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**The Joe Ortiz** residence on Lava Loop in Carrizozo placed second in the lighting contest hosted by the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce. The display tied for first place with the Wheelers next door, but a tie-breaking vote by a 6-year-old accompanying the judges made the final decision. See the Lincoln County page for a photo of the Wheelers' home.

# State to county: Cut budget

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*The weak economy has forced new thinking on methods to save costs and maximize revenues*

State officials are preparing for a rocky financial year and they wrote Lincoln County suggesting some budget actions to prepare for revenue shortfalls.

Robert Apodaca, director of the Local Government Division of the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, wrote County manager Tom Stewart that it is likely projected revenues for the current fiscal year aren't going to be sufficient to cover budgeted expenditures. That may result in ending fiscal year cash balances being depleted.

He listed eight measures implemented by the governor that county officials may want to consider. They were:

• adopt and apply a formal policy that will disallow recurring expenditures from non-recurring revenues and cash balances to ensure state reserve requirements (equal to three months operation expenses) can be met.

• consider an immediate freeze on all currently vacant employee positions. except those needed for health and public welfare services, such as law enforcement, road maintenance, solid waste and emergency medical services.

• consider an immediate freeze on employee salaries for the remainder of the fiscal year and all of next fiscal year.

• consider a process by which new contracts that affect the general fund take into consideration the likelihood of a significant reduction in recurring revenue.

• have all departments and program manager identify and implement more reductions in their 2008-2009 operating budgets.

• take every effort to collect and maximize revenues.

• implement other effective cost-saving practices and share legitimate innovative practices with other local public bodies and state government.

• implement revenue and expenditure reductions through mid-year adjustment resolutions, ensuring year-end general fund reserves are sustained at required levels, which will be needed to help sustain the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 operating budget.

"I realize these recommendation will be difficult and unpopular," Apodaca wrote. "However, it is necessary to take immediate action before counties, municipalities and special districts are faced with severe financial crises that might necessitate employees being placed on a 32-hour work week or laid off through a reduction in force.

"Remember that an approved budget by DFA does not guarantee your revenues will materialize."

Despite the gloom letter, Lincoln County commissioners at their meeting last week were optimistic that the area would contin-

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## More data sought for tourism events

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*"We're modifying the application to include more information. They will have to show how they measure attendance and origin of visitors, how they use the money. This will be good for tight times ahead," says County Manager Tom Stewart about applications to use lodgers tax revenue to promote events.*

Commissioner Don Williams wants to verify the tourism track record of events that receive Lincoln County lodgers tax revenue to promote their activities.

Last week, commissioners approved $3,000 in lodgers tax money to promote Carrizozo Cowboy Days June 12-14, 2009. The approval sparked a discussion.

County Manager Tom Stewart said he's working with Brad Cooper, lodgers tax committee secretary, on a future schedule to approve events, new and annual, that ask for money to promote and advertise.

The number of committee meetings could be reduced to one or two a year.

"We're also modifying the application to include more information," Stewart said. "They will file reports, and have to show how they measure attendance and origin of visitors, how they use the money. This will be good for tight times ahead."

Williams said he's especially interested in annual events and determining the number of people drawn to the county from outside.

"We're looking at actual results versus the money spent," Stewart said, but exactly how to tell what is local or out-of-area traffic sometimes is difficult. "We'll add questions about how much advertising is spent here and outside. If attendance is strictly local, maybe it could be funded less than requested and we could prioritize based on the bang for the buck."

In other business, commissioners awarded a contract to JPR Master Builders LLC of Ruidoso (James Parker, managing member) for conversion of a formerly enclosed basketball court for offenders into a sheriff's office warehouse for a bid of $27,800.

Commissioner Eileen Lovelace Sedillo asked why the other bidder from Alamogordo submitted a figure of $55,669, saying she worries when such a big difference exists in bids. Stewart replied that mobilization may be one issue, because the losing firm would have to come from Alamogordo.

The contractor must post a performance bond, Commissioner Dave Parks pointed out.

## *Visitor survey yields surprises*

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Ruidoso may already be a popular tourist and vacation spot for residents of a wide swath of New Mexico and Texas, but that doesn't mean the work of promoting the area is something that can be taken for granted.

That's the reason the village recently commissioned a visitor survey to better gauge both what brings visitors to Ruidoso in the first place, and to find what they like when they get here.

Steve Tally, the village's tourism director, has presented the findings to the lodgers tax committee, and will present them to the full village council at its next meeting.

The survey was sent via email to visitors that had made requests for information on the Ruidoso area and provided an email address. More than 3,400 were sent and 417 responded, completing the exhaustive 49-question survey.

"That's a pretty good return rate, so we feel we got a good sample," Tally said.

He stated some of the findings have been as surprising as some others have been expected.

A majority of the respondents were from Texas, more than 60 percent. That may not have been a surprise, but Tally said the average age of the respondents was.

"Most were between the ages of 49 and 56, and a third were over 60," Tally said. "We've always marketed Ruidoso as a family-friendly town, but most of the people that responded are adult couples whose families are

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# Wedded bliss

**Families from** Fort Bliss in El Paso took a few days off for a retreat and Christmas party Sunday at Best Western Pine Springs in Ruidoso Downs. Lt. Col. Greg Brady, commander of the 11th Brigade 5-52 ADA presided. The retreats that occur a few times a month away from the base, and frequently in Ruidoso, are organized by Unit Chaplain Roger Lang and are designed to improve family life by helping spouses communicate better and deal with issues such as family finances.

Left: Jennifer and Tony Salinero celebrated with 15-month-old daughter Michaela.

Above: Staff Sergeant Michael Brizan, wife Simone and son Orion posed for a Christmas portrait.

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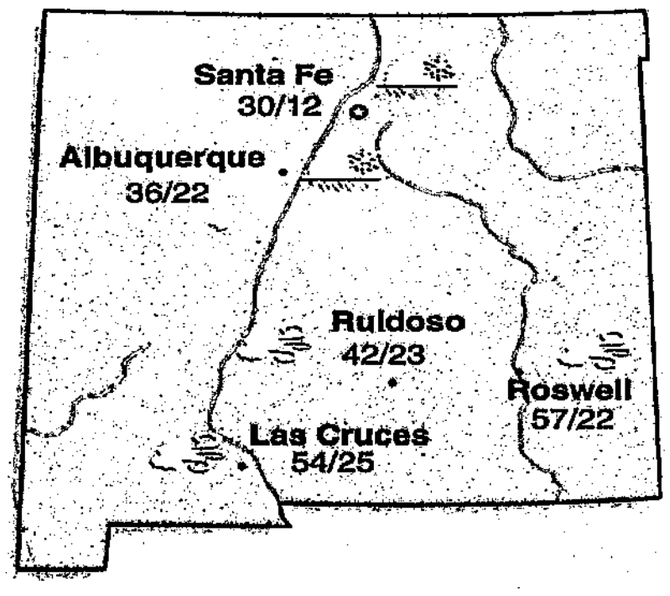


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| Albuquerque | 36 | 22 | mixed | Guymon, OK | 60 | 22 | windy | Santa Rosa | 50 | 22 | windy |
| Carlsbad | 61 | 27 | windy | Hobbs | 67 | 32 | windy | Silver City | 37 | 11 | sn shower |
| Chama | 22 | 3 | snow | Las Cruces | 54 | 25 | windy | Socorro | 41 | 19 | mixed |
| Clovis | 60 | 25 | windy | Las Vegas | 37 | 13 | sn shower | St. Johns, AZ | 34 | 14 | sn shower |
| Deming | 53 | 19 | rain | Lordsburg | 47 | 19 | rain | Taos | 30 | 7 | sn shower |
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| Denver | 33 | 9 | sn shower | New York | 41 | 36 | cloudy | Washington, DC | 43 | 38 | rain |

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## Monjeau closed

The road to Monjeau Lookout above Villa Madonna is closed for the winter, officials with the U.S. Forest Service announced Tuesday.

## Hay conference

Pest management and advances in biotechnology will highlight the New Mexico Hay Association's Southwest Hay and Forage Conference in Ruidoso, Jan. 15-16.

"Each year, various pests in the form of insects, weeds and diseases cost New Mexico hay growers millions of dollars. It is important that growers understand the pests that they are dealing with and the management options that are available to them," said Mark Marsalis, Cooperative Extension Service agronomist with New Mexico State University.

"As pesticide and fertilizer costs remain high, it is imperative that producers limit inputs as much as possible in order to increase profit margins."

"This year, the conference will focus on these pest issues along with the new biotech traits that can help alleviate costs associated with pest control," he said.

Topics on the agenda include the latest in biotechnology of alfalfa and corn; maximizing production; weed management; and corn and sorghum crops for silage.

An irrigation session will feature presentations on system efficiency and the water issues that growers are currently facing and will likely face in the future.

In addition, the New Mexico Department of Agriculture will give an update on the latest rules and regulations associated with pesticide applications and reporting.

The association's Board of Directors understands the increase in silage production and dairy involvement in New Mexico, Marsalis said, and wants to assist farmers with education on silage production and related topics as well as hay production, since in many parts of the state, farmers focus on both in their cropping rotations.

The two-day conference will have a large machinery trade show, featuring the latest in farm equipment, as well as booths with various alfalfa and forage-related products, two sponsored meals, women's interest sessions involving crafts and entrepreneurships, a social hour and entertainment by Waddie Mitchell, a cowboy poet and storyteller.

"The conference is always a great opportunity for farmers to improve their vocation, as well as visit with their across-state counterparts, and we welcome out-of-state producers and end users from all over the Southwest," said Justin Boswell, executive director for the hay association.

The event has been approved for five New Mexico Pesticide Applicator continuing education units (CEUs). Texas Pesticide Applicator CEUs have been applied for as well.

The conference starts Jan. 15, at 9 a.m., at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Pre-registration is $55 per person. After Jan. 5, registration costs $65. Attendees can also register at the door for $65.

For more information on the Southwest Hay and Forage Conference, visit www.nmhay.com, or contact Gina Sterrett at nmhay@yahoo.com or by phone at 575-626-5677, or Justin Boswell at 575-840-9908 or juboswel@yahoo.com.

For a copy of the registration form, contact Sterrett. Booth space is still available.

Marsalis also may be contacted at 575-985-2292 or marsalis@nmsu.edu.

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Thanks RUIDOSO NEWS!!

This past year, we at Backdoor decided it was time to carry a 'real' bedding line... which resulted in an introduction and promotion of this new organic Italian bedding. As we are known for furnishings, we knew that it was going to be a task to get the word out about these awesome Italian fabrics. It was resounded by all of the staff at Backdoor that the best way would be by staging a repetitive ad campaign. WE DID THIS and THE RUIDOSO NEWS did their part on our behalf. Yes, the bedding "was and is" a huge hit. Backdoor experienced the best summer in our history! Thanks again to the Ruidoso News and their staff!

Julie Carter/Ruidoso News

**As the** high desert near Carrizozo received a dusting of snow in mid-December, storm clouds moved on to the upper reaches of the nearby Carrizo Mountains.

# White Oaks lots to be combined into larger tract

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With small townsite lots vacated, a section of the White Oaks community will be turned into a larger tract.

Lincoln County commissioners last week approved the vacation of all roads and alleys in Tract 1 of the Buckhorn Addition requested by Ann Neu. But they first determined no other lots will lose access.

Surveyor Eric Collins, acting as agent for Neu, said other surrounding property owners are talking about following her lead and consolidating lots while eliminating roads never built, only designated on paper.

Commissioners last month tabled action until the property was surveyed and markers established. Collins said he still was working on the monuments, but only the exterior corners were needed, because the small lots inside were being abolished.

Based on the plat, Neu wants to vacate portions within her tract of Kansas Avenue, Cleveland Avenue, Pine Street and Burger Avenue, he said. Having all the lots combined prevents Neu or a future owner from selling off small lots one at a time, he said.

County Attorney Alan Morel said with that background information and map, it now is clear to him how to draft the abandonment vacation. Collins said he also will include a notation on the plat.

Commissioner Eileen Lovelace Sedillo said her only concern would be if access was closed off to any lots in the area. Morel said it appears all lots remaining and that use other portions of the roads have access.

### 'Substantial' property

Commissioner Don Williams hit a familiar theme. "How much property are we vacating?" he asked.

"About 60 feet by 500 feet, so it's quite substantial, but no road construction," Collins said. The lots are about 142 feet by 50 feet, he said.

Mulling over the 30,000-square-foot figure, Williams said, "It seems to me, we're being asked to give away a lot of public property. In the future, I think we should form a committee and determine if we should charge (for vacated land). It could be a source of income for the county."

In the meantime, he asked Morel to determine if not charging amounted to a violation of the state's anti-donation law.

Townsites add to the confusion, because the land was handled by a probate judge, not the county and the concept isn't relevant anymore, Morel said. Bottom line is that the vacation abolishes 54 individual lots, he said.

He recommended that the motion by Commissioner Jackie Powell be worded to the effect that alleys and streets on a boundary survey tract prepared by Collins dated November 2008 are being vacated.

The motion passed unanimously.

— Lincoln County Commission —

# New federal laws impact search and rescue groups

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As a result of a congressional mandate, support of search and rescue volunteer groups must be approached differently in the future.

Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart notified county commissioners last week that Congress passed a revision to a program called Title III, dealing with national forest "which appears to no longer permit equipment purchases or general support for search and rescue, but does fund actual operational costs of searches and rescues."

In the past, equipment and support requests from White Mountain Search and Rescue, the local rescue organization, were funded primarily and intermittently by a distribution from the federal government to the county through Title III, he said.

To keep envisioned support constant, he advised Sue Townsend with the rescue group that the 2008-2009 request from the county for $4,140 will come from the general fund instead of from Title III.

"What concerns me in the future is your organization's ability to document costs of actual searches and to submit them in some form for reimbursement by the county," he wrote Townsend.

"I envision an eventual change in our contract to capture this potential reimbursement and am interested in learning of how your organization would propose to capture such costs of actual searches."

### Waiting on feds

While he still is waiting for specific instructions from federal officials, he wanted to alert the search and rescue members to be thinking about a new approach to document actual expenses, Stewart wrote.

Justin Medlock, White Mountain Search and Rescue secretary, said after Townsend received the letter, search and rescue representatives began discussing the situation with Stewart.

"We're also talking among ourselves trying to understand what we will need to do, but (Stewart) doesn't have all the rules yet," he said Tuesday.

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In other business, commissioners:

• approved a beer and wine liquor license for Idle Inc., doing business as Wortley Hotel, on U.S. 380 in the settlement of Lincoln.

• approved a beer and wine liquor license for Laughing Sheep Farm Restaurant, 124 Orchard View Lane in Lincoln.

• approved a motion for the law firm of Sanders, Bruin, Coll and Worley to draft a mining ordinance for the county. The contract is based on a $175 per hour fee for the attorneys and less for the firm's support staff.


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## Foreclosure served a purpose

### At least there are new plans for River Crossing

Regardless of what transpired at the foreclosure auction of River Crossing Monday, and whatever happens henceforth, the event brought some semblance of a resolution.

That's a good thing.

Given the dire straits of the situation, it's also rather remarkable that the property, split into three components, sold for about $20 million, leaving only $5 million in liens still owed to City Bank of Texas.

The project has been controversial and an occasional eyesore for years – look for a coming story on just what went wrong – but we still say the complex can be salvaged.

That is more true today, after listening to plans to market the condominiums and finish the steel skeleton that looms over the property like a nagging reminder.

So once again, it is time to be patient and let this latest scenario play out. We really have little choice.

## Opportunity may lie in state budget hole

The State Capitol has a big hole next to it. Trucks chug in and out, using a dirt ramp. A parking garage will rise from the hole, maybe in time for the 2010 session of the Legislature.

Some differences exist between the hole in the state's budget picture and the parking garage. The hole for the parking garage is planned, the size is known and performance of certain set tasks and materials will fill it.

HAROLD MORGAN

The executive branch and the Legislative Finance Committee are debating about the size of the financial hole. The number is $385 million, Katherine Miller, secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration, said during the Dec. 18 pre-session legislative seminars. LFC director David Abbey, sitting next to Miller, said, "The shortfall is $454 million. The shortfall isn't covered in any way right now."

The two figures are only about 18 percent apart. But the difference, $69 million, is a lot of money, and it is a right-now kind of problem, applying to the fiscal year ending June 30.

The $69 million is explained by differing assumptions in what constitutes real money. Sen. John Arthur Smith, LFC chairman, told me Dec. 19 at the Legislative Outlook Conference of the Tax Research Institute. The money in question is in a number of separate funds that are part of the state's overall finance reserve. Getting at the money requires legislative action. The LFC figures the money isn't real until the legislature acts, Smith said. The administration assumes that the access will be authorized, which means the two groups aren't far apart.

For the legislators, David Abbey outlined a general approach of "one-time" revenue action, reduction of current-year planned spending and "reauthorization of stalled capital outlay projects."

The proposed revenue actions include accelerating the payment of quarterly corporate income taxes to bring in about $64 million. Another proposal is to grab half of the annual tobacco settlement program money for two years and direct it to the general fund for Medicaid. This money, about $22 million each year, has gone into the Tobacco Permanent Fund. The other plans are to freeze the distribution of fire protection funds for two years, find stale warrants and unclaimed property, and sweep the "balances from certain funds."

For reducing spending, the target is $137 million. Most would come from reducing FY 2009 appropriations by a set percentage for three separate groups – public schools and Medicaid, judicial agencies and then all other agencies, which would include higher education, state agencies and the legislative agencies. The school transportation distribution would drop by $4 million.

Finally, money appropriated by the 2008 special session but still unspent would be reduced. One example is money allocated to cover the formerly soaring price of school bus fuel.

Reauthorizing stalled capital projects probably means deauthorizing projects. The state has set aside $1.8 billion for 8,000 projects. There has been no activity on a large (but unknown) number of these projects for three years. Only the Legislature can pull capital outlay money.

The big picture on the state's revenue bind comes from Tom Clifford of the Tax Research Institute. "We have an adjustment problem," Clifford dryly told the outlook meeting.

Actually, there are two adjustment issues. The growth of regular state spending was around 5.5 percent each year until about two years ago, when a large amount of oil and gas income "got built into recurring appropriations" and the growth went to 6.5 percent annually, he said. Also, recurring appropriations were used to closely track personal income growth, again until two years ago, when real per capita spending spiked.

"Interesting" is the word repeatedly used by legislators to describe the 2009 session. Interesting indeed. Some legislators also say, "Opportunity."

## A PERFECT GIFT FOR RUIDOSO...

**YOUR OPINION**

## Drop in patients not so puzzling

To the editor:

I DON'T FIND THE drop in demand for LCMC services so puzzling (*Ruidoso News*, Dec. 19). I think it has to do with supply.

If a hospital, even if it is the only one in town, does not supply the services needed, people will go elsewhere. Often they have to, not infrequently, go by ambulance – to Alamogordo, Roswell, even Las Cruces, Albuquerque and Lubbock.

What's missing with the supply? Plenty.

As has been pointed out for years, while we have a large retiree community, LCMC does not have a cardiologist – what's worse, not even a board-certified internist. We are trying to be a ski resort – but who wants to break a leg in a town without an orthopedic surgeon?

Some of my doctor friends here have been complaining for years that they cannot get desirable new, or even standard, equipment in the operating room. So some of them left, like Dr. Worthington just this month. Or, if they were based elsewhere, they stopped coming to LCMC as consultants or visiting surgical specialists.

Yet while those "capital equipment expenditures" were cut, the hospital found it appropriate to hire another general surgeon – which brings the number now to three for a town of 8,000, while Alamogordo has two – for 30,000.

Then there was the status change – more accurately a step down to a "Critical Access Hospital" four years ago. That increased Medicare reimbursement, but limits the number of beds to 25 and the average length of stay to four days.

Needless to say, that does not work well with major surgery or serious illness and encourages an increase in outpatient procedures and "day surgeries," thus forcing the more-ill patients and their families out of town while incurring travel expenses.

All these cutbacks might be understandable if the hospital or Presbyterian Healthcare Services were in dire straits financially, but this "not for profit" hospital, according to the article in the *Ruidoso News*, receives more than $2.5 million per year in local and matched federal funds.

And for 2007, the "non-profit" Presbyterian reported more than $140 million in profits. So, unless somebody can prove those facts and figures wrong, my conclusion would have to be that this "puzzling drop in demand" is probably a case of "greed backfired." Or maybe Presbyterian is just "singing the blues" to get in line for their fair share of a bailout package from the taxpayers.

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### Thanking Sanchez

To the editor:

TO MR. BUCK SANCHEZ, Smokey Bear Ranger District 901 Mechem Dr. Ruidoso, NM 88345

Dear Mr. Sanchez,

In 2008, my son, a friend and I applied for and drew Archery Elk Tags for New Mexico. Our tag allowed us to hunt in the area around Ruidoso and we camped near Hale Lake.

The purpose of my writing this letter is to commend you and your personnel on the incredible jobs you are doing in our National Forest in that area.

First of all, the habitat you have created for wildlife with your selective clearing, burning and the system you have used to clear brush and timber is the best I've ever seen. I have hunted elk in Arizona, Montana and Colorado, in addition to New Mexico for over 40 years. The rest of the Western states should come for a lesson in your management practices.

In addition to the job you and your people are doing, your staff are to be applauded for their consideration, help and friendliness when they are in the field.

We had the pleasure of visiting with several forest service people from the security folks on loan from the Sheriff's Department, to the firefighters working the burns.

Keep up the good work, and a special "Thanks" to Frank Cannella for keeping us informed about future burns in the area from day to day.

*Jim Sellers*
*Pea Ridge, Ark.*

### Getting help

To the editor:

IGNITION INTERLOCKS were designed to keep DWI offenders off the street. They may decrease the amount of accidents on the road, but does not stop an alcoholic from drinking. Most full-blown alcoholics cannot keep a job, let alone own a car.

Many families deal with the difficulties of an alcoholic – four which I can count in my circle of friends, dealing with the disease the best they can over the holidays.

One question we all have in common. Where are they getting it?

An alcoholic will get it any way they can and when they cannot they will take or drink anything that resembles it. They do not need friends, family or money. A true alcoholic will find a way, while the rest of us beat ourselves up over finding away to stop the answer to the unanswered question.

One thought is to tattoo our loved ones with I am an alcoholic. *(not)*

Another great thought is to get their ID stamped with it – *Do Not Sell to Me.*

*I Am Ill:* This seemed like a good thought up until my recent experience to the local mini mart in which I purchased several items including a bottle of wine. When asked for my ID, I told the clerk I did not have one with me and that I would pass on the wine.

The clerk's response was "Well it's just a bottle of wine; I will let you have it."

Little does the clerk know that to a person who has the disease, one bottle of wine is all it would take to a path of broken hearts, destruction, maybe even death.

Although we may never get the answer to our question, we can stop beating ourselves up and pray. We can talk about it, and we can be there for each other.

It is a long road, one you don't need to take alone. Find someone to help.

Dedicated to those friends I am holding in my heart this Holiday Season.

*Kelly Capece*
*Ruidoso*

*Editor's note: Kelly Capece is an employee of the* Ruidoso News.

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# Stuck in the PAWGmire: How the BLM failed one Wyoming town

REBECCA HUNTINGTON
*High Country News*

"Mind-blowing" – that's what Linda Baker recalls thinking when she first learned that the Bureau of Land Management wanted to involve citizens in tracking the impacts of natural gas drilling on the Pinedale Anticline.

"I was so impressed that the BLM really wanted to hear from the community that would be most affected," says the soft-spoken Baker, a petite, athletic woman who watchdogs the oil and gas industry from an office above the Stockman's restaurant and bar in downtown Pinedale, Wyo. "That's when I decided that I wanted to participate."

It was 2000, and the BLM had just opened the Anticline – a sagebrush-covered spine of land in western Wyoming – to 700 gas wells. No one knew how drilling would affect the area's abundant wildlife and other natural resources, so the agency planned to monitor environmental impacts, and make "mid-course corrections" if necessary – a practice known as adaptive environmental management.

That's where the citizens' advisory team – known as the Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) – came in. Composed of drillers, ranchers, conservationists and local government officials, the group would oversee monitoring, make recommendations to the BLM and disclose results to the community.

But eight years later, the working group represents, for many, a broken promise. It has hemorrhaged citizen experts, bogged down in litigation and bureaucratic red tape, and failed to function for extended periods.

Meanwhile, the BLM has allowed drilling to continue full throttle despite declining wildlife and unprecedented air pollution. This September, the agency signed a new plan to allow 4,400 more wells on 600 wellpads and eliminate most seasonal protections for wildlife.

"We were told when I was there, 'The customers are the companies,' " says Steven Belinda, a former BLM employee who served as a liaison to the working group's wildlife subcommittee. The BLM's PAWG simply "kept everyone dancing while industry got everything it wanted out in the field."

A company consultant says that PAWG participants expected more authority than the group was allowed. Conservationists, however, say the BLM disregarded citizen input, and they blame much of the trouble on an industry lawsuit that left the group playing catch-up.

"The PAWG process on the face of it was not an honest effort," says Rollin Sparrowe, a participant in one of the subcommittees. "I think it was doomed to failure from the beginning."

When the BLM first approved the Anticline gas field, it ushered in a new era of drilling. The area holds more than 21 trillion cubic feet of natural gas – enough to heat 12.5 million homes for 20 years – trapped in tiny pockets of nearly impermeable rock. A combination of new technology and high gas prices made it profitable to go after these reserves. But tapping them meant developing a much denser network of wells, roads and pipelines across the Anticline's 200,000 acres of rolling sagebrush – crucial seasonal range and forage for thousands of migratory mule deer and pronghorn as well as nesting and breeding habitat for sage grouse.

Because of all the uncertainties involved, the BLM suggested that the working group oversee the process in exchange for the agency gaining more flexibility to manage on the fly. The group, in turn, divvied up its responsibilities for monitoring and mitigation plans to subcommittees on wildlife, water and air quality, transportation, cultural resources and reclamation.

But before the citizen groups could get off the ground, Yates Petroleum Corp., a New Mexico-based operator drilling on the Anticline, sued the U.S. Department of Interior over the BLM's decision to impose mitigation measures on drilling if necessary.

The lawsuit also argued that the citizens' group violated the Federal Advisory Committee Act, or FACA, which sets rules for federal advisory committees in order to keep their advice open and accessible to the public. The government responded by ordering the Pinedale group and its subcommittees to cease work. Energy companies, meanwhile, continued drilling.

According to Gene George, a Yates consultant who participated in PAWG subcommittees from 2000 to 2007, the company wanted to make sure that the advisory group did not override the government's legal decision-making authority.

"They jumped off immediately and decided they would also start advising on the (National Environmental Policy Act) process and all sorts of other things and that's where it kind of got astray," George says.

Although a U.S. District Court for Wyoming dismissed Yates' complaint, the BLM decided that the Pinedale group needed to be chartered under FACA anyway. The agency took four years to resolve the suit, write a charter and appoint new members. Under FACA, the Interior secretary must approve those new members – a lengthy process that still hinders the group today.

*No one knew how drilling would impact western Wyoming's abundant wildlife and other resources, so a citizens group was formed to make recommendations to the BLM. Eight years later, the group is hardly functioning, and drilling is going full throttle amid declining wildlife and unprecedented air pollution.*

By the time the new PAWG convened in 2004, hundreds of wells had been drilled. The Bush administration told the working group that it could not pick up where it left off, but would have to start over, writing new monitoring plans.

Meanwhile, the BLM had started working on a proposal from Questar Corporation, an Anticline operator, to lift seasonal restrictions on drilling in crucial mule deer winter range. Although the agency asked for input, PAWG members say what it really wanted was a rubber stamp of approval. The group's wildlife subcommittee had neither the time nor the baseline monitoring data to properly evaluate the proposal.

The Yates lawsuit wasn't entirely to blame for the problems, says Dennis Stenger, who inherited the beleaguered group in 2006 when he took over as Pinedale BLM field manager. It was also a struggle for the agency to find volunteers willing to commit to the time-intensive working group. "You couldn't even get a quorum there in the end," he says.

But critics say the BLM drove away volunteers by ignoring their advice. For example, PAWG member Kirby Hedrick famously quit after concluding that the BLM had no interest in listening to him. A former vice president of production for Phillips Petroleum and a U.S. Department of Defense consultant, Hedrick had urged the BLM to limit habitat disruption by requiring that more wells be drilled directionally from fewer pads. But he got little response.

"This is one of the smartest groups of people I have ever seen working together. If the BLM doesn't listen to the advice of this group, they are making a big mistake," Hedrick said before he walked out of his last meeting in August 2005. "I get the impression the BLM wished this group would go away."

(Hedrick declined to comment for this article.)

Belinda, who worked for the agency at the time, backs up Hedrick's critique.

"I was in numerous (BLM) meetings where people said, 'We wish this (the PAWG) would just go away,' " says Belinda, who ultimately quit in frustration and went to work for a conservation group.

Stenger, who is now retired, says the group's legal charter limited its authority. The group was allowed to comment only on decisions outlined in the 2000 plan, not on the newer proposals under consideration by the time it reconvened. BLM officials were careful to consider how their interpretation of the charter might set a precedent – opening the door to special interests – for other field offices, Stenger says.

"Out of this PAWG, you have certain people, they have a goal and there's no wavering from that goal," he explains. "Sometimes that gets in the way of what should actually be done on the ground."

Bob Barrett, an avid sportsman who represented the "public at-large" on the group, now wishes he'd followed Hedrick's lead. "I could have made a grand exit and probably should have as Kirby did," he says. But he stayed on to try to get some protections in place for wildlife.

In particular, he supported the work of the Wildlife Task Group, which Rollin Sparrowe had been asked to lead when the PAWG reconvened in 2004.

Sparrowe had 22 years of experience working as a wildlife biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, with jobs ranging from research scientist to deputy assistant director for wildlife and refuges.

When his group got to work, it discovered that the BLM had yet to review data collected by industry-funded researchers to see what impact drilling was having on local wildlife. Given the group's late start, Sparrowe tried to make the most of the existing information.

One study showed that drilling had displaced 46 percent of the nearly 6,000 mule deer wintering on the Anticline. So the task group proposed that the BLM maintain current deer populations and forbid development on what undisturbed winter habitat remained.

But despite unanimous agreement between PAWG members, including an oil and gas industry representative, Stenger rejected the recommendations.

He offered a counterproposal to maintain "the viability of the herd," which would allow for further declines in deer numbers. Stenger says now that the working group overlooked the other factors besides drilling that can affect deer numbers, such as drought, severe winters and hunting.

When the BLM chose to ignore science that clearly showed energy development was hurting deer, Sparrowe says, it seemed there was no point in working on protections for sage grouse and other species on which drilling's impacts were still murky. So the group disbanded for more than two years, before reconstituting last March.

Other subcommittees also foundered. Linda Baker served on the air-quality group, which found that the BLM did not monitor nitrogen oxides for four years despite committing in 2000 to track the pollutant, which contributes to ozone.

The agency has since begun monitoring again. Last winter, the town of Pinedale – which still doesn't have a single traffic stoplight – had its first human health warnings for air pollution that exceeds federal standards.

But some subcommittees have made progress. The BLM refined and expanded its water-quality monitoring based on that group's input, George says. And the water-quality group notified the public in August of the contamination of a stock well. Likewise, the agency hired additional archaeological staff and a law enforcement officer to help protect cultural resources. The new drilling decision includes protections for the historic Lander Trail, a spur of the Oregon Trail.

For conservationists like Sparrowe, who now works with the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, of which he's a founding member, those successes are not enough. In June, the wildlife advocacy group filed suit against the BLM, saying the agency failed to follow through on its commitment to change management of the gas field despite clear evidence that drilling was harming area wildlife. The group recently amended the complaint to challenge the BLM's latest expansion plan.

Although Pinedale Town Councilor Nylla Kunard echoes those complaints, she's still a PAWG member and wants to see the group salvaged. She's optimistic about the current BLM field manager, Chuck Otto, who took the position just last year. "I just felt like at least he was listening," she says.

Despite the eight years of turmoil, Otto says the group still plays a vital role as a venue for citizens to communicate with the BLM. He promises to more actively forward the group's concerns to decision makers.

Sparrowe doesn't think Otto can make a difference. "Many BLM employees tried to do what they knew was the right thing to do," he says. "According to those employees, they were often overruled from either Cheyenne or Washington."

In any case, Otto's actions will be dictated by the BLM's plan to expand drilling on the Anticline. That document resets the baseline for mule deer and sage grouse at the diminished 2006 levels and allows further declines to occur before triggering changes to drilling operations.

The decision also reduces the role of the Pinedale group by following the example of the neighboring Jonah gas field. Under the new plan, drilling companies have promised to pay $7,500 per well into a wildlife mitigation fund.

A new group – made up of government agency representatives – will decide how that money gets spent to offset impacts to wildlife. The BLM, meanwhile, will evaluate the Pinedale group annually – instead of every two years – to decide whether it should continue. The choice will rest with the Obama administration.

Former PAWG member Barrett, however, has given up. "I think they should just stick a stake through the heart of it and just be done with it," he says.

"Why continue the charade?"

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## SURVEY

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grown and have families of their own."

While those couples may not have small children of their own, a lot of family groups turned out to be multi-generational, meaning some visitors 60 and over were bringing not just their grown children, but their grandchildren as well. The average size of visiting parties was a little more than seven people.

A majority of those coming to Ruidoso stayed at least five nights out of a week-long trip, confirming that Ruidoso is a solid destination, not just a place for people passing through to somewhere else.

Once visitors got here, they found a myriad of places to stay – whether it he an established chain hotel, small cabin or RV park. That variety of places to stay ranked as one of the biggest reasons people liked coming to Ruidoso.

The cabins and RV parks also added to Ruidoso's unique "local flavor," another perk most respondents said was appealing to them.

The biggest reason for people to come – again, no surprise – was the scenic beauty of the place.

The economic impact of all these visitors was also enumerated, as each respondent spent about $2,000 per trip, although Tally said this figure is generally low.

"That's normal, because people tend to forget everything they've purchased on a trip," Tally said. "Still, it's a good baseline amount to start with."

Tally said all of this information will be used to subtly tweak the village's existing advertising campaign to better reflect who is coming to Ruidoso on a regular basis and what they're coming to enjoy.

"We want to maintain the visitor base we already have, but we also want to expand it, to catch the younger generation," Tally said.

The Internet is a big part of that campaign already, as most people plan at least part of their trips online. Tally said the real challenge will be to figure out how to reach people – young people – on their smart phones with the same information.

"We'll have to figure out how to advertise more electronically," Tally said.

Perhaps the most heartening result from this survey was the positive feedback.

"There was one question that allowed visitors to give any comments they felt the village should know about," Tally said. "About 65 percent of these comments were very positive about their stay.

## Buying renter's insurance

SANTA FE – As the economy downturn continues, more and more people are losing their homes to either foreclosure or financially motivated downsizing.

Foreclosure filings increased by 5 percent in October, a 25 percent increase from last year. As homeowners, most people carry a mortgage and, therefore, have no choice but to purchase homeowners insurance as a requirement of their loan.

For renters, the choice is their own – and many people facing financial uncertainty might choose to go without renter's insurance, even though they have many of the same risks as homeowners when it comes to protecting possessions or being liable for accidents at home.

New Mexico Superintendent of Insurance Morris J. Chavez is offering some helpful tips to better understand renter's insurance.

The average renter's insurance policy costs between $15 and $30 per month. Replacing all of your possessions or being liable for an accident on your premises will cost much more.

Renter's insurance policies can cover everything from electronics to clothing to household appliances. Even a minimal number of items could add up to thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise, which can all be covered in a basic policy.

If you have questions or are confused about your insurance policy, you can call the NMPRC Insurance Division at 505-827-3928 or contact the NMPRC Public Information Office at 505-827-4446 or by cell phone at 505-699-7991.

## AN ANNUAL DISPLAY

COURTESY

**The Ruidoso** Valley Chamber of Commerce presented T.E. Arrington an honorary plaque on behalf of the community for his spirit of the holiday season and incredible contribution to Festival of Lights. Though there was no official residential lighting contest with the usual prize money to offset electrical bills, Arrington felt his display would lift everyone's Christmas Spirit.

## State unemployment rate levels, but still up from last year's numbers

The state's unemployment rate has flattened over the past two months, but is up from the same time last year, according to numbers recently released by the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions

The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.3 percent in November 2008, unchanged from the revised October rate but up from 3.3 percent a year ago. The national unemployment rate was 6.7 percent.

The rate of over-the-year job growth, comparing November 2008 with November 2007, was negative 0.3 percent, representing an over-the-year loss of 2,500 jobs. Even with negative job growth, New Mexico ranked twentieth highest among all states as the U.S. economy posted its 11th consecutive month of job losses.

The state's job growth had not been negative since June 1991, 17 years ago. At that time, job growth turned negative for only one month. The last period of sustained job losses in the state occurred from October 1986 through February 1987.

Only four of the state's 13 industries posted any job growth since last year, while a total of nine industries reported declining employment.

Only two industry groups – health care and local government – reported a substantial number of new jobs. Health care seems to always grow, even when job losses are reported elsewhere. This appears to be a truly recession-proof industry, with much of the funding coming from government programs and private health insurance rather than direct expenditures from individuals.

Local government job growth is evident in local school districts as well as tribal casinos, some of which have recently expanded.

The state has lost 2,800 manufacturing jobs over the last year, with particular difficulties in semiconductor manufacturing. Other manufacturers have also hit upon hard times, and many firms have reduced their workforces. The widely reported Eclipse Aviation layoffs added to the employment decline.

The construction industry is going through a period of adjustment following four years of growth that resulted in the creation of 14,000 new jobs. Construction employment boomed with work on various large public works projects and continued when residential construction was strong. The boom has now ended, and job losses have occurred. Overall, the construction industry reported 1,300 fewer jobs in November 2008 than in November 2007. When considering larger job losses reported at the national level in construction, New Mexico could be doing much worse.

Leisure and hospitality reported 2,200 fewer jobs than at this time last year, accentuating a period of weakening growth that began in early 2007. By most accounts, this has been a year of underperformance for travel and tourism. The professional and business services industry, which includes several firms that rely upon national defense contracts, reported employment that was down by 1,900 jobs from last year. The financial activities industry also lost jobs, declining by 1,100 since last November. The small wholesale trade in-dustry lost 100 jobs, down 0.4 percent, while the transportation, warehousing and utilities industry lost 400 jobs.

Retail trade had been growing up until this month. Lackluster hiring for the peak season resulted in 500 fewer jobs compared to this time last year, consistent with national numbers that are also showing reduced employment levels. The information industry continues to prosper even though November's numbers represent an over-the-year decline of 200 jobs. The source of many new employment opportunities has been the state's film industry. This industry had a bumper year in 2006, which continued into 2007.

Recent trends indicate that 2008 may have been the best year yet, but large month-to-month swings in employment are not unusual because of the nature of film production work. During times of intensive production, employment in the state's film industry has been as many as 3,000 jobs above baseline levels. Weakness in its telecommunications components reduced information industry employment by more than 3,000 during a three-year period ending in early 2005. Even with the current boost from film production, employment levels are still about 2,000 jobs below the peak set in the spring of 2001.

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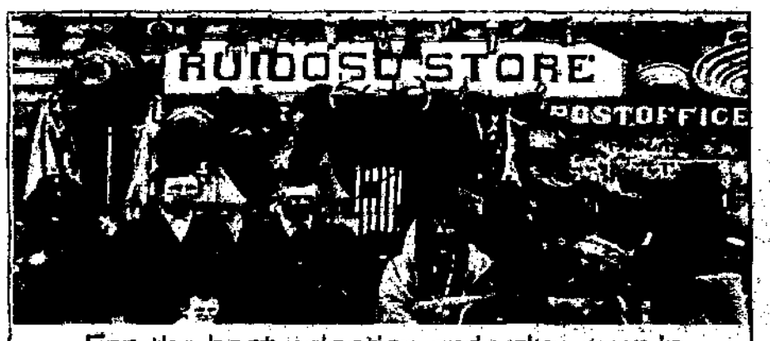


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# BUDGET

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ue to thrive as a convenient and less expensive vacation spot.

Commissioner Dave Parks asked that the board consider adoption of a Wildland Urban Interface ordinance, with a first public hearing at the commission's January meeting and possible action at a public hearing in February.

"This is something we've been working on for two years about requiring defensible space around homes in the interface," Parks said.

"The timing is perfect with the Title III funds from the U.S. Forest Service," Stewart interjected.

"We've looked at a similar ordinance in Ruidoso, but county tracts are larger, we have to adjust for 340 acres versus a residential lot," said County Attorney Alan Morel.

Parks said the ordinance could be applied only where people voice concern, such as Nogal Canyon.

"I've had informal conversations about combining forces with Ruidoso to save both money," he said. "Ruidoso's ordinance is considered one of the best in the nation. It was adopted after the Kokopelli Fire in 2002. People use it as a model.

"If you thin the trees, fire safety improves and you keep more water in the aquifer."

## January review

Commissioners agreed to schedule the ordinance review in January and public hearing in February and Morel said he needed a map. In the interim, members of the county Land Use and Natural Resources Advisory Committee can review the ordinance and recommend changes.

In other action, commissioners reappointed or appointed Commissioner Jackie Powell and former commissioner Sterling Spencer to represent the county on the Coalition of Counties; Parks and Chairman Tom Battin to the Extraterritorial Zoning Authority; Powell to the Interstate Stream Commission subcommittee on the Pecos; Elaine Armstrong and Russell Waterhouse to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board; Parks and Stewart as member and alternative to the New Mexico County Insurance Authority; Lucy Servies, Jerry Longbotham and Wolfgang Diem to the Senior Olympic Committee; and Commissioner Eileen Lovelace Sedillo and Stewart, as alternate, to the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District.


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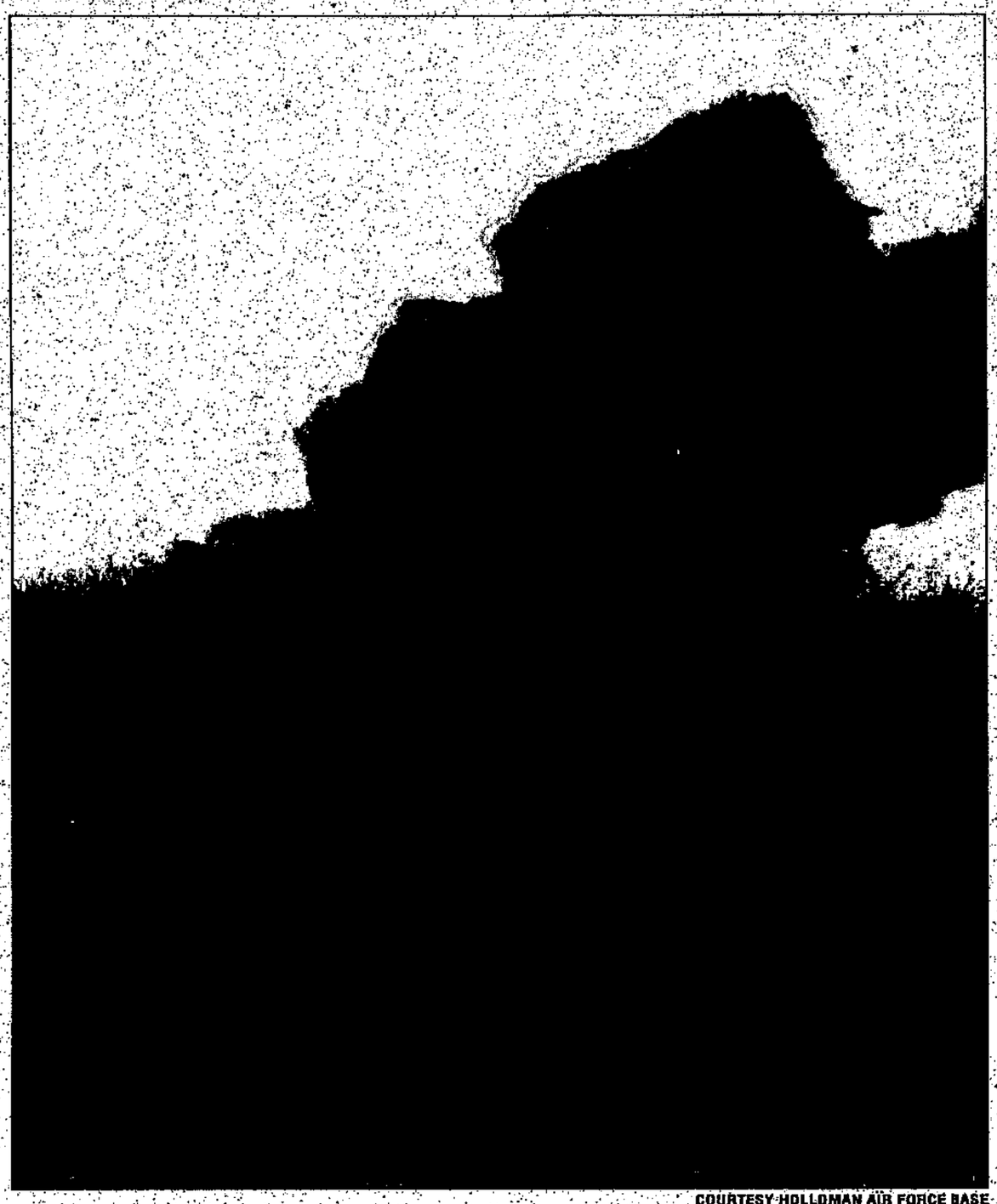

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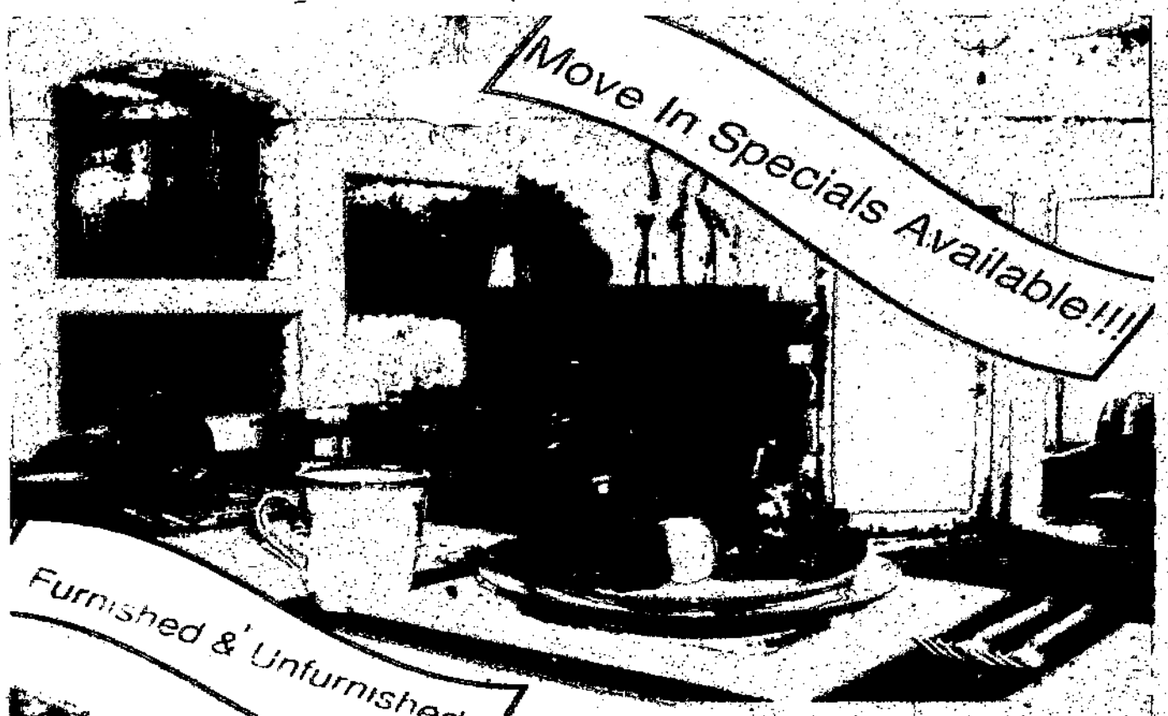


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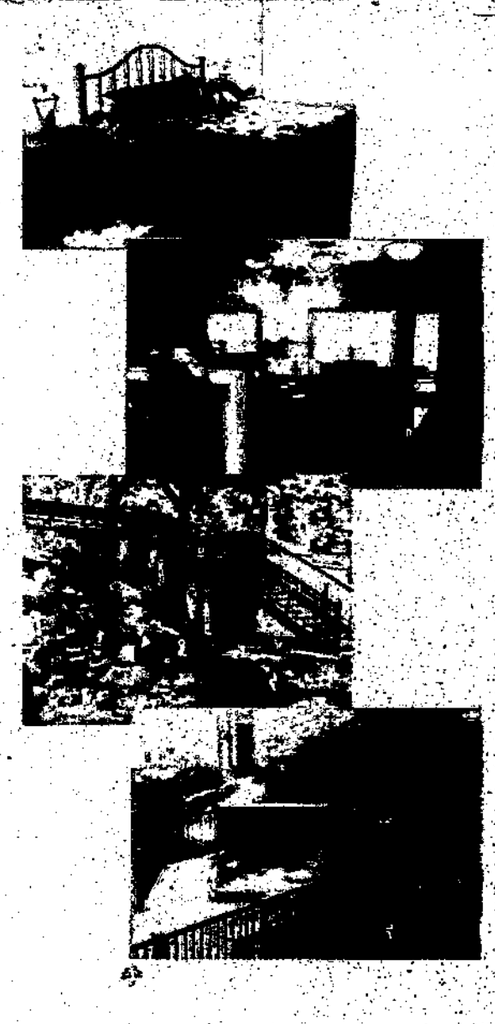

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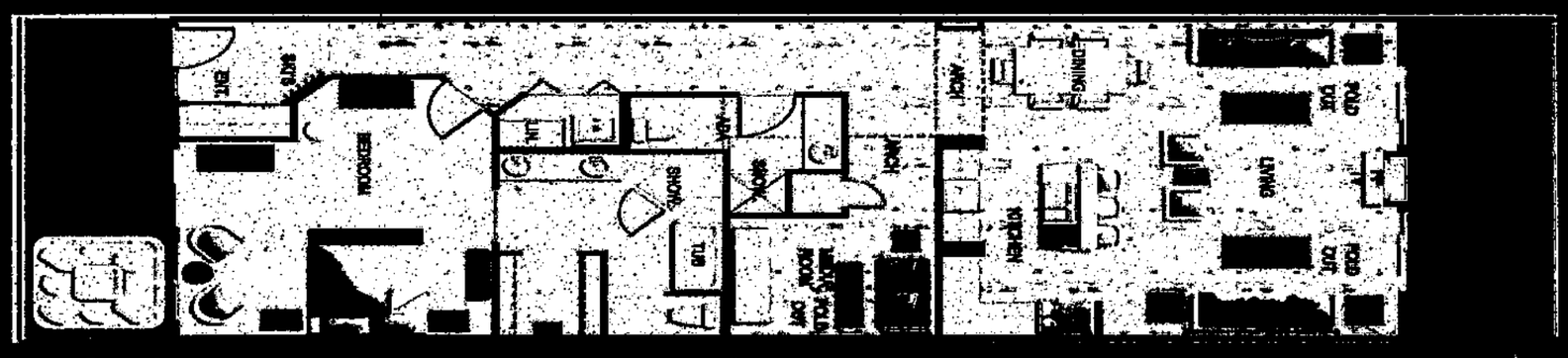

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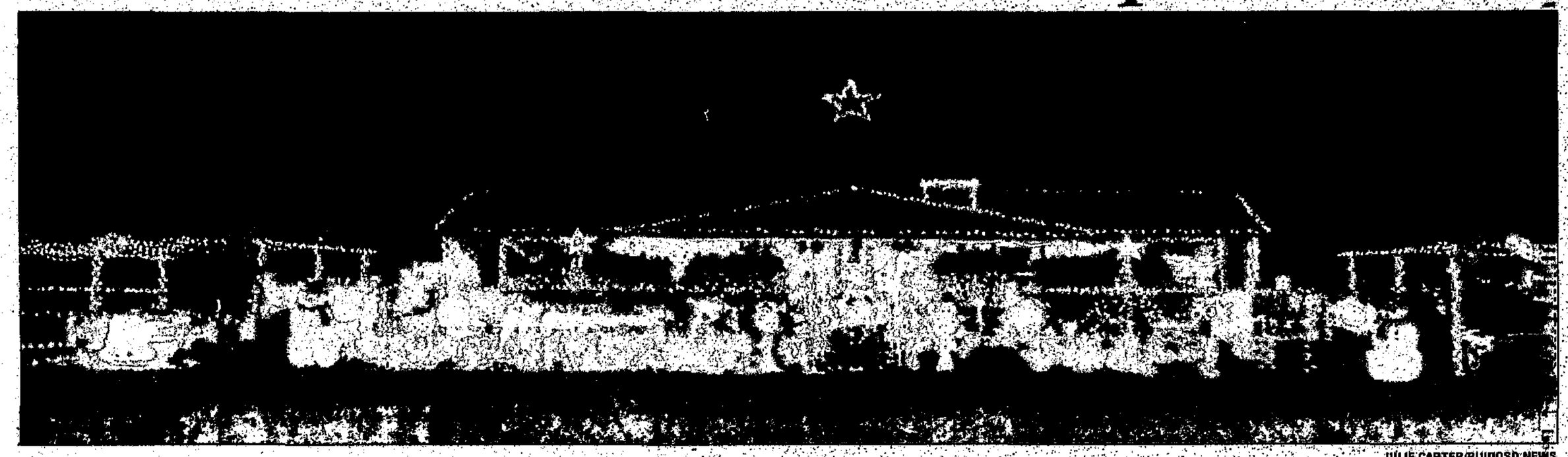
## Wheeler Christmas Champions



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**The Wheeler residence** on Lava Loop in Carrizozo once again offers a stunning light display for the holidays. The home was selected number one in the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce lighting contest. Judges were volunteers from the local motels, out-of-town guests, chauffeured about the area by Chief of Police Rachel Weiser. The Wheeler home and their next door neighbor, Joe Ortiz, were in a tie for number one until the tie was broken by an accompanying 6-year-old. With the Ortiz's in second place, third place honors went to the Rick Emmons residence on Birch Street. The 4 Winds Restaurant won the traveling trophy for best decorated Carrizozo business. Residence winners will receive gift certificates good for use at participating local businesses.

## Roping hope reborn

Las Vegas in December is a sea of cowboy hats floating through the bright lights, noise and constant motion.

There are two events that are the ultimate destination for the roping cowboy – the National Finals Rodeo and a newer kid on the block, the World Series of Team Roping that pays out more than two million dollars in two hours. It has become the pinnacle of roping dreams.

Alas, all ropers are not created equal nor are all arenas and roping cattle the same. For every superstar swinging his magical loop in Vegas, there are hundreds of regular guys back home in the hills still working at the sport.

*Cowgirl Sass & Sassy*
BY JULIE CARTER

While Speed and Rich are setting records for catching cattle, slow and poor folks are just happy to get out of the box at the same time the horse does. Catching the steer is pure bliss.

Long years ago, Dan occasionally went to rope at one of the oldest still-standing arenas in Texas. This arena had "reputation cattle," most of which were bought locally when somebody else had worn them out. This guaranteed the steers a good home for another five years or so and every roper knew the cattle and their "tricks."

With a free Sunday afternoon, Dan decided to go back to this arena to give old Pittsburgh a little change of scenery. He looked over the crowd in the parking lot and noted he was the only one who didn't have a rack on his pick-up and a hound or two in the back. Dan knew when he was the "upgrade" to a roping, it was a pitiful day.

Obviously a very long way from the glitter of Vegas, there were a couple of cousins of Larry the Cable Guy barbequing a hog around on the side of the arena. Little kids riding Shetland ponies and ladies in pink stretch pants were in good supply.

Pittsburgh is a proper-sized heeling horse, about 14-2 hands tall. The first steer, Dan backed in the box and, sure enough, there stood a steer he recognized. The steer and Pittsburgh were eyeball to eyeball in height and weighed about the same.

With the advantage of knowing the cattle, Dan figured he had an edge on the day.

Typically, the next one he drew was a Holstein heifer. He had several draw partners and almost to a man, they all missed. Finally, one of these homeboys managed to connect and they were qualified for the second round.

Dan was so happy that he discounted the fact the man's horse had a head the size of Nebraska and more long hair than a bear. Second round, Dan's partner came out of the box, cranked and cranked almost to the end of the arena, leaned over to rope and just kept on leaning until he fell off, head-first into the arena dirt.

Dan skidded up on Pittsburgh, jumped off and dusted the guy off. "You all right?" he asked.

The guy didn't answer him, just nodded and then muttered something about needing to get home right quick to tend to chores as he slinked out the end gate never to be seen again.

Most of the rodeo and cowboy world have watched a few rounds of the National Finals Rodeo. These super athletes, both men and horses, make it look easy.

After a few go-rounds of cheering on those toughs, every roper in the world is sure he can do the same every bit as good or better. Reality arrives in a tidal wave of events when the legends in their own minds get to the arena. Every roper with a rope has "won the world" in the practice pen. It rarely goes beyond the mental superiority.

Those that are destined for fame in the game quickly rise to the top leaving the rest of us far behind.

Hope will rise anew as each round of the finals are reviewed repeatedly until the tapes are worn out.

When spring arrives, ropers everywhere will confidently believe they have absorbed all those championship skills while they roped from the recliner in January.

Pull your cinch, shake out a loop. It's a new year in the world of roping.

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**A wonderland** of lights decorate the interior of the Wheeler yard as intricately as the outside is adorned. A nativity, elves, lighted animals, trees and toys make it a mesmerizing spectacle sure to capture the wonderment of everyone who sees it.

## Capitan Schools aid county food bank

The Capitan Municipal Schools raised more than 680 pounds of food for local food banks.

Students at Capitan Elementary, Middle and High Schools held food drives to raise awareness of the basic need for food among many families in the area.

The Elementary School held a classroom completion sponsored by Capitan PTA to see which classroom could raise the most.

"The kids love to be challenged and this is a great way to increase participation for such a worthy cause" said Gayla Skeen, PTA president.

Tootsie Monroe, Elementary Principal, stated "This is an annual event and we are very proud to be a part of this community service project. It teaches the kids so much about helping others."

Capitan Middle School's food drive was sponsored by the National Junior Honor Society with the help of Capitan PTA.

The food was delivered to the Food Bank of Lincoln County through a local church collection point and directly to Christian Services of Lincoln County.

Don Gibson, Service Coordinator for Christian Services said, "For many years Capitan PTA has brought us a truck load of non-perishable foods that supplement our food boxes. These food boxes go out to families in the county year round but there is a specific need around the holidays.

"We certainly do appreciate the help we receive from the schools and Capitan PTA."

## Hondo area receives flood damage aid

The July 27 flood caused severe damage in the Hondo Valley area of the county.

Farms and ranches suffering severe damage may be eligible for assistance under the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) administered by the Otero/Lincoln Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Office if the damage:

- will be so costly to rehabilitate that federal assistance is or will be needed to return the land to productive agricultural use;
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A producer qualifying for ECP assistance may receive cost-share levels not to exceed 75 percent of the eligible cost of restoration measures. No producer is eligible for more than $200,000 cost sharing per natural disaster occurrence.

The following types of measures may be eligible:

- removing debris from farmland;
- grading, shaping or re-leveling severely damaged farmland;
- restoring permanent fences;
- restoring conservation structures and other similar installations.

Producers who have suffered a loss from a natural disaster may contact the local FSA County Office at 575-437-3100, ext. 2, and request assistance until Feb. 9, 2009.

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# Alamogordo mayor changes parties

From Reports

ALAMOGORDO – Alamogordo Mayor Steve Brockett switched his party registration from Republican to Democrat on Tuesday. Brockett, who supported Harry Teague and Tom Udall this fall, said it was time to make a change.

"I have always been a moderate. I've never considered myself a conservative or a liberal," Brockett said.

"In the last five or six years, the Republican Party has not been willing to work across party lines with the Democrats. New Mexico Democrats like Harry Teague and Tom Udall are open minded and flexible, they represent me. In this dynamic year of change the Democrats have done a good job of bringing everyone together."

The change in registration was also a family affair. Switching their registration from Republican to Democrat were Brockett's wife, Sueko, and his 18-year-old daughter Kaitlin.

"We're honored to have Mayor Brockett and his wife and daughter join our party," said Democratic Party Chairman Brian S. Colón.

"The Democratic Party is open and inclusive, and we're proud to be working across party lines to bring new people into our party to make the change that this nation so desperately needs."

# Road will need to pass the wear test

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Until Cross Road is built to Lincoln County standards and successfully completes a two-year wear period, it will not be maintained by county road crews.

The owners of Red Cedar subdivision in the Cedar Creek area requested county maintenance on a small portion of Cross Drive past the intersection with Denver City Drive.

Surveyor Eric Collins, acting as agent for owners J. Hardin Perry and Penny Perry-Hughes of Block F in the subdivision, said unfortunately, that portion of Cross Drive is essentially a jeep trail and not built anywhere near county standards. The plat for the original subdivision was filed in 1962 and the county has maintained Cross Road from Denver City Drive out to the main Cedar Creek Road.

County Manager Tom Stewart initially recommended denial, writing in a memorandum to county commissioners that, "If the road were to be accepted, there are countless roads that have never been constructed to county standards that will have their owners requesting upgrade and maintenance."

Collins pointed out that Cross Drive is the only platted access to the newly created Lot 1A.

Perry wrote Stewart, Dec. 10, asking the county to complete the final 240 feet of Cross Drive to give access to two properties.

"In the event that our first request is denied, we alternatively request that we be granted permission to perform a limited amount of road work on the 240 feet of right of way to allow satisfactory access to the two lots at the end of Cross Drive," he wrote

Collins explained the main problem is that the road is too steep to be built without a variance to the county's required road grade. He pointed out the county already maintains part of the road where grades exceed standards.

"If they built the road, the county would have to waive the 5-percent grade requirement or you would have a 15-foot cut 100 feet out," he said. "It just wouldn't work at all."

County Attorney Alan Morel told commissioners if the subdivision was new, they would have rejected it because of the road grade, as steep as 22.7 percent at one point.

"The county cannot be required to build a road for any subdivision even if the roads are dedicated (to the county)," he explained. "A road must be built (by the developers) to county standards and then maintained by the developer for two years. We adopted an ordinance just so when people want to do something on a dedicated road. They have a legal right to access their property. The county doesn't have to accept it for maintenance. We can give them the OK to come onto county access, but the county has no obligation to maintain."

"So if they wanted the county to maintain the road after two years, they would have to build to county standard?" Collins clarified. He asked if a variance could be granted to build a 24-foot-wide road, meeting private road standards, instead of the county's 28-foot-wide requirement.

Morel said he couldn't speak for the county planning commission or county commissioners on whether a variance would be granted.

Collins asked to what standards must the owners comply, current day or those in effect when the subdivision was approved.

"Whatever rules were in effect at the time would govern," the attorney said. Collins said they could meet most of the current standards, except the grades.

Commissioner Dave Parks reminded Collins the couple could build any type of road they want to access the land, if they don't ask the county to maintain it. Before any variance could be granted, the county road superintendent must decide if his equipment could handle the steep grade, Parks said. He pointed to a road in Alto that cannot be maintained in the winter because of its steepness.

Morel said the overriding issue is public safety.

Commissioner Jackie Powell said the commission would be opening up similar requests "on a ton of roads."

"That's what concerns us – how much can we maintain," Parks agreed.

Instead of tabling the request, Stewart suggested no action. "They asked if they can build the road and they can," he said. "Next is whether the county will maintain it and that's another issue. We can grant permission to build without accepting it for maintenance."

Commissioners took no action and will wait to consider the request if the couple comes back and ask for county maintenance when the road is finished.


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# Sports highlights of 2008

COURTESY

**Aleah Topper,** a Capitan High School senior and this year's Miss Lincoln County, captured first place in the girls 2A pole vault event at the state competitions in Albuquerque, May 9.

MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

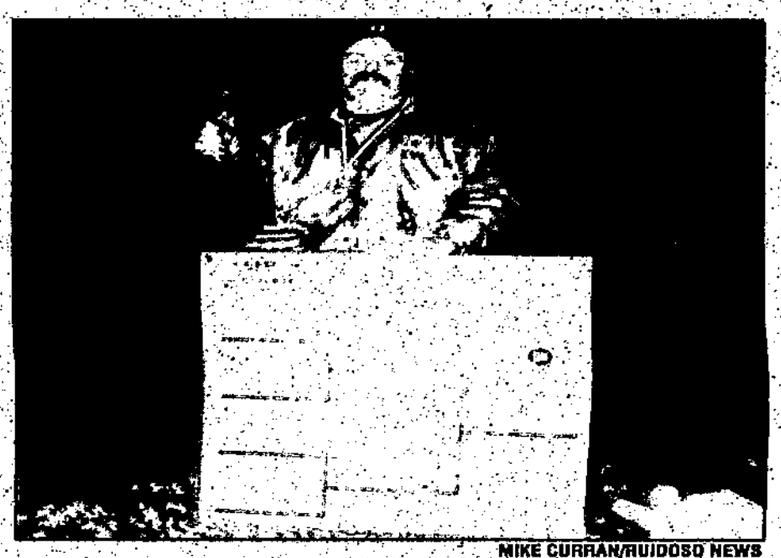
**The RHS** volleyball state 3A champions show their excitement shortly after winning the No. 1 position in Albuquerque, Nov. 15.

MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

**The great homebred** thoroughbred, Peppers Pride, set one of racing's most treasured marks when she won her 17th consecutive victory at Zia Park, Oct. 4.

COURTESY

**The RHS** girls track team won a third state championship, May 17.



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

**Hondo** won their first state 6-man championship, Nov. 7.

JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

**The Lady Grizzlies** were the 2008 D7-1A hoops champions.

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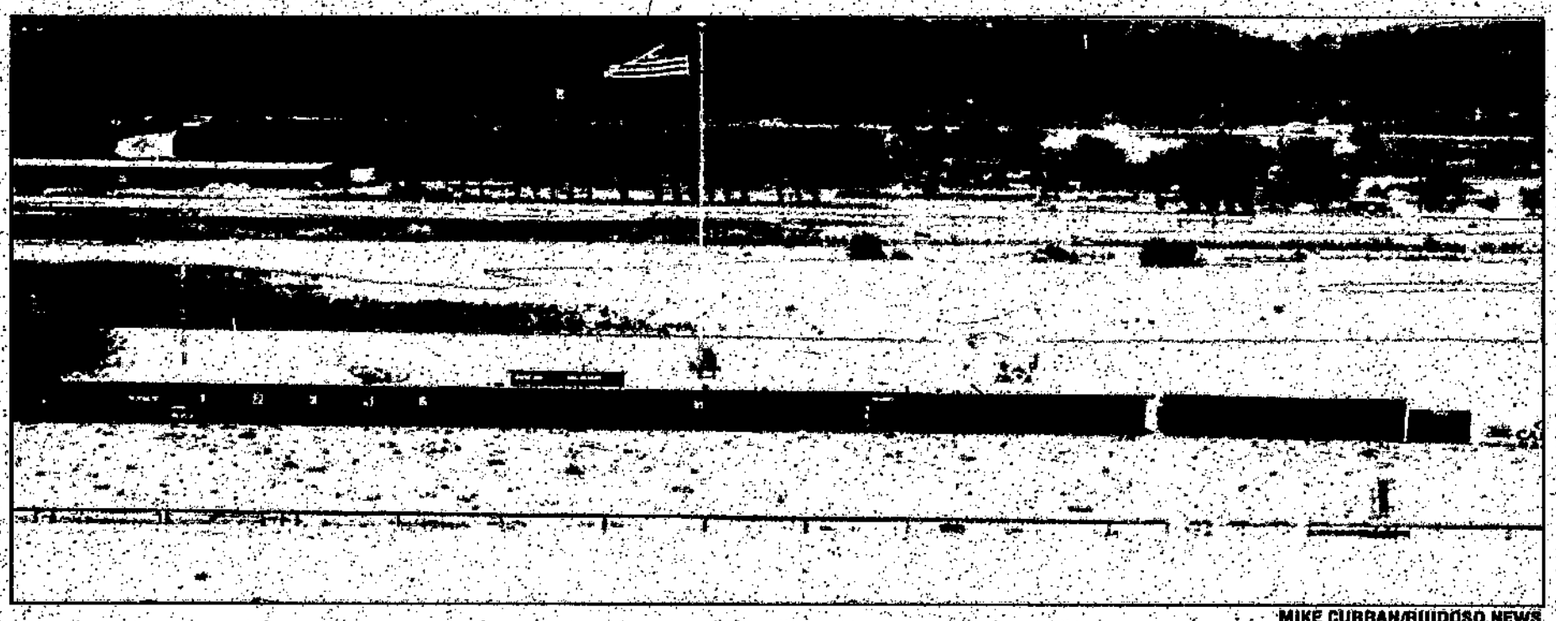
JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

**The Grizzlies** earned back-to-back district basketball championships with their Feb. 29 win over the Mountainair Mustangs.



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**Ruidoso Downs** Race Track shows the severe water damage the track, tote board and grounds suffered from the July 27 flood.

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HENRY NAKAI/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

**Chon Miranda,** of Ruidoso Downs, had a stellar year on the rodeo circuit, including his title rides in Artesia the weekend of Oct. 3 when he won first place in bareback, saddle bronc and bull riding.

MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

**The Carrizozo** volleyball team took the D7-1A championship on Oct. 31.

MARK DOTH/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

**The RHS soccer** team won the D3-1A-3A crown, for the first time in 13 years, when they defeated Socorro on Oct. 23.


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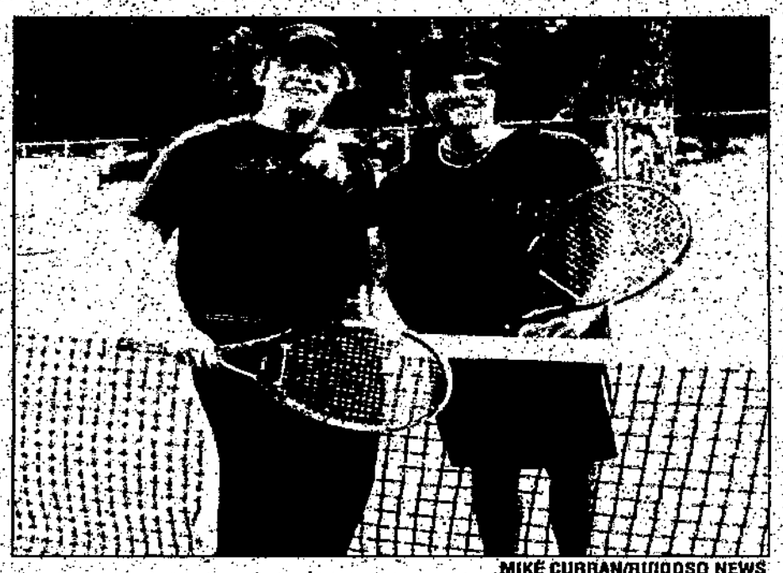

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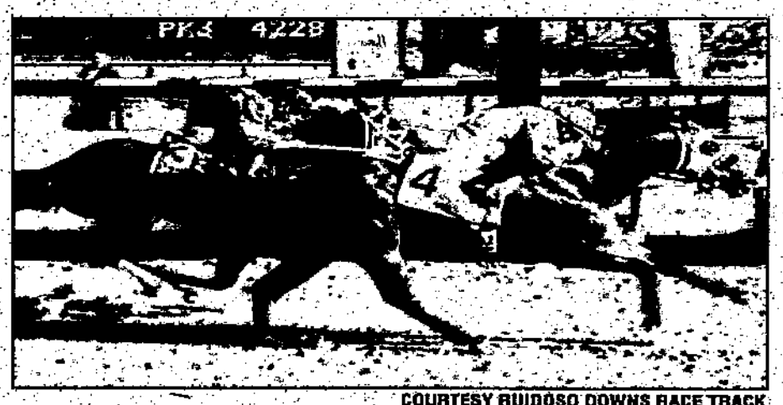
**The RHS** tennis team (Jeremy Robinson, left, and Jake Ordorica shown here) won the D3-1A-3A title on May 2.



COURTESY RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK

**Stolls Winner** captured the 50th running of the All American Futurity, Sept. 1.

## 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 (12/26/08).** You're pushed to take action this year. You've been thinking about these things for a long time. No more procrastination. Make up your mind and get moving.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Today is a 7 — Shoot ahead with your projects now, the earlier the better. You'll have a tailwind. Also, if you have a manuscript, send it to your publisher.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Today is a 7 — Move quickly to get the best bargains. Go to your favorite places first, where you've done well before. Be guided by the ads, of course, but also trust your own instincts.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** — Today is a 7 — It's a good time to shop for bargains, as you may already know. The only trouble is, you have to get up really early. If you can manage that, you'll have a wonderful time.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** — Today is an 8 — You love to find a great bargain, and they're available now. It's up to you, of course, to decide whether it's worth the effort. Plan your route and hit the best places earliest.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is an 8 — The festivities continue. Spread the joy around. Put the chores off until tomorrow. You can clean up the messes later. Nobody will complain.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is an 8 — This is a fabulous day for an epiphany. Allow your mind to be changed. Also, be very careful when handling sharp objects.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is a 7 — Use your wits to figure out what's important to do now and what can wait until later. You may have to race out and do errands, but you don't have to stay out all day.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is a 7 — The money can go quickly now. Exchange some items that aren't quite right. The changes are kind of confusing. Make sure you hold on to the important stuff.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is a 9 — You're not a mercenary type; you're more the philosopher. You're doing quite well now financially, though. If this isn't happening, get busy. You have to help.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is a 7 — You might be inspired to get up early and go to the post-season sales. Or maybe you get to work that shift. No problem. It's an adventure. And you can find killer deals.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is an 8 — Your friends may want you to go along on an early-morning outing. But you don't really have to go. Have the courage to turn them down, if that's your best option.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is a 7 — Others are scurrying around, doing things early in the day. If you're not up for that, you can graciously decline. Spending time with friends may be more important now.

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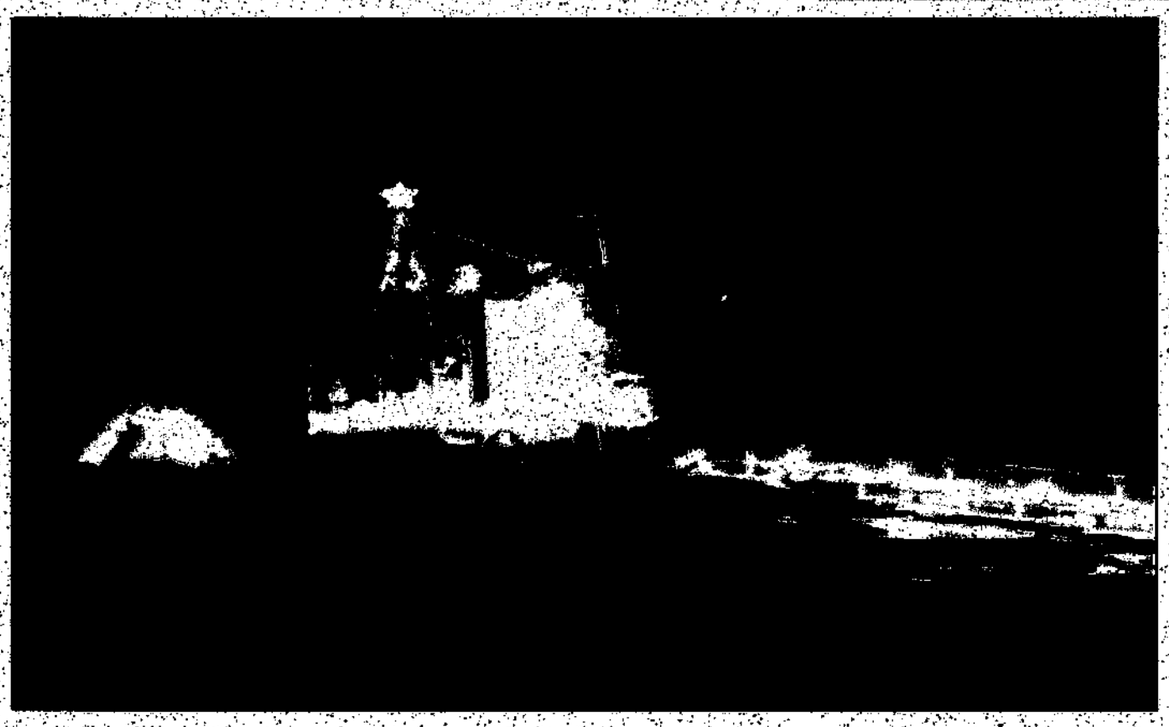

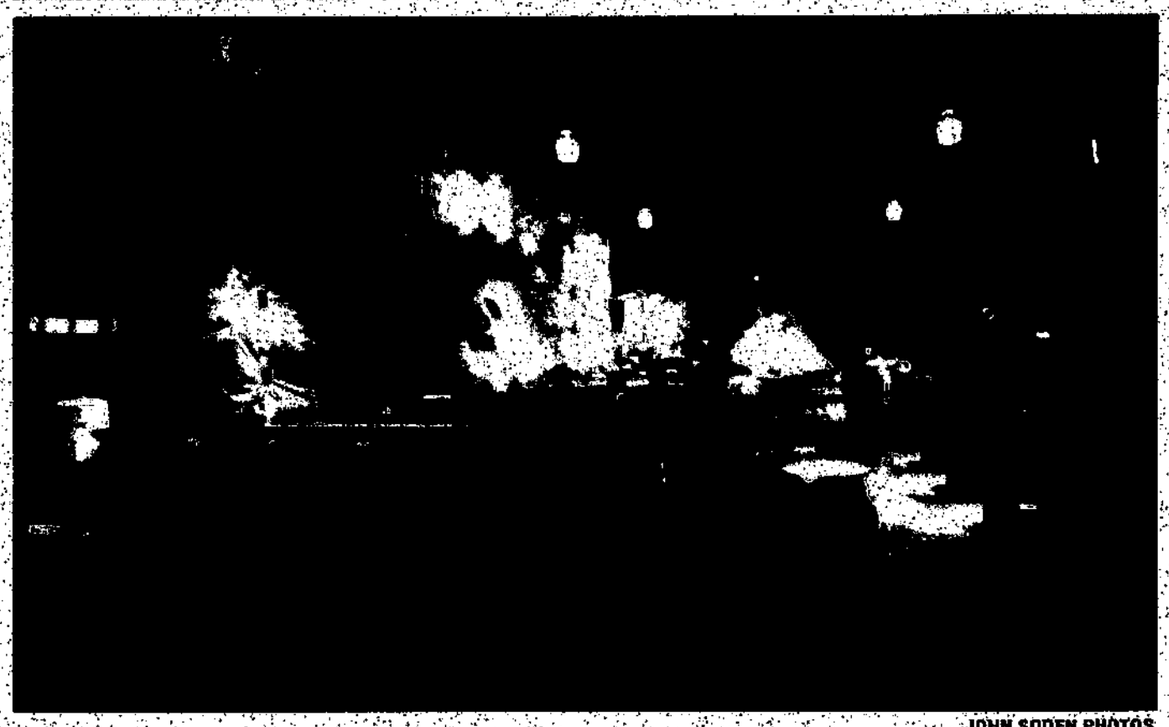

JOHN SODEN PHOTOS

**St. Joseph's Apache** Mission in Mescalero at Christmas is bathed in warm lighting, creating an ethereal glow appropriate to the season.

## FUNERALS DEATHS

### Roberta Jean Simmons

Roberta Jean Simmons, 83, of Tularosa passed away Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008, in Alamogordo.

Mrs. Simmons was born Oct. 18, 1925, in Whitney, Neb.

She and her husband John bred, trained and raced horses in New Mexico. She worked for many years in pari-mutuels at Ruidoso Downs and Sunland Park race tracks.

After retiring she moved to Tularosa.

She is survived by sons Ronald Simmons of Tularosa, Gerald Simmons of Tularosa and Allen Simmons of Paradise, Calif.; daughters Diana Braucci of Tularosa and Marcia Galiffe of Somers Point, N.J. and grandchildren Brian, Scott, Marcia and Laura.

She is predeceased by her husband of 61 years, John, and her mother Mary Knight.

Private services have been already been held.

The Simmons family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Alamogordo Funeral Home to direct the funeral arrangements.

Cremation will take place locally at PCS.

To sign the online register book, please visit www.alamogordofuneralhome.org.

### Virginia S. Nelson

Virginia Spreadbury Nelson, 86, passed away at the home of her daughter in Ruidoso on Dec. 21, 2008.

She was born in Whitefield, N.H., in 1922. She has lived in Ruidoso since 1996 and is affectionately known as "Grammy" by many who have known and loved her.

She was a homemaker and LPN.

She is survived by brothers Lawrence Spreadbury and Sidney Spreadbury, Jr., of N.H.; a sister, Beverly Silva of El Paso, Texas; a daughter, Linda Parks of Ruidoso, a son Harry Nelson, Jr., and wife Nancy of Richmond, Ind.; grandsons Mike Lyon and wife Blanche and children Adam and Dustin of Ruidoso; Kenny Lyon and wife Shelee of Ramona, Calif.; Richard Nelson and wife Carrie and children Kate, Meg and Elizabeth of Littleton, Colo.; granddaughters Lisa Lyon and Mike Harding and children Chris and fiancé Ashley and her daughter Alexis and Samantha and fiancé James of Rio Rancho, N.M.; Carolyn Nelson Crowe and husband Kevin and children, Kenzie and Laila of Bowling Green, Ky.

Other grandchildren close in her heart are Sarah, Rob, Ryan and Kiersten and husband Denny and children, Tuscan and Rowan. She also has several nieces and nephews.

There will be no memorial services. Her remains will be buried in a family plot in Franconia, N.H.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Ruidoso Home Care and Hospice or to the Ruidoso Animal Shelter and Clinic in Ruidoso. "Momma," "Grammy," "Sister" and "Aunt" will always be missed.

Direct Cremation will take place under the care of PCS Direct Cremation Services.

To sign the online register book, please visit www.cremation-pcs.com.

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### Clara Sue Dorsett Crews

Sue was born August 24, 1918 in Centre, Alabama to Lillie Irene and Clarence Appleton (Buster) Daniel. She passed away December 21, 2008 at the age of 90.

She finished high school in Gaylerville, Alabama before moving to Lubbock where she attended Arlene's Beauty school. Upon completion, she worked in a beauty shop, and later purchased Thompson's beauty shop in Lubbock.

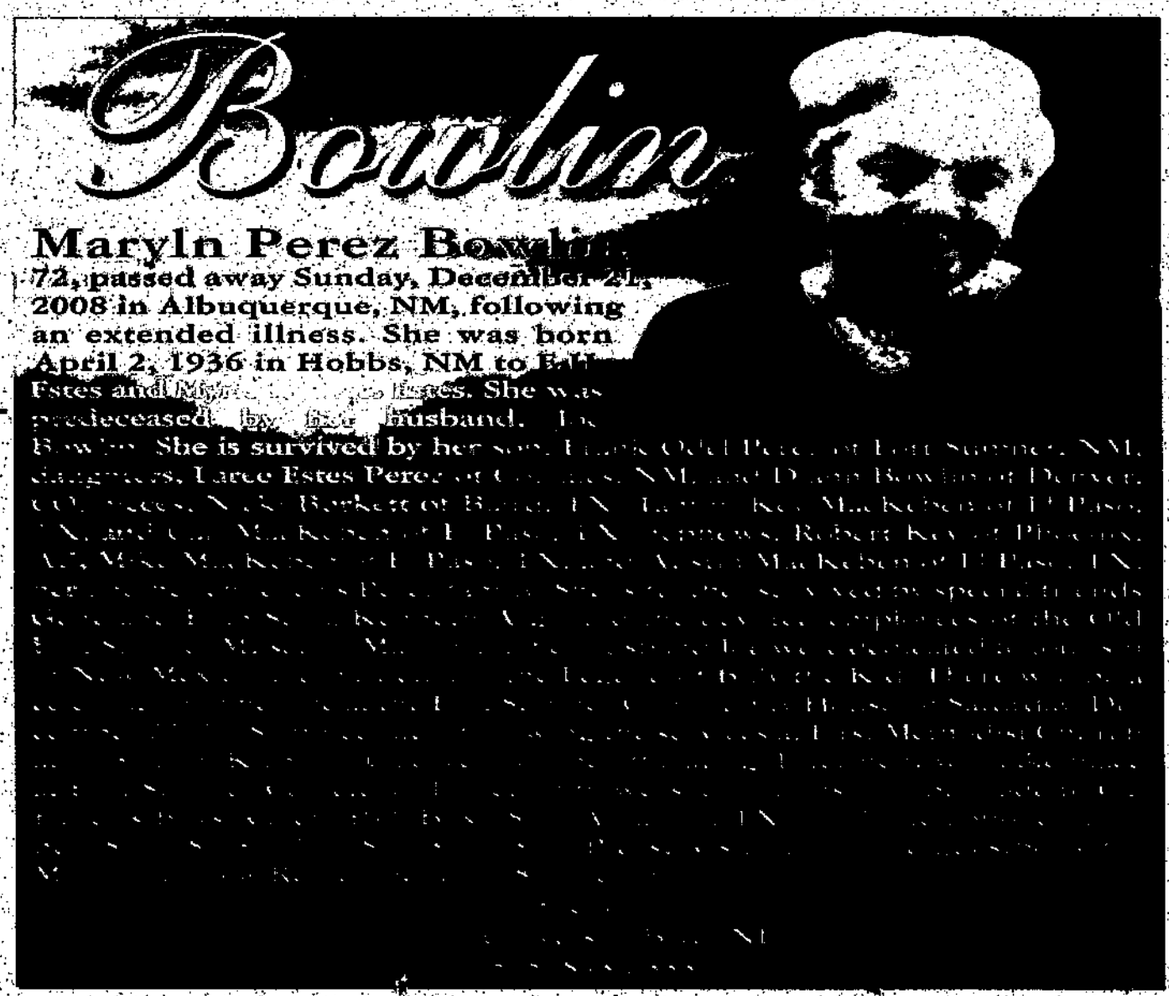
She married Elmer Allen Dorsett on June 12, 1943. Two children, Clinton Allen Dorsett, and SuAnn Estelle Dorsett Simon were born to that marriage. Allen passed away December 16, 1953, in Lubbock.

She married Leslie Curtis Crews on Nov. 28, 1958. They bought the Horseshoe Courts in Ruidoso, N.M. and operated it until they sold it in 1976. They lived in retirement until Les passed away on June 25 of 1985. Sue continued to live in Ruidoso until 2004, when she moved back to Lubbock to be closer to her children and family. While in Ruidoso, Sue was a member of the First Christian Church, Eastern Star, Women's Club, Hospital Aux., Senior Citizens, Golden Age Club, and Garden Club. She was also a member of Friendship Pythian Lodge No. 55 of Lubbock.

Preceding her in death were her parents, and one brother, Walter Garvin Daniel of Lubbock. She is survived by her son, Clinton Allen Dorsett and daughter, SuAnn E. Dorsett Simon and husband Larry; granddaughters; Jennifer Simon, Leslie Ann Simon Kitten and husband Nicholas, Christy Dorsett, and Misty Dorsett Mendez and husband Adrian, one great granddaughter; Georgia June Kitten, brothers; Miller Daniel and Hugh Daniel.

Family will receive friends at Sanders Funeral Home on Saturday, December 27 from 4:00 until 5:00 p.m. Graveside services and internment will be held at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso, NM on Monday, December 29, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

Online condolences may be made at www.sandersfuneralhome.com.



### Bowlin

**Maryln Perez Bowlin**

72, passed away Sunday, December 21, 2008 in Albuquerque, NM, following an extended illness. She was born April 2, 1936 in Hobbs, NM to [illegible] Estes and [illegible] Estes. She was predeceased by her husband. [illegible] Bowlin. She is survived by her son, [illegible] Perez of [illegible], NM, daughters, Laree Estes Perez of [illegible], NM and Diane Bowlin of Denver, CO, nieces, [illegible] Barkett of [illegible], TX, [illegible] Ka[illegible] MacKeben of El Paso, TX, and [illegible] MacKeben of El Paso, TX, nephews, Robert Ka[illegible] of Phoenix, AZ, Mike MacKeben of El Paso, TX and Austin MacKeben of El Paso, TX, [illegible] special friends [illegible] employees of the Old [illegible] Home [illegible] Bowlin Kar[illegible] Home [illegible] Memorial Chapel [illegible] NM

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*Last year may have been a happy one or a sad one. Happy moments, shared with others – a birth, wedding, anniversary – are times we look back on with joy. Difficulties – illness, bereavement, betrayal – cause us to remember the pain and sorrow.*

*This New Year, shape the future by what you have learned from the past - the good along with the bad. Live well and do better; spend your time so that it blesses you and everyone around you.*

*The time God has allotted us on this earth is most precious. Most of all, remember to praise Him for each and every moment.*

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

**First Baptist Church**
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**St. Theresa Catholic Church** Corona. Sunday Mass: 6 p.m.

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

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

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**Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount** 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Rev. Canon Peter Sanderson, Team Leader. Sunday Eucharist Rite I: 8:00 a.m.; Rite II - 10:30 a.m., nursery available for the 10:30 service; Sunday School & Godly Play: 9:15-10:15. Wednesday: Eucharist 5:30 p.m. Phone: 257-2356 Spanish Service: Saturday 6:00 p.m.

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

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

**METHODIST**

**FULL GOSPEL**
**Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship Int'L** K-Bob's Hwy. 70 in Ruidoso, Dinner at six Mondays. Special Priced Menu. Women Welcome! Ron Rice, 354-0255, e-mail fgbmfi@ruidoso-online.com

**Mission Fountain of Living Water** San Patricio. Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Evening services: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday and Friday.

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

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

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

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

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

**PENTECOSTAL**
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**PRESBYTERIAN**
**First Presbyterian Church** 101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220. Tony Chambless - Pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. Potluck fellowship after worship the third Sunday of every month.

**Ancho Community Presbyterian Church**, Pastor Terry Aiello, CLP. Sunday worship: 9 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.

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**REFORMED CHURCH**
**Mescalero Reformed** Mescalero. Bob Schut, Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:30 a.m. Mon.: junior high youth 6:30 p.m. Wed.: high school meeting 7 p.m. Thur.: Kids Club (grades 1-5) 3:30.

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**Sacramento Mountains Unitarian Universalist Church**, meets 2nd & 4th Sundays; 9:30 a.m. Call 336-2170 or 354-0602 for location.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## 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 Barwood, 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, 336-4032. 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

# Holiday prayers from Rabbi Marc Gellman

*The God Squad*
MARC GELLMAN

The competition is not fair! Chanukah is a minor Jewish holiday celebrating the Maccabees' victory to maintain monotheism against the pressure of a pagan world.

Christmas is one of the world's greatest holidays.

It combines presents, great music (much of it written by Jews, thank you very much), twinkling trees, a jolly figment of our imagination who tends flying reindeer and, at the root of it all, the hope for a redeemer of our broken world.

Christmas literally has everything. I secretly wish that Passover (our greatest Jewish holiday) would fall in the winter so that we Jews might at least have a fair fight.

Actually, I love it all. I love Christmas trees and I love dreidels. I love caroling and I love latkes.

I love a holiday time that brings family and friends together and reminds us that giving feels better than getting, although getting is just fine, too.

I love the way kids get excited at this time of the year. I do not love the way some of them succumb to materialistic sloth, but I think much of that is overstated.

Kids are mostly happy just to be loved and to be a part of a family able to teach them to smile and to give to others.

I never understood why some adults are so willing to believe the worst about children. Perhaps it's because they believe the worst about themselves.

This Chanukah/Christmas season, my first prayer is that we try to believe the best about each other, including the best about our kids.

Without that belief in the goodness of others and the innocence of children, true joy is impossible.

I also want to pray for those who are poor and newly poor this Chanukah and Christmas season.

I pray that you not feel sad or ashamed that you can't buy things, or that you can't buy as many things as you once did for those you love.

I ask kids all the time if they can remember what presents they received on Chanukah or Christmas last year.

Only a few can recall. When I ask if they can remember their holiday gifts from two or three or four years ago, all come up empty.

However, when I ask when they're most happy, they say it's when they're with their families. You can make kids feel happy for no money; it only costs lots of love, and we can all afford that.

I also pray for the thousands of pets living in cages, waiting to be adopted at shelters across America.

They are all innocent creatures just waiting for unconditional love. If you can make room in your home and in your heart, please consider rescuing a homeless animal in this cold season of struggle.

If there is room in your heart but not your home, make a donation to your local no-kill shelter. Pets waiting for someone to open their cages are God's creatures, too.

I also want to include a prayer for the seed of Abraham through Ishmael. I want to pray for our Muslim brothers and sisters.

I pray that at this time of the Haj, the pilgrimage to Mecca and the feast of Eid al-Adha, that all the children of Abraham – the children of Abraham through Isaac and the children of Abraham through Ishmael – will find the directions for a pilgrimage we can make to each other.

May our growing bond of faith and friendship prove to those who believe religion divides us, that it can also unite us. Help us, Lord, help all your children, all the seed of Abraham, to rejoice in your mercies and sing your songs.

Help us to hear every holiday song as part of a glorious, sacred and shared human harmony. Perhaps then we can taste every holiday food (or at least the ones that don't have pork in them) as part of your lush and living sacred banquet.

Then the lights of every tree and every star will decorate your heavens and your earth in grateful thanks for the life you have spread before us to reverence and to protect.

Perhaps some day we will know if our broken world will be repaired in our time, in the time of our children, or in the time of our children's children.

In the end, the hoping is more important than the knowing.

May God bless us one and all, Amen.

*Send questions only to The God Squad, c/o Tribune Media Services, 2225 Kenmore Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, NY 14207, or email them to godsquadquestion@aol.com.*

# The New Year is in Jesus' hands

*Clary-fications*
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

The celebration of the New Year really begins with the celebration of the new life that begins when the baby Jesus is born in the manger of our hearts.

We have hope in the New Year because of Jesus. We really do not know what the New Year holds.

We only know who holds the New Year. It is in Jesus' hands.

With a new president, a new congressional delegation, and a new governor, it is hard to anticipate the changes for the citizens of New Mexico and the United States.

With the recent economic collapse of big banks, big lenders, and big car makers, there is gloom and doom in the financial sector. With the infectious spread of terrorism, there is fear of the next strike against life and security.

With the crazy weather of hurricanes, tornadoes, droughts and floods, we wonder about the cycles of global warming and cooling.

With democracy hanging by a thread in the world, we wonder about the tyranny of dictators and the political positioning of governments.

With the spread of nuclear, contagion and star wars weapons, we wonder if there is any protection from enemies.

Mind you, we have every reason to be worried and fear what 2009 hold for us. To be honest, the Israelites went through similar trying times in the period of the Judges.

They went through repetitive cycles through the years ... honoring God and being blessed ... turning away from God and thinking they created their own blessing ... God allowing them to receive what they brought about ... beginning to cry out and return to faith in God and receiving His blessing.

Gibbon, the historian, once said, "If you do not learn from history, you are doomed to repeat it."

Our nation was founded on Biblical, Christian principles. God blessed us.

Now, we deny God and turn away from His principles.

Now, we think that we are the creators of all the good stuff.

Then, He lets us have what we deserve. I wonder how long it will take to repent and turn back to God in faith and receive His blessing.

The year of 2009 lies ahead. Will it be held in fear or in faith? Do we really believe there is a "God" and that He holds the future?

How much bad stuff will we bring on ourselves? How many generations will suffer before we cry out to God for mercy and grace? The pride and arrogance of modern man is a stench n God's nostrils.

You may be thinking, "The preacher is using gloom, doom, and fear to psychologically scare us back to myths, legends, etc., about a 'god.' "

No! The truth is that I know who holds the future. He loves us and wants to bless us even more.

That gives me help for today and hope for 2009. I pray for you to have help and hope as well.

For there is born to you this day
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*Luke 2:11*

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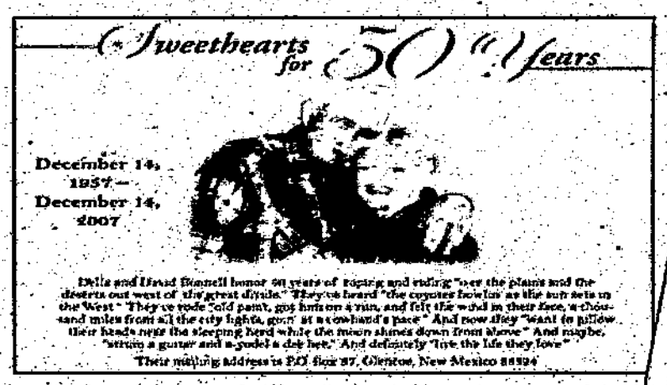


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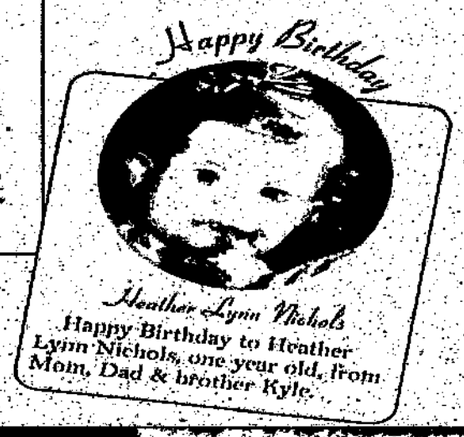


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***We rejoice with you all at this special time of our Saviors birthday and we pray for a happy successful 2009.***

***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!***
***Karan & Michael Jolly & Family***

# Dennehy finds her calling in county's rural health clinics

LCMC
PUBLIC RELATIONS

Talking with Suzanne Dennehy, CFNP, is easy; she's friendly, personable and relaxed, which puts you at ease at once.

Those personality traits help significantly when you're talking to her about your own health or that of a loved one.

As a provider, it's her unique, personal interaction along with her caring attitude and compassion for individuals' well-being that has caused Dennehy's stock to rise with her patients.

Even as medicine is changing and it continues to evolve, human interaction during patient care settings will not be replaced.

That's most likely because a healthcare setting can be intimidating as well as create apprehension. Today, patients are viewed more as customers and their satisfaction is incredibly important.

That satisfaction stems from physician interaction. That's exactly where Dennehy fits in western and northern Lincoln County. It's her friendly demeanor and compassion that county residents are used to and expect from their caregiver.

Dennehy grew up in upstate New York. She visited Ruidoso for a summer as a break from college and fell in love with the area ever since. She has been in Lincoln County since 1990 by way of Albuquerque.

## Experience

Dennehy is the medical provider at the Carrizozo and Corona Health Clinics. While she's done that for more than a year, she's no stranger to Lincoln County. Dennehy began nursing 20 years ago last September in the Intensive Care Unit, ICU, at Presbyterian's main hospital in downtown Albuquerque.

She moved to Ruidoso in June 1990 as an ICU nurse at Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC).

Dennehy has worked a number of positions at LCMC including quality management, infection control, Joint Commission Coordinator, Assistant Director of Nursing and the Director of Nursing. She was also the health coordinator at Ruidoso Schools and the Ruidoso High School nurse before she chose to return to school herself.

"I'm a type A personality. I want things done right and I put everything I have into what I do," she said. "I'm still learning and I have great support from a lot of people like Dr. Robinson, Dr. Jackson, Dr. Martinez to name a few. I'm very fortunate that the patients like me and especially the care that I provide."

Dr. Chris Robinson, the physician at Internal Medicine Associates medical clinic in Ruidoso, and Dr. Gary Jackson, Medical Director at LCMC, agree.

"I've known Suzanne for about 20 years," said Robinson as he described her experience as an ICU nurse, ICU manager and the hospital's Director of Nursing. "She was very visible in every capacity. If there was a problem with a department, she'd work that department. She's amazing. I think people would feel guilty telling her 'no' as they knew she'd go do it."

"I first worked with Suzanne in 1990 when she was an ICU nurse and I was a staff physician here. I would interact with her on a weekly basis as patients were frequently admitted with chest pain," said Jackson. "Suzanne has a sixth sense about how sick a patient was, even with mild clinical changes, she knew something was going to happen. She has the same sense today."

Dennehy entered nursing because she has a passion to care for others. "It's taking care of people. I believe everybody deserves to be taken care of. Nurse Practitioners go beyond the point of seeing the patient and treat them. They help the patient solve their problems. It's been very fulfilling," said Dennehy.

Dennehy has been at the Carrizozo Health Clinic since August of 2007 and she began providing care to the Corona Health Clinic in March of this year.

"I think the consistency of me being here has helped so much. The community has really welcomed me," she said. "There is a great staff here at the clinic." She's also quite pleased that she has been able to focus on caring for patients without the juggling of school at the same time.

## Education

Dennehy attended the University of St. Francis in Albuquerque on a weekly basis for two years as she pursued her nurse practitioner certification. She commuted every week while she attended class and many times, her husband drove her up and back while she slept.

In addition to the class work and traveling during those two years, Dennehy worked at the Internal Medicine Associates and White Mountain Medical Clinics as well as Dr. Deborah Hewitt's office. She graduated with her Masters of Science degree in Nursing during May 2007.

She returned to LCMC in August 2007 as the provider at Carrizozo Health Clinic and later at the Corona Health Clinic.

"The support from staff is unbelievable," said Dennehy. "Dr. Robinson is a mentor and has been very helpful to me during my internship and even now when I have questions," she added.

Robinson described how he and Kelly Arnett pushed Dennehy to do more for patients by pursuing the certified family nurse practitioner program.

"She'd work holidays and weekends, any way she could to get the hours in," Robinson said. "She said she wasn't sure she could do it and we kept pushing her in support. Then, she found out that she could do it."

He later said that he initially was somewhat disappointed when Dennehy finished the program and began working in Carrizozo.

"It would have been great if she had finished the program and came back to work at IMA but then I knew she'd be great for Carrizozo and Corona," said Robinson. "People in rural Lincoln County have access to a very caring and compassionate provider."

## Challenges

Anyone who knows Dennehy knows she gets excited when she talks about either the Carrizozo or Corona clinics.

"The Carrizozo Clinic sees people from all over Lincoln County," Dennehy said.

She added that access to medical care is important, regardless of where they live, especially in the smallest-populated municipality in Lincoln County, the Village of Corona.

COURTESY

**Suzanne Dennehy** spearheads the medical care at the Carrizozo and Corona Health Clinics.

Since providing services in Corona, Dennehy is now averaging between 18-20 patients per day. The clinic is open on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Providing medical care in a rural setting comes with its challenges as well. Dennehy said there were a few challenges such as the absence of a pharmacy and a grocery store in Carrizozo as well as transportation. She added that access to care and transportation are issues that face all rural communities.

"I think transportation would be used if it was available. Transportation is a huge issue with referrals," said Dennehy.

"It's also difficult to recruit any physicians to New Mexico, let alone rural New Mexico. They have to come because this is where they want to be," said Dennehy.

Robinson agreed with these challenges.

"I think the biggest challenge is to identify how to provide health care to a population who can't always afford it and it will be harder and harder as time passes. This is what the mill levy is all about ... access to care and it benefits that population significantly," said Robinson.

He added that could have created some additional apprehension to starting out on her own.

"She used to call me several times a day, several days a week," said Robinson. "Now it's just a couple times a week and she's a much better provider today because of the confidence she has in the care she provides."

## Compassion

Dennehy reluctantly and humbly pulled a rather thick file from her desk drawer that included patient surveys and reports on the care the clinic has provided.

It was difficult for her to hide her excitement when she said the Carrizozo Health Clinic ranked first during the first quarter of 2008 of all Presbyterian clinics in friendliness and informed category.

Robinson said her impact on her co-workers was significant. "Her compassion drove everyone to do better," he said.

Jackson described Dennehy as being quite perceptive clinically with a remarkable caring attitude towards patients.

"I think patients would say that Suzanne is quite caring, knowledgeable and genuinely thankful and lucky to have her as a provider," said Jackson. "I know she routinely receives all fives on patient surveys and is ranked one of the highest throughout the Presbyterian system."

Jackson said Dennehy's impact could be felt in Corona as well as Carrizozo.

"Suzanne provides women's healthcare to communities that didn't always

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DENNEHY From page 6B

have that before, specifically Corona which has helped add additional hours in the afternoon to the clinic's consistency," he said.

Dennehy said that they have been taking appointments in the morning in Corona to make sure patients do not have long waits. "Both Carrizozo and Corona have welcomed me with open arms. They are very caring, good communities. People have been so supportive and generous."

"I would show up and there would be eight people waiting. Now we've scheduled appointments in the morning so patients don't have to wait any longer than necessary," Dennehy said. "We work closely with the EMS volunteers and they're great. It's very rewarding and Jim Stover runs a great department."

Dennehy added that LCMC Administrator Jim Gibson has been one of the biggest supporters. She said that when she worked at Presbyterian's Main hospital in downtown Albuquerque, Dick Barr was the Chief Executive Officer.

Presbyterian Healthcare Services current CEO is Jim Hinton, who succeeded Barr in 1995.

Jackson said Dennehy has begun establishing a long-term sustainable practice.

"Suzanne is a true joy to be around. She never stops wanting to learn and that's what makes you successful in this industry. She always has a positive attitude even in the most dire of circumstances. Her experience as a critical care nurse has served her well as a standalone rural provider," said Jackson. "If I could clone her, I would."

"I enjoy what I do. I have finally found my niche, my calling," said Dennehy.

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RUIDOSO NEWS


# RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE BRIEFS

## All American art?

A structure that had been targeted by graffiti in the past in All American Park was once again hit, Dec. 8. There are no suspects at this time.

## Beer run

An unidentified male walked out of a local convenience store, Dec. 21, without paying for a case of beer and left in a blue truck. Officers are reviewing security footage and charges are pending.

## Party on

Officers were flagged down, Dec. 9, by a subject who said his wallet may have been stolen while he was at a party at an area hotel.

## Rim shot

A set of rims was stolen from a local business after-hours on Dec. 15. There are no suspects.

## Needed a trim

A piñon tree in the back yard of a home on the 200 block of Spring Road was the target of a rogue tree-trimmer, as the top half was lopped off, Dec. 20.

## Loose change

A residence on the 600 block of Turkey Canyon was broken into, Dec. 9. Between $800 and $1,000 in change was reported stolen.

## Parking debate

An argument over who can park in what space elevated to one party making threats against the other, Dec. 21.

## Warrant arrests

Jason Olivas, 18, was taken into custody, Dec. 9, on a warrant issued by Ruidoso Magistrate Court. On Dec. 15, Mona Farris, 46, was arrested on a warrant issued by a Texas probation office.


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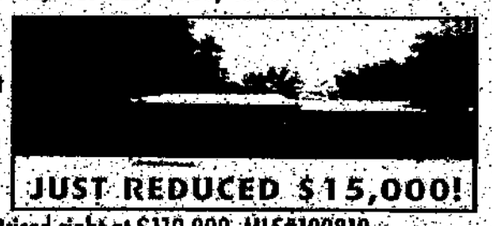

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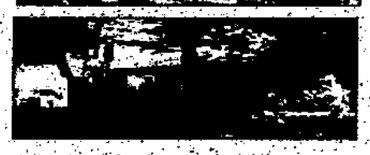

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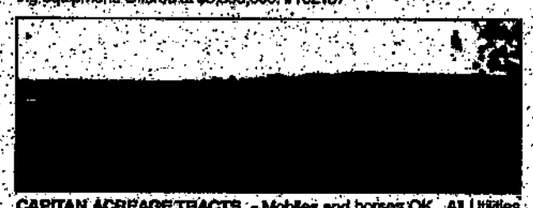

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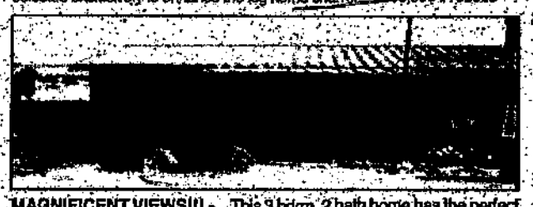

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**LOCATED ON OVER AN ACRE** – In the middle of town with awesome views, great year-round access this 3 bedroom house a new roof, log siding, dual pane windows, new flooring, hot water heater, appliances, silestone cabinet tops, Jacuzzi tub and and extended deck for fun entertaining. There is also a stop, high carport with RV hookups & solar heat. Call for an appointment today. $545,000 #104293 Owner/Agent.

THE GUY WITH THE BUY

**TAKE THE BEAUTIFUL DRIVE** through the pines 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

**HIGH N'DRY!!** One of the higher points on Main Road in Upper Canyon. This Unique piece of Ruidoso has great potential for rental or home with guest quarters. 6 bedrooms, 1 full and two ¾ baths with almost unlimited possibilities. Home has level and easy access and up-to-code electrical. You can sit and relax on the covered back porch and hear the river and enjoy the wildlife. $284,000 #101121 or #101132

**COZY HOME** – This home is placed on a solid concrete slab. All the extras are in place on this wonderful home. The deer and elk enjoy the waterfall in the back yard. There is plenty of metal roofing available for a carport so it matches the roof on the home. Come see this home and all it has to offer. $160,000 #104271

**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 Bill Pippin Real Estate 257-4228

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Metal roof & sides w/22 stalls, access to race track. Living quarters - 2 bedroom, 1-3/4 baths. 6 horse walkers, double wash rack, tackroom, grooms quarters & store room. Owner/Agent licensed N.M. Realtor. $575,000. #102027.

**CURB APPEAL PLUS:**
Year 'round access & SB view is a big plus for this log-sided 3 bdrm., 2-1/2 bath home. Views & convenience from this approx. 1.85 acre property. Completed in 2007, it includes hickory floors, granite counters, ref. air, all wood doors + landscaping too. 1 horse allowed. $399,000. #100883.

**CONVENIENTLY LOCATED NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO ALTO LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**
Roll out the sunset awning to enjoy drinks, watch deer roam or golfers tee off the #16 hole from the oversized deck. Library loft area. 3 bdrm., 2 bath home has wonderful mtn. charm w/cedar siding & antler chandelier in the din. area. Delightful. $319,500. #102853.

**LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!!**
14th Fairway on Alto Lakes G& CC. Cabin w/ that mountain feeling on golf course & wooded lot. 3/2 surrounded by gorgeous homes. Full membership. Furniture Pkg. avail! $294,900. #103992.

**CHARMING & COZY**
2 bedroom, 2 bath, furnished townhome with golf membership & level access! Natural gas CFA heat & refrigerated air. Nice views of Capitans & valley from back deck! $230,000. #104208.

**WHITE MOUNTAIN MEADOWS**
Cute 3 bdrm., 2 bath townhome with garage & view!! Corner fireplace, newer tile & carpet, private courtyard with trees & view. Single garage, level access. Well priced for area & condition. $195,000. #103840.

**SUPERB VIEWS OF SIERRA BLANCA!**
This 4 bdrm. condo is close to shopping & the river. Fully furnished, 2 living areas including game room w/bar & pool table. Room for the whole gang! On-site pool. Super buy! $159,900. #102878.

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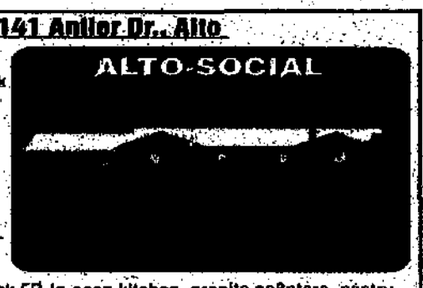
### $419,700 141 Antler Dr., Alto




3BD/3BA 2178SF on 2 AC in Deer Park Valley w/Alto Social m'ship. Spectacular Ratliff 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 coonters, pantry, s/s appliances. Total privacy in each BD. Oversized 2 car garage, heatilator FP, private courtyard. MLS 103993

### $129,000 1230 Mechem #26, Ruidoso

2BD/2BA 897 SF Shows like new! This freshly remodeled furnished condominium has all new cabinets/countertops, stove, light fixtures, bath fixtures and paint. Bright and airy this great open floor plan has high vaulted ceilings, a large breakfast bar, wood blinds and designer colors. Beautifully furnished and ready for you to move into! MLS 104307

### $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.

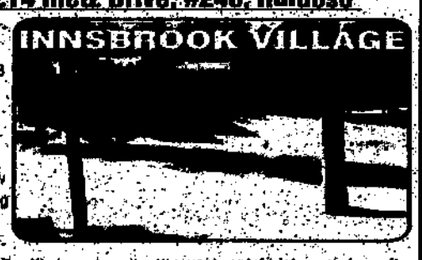
### $595,000 149 Saddle Back Road, Alto

2758 SF Custom 4BD/2BA home located on 6 acres and bordering Little Creek, less than a mile from the Spencer. This beautiful prop. Has it all. Fabulous SB views from lg. Covered patio. Main house has tile throughout w/carpeted BDs, open great room w/kiva FP, custom cabinets, Jacuzzi tub in master, Jenn-Aire stove, lg. Walk-in pantry. Oversized 2 car garage w/ add'l storage. Plus separate bunkhouse, tack room, 8 cov'd stalls, 8 paddocks, lg. Pasture. Private well w/ storage tank. MLS 103109

### $389,000 111 Sandia Road, Ruidoso

3BD/2-1/2BA 2659 SF This elegant home features granite countertops, custom wood doors, hardwood floors, stone FP and expansive decks. Extraordinary attention to the gourmet kitchen with a bi-level eat-in cherry wood island with exquisite granite countertop, top of the line S/S appliances, chic custom cabinets and designer lighting. Open living concept w/ vaulted ceilings. Separate heated workshop/storage room that could be a home office. Master has walk in closet and steam shower. French doors open from the dining room and master bedroom into a spacious covered deck that overlooks the pine tops of the valley below. Enjoy easy access, a two car attached garage and the convenience of being close to town. MLS# 104343

### $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

### $339,900 104 Muskel Ct., Cedar Creek

3BD/2-1/2BA 1508 SF Rustic luxury w/flawless attn to detail. Total knotty pine interior, fully furn w/gorgeous lodge pole furniture. Huge windows for expansive wooded views, towering river rock FP and impossibly high vaulted ceilings in great room. Spacious hot tub on private, open deck for views of beautiful NM sky. Truly a MUST SEE property!

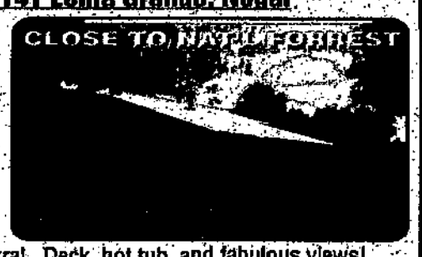
### $410,000 250 Raven Dr., Ruidoso

Awesome 4BD/3BA mtn. Retreat at top of Cedar Creek w/ spectacular west views of SB and Nat'l Forest frontage (3.4 acres). Cathedral ceilings, private loft w. Deck and FP, knotty pine throughout, southwest décor, maple/elm furniture and several bear carvings. Lg. Wrap around deck w/ hot tub. A perfect getaway, totally secluded and fully furnished. Excellent rental history. MLS# 104006

### $275,000 405 Antler, Alto

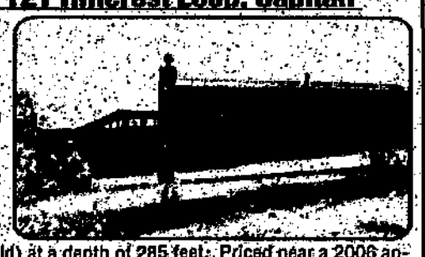
4 BD/1 & 2-3/4 & 1/2 BA Super Southwest/contemporary home with separate studio/guest quarters. Double garage and ample living space in main home. Wonderful Deer Valley with Alto Lakes G&CC social m'ship. Beautiful new FP w/ built-in shelves, vaulted ceilings, wood floors, open inviting kitchen w/ dining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

### $259,000 141 Loma Grande, 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

### $205,000 121 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. MLS 104319

### $94,900 1166 Little Big Horn, Alto

3BD/2BA This is a perfect starter home! Stop paying rent and start building equity. Very nice home in Rancho Ruidoso Valley located on a large lot in a quiet area. An excellent price just at $75 per SF. Currently rented but will be ready for occupancy on January 9th. Renter works odd hours so please call L/A to arrange a showing. MLS 104275

### $175,000 Canaan Trail, North Alto

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

### $379,000 2315 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 ½-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

### $118,000 110 Jack Little Dr. #C5

2BD/1 & 1/2BA Well maintained, desirable end unit in fabulous Pinion Park. Gas log fireplace, full size washer/dryer, newer heating/AC. Private balcony off master bedroom. Covered deck at entry. On site property management and maintenance. Comfortable and inviting home for year-round enjoyment. MLS #103383

### $199,900 108 Valencia, Ruidoso

3BD/2BA 1955 SF Large family home in a great neighborhood close to town. Two living areas, large open kitchen, newer appliances, roof and carpet. Beautiful enclosed sunroom off of front living room plus a large family room to set up your pool table and big screen TV. Easy year-round access with level entry. Seller financing available. MLS 104335

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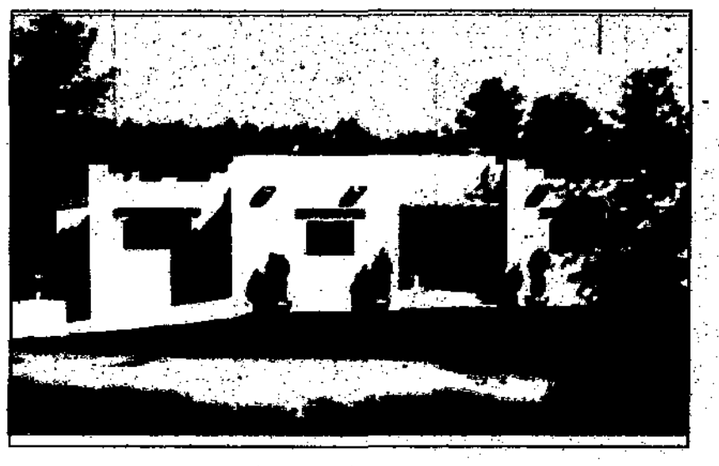
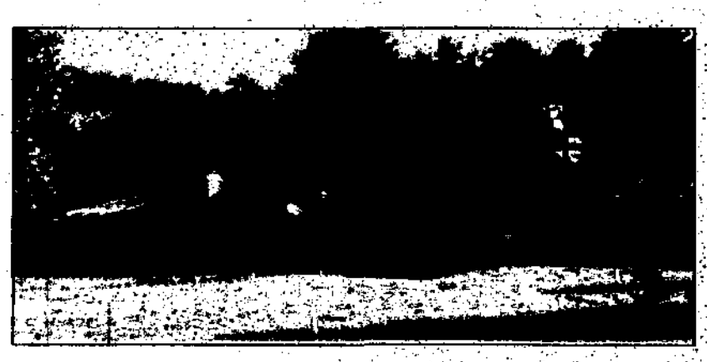
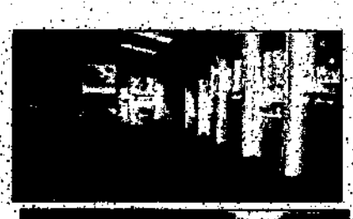
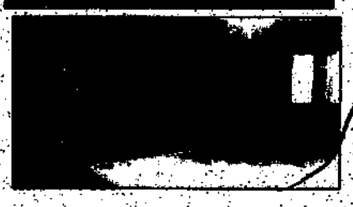


### 218 MIDIRON DR. - ALTO $695,000

Custom built SW, Approx. 4150 sq. ft., Alto Golf. 4 BR, 4 1/2 BA on street to street lot. MAIN LEVEL - Master suite & Master BA, sitting area, Kitchen, Dining, Great room w/Kiva FP & open study. SECOND LEVEL - 3 BR each w/own bath, surround 2nd LR/game room and card room w/ wet bar & 2 sided FP open to, large Timbertech deck. Wrought iron & wood staircase. Bamboo floors, carpet and tile. Large walk in closets each BR, elevator – main level to garage. Paved driveways. MLS# 103948







### 300 EAGLE CREEK CANYON ROAD $449,999

Outstanding Sierra Blanca view comes with this spacious & comfortable home. On 6.7 acres in the secluded, yet close, Eagle Creek area. 3150 sq.ft., 3 BR / 3 BA, large kitchen, family/gameroom too! Beautiful LR with superb views. Private deck off master.

Fenced yard; huge garage; horse area. Adjacent to National Forest. MLS# 104012

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Peace & quiet surround this adorable Victorian style home on 4.7 acres. Located just 10 min from Ruidoso, yet feels like country living. 2900 +/- sq ft, 4 bdrms, 2.5 bths plus large sunroom. Good road, easy access w/paved circle drive. Would make a lovely full-time or part-time home, a great family retreat, or even a bed & breakfast.

**GREAT VIEWS!**
**$250,000 • MLS# 102243**

Remodeled 4 bdr, 1 and 3/4 bath home (plus an office) on 4.9 acres. Hardwood floors upstairs, new carpet downstairs, deck, 2 car garage. Mountain views. Must see!

**COZY CABIN**
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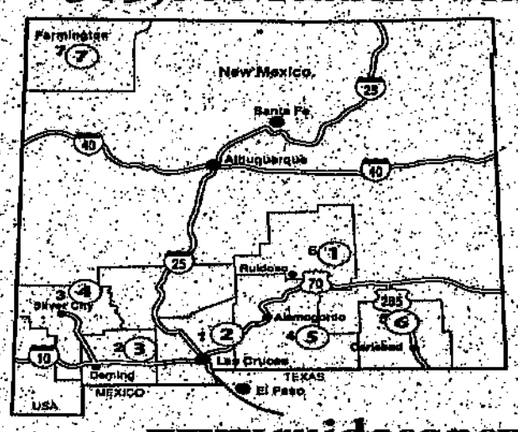


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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SANDRA KELLY; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown),
Tenants,
Defendant(s).
No. CV-08-28

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 7, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 129 Mac Street, Ruidoso and is situate in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 32, Block 7, of WHITE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the subdivision plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on September 1, 1941.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause, on November 28, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $110,975.43 and the same bears interest at 7.25% per annum from November 1, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $1,498.93. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, or future of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

Nick Vega,
Special Master
P.O. Box 383
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NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso

*Notice of Intention is hereby given by the Ruidoso Branch Community College Board for a regular meeting to be held at ENMU-Ruidoso, 709 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso, NM, at 6:00 p.m. on the 16th of January, 2009, Room 103. Copies of the agenda will be available in the ENMU-Ruidoso President's office, 709 Mechem Dr., 24 hours prior to the meeting.*

*If you are an individual requiring Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations in order to attend the Community College Board Meeting, please contact the office of the President, ENMU-Ruidoso, (575) 257-3006 at least forty-eight hours prior to the meeting.*

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VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF A REGULAR MEETING

*Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the Village of Ruidoso has cancelled the regularly scheduled meeting of December 30, 2008. The next regularly scheduled meeting is January 13, 2009. The regular meetings are held at the Village of Ruidoso Administrative Offices, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso. The regular meetings begin at 4:30 p.m. Meetings of the Village of Ruidoso Governing Body are open to the public. If you have questions or need to request a copy of the agenda, please contact Irma Devine, Village Clerk, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345, Telephone: (575) 258-4343, Ext. 1002.*

*Irma Devine,*
*Village Clerk*

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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF ELECTION

*NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN* there will be an election on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, to elect four (4) members to the Board of Directors of Sun Valley Water and Sanitation District. Four (4) At Large Positions are open. One (1) member will be elected to a four-year term of office to expire January 2011. One (1) member will be elected to a four-year term of office to expire in January 2013. One (1) member will be elected to a six-year term of office to expire in January 2015. One (1) member will be elected to a six-year term of office to expire in January 2015.

Members declaring their candidacy for the At Large Positions are: Marc Stewart, Charles Britten, James (Jim) Miller, Jr. and Carolyn Stephens.

Any tax-paying elector living in the District is eligible as a write-in candidate for the At Large Positions.

Eligible to vote are all tax-paying electors of the District. Tax-paying elector of a district means a person registered to vote in any precinct in the state, who:

*1) is a resident of the district;*

2) is a non resident of the district who pays, or will be liable for paying, rates, tolls or charges set by the board; or

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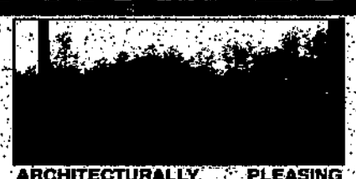

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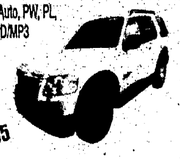
### '06 LINCOLN ZEPHYR
FWD, Moon Roof, Leather, Traction Control, CPO ✔

Was: $25,210
New: $19,844
Stock #6H071

### '07 FORD F150
Super Crew, XLT, 4X4, CPO ✔ 5.4 V-8, Auto, Loaded

Was: $25,195
New: $22,278
Stock #5468

### '07 FORD EXPLORER
XLT, 4X4, V6 Auto, PW, PL, Cruise, TW, CD/MP3

Was: $18,800
New: $15,565
Stock #5439

### '07 FORD FOCUS
SE, 4 Cyl, Auto, PW, PL, CD/MP3, CPO ✔

Was: $15,270
New: $12,927
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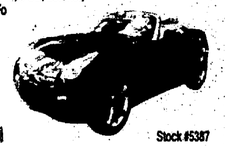
### '05 LINCOLN LS
Heated/Cooled Seats, Alloys, Moonroof, Sport Pkg

Stock #9H0982
$203/ per mo.

### '06 PONTIAC SOLSTICE
Convertible, 6 CD, Leather, Alloys, Fo

Was: $24,995
Now: $19,777
Stock #5387
$202/ per mo.

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### '00 TOYOTA TACOMA 4X4
SR5, TW, CC, PW, PL, Ext. Cab

Stock #54621
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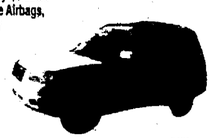
### '07 HONDA PILOT EX 4X4
7 Pass, Safety Canopy VSC

Was: $26,350
Now: $21,333
Stock #5275

### '05 JAGUAR X-TYPE
3.0, All Wheel Drive, Heated Leather Seats, Moonroof

Stock #5408
$231/ per mo.

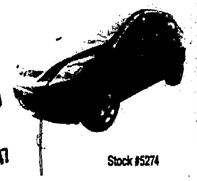
### '08 SUBARU FORESTER AWD
X Pkg, Alloys, Heated Seats, Side Airbags, Moonroof

Stock #5459
$254/ per mo.

### '06 HONDA ELEMENT 4X4
Ex-P, CD, TW, CC, Custom Alloys, Sunroof, Side Airbags

Stock #5417
$238/ per mo.

### '08 SUBARU OUTBACK AWD
Limited, Leather, Moonroof, Heated Seats, Safety Canopy

Was: $26,989
Now: $23,855
Stock #5370
$285/ per mo.

### '07 MAZDA CX-7
Turbo, Safety Canopy, Alloys, Traction Contrl

Was: $22,500
Now: $17,747
Stock #5274

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3H4081 '97 PONTIAC GRAND AM — $737
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5273 '07 MAZDA CX7 — SAVE $4753
5367 '06 PONTIAC SOLSTICE — SAVE $5000
5403 '07 TOYOTA CAMRY LE — $17,797
54251 '05 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX — PRICED TO MOVE!
5331 '07 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER — $14,377
52651 '06 TOYOTA COROLLA — SAVE!
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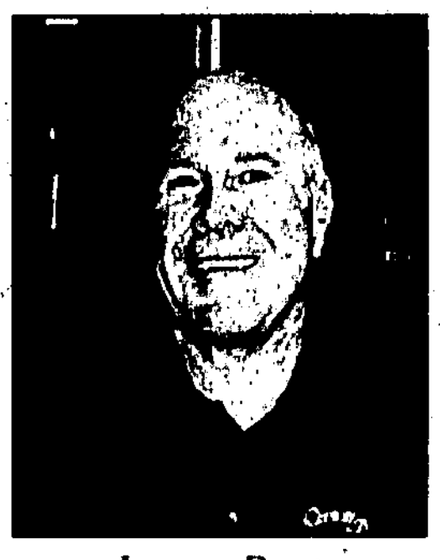

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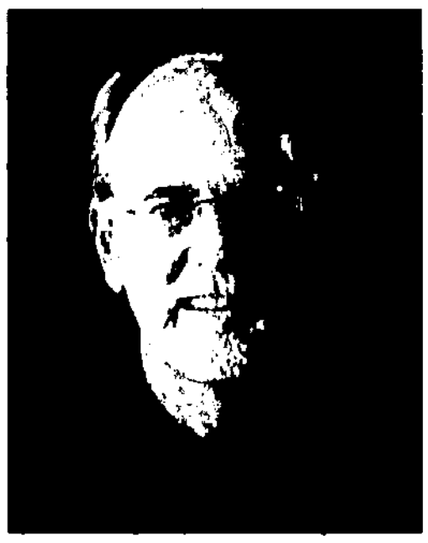

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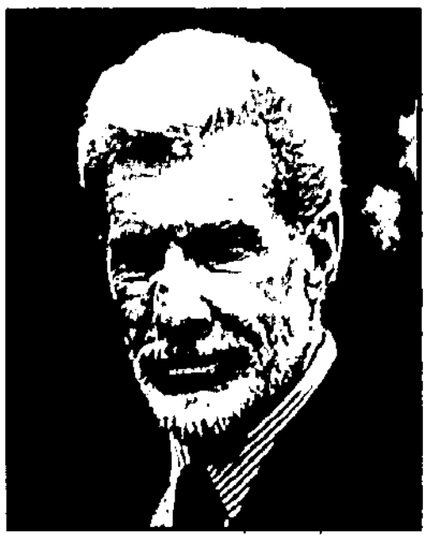

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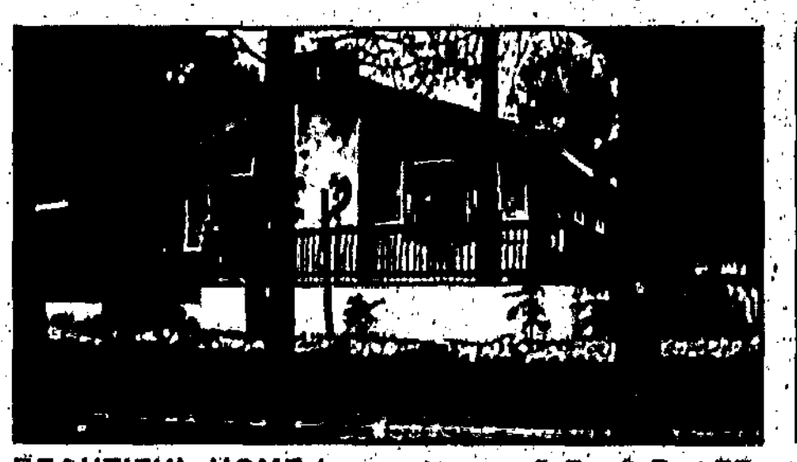

**BEAUTIFUL HOME** In great area. 3 Br, 2 Ba, FP, wood floors. It's immaculate. + guest house, 1 Br, 1 Ba. All updated decks surrounding home. Great views of Sierra Blanca. $275,000, #104258 Call Cindy Parkinson

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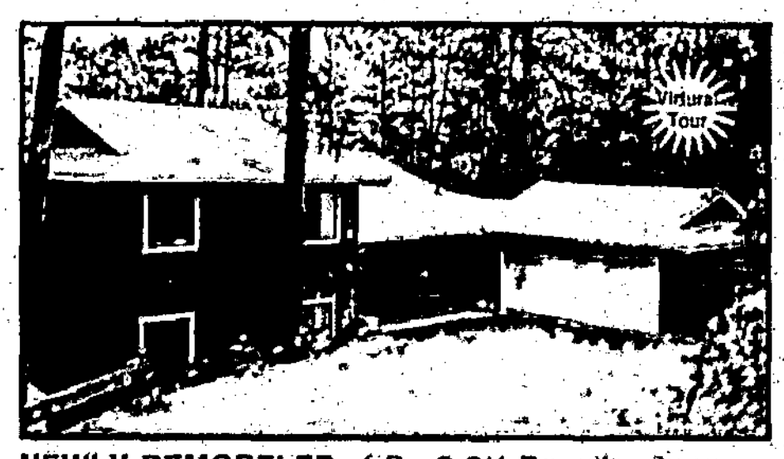


**NEWLY REMODELED,** 4 Br, 2 3/4 Ba w/family room, LR, 2200 sq ft, 2 Car garage, 2 decks for entertaining, wonderful forest view, large ponderosa pines, lots of storage, utility room, large rock FP. $269,000. #103826 Call Jerry Ballard

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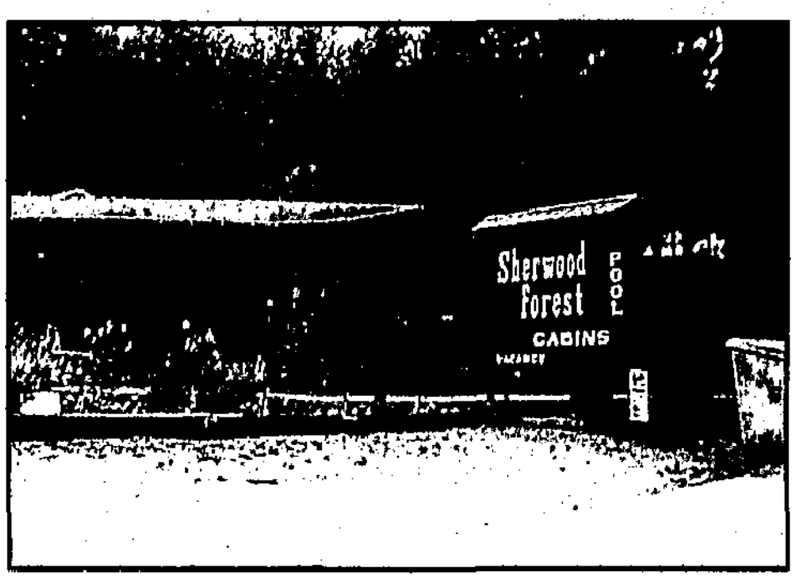
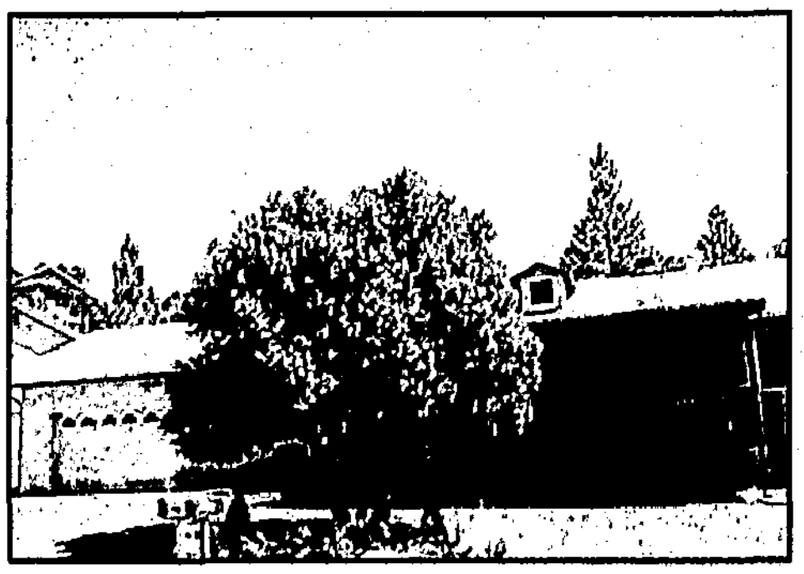
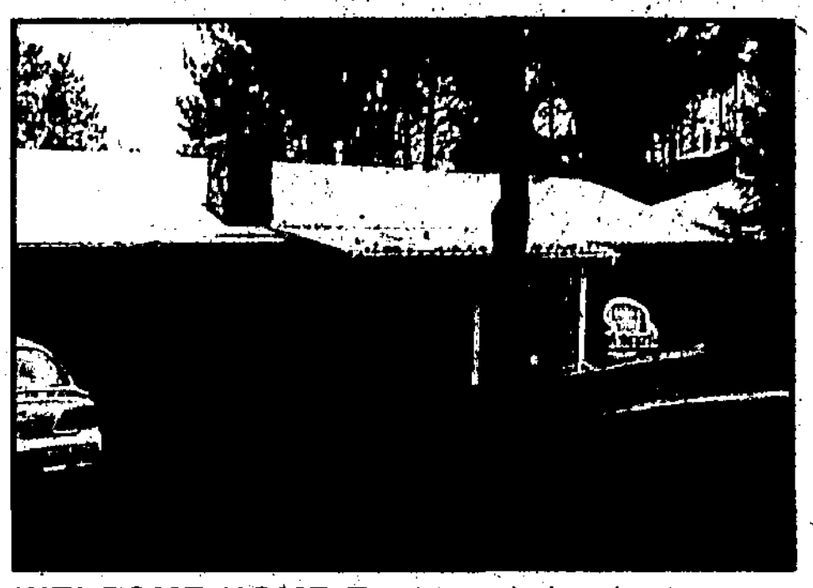


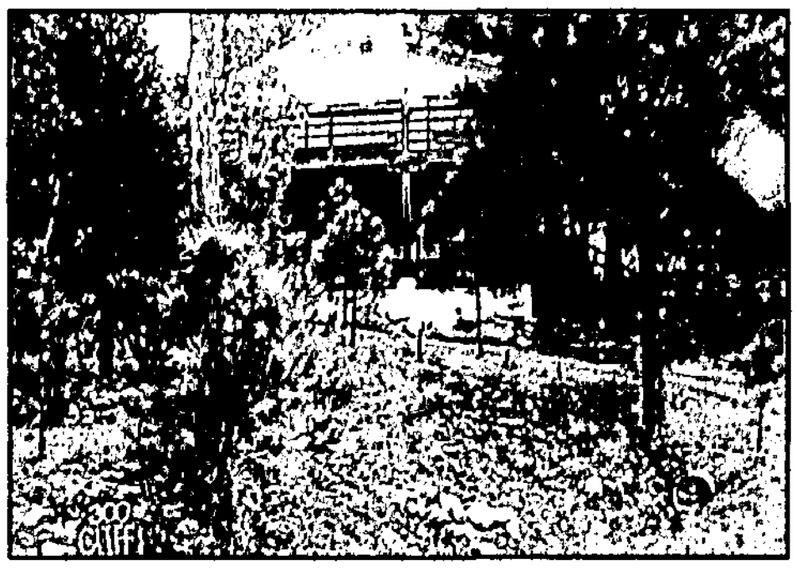

**GREAT FREE STANDING HOME** Gorgeous setting in Upper Canyon across Main Rd from Rio Ruidoso Free standing office/home/condo. mgrs living qtrs w/common area laundry facility Owner/Broker $259,500 #103550 Call Scott Roser



**STUCCO LEVEL ACCESS** 3 Br. 2 Ba + den or game room Huge storage, huge pantry & kitchen, big master, master bath w/separate tub & shower all on 1 level. The best access to this level paved home. Really nice! $255,000. #103758 Call Joseph A. Zagone



**WELCOME HOME** To this pristine home near the golf course. Light, bright, open floor plan, authentic wide plank pine floors, vaulted ceilings & remodeled kit w/stainless appliances. $249,750. #103412 Call CENTURY 21 Aspen Real Estate



**VERY NICE REMODEL DONE ON THIS PROPERTY** 3 Br. 3 Ba. new wood floors, tile, new paint, new light fixtures throughout Fantastic views of Sierra Blanca FP. 2 decks, family room Jacuzzi in master Ba $249,500 #103790 Call Cindy Parkinson

**WONDERFUL SUPER-SHARP CABIN** Fully furnished on corner lot Metal roof is brand new. Upgrades in '07 carpet, marble counter tops, electric remote FP, 2 skylights, covered back porch $249,000 #103136 Call Frank Higgins

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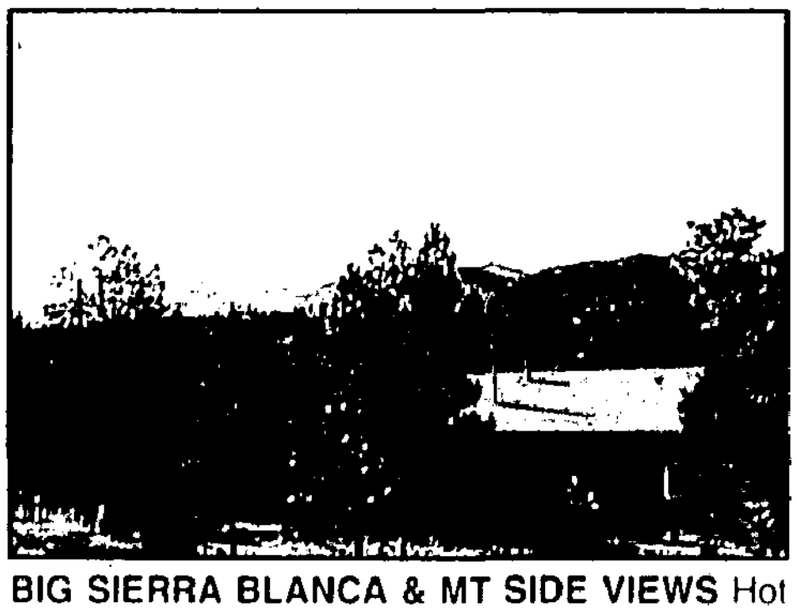
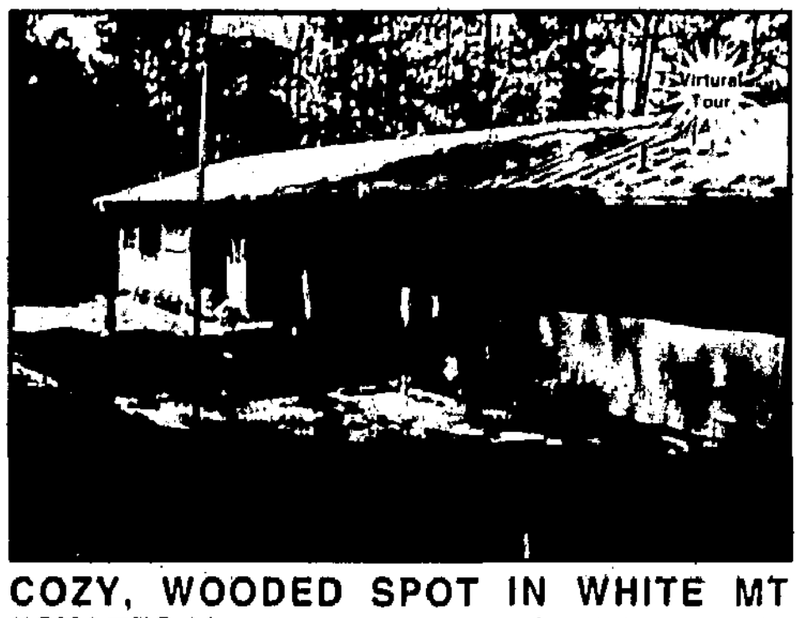
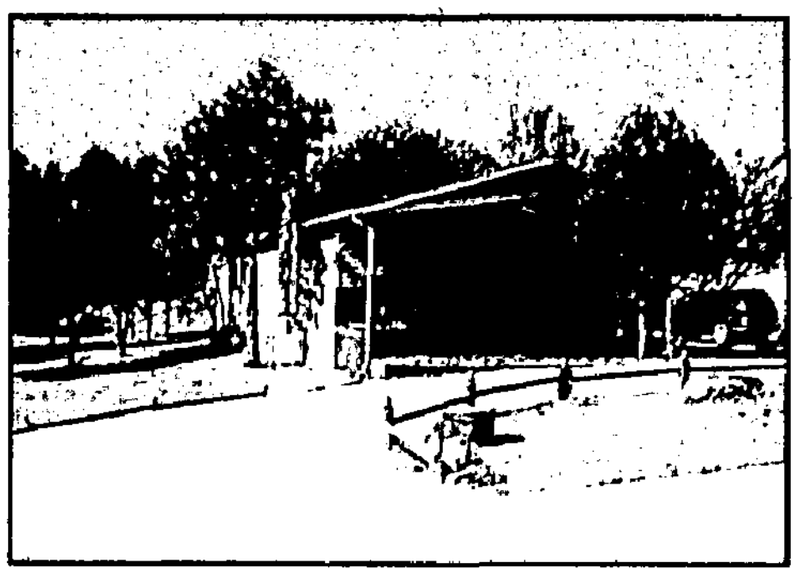


**BIG SIERRA BLANCA & MT SIDE VIEWS** Hot tub on private deck w/ideal mountain setting Recently expanded/remodeled super cabin in the woods Includes all furniture (cedar custom beds, etc) 1 level $247,000 #104167 Call Joseph A Zagone

**RUIDOSO RUSTIC CABIN** And guest cabin complete w/knotty pine interior, built in hot tub room, near Cree Meadows golf course nestled away in the tall pines. 0.765 acres Fully fenced, private & beautifully landscaped patio $239,900 #101757 Call John Reynolds



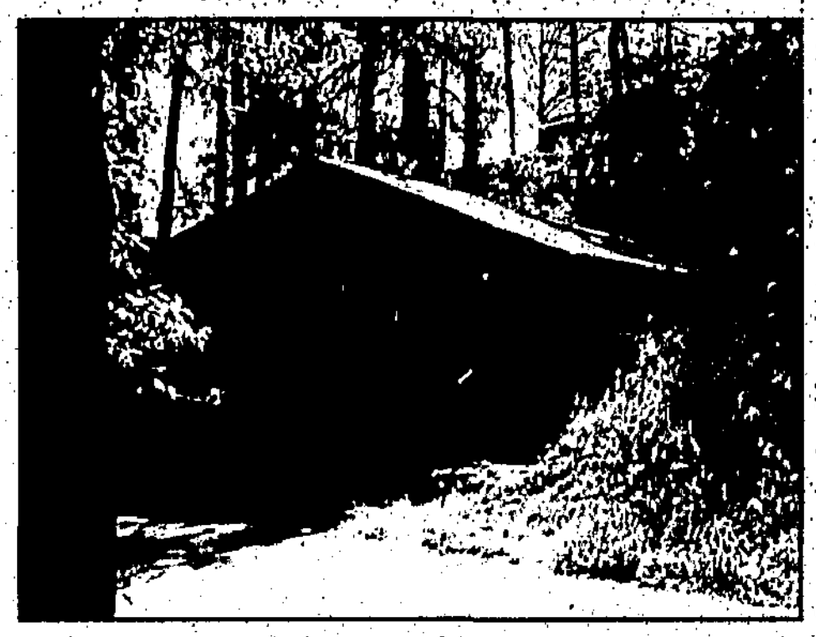

**COZY, WOODED SPOT IN WHITE MT ESTATES** Mostly updated, nice furnishing package, big garage, nice back deck & all 1 level Bonus room downstairs. Gorgeous grass back yard w/soaring trees $234,900. #101411 Call Scott Roser



**SUPER CLEAN 1 LEVEL** In sunny, good neighborhood 3 Br 2 Ba w attached 2 car garage & EZ access too! Fireplace nice treed view & under 200K! #104116 $189,000 Call Scott Roser

**REALLY CUTE CABIN IN THE WOODS!** Rustic hardwood floors, warm up to FP in the winter Street to street lot, tile exterior covered deck, 2 car detached garage $179,900 #103825 Call CENTURY 21 Aspen Real Estate

**MANY OUTSTANDING FEATURES TO TREE-TOP HOME** Blocks from Mechem! Hardiplank siding for low maintenance & discounts on insurance Fully furnished Views of ponderosa pines, valleys & mts. $175,000 #103841 Call Charlotta Stewart



**NICELY DONE CABIN CLOSE TO THE RIO RUIDOSO** One can see & hear the water. Fully furnished. New roof on order. House sits lower than Mechem/Sudderth, so though 1 block off main strts-quiet. Owner/broker $159,900. #104209 Call Charlotta Stewart

**A BEAR-Y WELCOME!** Well kept 3/2 double wide on very level lot w/circular drive. Cozy, comfortable describes this home. Keep pet in dog run & enjoy Ruidoso. Vacation or perm residence. $159,900. #104255 Call Georgia Underwood

**DYNAMITE VIEWS & DARLING HOME** Great room in heart of home. Furnished, country garden. Remodeled & very large master Ba w/separate shower & tub, Healthy forest compliant, picnic area in back. $159,900. #103791 Call Charlotta Stewart

**SUPER CABIN - ON THE RIVER - ZONED C-3** Right in town. 1 Br, 1 Ba, great for rentals or commercial use. Additional 192 sq ft downstairs not heated. Park in front or public parking next door. L/A is related to seller. $155,000. #101622 Call Cindy Parkinson

**ZONED C1 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL** Has been single family residence. Many possible business/home possibilities. Good access, some remodeling completed. Study/den could be extra bedrooms. $151,500. #102092 Call James Paxton

**VERY, VERY CUTE** 2 Br, 1 Ba, cabin with excellent curb appeal. Gorgeous setting in the tall pines. Handy to town, but has a secluded feeling. Large 2nd living area could be 3rd Br. $148,500. #103064 Call Scott Roser

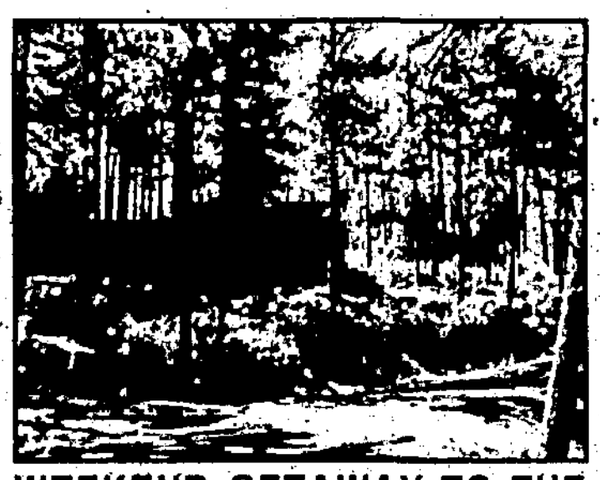
**3/2 SPLIT BEDROOM FLOOR PLAN** Open, vaulted ceilings liv-kit-din area. Private covered deck. Super clean & bright & fresh w/family room. Large master Br & utility rm. $139,900. #101281 Call John Reynolds

**SUPER CLEAN, 3 BR, 2 BA, MFG** Generous 2 car garage w/workshop. Central location, convenient to shopping, walking trail & schools. Level entry & all living area on ground floor. $119,000. #102284 Call CENTURY 21 Aspen Real Estate

**CENTRALLY LOCATED** In the tall pines w/mountain views off the deck. All city utilities w/paved access. Property well kept by local owners. Ceiling fans in every room, storage shed. $118,800. #102702 Call Joseph A. Zagone

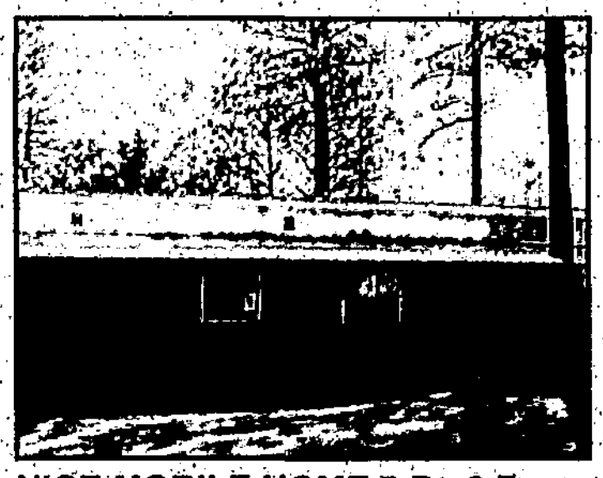
**WARM & COZY** A real mountain cabin, nestled in the tall whispering pines. Exellent location, 2 Br, 2 Ba. $99,999. #101854 Call Team RhinoRose

**SUPER CLEAN 1982 MFG HOME** In a great location. Fenced yard & outstanding decks. 3 Br, 1 3/4 Ba, easy access. Would make a great weekend cabin or a rental. Fully furnished. $75,000. #102259 Call Jerry Ballard



**WEEKEND GETAWAY TO THE MOUNTAINS** 1971 Villa Vista, needs updating. Enjoy reading on the deck. Seller financing w/20% down. $62,000. #103118 Call Georgia Underwood

**1971 MFG BEING SOLD AS IS** Great layout w/2 Br, 1 1/2 Ba. Newer cabinetry in kit & large closet installed. Lot is fantastic w/many options for expanding &/or building. Some furniture. $50,000. #103885 Call Joseph A. Zagone



**NICE MOBILE HOME** 2 Br, 2 Ba on quiet cul-de-sac w/wooded view. Covered & uncovered decks. $49,500. #102498 Call Sharon Wilson

**SIERRA BLANCA & CAPITAN VIEWS** Cul-de-sac in Deer Park Woods Beautiful wood interior soaring ceilings 360 views 2 Master suites w/large Ba & Jacuzzi tubs Professionally landscaped Great wildlife watching $1 079 000 #104107 Call Joseph A Zagone

**OUTSTANDING PREMIER HOME IN ALTO** 3667 Sq ft 3 Br 4 1/2 Ba 2 living areas dining room office or workout room 3 covered decks Stucco w/Gerard roof oversized garage corner lot full golf & close to club house $659 000 #102908 Call Jerry Ballard

**BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM HOME IN DEER PARK WOODS** Gorgeous master suite. 3 studies. huge kitchen Beautifully landscaped World Class Golf $627.000 #101054 Call Joseph A Zagone

**BEAUTIFUL STUCCO, RED TILE ROOF** In Deer Park Woods Sierra Blanca view Non golf membership Lot on Stable Rd w golf membership can be purchased for $29 000 Furniture can be purchased from seller $599 000 #101964 Call Colleen Whitaker

**OUTSTANDING LOCATION IN ALGCC** Close to clubhouse on corner w/good views big trees 3 Br 3 Ba 2 living areas office FP & nice decks Fenced courtyard oversized 3 car garage $499 000 #104273 Call Jerry Ballard

**BEAUTIFUL STUCCO HOME** Tile roof, nice wooded view Full golf membership Furniture can be purchased separately $460 000 #102593 Call Colleen Whitaker

**GORGEOUS MOUNTAIN HOME** Great lot w/lots of privacy Home is like new Open living area looks out at Sierra Blanca Upscale furniture package 3 Br 2 1 2 Ba 2 living areas 2 FPs Paved dr & close to club house full golf $459 000 #103052 Call Jerry Ballard

**SIERRA BLANCA VIEWS** Beautifully treed great FP Pella windows separate baths in master private covered deck Triple car garage Furniture package $425 000 #101896 Call Joseph A Zagone

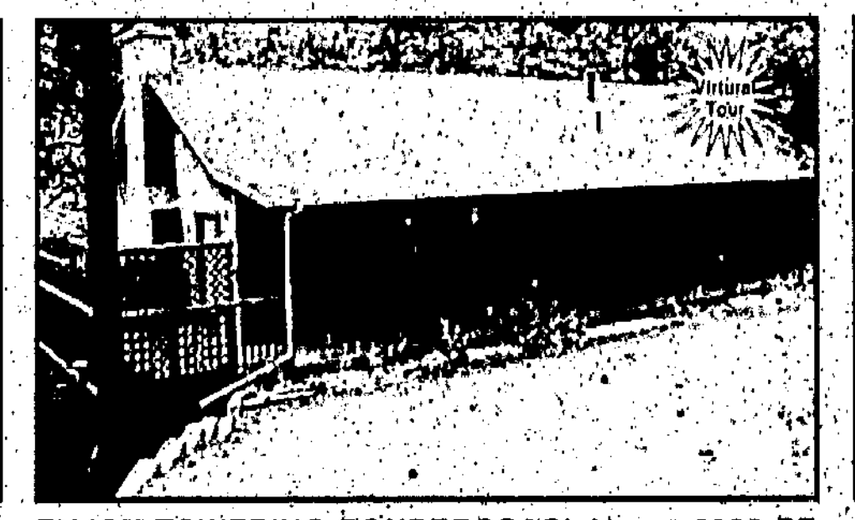
**OPEN KITCHEN, DINING, LIVING AREA FLOOR PLAN** Covered decks off LR master Br & 2nd Br make this home comfortable & private w/Sierra Blanca view Bonus room could be media home office or game room $359 900 #103479 Call John Reynolds

**A VERY COOL MOUNTAIN HOME ON THE 16TH FWY!** Full golf in Alto Almost completely remodeled w granite counter tops in kitchen rustic marble tile & stuccoed exterior Level access & mostly furnished $359 000 #103133 Call Scott Boser

**BEAUTIFUL FULL GOLF MEMBERSHIP HOME** In move in condition Turnkey in every respect Many thoughtful upgrades throughout golf cart garage tile counter tops nearly new carpet & tile flooring Interior & exterior paint in 2006 $344 500 #102607 Call Karen Higgins

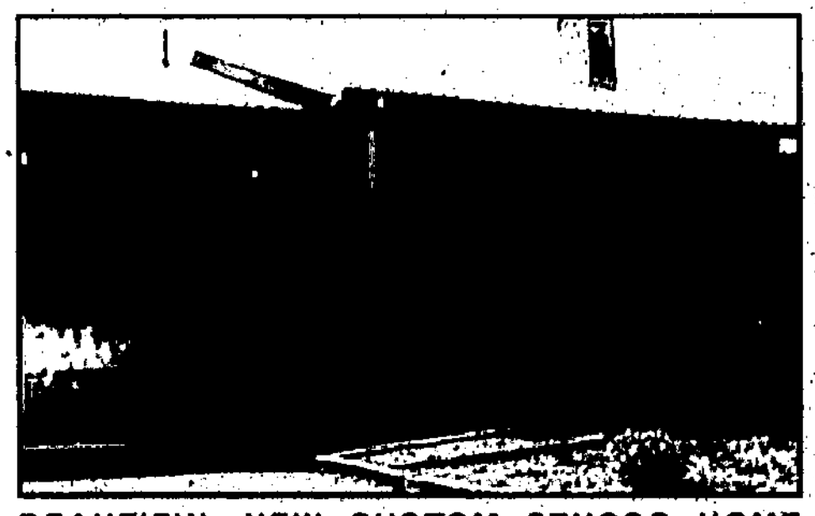
**RELAX & HAVE FUN W/FAMILY & FRIENDS** Wonderful decks of this very nice well kept Alto full golf home Features a cozy bonus room w wet bar & wood burning stove Non-golf lot next door also available $339 000 #102769 Call Jorise Henry

**NICE ALTO** 3 Br, 2 Ba home w/office. Has a full golf membership & is within walking distance to the club house. Has nice decks with views. $335,000 #104136 Call Colleen Whitaker



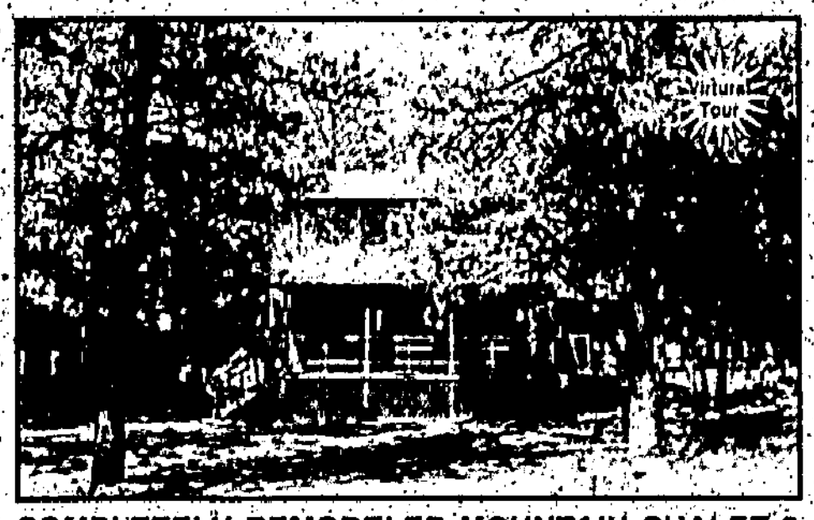

**ENJOY TOWERING PONDEROSAS!** Almost 2000 SF of redwood decks come w/this nicely done home! Interior is full of SW style. 3 Generous bedrooms, 2 large baths, TV room + huge great room! $324,900. #102569 Call Charlotta Stewart

**FULL GOLF, CHALET OVERLOOKING 12TH GREEN** Panoramic views. 4 Br, 3 Ba, open living, kitchen, dining. Great east views. Owner relocating & very motivated. $309,000. #104172 Call Scott Roser



**BEAUTIFUL NEW CUSTOM STUCCO HOME** Features inviting, open great rm w/vaulted ceilings, FP, tile floors, 3 lg Br & 2 Ba. Kit w/granite & stainless steel. 2 covered decks, alarm system. $298,500 #103614 Call CENTURY 21 Aspen Real Estate

**MOUNTAIN CHALET W/FULL GOLF MEMBERSHIP** 3/3, mostly furnished, peaceful setting on 3 lots, 0.96 acre, golf membership, office or workshop area, enjoyable covered deck, loft mstr suite w/deck, cathedral ceilings, floor to ceiling FP. $269,900. #103749 Call John Reynolds




**COMPLETELY REMODELED MOUNTAIN CHALET** 3 Br, 2 Ba, 2 great rooms, 2 FP's, 2 covered decks, over 1800 sq ft, floors are tile, wood laminate & carpet. Master Br on 1st level. Full golf membership. Level lot of 0.29 ac. $269,000. #102847 Call Jerry Ballard

# Homes Outside Ruidoso

**ARCHITECTURAL BEAUTY ON 10 ACRES** High ceilings, beautiful wood windows w/shutters. Luxurious custom features throughout. Horses allowed, includes 5 hook ups with Alto Lakes Water Corp. Multi use. $1,700,000. #16646 Call Colleen Whitaker

**OWNER FINANCING TO QUALIFIED BUYER** 16.9 Acres, 3056 SF main house built in '01, 1300 SF guest house, 3000 SF barn, 1070 SF garage/workshop. 6.5 Ac underground irrigated pasture, 6 1/2 ac of water rights. Perimeter & pasture fencing. $1,550,000. #102759 Call James Paxton

**HORSE PROPERTY & LOG HOME** Great combo. Vinyl fenced w/barn & 12 stalls, tack room & corrals. Home features courtyard & 2 FP's, open L/R & kitchen. Split floor plan & office. $999,950. #104100 Call Georgia Underwood

**RUSTIC ELEGANCE,** Established B & B or executive home. 6 Br, 6 1/2 Ba & 6 FP's. Reminiscent of the grand lodges in the 1900's. Overlooks Sierra Blanca, Capitans and Carrizo Mts. $979,900 #103655 Call Jerry Ballard

**A BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM 4 BR HOME** On Little Creek. Master Br on 1st level, extra large living room, fenced lot w/huge pines & easy access. $625,000. #101111 Call Harvey Foster

**REMARKABLE HOME** Features a large master suite, studio/office, commercial kitchen, climate controlled hot tub room & antique fixtures. 3.6 Ac w/horses allowed. Light commercial allowed. $595,000. #101380 Call Joseph A. Zagone

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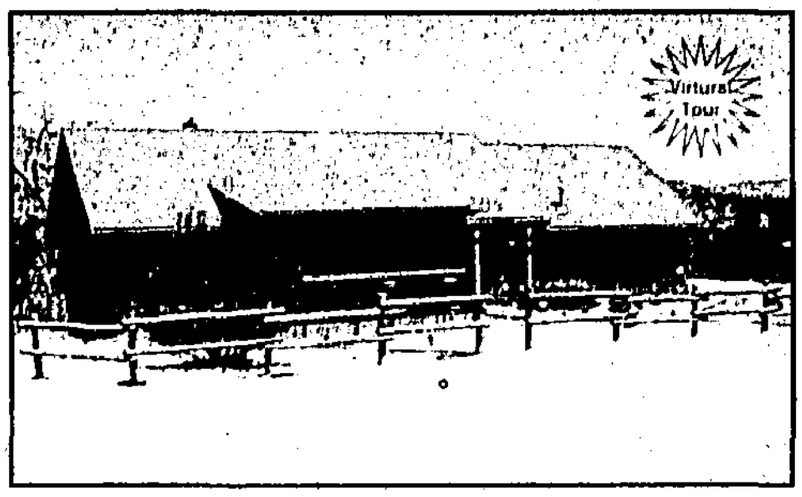
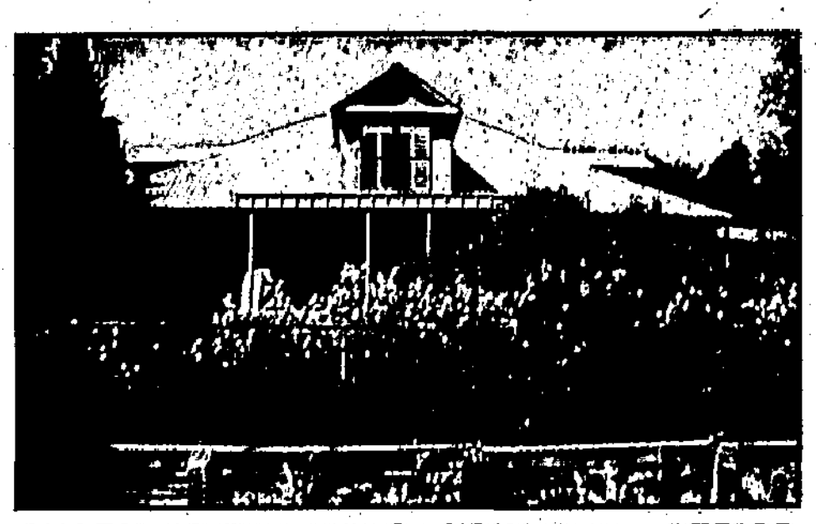
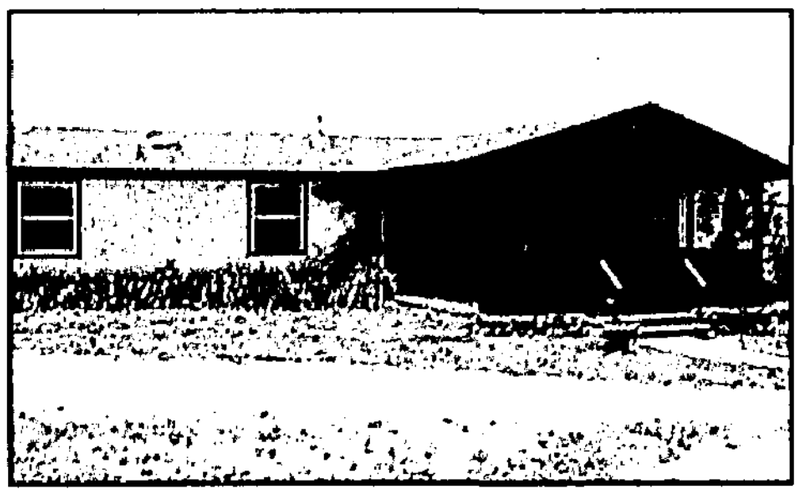
**BEAUTIFUL SETTING ON OVER 4 ACRES.** Easy access, comm water & nat gas. 40x36 horse barn w/4 stalls, feed & tack room + 1/2 Ba 2 Car garage, storage/workshop House totally remodeled, hot tub/spa $499 500 #103490 Call Harvey Foster



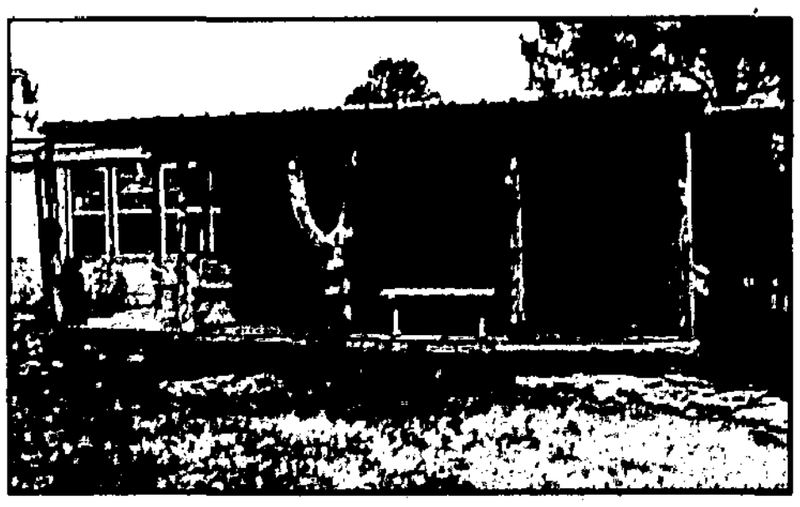

**BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM HOME ON 5 ACRES** Ranches of Sonterra, home on the Bonito River. Exceptional acreage, all usable horse property Open your doors to the river, big sun room, 900 SF studio, workshop & oversized garage $479,000 #102922 Call Cindy Parkinson



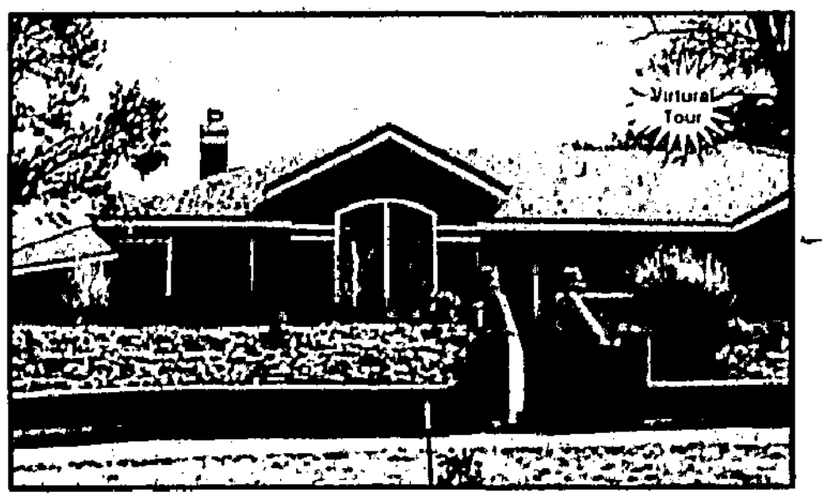
**CHARM OF THE 1900'S TERRITORIAL PERIOD** 1900 Adobe home. Remodeled, but retains the old world flavor. Originally a hotel for miners. Tile floors, tin ceilings, small barn, bunkhouse, shop & 2 wells. $449,000 #103811 Call Harvey Foster



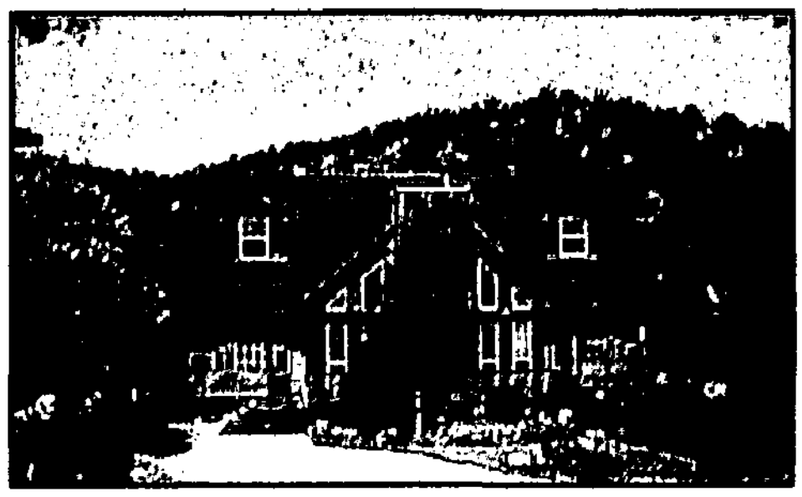
**BEAUTIFUL LAND & HORSE FACILITY** 2 Br Mfg home on 41 acres 15 Stall barn walker 2 corrals 340x130 ft arena All useable land all fenced & fantastic views New roof & septic leach lines $429 900 #103587 Call Cindy Parkinson



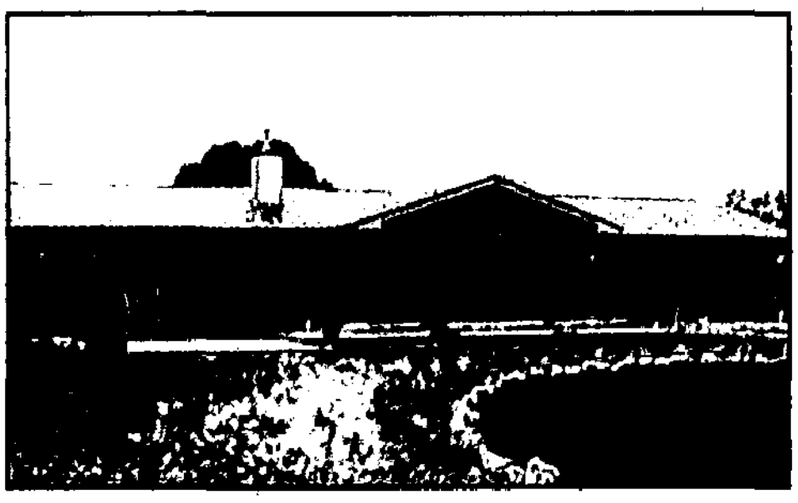
**COUNTRY LIVING** Raise chickens, have cattle or horses, love gardening Main house Cavco 32x76 2 bldg sites ready Great well w/63 GPM Barn & shed Part of Runnels Ranch $399 900 #17327 Call Georgia Underwood




**SOUTHWESTERN DELIGHT!** Gorgeous 4 yr old, 4 Br + office, 3 Ba, custom home Sunny warm location w/year round access, new subdivision Custom cabinets, granite counters, Saltillo tile patios $399,000 #102427 Call Joseph A Zagone



**PEACEFUL SETTING** Log sided home in Ranches of Sonterra on 5 ac 3/3 w/office, den & basement bonus room Vaulted ceilings w/cactus pine accented interior Lots of deck area $354 900 #104245 Call John Reynolds

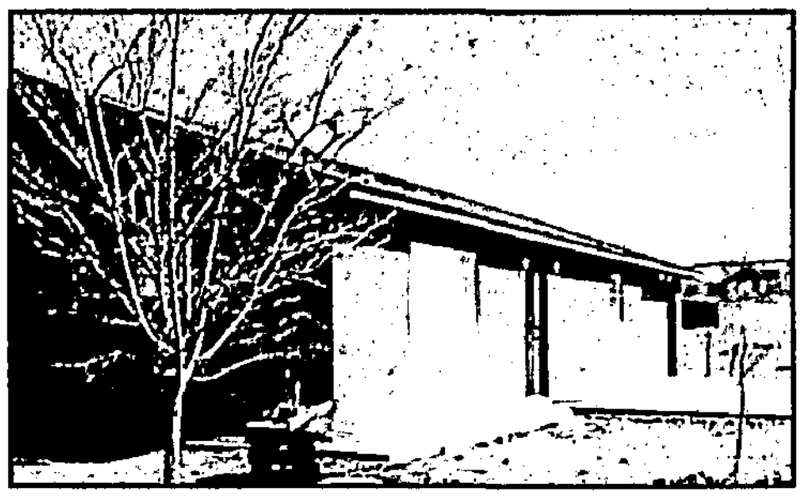


**COUNTRY LIVING @ ITS FINEST** Beautiful landscape Enjoy 2 back patios Remodeled last 2 yrs Greenhouse for growing your favorites Perfect getaway on 1 18 ac Self sustaining property $319 500 #103747 Call Georgia Underwood

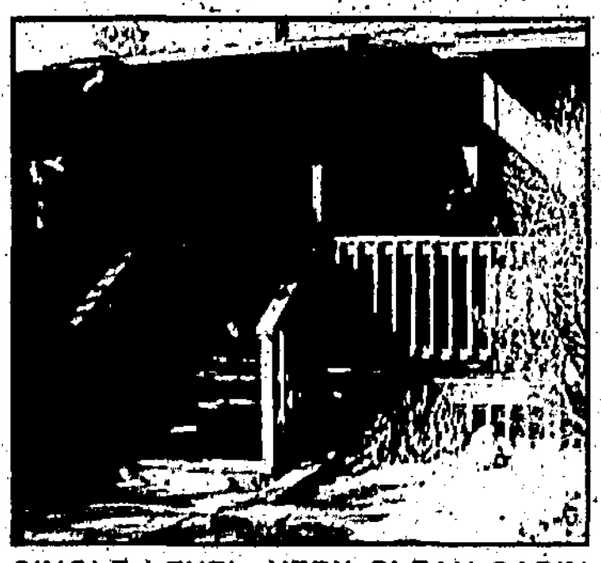
**WOW! VIEW!** It's country, peaceful & serene Newer home, fully furnished w/extra large garage $269,000 #103750 Call Georgia Underwood

**COUNTRY HOME ON 5 ACRES** 3 Br, 2 Ba w/wonderful country flair Great views & land 20 min from town 38'x41' building houses the barn dbl garage & workshop $250 000 #101654 Call Charlotta Stewart

**ENJOY COMPLETE WALLED PRIVACY** In this 1930 restored adobe in historic downtown Capitan Used to be a B&B Hometown parades, rodeos, farmers market & more Lg heated dog kennel, efficiency apt $235 000 #104055 Call Sandra Scarborough

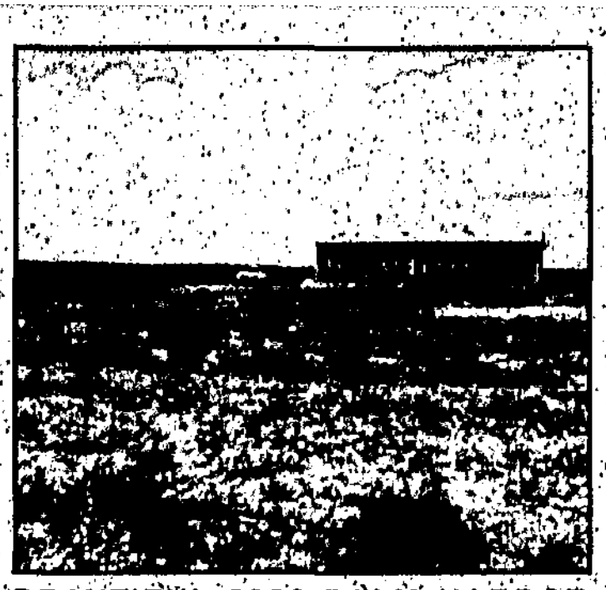


**GREAT HORSE PROPERTY** 10 Acres, nice 2/1 stucco home Beautiful views $219,500 #102265 Call CENTURY 21 Aspen Real Estate



**SINGLE LEVEL, VERY CLEAN CABIN** Newer decks & metal roof. Easy access & circular dr on large lot. Perfect permanent home or equally nice weekender. $215,000. #104257 Call Frank Reed

**TRADITIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN, HOGAN STYLE HOME** Logs harvested from The Mescalero Reservation. From the east facing entrance door to the large Kiva FP everything about this home chants beauty & history. $189,000. #103815 Call Charlotta Stewart



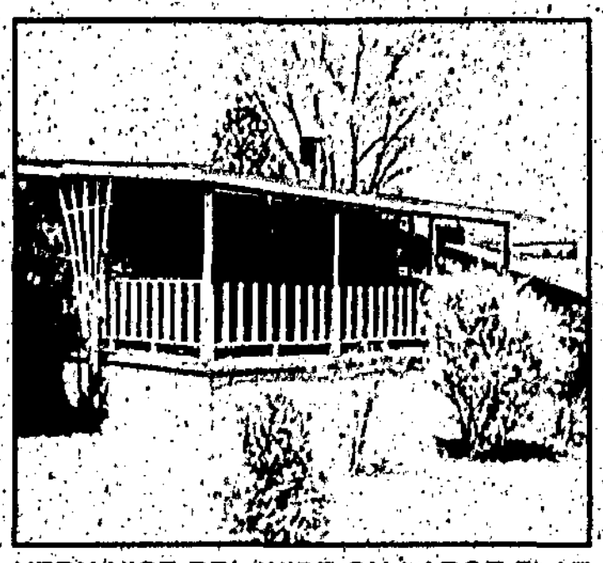
**BEAUTIFUL 2006 PALM HARBOR** Permanent foundation, 30 acres for peaceful living. Hot tub, decks, 2,000 gal water tank, wood burning FP, covered front porch under construction, garage pad. $179,000. #103054 Call Karen Higgins

**GREAT 4+ ACRES W/JUNIPER TREES** Country living, small home. 1/1. Completely fenced. Llamas next door. Well installed & 2 septics installed & permitted. $175,000. #101221 Call Georgia Underwood

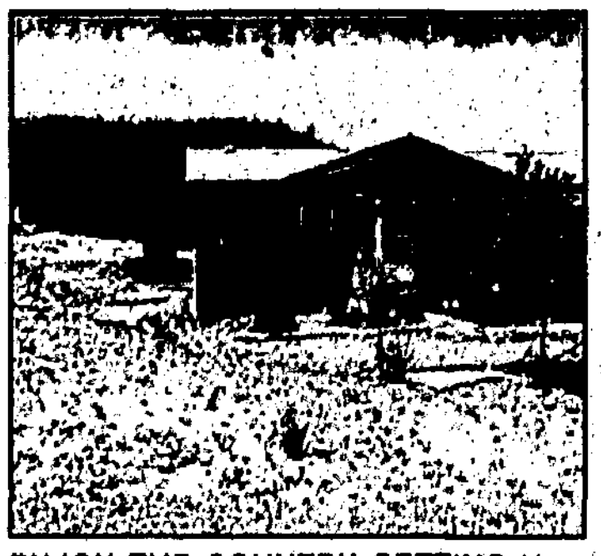
**NICE MOUNTAIN VIEWS** New paint, new carpet, metal roof w/seamless gutters on this 3/2 on over 1/2 acre. Front patio, back deck, fenced pet yard & a separate studio/workshop on 2nd elec box. $142,500. #104199 Call Sandra Scarborough

**SOLID DOUBLE WIDE ON BIG CORNER LOT** Ready for you & your horses. Corral & fencing in place. Home has large den w/ FP. 2 Carports, fenced front yard, RV pad & workshop. Fantastic views of Sierra Blanca. $135,000. #103134 Call Frank Higgins

**GREAT LITTLE MT CABIN IN THE WOODS** Super Sierra Blanca view, large level lot w/great trees. Granite counter tops & remodeled bath. Needs a little work on the decks. Shake shingles on roof & sides. $123,500. #103507 Call Harvey Foster



**VERY NICE DBL WIDE ON LARGE FLAT LOT** In Ruidoso Downs. Single attached garage. Nice rock FP. Possible owner financing. 3 Br, 2 Ba, nice covered porch. $115,000. #102605 Call Karen Higgins



**ENJOY THE COUNTRY SETTING** Very efficient 3/2 w/all utilities. Mostly level lot w/easy access. $104,900. #103150 Call Georgia Underwood

**REMODELED HOME** New plumbing & electrical, all city utilities. All tile & wood floors, big kitchen w/new cabinets. Big master Ba w/separate shower & tub. Lilacs bloom beautifully bordering this property. $98,885. #102332 Call Joseph A. Zagone

**MANUFACTURED HOME - IN GOOD CONDITION** 2 Neat lots almost an acre (0.90) with lots of nice trees. One of the nicest lots in the area, furnished, picnic table, large deck, Venetian blinds. $85,900. #104212 Call Joseph A. Zagone

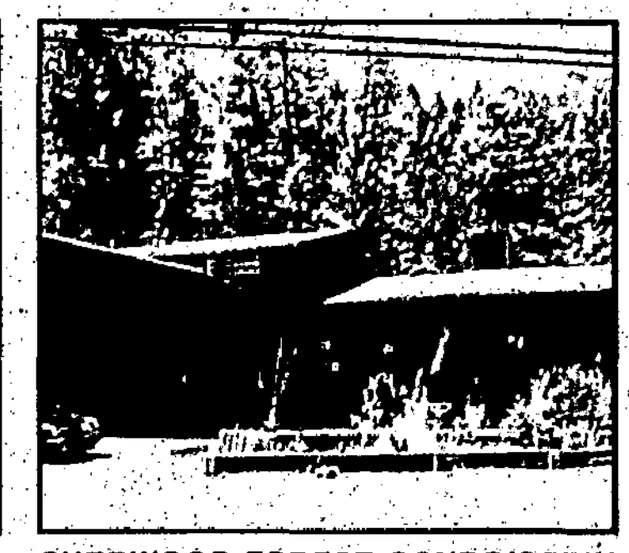
**BEAUTIFUL 2 ACRES, TALL PINES** 2 Mobiles & shop & barn. Neat country hide-out. In good condition, permanent or vacation property. Good well. Trade for pick up or motor home. Priced below appraisal. $79,900. #102462 Call Joseph A. Zagone

## Condos and Townhomes

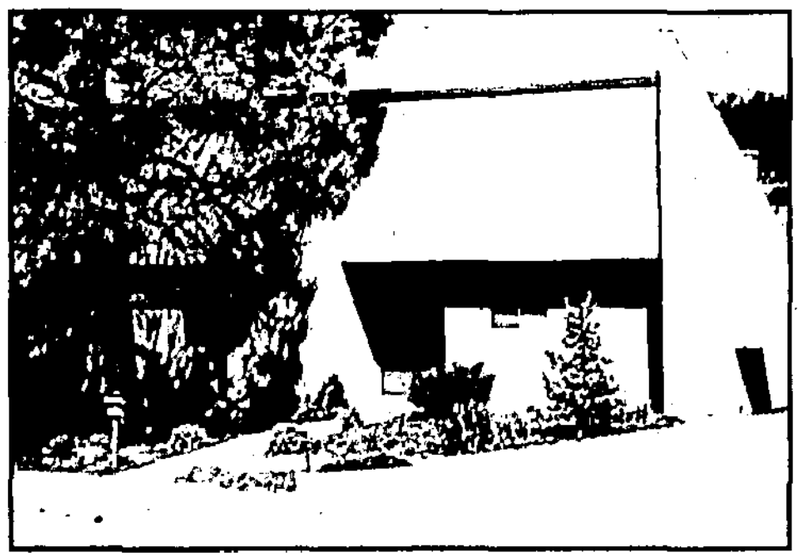
**VERY NICELY MAINTAINED END CONDO** New carpet, large living room with Sierra Blanca view. Open kitchen. 1 Br on main floor. 3 Brs upstairs, large master Br with great Sierra Blanca view. $299,900. #104178 Call Harvey Foster

**VERY NICE CONDO** On the golf course in Alto. New carpet, tile, paint & appliances. Full golf membership, one level. $270,000. #102911 Call Colleen Whitaker

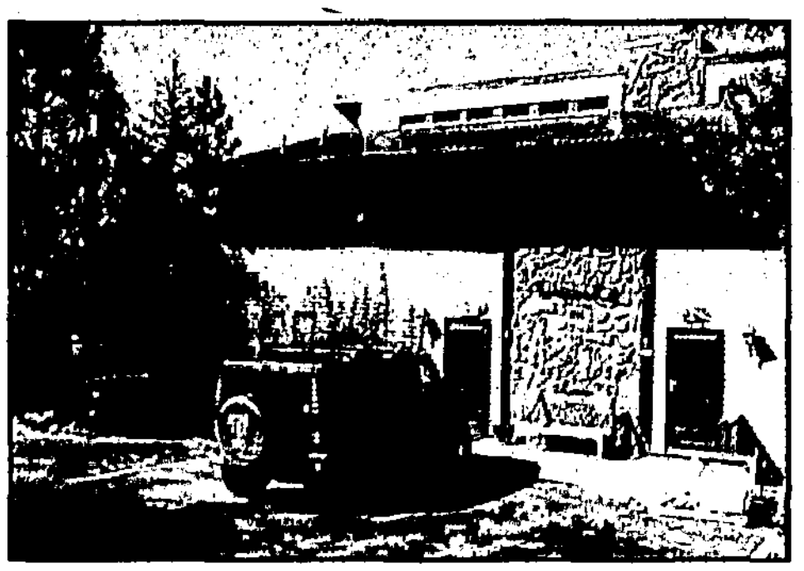
**BEAUTIFUL CONDO IN PINON PARK** Remodeled, full of antiques that are negotiable. Wood floors, FP, decks, sun room, interior deisgner paint throughout. Hot tub, 2 car garage, Sierra Blanca views. $259,900. #103221 Call Cindy Parkinson



**SHERWOOD FOREST CONDO/CABIN RENTAL BUSINESS** Across from Rio Ruidoso. 4 Br, 2.5 Ba condo/cabin. Rights to Sherwood Forest Cabin rental business included. Experienced lodging operators only. Owner/Broker $249,500. #103216 Call Scott Roser



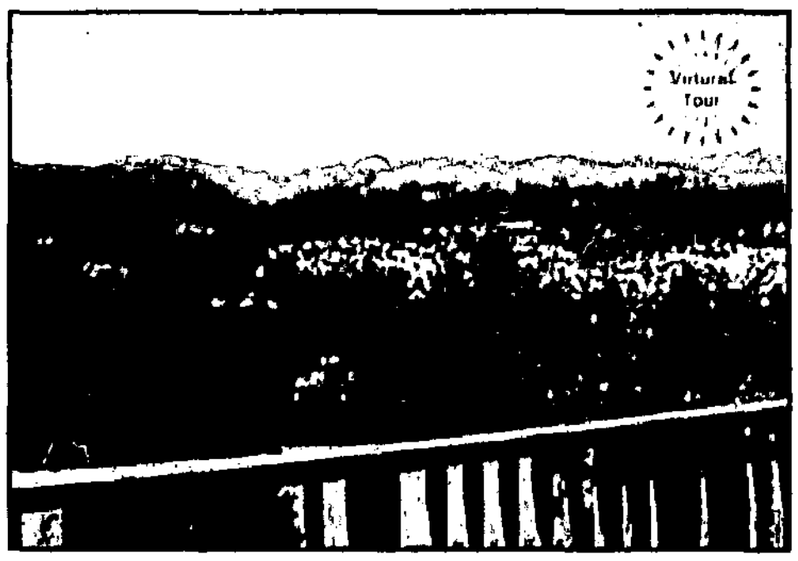
**COMFORTABLE CONDO** Located on 18th Fairway at Cree Meadows. Excellent view of Sierra Blanca & golf course. Fresh paint throughout & wood flooring in bath rooms & kitchen. $230,000. #102909 Call Team RhinoRose



**FULL VIEW OF SIERRA BLANCA** This condo has large gameroom w/pool tables. Den w/FP. 3 Br. 2 Ba + 2 (1/2) Ba. Open kitchen, breakfast bar, ceiling fans, fully furnished. $222,000. #101537 Call CENTURY 21 Aspen Real Estate

**VERY NICE CONDO IN LOOKOUT ESTATES** All remodeled. 3 Br. 3 1/2 Ba. fireplace, fully furnished. Excellent rental history. Beautiful views of Sierra Blanca. $220,000. #102476 Call Cindy Parkinson

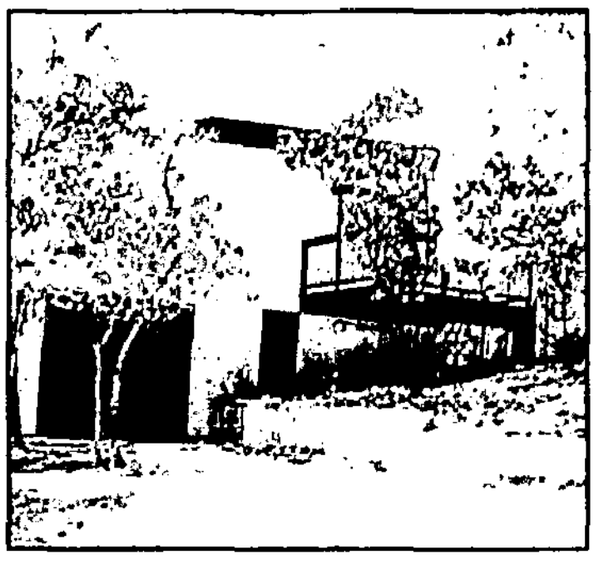
**REMODELED, LIKE NEW UNIT** 3 Br. 2 Ba. FP w/view of Sierra Blanca. Wood tile flooring & level access. Would make an excellant weekend retreat or rental. Full golf, for two units priced at $219,000 each. #102254 Call Jerry Ballard




**BREATHTAKING VIEWS** Choose from 3 different condos ranging from $179,900 to $198,900. Great for a rental or a full time residence. Game room w/wet bar. The views are spectacular! Units I6, H6 and K2 - #16227, #16221 & #16226. Call John Reynolds

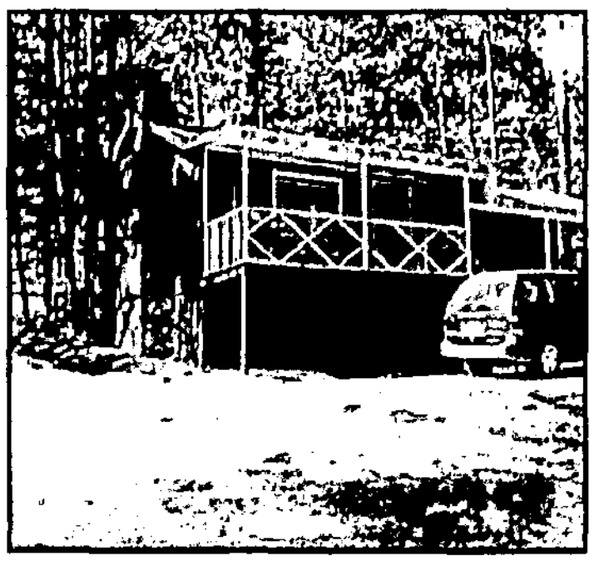
**TOP NOTCH VIEWS** Along w/easy access make this end unit a keeper! Well kept condo unit comes fully furnished w/above standard furnishings. $185,000. #102001 Call Team RhinoRose

**GREAT LAYOUT W/LOTS OF OPTIONS** In an easy access location. Garden like setting in the pines. 3 covered decks, 2 FP's, 3/4 Br., wet bar, garage. Well kept, low assoc. fees. Perfect full time or vacation. $184,900. #104058 Call John Reynolds



**NICE 3 BR. 3 BA** Fully furnished, 1 level condo near the clubhouse of Alto Mountain Village. $180,000. #101992 Call Colleen Whitaker

**VERY NICELY FURNISHED & DECORATED CONDO** 4 Br. 2 3/4 Ba. new deck work completed, new exterior paint is scheduled. Amenities include swimming pool & tennis courts. $165,000. #102381 Call Joyce Cox

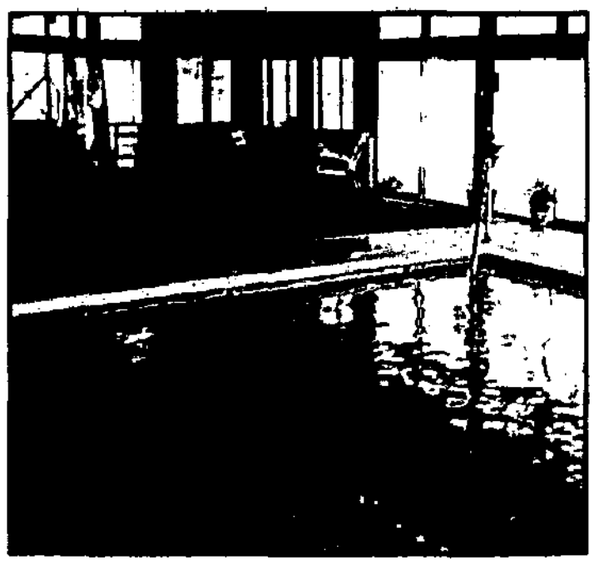


**SEE THE RIVER FROM THIS CONDO/CABIN** Almost completely remodeled w/new kitchen, bath, flooring & tonque & groove cactus pine ceilings. 40 Yrs. on nightly rental history. Owner/Broker. $119,500. #103184 Call Scott Roser

**GREAT LITTLE MONEY MAKER IN UPPER CANYON** Across rd. from Rio Ruidoso. Access to indoor heated pool & spa & nightly rental business. Owner Broker. $99,500. #103567 Call Scott Roser

**EXCELLENT BUY IN MID-TOWN** 3 Br. 2 Ba condo w/loft in Mid-town. Newer metal roof, new redwood deck w/great mt. views. Needs a little TLC. Bring your investors or buyers for a small project. $74,900. #103494 Call CENTURY 21 Aspen Real Estate

**VERY NICE!** Condo in Carrizo Lodge Condos. 2 Br. 1 Ba on the bottom level & on the end at that! New carpet, unfurnished. $58,000. #103767 Call Cindy Parkinson



**CONDO IN UPPER CANYON** Gas log FP, tiled bath, full kitchen w/hickory cabinet & vaulted ceiling, very nice. Across Main Rd from Rio Ruidoso. Down deck from heated indoor pool & spa. Owner Broker. $89,500. #104213 Call Scott Roser

# RIVER CROSSING

## *Contemporary living in the heart of Ruidoso!*

Each condominium residence at the River Crossing of Ruidoso is equipped with all of the necessities of fine living from the Thermador stainless steel appliances and Brazilian granite countertops to the gas fireplaces and private balconies. The location of the River Crossing is simply perfect: within walking distance to Mid-town, minutes from horse racing, and minutes to the ski slopes!

Additional amenities at River Crossing and added comfort of ownership is the garage parking, elevator access, community activity room, trash chutes on each floor & mail delivery to each condominium! These competitively priced homes are open for tours daily!

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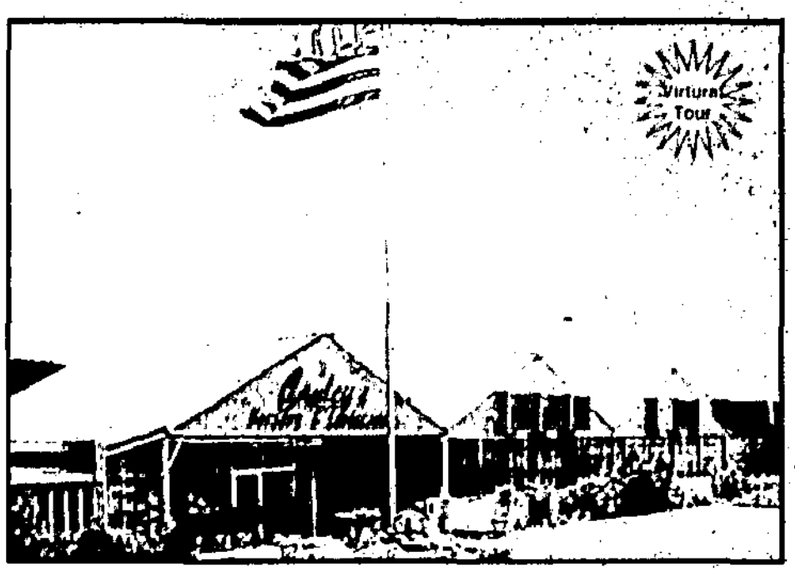
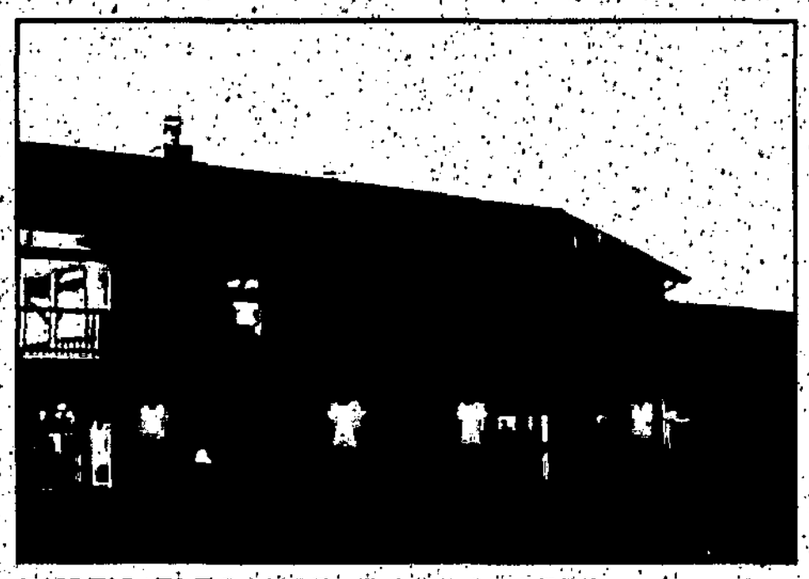
# Commercial



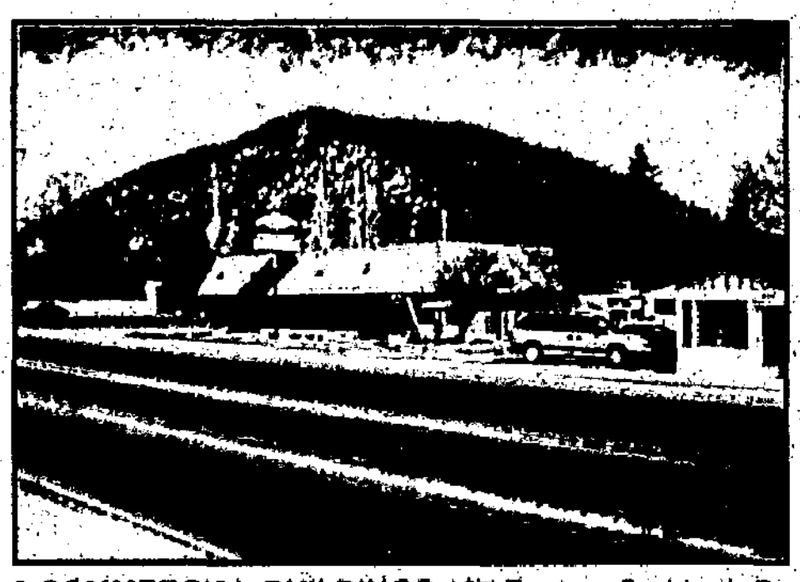

**RETAIL GARDEN CENTER** & commerical nursery w/landscaping dept Two Nexus Vail green houses, 10,000 Sq Ft, state of the art computer controlled Plant inventory, equip & F&F $1,300,000 #97089 Call James Paxton

**BUSY MID-TOWN / COMMERCIAL PROPERTY** 4,000 +/- SF, Two story, 4 dining areas, PRIME Mid-Town location for restaurant or retail. Approx 0.3 Acres. Building and land only, business not included. Lots 2A, 3, 4 & 5. $995,000. #18452. Call John Reynolds



**RUSTIC ELEGANCE**, Established B&B or executive home. 6 Br, 6 1/2 Ba, 6 FP's. Reminiscent of the grand lodges in the 1900's. Overlooks Sierra Blanca, Capitans & Carrizozo Mts. $979,900. #103656 Call Jerry Ballard

**BIG SQUARE FOOTAGE / COMMERCIAL LAND & BUILDING** Large sf for the price in great location, right before Upper Canyon New heating & A/C installed 2002, remodeled offices, large garage & delivery area Owner/Broker $695,000 #103420 Call John Reynolds



**3 COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS** 167 Feet on Sudderth Dr at the Sudderth Dr & Mescalero Trail traffic light. Good off street parking, 2 lots go street to street. High visibility & traffic location. $569,000. #102478 Call James Paxton

**150 FEET SUDDERTH FRONTAGE** Just east of Cattle Baron, 2 buildings, 1967 sq ft office/apt. Separate 590 sq ft bldg leased to Burger Trolley. Great commercial location. All city utilities. $445,000 #14864 Call James Paxton.

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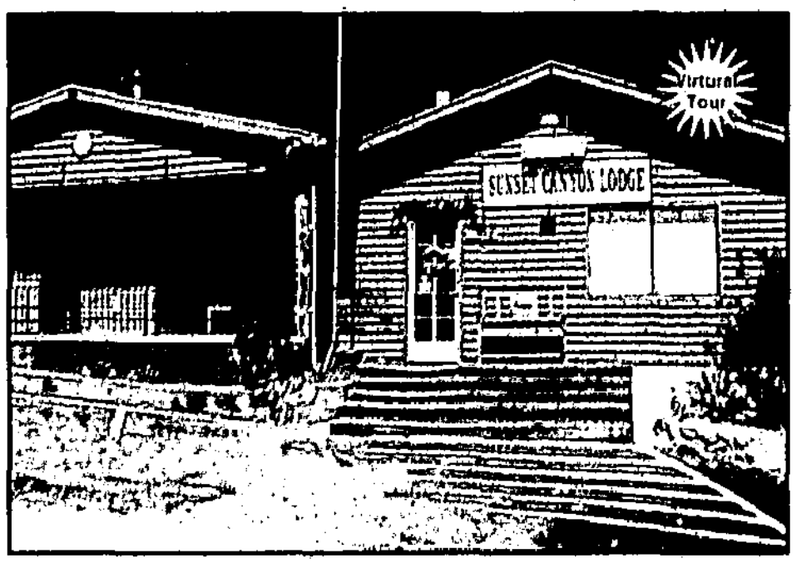
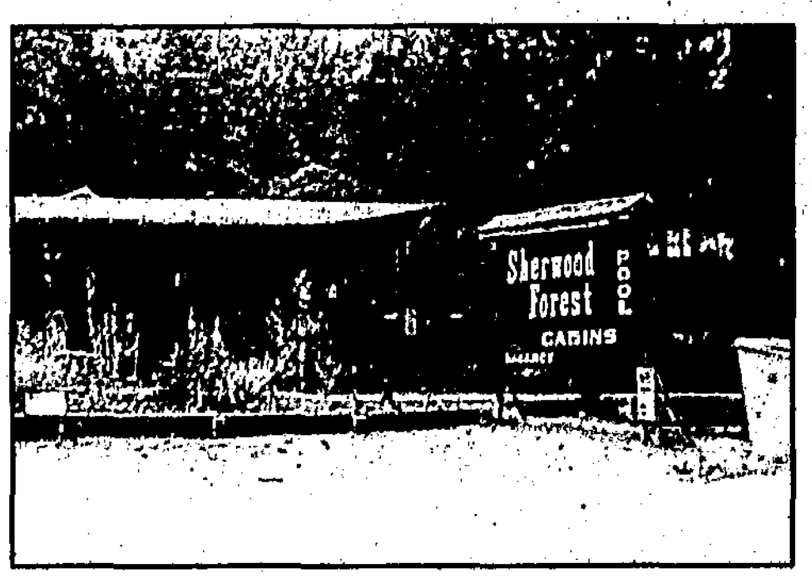


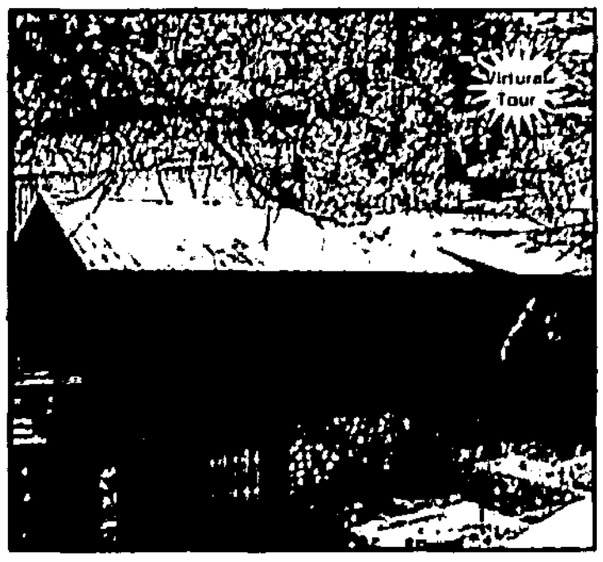

**SUPER 7 ROOM LODGE OR B&B + LIVING QTRS** Up dated hot tub log siding 1 Br 1 Ba w/FP s + studios & fully furnished Prime location across from River Crossing Zoned C 2 commercial $369 000 #102861 Call Cindy Parkinson

**GREAT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY** Bus. UPS. Western Union & more Apt w/bathroom. 1 or 2 bedrooms. kitchen Could be rental or office Bus station has 2 bathrooms & vending $299,999 #102678 Call Georgia Underwood




**CONDO/CABIN W/A JOB** Experienced operators only please for this 4 Br. 3 Ba condo/cabin that comes w/a nightly rental business Indoor heated pool & spa, gorgeous setting in Upper Canyon across Main Rd from Rio Ruidoso Owner/Broker $249,500 #103368 Call Scott Roser

**PRIME REAL ESTATE** 4 Small cabins newly painted & remodeled renting $400 per mo each in Mid Town great location Sierra Blanca views all city utilities L A related to owner $159 000 #100033 Call Cindy Parkinson




**SUPER CABIN - ON THE RIVER - ZONED C-3** Right in town 1 Br 1 Ba great for rentals or commercial use Additional 192 sq ft downstairs not heated Park in front or public parking next door L A is related to seller $155 000 #101622 Call Cindy Parkinson

**ESTABLISHED RECOGNIZED BUSINESS** Completely equipped laundry & dry cleaning business Includes all equipment Turn key operation Sales info available to qualified buyers Seller will lease bldg to buyer $150 000 #103928 Call James Paxton

**GOOD COMMERCIAL PROPERTY** Price Reduced! Great visibility on Hwy 70. 3 RV spaces plumbed along w/office & storage $100 000 #100188 Call Team RhinoRose

# Acreage

**APPROX 28 ACRES** 14 Acres on the Rio Ruidoso approx 260 frontage 14 acres upslope on north side of Hwy 70 to 7 Acres water rights $229 900 #101284 Call John Reynolds

**RARE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO LINCOLN** on Bonito River Over 17 5 acres w water rights divided into 2 tracts many bldg sites mostly level $399 000 #101087 Call Jerry Ballard

**BEAUTIFUL LAND OUTSIDE CAPITAN** Private, nat'l forest surrounding 4 tracts 40+ Acres power & phone there Easy access to meadows & trees Additional 175 acres on Tr 6 also available Tr 1,3,5 - $105 000 ea & Tr 6 $375 000 #102887 Call Cindy Parkinson

**PEACEFUL PINON PARADISE!** 20 Acre parcel chock full of mt country living Pristine views of gorgeous Lincoln Co 10 Min to Capitan 20 min to Ruidoso! $185 000 #103438 Call Charlotta Stewart

**VIEW OF NOGAL PEAK & SACRAMENTO MTS** Over 10 ac w lots of building sites 1200 Sq ft building requirements Horses & horse facilities allowed Zoned for a B&B 600 from USFS land $149 900 #103269 Call Jerry Ballard

**BEAUTIFUL WOODED TRACT OF LAND** At top of Alto Crest Hill 50 Easement rd through property Seller in process of annexing to city for city water access Beautiful views! $149,500 #102494 Call Harvey Foster

**BEAUTIFUL 283 ACRES IN ARABELA** 2 Separate tracts being sold together. Elec & phone there. Super views of the Capitans, very private property. $149,000.#102069 Call Cindy Parkinson

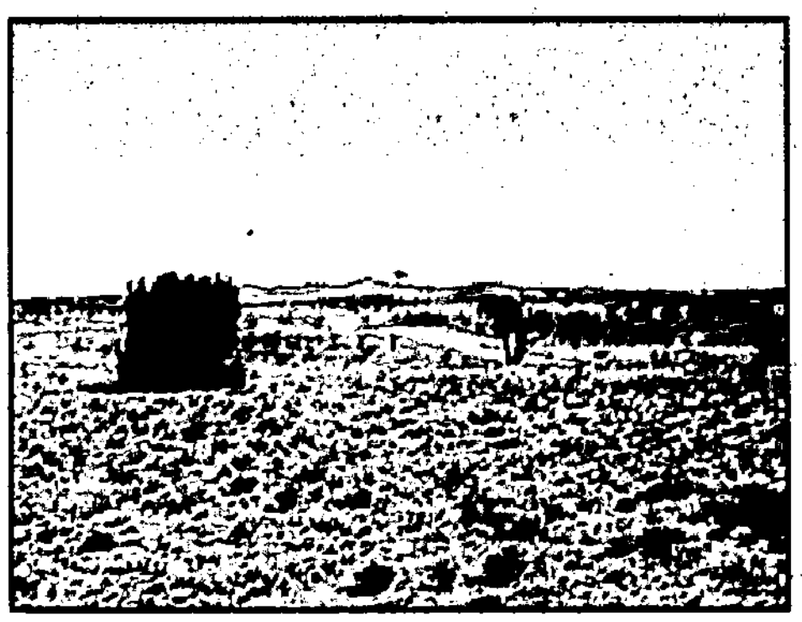
**2 BEAUTIFUL TRACTS OF LAND IN ARABELA** Super Capitan Mt views. Very usable property. Elec & phone to property. Sold together or separate. Tr 5 also available & all 3 tracts total 30 acres, $102,000. #102933 Call Cindy Parkinson

**GENTLEMAN'S MINI RANCH** at this Heritage Reserve private upper scale development w/wildlife, pinon, juniper & scrub oak, panoramic views. Fish at the private lake or explore for southwest treasures. $99,000. #103294 Call Cindy Parkinson

**MINI-RANCH IN THE HONDO VALLEY** Over 21 acres 2 miles off highway on a good road. Horses & livestock permitted, new homes in area. Good restrictions, quiet & secluded. Pretty area. $89,500. #102897 Call Joyce W. Cox

**BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAIN ACREAGE** 7 Acres, elk trail, end of cul-de-sac location. Paved access & choice of building sites for mountain views. $74,900. #103652 Call Joseph A. Zagone

**10 BEAUTIFUL ACRES** Views of the Capitans, easy access, flat, elec to property & 1/2 of mineral rights to transfer to buyer. Owner/Broker. $51,500. #101061 Call Cindy Parkinson



**MAJESTIC VIEWS OF SIERRA BLANCA** And Sacramento Mts, these 40 acres are the perfect place for your weekend getaway or retirement home. Being offered w/easy & affordable owner financing. $49,500. #18887 Call Jorise Henry

**UPPER CANYON ACREAGE** For $47,000. One can purchase this 2.81 beautifully wooded acres with so many possibilities! This one needs to be hiked to really see it! $47,000. #101176 Call Charlotta Stewart

**ACREAGE NEAR TOWN!** 5 Acre tract, all utilities there, except septic & can have horses. $30,000.#10935 Call Cindy Parkinson

**THE PREMIUM VIEW LOTS IN ALL OF ALTO**
1.67 Acres level at st front down sloping in back & views from every inch of the property Recreational membership offer tennis swimming dining & club house privileges $550,000 #100189

**LOOKING FOR COMMERCIAL LOT ON SUDDERTH?**
Corner of Sudderth & Carrizo Cyn has a location for your business Lots of traffic Between Pizza Hut & FunTrackers $475,000 #101226

**PRIME COMMERCIAL PROPERTY**
Super commercial site for retail All permits & architect plans included in sale for 2 story retail bldg Call office for plans $322,000 # 17966

**BEAUTIFUL LAND IN ARABELA**
Brand new subdivision 5 Tracts ranging from 17 ac to 37 ac (150 ac total) Power to property Capitan views seasonal creek Terrific home sites & perfect for horses $78,000 to $299,000 #103639

**2.98 ACRES IN ALTO**
Large trees fantastic 360 degree views full golf membership THE Deer Park Woods location for a magnificent home! $250,000 #72029

**VIEWS FROM SIERRA BLANCA TO THE CAPITANS**
2 Lots together 168 69 2 acres Fabulous lot w panoramic views Beautiful meadow allows great access & cul de sac privacy Recreational membership $250,000 #103923

**NEW SUBDIVISION**
12 Lots horses allowed forest land access shared well & underground utilities installed Septic approved Best location for your new home $89,900 to $232,900 #100759

**BEAUTIFUL PREMIER FAIRWAY GOLF LOT**
Located on #12 signature T Box Great views of Capitan Mts Sierra Blanca & Spencer Theater Great trees Lot has been thinned & cleared showing natural bldg pad $219,000 #101855

**GORGEOUS RIVER FRONTAGE**
Close to Mid-Town 5 1/2 + lots over parcel sell individually or all together All city utilities Owner contractor will consider a partner for build to suit $198,500 #104135

**FOUR BUILDABLE LOTS**
In Mountain View Estates with good building sites Lot 6 0.372 ac Lot 7 0.364 ac Lot 8 0.600 ac Lot 36a 0.447 ac All have roughed in drives $180,000 #104150

**TWO LOTS W/VIEWS OF SIERRA BLANCA**
Quick location to town Lots front on Tank Rd & Grove Dr Several good building sites Might consider selling one lot or owner financing $[illegible] #103666

**PRIVATE LOCATION**
Big big view of Sierra Blanca Access from Gavilar & Broken Arrow Tr Large level bldg site 100 ft from Gavilar Rd All city utilities including sewer $169,000 #101765

**3 AWESOME ACRES ONLY 10 MIN FROM TOWN**
Very flat no restrictions for stick built home city & 1800 sf minimum RV allowed to be stored max 2 horses allowed Well estimated 5 gpm 09/07 $165,000 #101478

**BEAUTIFUL, LEVEL, TREED & SECLUDED**
Just awesome 3 1/2 acres! Has recorded roadway easement onto Mesita Nice restrictions 1800 sf stick built home only Max horse restrictions 2 $155,000 #103081

**GREAT FAIRWAY LOT (14TH)**
Full golf membership Sierra Blanca view large pines & on the golf course $150,000 #100135

**GREAT LOT ADJACENT TO RAINMAKERS**
All utilities are in elec gas & water (underground) Views of the mountains pad constructed & lots of privacy $149,900 # 104036

**BIG SIERRA BLANCA VIEWS**
8+ Acres in 5 lots City sewer may be available Adjoins nat'l forest tall pines & pinon $149,000 #103426

**BEAUTIFUL PINES ON THIS VERY LEVEL LAND**
A grassy parcel of land only 10 minutes from town Rare beauty! Nice restrictions allow for 1800 sf site built home & max 2 horses RV allowed for storage $145,000 #103079

**CORNER LOT**
On Deer Park Dr Alto golf membership of course level location easy build $144,900 #100289

**INCREDIBLE VIEWS**
Of the Capitans Nogal Peak & the valley Very private w many building sites Access road on property Forest specifications compliant $144,900 #100845

**GREAT LOT**
Super views of Sierra Blanca in front & valley & forest in back Gorgeous homes in this area All city utilities! Great location Owner financing offered Owner Broker $139,900 #17605

**ELEVEN ACRES!**
Many good bldg sites w lots of level useable acreage Southern exposure nice trees to enjoy $139,900 #102648 & #102649

**#3 GREEN IN YOUR BACK YARD**
Walk to the club house full golf & extremely buildable on this 1.3 ac lot $135,000 #103890

**WONDERFUL WESTERN SETTING**
Rolling hills 37.814 acres partially fenced good level rd original developer Good place for your horses Several new homes in area Owner financing possible $126,000 #101800

**UPPER CANYON LOTS**
Lots 310 312 314 Tall pines great sun wonderful valley views Walk into the forest for miles or down to Ruidoso River to catch trout Sell separately or all together $120,000 #103021

**SPECTACULAR VIEW ACREAGE** 6.3 AC
Big views of Sierra Blanca Capitans & Spencer Theater Easy access lots of usable bldg sites South facing & at end of cul-de-sac Excellent property for horse owners $119,500 #102224

**BIG SIERRA BLANCA VIEW**
View of Bonito Creek Beautiful acreage in Sonterra Good building site all you asked for including Rio Bonito frontage 2 Horses allowed access to lake & park $119,500 #103200

**BEAUTIFUL ACREAGE**
In heavily wooded subd 10 min from town Property has been cleared of all ladder fuel 1200 SF min in subd Elec available Needs well & septic $113,000 #103994

**PREMIER LOT**
Large golf lot (less restictive septic regulations) cul-de-sac location off Deer Park Dr Gorgeous wooded location w/lots of space Beautiful valley views $112,000 #17538

**BEAUTIFUL RIVER FRONTAGE LOT**
Nice buildable 5 ac lot Paved access Owner/Broker $110,000 #100881

**RARE VIEW**
Corner lot in Mt View Estates Very buildable & a soft Sierra Blanca view All utilities available $109,500 #101359

**BEAUTIFUL LOT**
One of the last Sierra Blanca view lots left in White Mt Est Good access sun & beautiful trees highlight this land w/all city utilities Possible owner fin Owner motivated $106,000 #102536

**OUTSTANDING GOLF COURSE LOT**
Adj to 12th Fairway Good building sites Tall ponderosa pines Fantastic location w/lots of privacy Good level access almost 1/2 an acre $99,500 # 104085

**SIERRA BLANCA VIEWS**
Wonderful location in secluded cul-de-sac Large buildable lot 1.3 ac all underground utilities available Good sun good trees gentle sloping lot $99,000 #102321

**GREAT PLACE TO BUILD A HOME**
Views of the valley on this 3.87 acres Lot has 2 road accesses & horses are allowed Upscale homes in the area 2200 Sq ft bldg requirements Don't miss out! $98,000 #15988

**GREAT 1 ACRE TRACT**
Nice tree cover good bldg sites all city utilites including sewer $98,000 # 101766

**SIERRA BLANCA VIEW**
Easy level access great building lot w full golf membership Convenient to the club house from this 1.3 ac lot $95,000 # 104040

**VERY NICE BUILDABLE LOT**
On top of Granite Dr 1 Level home possible Owner has plans set for lot & can build you the home too! Sierra Blanca & valley views Better hurry! $94,500 # 101995

**FULL GOLF ON DEER PARK DR**
1.30 Acres w fabulous views & in a wonderful location Big trees level paved access Surrounded by beautiful homes $94,000 # 17540

**VIEW OF SIERRA BLANCA**
3.4 Acre level lot in beautifully treed subdivision Tall pines million dollar homes in the area recreational membership $93,000 # 17537

**SPECTACULAR VIEWS**
Sierra Blanca & The Capitans Horse property w half of the lot being level Good level access w ponderosa pines Deer & elk are abundant & trees thinned 2004 $89,900 #101229

**ALTO**
Lovely lot off cul-de-sac Large lot with protected view on back Looks across driving range Secluded area near fairway Non-golf membership $89,500 #40240

**SUPER ACREAGE**
Tract on the Bonito River Great trees level tract with open meadows Choose from several building sites mountain & creek views paved access RVs ok $85,000 #103681

**FANTASTIC FULL MEMBERSHIP LOT**
Views of Sierra Blanca & Sacramentos Extra large tract w good building sites One of the largest lots on top of the ridge $83,500 #103116

**FULL GOLF LOT**
Fabulous large lot on golf course Tall pines lots of room to build good access Wonderful lot! $82,500 #17482

**SUPER ACREAGE TRACT**
Near new Outlaw Golf Course Private location w/mountain views Wonderful subdivision for this 2+ acre lot $80,000 #103676

**GREAT VIEWS**
Easy access private location new cul-de-sac sub w/only 7 lots All city utilities Owner financing offered Views of Sierra Blanca forest & valley in back Owner/Broker $79,900 #18003

**BEAUTIFUL 10 ACRE TRACT**
In Arabela all flat & usable land on the west side under the Capitans Super views power to tract corner lot w/great water $79,900 #102941

**SIERRA BLANCA VIEW**
Lot 6 is 0.372 ac in Mountain View Estates with a nice building site w/a view of Sierra Blanca from a second level home $79,000 #104152

**ATTENTION BUILDERS**
Very buildable Sierra Blanca view lot w roughed in drive All utilities available Priced to sell now! $79,000 #104155

**EXCEPTIONAL HIGH MESA LOT**
Full golf level paved Sierra Blanca & fabulous valley views Bonus** Architectual plans in listing office for 2890 sq ft home $78,500 #103772

**GREAT VIEW OF THE CAPITANS**
And the Rio Bonito Valley Many bldg sites on this 5.97 acre parcel Lots of trees & privacy Access on deeded easement thru L433 $77,500 #102571

**OUTSTANDING VIEW**
Of the Capitan Mountains 6.92 acres w good building sites Good tree cover for privacy & views of the Rio Bonito Valley $75,500 #102572

**FABULOUS SIERRA BLANCA VIEW**
Super subdivision end of cul-de-sad location Paved access underground utilities tall pines $75,000 #103290

**FANTASTIC TREED BUILDING LOT**
Small meadow & valley super building sites w views of the Capitans Lots of pinon juniper & some ponderosa pines Horses & RV allowed 5.5 Acres $74,900 # 101843

**SUPER LOCATION W/NICE VIEWS OF THE CAPITANS**
Up-scale homes in this area! Buildable lot slight downhill slope Tall pines in cul de-sac paved street water elec & nat gas to property line Recreational membership $74,900 #103408

**2 FULL GOLF MEMBERSHIPS**
On this rare duplex Alto lot Possible access from the top off Midiron Nice trees & east views Might trade down for single membership lot $70,000 #15153

**FULL GOLF MEMBERSHIP**
Flat paved access flat building lot Capitan views $69,950 #103218

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**BEAUTIFUL 1/3 AC LOT**
Full golf membership, nice trees & beautiful views of Alto Lake & Sierra Blanca. Very buildable. $67,500. #102431

**SUPER NEAT 3.5 ACRES**
Great sun, good trees, super north view. Lots of level land to pick a good bldg site. $65,000. #101903

**BEAUTIFUL LOT**
Fabulous views of the Capitan Mountains. Great bldg sites w/very nice tree cover. See this 5+ acre lot today! $65,000. #102409

**SURPRISING ACREAGE**
Gentle sloping building sites. Good southern exposure for good views & good wind shelter. Paved roads, wonderful area w/modest Sierra Blanca view. $65,000. #103682

**7.5 ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL TREES**
Buildable slopes, overlooking lovely valley, paved cul-de-sac location. Great southern exposure for lots of light & potential energy savings. $65,000. #103684

**GREAT LOT IN BEAUTIFUL SUBDIVISION**
Over an acre, all homes must be southwestern architecture. Paved rd & underground utilities. Check w/EID for type of septic & floor plan. $64,500. #103720

**BIG SIERRA BLANCA VIEW**
1 3 Acre level lot on High Mesa Dr. Full golf membership. $63,000. #17536

**BEAUTIFUL & LEVEL PARCEL OF LAND**
Right across the street from The Links & the Ruidoso walking trail. One can't get better access than this! Tall ponderosa pines, all city utilities available. $62,000. #103844

**BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAIN & VALLEY VIEWS**
Heavily wooded 6 6 approx acres in Ranches of Sonterra. Several perfect building sites + owner has supplied an easement to lots 88 & 89. Only $61,900. #102100

**BEAUTIFUL ACREAGE TRACT**
From original owners. Horses allowed, good restrictions. Owner financing negotiable w/good terms. New homes in subdivision, close to paved access. $59,900. #104237

**EASY BUILDING LOT**
Views of Sierra Blanca & Capitan Mts. Access from 2 streets. Non-golf membership, mostly level w/easy access. A great place to build. $58,500. #103300

**GREAT OPEN SPACES & PANORAMIC VISTAS**
Lots of elbow room for a growing family or peaceful retirement. Mostly flat for easy building & grazing. $56,000. #102490

**HALF ACRE VIEW LOT**
This is a nice half acre + lot w/a roughed in drive & several building sites w/views of Sierra Blanca. $56,000. # 104153

**VERY NICE LOT**
A little under 1/2 acre in White Mt Estates. Views of Sierra Blanca, great builders lot & all utilities there. $55,900. #104148

**FULL GOLF MEMBERSHIP**
Wooded lot at Alto entrance. Easy access, big trees & walk to the store! $55,000. #40244

**ALTO LOT**
Great views from this corner lot, full golf membership, in the tall pines. Soft views of Sierra Blanca. Very useable bldg site, come see for yourself! $55,000. #15738

**17.7 ACRES**
Alamo Canyon Rd, new homes in the area w/good restrictions. Owner financing, low down payment possible. Beautiful western setting. Horses allowed. $54,900. #104239

**UNOBSTRUCTED VIEWS & READY FOR YOUR HOME**
Beautiful lot w/prepared building site. Seller has gone to great lengths to insure conventional septic system approved & permitted. All utilities installed. $54,500. #102718

**SIERRA BLANCA VIEW AT N SIDE OF LOT**
Full golf! Super lot almost flat, nice trees trimmed to Alto specs. Dining, pool, tennis, swimming, exercise room. Superb lot & subdivision. $53,000. #103217

**1/3 ACRE ON CEDAR CREEK DR**
The creek runs thru the front. Community water, electricity & telephone available. Easy access, lovely wooded location. $52,000. #103352

**GREAT LOT**
Views, over 3/4 acre in the trees, desirable area near schools, tall pines, all city utilities. 0.77 Acre. Owner financing offered. Owner/Broker. $51,900. #18101

**SEASONAL CREEK FRONTAGE**
Wildlife, views of the valley & potential views of the Capitans complete the peaceful & serene setting on this 3.89 acre property. $50,000. #103551

**LARGE LOT IN ALTO**
Wonderful building site, 1 acre, full golf membership. View of Sierra Blanca & Capitan views. $49,900. #91311

**TRACT 1, 17 ACRES**
Alamo Canyon Est, just off paving about 1 mile from Hwy 70 @ Hondo, MM 297. On County Rd 395. Neat western setting, owner financing available. $49,900. #104240

**ALTO**
Full golfing membership lot. Possible Sierra Blanca view from this heavily wooded lot. Great location for that "mountain cabin". $49,500. #40243

**BEAUTIFUL RUIDOSO LOT**
Valley views in popular Sunny Slope Subdivision. All city utilities to this 1/3+ acre lot. $49,000. #101786

**GREAT LOT IN SUN VALLEY SUBD**
Over 1 ac, tall pines, at end of cul-de-sac. Good building sites w/view of the mountains. Established area w/nice homes & cabins, community water & utilities. $49,000. #103930

**LARGE STREET TO STREET LOT**
Beautifully treed, accessible from Mechem or Alpine Village Rd, part time creek. 3/4 acre w/all city utilities. $47,500. #104045

**FULL GOLF**
Level lot in beautiful Deer Park Valley on approx 0 499 ac. View of Sierra Blanca & the valley. $44,900. #101887

**BEAUTIFUL CUL-DE-SAC W/TALL PINES**
At the end of a cul-de-sac. Breath taking valley mt views & over 1 acre to build your dream home. Non-golf membership. $44,000. #102126

**LARGE GOLF MEMBERSHIP CORNER LOT**
Near entrance to Alto. Mature trees, very buildable & good building sites. $44,000. #102797

**WONDERFUL SIERRA BLANCA VIEWS**
From this tree covered almost 1/2 acre lot. Very quiet neighborhood yet less than 2 minutes from the center of town. $42,500. #104181

**FLAT 1 ACRE ALTO LOT**
Outstanding view of the Capitans & the surrounding valleys make this property a good buy in anyone's language! $40,000. #104180

**4 RUIDOSO LOTS SOLD TOGETHER**
Total of 1 acre. Pleasant neighborhood. Buildable & wooded, city water & sewer available. $39,900. #16305

**HOW ABOUT SOME CONDOS?**
Approx 3/4 ac, sunny tract zoned multi-family. Non-golf membership. Soft views of Sierra Blanca & Alto Lake. Owner/Broker. $39,500. #18483

**WIDE OPEN SPACES**
Views of Capitans & Sacramentos. Horses allowed on this 40 acre parcel. Take the drive to corner Buffalo Way & Fenceline, it's well worth it! $39,000. #102598

**VERY NICE MOUNTAIN LOT**
Sierra Blanca view. Owner financing w/20% down. Almost 1/3 acre w/valley & Sierra Blanca views. $35,000. #101767

**BEAUTIFUL ALTO LOT**
Full golf membership w/view of Alto Lake. $35,000. #102495

**BUILDABLE VIEW LOTS**
In Mountain View Estates w/good building sites. A roughed in drive makes this 0.36 acre lot a bargain at $34,600. #104156

**GOOD, TREED LOT**
In established subdivision. Nice homes all around. City utilities - owner says sell! $34,500. #102099

**GREAT NON-GOLF MEMBERSHIP LOT**
Building lot w/southern exposure, gentle slope for easy building. Lot is 0.57 ac & on paved road. $32,500. # 102487

**MOBILE HOME LOT - DOUBLE WIDE**
Quiet cul-de-sac, good south view & sun. Good buildable lot, septic required. Lot for double wide 2003 or newer. $29,900. #102464

**NEAT STREET TO STREET LOT**
Central paved access, easy location from all parts of Ruidoso. Tall pines. Builders look here! $29,900. #102532

**GOOD FLAT LOT**
Recreational membership at Alto. Sierra Blanca views. Almost 1/2 acre w/community water. Tennis, swimming, exercise facilities & dining. $29,900. #103158

**GOOD TREED LOT**
In established subdivision. Nice homes all around. $29,500. #102098

**VERY BUILDABLE LOT**
Fairly level non-golf membership. Nice trees. Buy with the house at 125 Sunset for privacy or would make a nice lot for a new home site. $29,500. #102768

**GORGEOUS, ALMOST LEVEL LOT**
Secluded edge of city limits. Soaring pine trees, privacy, city water. Site development plan on file, mobiles allowed. Owner/Broker. $29,500. #104013

**NICE BUILDABLE LOT**
On corner of Coconino & Skyland. Septic required, but other utilities there. Cleared per Village Forest Health Regs, certificate in file. Seller is Texas licensee. $28,500. #103563

**BEAUTIFUL 0.99 ACRE LOT**
Tall trees, great views & several bldg sites for your home. Horses allowed too! $28,000. #102474

**NICE CUL-DE-SAC LOT**
North end of Mustang, mobiles allowed, good bldg site. Northeast side of lot cleared per Village Forest Regs, certificate in file. Septic required. Seller is TX licensee. $27,500. #103562

**LOOKING FOR MFG HOME SITE?**
2 Nice lots w/all village utilities. Driveway & bldg site roughed in. Recently surveyed. Good tree cover, close to town. Mobiles allowed! $25,000. #17850

**NICE LEVEL LOT**
Rancho Ruidoso Valley, easy access, w/Sierra Blanca views, to this 1/2 acre lot. $23,000. #101353

**GREAT NON-GOLF MEMBERSHIP LOT**
Very buildable, big trees, slopes down, paved rd & view of the Capitans from this 1/3 ac lot. $22,000. #103705

**VERY NICE SOUTH FACING LOTS**
2 Lots 36 & 37. Sold together. Big pines, seclusion & privacy, would make a nice lot for mfg home. All city utilities & owners screaming for offer! $21,000. #102039

**NICE LOT IN FOREST HEIGHTS**
Priced for your spec builders. Cleared to Village Forest Regs w/certificate. Homes must be site built. Septic required, but other utilities available. Seller is TX licensee. $20,000. #103566

**GORGEOUS VIEWS IN EVERY DIRECTION!**
From this 0.70 acre lot. Restricted to site-built or new manufactured homes only. Community water & sewer system, secluded location. $20,000. # 104010

**VIEW LOT FOR HOME**
On site construction only. City water & natural gas available. Easy access, uphill slope. $19,500. #101862

**GREAT BUILDERS LOT**
Lots of large Ponderosa Pines. Easy access w/nice homes in area. Perfect lot for that cabin in the woods. Small creek in back of lot. Owner will look at all offers. $19,000. #102380

**BEAUTIFULLY TREED LOT**
Trees thinned to Alto specs, good buildable lot. 1/3 Acre, recreational membership includes tennis, swimming, exercise room & dining. $17,000. #103214

**2 LOTS**
Beautiful lots, nice trees, on a quiet gravel road. Over 1/2 acre. $16,000. #101815

**WOODED VALLEY VIEW**
All utilities available, level paved road, southern exposure & usable slopes. New modulars & new mfg double wides allowed. $14,950. Both $29,900. #16810

**VIEW OF WOODED VALLEY**
All utilities available, paved road, southern exposure & usable slopes. New modulars & new double wide mfg allowed. $14,950, both lots for $29,900. #16813

**VERY BUILDABLE LOT**
Thinned & cleared at Alto forest request. Good trees & part time creek. Recreational membership features, pool, tennis, fine dining & super exercise facility. $14,900. #103869

**SUPERB PRICE**
2 Lots combined, recreational membership. View of Sierra Blanca, buildable. At this price purchaser to take care of any lot clearing. $14,500. #103763

**SUPER PRICE ON LARGE LOT**
2 Combined lots now 66A. Good buildability. At this great price purchaser to do lot clearing. Recreational membership. $14,500. #103765

**REALLY NICE, MEADOW & TREED LOTS**
Very private little canyon. Price is for the 2 lots totaling approx 0.51 acre. $13,900. #102164

**SUPER PRICE!**
Recreational membership. Part time creek, good south sun, very buildable @ this great price. Purchasers to take care of lot clearing. $12,500. #103762

**SWEEPING VIEWS**
To the east from this secluded lot. Mobiles & horses allowed. Owner extremely motivated! $9,900. #102038

**QUIET PARCEL OF LAND**
Ready for a home with view of the mountains & valley below. $5,900. #102729

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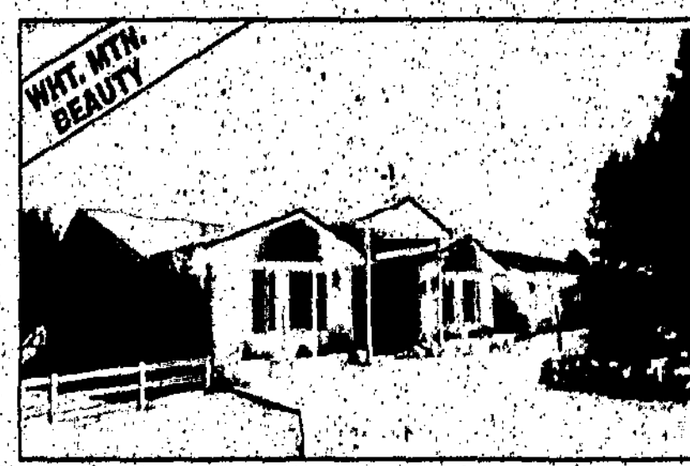
### CHARMING 3 BR., 2 BA. ALTO STUCCO!

This one-level beauty has a super open concept plan with vaulted ceilings. Easy access and paved drive are features you'll appreciate. Great covered deck for entertaining or just "kicking back." Double garage, 2 fireplaces and a metal roof make this Alto home very desirable. Beautiful wooded view! $345,000. #104241




### FABULOUS ONE-LEVEL WHITE MTN. MEADOWS HOME!

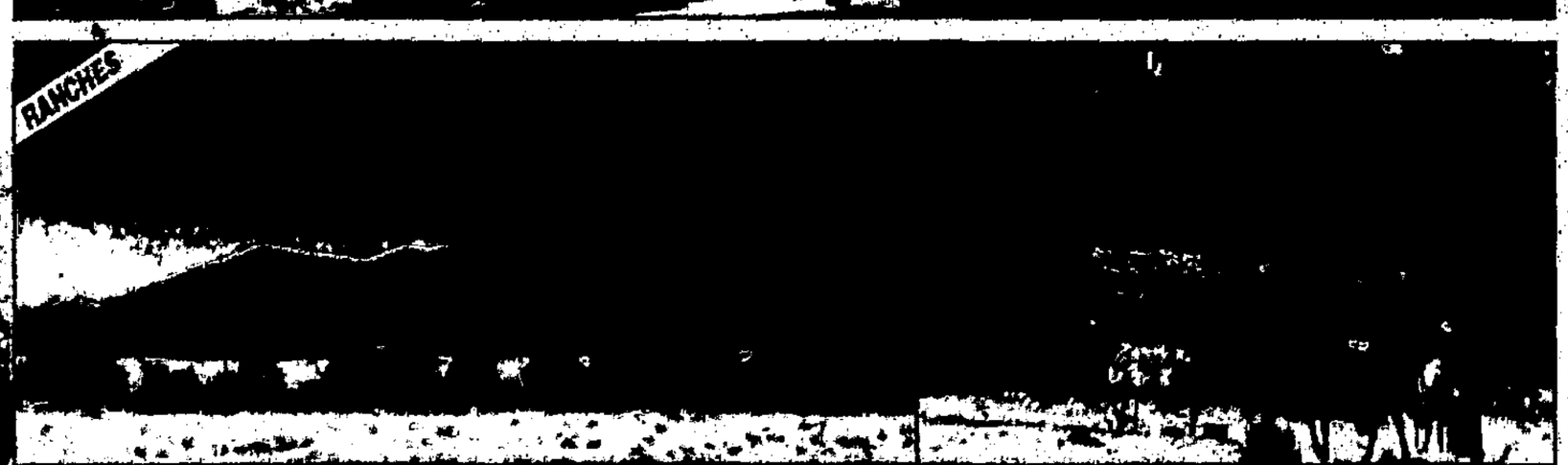
This impressive 3 br. home is situated on 2 lots replatted into one, creating a generous green space for this special home w/ 2 living areas, 3 fireplaces & a 4 car garage. Granite countertops in the kitchen. 2 baths plus 2 more 1/2 baths. Your spacious dream home for convenience, beauty & luxury! $429,500. #102714

### 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 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. #103949

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## 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. #103064

## 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 1/2 bath unit is what everyone wants... convenience, low maintenance, and wonderful interior! Great patio lap & full golf membership. Super offering at $299,900. #103023

## 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

## 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. #102978

## 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 plusses... a gorgeous fairway view and it's really close proximity to the clubhouse. Master has fireplace and "his and her baths." A prestigious [illegible] home. $439,500. #103485

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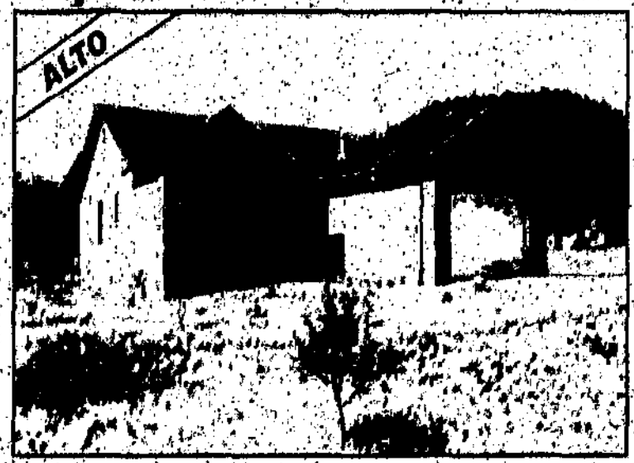
***"As long-time members of Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club** we can certainly attest to the many enjoyable times that our family has enjoyed at this fine facility. Richard has served on the numerous Alto committees for many years, and we have enjoyed watching the club grow. It's reasonable dues structure 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*




## 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 countertops. 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

## 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 furniture package too. $635,000. #101403

## 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

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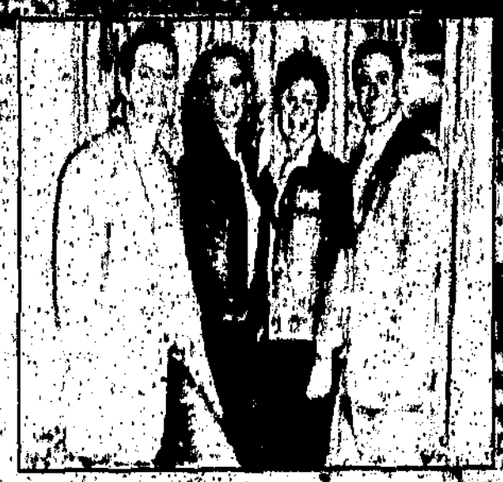


### CHARMING ALTO HOME ON A GREAT CORNER LOT!

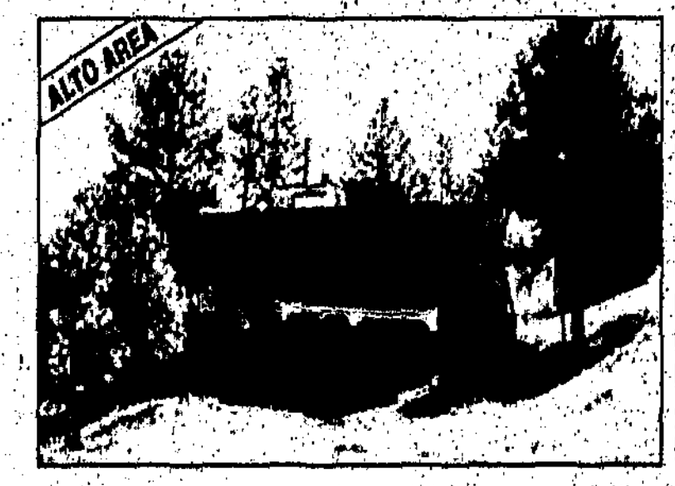
This 3 br., 3 ba. golf membership home has a split bedroom floor plan for yours and your guest's privacy. You'll be happy that this home has a living room and a fabulous sunroom...great for multiple family activities. So livable and in a stellar location. $299,500. #103503

### 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

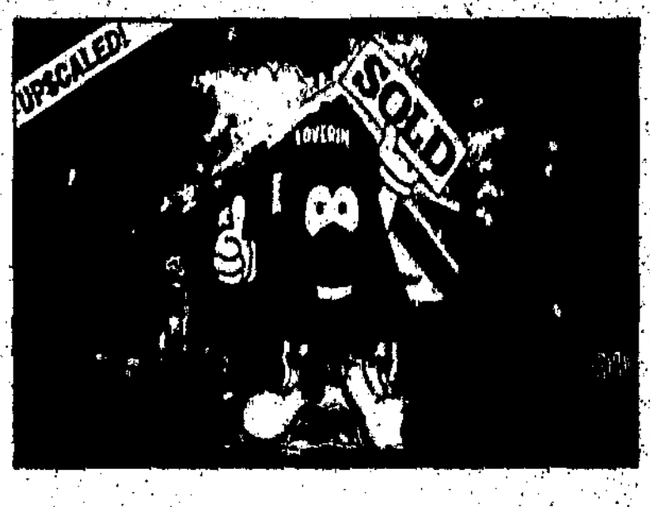
### HIGHLY DESIRABLE ALTO TOWNHOME!

This nicely furnished 2 br., 2 ba. Alto town home is located close to the clubhouse and has level access for carefree Alto living. Enjoy the benefits of a full golf membership & nice views from the wonderful back deck! Won't last long. $230,000 #104208




### 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. #103603




### THIS CLASSY 3 BR. FEATURES LOW MAINTENANCE EXTERIOR & DECKS!

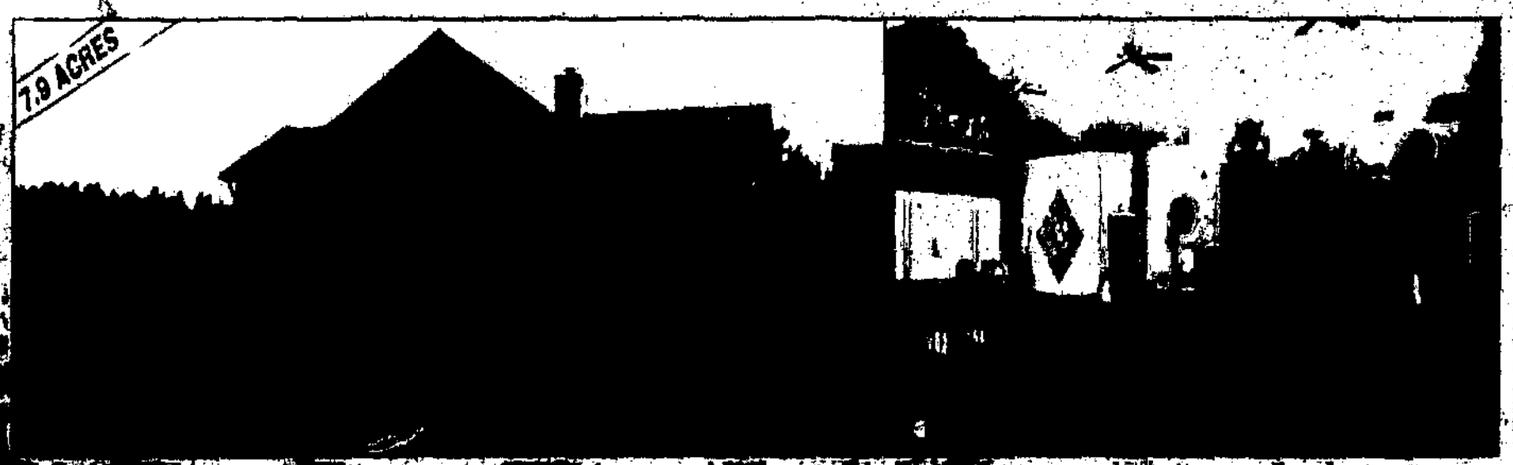
Beautiful & functional is the perfect description of this home with upscaled interior, amazing courtyard, and a wonderful deck for enjoying our pristine mtn. environment. Living area is on main level w/ family room on lower level. Paved parking & metal roof. A thoughtfully built and charming home! $348,500. #103264

### 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. #103000

### 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. #103715




### FABULOUS CUSTOM HOME WITH NICE VIEWS!

This fully furnished 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home sits on an amazing 7.94 acres in Rangeland Sonterra. Some of the custom features throughout this home include a gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, great room with vaulted ceiling, 3 car garage, and a nice patio. Enjoy the valley views from a great deck. Includes guest quarters with [illegible] living area, and utility room. [illegible]

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## WHT. [illegible] STUCCO W/ VALLEY VIEWS!

Vaulted ceilings in the living area create a sun-splashed interior that's delightful. The master bedroom is on the main floor of this charming 3 br., 2 ½ ba. Upscale cabinets, open concept, solid surface countertops, and wet bar w/ wine cooler entance this luxurious living environment. $330,000. #100027

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[illegible] living. Lower level [illegible] surface countertops are [illegible] have you'll love in this [illegible] glad been home. Upscale [illegible] a really nice view of the [illegible] a beautiful price of $225,000! #101[illegible]

## 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

## MOUNTAIN RIDGE-TOP HOME ON McBRIDE!

A Premier location provides the perfect setting for this 5 br. home with amazing Sierra Blanca & Gavilan Canyon views. Features you'll love!... open concept, water fall, hot tub and large .778 acre lot. $30,000 remodel allowance w/ acceptable offer to enable new owner to create a luxurious style to fit their personality & their needs. $399,900. #102756

## 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 POTENTIAL AND UNDER 150K!

This Capitan property is on 3 lots and has a great location across the street from Smokey Bear Museum. Downstairs has two large rooms and a bathroom. Upstairs is a nice loft area. Great parking and level access. Residential or commercial...your choice!! $149,000. #104317

## 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. $449,500. #102862

## SPACIOUS VIEW HOME ON McBRIDE!

This wonderful home has a living room and a family room/den. And did we mention the view?..., Breathtaking!!! Nice wood accents & built-ins throughout. You'll love the hot tub area. Storage. Level access and partially furnished too! Beautiful area. $499,000. #100980

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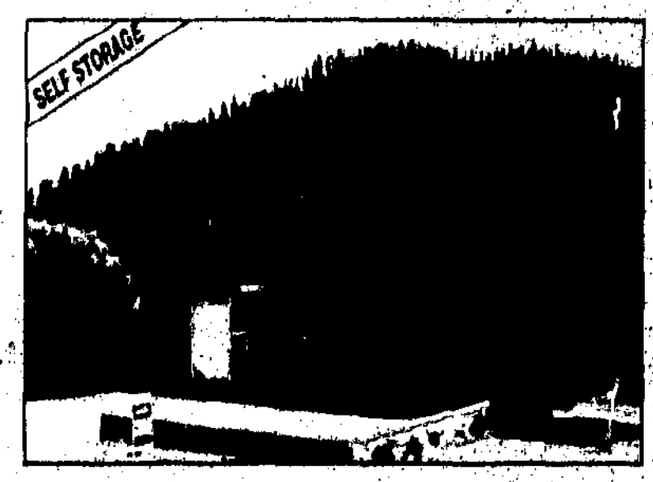
## ONE OWNER CUSTOM-DESIGNED MOUNTAIN HOME!

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




## THIS MULTI-USE OFFICE/ SHOP & SELF-STORAGE IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED ON A CORNER LOT!

What an appealing set up! An approx. 1855 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 450 sq. ft., 2 story heated office, and 25 storage units complete this well designed and executed multi-use property. $275,000. #103262

## FULLY REMODELED 3 BR. SPRINGS CONDO!

You'll find beautiful tile floors, sun-splashed interiors, and a wonderful park-like setting right here at The Springs! This end unit has a fabulous open concept living, dining, & kitchen area. The back patio is serene & perfect for your morning coffee amidst the tall pines. A must see. $179,900. #103606

## NICELY REMODELED 3 BR., 2 BA. WITH VIEWS!!!

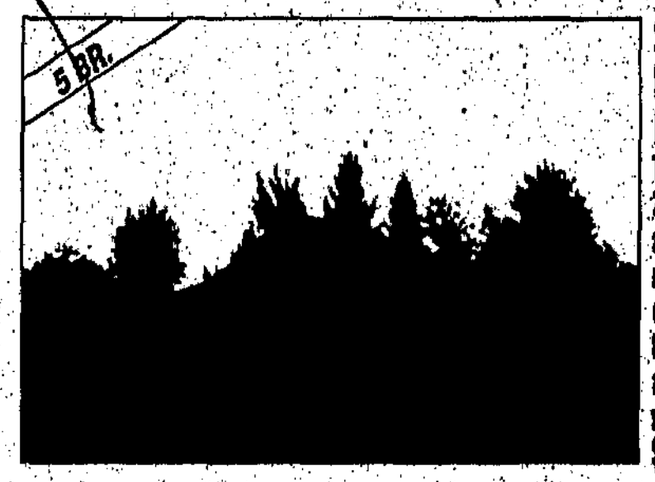
You'll love everything about this open concept beauty w/ its fabulous decks. Updated throughout... a show place! How better to enjoy Ruidoso's beauty than relaxing on this home's marvelous deck & taking in the breathtaking Sierra Blanca view! Charming kitchen. Great utility room w/sink. $185,000. #102599

## 1977 TWO BEDROOM TOWN & COUNTRY!

You'll be delighted with the level access and the fact that this home sits on 2 lots! This 2 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home has a domestic well and nice views. An evaporative unit will keep you cool & collected, and seller financing is available! $54,500. #103712

## THIS 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




## 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

## ONE-LEVEL 2 BR., 2 BA... A REAL CHARMER!

This great home is in a secluded area, but is not out of town! Perfectly placed! It shares a well and is on sewer, has super porches and delightful interior! Must see at $99,500. #101801

## CHARMING 2 BR. CABIN ON APPROX. .66 ACRE!

Enjoy all Ruidoso has to offer in this remodeled, fully furnished cabin. Relax and listen to the singing pines from the deck. This home has a new metal roof (2006), new septic tank (2005), and is situated on an amazing lot, which has been recently cleaned. Great location! Close to national forest and wonderful cedar creek hiking trails. All this under 100K! $179,500. #103541

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### CAPITAN STORAGE UNITS WITH LEVEL ACCESS!

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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. $189,500. #102767

### CHARMING CABIN LOCATED IN THE HEART OF RUIDOSO!

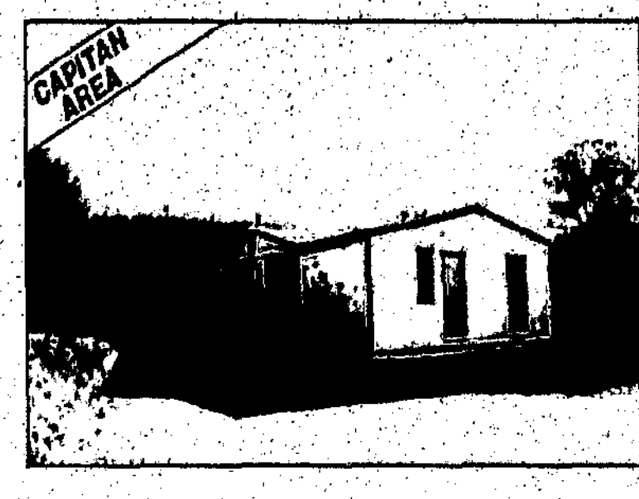
This 2 bedroom rustic mountain cabin is located close to midtown on a corner lot with easy access. Some of the features of this cozy cabin include high vaulted ceilings in the living area, master on the main level, upstairs loft area, and a carport. Great weekender or permanent residence! All of this under 150K! Won't last long! $149,000 #103836

### 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

### FULLY FENCED 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH HOME!

Trees, a yard, and elbow room are what you'll enjoy in this great home with vaulted ceilings, fireplace, and Pergo floors. No worry metal roof is a super low maintenance feature. Lots of storage and a wonderful, private hot tub area too! Very nice. $229,500. #102859




### SECLUDED W/ BEAUTIFUL VALLEY VIEW!

This great 4br., 3ba home, is situated on a generous 3 lots! You'll appreciate the 2 living areas and open kitchen featuring a propane range. Cozy up to the rock fireplace and enjoy the seclusion of this great home far away from the hustle and bustle of city living. Appealing home and setting. $169,000. #102033

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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. #102260

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## 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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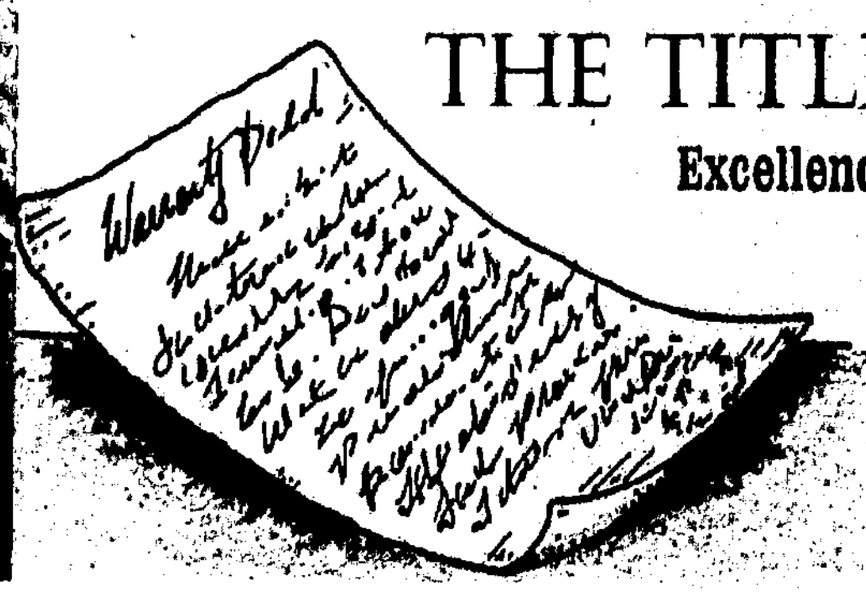


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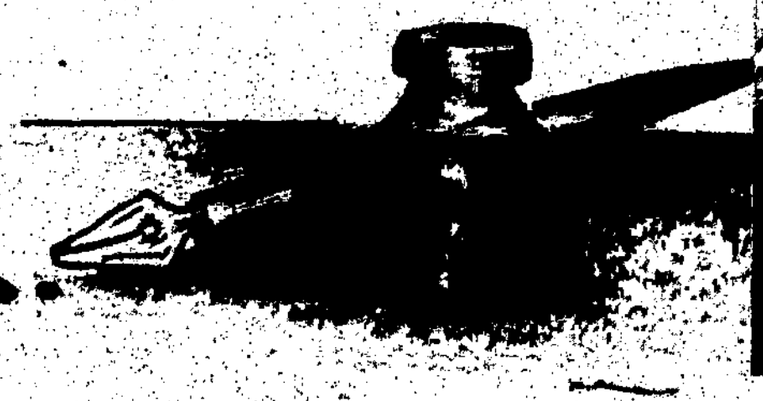

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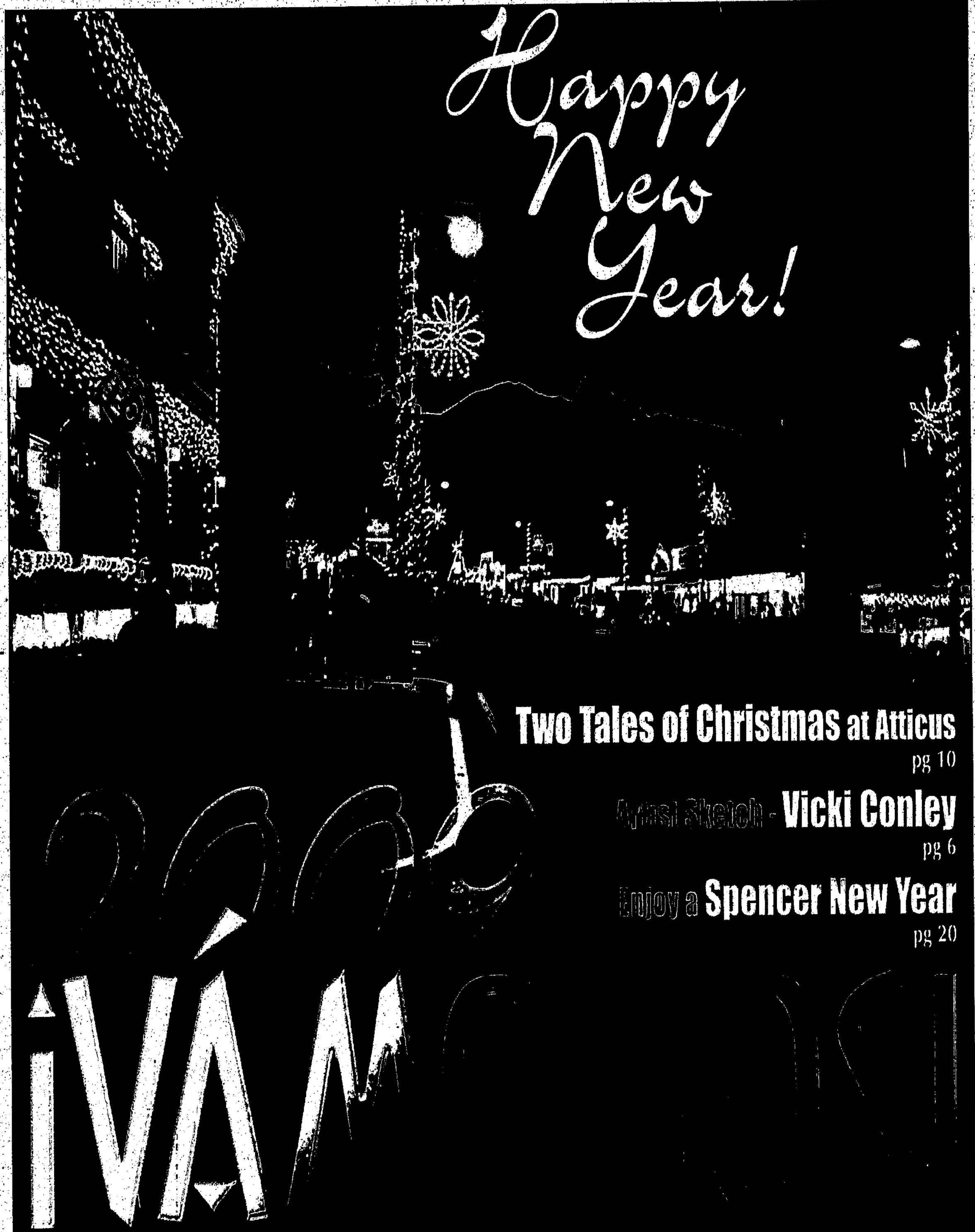


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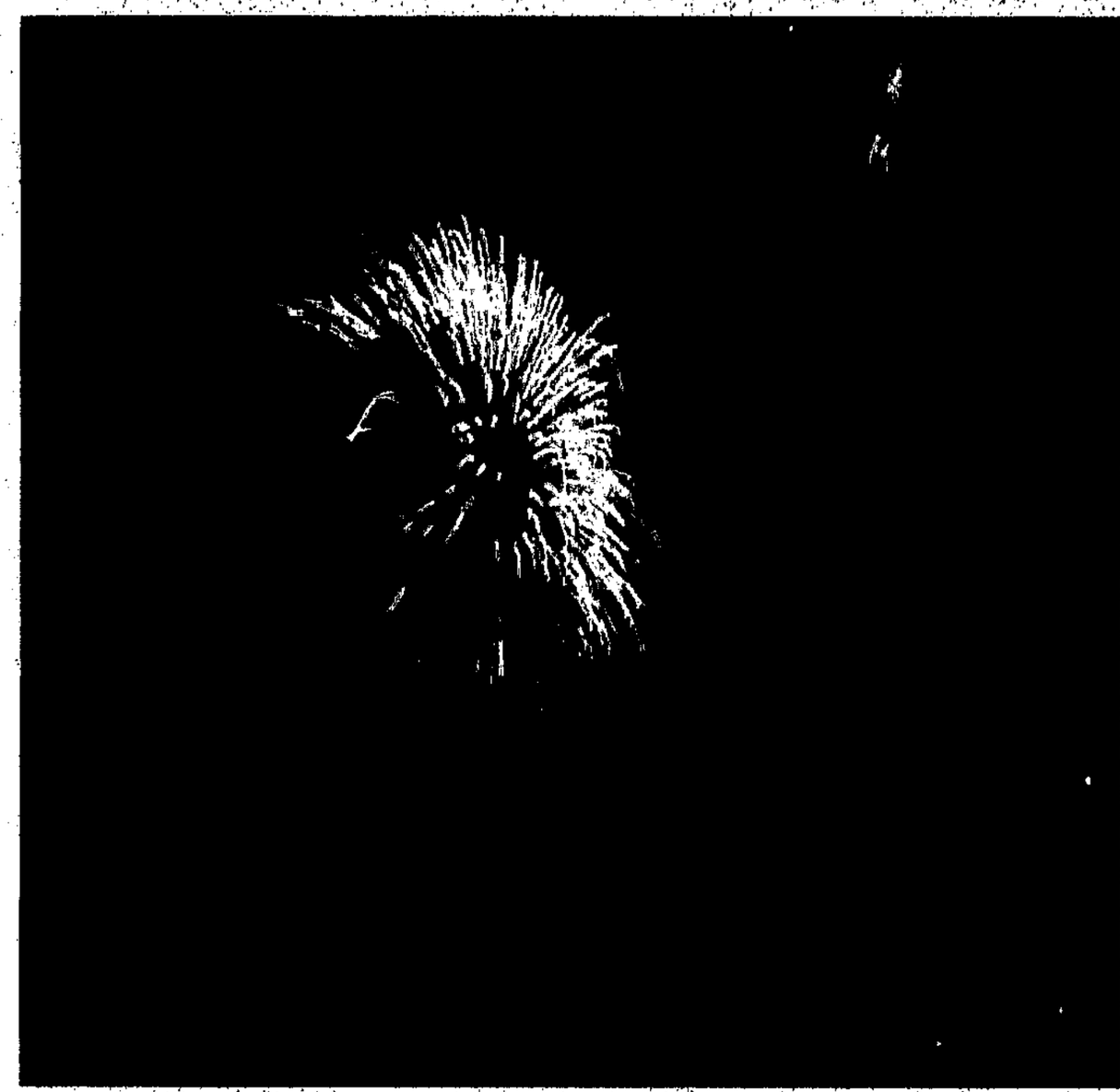

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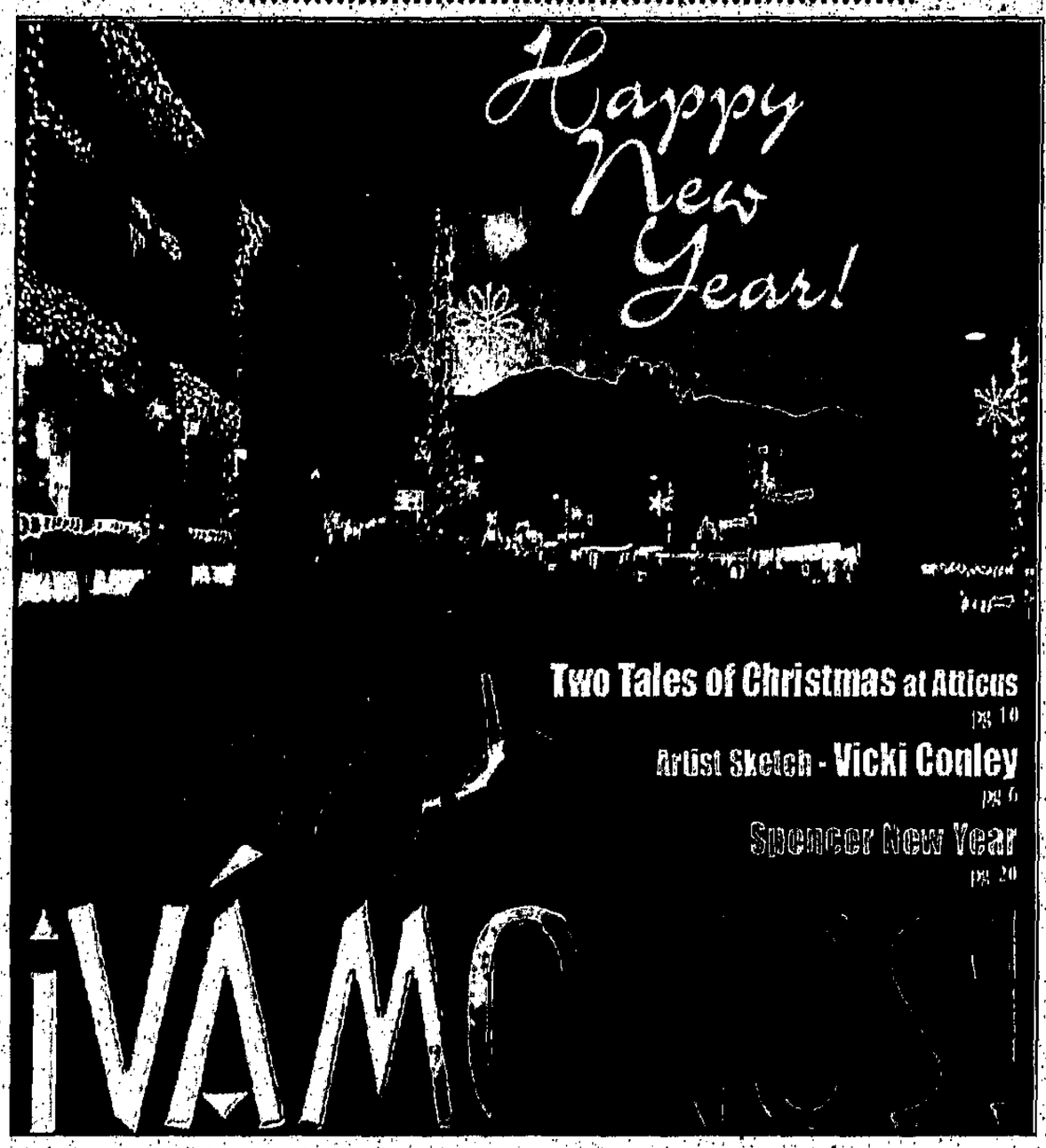


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## Calendar Highlights

### Doug Gabriel & Family Christmas Show

**Dec. 26-27:** (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.

### Two Tales of Christmas

**Dec. 26-27:** (Ruidoso) The Atticus Venue presents *Gift of the Magi* by O. Henry and *A Child's Christmas in Wales* by Dylan Thomas. Directed by Brian Sarinova, the pieces are performed by Kevin McDonald with music by Steve Gaskell. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. and tickets are $10. Expect tickets to go quickly as seating is limited. Atticus Books & Teahouse, 413 Mechem. Phone 257-BOOK for reservations.


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### Awesome New Year's Eve Party

**Dec. 31:** (Ruidoso) The Fabulous Fireballs: Awesome New Year's Eve Party at Mountain Annie's Dinner Theater in Midtown Ruidoso. Party favors, noisemakers and champagne at midnight. Times Square broadcast synched with New Mexico time. Come and "party till you drop" with the Fabulous Fireballs '60s Rock 'N' Roll Show. More Info: 257-7982.

### New Year's Eve Bash

**Dec. 31:** (Ruidoso) New Year's Eve Bash at Cree Meadows Golf & Country Club featuring performances by Randy Jones, Roy Black, Frank Potter, Jim Helm & Bart Trotter. Details coming soon.

### New Year's Eve Celebration

**Dec. 31:** (Mescalero) New Year's Eve Celebration at the Casino Apache Travel Center. A band will be performing from 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. Hot-seat drawings will be held every 5 minutes from 11 to 11:55 p.m. Party favors will be passed out starting at 11:30 p.m. Balloon drop in the casino at midnight.

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### New Year's Eve Celebration

**Dec. 31:** (Mescalero) New Years Eve Celebration at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Convention Center. Dance the night away with Tapestry. The party starts at 9 p.m. Light appetizers, full cash bars and the biggest dance in New Mexico. Party favors and a champagne toast at midnight. Cost is $40 per person.

### *Nunsense*

**Jan. 12** (Alto) *Nunsense* starring Sally Struthers at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m. ($69 & $66). This hit musical comedy with two-time Emmy star in the lead role helps one get in the habit of laughing. *Nunsense*, the hit musical comedy, celebrates its 25th Anniversary with this special national tour starring Sally Struthers, the two-time Emmy Award winning actress. Brimming with mirth and side-splitting comedy, the production is under the direction of its original writer and director, Dan Goggin, a recipient of the Outer Critics' Circle Awards for Best Musical, Best Book and Best Music for *Nunsense*.

This zany evening of music and comedy begins as the Little Sisters of Hoboken discover that their cook, Sister Julia, Child of God, has accidentally poisoned 52 fellow sisters. Money must be raised immediately for burials! The sisters decide that the best way to raise the money is to put on a variety show. Here we meet Reverend Mother Regina, a former circus performer; Sister Mary Hubert, the Mistress of Novices; a streetwise nun named Sister Robert Anne; Sister Mary Leo, a novice who is a wannabe ballerina; and, the delightfully wacky Sister Mary Amnesia, the nun who lost her memory when a crucifix fell on her head. Featuring star turns, tap and ballet dancing, an audience quiz, and comic surprises, this show has become an international phenomenon boasting more than 5,000 productions worldwide in more than 21 different languages.

### Cheech & Chong

**Jan. 15:** (Mescalero) Cheech & Chong Light Up America Tour at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino at 8 p.m. Cheech and Chong's Light Up America Tour is the duo's first tour together in more than 25 years, and this is their only stop in New Mexico. Successful beyond their wildest dreams, the iconic comedy duo defined an era with their hilariously irreverent, satirical, counter-culture, no-holds-barred comedy routines. Cheech and Chong are sure to make you laugh out loud with their irresistible blend of irreverent humor. Tickets start at $25. Doors open at 7:30. You must be 21 or older to attend. Tickets on sale now at Ticketmaster or you may call 1-888-324-0348.

### *The Pajama Game*

**Jan. 26:** (Alto) *The Pajama Game* at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m. ($69 & $66). Bright and riotously funny, the all-new production of the Tony Award-winning Broadway smash hit, *The Pajama Game*, is contemporary musical theater comedy at its very best.

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**Pepper's Grill** • 3200 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9717.

**Rebecca's at The Lodge** • 1 Corona Place, Cloudcroft • Breakfast, 7-10:30 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., with soups, salads, sandwiches, pasta; dinner, 5:30-10 p.m., with appetizers, steak, seafood, lamb, chicken, duck and pasta dishes • Dressy casual • Full bar • 800-395-6343 or 575-682-2566

### Mexican

**Alfredo's** • 801 Delaware, Alamogordo • 437-1745.

**Casa de Sueños New Mexican Restaurant** • 35 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-3494 • Fax 585-3496. Y V

**Eddie's Burrito Express** • 750 E. First St., Alamogordo • 437-0266.

**El Camino Restaurant** • 1022 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-8809.

**Juan's Cactus Café** • 3199 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-2368.

**La Hacienda** • 800 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo.

**Margo's Mexican Food** • 504 E. First St., Alamogordo • 434-0689.

**Maria's Mexican Food** • 604 E. Tenth St., Alamogordo • 434-4549.

**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.

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### Bar-B-Que

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**Can't Stop Smokin'** • 418 Mechem Dr. • 630-0000 • Bar-B-Que to go. Beef, poultry & pork.

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**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.

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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

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ARTIST SKETCH

# Potter Vicki Conley

A visit with potter and printmaker Vicki Conley at her Piñon Pottery studio and gallery location, three miles east of Wal-Mart on Highway 70, is always a treat.

Conley is well-known for her delightful hummingbird pattern, which she continues to produce. But it is the fine art of raku that she has passionately embraced most recently, with beautiful results.

Raku is a low-fired, decorative pottery that is fired rapidly to a red-hot temperature and then removed from the kiln and inserted into an air-tight container filled with combustible material (such as sawdust, newspaper or pine needles). This material ignites and then is extinguished by sealing the container, thus producing large amounts of smoke.

A short time later, the pot is removed and rapidly cooled, occasionally producing cracks, but always resulting in unique and colorful effects. Copper glazes may change color with the passage of time, adding to their unique nature.

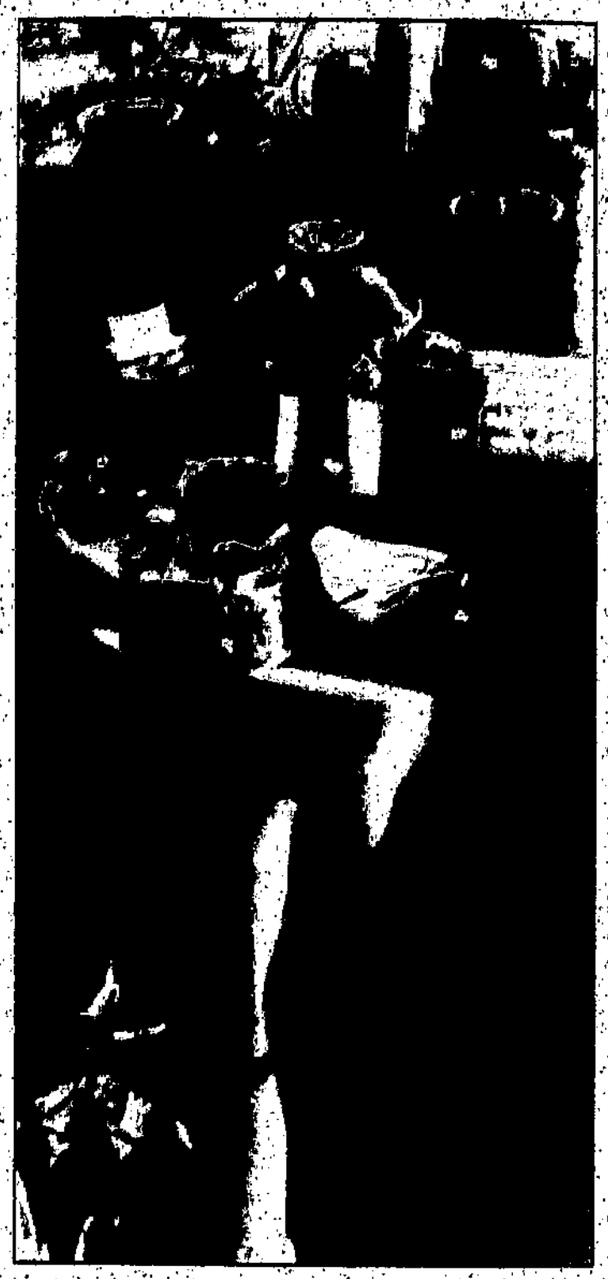
Conley has also developed a method for creating unique pieces from giant pumpkin leaves, whereby the leaf is rolled in clay then fired raku-style. Her whimsical cats are a further testament to Conley's creativity. (See photo above..)

Conley's horsehair raku pieces are also becoming quite popular. Burnished white clay pieces are pulled out of the kiln at 1,000 degrees and strands of horsehair are laid across the pots. The hair then burns and shrivels and, at this temperature, the carbon from the hair is absorbed into the clay body, creating a unique pattern. Using the hair of special horses, Conley is able to thus create a fitting commemorative piece with these one-of-a-kind pots.

Conley's adventures with various glazes and styles of firing her creations comes as no surprise, when one considers her Bachelor's degree in chemistry and her Master's degree in physiology. Working as a potter for more than 25 years, Conley homeschooled her two daughters, then opened her studio and gallery in 2000 when the girls were in college.

Piñon Pottery also features Art by Anita Keegan, special Christmas pottery exclusively for the holiday season, and crystalline glazed pottery by Shirley Lalli of Roswell. Additionally, she features stoneware with scriptures by Less Kitchen.

Piñon Pottery is open Monday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., along with occasional Sundays. You may also visit her Web site at pinonpottery.com. For more information, phone 800-378-4275 or 575-378-4270.



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• 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 • 257-1042 • 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**

**Kiss The Skyy Cafe** • 2111 Sudderth • Carry-out only; all menu items $6.50 • Sandwiches, soups, salads and homemade bread • 973-8158.

**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. • 630-0171 • 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 Italian espresso, coffee, teas, ice cream, variety of fresh-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. ▼

**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. ▼

**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. ▼

**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. ▼

**Four Winds Restaurant** • 111 Central Ave., Carrizozo • 648-2964 • Mon-Sun, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. • American variety, Mexican, freshly baked goods, lounge. ▼

**Gathering of Nations Buffet** • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IMG • 464-7872 • American, Italian, Asian and Mexican cuisine.

**Horsemen's Grill** • 321 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 354-1447.

**K-BOB's**• 157 W. Hwy. 70 • 378-4747. **V** ▼

**Landlocked** • 441 Mechem • 257-9559 • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 12-8 p.m. **V** ▼

**Lincoln County Grill** • 2717 Sudderth • 257-7669• Open 7 Days, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. ▼

**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. ▼

**Picnics Deli** • Deli, dine-in restaurant, take-out and delivery • 127 Rio Street • 257-2200 • Mon-Thu, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. ▼

**Schlotzsky's Deli** • 2812 Sudderth • 257-7811 • Open 10:30 a.m. daily. **V**

**The Seasons** • Casual and fine dining • 307 Hwy. 70 at the Quality Inn • 378-4051, ext. 314 • Open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

**Shrimpy's Shrimp & Wing Shack**• 2501 Sudderth in Time Square at the Eagle Drive light • Shrimp, English-style fish & chips, hot wings • Open Thurs-Mon, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., except Sun, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. • Dine in or carry out • 575-257-8881.

**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. ▼

**Smokey Bear Restaurant** • 310 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 354-2557 • Open 7 Days, 6 a.m.-8 p.m. ▼

**The Quarters** • 2535 Sudderth • Complete restaurant featuring steaks, burgers, barbecue, drink specialties and more • Live music Sundays for "Blues & BBQ • 257-9535. ▼

## 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**

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CUISINE

# Green chile chowder

Polly's Potpourri

*by Polly E. Chavez*

At this point, you are probably "fed up" with holiday food of turkey or ham and the trimmings. Maybe a steaming bowl of soup, stew or chowder and oven toasted bread or tortillas will be a refreshing change.

This week's recipe is a family favorite of Alisa Kenyon, manager at Carrizozo's Gallery 408. Her mother, Betty Day, is the source of this chowder. Betty is an acquaintance of mine from years past. I knew her when she was art facilitator for Ruidoso Schools. At the time she was also known for making extraordinary clay sculptures in her spare time. Today, Betty makes exquisitely designed gourds.

### Betty Day's Green Chile Corn Chowder

3 tablespoons of olive oil
1 medium yellow onion, chopped
3 to 4 large garlic cloves, chopped
3 cans (14.5 oz.) of whole corn, drained
2 cans of cream style corn (14.5 oz.)
1 1/2 cups chopped green chile. ("Really hot ones are the best," says Alisa.)
3 cups soy milk – regular milk can be used if you prefer

Heat the olive oil in a large soup pot; add the chopped onions and garlic and heat until onions are clear.

Add the drained corn, cream style corn and green chile and stir. Pour in the milk and simmer 15 minutes or so to allow flavors to blend. Salt and pepper to taste. (The ounces on the canned corn may vary due to brand.)

Alisa serves the chowder with grilled cheese sandwiches or quesadillas. I use milk to make the chowder and serve it with oven-toasted bread and/or toasted tortillas, which I butter before browning in a preheated oven (400 degrees). I check the bread/tortillas often and they can be ready in 15 minutes. I use whatever I have on hand: flour tortillas, sliced bread, biscuits and/or rolls.

*Polly advises toasting whatever is on hand to go with your chowder.*

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**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 ☎

**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.

**El Paisano** • 442 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 354-2206. V

**El Paraiso Mexican Restaurant** • 721 Mechem • 257-0279 • Open Mon-Sat, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

**El Rincon De Las Salsas** • 2117 Sudderth Dr., Gazebo Center, Ruidoso • 630-8050 • Mexican and seafood specialties • Open 7 days, 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m. V

**Jorge's Café** • 2064 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • 378-9804.

**La Sierra** • 100 Lake Shore • Aythentic Mexican and seafood specialties • 575-336-4673.

**Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant & Entertainment Club** • Corner of Eagle and Sudderth Drives in Midtown • 257-8754 • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Y

**Paradise Café** • 310 Sudderth Dr. • 257-0280.

**Peña's Place** • 2963 Sudderth • 257-4135 • Thu-Tue, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Old Road Restaurant** • 692 Old Road, Mescalero • 464-4674 • Tue-Sun, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

**Olé Tacos** • 319 Sudderth • 257-5040

**Rio Taco** • 2117 Sudderth • 257-6222 • Mon-Sat, 11a.m.-7p.m. • Real Mexican flavor.

## Pizza / Italian Food

**Café Rio** • 2547 Sudderth Dr. • 257-7746 • 11:20 a.m. to 7:50 p.m. daily. V Y

**Domino's Pizza** • 1717 Sudderth • 257-8888 • Mon-Thu, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-midnight; Sun, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

**Michelena's** • 2703 Sudderth • 257-5753 • Sun-Thu, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. V Y

**Pasta Café** • 2331 Sudderth • 257-6666 • Sun-Thu, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; lounge open until 1:30 a.m. V Y

**Pizza Hut** • 725 Sudderth Dr. • 257-5161 • 1201 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso • 258-3033. V Y

**Santino's Italian Restaurant** • 2823 Sudderth • 257-7540. V Y

## Chinese / Asian

**Great Wall of China** • 2913 Sudderth Dr. • 257-2522. V Y

**Yee's** • 633 Sudderth • 257-5888 • Chinese, eat in or take out • Daily, 10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

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LET'S GO!

# Two Tales at Atticus

The venue at Atticus Books & Teahouse is offering another intimate theatrical experience for the holiday season. After a successful presentation of local playwright Paul Adamian's work "The 99th Monkey" in October, energy has continued to build for the small venue.

"Two Tales of Christmas" is the upcoming production to take place on the cozy stage at Atticus, featuring adaptations of the holiday classics "A Child's Christmas in Wales" by Dylan Thomas and "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry. It's sure to be a heartfelt and captivating performance by professional actor Kevin McDonald, with music by Steve Gaskell, and directed by Brian Sarinova.

## The players

McDonald was born in El Paso and raised in Albuquerque, where he graduated from Sandia High School. He was awarded Best Actor by the Thespian Troup, so he followed his interest in theater at NMSU in Las Cruces, where he received a BA in theater, several Medoff Scholarships, an Irene Ryan Nomination, the Corbett Fellowship Award, and appeared in numerous ASTC productions.

After a short time at LSU, he transferred to the University of Pittsburgh, where he received his MFA in Acting. While in Pittsburgh, he performed regularly with the Three Rivers Shakespeare Festival until he moved to Chicago , Ill., in 1995. In Chicago, he continued to pursue acting and worked with a number of theater companies, including Footsteps, The Ivanhoe, Greasy Joan & Co., Shakespeare's Motley Crew and Shaw Chicago.

However, his principal credits were earned at the Tony Award-winning Chicago Shakespeare Theater and it was there that he became a member of the Actor's Equity Association. It was also in Chicago that Kevin met and married the love of his life, Kerry, and in 2006, they came to repair an old family property in Ruidoso.

The rest is a common story of Lincoln County residents – they found themselves enchanted and moved here a few short months later.

McDonald continues to work intermittently in Chicago and last year was there for a month involved with an independent film of *Macbeth*. In addition, he is enthusiastic about joining the growing film industry in New Mexico, as well as the burgeoning theatre community of Ruidoso.

Gaskell began playing trombone at the age of 11. He attended High School for the Performing & Visual Arts in Houston. While there, he studied privately under Allen Barnhill, principal trombone player of the Houston Symphony.

Since then, he has played at numerous jazz festivals, including the Kool Jazz Festival, The Houston Jazz Festival, North Sea Jazz Festival and the International Jazz Festival. He toured overseas with his musical talent, performing in Scotland, England, Holland, Germany and France in the 1980s.

He later became musical director of the Bilingual Theater of Houston and was Assistant Principle trombonist of the Galveston Symphony, and Principle trombonist of the Baytown Symphony.

Steve's musical adventures have given him the opportunity to play with such jazz greats as Kirk Whalun, Tony Campise, Bill Watrous and Randy Brecker.

He is currently seeking to form a 10-12 piece Big Band in the Ruidoso Area.

## At Atticus

While "Two Tales of Christmas" at Atticus takes place, enjoy a hot tea and scones, mulled cider, their signature frozen hot chocolate or any of their delectable offerings.

This will be a family friendly event for all ages; tickets are $12 for everyone. Remaining how dates are Dec. 26-27 at 7:30 p.m.

Seating is limited, but some tickets are still available. Call 575-257-BOOK to make your reservations.

# What does the New Year hold for you?

Twelve professional psychics will be coming to El Paso Jan. 10-11 Need a question answered? Talk to a psychic.

The upcoming fair features aura photos, handmade New Age crystal and gemstone jewelry, New Age gifts, spirit writing and aromatherapy.

More than a dozen professional psychic readers and mediums from Texas and New Mexico will be featured, plus author Ken Hudnall from The Ken Hudnall Radio Show on 1150 AM will have a book signing for his *El Paso Ghost Books, UFOs and Aliens.*

The admission fee does not include private readings. Readings are available in English and Spanish.

Visit their Web site at http://www.elpasopsychicfair.com/>

"Kull Ozaliac," the life-sized Crystal Skull, weighing 17 pounds, 7 ounces , from South America will be shown at the fair along with other smaller crystal skulls.

"Kull Ozaliac" is one of the larger, old crystal skulls in existence made of hand-carved green crystal. For some people, contact with crystal skulls produces a special dream for them afterwards, or they would feel the effect of the energy of the skull for days afterwards, promoting healing and helping to open intuition and a person's third eye. The Mayans have used these crystal skulls for ceremonies. The "Kull Ozaliac" crystal skull's exact age is unknown.

The event will be held at The Hawthorn Inn, 1700 Airway at corner of Boeing, only 2 blocks from the El Paso Airport, behind Cattle Barron Restaurant.

Open: 11am to 7pm both Saturday and Sunday, $5 at the door for both days.

*Astrologer Kramer from San Antonio, who will be at the psychic fair, holding "Kull Ozaliac," the green crystal skull.*

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

# New Mexican New Year's traditions

New Year traditions in New Mexico involve unique customs and practices by the Hispanic population. The rich mixture of cultures has led to varied New Year traditions in New Mexico.

There is a New Year tradition that a gigantic cloud appears in the midnight New Year's Eve sky to mark the beginning of the New Year. Many people wake at midnight to have a glance at the huge cloud.

It is also said that eating 12 grapes at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve is believed to bring good luck to that person – eat one for each chime.

The color of the clothes worn on New Year's exerts great significance in bringing happiness and geniality on the coming new days. Yellow clothes help in the betterment of work, navy brings good luck and green enhances the financial standing, while white brings good health.

There is also a Hispanic custom to bring out all suitcases and leave the house at midnight of New Year's Eve. All the doors and windows of the house are left open. This was probably practiced to let the old spirits escape unhindered.

There are in fact so many traditions for the bewitching hour between old and new year that if one faithfully attended to them all, one could well miss the celebration entirely. Another custom is throwing a bucket of water out the window, in some versions dousing a neighbor.

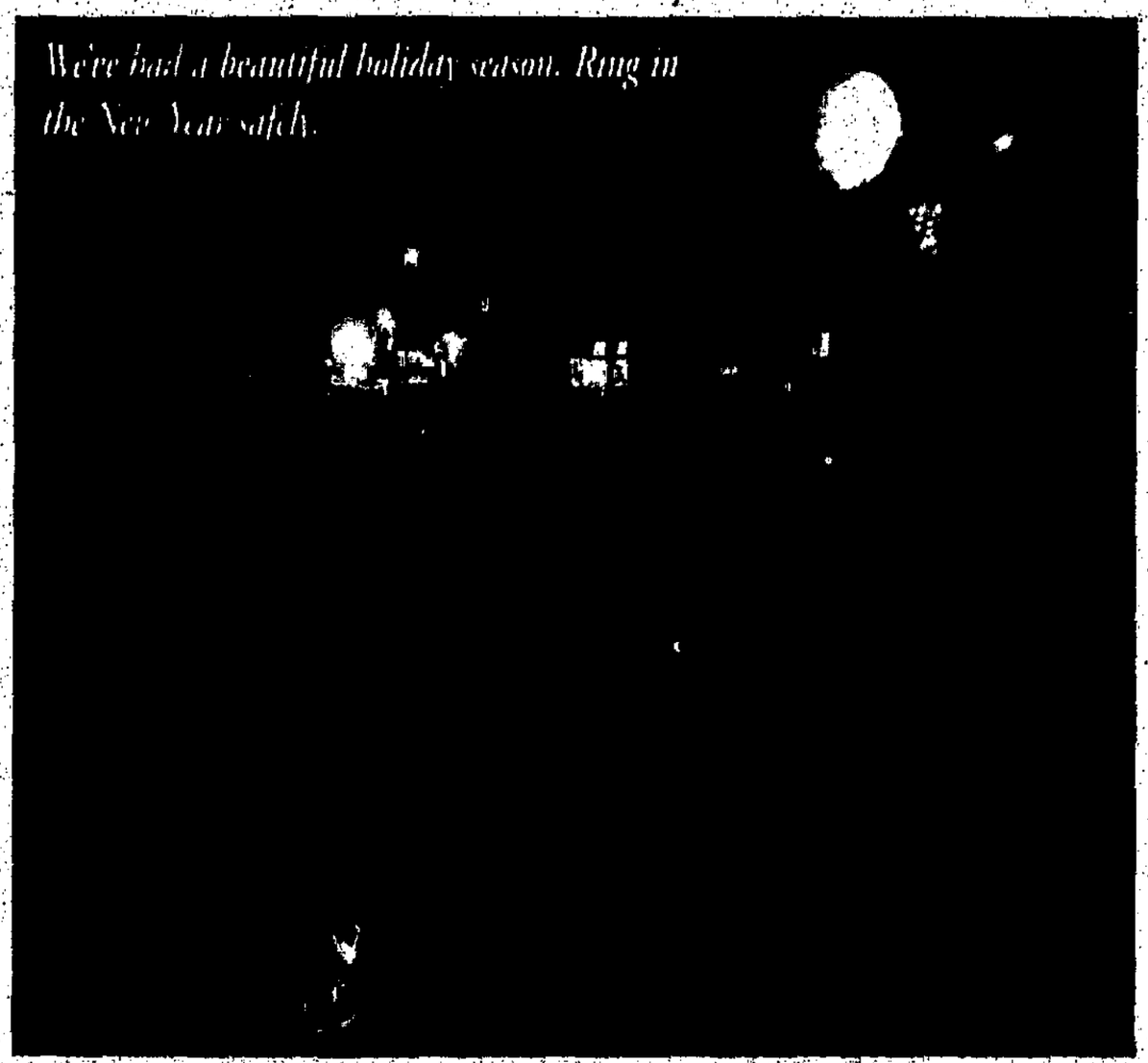
At midnight you should open the door and ceremoniously sweep out the old. Then some coins are thrown on the ground and brushed inside the house to ensure prosperity in the upcoming months.

New Year foods are completely distinct from elsewhere in America. The New Mexican delicacies can be traced back to the Anasazi, or "ancient ones," who were the ancestors of the Rio Grande Pueblo Indians. Corn, beans, squash and chiles are the main ingredients of a New Mexican New Year's meal. Posole made from posole corn, diced pork and other rich spices is a traditional New Year food that is considered to bring good luck through the year if eaten on New Year's Eve.

The more religious in the population welcome the New Year with a Misa de Gallo or Midnight Mass followed by a party at home.

However you choose to celebrate, remember to party safely – don't drink and drive, and enjoy all the New Year has

*Enjoy a safe and prosperous New Year. Many New Year's Eve events are listed in the Calendar Highlights on page 4.*



# COMMUNITY LISTINGS: LINCOLN COUNTY

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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.

**Parenting Classes:** Counseling Center Prevention Program facilitates all parents seeking to enhance parenting skills, resolve issues and prevent substance use. Families with children ages 5-17 years of age that complete all requirements of the class qualify for a $150 stipend. Qualifications and info: Brenda Motley-Lopez or Salli Mason at 257-0520.

**Parents of addicted children:** New Name Ministry offers help for parents of addicted children. For appointment, phone 802-0263 in Ruidoso and leave a message. Payment of free-will offering appreciated.

**Parents who have lost a child Support Group:** Meets first and third Tuesday each month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. (no religious affiliation); 5:30-7 p.m. Includes grandparents and adult siblings; facilitated by other parents who have lost a child. Info: Shari, 937-7078.

**Prepared Childbirth Classes:** Meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Lincoln County Medical Center's conference room. Six classes per session with qualified, certified instructors; Info: 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.).

**Science of Mind Study Group:** Each second and fourth Saturday; 10:30 a.m.-noon; High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

**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.

**Wisdom Circle:** Each second and fourth Wednesday; 6:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

## Clubs & Associations

**Alto Women's Association:** 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards. Business meeting every first Tuesday.

**Angus Wood Carvers:** 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, junction of Highways 48 and 37; Info: 336-9161.

**Art Connection:** Last Wednesday of each month. Innsbruck Club House. Info: Pat, 258-3602.

**Carrizozo Women's Club:** Second Thursday of each month at 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.

**Lincoln County Right to Life Chapter:** 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday at 309 L.L. Davis Dr. All are welcome; Info: 258-5108.

**Mountaintop Turners:** Woodturning club, 10 a.m. every third Saturday at the woodshop of Steve and Madeleine Sabo. Info: 354-0201.

**Otero County Association of Educational Retirees:** Meets at 11:30 a.m. every third Tuesday. All Lincoln and Otero County educational retirees welcome. For info: Linda, 336-1225, or Lucy, 437-8874.

**Party Bridge Group:** 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Center; 336-4808.

**Photographic Society of Lincoln County:** 7 p.m. every second Thursday in the conference room at the Region IX office at 1400 Sudderth Dr.; 258-4003.

**Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club:** Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

**Ruidoso Area Singles:** Want to meet new friends for social activities – dining out, parties, potlucks, outings, etc.? New group is forming. 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.

**Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club:** Meets every Monday; program varies. Potluck and bridge/card games. Second Monday (Sept.-May) includes program, business meeting, potluck, bridge/card games at 116 S. Evergreen.

**Ruidoso Masonic Lodge No. 73:** Meets first Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., except national holidays, then moves to second Monday. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Info: 258-1926.

**Ruidoso Ridge Runners 4-Wheel Drive Club:** Meets first Wed of each month at K-BOB's. Dinner at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7. Info: 336-2714 or 378-4853.

## Education

**ESL classes:** English as a Second Language classes sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Thu, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.; Mon, Tue, Thu, 6-8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church; Spanish language GED Mon, 6-8 p.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.

**First Friday Adult Lecture Series:** Monthly, Capitan Public Library, free. Info: 354-3035.

**GED classes:** Sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Fri, 9-11 and Mon-Tues, 5:30-7:30, at NM Workforce Connection in Compass Bank Bldg., 707 Mechem.

**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 at the Ruidoso Evening Lions Club, behind Chef Lupe's Restaurant on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. For more information, email 'theboss@RuidosoToday.com.

**VFW Post 12071:** Ladies Auxiliary meets at 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.

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

**Capitan Smokey Bear Lions Club:** 5:30 p.m. every Thursday at Smokey Bear Restaurant. Info: Lion Bob 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.

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ASTRONOMY

# Year in review: 2008

## In Our Skies

*by Alan Hale*
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***Astronomer***

Yet another year has now entered the history books – a year marked by a lot of twists and turns on this planet we call "Earth."

The surrounding universe, meanwhile, continues on its merry way, and in keeping with tradition here is this author's quasi-objective list of the top 10 astronomical and space events of 2008. (Dates in parentheses indicate the editions of this feature in which the topic in question was discussed.) Drumroll, please ...

**10:** Astronomers have long lamented the fact that the most recent supernova we've seen in our galaxy appeared more than four centuries ago. However, the thick dust clouds within the galaxy would probably block the light of many supernovae, and recent observations with radio telescopes and the Chandra X-ray Observatory indicate that a gas cloud in Sagittarius known as G1.9+0.3 is actually the site of a supernova that appeared about 140 to 150 years ago but couldn't be seen because of the intervening dust. (July 4)

**9:** The sun goes through a fairly regular 11-year cycle of sunspot activity, and for the past two years we have been in an extended low-period of activity; during a two-month period this past summer there were no sunspots at all. The solar wind has also been at the weakest level ever recorded since the first measurements were taken 50 years ago. The recently launched Interstellar Boundary EXplorer (IBEX) mission should soon be telling us how this low level of solar wind activity affects the solar system's interactions with the rest of the galaxy. (Nov. 7, Dec. 19)

**8:** The moon continues to be the site of renewed human interest, with Japanese and Chinese lunar orbiting missions being launched in 2007 and India's Chandrayaan 1 mission being launched this past October.

Meanwhile, the American Constellation program to return humans to the moon is proceeding, but may undergo some changes as a result of the incoming presidential administration. (Dec. 12)

**7:** Construction of the International Space Station continued throughout 2008, with recent Space Shuttle missions providing materials and logistical furnishings that will soon permit the regular crew complement to double to six.

There have also been new scientific modules from Japan and the European Space Agency (both of which are international partners) added to the station. (Feb. 22)

**6:** A new orbiting space telescope has recently joined our search for knowledge, the Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope that was launched on June 11. Fermi is expected to add much to our knowledge of high-energy astronomical events in the universe, and has already recorded the discovery of the first known gamma-ray pulsar. (July 11, Oct. 24)

**5:** Exploration of our neighboring planet Mars continues to proceed, with the tireless rovers Spirit and Opportunity still traveling to new locales, together with additional studies from the various orbiting spacecraft, which among other findings have provided strong evidence of massive subsurface glaciers in temperate latitudes.

The Phoenix Mars Lander had a very successful mission after landing near Mars' north pole in May, and was able to examine some of the subsurface ice.

Meanwhile, the Mars Science Laboratory rover originally scheduled for launch in 2009 has now been rescheduled for a 2011 launch. (May 30, Dec. 5)

**4:** After a lapse of almost 33 years, a spacecraft once again has visited the planet Mercury. NASA's MESSENGER mission passed close to Mercury on Jan. 14 and again on Oct. 6, in the process imaging areas of the planet never seen before.

A third flyby takes place in September 2009, in preparation for MESSENGER's going into orbit around Mercury for an extended visit beginning in March 2011. (Jan. 11, Feb. 29, Oct. 17)

**3:** The most powerful gamma-ray burst ever observed took place on March 19. Despite occurring 7.5 billion light-years away from us, the burst was briefly bright enough to see with the unaided eye, testifying to the almost unimaginable energy involved in these events.

Curiously, the burst took place on the same day that noted space visionary Arthur C. Clarke passed away. (April 4)

**2:** Both Earth and Mars had very close asteroidal encounters during 2008. The small asteroid 2007 WD5 passed a few thousand miles above Mars' surface on Jan. 30.

Meanwhile, a very tiny asteroid (no more than a few meters across) designated as 2008 TC3 was discovered by the Mount Lemmon survey in Arizona on Oct. 5, and then entered Earth's atmosphere above Sudan a day later (disintegrating in the atmosphere before hitting the surface).

This is the first time an Earth-impacting object has been detected while still inbound. (Jan. 25, Oct. 10)

**1:** For the first time, what appear to be direct images of planets orbiting around other stars have been reported. During November, two teams independently reported images of planets around the stars Fomalhaut and HR 8799, and more recently a third team has reported the detection of an apparent planet around the star Beta Pictoris.

All the reported planets imaged so far are giant objects, several times larger than Jupiter. (November 21)

The coming new year, 2009, has been designated as the International Year of Astronomy, and as always we can expect many exciting events and discoveries taking place within this wondrous universe of ours.

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HISTORY

# Horror at Centralia, part 2

## Past Tense

*by Drew Gomber*
***Historian***

The guerrilla border war fought between Kansas and Missouri during the Civil War is notable for its ruthlessness and horrors, in the midst of a conflict that is remembered specifically for its horror, which tells us much.

By the time the Missourians struck back at the Kansas guerrillas, who had been raiding into Missouri for several years prior to the outbreak of general hostilities, their hatred for the northern guerrillas had become downright virulent. There were atrocities too numerous to mention on both sides and as the war progressed, it actually got worse. Much of what I intend to relate in this story will detail the atrocities committed by the Bushwhackers, but make no mistake, it was common on both sides.

Tom Goodman was a blacksmith for the Union who held the rank of sergeant. He had enlisted in 1862 and was lucky in that he saw no action, performing his duty behind the lines. In September 1864 Goodman was on his way home on furlough to visit his wife and children. He was a big, burly man, patriotic and decent, and had served honorably throughout his participation in America's bloodiest conflict. What happened to him that September opened his eyes to a world of horror and terror that he never knew existed and that he would never forget.

### Centralia

Centralia, Missouri, wasn't much of a town. It consisted of two hotels, two stores and around 20 small homes, described as being "squat." It was not unlike dozens of other whistle-stop towns along the North Missouri Railroad line.

Sept. 27, 1864, was a day that would cement Centralia's place in history to the everlasting regret of many men and women.

The night before, Bloody Bill Anderson's Bushwhackers had camped about three miles southeast of Centralia, at a place called Young's Creek. About 10 a.m. on that September morning, Anderson and his men arrived to sample what the little town had to offer. Some of the guerrillas wandered into homes, demanding breakfast, while others looted the two tiny stores. At the freight depot they found, much to the citizens' dismay, a barrel of whiskey. By 11 a.m., most of them were drunk and even more dangerous than normal, which is saying something ...

About that time, they spied a stagecoach approaching and went to "greet" it. The guerrillas were unconcerned about federal forces as Centralia lay in the middle of a flat prairie which gave the Bushwhackers an unobstructed view in all directions. One of the stagecoach's passengers protested that "We are Southern men and Confederate sympathizers. You ought not to rob us." The Bushwhackers' response was typical: "What do we care? Hell is full of such Southern men." Needless to say, the protests ceased.

Unbeknownst to the Bushwhackers, there *were some* federal troops in the vicinity. Major Andrew Vern Emen ("Ave") Johnston commanded three companies – A, G, and H of the 39th Missouri Infantry and was about 20 miles away, scanning the horizon with his field glasses, hoping to find some guerrillas. Johnston was convinced that the guerrillas were cowards to a man and that they would never attack unless they vastly outnumbered their foes. He was eager to engage the Bushwhackers, and before the day was out, he would get his wish.

Most of Johnston's troops were inexperienced and trusted their commander implicitly. They were mounted on mules and plow horses, conscripted so that they would be able to "overtake" the Bushwhackers.

On the other hand, the Bushwhackers were all superb horsemen and well-mounted. In short, Johnston's command was a tragedy waiting to happen.

### The train

The last stop before Centralia for the train on which Tom Goodman rode was the tiny hamlet of Mexico, Missouri. When the train stopped, the passengers, including Goodman and around 20 other Union soldiers, most of whom were unarmed, heard disturbing rumors about a Bushwhacker force in the area. But such rumors were common and no one paid that much attention, although they should have.

Ahead, in Centralia, the Bushwhackers got drunker and drunker, none probably more than Anderson himself. He had been enraged for the previous few days after finding a half dozen Bushwhackers who had been shot, scalped and left to rot on the prairie. Bloody Bill wanted revenge and although he didn't know it, he too, was about to get his wish.

Goodman's train had sped across the prairie at a pace that was faster than normal, causing its passengers to worry even more about the guerrillas, thinking that perhaps the engineer knew something they didn't. In fact he did not, but his paranoia about it had caused him to accelerate to a speed faster than the norm. When Centralia finally came into view, everyone was relieved to see blue-clad horsemen lined up along the south side of the track opposite the depot. Goodman however, was still concerned, because he had heard stories of the guerrillas wearing federal uniforms to lull their enemies into a false sense of security. His fears were confirmed when he saw some of them piling ties onto the track. But by then, it was too late.

Goodman saw them outside the window. He noted how very young they all were (most of the guerrillas were in their teens or early 20s) but barely had time to think about it before pistol shots rang out and the passengers, as one, dropped to the floor and huddled together, fearing the worst. As Goodman listened to the screams of the women and children, he began to think that he would never see his own family again.

### Of flags and allegiances

"Take down those flags you son of a bitch," a stone-faced guerrilla ordered the engineer, who could not comply quickly enough. There were two small Union flags adorning the front of the train and the guerrillas, already drunk, did not need provocation.

Seeing that there was no resistance, the Bushwhackers dismounted and boarded the train. They then proceeded to rob every man, woman and child on it. It was a pastime at which they had a lot of practice. When they entered the car that contained the soldiers however, they hesitated. "Surrender quietly and you shall be treated as prisoners of war," one of them told the soldiers. One of the Union men replied that, "We can only surrender, as we are totally unarmed." In actual point of fact, three troopers of the First Iowa handed over sidearms, which they wisely did not attempt to use, knowing full well the futility of such a maneuver and the terrible retaliation it would bring. Of course, in the end it didn't matter.

Anderson himself rode up and down next to the train cautioning his men, almost all of who were drunk, to leave the women alone. No women or children were hurt that day, but the men were another story. What was about to happen at Centralia would be re-enacted with even more horrible consequences for Major Johnston and his men later in the day.

**Next:** Unavoidable terror

**SOURCES:** *Bloody Bill Anderson*, by Albert Castel and Thomas Goodrich; *Bloody Dawn* and *Black Flag*, both by Thomas Goodrich.

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# 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.

**Seniors Ping Pong:** 8 - 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico Ave. Monty, 437-1601.

**Yoga for Seniors:** 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday at First Presbyterian Church, 14th Street and Oregon Avenue. 437-0559.


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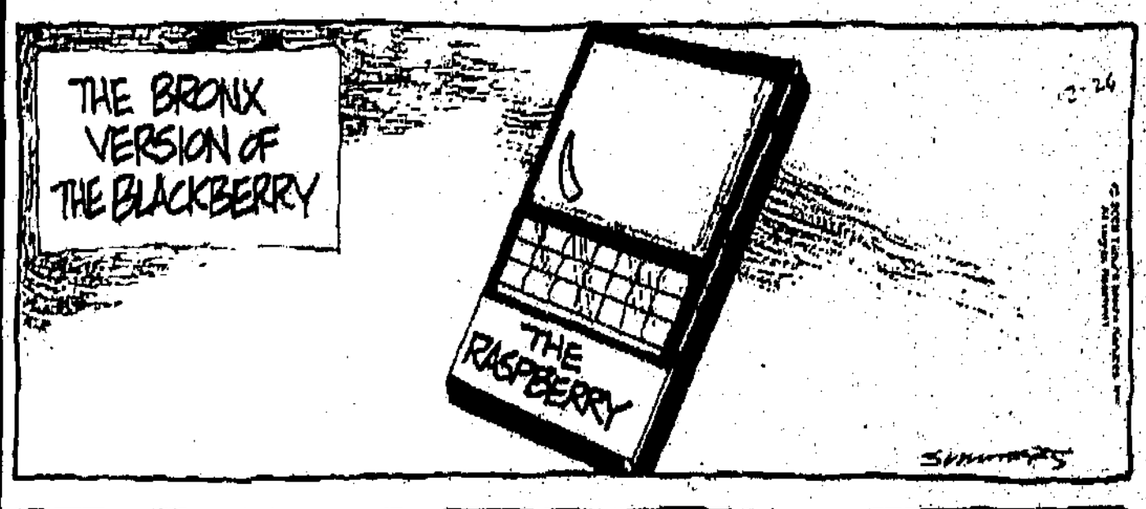


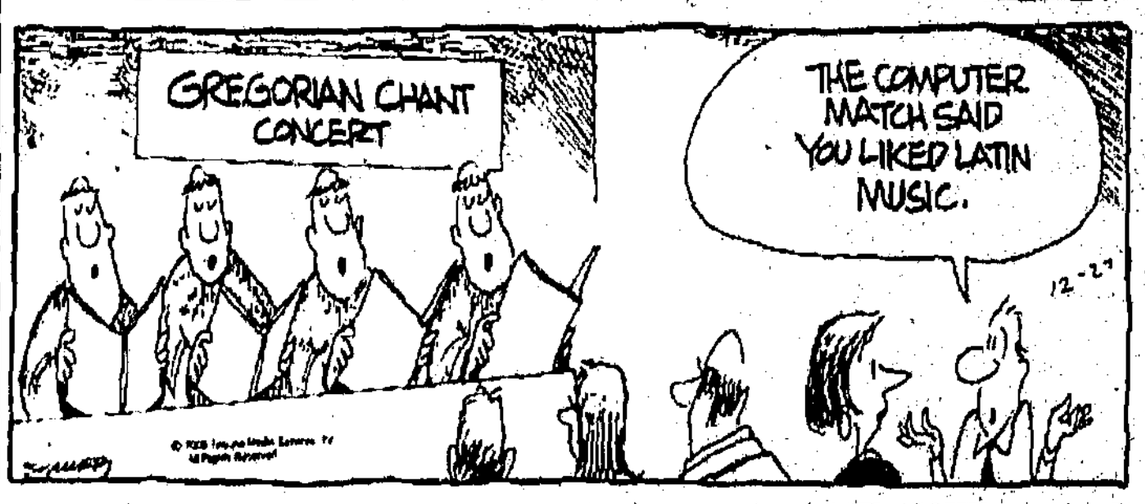


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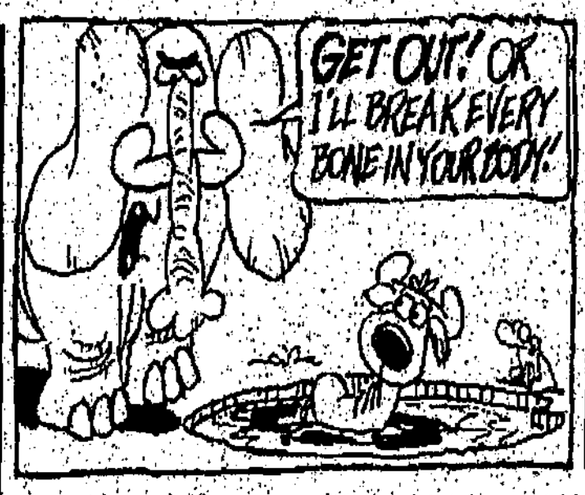


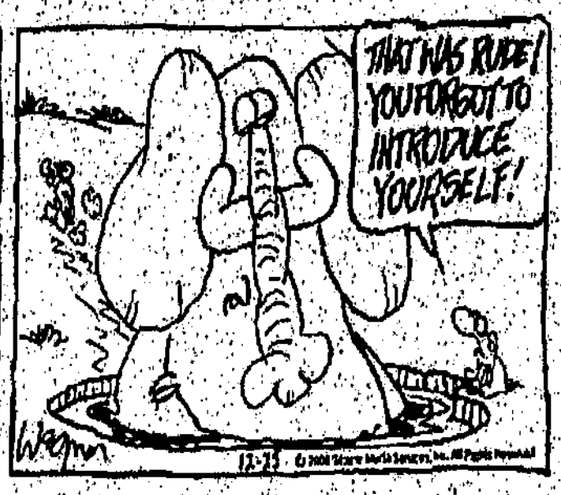


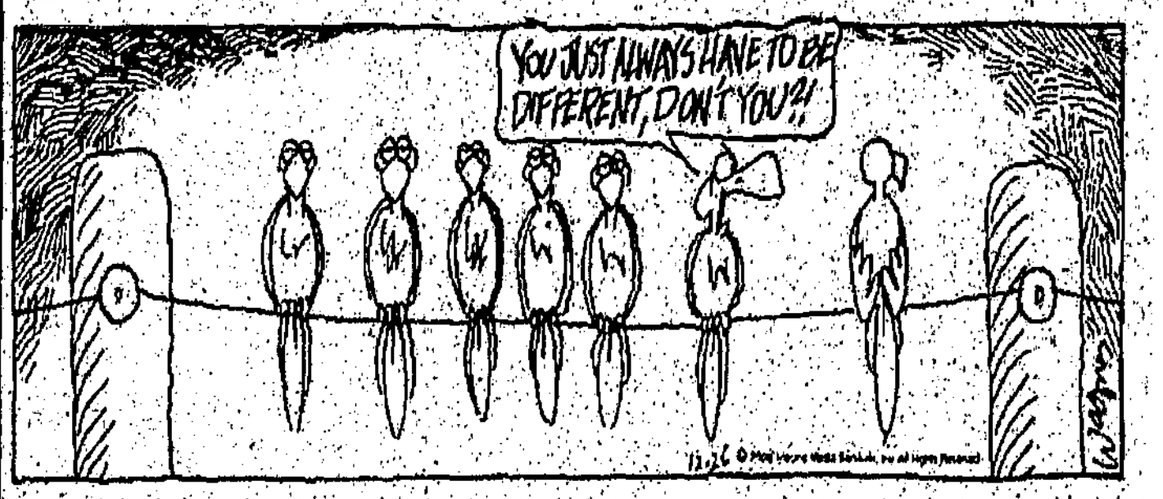

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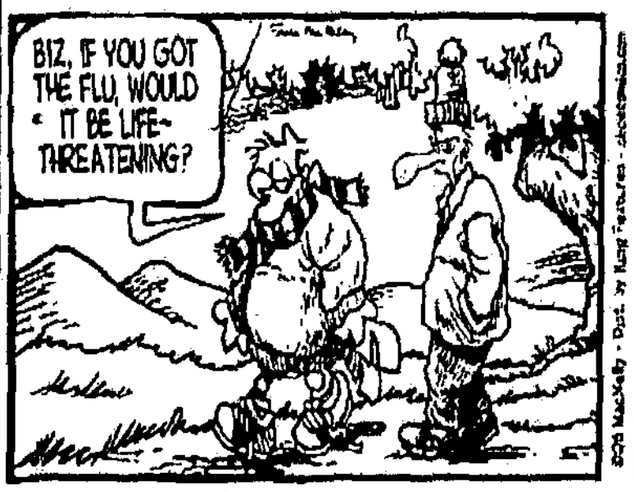

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**DIRECTIONS:** Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

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# Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

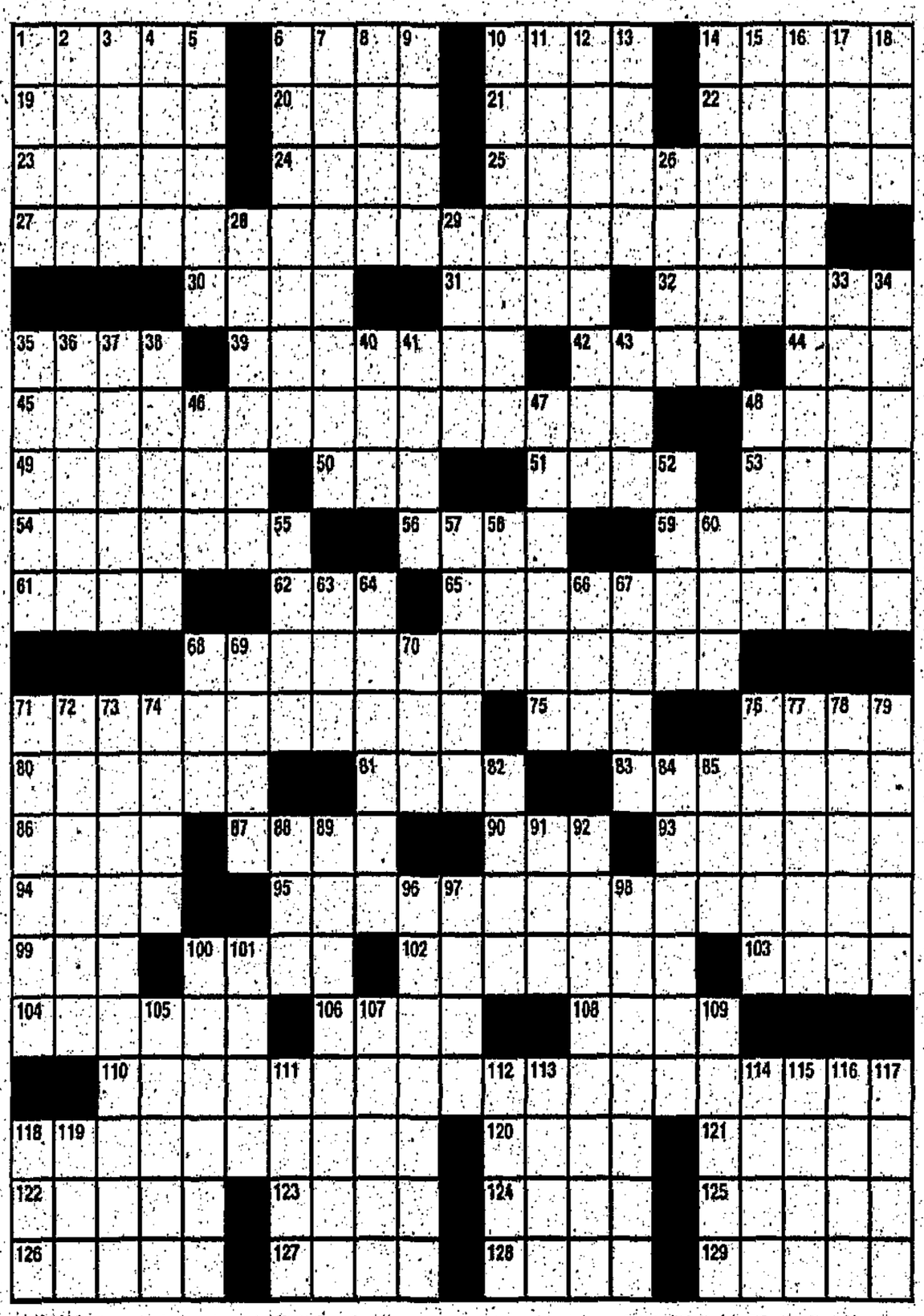
"YOU'RE OUT!" By MARK FELDMAN

**ACROSS**

1 Dry lake bed
6 Diary feature
10 Twice tres
14 Author who wrote on Friday
19 Bio subjects
20 "This is __ a test"
21 Stock: Abbr.
22 Inappropriate
23 Joint agreement
24 Moselle tributary
25 Off-the-wall
27 Feudal court of law?
30 Diminutive
31 The last game there was played 9/28/2008
32 Barely managed
35 Old despot
39 Put in chains
42 Norse thunder god
44 "This is __ a test"
45 Coverage on Cousteau?
48 Nina of "The Ten Commandments"
49 Passé campus headgear
50 Weaken
51 Frist's predecessor
53 Gospel writer
54 Course with unknowns
56 Layered treat
59 Endangered equine
61 Host
62 Like this ans.
65 "How can I drive the babysitter nuts this time?" et al.?
68 Secret society of executives?
71 Money for some therapy sessions?
75 Shiner
76 Ominous
80 Like Sartre's "No Exit"
81 "__ Rebel": 1962 hit
83 "Ambition should be made of __ stuff": "Julius Caesar"
86 Heaters
87 Moose Jaw's prov.
90 Collar
93 Enter, as data
94 They're usually assigned to bases
95 Fruit cut in linear shapes?
99 Racket end?
100 "Runaround Sue" singer
102 Horselike myth
103 Staked shelter
104 Untidy sort
106 Turnpike rumbler
108 Stand up to
110 Evel Knievel biopic?
118 Alternative name for Pick Four in horse racing
120 Throat clearer
121 Martial arts centers
122 __ voce
123 Card, e.g.
124 Green target
125 Make a delivery?
126 Red dye
127 Wilderness homes
128 West Coast sch. that offers a "Physics of Surfing" seminar
129 Surfer, at times

**DOWN**

1 Prized
2 It can be a cue, or follow one
3 Enthusiastic
4 Big Foot cousin
5 So far
6 Cry of adoration
7 Shrinks, so to speak
8 Part of a blind
9 Small fire starter?
10 Cover thickly, as with onions
11 Draw out
12 "No kidding!"
13 Actress Ward
14 East Lothian castle site
15 Done
16 Response to a compromise offer
17 Photo __
18 Biblical suffix
26 Magazine filler
28 Moviegoer
29 SASE contents, perhaps
33 Court calendar
34 Significant ones?
35 Big brass
36 Fishhook fastener
37 Memorable words
38 Take again, as vows
40 Meadow
41 It sailed from Iolcus
43 He edged TED in '48
46 Josh
47 Secretly forms a team?
48 Hail, with "down"
52 Utensil
55 __ The Magazine (formerly Modern Maturity)
57 Iranian dough
58 911 respondent
60 Oddball
63 Cost-of-living stat.
64 20th century artist inspired by mythology
66 Fort Worth inst.
67 Vandals
68 MD ÷ V
69 Porridge base
70 Northwest Passage explorer
71 Fashions
72 Tooth covering
73 Black figures
74 Sputnik reporter
76 Bar order
77 Low-budget pic, maybe
78 Time on the throne
79 "The Elephant Celebes" artist
82 Not supporting
84 Hypnotic state
85 Slippery swimmer
88 Prior
89 Levelheaded
91 A compass can help you make one
92 Alternative energy options
96 Folk actors
97 Seat of Oklahoma's Garfield County
98 Burned the midnight oil
100 Exactly right
101 Intrigued with
105 Starbucks size
107 Comic DeGeneres
109 Provide money for
111 Provide money for
112 Iolani Palace site
113 Prefix with -aholic
114 When tripled, a 1970 war film
115 "Iliad" hero
116 Learning method
117 River of Flanders
118 Literary monogram
119 Pursue, in a way



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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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TWAHR

HELBIT

YERTAW

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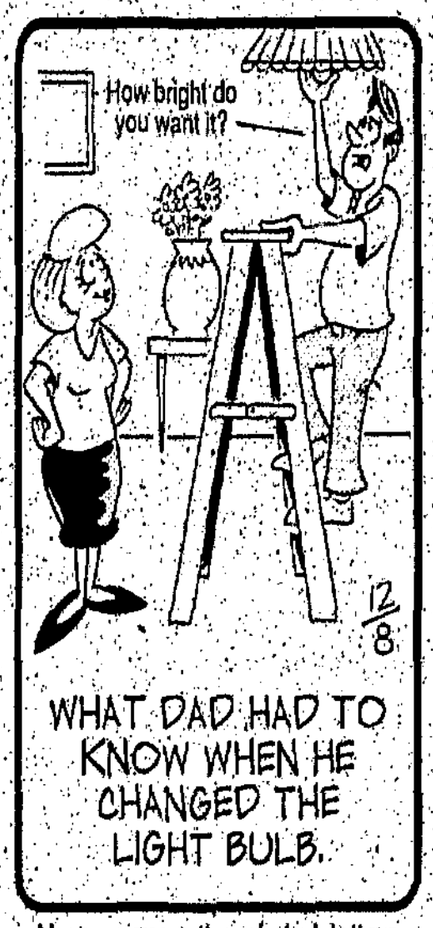
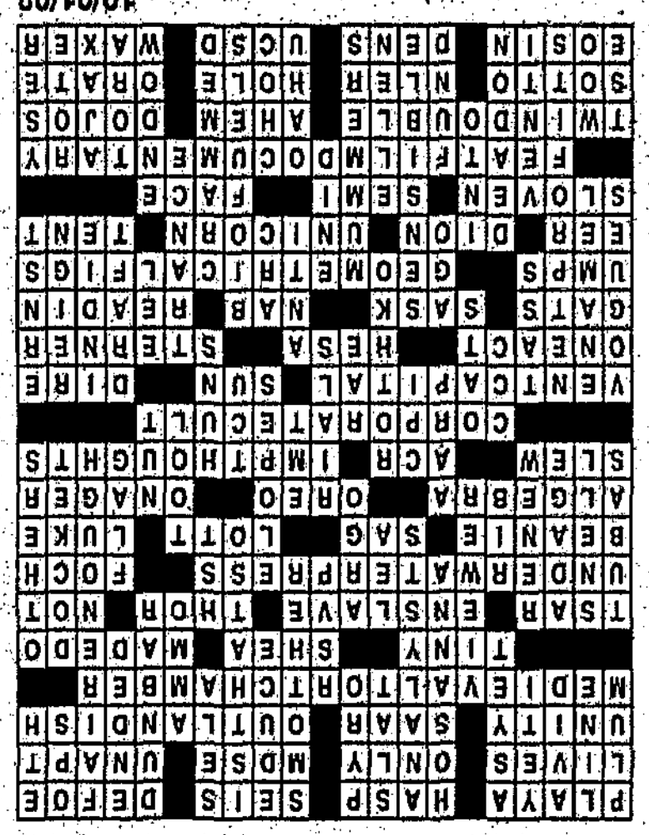



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: ____ ' ___ ____

Jumbles: SANDY WRATH BLITHE WATERY
Answer: What Dad had to know when he changed the light bulb — WHAT'S WATT

## ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE



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Jumble BRAND GRAMS SOLUTION

Z4 O1 D2 L1 A1 O3 ___ RACK 1 = 36
C3 U1 R1 R1 E1 N1 T1 RACK 2 = 59
A1 O1 U1 I1 V4 E1 R1 RACK 3 = 71
B3 R1 A1 V4 A1 D2 O1 RACK 4 = 63
PAR SCORE 170-180 TOTAL 229

# Art Galleries & Studios

## Lincoln County

**Art and Artifact** • 107 S. Lincoln • Capitan • 354-2316.

**Audrey Paton's Antiques & Interiors at Gallery 401** • 401 Twelfth St. • Carrizozo • 648-2762.

**Earthly Greens & Ran La Roca Glass** • Lincoln, NM • Open 10-6 daily • 800-386-7258 • Fine art fused glass "paintings.

**Fruit of the Trees Gallery** • Highway 380 in Lincoln • 653-4699.

**Gallery 408** • 408 12th Street • Carrizozo • 505-648-2598 • Oils, photography, ceramics, collage, jewelry, pottery and new Gift Gallery. Special artist showings and workshops, and musical events in their sculpture garden.

**Georgia Stacy, Artist** • Studio located on Nogal Canyon Road, in Nogal • 354-4206 • Wood sculpture, doors, and home interior furnishings

**Grizzly's Bears** • 2804 Sudderth • 257-3542 • Bears carved from tree trunks by chainsaw and other power tools.

**Hondo Iris Farm and Gallery** • Highway 70, MM 284 in Old Hondo • Tuesday - Sunday, 10-5 • 653-4723.

**Hondo Iris Farm Annex** • Highway 70, MM 286 • Tuesday - Sunday, 8-5. Free Jewelry Factory tours. 653-4062.

**Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery** • Off Highway 70 at mile marker 281 • San Patricio • Home of five artists spanning three generations. Featuring works by N.C. Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth, Henriette Wyeth Hurd, Peter Hurd and Michael Hurd. • 800-658-6912, or 653-4331.

**James Mack Studio** • 1002 B Ave. • Carrizozo • 648-5203.

**J. Kiker Gallery** • Highway 70 MM 284 in Old Hondo • Featuring John Kiker's oil landscapes of New Mexico, the Hondo Valley and beyond. • Open by appointment only. Phone 653-4510, or contact jkikergallery@yahoo.com.

**Moondance Gallery** • Central White Oaks • 648-2319 • Hand-crafted furniture, jewelry, traditional tinwork, Southwest artifacts.

**Oso Art** • 100 Lincoln Ave., Capitan • 354-2327 • Art at its best from more than 100 Lincoln County artists • Eclectic blend of wall art, sculpture, jewelry, wood furniture and more • Tuesday-Saturday 10-6; Sunday 10-5.

**Unique Creations** • 354-1041 • Custom furniture, etched and stained glass • By appointment only.

**White Oaks Pottery** • 4 mi. NE of White Oak Township • Ivy Heymann • 648-2985 • Open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed on Thursday.

**ZW's Gallery** • Highway 37 W, MM 4.7 (the road to Nogal) • 354-4263.

## Ruidoso Area

**The Adobe** • 2905 Sudderth • 257-5795 • www.theadobefineart.com • Fine art, jewelry, decoratives.

**Ann Buell's Fine Art** • 2825 Sudderth • 257-9102 • www.annbuellfineart.com • Original fine art paintings and sculpture. Artists include Martha Kellar, Charles N. Pruitt, Ann Templeton and many more.

**The Art Gallery** • 1712 Sudderth • 257-7272 • Featuring original works by regional independent artists. Home of the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts office.

**Backdoor – the knight-mark collection** • 2808 Sudderth Dr. • Hand-picked furnishings, Italian textiles, artwork and more luxuries for the home • 257-2270

**California Colors Art Gallery** • 201 Country Club Dr. • 257-1964.

**The Camel House** • 1690 Highway 70 East • Ruidoso Downs • 378-7065 • Prints, framing..

**Dj's Jewelry** • 618 Carrizo Canyon • 630-1514 • Hand-crafted silver and semi-precious stones, Southwest style.

**Earth & Stone** • 2117 Sudderth • 257-2768 • Pottery by Alan Miner. Thrown vessels, tableware, vessel sinks, platters, sculpted pieces. Watch the artist at work.

**Galleria West** • 2538 Sudderth • 257-4560 • Fine art, gifts, artisan jewelry, knives, fetishes.

**GD Garrett Fine Art** • 2306 Sudderth • 257-7695 • Studio and gallery of wildlife painter Gary Garrett.

**J. Mauritsen Studio** • 624 Carrizo Canyon Rd. • 257-6348 • Wood carver transforms tree trunks into fine art, furniture.

**Josie's Framery** • 2917 Sudderth • 257-4156 • High quality, affordable & custom framing and local art.

**Kindred Spirit** • 2306 Sudderth • 257-3846.

**Leroy Anderson Studio** • 1125 Highway 37 (downtown Nogal) • 354-4242 • Handcrafted silver jewelry, beadwork, rattles and copper sculpture.

**Many Moons Jewelry** • 2501 Sudderth • 630-9201 • Hand-crafted silver.

**McGary's Studio / Expressions in Bronze Gallery** • 2002 Sudderth • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday • 257-1000 • Gallery and finishing studio for world-renowned bronze artist famous for Native-American figures.

**Mountain Arts Gallery** • 2530 Sudderth • 257-9748 • Southwest art, prints & originals, pottery, custom framing. Resident artist: Teri Sodd.

**Picture This Gallery** • 2621 Sudderth • 630-0003 • Prints and framing.

**Piñon Pottery** • 3 miles east of Wal-Mart on Highway 70 • Ruidoso Downs • 378-4270 • (800) 378-4275 • Studio & gallery of Vicki Conley, also shows work by other locals. Thrown pottery and sculpted ceramic for architectural accents.

**Rainwaters** • 2313 Sudderth • 257-8727 • Gifts, jewelry, candles & collectibles.

**Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts** • Highway 220, 12 miles north of Ruidoso off U.S. 48 • 336-4800 • Dale Chihuly glass art installation • Tours 10 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday include behind-the-scenes look at theater.

**Square Moon Gallery** • 2825 Sudderth Dr., Ste. E, Boulder Plaza • Beautiful hand-blown and fused art glass, original chalk pastels, and more. • 257-8549.

**Studio-W** • 1311 Mechem • 258-1117 • www.Studio-W.com • 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Wed. - Sat.; 12 - 6 p.m., Sun; Closed Mon. & Tues. • Representing more than 100 artists showing more than 500 pieces.

**Talk of the Town Gallery & Studio** • 1017 Mechem Dr. • Artist cooperative showcase, workshops and studio space • 937-5934 or 937-6591.

**White Dove Gallery** • 2825 Sudderth, Ste. A • 257-6609 or 866-257-6609 • Specializing in Native-American jewelry, art, pottery and kachinas. Open daily since 1988.

**White Mountain Pottery** • 2328 Sudderth • 257-3644 • Tableware, lamps & accessories. Representing the works of Tim Wierwille and other local potters.

**The Zuni** • 2621 Sudderth • (800) 275-4908 • 257-2440.

## Alamogordo Area

**About Frames** • 1602 10th St. • 434-4494 • Fine art prints and custom framing. Dave Beach and Susie Hopkins, proprietors. Open Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday by appointment.

**Accents in Glass** • 434-4182 • Jo Austin's original art glass designs using fused glass, stained glass, mosaics, 3-D, leaded panels, and jewelry. Jo Austin, proprietor. Web: www.accentsinglassbyjo.-com.

**Pat Beatty Gallery and Framing**, 908 New York Ave., Alamogordo • 439-0188 • Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. • Fine art, work by local artists, gifts, hand-painted cards. Pat Beatty, proprietor.

**Copeland's Frame Shop and Gallery, DBA Sketchbook Tours** • 622 9th St. (corner of 9th and Texas Ave.) • 575-551-4632 (shop) • 575-442-9594 (victoria) • 575-430-7921 (Michael) • www.michaelcopeland.com • www.sketchbook-tours.com

**Creative Designs** • 917 New York Ave., Alamogordo • Monday - Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • 434-4420 • Ongoing selection of carefully chosen works in all media by local artists.

**David H. Townsend Library Gallery** • New Mexico State University-Alamogordo campus, 2400 Scenic Dr. • 439-3650 • Sunday - Friday • Monthly exhibit.

**Eagle Ranch Art Gallery** • 7288 U.S. Highway 54/70, between Alamogordo and Tularosa • 434-0035 • 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily • Monthly exhibits by a variety of local and regional artists. Marianne and George Schweers, proprietors.

**W. Kohler Lamp and Shade Company Gallery** • 173 US Hwy 82, Alamogordo • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday • 437-8441 • Distinctive mesquite lamps and copper lampshades made on location. Studio tours available.

## Tularosa

**Adobe Daubers Arts & Crafts Gallery** • 275-B Central Ave. • 585-2084.

**Coffee & More at Tularosa Dry Goods** • 308 Granado St. • 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon., Wed.,

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ART SCENE

# Photo show closes

*"Resurrection," by Robert Medina at the Hubbard.*

*The very successful 17th edition of the Fall American Photography Show at the Hubbard Museum of the American West will end on Sunday, Dec. 28. "We wanted to remind everyone that the show closes on Dec. 28," commented Museum Director Jay Smith, "but there are still a number of excellent photos for sale." For more information about the show and sale, or for a list of participating photographers, contact the museum at 575-378-4142.*

# Art Galleries & Studios

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Thurs.-Sat.; 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sunday • 585-4575 • Rotating art exhibit.

**Del Sol** • 200 St. Francis Dr. • 585-4581.

**Horse Feathers** • 316 Granado • 585-4407 • Pottery, jewelry, Native American arts & crafts, gifts.

## Cloudcroft

**Bear Track** • 502 Burro Ave. • 682-3046 • Native American arts & crafts, gifts.

**Cloudcroft Art Society** • Community Center/Library (Red Brick Schoolhouse), corner of Swallow Place and Burro Ave. • 687-3176 • Members' artwork, programs, meetings, workshops.

**Cloudcroft Pottery** • 502A Burro Ave. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. • 682-3321 • Functional stoneware and raku. Don and Donna Ellis, proprietors.

**Copper Butterfly** • 206 Burro Ave. • 682-2765 • Fine arts, quality crafts. Gloria and Gary Wood, proprietors.

**Hummingbird Nest** • 306 Burro Ave. • 682-2728 • Ceramics, paintings. Kathy Powell, proprietor.

**Off the Beaten Path** • 100 Glorietta Ave. • 682-7284 • Eclectic gifts and original artwork, wacky wire art, jewelry, yard art, artistic lamps, and more. Berle Van Zanat and Donna Rand, proprietors. Open daily.

**Thy, Smiling Dog Art Gallery** • 311 James Canyon Hwy. • 682-2122 • Original oils, prints, jewelry, photography, metalwork and home décor.

## Mescalero

**Jordan T. Gallery** • 464-2338 • Carrizo Canyon Rd. at the Mescalero Inn • Featuring Mescalero Apache fine art (paintings, sculpture and crafts) and other work by Mescalero artists.

**N'de Fine Arts Gallery** • U.S. Highway 70 • 464-2114 • Featuring: Apache fine arts including paintings in oil and acrylics.

**Stronghold Gallery** • 464-7777 • Gift shop and art gallery inside the Inn of the Mountain Gods, featuring paintings, sculpture and other work by Mescalero artists.

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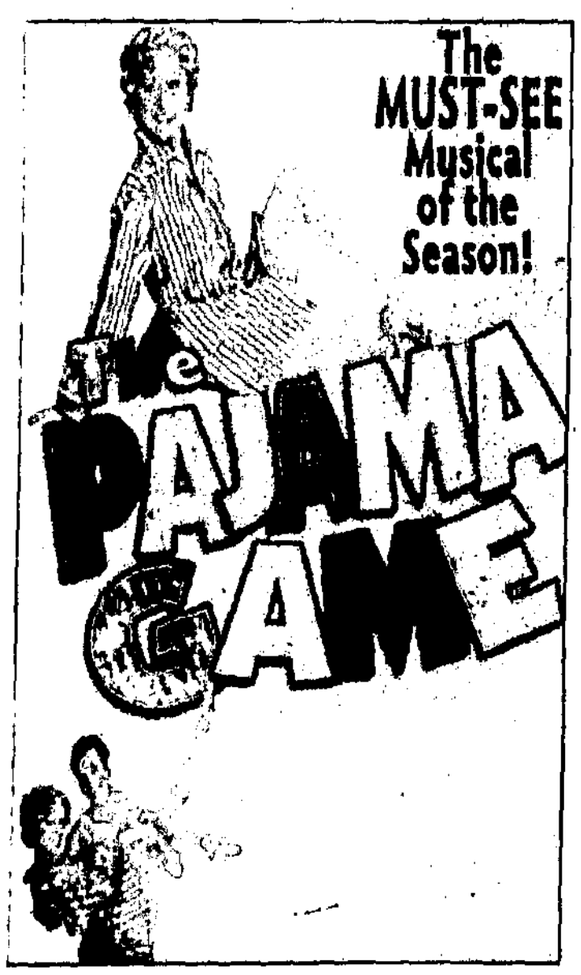
THEATRE

# The Spencer sparkles in the new year

The Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts was recently named one of seven outstanding theatres in the world by the United States Institute for Theatre Technology, Inc. And for the coming months of the new year, they have assembled an outstanding musical-lovers' delight. Six full-scale, award-winning musicals will be presented, along with performances by two of today's most beloved female performers.

***Nunsense***, starring Sally Struthers, Monday, Jan. 12 at 8 p.m.($69 & $66). Side-splitting comedy starring the two-time winning actress Sally Struthers in a tale about a variety show fundraiser featuring a Hoboken convent full of kooky nuns who need to raise money for the burial of folks their cook accidentally poisoned. Featuring a cast of singers, dancers and musicians with Guertman & Murtha of New York.

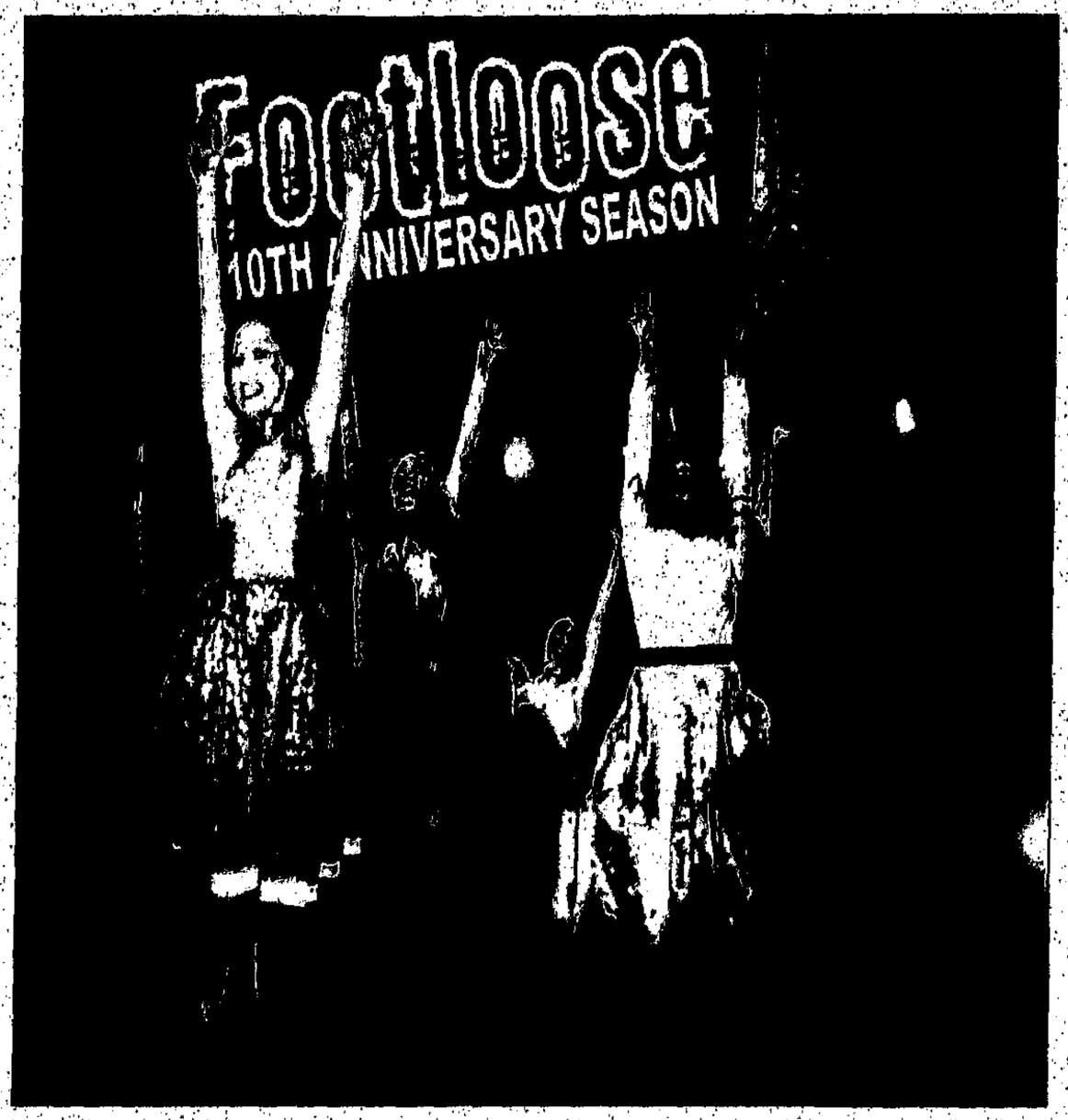
***The Pajama Game***, Monday, Jan. 26, at 8 p.m. ($69 & $66). A fast-paced, Tony Award-winning frisky tale about a feisty employee and her bossy boss who get caught up in a heated affair. Featuring a cast of singers, dancers and musicians with Phoenix Entertainment and a high-energy score with hits like "Hey There," "Steam Heat" and "Hernando's Hideaway."




***Annie***, Saturday, Feb. 7, at 8 p.m. ($79 & $76). The timeless tale of Little Orphan Annie is back, giving a whole new generation the chance to experience this classic musical about never giving up hope. Starring a cast of singers, dancers and musicians with NETworks Productions, Annie boasts one of Broadway's most memorable scores: "It's the Hard-Knock Life," "Easy Street," "N.Y.C." and "Tomorrow."

**Marilu Henner**, Saturday, Feb. 21, 8 p.m. ($59 & $56). Marilu Henner has done it all! TV star of "Taxi" and "Evening Shade," Broadway star of *Grease, Pal Joey* and *Chicago*, film star of *The Man Who Loved Women, Noises Off* and *L.A. Story*, as well as bestselling author of several books on healthy living, Marilu Henner is now conquering concert halls. Join Marilu in a dynamic evening of entertainment, as she brings her immense vocal and comedic talents to the stage in her new one-woman show, "Marilu Henner in Concert."

Marilu has starred on stage, in several hit TV series, film, commercials, television movies and specials. She has co-starred with some of Hollywood's leading men and worked with some of the best directors in Hollywood and on Broadway.




**Bye Bye Birdie,** Tuesday, March 3, at 8 p.m. ($59 & $56). Winner of eight Tony Awards, this fun-loving musical is about a quiet Midwestern town which suddenly gets inundated by early '60's rock star-obsessed fans, and the riotous lament of parents with teenagers in love. The wacky romance stars a cast of singers, dancers and musicians with Windwood Productions of New York.

**Crystal Gayle,** Friday, March 27 at 8 p.m. ($59 & $56). The Grammy and CMA award winner brings her crystalline vocals to the Spencer with her classic hits: "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue," "Cry Me A River," "You," "Coal Miner's Daughter," "I Still Miss Someone," "Don't Come Home a Drinking (With Lovin' on Your Mind)" and other country, folk, pop and jazz favorites.

**The Drowsy Chaperone**, April 25, at 2 p.m. ($59 & $56) and 8 p.m. ($69 & $66). Presented by the same company that brought The Producers to the Spencer, this new musical comedy – winner of the most 2006 Tony Awards – is the hilarious, nostalgic tale of a celebrity bride and her uproarious wedding day, complete with saucy old-time characters like gangsters, show people, millionaires and dubious servants – and glitzy fantasy sets. Starring 30 singers, dancers and musicians with NETworks Presentations of New York.

**Footloose**, Saturday, May 16, at 8 p.m. ($69 & $66). Based on the 1980s movie sensation, this dazzling dance-and-song hit is about a restless city boy who moves to rural America where dancing is banned and turns the whole town upside-down by going footloose. Starring a cast of singers, dancers and musicians with Off Broadway Productions, it features a host of '80s hits: "Almost Paradise," "Let's Hear It For The Boy," "Footloose."

For ticket reservations to the shows, phone the Spencer Theater Box Office at 336-4800. Don't miss these wonderful productions at the intimate and beautiful award-winning Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts.