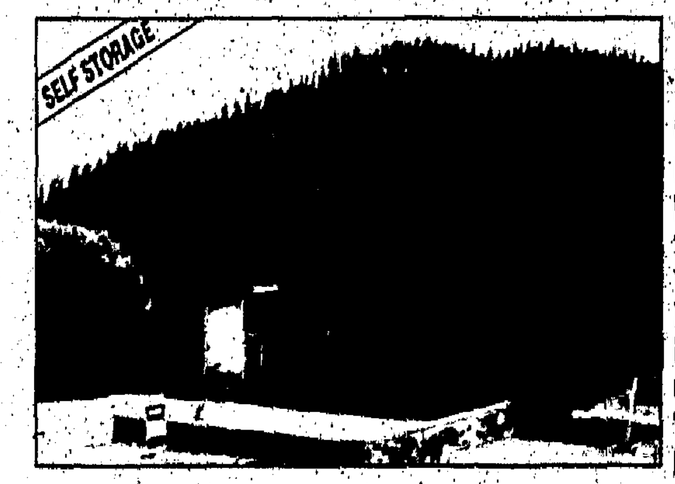
This impressive 3 br. home is situated on 2 lots replatted into one, creating a generous green space for this special home w/ 2 living areas, 3 fireplaces & a 4 car garage. Granite countertops in the kitchen. 2 baths plus 2 more 1/2 baths. Your spacious dream home for convenience, beauty & luxury! $429,500. #102714

IDYLLIC, RUSTIC CABIN IN UPPER CANYON AREA!

Impeccable detail and wonderful mountain style is yours in this wonderful 3 br., 3 ba. cabin with warmth and great New Mexico style. Two great decks. 21 x 24/ 2 car garage, flagstone fireplace & wood floors will capture your heart. Fabulous central location. Your place in our mountain paradise awaits! $395,000. #103957

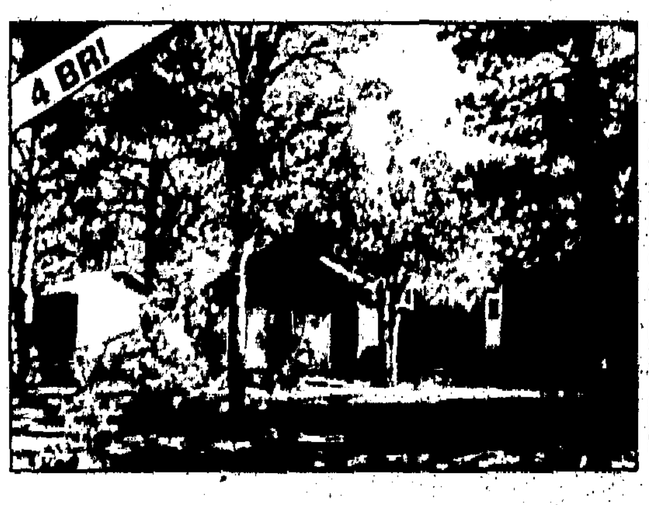
GREAT 3 BEDROOM CREE MEADOWS TOWNHOME!

This end unit has level access, a one car garage and 2 1/2 baths. You will enjoy the great room floor plan and fireplace. Relax in the hot tub on the back patio. This unit is also nicely furnished. Great location...walking distance to Cree Meadows Country Club, downtown and the river. All of this under 230K! $225,000. #103809



THIS MULTI-USE OFFICE/ SHOP & SELF-STORAGE IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED ON A CORNER LOT!

What an appealing set up! An approx. 1655 sq. ft. heated shop/warehouse with 14' ceilings, a 12 x 12 overhead door, & a 7 x 7 overhead door at the loading dock. Highly desirable 458 sq. ft., 2 story heated office, and 25 storage units complete this well designed and executed multi-use property. $275,000. #103262



THIS ONE-LEVEL HOME HAS 4 BR. AND 4 BA.!

You'll love the level access, the large lot, double garage, and an additional 1 car detached garage. This extra garage could be a perfect shop or studio! Nice open floor plan. Wonderful setting in the tall pines! $297,000. #18269

LOTS OF ROOM FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS!

Six bedrooms and six and 1/2 baths amidst the tall pines of Alto Mountain Village is the perfect vacation getaway or home. Lots of room to spread out here! Spacious game room downstairs. Large covered & uncovered decks. 2 car carport & outside elevator for wood or groceries. $330,000. #103683

BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM BUILT 5 BR. HOME!

This prestigious 5 br., 4 ba. home in White Mountain Meadows has a very attractive low maintenance stucco/rock exterior. A living room plus a large family room offers lots of options. Granite countertops in kitchen are a great designer touch, and 2 eating areas are a super idea. S.B. view from gazebo! $498,500. #103382

PRESTIGIOUS STUCCO HOME IN BEAUTIFUL WHITE MTN ESTATES!

This amazing 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath mountain home has everything you could possibly want! Wonderful kitchen, spacious great room, 2 car garage, and master on main level. Nicely landscaped. Enjoy the pristine mountain air and the views from one of the two decks surrounded by the tall, cool pines. $479,500. #102[illegible]

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ATTRACTIVE 3 BR. STUCCO HAS LEVEL ACCESS & A RAIN CATCH SYSTEM!

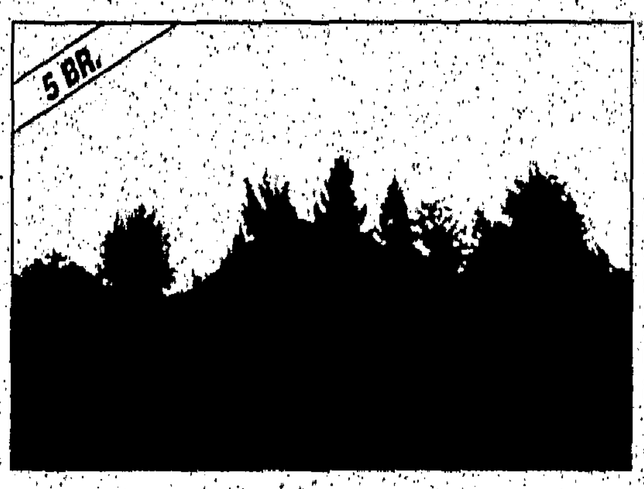
How's that for beautiful and functional! Lots of desirable features here... an open concept plan, level access, 2 separate covered patios, and a sunroom. Granite countertops and rain catch system are dynamite! Split bedrooms for privacy too! A must see! $335,000 #103350

[illegible] EXTERIOR [illegible]!

Beautiful & authentic [illegible] description of this home with upscaled interior, amazing construction and a wonderful deck for enjoying our pristine mtn. environment. Living area is on main level w/ [illegible] on lower level. Paved [illegible] & metal roof. A thoughtfully [illegible] charming home! $349,500. #103294

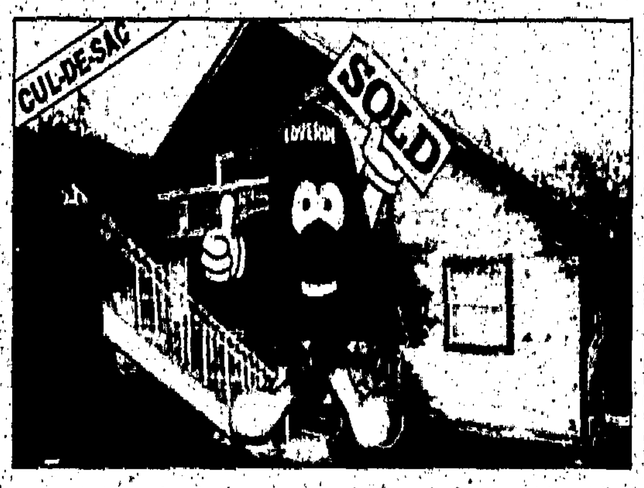
THIS CHARMING MOUNTAIN HOME HAS CHARACTER & STYLE!

Vaulted knotty pine ceilings and saltillo tile floors create a beautiful interior ambiance. You'll love the location, close to Ruidoso midtown and the Cree Meadows golf course. The master is on the main level. Great decks surrounded by tall pines. So very nice! $425,000. #103493



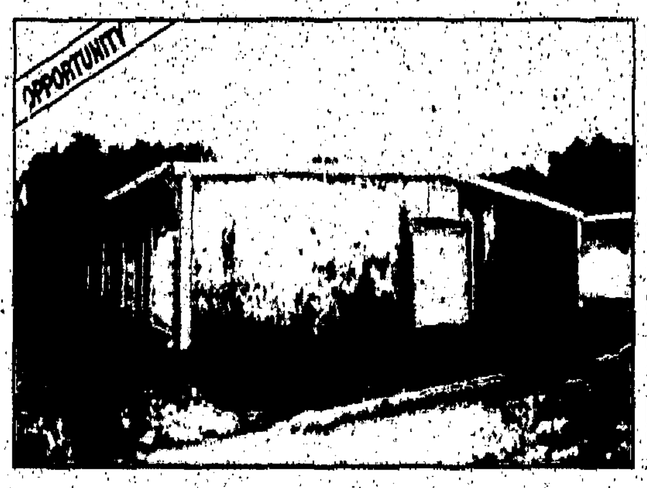
SPACIOUS BEAUTY W/ FABULOUS OUTDOOR LIVING AREAS!

This great house has 5 bedrooms and 2 living areas! Large upstairs living area has lofted ceilings and a great rock fireplace accenting the open concept floor plan. Convenient location, close to track for horse enthusiasts. Master on main level. Lots of storage space. Charming patio. $325,000. #102675



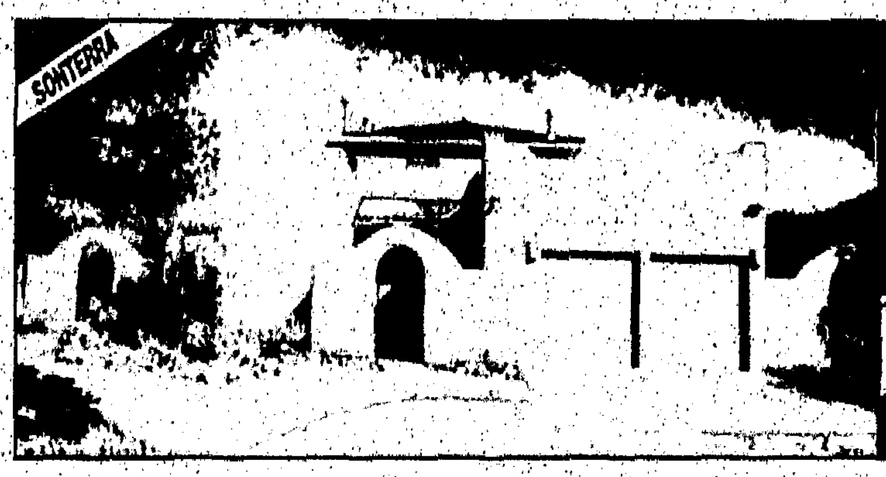
GREAT RUIDOSO HOME IN THE PINECLIFF AREA!

Vaulted ceilings throughout this home provide an open, unrestricted feel. Great room plan with enjoyable breakfast bar & fireplace are perfect for family living. Loft can be 4th bedroom. Super cul-de-sac location. $239,000. #103501



CAPITAN STORAGE UNITS WITH LEVEL ACCESS!

These storage units have a super location on 2nd street in Capitan. There are 64 units in 5 buildings. The level access with asphalt parking and drives is a real plus. More details available. Please call listing agent at (575) 258-5008. $285,000. #103392



CUSTOM SANTA FE STYLE STUCCO ON 8.65 ACRES!

Gated 4 br. property with amazing Capitan views in a private setting you'll love. This one-level beauty features 3 fireplaces, plantation shutters & observation deck. Walk to the Rio Bonita & waterfalls or relax on the fabulous back patio with outdoor fireplace. This enchanting home with beautiful upscale features throughout and sun-splashed interior awaits a discriminating buyer who longs for our pristine mountain environment. $585,000. #102301

PRESTIGIOUS HOME ON LARGE ONE-OF-A-KIND, 1.12 ACRE LOT ON PRIVATE CUL-DE-SAC!

This 4 br., mountain top home in White Mtn. has views of Sierra Blanca, The Links Golf Course, & valley views too! This spacious home has 2 living areas, 2 master suites, large kitchen, and sunroom. The private gated entrance & drive are indicative of a home w/ integrity. Hot tub & sauna are great too! $789,000. #103365

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BEAUTIFULLY SECLUDED CABIN IN THE WOODS!

This 3 br. rustic cabin is perfectly placed close to hiking trails and the national forest. Situated on 2 lots! Storage building and domestic well. Get close to nature in this secluded cabin with great potential! Retreat to a slower pace and enjoy the mountains. $235,000. #102767

CHARMING CABIN LOCATED IN THE HEART OF RUIDOSO!

This 2 bedroom rustic mountain cabin is located close to midtown on a corner lot with easy access. Some of the features of this cozy cabin include high vaulted ceilings in the living area, master on the main level, upstairs loft area, and a carport. Great weekender or permanent residence! All of this under 150K! Won't last long! $149,000 #103836

NEWLY REMODELED BIG PINES CONDOS!

These 3 br. units are freshly remodeled and conveniently located. What a great price for these condos with fresh paint, new carpet, new appliances, and a fireplace! The kitchens are nicely done with new kitchen countertops and cabinets. Good parking. 2 bedroom condos are also available. A great offering at a desirable price. Attractive financing available. $139,500. #102268

NEWLY REMODELED BIG PINES CONDOS!

These 2 br. units are freshly remodeled and conveniently located. What a great price for these condos with fresh paint, new carpet, new appliances, and a fireplace! The kitchens are nicely done with new kitchen countertops and cabinets. Good parking. 3 bedroom condos are also available. A great offering at a desirable price. Attractive financing available. $ 119,500. #102069

SUPER END-UNIT TOWNHOUSE ON CREE GOLF COURSE

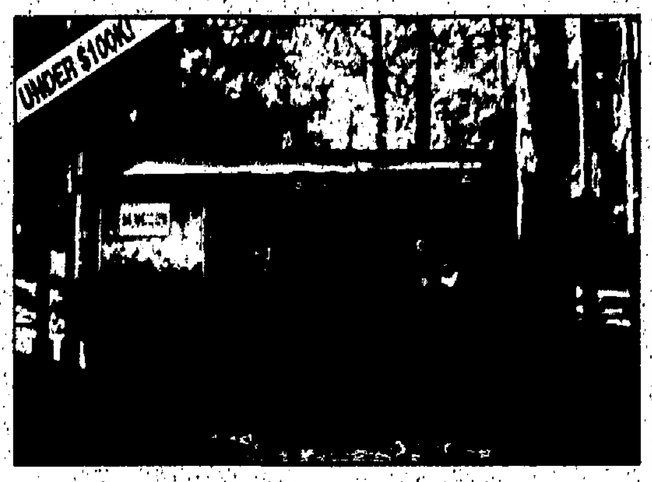
This is a perfect, central location for vacationers or permanent residents. This 2 br. unit has a wonderful back deck overlooking Cree Meadows golf course & the #5 green. Nicely furnished, wet bar, and easy access. More windows on this end unit provide a bright & cheerful interior. $179,500 #103137

A HOME THAT IS CENTRALLY LOCATED WITH A VIEW!

This 3 br., 2 ba. home has a nice living area with large windows that frame a gorgeous Sierra Blanca view. A super porch for enjoying your early morning coffee or a great evening Bar-B-Que, and did we say all for under $150K! Nestled in the tall pines. $146,500. #102686

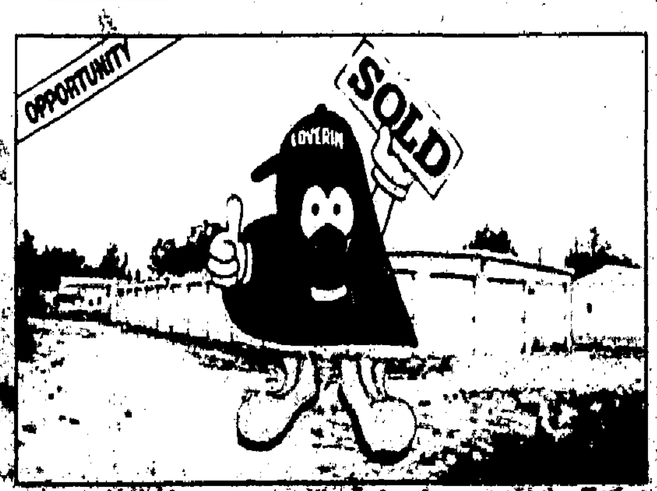
NICELY REMODELED 3 BR., 2 BA. WITH VIEWS!!!

You'll love everything about this open concept beauty w/ its fabulous decks. Updated throughout... a show place! How better to enjoy Ruidoso's beauty than relaxing on this home's marvelous deck & taking in the breathtaking Sierra Blanca view! Charming kitchen. Great utility room w/sink. $165,000. #102599



CABIN IN THE WOODS UNDER $100,000!

Great stand alone cabin at Carrizo Lodge Condos with view of creek! What a great place to kick back and relax in this quaint 2 br. cabin. Nice front porch. Minutes to downtown Ruidoso or Inn of the Mountain Gods. This one won't last long. Maybe just what you are looking for! $99,990. #102013



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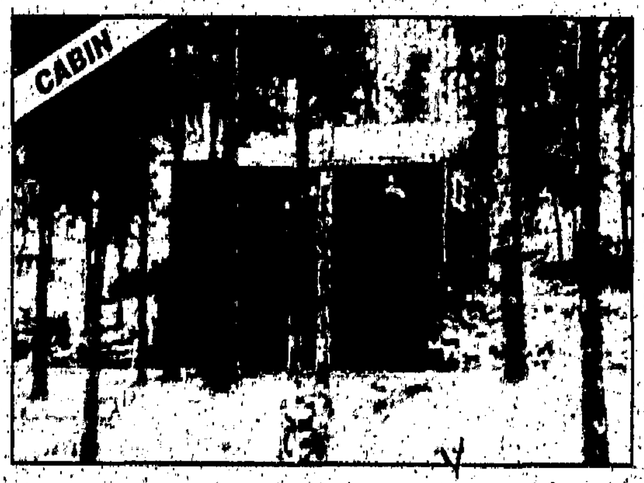

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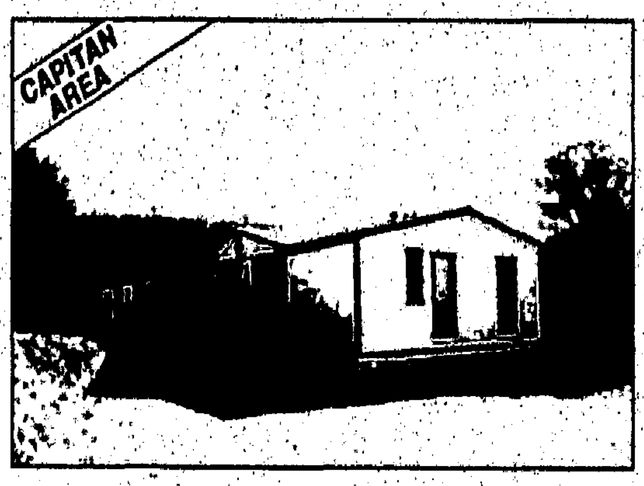

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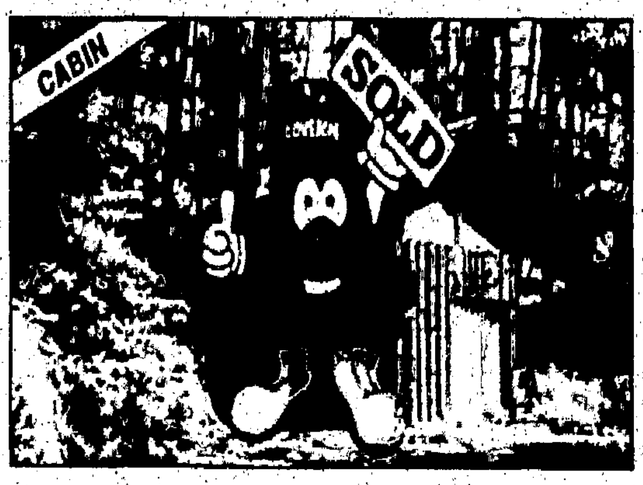

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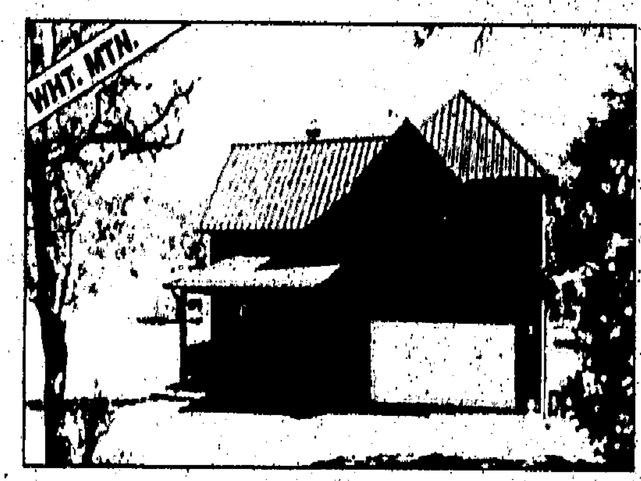

LOVELY WHT. MTN. STUCCO W/ VALLEY VIEWS!

Vaulted ceilings in the living area create a sun-splashed interior that's divine! The master bedroom is on the main floor of this charming 3 br., 2½ ba. Upscale cabinets, open concept, solid surface countertops, and wet bar w/ wine cooler enhance this luxurious living environment. $330,000. #100027

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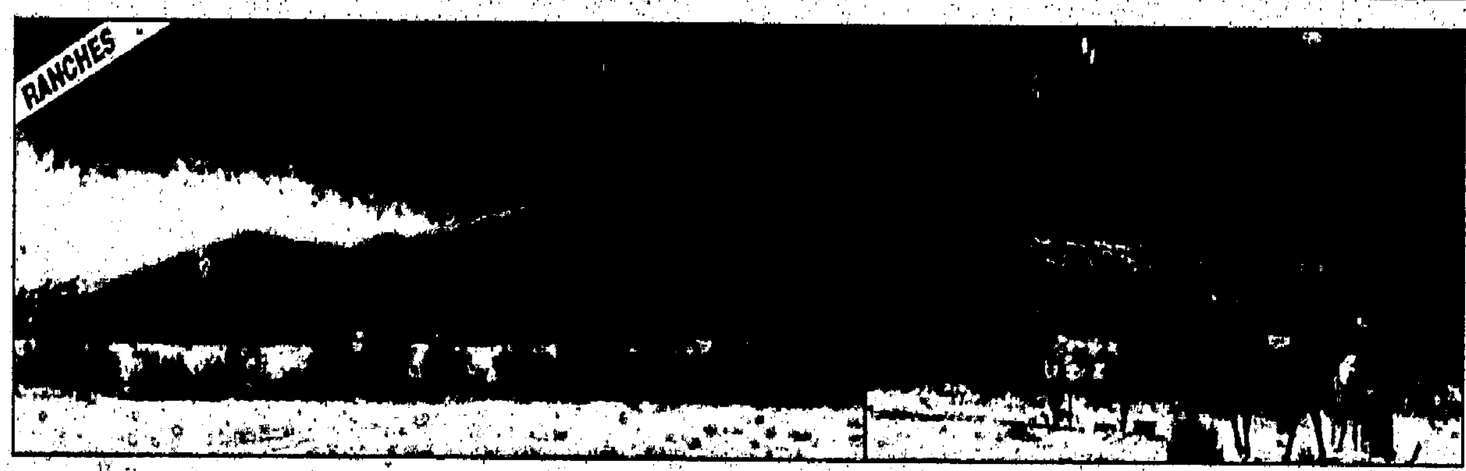

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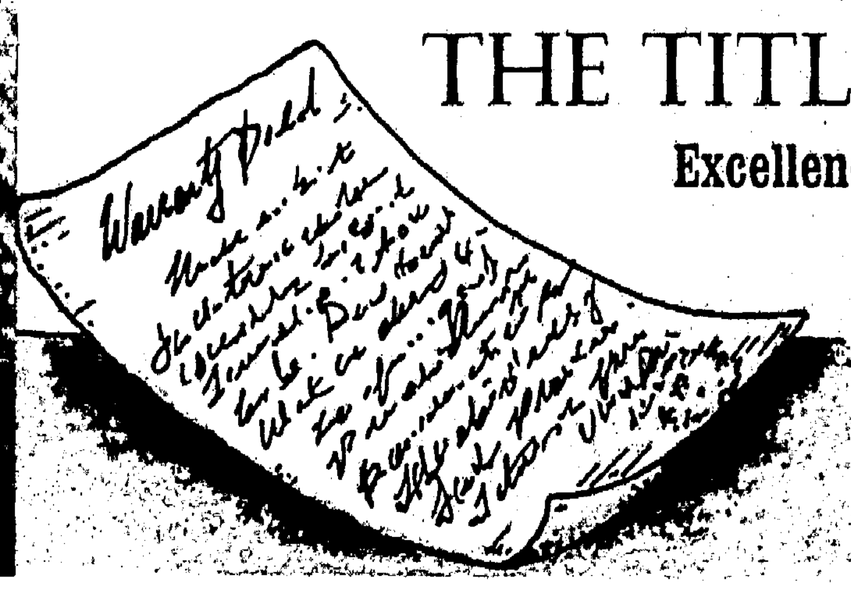

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THIS WEEKEND

Pirate invasion

Ruidoso High School's drama club, The Red Feather Theatre Company, proudly presents an original work – created, directed and performed by students. "The whole process has been magical," said Georgene Inks, the new drama instructor for the young thespians. "With awesome student direction and choreography, this is a show that everyone will love. The way students have cooperated to solve technical, blocking and time-management issues has worked to really pull this production together. That is what the Red Feather Theatre Company is all about."

Including inspirational music, sound effects and creative lighting, *Masks, Love and Pirates,* written by Hannah Kashmar and directed by Ellyn Koehler, will be sure to appeal to audiences of all ages. The production opens tonight, Nov. 21, and runs through the weekend. Friday and Saturday night performances are at 7:30, and Sunday's matinee is at 3:30 p.m. at the Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center, 125 Warrior Dr. on the high school campus.

"This whole experience has been amazing," Kashmar admitted. "I can't describe spending hours on this script crafting dialogue and seeing it in my mind's eye, then getting to hear the words in other people's voices. It's indescribable and wonderful, and I thank the Lord that I was able to do this."

Shameless editor's note: Kashmar has just been accepted to the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in Los Angeles, and her parents are actively seeking funding to facilitate her career.

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*The premier production of The Red Feather Theatre Company (Ruidoso High School drama club)

On the cover

The 3rd Annual Burro Serenade and Auction is a not-to-be-missed event this weekend. -Painted burro by Zane Mead; cover design by Kathy Keifer. See page 20.

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Calendar Highlights

Jesus Christ Superstar

Nov. 21: (Alto) Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m. The first rock musical masterpiece from the legendary writing team of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber exploded onto the scene in 1971, changing the world of musical theatre forever.

With a score of amazing songs – "I Don't Know How To Love Him," "Everything's Alright" and "Superstar" – this groundbreaking musical highlights the political and interpersonal struggles of Judas Iscariot and Jesus and follows the last seven days of Jesus' life on earth and the effect it had on those around him.

Starring the legendary Ted Neeley in the lead role, the show is being technically produced at the Spencer, where it is also being premiered in its multi-city national tour. Tickets: Thursday, Nov. 20, $49 and $46, and Friday, Nov. 21, $59 and $56. Contact the Spencer Box Office at 336-4800.

Masks, Love and Pirates

Nov. 21-23: (Ruidoso) The Red Feather Theatre Company, the Ruidoso High School Drama Club, presents an original play by Hannah Kashmar and directed by Ellyn Koehler. The Production is full of masked pirates, a pentagon of romance, and fighting – lots and lots of precise, frightening swordfighting, all choreographed and created by the students under the tutelage of RHS drama instructor Georgene Inks.

Showcasing the company's stage combat skills, there's something for audiences of all ages. Everyone loves pirates, everyone loves a little bit of romance and, most certainly, everyone loves swordfighting. Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center on Warrior Drive. Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday show at 3:30 p.m.

Coming Home for Christmas

Nov. 21-23: (Alamogordo) Coming Home for Christmas Arts and & Crafts Festival 2008 at 52 San Pedro Dr., which is south of the golf course in Alamogordo. Thursday, Nov. 20, 4-8 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 23, from noon to 4 p.m.

You are invited to come and see the creation of a magical display of quality handmade arts and crafts to be held in a private home. The Coming Home for Christmas Arts Festival 2008 is unique in the Alamogordo area. Christmas trees are decorated with ornaments for sale, items are hung on walls, and each room is decorated with its own theme and flavor (i.e. Christmas, Country, Victorian, Southwest, etc).

Christmas music is played throughout and bakers will be selling their culinary delights. All weave together to create an extraordinary atmosphere to delight all of your senses. The traditional use of a private home lends to the unique atmosphere of this show. Info: Becky Plumb, 575-434-1857; Judy Hadfield, 575-682-0116 or deja-vu@cybermesa.com.

Burro Serenade and Auction

Nov. 22: (Carrizozo) Annual Painted Burro Sale & Auction at Gallery 408 To continue our interest in Public Art and its affect on our community in Carrizozo, Gallery 408 is sponsoring a live Art Auction named the Burro Serenade and Auction every year in November the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Life-sized Burros painted and embellished by well-known Lincoln County artists will become the Public Art of the sidewalks and streets of Carrizozo and other public spaces in our area. These Burros have unique personalities demonstrating the visual interests of the artists who created them. The proceeds of this Auction benefit the local Animal Control Shelter and the local veterinarians who help take care of those animals. This year's herd returns to the Gallery with the Burro Serenade Festivities. Preview begins at 5 p.m., with a Burrito Dinner at 6 and the Auction starting at 7. For more information, call 575-648-2598.

A Walk Through Bethlehem

Nov. 28-30 ad Dec. 4-5 and 7: (Ruidoso) A Walk Through Bethlehem performed at the Angus Church of the Nazarene at 6 and 8 p.m. nightly. A 45-minute interactive walk through a recreated village of Bethlehem at the time of Christ's birth. Cast of more than 60 live actors plus real animals.

Please join us as we recreate the wonderful moment in time when Jesus Christ was born. Walk through the streets of Bethlehem and experience what it must have been like on that glorious night. Interact with merchants and residents of the city.

If you have a group that is interested in attending, please make reservations. We will do our best to ensure that your group tours together. There will also be Spanish translators available for any group that does not speak English. If you have a group that will be in need of translation please call the church to set a time to come so that the translators will be available. Free admission near the intersection of Highways 48 and 37. For more information and reservations, call 575-336-8032.

Tree Lighting

Nov. 30: (Mescalero) Lighting of the Largest Christmas Tree in Southern New Mexico at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino at 5 p.m.

Gingerbread House Competition

Dec. 1-5: (Mescalero) Entries at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino between 2 and 3 p.m. daily. Judging will be held Dec. 11.

Christmas in the Park

Dec. 4: (Ruidoso) Christmas in the Park Tree Lighting at Schoolhouse Park on Sudderth Drive at 6 p.m. Free admission For more information, 1-888-71-LIGHTS. A Festival of Lights event.

Flying J Christmas Special

Dec. 4: (Alto) Flying J Wranglers Christmas Special at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m. The Flying J Wranglers' holiday show features rich melodious Western yodeling, vocals, fiddle and guitars in a program of traditional favorites and new and classic Western/cowboy Christmas songs, instrumentals and homespun comedy. Since first making camp at The Flying J Ranch in 1982, more than 600,000 visitors to Lincoln County have enjoyed the troupe's home-cooked chuck wagon meals and western music stage shows. Their Christmas concerts are now in demand too – a seasonal gift to audiences in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas that started with the Spencer's first Flying J Christmas presentation in 2003.

Treasures of Sierra Blanca

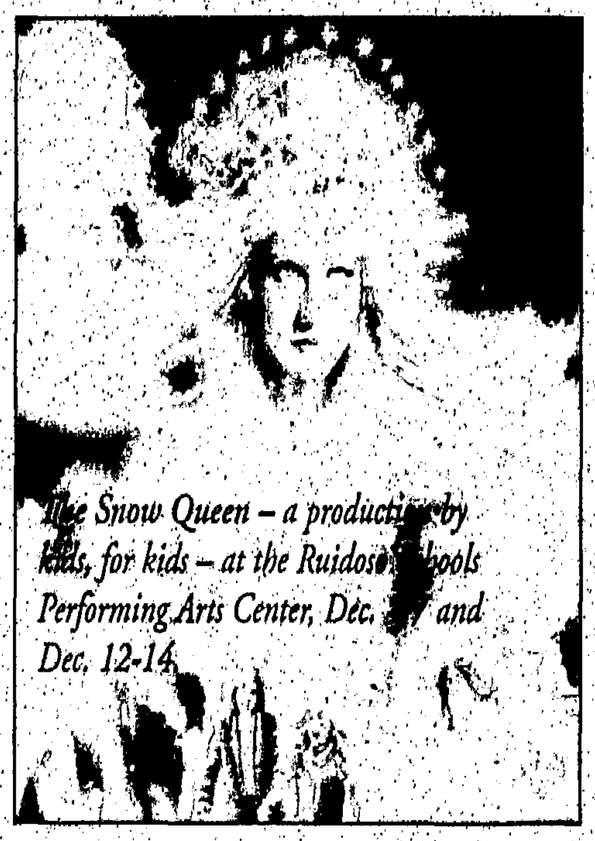
Dec. 5-6: (Ruidoso) Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts presents the 5th year of the Treasures of Sierra Blanca Art Show, at River Crossing, 1900 Sudderth. This fine art show highlights New Mexico artists, and is open Friday, Dec. 5, noon-6 p.m. and Saturday, Dec.6, 10 a.m. until the Festival of Lights parade, with a post-parade reception with live music and bonfire. There will be a silent auction of artists' works both days. There is no admission charge for this event.

The Snow Queen

Dec. 5-7 and 12-14: (Ruidoso) ***The Snow Queen,*** a production by children for children and their families, reveals the power of friendship and perseverance over the world's often distracting and sometimes sinister influences.

As the boy Lars falls prey to the influence of the Snow Queen, his sister Gerda must undertake a journey that tests her faith and love in order to free him. Along the way, we meet many endearing characters, including the Robber Gang led by The Robber Girl; Crow – a well-meaning sort who introduces Gerda to the Prince and the Princess; a garden of singing flowers; and many others.

This exciting production utilizes puppetry, creative lighting effects and innovative costuming to present the timeless tale. A collaboration of Lincoln County Community Theatre, ENMU-Ruidoso's Kidz Kollege and Stepchild Productions, the show is presented at the Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center, 125 Warrior Dr., 7 p.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Ticket are $8 for adults and $6 for children and are available at the door.



The Snow Queen – a production by kids, for kids – at the Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center, Dec. [illegible] and Dec. 12-14.

Parade of Lights

Dec. 6: (Ruidoso) The Parade of Lights through Midtown Ruidoso starts at 5:30 p.m., from the corner of Sudderth and Mechem through Midtown on Sudderth to Pizza Hut. For more information, call 575-257-7395. Presented by the Ruidoso Festival of Lights

Snacks With Santa

Dec. 7: (Ruidoso) Snacks with Santa following *The Snow Queen* at Ruidoso High School.Starts at 3:30 p.m. Come and enjoy cookies and cocoa, photo opportunities with Santa, and visit with the cast of *The Snow Queen (performance at 2 p.m.).* Then enjoy the **Community Sing-Along and Concert** with the ENMU-Ruidoso Choir at 4 p.m. For more information, call 1-877-71-LIGHTS or visit www.ruidosonow.com.

A Celtic Yuletide

Dec. 7: (Alto) A Celtic Yuletide at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m. Famed tenor Michael Londra, the former

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star of Broadway's Riverdance, brings his vocal beauty to the Spencer Theater in A Celtic Yuletide. The performances features the energetic, young Irish Celtic band An Dóchas, a four vocalist group armed with pulsating pipes, whistles, Bodhrán, fiddle, guitar, bass and drums. An Dóchas, which means "The Hope" in Irish, has a huge following around the globe. Headlining the show is Londra, a performer whose voice has been declared "a pure crystalline stream" by *The Houston Chronicle*. In mesmerizing traditional and contemporary Gaelic versions of beloved Christmas carols like Silent Night and O Holy Night, Londra will also spice the international night with treasured tales from the Old Country and Yuletides of yesteryear. Join us in our beautifully decorated hall for this unique holiday production. A Celtic Yuletide is guaranteed to send you out into the winter's night warmed by old-time Christmas spirit and memories of traditions past.

Christmas at the Lodge

Dec. 9: (Ruidoso) Christmas at the Lodge at The Lodge at Sierra Blanca at 6:30 p.m. Merriment and carols led by Ol' St. Nick. Cider, hot chocolate, confections, international cheese board. For more information, call 1-888-71-LIGHTS.

Christmas Bazaar

Dec. 13: (Ruidoso) Christmas Bazaar at Calvary Chapel Ruidoso on Vision Drive. Hand-crafted Christmas Bazaar. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hot homemade chile, soups and cornbread, Unique handmade gifts. For more information, call Devon at 575-257-9057 or 575-937-2330.

Old Fashioned Christmas

Dec. 13: (Lincoln) Old Fashioned Christmas in Lincoln, from noon to 4 p.m. A Christmas celebration where you can come dressed in a costume from the 1880s and win prizes for the best costume. Fun for kids, Santa Claus Tours, door prizes and merchants will be providing treats and entertainment. For more informatio, call 575-653-4670.

Bazaar

Dec. 13: (Alto) Cowboy Christmas Ball at Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Jody Nix & The Texas Cowboys from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. Sponsored by The Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse. Tickets from any Posse member or Village Ace Hardware. For more information, call 575-257-7397.

Doug Gabriel & Family Christmas Show

Dec. 17-20 and 23-27: (Ruidoso) Doug Gabriel & Family Christmas Show at Mountain Annie's Dinner Theater in midtown Ruidoso. Do you desire great entertainment? Want to be touched in your heart? Experience the Doug Gabriel Show! Doug shares not only his talent, but also shares his tremendously talented family. Whatever your taste in music you will hear it all. Branson's Best Family Show. For more information, call 575-257-7982.

Torch Light Parade

Dec. 20: (Ski Apache) A native drum will begin playing at 5 p.m., and the Parade is at 6. Veteran skiers and their lighted torches will ski down the mountain. Assorted snacks and refreshments will be available. Free admission.

Spectators are encouraged to be there by 5:45. For more Information, call 1-888-71-LIGHTS or visit www.ruidosonow.com

The Nutcracker

Dec. 20: (Alto) *The Nutcracker* at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 7 p.m. Ruidoso Dance Ensemble's *The Nutcracker* is an enchanting trip into a fantasy world filled with some of the finest young talents around. Starring more than 50 Ruidoso-area dancers ages 4 and up, the two-act ballet classic is under the artistic direction of Deborah Rogers, and features delightful choreography, lavish costumes and sweet scenery that never fails to impress.

Set to the gorgeous score by Tchaikovsky, it is a Christmas tale packed with darling children, dueling rats, dancing fairies, a life-sized Nutcracker and a dashing cavalier. There's even a magical Christmas tree that grows before your eyes, a cannon that shoots perfect smoke rings across the hall and a massive grandfather clock that comes to life and twirls about.

New to the cast this season is the addition of two professional dancers – Arkadiy Orohovsky, a former Kiev National Opera dancer who currently works with the Toledo Classical Ballet Academy and Ekaterina Atamenyenko, a former student of the Kirov Academy of Ballet and the Nutmeg Conservatory for the Arts.

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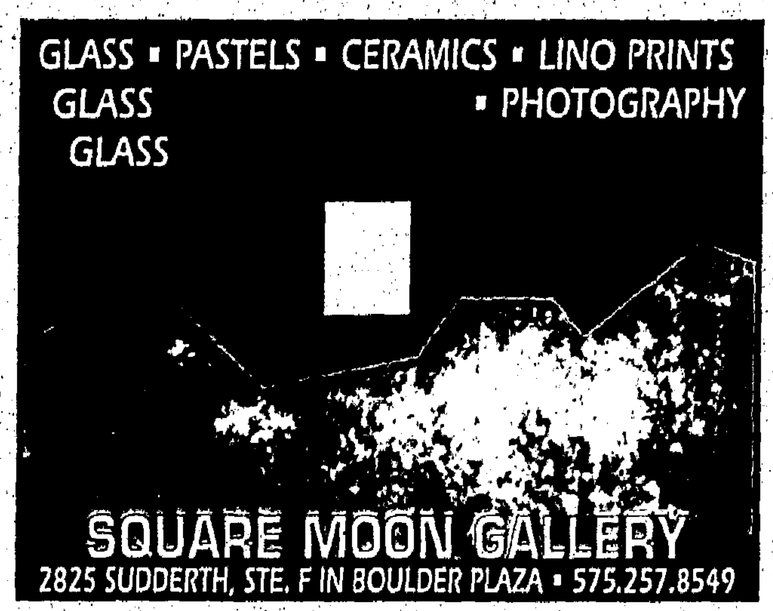

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Christmas Star Gala slated for the Flickinger

If you are looking for a heartwarming way to kick off the holiday season, don't miss this weekend's Christmas Star Gala at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts in Alamogordo. Not only will you be treating yourself to an evening of first-rate musical entertainment, you will be supporting a worthy cause as well.

Performances will be Friday, Nov. 21, and Saturday, Nov. 22. To add to the festivities, a pre-concert reception, including hors d'oeuvres, wine and music will begin at 7 p.m.with the concert following at 8.

The Christmas Star Gala marks the third show COPE (the Center of Protective Environment) has organized. This year's show features three of the area's finest and most popular musical artists – Kari Simmons, Mike Julian and Susan White.

A versatile performer, Simmons' singing style runs the gamut from "soft and sweet" to "rock and roll." If it's any clue, her nickname growing up was "Baby Benatar." In addition to singing professionally in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, this former Miss Otero County has thrilled local audiences at the Flickinger Center, the summer Tailgate Series, and the Miss New Mexico America Pageant.

A local favorite for many years, Mike Julian is probably best known for his many performances with the Alamogordo Music Theatre. Some of his more memorable roles include Julio in *Paint Your Wagon*, JJ Brown in *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*, Melchior in the Christmas opera *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, Rapunzel's Prince in *Into the Woods*, and most recently, Don Quixote in *Man of La Mancha* (a role he reprised for the Dona Ana Lyric Opera in Las Cruces a short time later.)

The show is directed by "player-coach" Susan White (who, in addition to her directing duties, will be performing and accompanying Mike and Kari.) An incredibly talented pianist, Susan has accompanied high school choirs in Alamogordo, Albuquerque and Las Cruces, hundreds of soloists, more than a dozen stage musicals, and was pianist and organist for Grace United Methodist Church in Alamogordo for nine years. In 2006 she recorded her first CD, *Meditations*, along with her mother and mentor, the late Pat Miller.

The money raised from this event will benefit COPE, and help support the services they offer, at no charge, to the victims of domestic violence and their children. COPE's badly needed services include shelter, counseling, advocacy, community outreach and prevention.

Tickets are $20 each and are available in advance at the COPE offices on South Florida, BANK '34, and the Flickinger Center.

In this season of giving, let those who are seeking relief from domestic violence know that you do indeed care.

For more information about COPE and/or the Christmas Star Gala, call 434-3622.

Susan White

CUISINE

Thanks for chiles

Polly's Potpourri

by Polly E. Chavez

Twenty-two years before pilgrims in New England celebrated with turkey and cranberries, another celebration occurred. Europeans in North America celebrated on April 30, 1598, on the banks of the Rio Grande near present-day El Paso. Juan Oñate and 400 colonists gave thanks for the safe travel when they crossed the deserts in northern Mexico. They continued to the Española area to establish the first European settlement in southwest New Mexico.

I am interested in the New Mexican Spanish, Mexican and Indian culture, including culinary traditions. Each Thanksgiving Day I give thanks for chile of all varieties and the many forms of preparing it. I was raised on chile. Any holiday or no holiday includes red or green chile.

This week, I will tell how I make chile salsa, one of a few creations where I do not follow a recipe or use measurements. The salsa depends on what is available in my kitchen cabinet from the last food run to Capitan, Ruidoso or Alamogordo. Or what I can find at the local convenience store or borrow from a neighbor. (Still no grocery store for Carrizozo.)

The basic ingredient is fresh jalapeno or roasted, peeled green chile from my frozen stash. This year my spouse's garden provided several varieties of chile and we enjoyed those in my impromptu salsas. He harvested Jalapeño, Sandia, Red Pepper, Hot Red Cherry Pimienta, Serrano and Santa Fe Grande. Sometimes I mixed the red, green and yellow produce.

I place the chile (whatever amount) in my handy, dandy electric chopper, along with onion (ditto amount). If I have fresh tomatoes (one or three) and a can of tomato sauce I will add that otherwise I substitute any size can tomatoes and the juice it comes in. I give all a spin until the desired consistency and add garlic salt. (No exotic spices or alien ingredients like carrot, eggplant or artichokes.)

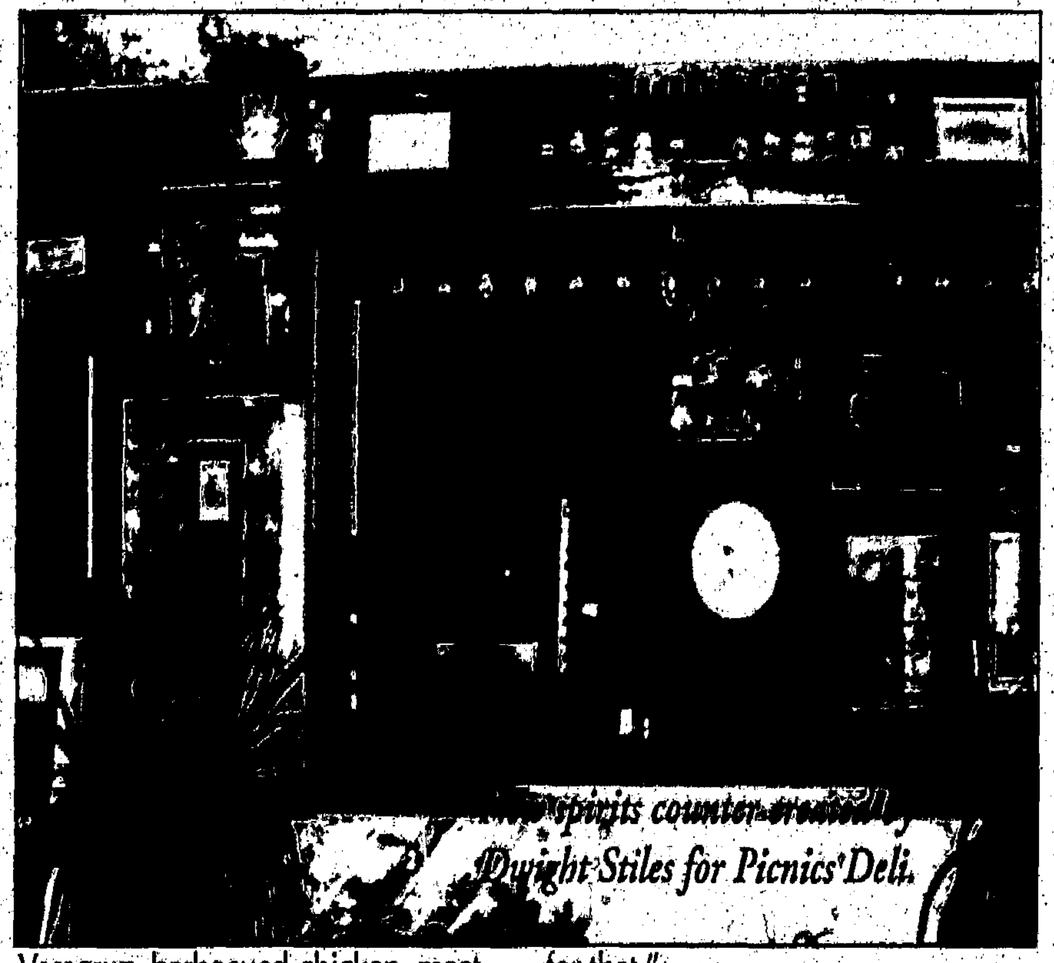
The salsa is eaten with corn chips or in a burrito. The salsa can be spooned over eggs, beans, fried potatoes or leftover turkey. You'll think of something ...

Check out Picnics

You simply must check it out – mouthwatering specials are promised, as Picnics Deli now has a beer and wine license and an expanded menu. In addition to their famous lunches, they will now be offering dinner on the weekends throughout the winter season.

Having been open for two years, the spot has built up a loyal local following, which they readily acknowledge. Lunch features home-cooked meals, including their great pastrami, tender brisket and bone-in ham, and Jeralyn make her wondrous tuna, egg and chicken salads and fresh "from scratch" soups.

To add to the deli delight, Picnics will now be open all day on Fridays and Saturdays, with a new menu starting at 2:30 p.m., featuring appetizers and great dinners. "We want to keep it simple and affordable," they said. "And we want to uphold our reputation for quality, and that means using the best products and making everything from scratch."



Dwight Stiles for Picnics' Deli.

Dinners will include Pescado Veracruz, barbecued chicken, meatloaf with Southern-style tomato gravy and baby-back ribs cooked "country-style" over sauerkraut. Specials will also be served, guaranteed to please.

"We're a block off of the main drag, so we don't see a lot of the tourists," Larry said, "but we're still growing. We have the locals to thank for that."

And now you can also enjoy a glass of wine or some beer to go along with the fabulous fare – so head on down to Picnics Seli. Open Monday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays until 8:30 p.m.

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Key Code:

T 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. **V**

Texas Pit Barbeque • 211 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1101.

Cafés

Airport Grille • 3500 Airport Rd., Alamogordo • 439-1093 • Open Mon-Fri, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m • Specialty sandwiches, and daily specials.

Amigos Bakery • 1107 10th St., Alamogordo • 437-0592.• 9 a.m.-9 p.m; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Deli, daily special. **V**

Brown Bag Deli • 900 Washington, Alamogordo • 437-9751 • Open Mon-Sat, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m • Deli, daily special. **V**

Café 675 • 675 Tenth St. at Lowes, Alamogordo • 437-5150.

Cloudcroft Deli • 505 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-5588 • Open 7 days, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Soups, sandwiches, pastries. • Carry-out only.

Coffee & More • 308 Granado • Deli • Tularosa • 585-4575.

Dave's Café • 300 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thu, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. • Hamburgers/Coney Islands.

Front Porch Eatery Café • 94 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-7492 • Open Mon-Thu, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sun, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

High Country Lounge & Grill • 90 Pleasant Valley Dr., Timberon • 987-2580.

High Rolls General Store Deli • 845 Hwy. 82 • 682-2855.

Jamocha Bean Coffee House Café • 505 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2332 • Open Mon-Fri, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun 8 a.m.-5 p.m. • Coffees, salads & sandwiches.

Java The Hut • 506 St. Francis • Tularosa • 585-2003.

Josey's Sweets • 603 St. Francis Dr • Tularosa • 585-3120 • Open Mon-Sat, 12:30-9 p.m.; Sun, 2-8 p.m.

Mayhill Café • Mayhill • 687-3066

Mayhill Mercantile • Mayhill • 687-3425.

Mountain Top Mercantile Deli • 105 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-2777 Open 7 days, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. • Soups, deli, BBQ, pasta & pies. Carry-out only.

Mountain View Café & The Bistro (GCRMC), 2669 Scenic Dr., Alamogordo • 443-7456 (Mountainview) / 443-7457 (Bistro).

Nature's Pantry • 915 New York Ave., Alamogordo • 434-1670 • Open Mon-Thu, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fri-Sat 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • Organic foods. **V**

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.

Nut House • 32 Ivy Ln • La Luz • 437-6889.

Olive Branch Coffee & Deli • 123 N. White Sands • Alamogordo • 443-8151 • Open Mon-Sat, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. • Specialty coffees & teas, breakfast fare, sandwiches.

Plateau Espresso • 2724 N. Scenic, Alamogordo • 434-4466 • Open Sun-Thu, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-11 p.m. • Specialty coffees, sandwiches/soups. Wireless Internet.

Plaza Pub • 1004 N. White Sands, Alamogordo • 437-1092 • Open Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • Historic building. Green chile stew, sandwiches, salads. Bar featuring local micro brews.

Sweet Shop • 300 Burro Street • Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thu,10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-8 a.m. • Smoothies, ice cream, fudge & truffles.

Tulie Oasis • 512 St. Francis • Tularosa • 585-2102.

Weed Café • Weed • 687-3611.

Western Bar & Café • 304 Burro Street • 682-2445 • Cloudcroft • Open 7 days 6 a.m.-9 p.m. (café), 7 days 9 a.m.-12 a.m.

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. T

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.

Tulie Freez • 419 St. Francis, Tularosa • 585-4409.

Waffle & Pancake Shoppe • 950 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-0433.

Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers • 301 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-0865.

Fine Dining

Memories Restaurant • 1223 N. New York Ave., Alamogordo • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • 437-0077. T

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. T 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

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. T

Can't Stop Smokin' • 418 Mechem Dr. • 630-0000 • Bar-B-Que to go. Beef, poultry & pork.

Circle J Barbecue • 1825 Sudderth • 257-4105 • Sun-Thu, 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

Tom's Barbecue • 435 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 937-1515 • Spare ribs, brisket, pork, sausage, green chile burger and all the trimmin's • Dine in or carry out • Catering available.

Cafés

Alto Café • Hwy. 48 & Gavilan Canyon Rd. • 336-1980 •7 a.m.-8 p.m., Mon-Fri, closed weekends.

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Atticus Books & Teahouse • 413 Mechem • 257-2665 • 32 varieties of tea, plus European pressure and pressed coffee, homemade scones, fresh lemon curd and clotted cream • 10:30-7 p.m., closed Tue • Entertainment on Saturdays.

Books & Beans Espresso Deli • 2501 Sudderth • 630-2326 • Full espresso bar, deli, soups, salads. V

Calamity Jane's • 500 W Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 354-8309 •

Cornerstone Bakery Café • 359 Sudderth • 257-1842 • 8-11 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. daily • Gourmet sandwiches, desserts, fresh breads, coffee. V

Daylight Donuts • 441 Sudderth • 257-7155 • 5 a.m.-noon, Mon-Sat. • Fresh donuts, coffee, pastries • Dine in or carry out.

Dreamcatcher Café • 2629 Sudderth, in the Courtyard in Midtown by Kawliga's • 802-2222 • Sun-Thu, 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m. • Breakfast, lunch, dinner, smoothies, coffee • live music.

Hummingbird Tearoom • 2306 Sudderth in The Plaza • 257-5100 • Mon-Sat, Breakfast 7:30-10:30; Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. • Soup & sandwiches. V

River's Edge • 2404 Sudderth • 630-5394 • Mon-Sat, 10:30-5; Sun,11:30-5; • Custom-made sandwich wraps, freshly made desserts. V

Roy's Ice Cream Parlour • 1200 Avenue E, Carrizozo • 648-2921 • Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat, 12-6 • Old-fashioned ice cream sodas, milkshakes, malts, banana splits & other fountain treats.

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

Zocca Coffee & Tea •1129 Mechem Dr., Suite E • 258-1445•Sun, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Mon-Thu, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.; Authentic Ityallian espresso, coffee, teqad, ice cream, variety of fresyh-baked pastries and paninis; complimentary Wi-Fi V

Casual Dining

All American Diner • 390 Sudderth Dr. • Mexican and American specialties •Daily, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. • 257-8625.

All Star Diner • 340 Sudderth Dr. • Charbroiled steaks, chops, burgers and chicken, plus Mexican specialties • 7 a.m.-9 p.m., daily.

Big Game Bar & Grill • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. inside Casino Apache at Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero • 464-7880. Y

Billy's Sports Bar & Grill • at Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino • 378-4431.

Cattle Baron • 657 Sudderth • 257-9355 • Mon-Thu, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. • Steak, seafood, salad bar, lounge. Y

Cree Meadows Restaurant • 301 Country Club • 257-2733 • Mon-Sat, breakfast 7 a.m.-11 a.m.; lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; closed Sunday • Steak, seafood, lounge, banquet room. Y

Denny's • 2219 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • 378-1389 • Open 24/7.

Elsie's Charbroiled Burgers • Hwy. 54 at Hwy. 380 (old Tastee Freeze) • Carrizozo • 648-4200 • Burgers, enchiladas, chicken & steak fingers, salads, soft serve ice cream. Patio seating. V

Emily's Southern Accent' • 320 E. Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 354-5459 • Mon-Sat, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.; also Fri, 5-8 p.m.

Farley's Food Fun & Pub • 1200 Mechem • 258-5676 • Mon-Fri, 11:30 a.m.-1 a.m.; Sat, 11 a.m.-1 a.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-12 a.m. • Burgers, pizza, pub fare, lounge, pool tables, patio. Y

Four Winds Restaurant • 111 Central Ave., Carrizozo • 648-2964 • Mon-Sun, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. • American variety, Mexican, freshly baked goods, lounge. Y

Gathering of Nations Buffet • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IMC • 464-7872 • American, Italian, Asian and Mexican cuisine.

Horsemen's Grill • 321 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 354-1447.

K-BOB's• 157 W. Hwy. 70 • 378-4747. V Y

Landlocked • 441 Mechem • 257-9559 • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 12-8 p.m. V Y

Lincoln County Grill • 2717 Sudderth • 257-7669• Open 7 Days, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. Y

Log Cabin • 1074 Mechem • 258-5029.

Lucy & Ethel's • 1009 Mechem • 8 a.m.-5 p.m. • 630-1221.

Outpost Bar & Grill • Family Dining • Closed Monday and Tuesday • 415 Central, Carrizozo • 648-9994. Y

Picnics Deli • Deli, dine-in restaurant, take-out and delivery • 127 Rio Street • 257-2200 • Mon-Thu, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Y

Schlotzsky's Deli • 2812 Sudderth • 257-7811 • Open 10:30 a.m. daily. V

The Seasons • Casual and fine dining • 307 Hwy. 70 at the Quality Inn • 378-4051, ext. 314 • Open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

Smokey B's Grill • 2584 Hwy. 70 inside the Casino Apache Travel Center, Mescalero • Sun-Thu, 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri-Sat, 8 a.m.-11 p.m. • Recent menu changes and additions • 464-7928. Y

Smokey Bear Restaurant • 310 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 354-2557 • Open 7 Days, 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Y

The Quarters • 2535 Sudderth • Complete restaurant featuring steaks, burgers, barbecue, drink specialties and more • Live music Sundays for "Blues & BBQ • 257-9535. Y

Fast Food

Burger Trolley • 647 Sudderth • 257-3868 • 11-7 daily • Take-out only.

Hall of Flame Burgers • 2500 Sudderth, in Four Seasons Mall • 257-9987 • Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat-Sun, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. • Burgers, steak tacos, salads. V

KFC of Ruidoso • 331 Sudderth • 257-2119 • Open 7 Days • Dining room & drive-thru Sun-Thu, 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sat, drive-thru 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

McDonald's • 144 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso • 257-7547.

Mr. Burger • 1203 Mechem • 258-3616 • 7 a.m.-8 p.m. daily; Sun, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sonic Drive-In • 102 Horton Circle • 257-4787 • 7 Days a week, 7a.m.-11 p.m.

Subway • 148 Sudderth • 257-7827 • 8 a.m.-10 p.m. daily • Breakfast served until 11 a.m.

Taco Bell • 654 Sudderth • 257-4246 • Mon-Wed, 10 a.m.-1 a.m.; Thu-Sun, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fine Dining

Ellis Store Country Inn • Hwy. 380 MM 98, Lincoln • 800-653-6460 • Gourmet dinners • Mon-Sat • Reservations only. Y

Greenhouse Café • 103 S. Lincoln Ave., Capitan • 354-0373 • Dinner Wed-Sat 5-9 p.m.; Sunday brunch, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. V Y

Hennington's Grille & Tavern• at the Swiss Chalet on Mechem/Hwy 48 • 258-3152 • Steaks, seafood, pizza and more • Open for breakfast and dinner, Wed-Sun.

Le Bistro • 2800 Sudderth Dr. • Steak and seafood with French flair • Lounge downstairs • 257-0132. V Y

Morsels • 2919 Sudderth Dr. • 630-0113.

Texas Club Bar & Grill • 212 Metz Dr. • Ruidoso • 258-3325. Y

Tinnie Silver Dollar • 28 miles east of Ruidoso on Hwy. 70 in Tinnie • Steakhouse and saloon, lunch & dinner daily, champagne brunch Sundays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. • 653-4425. Y

Wendell's • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IMC • 464-7842 • Featuring steaks, seafood and hand-crafted desserts • Open daily, 6:30 a.m. - 11 p.m. V Y

Willmon's Prime Grille• 2523 Sudderth Dr. • 257-2954 • Featuring prime steaks, seafood and an extensive wine list • Reservations accepted Mon-Sat, 5:30-9 p.m. V Y

Mexican Food

Casa Blanca • 501 Mechem • 257-2495 • 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily • New Mexican cuisine, lounge. Y

Chef Lupe's • 1101 Sudderth • 257-4687 • Sun-Thu, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-midnight • Traditional Mexican food, American & seafood specialties, menudo. Y V

Chileo's • 135 W. Hwy. 70 • 378-4033 • 7 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. Y

Disco Taco • 141 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • 378-4224 • 8 a.m.-8 p.m. daily. • A "disco" is a steel disc used for Mexican "barbecue" • Authentic Mexican food. V

El Camino Nuevo • 1025 Mechem • 258-4312 • 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. Y

El Localito • 2415 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso • 257-8448.

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HOLIDAY MAGIC

'Tis the season

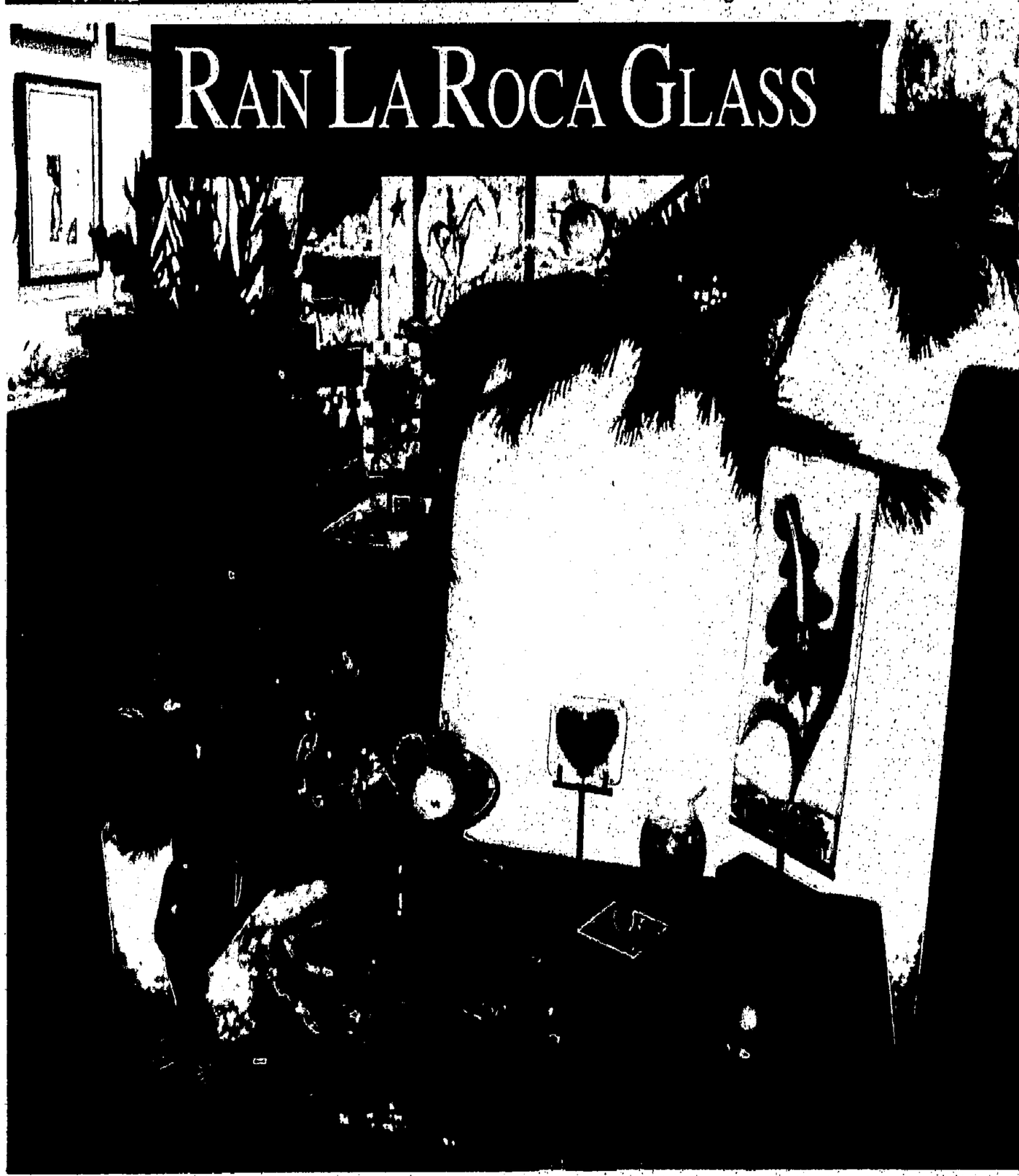
Paris may be known as the "City of Light," but Ruidoso has a festival of lights it can be proud of as well. A drive through Midtown after dark lets us know the festivities are on their way!

The Ruidoso Valley Festival of Lights is an annual celebration of the holiday season residents and visitors alike look forward to, and the biggest draw is the Parade of Lights, which has been voted one of the 2008 "Top 100 Events in the U.S.A. and Canada" by the American Bus Association.

This past year, the Festival of Lights was turned over to the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce by former organizer Millie Woods. "These have become not-to-be-missed events, penned in on most calendars of residents in the area," Woods said when she officially handed over planning of the events to the Chamber.

The FOL parade has been touted as the largest in the Southwest. Floats of every size and description wind their way through Midtown, with everything illuminated to make things bright in the middle of a dark December night.

This year's parade is scheduled for Dec. 6 and is the highlight of a month of events, starting this past weekend with the Christmas Jubilee and a prayer for snow.



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The events include the Treasures of Sierra Blanca Fine Art Show, Christmas in the Park, Walk Through Bethlehem and a wonderful family fairy tale show, *The Snow Queen.*

The official start of the Christmas season in Ruidoso was Nov. 14, when the Ruidoso Convention Center hosted the annual Christmas Jubilee. The lights in Midtown will be turned on Nov. 28 at dusk, and are set to a photo cell to come on automatically at dusk every evening through January. Another lighting ceremony is scheduled at 6 p.m., Dec. 4, when Christmas in the Park lights up trees all around School House Park. Holiday music, caroling, sleigh rides and visits with Santa are part of the festivities.

The Angus Church of the Nazarene hosts the annual Walk Through Bethlehem, running Nov. 28-30 and Dec.4-5 and 7, from 6-8 p.m. Visitors are welcome to walk through the gates of Bethlehem as the city stood at the time of Christ's birth.

Scenes and people from Biblical times come alive as visitors are shown the true meaning of Christmas.

The Lincoln County Community Theater and ENMU-Ruidoso's Kids Kollege present *The Snow Queen*, with performances Dec. 5-7 and Dec. 12-14 at the Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center, 125 Warrior Dr. The Friday performances are at 7 p.m., with the Saturday and Sunday shows starting at 2 p.m.

Following the show on Dec. 7, Snacks with Santa at 3:30 provides photo opportunities and goodies, as well as a chance to visit with the cast of *The Snow Queen*, then the Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso Choir will present a community sing-along and concert at 4 p.m.

A very busy weekend, with lots to do,

Dec. 5-6 also brings the Treasures of Sierra Blanca Art Show, now in its fifth year, to River Crossing. This fine art show highlights New Mexico artists, and is open noon-6 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. until the parade begins on Saturday. There will also be a post-parade reception with live music and a bonfire, along with silent auctions of artists' works both days. Admission is free.

And the Christmas season continues to be celebrated, Dec. 9, with Christmas at the Lodge at Sierra Blanca at 6:30 p.m.

An FOL gala reception will be given at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, following the gingerbread house competitions judging, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Dec. 11. The gala is open to the public, and tickets cost $25. Sponsorships of the Festival of Lights include tickets to the reception. To purchase tickets, call the IMG box office at 464-7508 or visit innofthemountaingods.-com/attractions.asp to order online.

There will also be a Torch Light Parade at 6 p.m. at Ski Apache, Dec. 20. Anyone wanting to see the parade, in which skiers descend from the top with lights, should get there by 5 p.m., as it takes veteran skiers about six minutes to make it all the way to the bottom.

The FOL parade through Midtown will feature bleachers set up at River Crossing and Mountain Annie's. One bleacher is free to senior citizens and the handicapped; the others are available for $3 per seat.

Vendors will also be at the parade this year, while music groups will be performing along the parade route between 5-6 p.m.

Grand Marshal for the parade is Kim Stecklein, weeknight anchor at KBIM-TV in Roswell.

The parade will run from Mechem Drive along Sudderth to Two Rivers Park.

None of this is free, and FOL operates entirely on contributions from businesses and individuals. Donations are always welcome. Contact the Chamber at 257-7395 or visit www.ruidosofol.org to become a sponsor.

Sponsors of this year's events include: The Inn of the Mountain Gods, Ruidoso Valley Greeters, Ruidoso Valley Lodger's Tax, Ruidoso.net,-PNM Electric, Village Ace Hardware, The Lodge at Sierra Blanca, Lincoln County Community Theatre, First National Bank, Tanner Traditions, Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, ENMU-Ruidoso, Bill Pippin Real Estate, Josie's Framery, TR's Market and Jenny Dorgan Real Estate.

Stay tuned to *¡Vámonos!* for more information.

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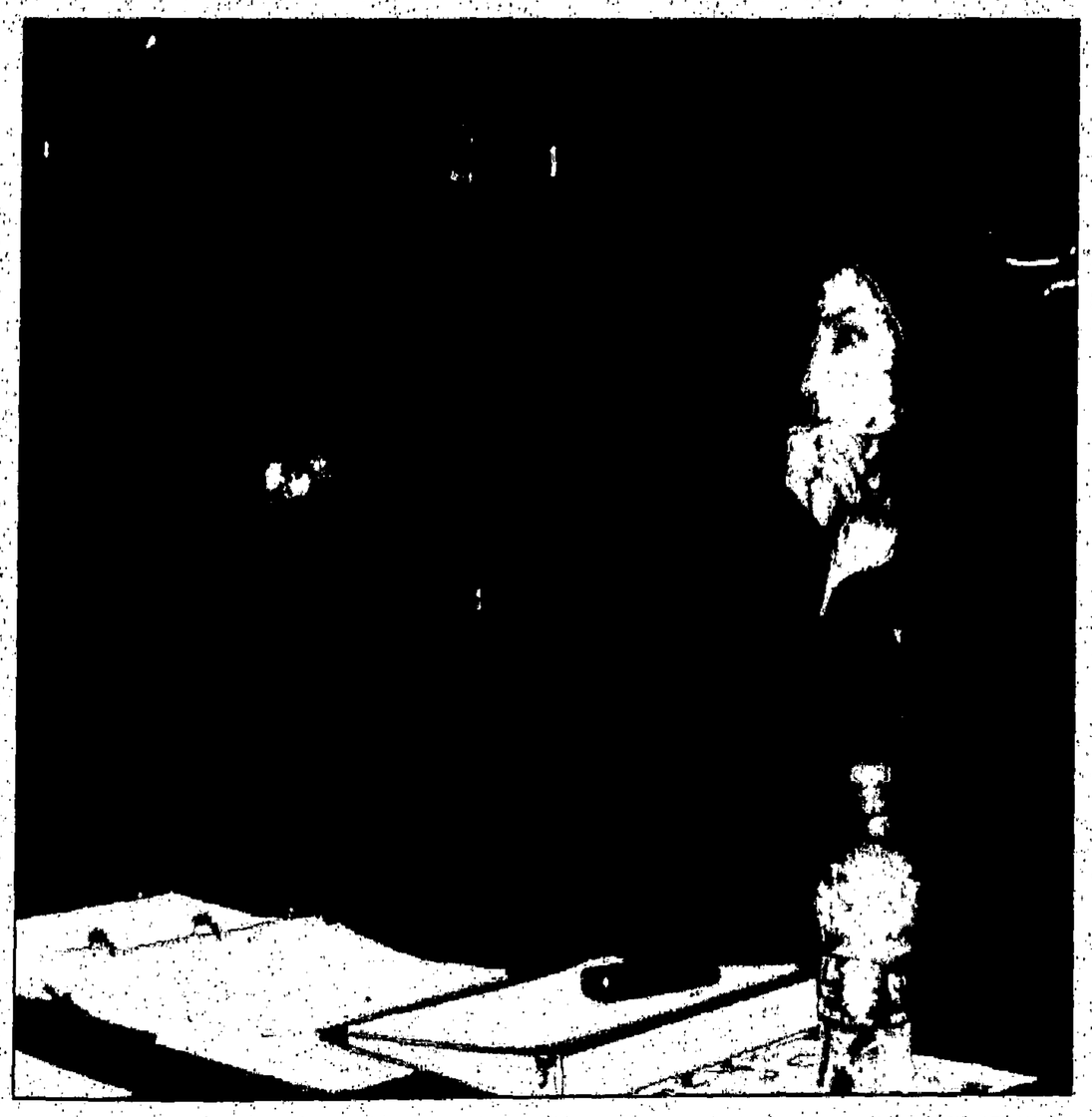

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Jesus Christ Superstar *Director Dallett Norris and Choreographer Arlene Phillips review rehearsals of the hit Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice musical at the Spencer Theater. The show, which has been technically produced at the Spencer, premiered on Thursday and Friday nights, starring Ted Neeley as Jesus of Nazareth, James Delisco as Judas Iscariot and Cristina Sass as Mary Magdalene.*

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Wild Bill and the real deal, part 1

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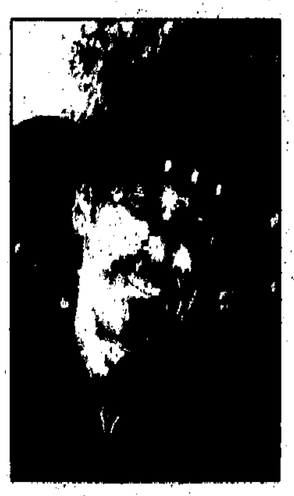

He was a legend in his own time. His name was James Butler Hickok, but people called him "Wild Bill." He was never an outlaw, although his enemies often tried to make him look like one.

What he did best was tame towns that were so wild that anyone who was not drunk and/or looking for trouble thought twice about being on the streets after dark. During the Civil War, he had been a scout and a spy for the Union. According to Hickok researcher Joe Rosa, Hickok became known as "Wild Bill" for his "zealous approach" in tracking Rebel Bushwhackers in Kansas and Missouri.

The early years

During those early years, Hickok not only did nothing to discourage the myth-makers, he encouraged them, something he would later regret. He was a great story-teller himself and could never resist pulling someone's leg, so at least at first, he did not see the harm. When Englishman Henry M. Stanley (of "Dr. Livingstone, I presume" fame) interviewed Hickok, the awed Stanley asked, "I say Wild Bill, how many men have you killed?" Hickok replied that he was "prepared to swear on a stack of Bibles" that he had killed "at least 100 men."

Eventually, Wild Bill realized that this was an unwise practice, but not before many citizens began to look askance at him. As a man who depended on law-abiding citizens to supply him work, this was not the desired effect. The leg-pulling ceased. In fact, by 1868 he was refusing to do interviews altogether.

Beginnings

James Butler Hickok was born in Troy Grove, Illinois, in 1837. His service as a scout and spy for the Union during the Civil War received accolades from anyone who came in contact with him. In his own autobiography, George Armstrong Custer had this to say about Hickok: "[his] influence among the frontiersmen was unbounded; his word was law, and many are the personal quarrels and disturbances which he has checked among his comrades by his simple announcement that 'this has gone far enough,' followed by the ominous comment that if they disagreed, they must 'settle it with me.'" Clearly, Custer was impressed by the larger than life (he fit the part well, at 6'2") frontiersman.

According to Joe Rosa, "few of Hickok's contemporaries considered him aggressive. But if called upon, he responded without hesitation, accepting full responsibility for his actions." By today's standards, accepting the responsibility alone was an exceptional quality. Sadly, we live in a time when no one seems able to accept the responsibility for their actions. If someone is drunk, they blame it on the bartender. If someone commits murder, well *of course* it was television that made them do it ... Again, in Rosa's words, "When the shooting started, he (Hickok) stood alone."

Rock Creek

The first civilian gunfight that involved Hickok occurred at Rock Creek Station, in the Nebraska Territory, on July 12, 1861. Wild Bill was working for the firm of Russell, Majors and Waddell at a Pony Express relay station there.

The former owner of the station, David C. McCanles, had been selling the station on a monthly installment basis to Russell, Majors and Waddell. He claimed that the firm had defaulted on its payments and rode over there that day to demand a settlement. It should be noted that Hickok was rumored to be having an affair with Sarah Shull, McCanles' mistress, so there may have been more to the fracas than just money.

In addition to Hickok, there was station keeper Horace Wellman and his common-law wife Jane, as well as J.W. "Doc" Brink, a Pony Express rider, when McCanles and company arrived at about 4 p.m. With McCanles was his 12-year-old son Monroe, and employees James Gordon and James Woods.

Posting Gordon and Woods at the barn, McCanles took Monroe and approached the west door. As the McCanles' approached, Horace and Jane came to the door. Jane had a bone to pick with McCanles anyway, as he had "abused" her elderly father. If nothing else, it appears that McCanles was definitely a bully and on that hot July day he was to pay the price that all bullies should have to pay.

When McCanles demanded that the station be "returned" to him, Horace informed him that he had no such authority and, as Jane began to berate McCanles, Horace retreated to the interior of the building.

It was 4:10 p.m. Jane was continuing her "heated exchange" with McCanles when Hickok suddenly appeared next to her. Joining in the argument, Hickok also berated McCanles, who was getting angrier and angrier. Finally, Hickok went back into the house and the McCanles' walked around to the south door. But Jane was not to be denied and when the two McCanles' arrived at the south door, she was there waiting for them. At 4:15 p.m., McCanles was able to peer inside and see Hickok and Wellman "in earnest conversation." Changing his tactics, McCanles asked for a drink of water, which Hickok gave to him. Then, Wild Bill once again went inside the building, disappearing behind a curtain with Wellman. As Jane continued to argue, McCanles called out to Hickok to come back out. When he *demanded* that Hickok come out, threatening to come in and drag him out if he didn't, Hickok responded that if he did, there would be "one less son-of-a-bitch in the world."

Inside, Hickok and Wellman armed themselves with a rifle and a pistol. Suddenly from behind the curtain, there was a muzzle flash and the roar of a gun. Mortally wounded, McCanles staggered back and fell as Monroe rushed to his side. It was 4:20. McCanles was dead within moments. When Woods and Gordon heard the shot, they rushed to the house, with Woods going to the west door and Gordon to the south, where he found the distraught Monroe crouching over his father's corpse.

At 4:22 p.m., Woods attempted to enter the building. As he stepped into the doorway, either Hickok or Wellman shot him. Badly wounded, Woods staggered backwards.

Hearing the shot from his position at the south door, Gordon advanced and attempted to peer inside, but was instantly shot by Hickok. As Gordon stumbled toward the brush to escape, Woods staggered to the side of the house. A minute later, Jane Wellman rushed out with a hoe and overtaking Woods, bludgeoned him to death with it. She was described as being "berserk." Poor, horrified Monroe was the only one who was not injured. However, when "berserk" Jane Wellman caught sight of him, she charged at him with her hoe. Monroe was able to escape into the brush, which was a good thing for Hickok and the Wellmans. Had Jane killed the little boy, citizens would have taken a decidedly different attitude toward the entire incident.

At 4:30, Hickok, Wellman and Doc Brink followed Gordon's dog to its master, lying in the brush. One of the three then finished him off with a shotgun. Only Monroe McCanles escaped with his life.

Next: More killings

SOURCES: *Wild Bill Hickok, Gunfighter* and *Hickok's Last Gunfight*, both by Joseph G. Rosa.

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Big band concert

The German Bundeswehr Big Band is coming to Alamogordo, presenting a concert at the Tays Special Event Center at 7 pm., Monday, Nov. 24. Admission is free, but everyone needs to get tickets. The event is sponsored by Burt Broadcasting, the Alamogordo Daily News and NMSU. Any seats not taken by 6:45pm will be available.

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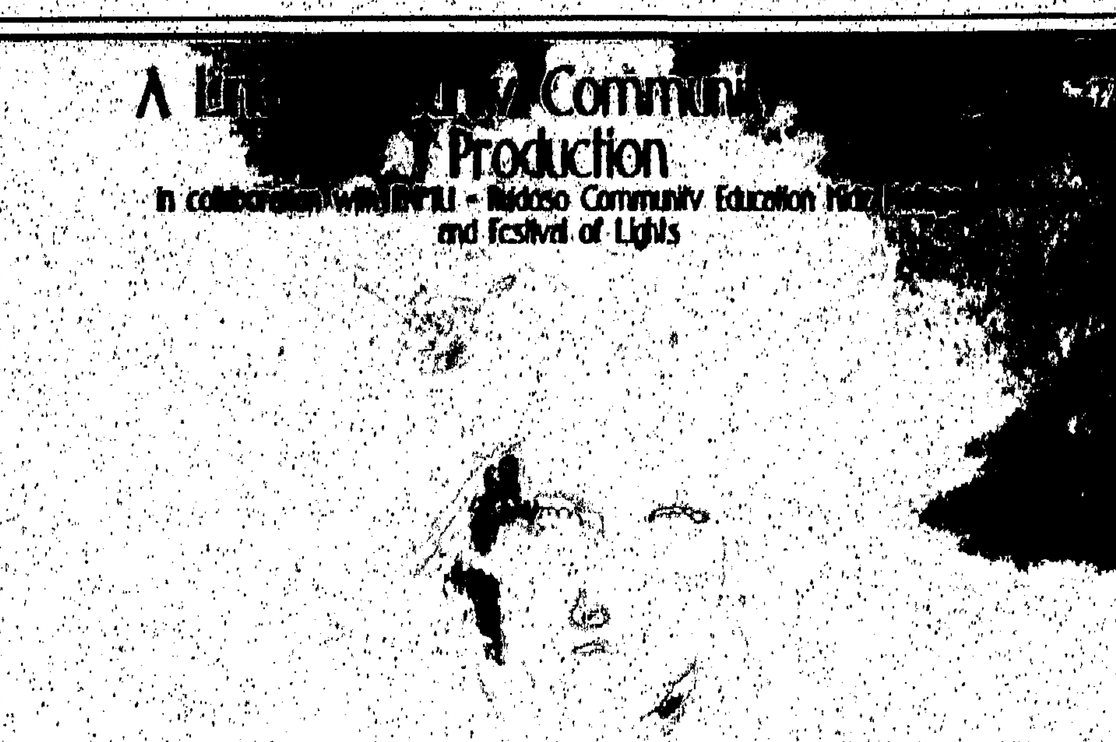

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Help & Healing

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: 258-8885.

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. daily; 8 p.m. Fri, Sat, Sun, at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor, Ruidoso; Info: 258-8885.

Alcoholics Anonymous Women's open meeting: 6:30 p.m. every Monday at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor.

Mountain High Recovery Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 7 p.m. at Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church, 361 Highway 70 East.

Co-Dependents Anonymous: 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Holy Mount Episcopal Church in Ruidoso. Info: 808-2959.

Sex Addicts Anonymous: 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall meeting room, 121 Mescalero Trail. Info: 653-4937.

Celiac Disease/Gluten Intolerance Support Group: Meets second and fourth Sundays of each month, 2-3:30 p.m., in the conference room of ERA-Simmons Real Estate, 918 10th St., Alamogordo. Info: Kathie at 437-0603, Robin at 442-9419, or email paintedladies64@yahoo.com.

A Course In Miracles Study Group: Each Tuesday; 5:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Bereavement or Grief Support: For the commuunity. Call Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation. Info: 258-0028.

Meditation Practice: First Wednesday of each month; 6:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Open Circle: Each Sunday; 9:30 a.m. at High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

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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.

Shamanic Journeys: Third Wednesday of each month; 7 p.m. at 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.

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Clubs & Associations

Alto Women's Association: 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards. Business meeting every first Tuesday.

Angus Wood Carvers: 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, junction of Highways 48 and 37; Info: 336-9161.

Art Connection: Last Wednesday of each month. Innsbruck Club House. Info: Pat, 258-3602.

Carrizozo Women's Club: Second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse at 11th and D Avenue; Info: Tona Macken, 354-0769.

Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, plus a 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays; Ruidoso Senior Center; Info: 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Insighters Book Club: 6:30 p.m. first Wednesday of each month at Insight Books, 1860 Sudderth; No charge and all are welcome; Info: 257-4625.

Knitting Group: Meeting at Zocca's Coffee House on Mondays at 1 p.m. If you're a knitter, come and share your talent, meet new people and sip a cup of coffee or tea at Zocca's, 1129 Mechem across from Farleys in Suite E. For more information, contact Carol at 336-4846 or Jeri at 257-5575.

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.

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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.

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Ruidoso Area Singles: Want to meet new friends for social activities – dining out, parties, potlucks, outings, etc.? New group is forming. First meeting Thursday, Sept. 25. Info: Judy, 430-7870, or Martha, 430-9808.

Ruidoso Book Review/Discussion Group: Meets first Wednesday each month at 10 a.m.; Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. Public is welcome.

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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.

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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.

VFW Post 1207: Meets Thursday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. at the Ruidoso Evening Lions Club, behind Chef Lupe's Restaurant on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. For more information e-mail theboss@RuidosoToday.com.

VFW Post 12071: Ladies Auxiliary meets Monday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. at the Ruidoso Evening Lions Club, behind Chef Lupe's Restaurant on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. For more information call Kelly Fouse at 575-430-8531.;

Service Organizations

Altrusa Club: 5:30 p.m. every first Tuesday for program; Noon every third Tuesday for lunch; Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail; Organization ifo: 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: Lion Bob Callender, 575-258-1345 or 575-937-7911.

Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program: 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso. For children age 4 to 6th grade; Info: 257-2081, www.fbcruidoso.com.

Fort Stanton Musem: Call for volunteers; if you would like to become involved in volunteering at Fort Stanton Musem, join the 6 p.m. potluck on Monday, Sept. 15, at Innsbruck Village Club House; food provided. Info: Susie Berend, 937-9380.

Friends of Capitan Library: Call for volunteers for Not 2 Shabby Thrift Shop. Info: Raynene, 354-3046 or library, 354-3035.

Humane Society of Lincoln County: Shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat 11-2; ReSale Shop at the 'Y' open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon-Sat; Info: 378-1040.

Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at K-BOB's; Rutalee, 258-1431.

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/management. Info: www.lekennels.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.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse: Meets first Sunday each month at 2 p.m. at the Posse building, Hwy. 54, in Carrizozo. Groups needing their volunteer security services, notify by mail one month (but not less than two weeks) prior to the monthly meeting. Send to P.O. Box 1784, Capitan, NM 88316. Info: 888-663-7029.

OES Ruidoso Chapter 65: Meeting every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 144 Nob Hill Dr. Info: 257-5313.

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): Noon every Wednesday at K-BOB's. New members always welcome; 257-5938 or 258-9218.

PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Chapter AR: Meeting every second and fourth Tuesdays. Phone Jennie Powell at 258-3896 for information.

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club: 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. During the school year, meetings every first Tuesday are at the Teepee Lounge at Ruidoso High School. Info: Barbara, 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555 or Greg, 257-1255.

Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary: 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center off East Highway 70; Info: 378-8099 or 378-8316.

Ruidoso Evening Lions: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Evening Lions Club House, 106 S. Overlook (behind Chef Lupe's). New members always welcome. Info: Mike Zaragosa, 937-0768 or Harold Oakes, 937-7618.

Ruidoso Shrine Club: 6:30 p.m every fourth Wednesday at Cree Meadows Restaurant; Info: 258-5860.

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club: Meets at 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: 257-0363.

Sierra Blanca Daughters of the American Revolution: Third Thursday of each month. Info: 258-3045.

Zia Girl Scout Council: 6 p.m. every third Thursday at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Info: 437-2921.

White Mountain Search & Rescue: 7 p.m. every third Monday at First Christian Church near the intersection of Hull and Gavilan Canyon Roads. Info: email whitemountainsar@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainsar.org or phone 336-1530.

Political

Democratic Party of Lincoln County: Monthly metings first Thursday of each month except Jan., July and Sept.; 5:30 potluck with 6 p.m. meeting; Yard Sale Sat., Oct. 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Democrat Headquarters, 1309 Sudderth Dr. Info: 973-7505, or Maria, 937-8394.

Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County: Meeting third Tuesday this month only, Nov. 18, at LaQuinta in Ruidoso Downs. Meal is $10. Info and reservations: Dolores at 653-4379.

COMMUNITY LISTINGS: OTERO COUNTY

Education

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

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

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

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

Service Organizations

Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club: Meets at 7 a.m. every Saturday at Maximino's, 2300 White Sands Blvd. The public is welcome. Jeanette or Chuck, 434-6296.

Alamogordo Noon Kiwanis: Meets at Margo's Mexican Restaurant every Wednesday, except the fifth. 434-6417.

Alamogordo Public Library Foundation: Raises money and awareness for Alamogordo Public Library. Flori, 437-6616 or Allen, 434-2349.

Altrusa International: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. at Margo's. Linda, 437-0703.

Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority: Focusing on cultural, social and service activities. Alberta, 437-4258.

Big Brothers Big Sisters: Accepting applications for children ages 6 - 17 and volunteers 18 years or older. 434-3388.

Daughters of the American Revolution: Meets monthly on third Saturday at time and place TBA. 437-7200.

Downtown Lions Club: Meets on second and fourth Mondays at Mariscos Costa Azul, 415 S. White Sands Blvd. Public welcome. Terry Reed at 434-3968 or Martha 437-7515.

Flickinger Guild: Supporting the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts. Guild members sell tickets in the box office, work the door for performances, usher, hand out programs and work concessions. Contact membership chairman Flori McElderry at 437-6616.

Kiwanis Club of Alamogordo: Meets on first and third Thursdays at 8 a.m. at Maximino's Restaurant, 2300 N. White Sands Blvd; 434-0923.

Order of the Eastern Star: Tularosa Basin Chapter No. 72 meets at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday at 409 Higuera St.,Tularosa. 434-1456.

Veterans / Military Groups

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1257: Open meeting/luncheon at 11:30 a.m. every second Friday at Base Enlisted Club. Visits to area veterans in local care centers every third Saturday, starting at the Betty Dare Center on North Florida Ave. promptly at 10 a.m. Gil Isley, 434-5552.

American Legion Riders Association, Chapter 8: Meets every first Wednesday at American Legion Post 108, 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; Ed Summerall, 430-4322.

VFW Post 7686 and Ladies Auxiliary: Meetings are at 7 p.m. every third Tuesday at 700 U.S. 70 West in Bingo Hall; 437-0770.

Help & Healing

Al-Anon: New Day Al-Anon group meets noon Thursdays at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo.

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 Cancer Resource Center: 2 - 5 p.m. every Mon-Tue at 2689 N. Scenic, north of hospital; hats, wigs, scarves, bras and prostheses available; free "Look Good – Feel Better" make-up sessions are available with reservations; Vivian Smith, 434-5874 or 439-7681, 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.

Divorced & Widowed Adjustment Group:: Meets at 6:30 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Alamogordo Church, 2826 Indian Wells Rd. Non-sectarian self-help group dedicated to assisting men and women of all ages through the loss of a partner through divorce, separation or death. Info: Ben, 682-3621.

Father Hay Thrift Store: Donations accepted, 1640 N. White Sands Blvd. Proceeds benefit Father Hay Catholic School. 434-5450.

HIBAC: Counselors are available in the Nutrition Office at the Alamo Senior Center, 9 a.m.-noon, Monday & Wednesday to assist with supplemental insurance for Medicare.

Habitat for Humanity Store: Open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Wed & Sat; new and used discounted home improvement materials. Donations welcome; 1109 10th St., Alamogordo; 437-0160.

Humane Society of Otero County: Meets at 6:30 p.m. every first Thursday at Margo's Mexican Restaurant. 437-0157.

Low Income Housing: Applications are accepted 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Alamogordo Housing Authority, located at 104 Amigo Ave. Laura, 437-5621 ext. 11.

New Life Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Sun. 6 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 8 p.m. First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St.

Salvation Army Social Services: Open 10 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 10 a.m.-noon Friday; 443-0845.

Salvation Army Thrift Store: Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, and from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. 443-0845.

Search and Rescue: Meets every second and fourth Thursday at the National Guard Armory, 1600 S. Florida Ave. Leroy Lewis, 430-2987 or Dan Josetosky, 437-4813.

St. John's Community Kitchen: Free meals 5-6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 437-3891.

ZTrans: Public transportation for $1. Serves Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, La Luz, Alamorosa, Tularosa and Mescalero. 439-4971.

Zia Thrift Store: Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m at 816 E. Ninth St., across from the N.M. Department of Labor Monday - Saturday; Proceeds support the programs at Zia Therapy Center for children and adults with developmental disabilities; Donations appreciated; Fridays are Military Discount Day; 437-0144.

Zia Transportation Services: Offered for work, work-related activities, education, training and child-care. Contact an Income Support Division caseworker, New Mexico Works caseworker or Zia Therapy Center at 437-4222.

Political

Democratic Party of Otero County 6 p.m. first Tuesday of every month at 700 1st Street, Suite 773 (Granada Shopping Center), Alamogordo. For information, phone 437-8590.

Mountain Democrats: Noon every third Wednesday at Big Daddy's Restaurant on U.S. 82, Cloudcroft. Dr. Harvey Hilbert, 687-3219, HarveyHilbert@yahoo.com.

Republican Party of Otero County: Fourth Thursday meeting each month. Info: Sassy Tinling, 443-1195.

Clubs & Associations

Alamo Squares: Square dancing on 2nd and 4th Saturdays. 8 p.m. Info: 437-3043, 434-2618 or 437-5474.

Alamogordo Astronomy Club: Meets every third Friday. Mike Mosier, 437-8260.

Alamogordo Genealogical Society: 2 p.m. every third Saturday in the Sacramento Room, Alamogordo Public Library. Betty Bass, Bruce and Jinnie Matson will discuss publishing family histories. Chewy, 439-1205.

Alamogordo Mustang Club: Meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at Vision Ford. Daurian Orchard, 491-7952.

Boy Scouts: Programs open to boys first grade-age 20, girls tenth grade-age 20. Info: Suzy, 437-7640.

Chaparral Kennel Club: 6:30 p.m. every first Wednesday at various Alamogordo locations. Promotes purebred dogs in conformation, obedience, agility, tracking, rally and therapy visits. Sponsors dog shows, matches and the rescue of purebred dogs. Michele, 434-5220.

The Christian Self-Employed Business Club: Breakfast meetings at 8 a.m. on Fridays. Any self-employed person and a guest are welcome to attend. Paul Collins, 437-8257.

Crochet Guild of America: The Alamogordo Touch of Class Chapter welcomes all levels of crocheters. 437-3832.

Desert Basin Toastmasters: Meets 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Alamogordo Physical Therapy Center, 10th and Washington, and every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Comm. Center on Holloman AFB. Guests welcome.. Visit desertbasin.freetoasthost.com or phone 921-4767.

Desert Castaways Duplicate Bridge Club: Meets 12:30 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday & Friday at the Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico. 437-2822.

Desert Mountain 4-Wheel Drive Club: Meets third Tue of each month at Wok Inn. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7. Info: 491-4257 or 430-3608.

Enchanted Quilters Guild: Meets 7 - 9 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 1300 Hawaii Ave. All are welcome. Info: 434-5162 after 4 p.m..

Experimental Aircraft Association: Meets at 7 p.m. every second Tuesday in the pilot's lounge at Alamogordo-White Sands Regional Airport. Open to all persons interested in aviation and/or experimental aircraft including non-pilots.

Girl Scouts: Open to girls ages 5-17. Nancy, 437-2921.

Golden Gears Car Club: Meets at 7 p.m. every first Thursday at the VFW annex building. Cruise-ins are on the last Saturday of each month at Sonic on the north end of town on White Sands Blvd. 434-0200.

Historic Vehicle Association of Alamogordo: Anyone with an interest in old cars is welcome to join. John Douglas, 437-5318 or Gale Ortiz, 434-5242.

The New Horizon Band: Rehearsals 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Alamogordo Senior Center. 434-4281.

New Mexico Solar Energy Assn: Bi-monthly, Jan.-Nov. 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m. at Alamogordo Public Library, Oregon at 10th Street. Guest speaker, alt. energy/efficiency ideas. Public welcome. Chuck: 434-6296.

Noel Southard Chapter of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation: Meets at 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Aristocrat Assisted Living Center on Robert Bailey Drive. 434-8356 or 434-1467.

Otero County Association of Educational Retirees: Meets at 11:30 a.m. every third Tuesday. All Lincoln and Otero County educational retirees welcome. For info: Linda, 336-1225, or Lucy, 437-8874.

Singles of Otero County: Weekly activities to provide a social network for singles in the area. 18 & over welcome. 437-4035.

Tularosa Basin Rockhounds: Meets every second Tuesday at First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St. Field trips every fourth Saturday, annual campouts and picnic. 437-3377.

White Sands Dart Association: Double team tournaments (open tournaments) 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Fraternal Order of Eagles Club, 471 24th St. Join to play or learn. Contact Delilah at 442-8750.

Other Ongoing Activities

Bingo: 7 p.m. Sat., 12:30 and 3 p.m. Sun., 1 and 7 p.m. Mon. at the Eagles Lodge, 471 24th St. Ages 8 and up welcome with adult. $750 jackpot. 437-1302.

Bingo: 7 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and Sun., 2 p.m. Saturday at the VFW, 700 U.S. 70 West. Ages 16 and over welcome with an adult. 437-0770.

Coffee Club: 7:30 - 9 a.m. every third Wednesday at Edward Jones Investments, 1106 E. 10th St. Topics include current events, identity theft and Social Security. Breakfast rolls and juices provided. 443-1900.

Joyful Noyse Recorder Consort: Every other Sunday in Alamogordo; various locations. Seeking soprano, alto, tenor & bass recorder players; Info: 937-2006.

Meditation Group: Every Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon at 1010 16th St., Alamogordo. Music-guided meditation. 443-1075.

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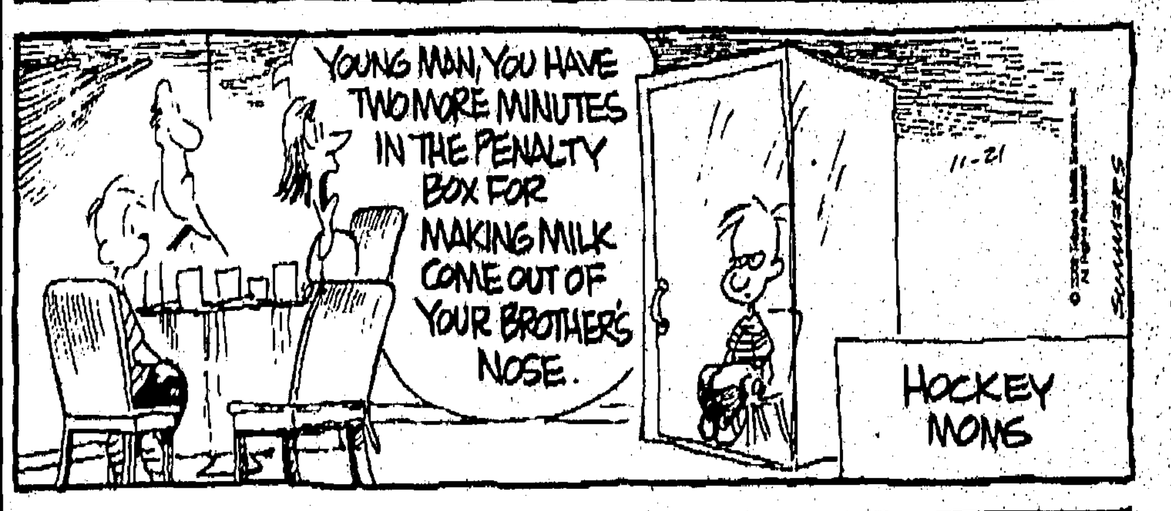

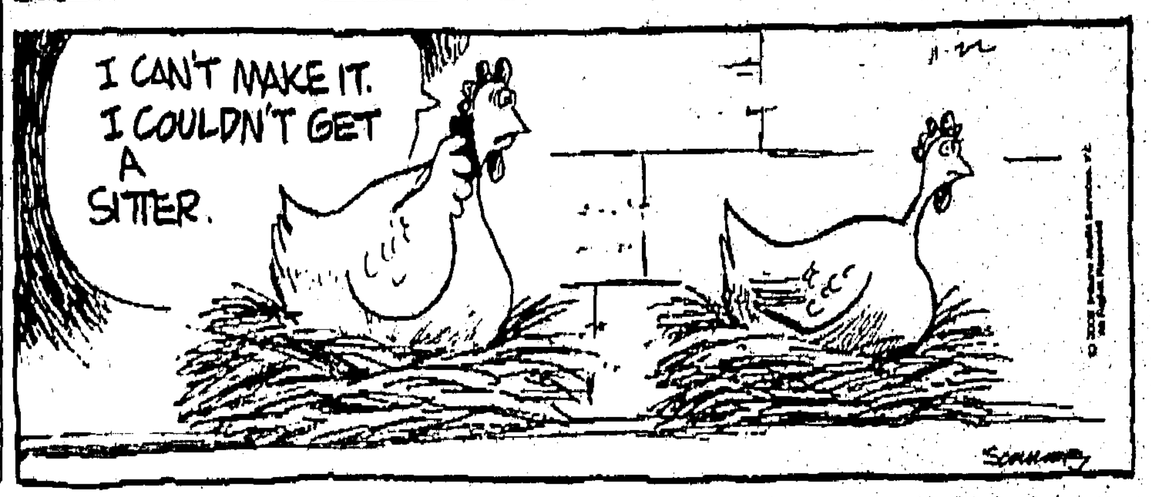

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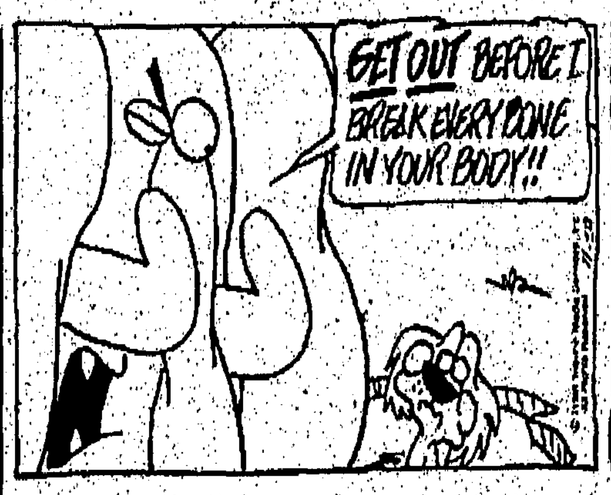

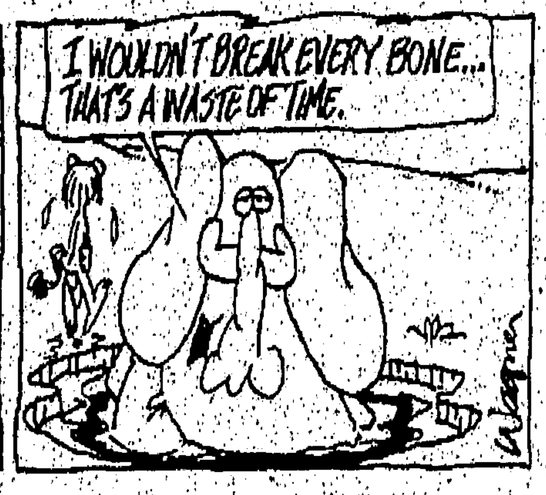

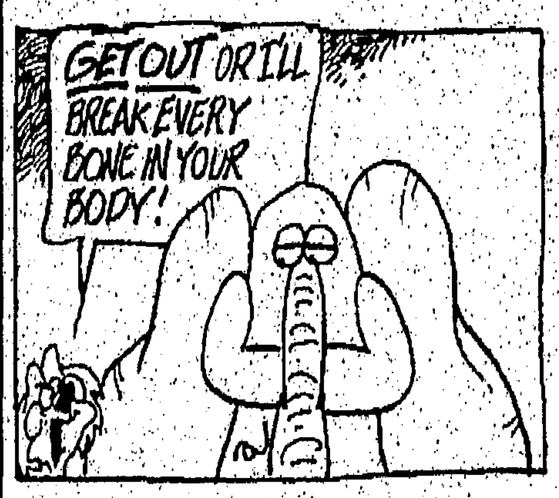

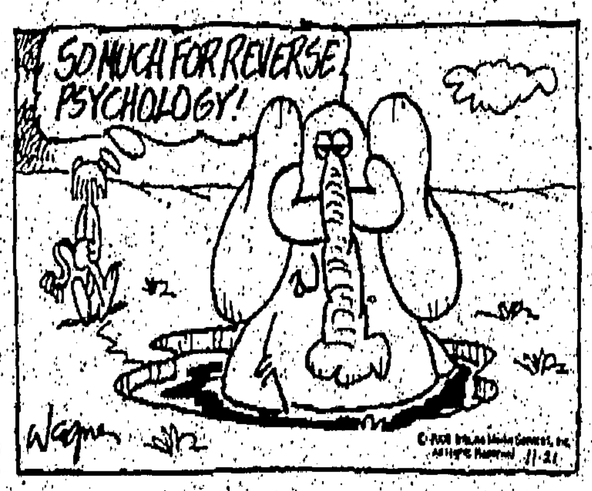

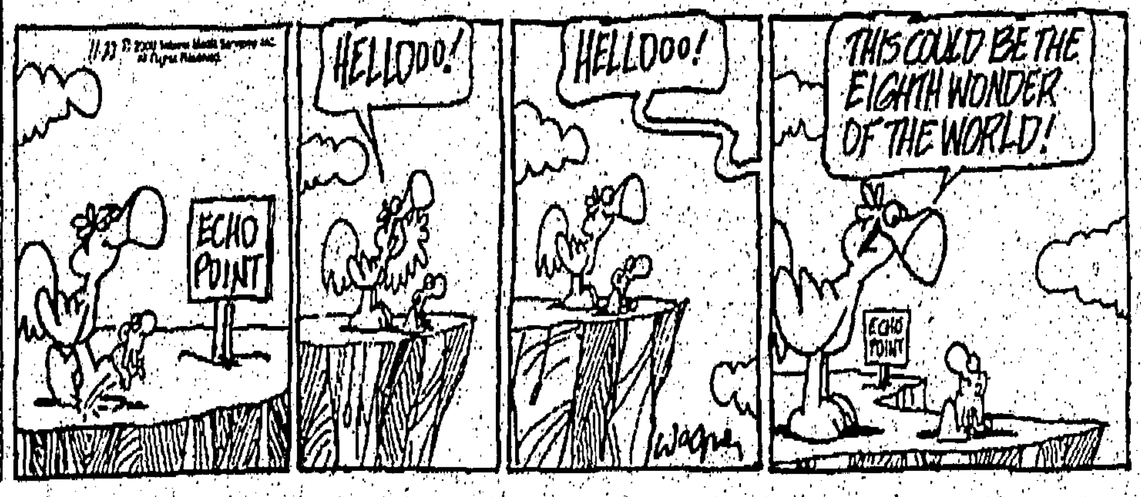

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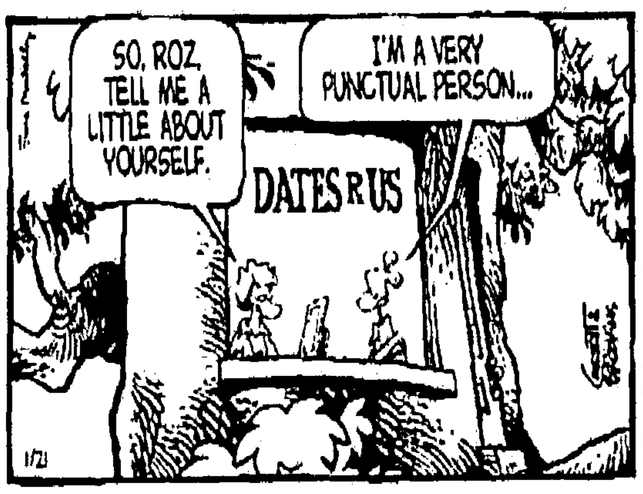

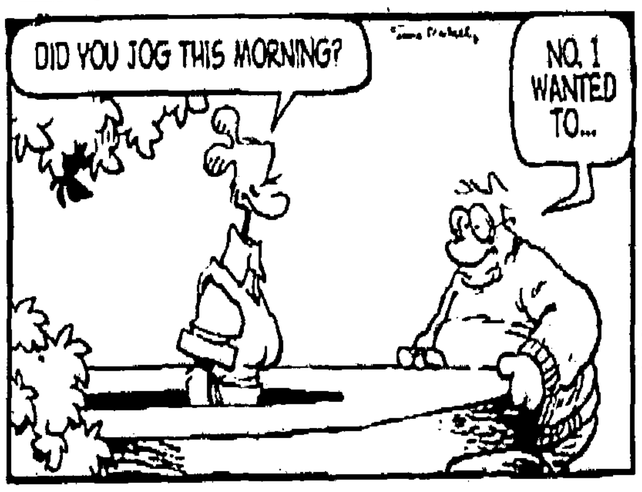

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COMICS & PUZZLES

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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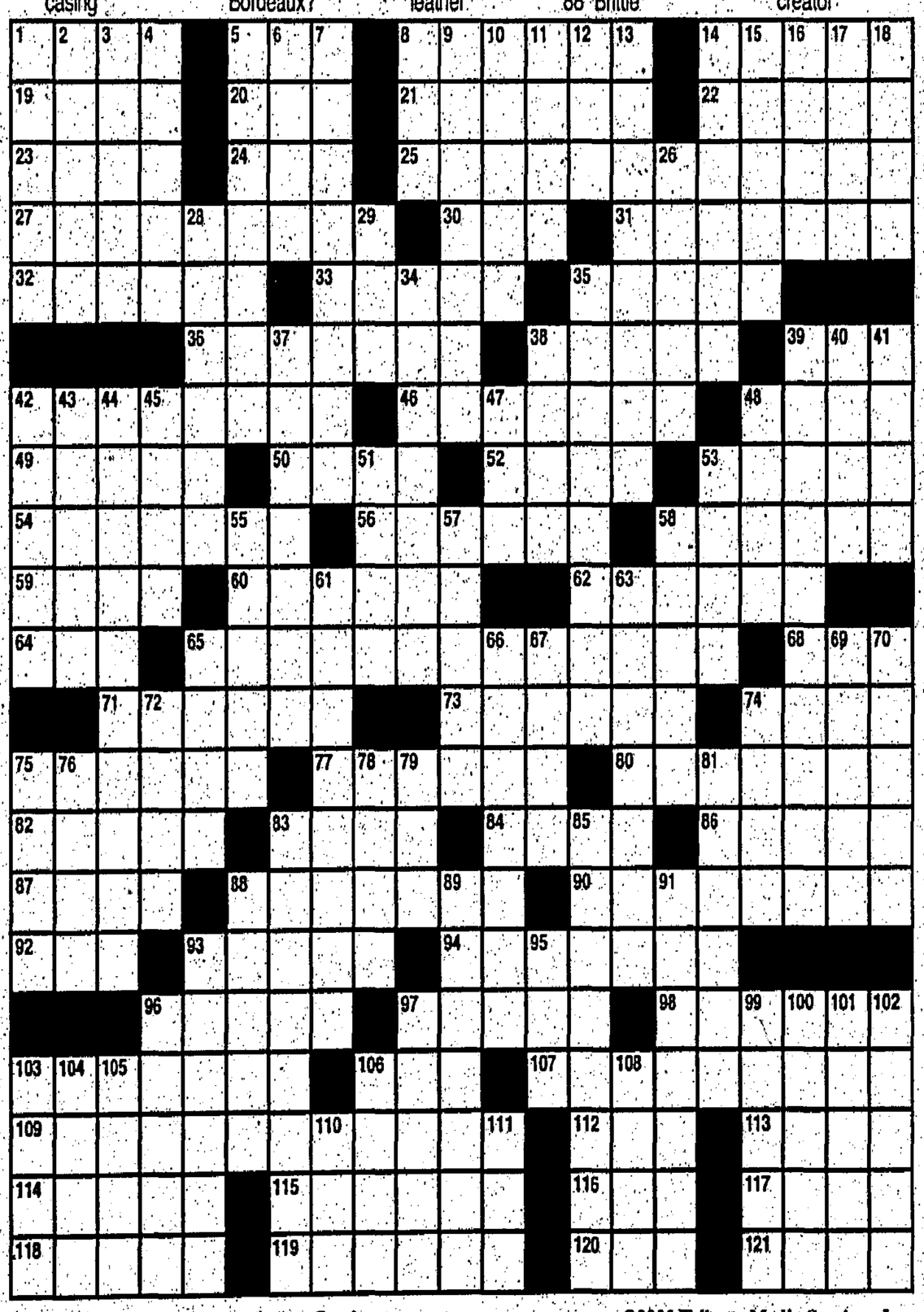
"DOUBLE-BARRELED" By JACK MCINTURFF

ACROSS

1 Place to see gowns and tuxes
5 A.L. East team
8 Energizes, with "up"
14 Fireworks viewer
19 Fusses
20 Pay holder: Abbr.
21 Chihuahua, por ejemplo
22 Fire sign
23 Old-time bandleader Fields
24 Levi's competitor
25 *Snack named for its New York place of origin
27 *Electrical conveyor
30 Regret
31 "Cold Case Files" technique
32 When, in Act III, Mercutio says "A plague o' both your houses!"
33 Bit of truth
35 Cultivates
36 Close enough
38 More than fear
39 Good humor man?
42 95-Down, for one
46 River-sea link
48 Infatuated
49 Restraint
50 Service rewards
52 Landers and Miller
53 Intolerant type
54 Biblical temptress
56 Speaks one's mind
58 Home of the Yaqui
59 Evils
60 Endures
62 Poor imitator
64 PC key
65 *The Kirov, for one
68 FDR creation
71 Hardy and others
73 "Peer Gynt Suite" dancer
74 One bounce, on the diamond
75 1946 Larry Parks role
77 Long-billed birds
80 Jokers
82 Wolf pack member
83 Pesky flier
84 Worry
86 Tribute title words
87 Gossip
88 Jazz fan
90 Engine housings
92 "__ only money"
93 Rapper Young's stage name
94 Saint Stephen and Joan of Arc
96 Continue to treat, as a sprain
97 Blender setting
98 Apathetic
103 Torture
106 Immigrant's subj.
107 *Guard's post
109 *The mouth of one is seen on some Nestea labels
112 Former RR watchdog
113 Galba's successor
114 It may follow a casing
115 Get a fix on
116 Math degree
117 Raise
118 City near Nimes
119 Nearly dropping off
120 In high spirits
121 The New Yorker cartoonist

DOWN

1 Short pants
2 __ committee
3 "Camelot" composer
4 Resort in Colorado's Pitkin County
5 "Norma" composer
6 "It's no __ know"
7 "Trilby" hypnotist
8 Confederate general Stuart
9 Illegal lending practices
10 "Ain't __": Guns N' Roses song
11 Joe in Bordeaux?
12 Author LeShan
13 Army members
14 Disney's lucky rabbit
15 Leaves out
16 Perfect
17 Ticker tapes, for short?
18 Doctor's advice
26 Dental restoration
28 Food critic Ruth
29 Sea eagle
34 Laser target, perhaps
35 Area crossing the nave
37 *Seedy hotel room
38 Shore thing
39 *Coach support
40 Borodin prince
41 "Bye-bye!"
42 Nostalgic piece
43 Senses
44 *They usually peak in October
45 Cow-horned goddess
47 Convert to leather
48 Football Hall of Famer Marchetti
51 Act
53 Evil spirit
55 "Encore!"
57 Early Peruvians
58 Source of the Law
61 "Hamlet" castle
63 *NYC's Belt __
65 Dry, as a spill
66 A 37-Down wouldn't even get it
67 Perfume vial output
69 Maison entrance
70 Lhasa __
72 J.D.-to-be's hurdle
74 Extra: Abbr.
75 Actress Dench
76 Final notice?
78 Loft bundle
79 "The Saint" TV production org.
81 Fails to
83 Sponsored tot
85 Breaking partner
88 Brittle
89 Charms
91 Brittle
93 Some Founding Fathers, religiously
95 Court decision maker
96 Charlotte __
97 "Balderdash!"
99 Where Xanthippe shopped
100 Word that can precede either part of the answers to starred clues
101 Wharton's Frome
102 Golden, in Mexico
103 Turkish general
104 Phil or Giant
105 "Passages" author Sheehy
106 Big name in shoes
108 Twice tetra-
110 A.L. East team
111 Curious George creator



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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.

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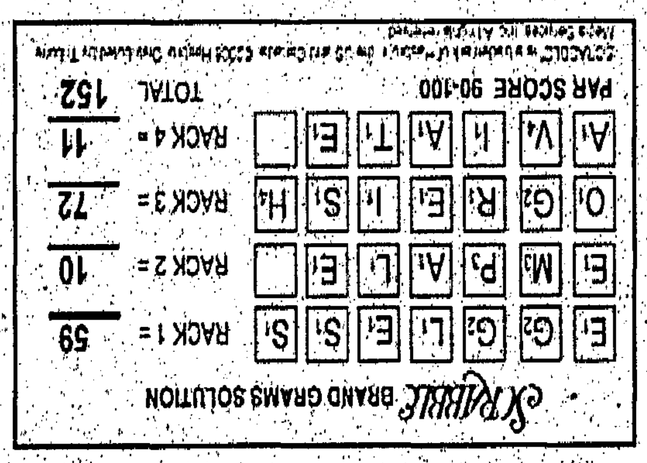

Jumbles: NOISE PANSY SYMBOL KETTLE
Answer: What it takes to become a ballroom dancer — LOTS OF "STEPS"

ASTRONOMY

Planets – at last!

In Our Skies

by Alan Hale
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Astronomer

Last week's edition of this feature discussed the nearby sun-like star Epsilon Eridani and its accompanying planetary system, including the one definite planet that has been found orbiting around it as well as the two apparent asteroid belts that have recently been detected along with several other features that are analogous to objects in our solar system.

Epsilon Eridani's planet is only one of over 300 planets that have now been detected around stars other than the sun ever since the first such object was discovered in the mid-1990s. We've suspected all along, of course, that other stars would possess planets, but it wasn't until then that our technology had progressed to the point where we could actually detect them.

In truth, though, we aren't detecting the planets themselves; what we're really seeing is the effects that the planets have on their respective parent stars.

Strictly speaking, it isn't accurate to say that a planet orbits around a star; rather, the star and the planet both orbit around the system's center of gravity.

But, because a star is so much more massive than its planet, the star's motion is very tiny – however it can nevertheless be measured with the right instrumentation.

Most of the planets that have been discovered over the past decade plus have been found via this process.

Meanwhile, a few additional planets have been detected by periodically passing in front of, or "transiting," their parent stars and causing slight but regular drops in the stars' brightnesses. A handful of others have been found via what is called "microlensing," i.e., passing directly in front of a background star and creating a temporary increase in that star's brightness as a result of Einstein's theory of General Relativity (an example of which was discussed in this feature a few weeks ago).

So-called "direct detection" of planets, i.e., where we're actually detecting the light from the planets themselves as opposed to just detecting their effects on other objects, has proven to be a much tougher nut to crack. It isn't difficult to see why this is so: what we'd be looking for are extremely dim points of light located right next to much, much brighter sources of light. (Consider, for example, a small marble located next to a brilliant searchlight, and trying to detect the reflected light from that marble from a distance of several miles.)

There have been a few reasonably valid reports of such detections with the recent past. Three years ago there were two reports where light from a planet was detected just before it disappeared behind its parent star, and there was also a report of images of an apparent planet-sized object accompanying a brown dwarf (a very small star not massive enough to sustain nuclear fusion).

In the latter case we've verified that the object is real but there are still quite a few questions remaining about its true physical nature.

In any event, however, what appear to be the first genuine images of planets accompanying nearby stars have now been reported. Two independent teams of astronomers, each utilizing a different instrument and examining different stars, are responsible for these reports, and both of the stars involved are currently well placed for viewing in our evening sky.

One report comes a team of astronomers led by Paul Kalas as the University of California and concerns the star Fomalhaut – a bright naked-eye star in the constellation Piscis Austrinus (the Southern Fish) and currently visible in our southern sky during the evening hours. Fomalhaut is a star somewhat larger and hotter than our sun that is located 25 light-years away from us, and has been known since the early 1980s to be accompanied by a fairly extensive ring of dust. Kalas' team utilized the Hubble Space Telescope to detect a very dim object on the inner side of this ring that has clearly moved over a period of a few years. This object is located somewhat far from Fomahaut – about four times Neptune's distance from our sun – and appears to be two to three times the size of Jupiter.

The second report comes from a team led by Christian Marois at the Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics in British Columbia, and concerns a star known as HR 8799 that is located just inside the eastern "side" of the "Great Square" of Pegasus, currently visible high overhead during the evening. Like Fomalhaut, HR 8799 is somewhat larger and hotter than our sun, but is quite a bit more distant from us, being about 128 light-years away. Marois' team utilized the 10-meter Keck II telescope at Mauna Kea Observatory in Hawaii and detected three dim sources of light that all correspondingly moved over a period of a few years. The innermost of the three objects is located at a distance from its parent star about halfway between Uranus' and Neptune's distance in our solar system; the second is located at around Pluto's average distance and the third a little less than twice that. All three objects appear to be a few times larger than Jupiter.

These reports are still fairly tentative, and quite a bit of work remains to be done to verify that what these images are showing are indeed planets.

None of these objects are even remotely Earthlike; they are all far too large, and are located much too far away from their respective parent stars, to be considered as being anything like Earth.

But as our technology improves over the coming years and decades, perhaps there may come a time within the not-too-very-distant future when we will detect a very dim point of light that will come from a world like our own home.

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.earthrise-institute.org.

ADVENTURE

Flocking to the Bosque

Follow Me!

by Yvonne Lanelli

Adventure Writer & Photographer

"Harrier!" A brown hawk flew straight at the watchers, his image reflecting in a still pond where flocks of ducks and geese dipped their heads, quacked and cackled. A cool breeze ruffled golden willows, filling the air with the uniquely autumn aroma of dry leaves.

Telephoto lenses and binoculars leaped to attention at the anxious whisper.

FOLLOW ME TO BOSQUE DEL APACHE!

Birds fly south for the winter; we've been taught that since childhood. But where exactly is "south"?

For sandhill cranes, snow and Canada geese, bald eagles and other birds that summer in the northern US and Canada, "south" is New Mexico.

Like Northerners who bask in sunny resorts from November until February, these birds flock to their resort, Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, less than two hours from Alamogordo or Ruidoso. (See Sidebar: Let's flock to Bosque, too!)

COME FOR THE FLY IN; STAY FOR THE FLY OUT

Late this November afternoon, I join another migrating group, Genus Photographer. "We're trying for a shot of the birds against the daytime full moon," explains Celia, a photographer from Tucson, AZ, mounting her camouflaged 400-mm telephoto as long as her arm on a camouflaged tripod. A dozen identically equipped photographers congregate at the south end of the car-accessible Marsh Loop.

On one side of the dirt road, flocks of snow geese cackle and flutter among low dry grasses. Eight Canada geese, darker and larger than the snow geese, poke about by themselves at the edge of the road. A flock of starlings swirls into the distance. Two helmeted bikers wheel past silently.

Across the road, the photographers aim their cameras on the large pond where pintail ducks and mallards quack and dip their bills. "We shoot with the setting sun behind us for the reddish effects," explains Celia. "Cranes and geese fly in here as the sun sets."

At sunset after feeding in the fields during the day, the cranes and geese fly into ponds and marshes to spend the night protected from coyotes, bobcats and other predators. At sunrise, they fly out from the water and return to the fields to feed.

Turning north onto Farm Loop, I stop at wooden Observation Decks. The setting sun turns cottonwoods, willows, bulrushes, phragmites reeds (carrizo), cornstalks and cattails from soft gold to bronze. Ring-necked pheasant scour cornfields that are cultivated by local residents for the Bosque's bird population.

Cirrus clouds frame a flock of red-winged blackbirds. One flies so low I look directly into its eye.

When the sun begins to disappear behind the Chupadera Mountains, I stop at wetlands to wait for a Fly In. The waning sun silhouettes two photographers and a great blue heron that tucks its neck as it struts.

Two mule deer stop for a drink, a roadrunner scoots in front of the car, and a V of thirteen Canada geese fly into the setting sun. Twilight replaces sunset, the moon brightens in the darkening sky, but no large flocks fly in.

Suppressing a small sigh of disappointment, I plan for tomorrow's sunrise Fly Out.

THEY'RE OFF!!

"Part of the experience is just being here, knowing the Fly Out will happen whether you're here or not," say Carolyn and John, wildlife enthusiasts from Alaska, visiting Bosque for the second time.

It's barely 6 AM and dozens of photographers have lined up on a west-facing bank on the northern edge of the Bosque. They focus on a football field-sized white blotch that cackles in rolling tones, the cackling increasing as the sky lightens.

Salmon-pink sun reveals the white blotch to be hundreds of snow geese. Sandhill cranes, bigger and darker than the white geese, flap and strut along the northern edge of the geese.

A few geese fly out, framing the single star remaining in the sky.

As the sky glows more orange, cackling and fluttering crescendo. Photographers murmur excitedly.

One points south. "There's a huge flock taking off. Any time now. . . ."

Crows circle overhead "like buzzards," chuckles John.

A wildlife artist from Phoenix examines a small V overhead through powerful binoculars. "A blue goose!" she announces gleefully. "Blue geese are a color variation of snow geese, like black sheep," she explains, then shifts her vision beyond the flock. "Look, a coyote!"

My binoculars pick out a gray blur that disappears and reappears several times in the brush. A red-tail hawk glides above.

Several voices suddenly chorus, "They're dancing!" as cranes now strut, flap and weave about one another. "They'll move now."

"Move one F-stop and go 1/60th of a second," one photographer quietly advises his companion. The cranes, however, do not take off.

"Look behind!" While we concentrated on the cranes in front of us, flocks of geese from the southern Bosque behind us now fill the sky, creating a blur of gray and white against the gray-brown Chupaderas. One immense V soars overhead, so close that you can see the birds' yellow bills clearly without binoculars.

"They're off!"

A shout returns our attention to the cranes we'd watched since before dawn. They're moving!

The entire football field-sized flock lifts off as one and shoots directly overhead, so close I feel the movement of air from their wings. I've never heard birds' wings flap so loudly.

Motorized shutters follow the cranes' soaring flight until they disappear into the sun. In less than five seconds, it's over.

"I'M HIT!"

One photographer moans and wipes bird droppings from his cap. His companion chuckles, "You were 'muted.' Birds lighten their load before they take off."

This information doesn't appease the "muted" victim.

He shakes his head ruefully and smiles, "Well, I got some great shots. I guess it was worth it!"

Next time: Festival of Lights, luminarias, Christmas on the Pecos – let's take our best photos

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ART SCENE

Burro Serenade

Don't miss the Burro Serenade and Auction this Saturday!

It's time for the burros! Gallery 408 on Historic 12th Street in Carrizozo is in full production mode for the Third Annual Burro Serenade and Auction to be held this weekend on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m.

The doors will open at 5 p.m., the traditional Burrito Dinner will be served at 6, and the auctioneer, Tim Keithley, will begin at 7 p.m. Earlier in the afternoon, a team of live burros will be on the street to add to the fun.

The event is not only a fundraiser to benefit local animal shelters and animal rescues, but also an effort to increase the public's accessibility to art in public places. This brainchild of Gallery 408 owners Joan and Warren Malkerson has blossomed into one of the gallery's premier yearly events.

"We have painters, sculptors, jewelers, weavers, stained glass artists – a wide array of talent – who have donated their time and wonderful creativity for this project," Gallery Manager Alisa Kenyon said.

"Several of the artists have contributed for three years in a row, and for some, this is their first year. Artists who are involved range from an elementary art teacher to a Real Estate Broker, professional artists with Master's Degrees to Physical Therapists."

Visit the Gallery 408 Web site at www.gallery408.com to see the burros, and be sure to be on hand Saturday at the gallery at 408 12th Street in Carrizozo.

For more information, Gallery 408 can be reached at 648-2598.

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(Call 575-648-2598 for details & directions)
Visit website: **www.gallery408.com**

All unsold 2008 Burros will be Auctioned off with minimum prices starting at only **$650.**

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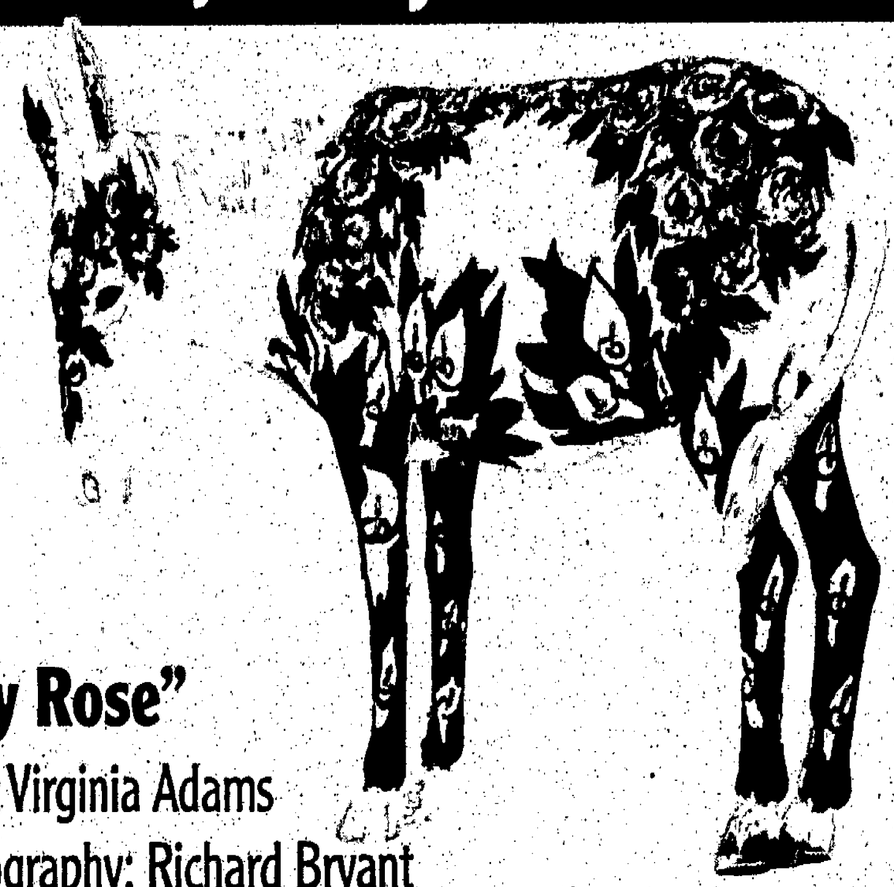
LIFE SIZED METAL BURROS ARE TRULY A ONE-OF-A-KIND WORK OF ART.

Lily Rose says: See you at the Auction!



"Lily Rose"
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Photography: Richard Bryant