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Where's the report?

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Ruidoso councilors expressed frustration Tuesday about not receiving reports and copies of correspondence to keep them updated on compliance deadlines and construction progress on the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.

As Public Works Director Randall Camp described progress on the plant, Cory said, "With all due respect, I know nothing about the plant." A couple of photographs and a brief narrative doesn't give him the information he needs, the councilor said.

**Village Councilor Greg Cory says the council
is left out of the loop on Wastewater
Treatment Plant developments**

Other councilors express frustration with process

He wants every item for compliance to a court settlement involving the river and treatment plant listed with a corresponding status update, compliance deadlines and notations if the dates were and are being met.

Village Manager Dan O. Higgins said the reports being received are technical, but can be

sent to commissioners.

"We are in compliance," he contended. "We meet weekly with Ruidoso Downs staff." The City of Ruidoso Downs is co-owner of the plant with the Village of Ruidoso and splits the cost of operation 85 percent to the village and 15 percent to the city based on use. The estimated price for the renovated

plant, required to reduce nitrogen and phosphorous contaminant levels in the plant's discharge into the river, is \$40 million.

Higgins asked specifically what Cory wanted to see.

"I want an update on each of these items," he said. "I want to be carbon-copied on communications with Ned Kendricks (the attorney in matters related to the plant under the Joint Use Board with Ruidoso Downs)."

He's not seen anything from Kendricks since a September discussion, Cory said.

Councilor Michele Rebstock said

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TOO MANY DOCTORS



SANDY KASHMAR/RUIDOSO NEWS

Ruidoso High School's Red Feather Theatre Company is launching a campaign to raise funds for their annual trip to Drama Fest in Portales. Seeking to raise more than \$6,000, the group will reprise *Masks*, *Love*, and *Pirates* - a romantic and swashbuckling fencing show-case - on Valentine's weekend, with the Sheriff's Posse providing food for the event. Donations may also be made through drama instructor Georgene Inks at the high school. Above, Elynn Koehler and Cody Jones rehearse for one of the company's three spring productions, *Too Many Doctors*, a rendition of Moliere's *Imaginary Invalid*.

U.S. military: Beware conditions in Mexico

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El Paso Times

EL PASO - Mexico is one of two countries that "bear consideration for a rapid and sudden collapse," according to a report by the U.S. Joint Forces Command on worldwide security threats.

The command's "Joint Operating Environment (JOE 2008)" report, which contains projections of global threats and potential next wars, puts Pakistan on the same level as Mexico. "In terms of worse-case scenarios for the Joint Force and indeed the world, two large and important states bear consideration for a rapid and sudden collapse: Pakistan and Mexico.

"The Mexican possibility may seem less likely, but the government, its politicians, police and judicial infrastructure are all under sustained assault and press by criminal gangs and drug cartels. How that internal

conflict turns out over the next several years will have a major impact on the stability of the Mexican state. Any descent by Mexico into chaos would demand an American response based on the serious implications for homeland security alone."

The U.S. Joint Forces Command, based in Norfolk, Va., is one of the Defense Departments combat commands that includes members of the different military service branches, active and reserves, as well as civilian and contract employees. One of its key roles is to help transform the U.S. military's capabilities.

In the foreword, Marine Gen. J.N. Mattis, the USJFC commander, said "Predictions about the future are always risky ... Regardless, if we do not try to forecast the future, there is no doubt that we will be caught off guard as we strive to protect this experiment in democracy that we call America."

The report is one in a series focusing on Mexico's internal security problems, mostly stemming from drug violence and drug corruption. In recent weeks, the Department of Homeland Security and former U.S. drug czar Barry McCaffrey issued similar alerts about Mexico.

Despite such reports, El Pasoan Veronica Callaghan, a border business leader, said she keeps running into people in the region who "are in denial about what is happening in Mexico."

Last week, Mexican President Felipe Calderon instructed his embassy and consular officials to promote a positive image of Mexico.

The U.S. military report, which also analyzed economic situations in other countries, also noted that China has increased its influence in places where oil fields are present.

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Cook receives House support

■ In Lincoln County, Capitan's municipal attorney is the choice to succeed Dub Williams; Otero County to weigh in

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The name of Ruidoso attorney Zackery Cook was submitted as the Lincoln County Commission nominee to replace Dub Williams as District 56 state representative.

The special meeting was called Wednesday to deal with selecting a nominee after Williams' resignation for family health reasons just a few months after his election to an eighth two-year term.

Because the 60-day session of the state Legislature begins Tuesday, the commissions in Lincoln and in Otero County were under deadline pressure for Gov. Bill Richardson to appoint the replacement quickly.

Williams already wrote a letter recommending Cook, Capitan village attorney, as his choice. County Manager Tom Stewart drove the commission's letter to Santa Fe Thursday.

The Otero County Commission was scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Thursday, and among items on the agenda was a vote on that county's nominee.

Don Francisco Trujillo, New Mexico deputy secretary of state, said the vote will be faxed to that department and be on the governor's desk at 8 a.m. today.

Richardson may name the new state representative before 5 p.m. If Otero submits a different nomi-

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Alpine Village

The regular meeting of the Alpine Village Water and Sanitation District is set for 5:30 p.m., Feb. 2, in the district building, 112A Alpine Meadows Tr.

Regular business will be conducted for the District, such as paying bills and reporting on the operations of the water system. Additionally, the agenda may contain discussion regarding new security fencing, emergency generator, committees to address the Conservation and a Drought Contingency Plan, Capacity Assessment, and revising the Bylaws and Regulations.

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

Tree-cycling

Today marks the last day for Christmas Tree recycling at School House Park in Ruidoso.

Free mulch, chips and compost from Sierra Contracting will be available.

Call 257-5030 for more information.

MAW 2009

The sonic boom of the F-22 Raptor combined with

the VarrOOOOM of the Aspengash motorcycles is proof positive that you are in Ruidoso.

The dates are May 14-17.

MAW 2008 was a two day public event that bid "Farewell to the F-117 Stealth Bomber." Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs were recipients of the last public flight in the impressive 33-year history of this aircraft before her retirement.

MAW 2009 begins Thursday, May 14, with a Golf Tournament at Inn of the Mountain Gods, a single shotgun with a total of 70 foursomes. Civilian rates are \$125 per golfer or \$400 per foursome.

Military rates are \$50 per golfer or \$150 per foursome. This fee includes green and cart fees and cost of reception and prizes. There will be a new vehicle presented to the first "hole-in-one."

Make your reservations with Terry Fitzwater, Publisher, *Ruidoso News*, 575-257-4001. Lodging is available at Cook Canyon Ranch. See Millie Woods for details on lodging.

Friday, May 15, the military convoy arrives at the Y at 9 a.m. The convoy will be escorted to the soccer field, Hull Road and White Mountain Drive, where Military City will be erect-

ed by 49th FW MMG, and displays, demonstrations, story boards, drills and exercises will begin at noon and will continue until 5 p.m.

Best Western is hosting a reception for the troops at 5:30 p.m. At 6:30 p.m. the troops will be lodged at Cook Canyon Ranch. They will be entertained by Top Brass Sextet and served dinner by local churches. Taps will reverberate through the mountains at sunset.

Friday's schedule includes the following: White Sands Missile Range Repelling Team, repelling from the former Inn of the Mountain Gods hotel, now the "Tower of Terror." Times will be announced at a later date.

WSMR helicopters will land on the Demonstration Field and/or at Inn of the Mountain Gods, the New Mexico Air & Space Museum will launch rockets and present the "Mad Scientist," and WeCree8 will be flying large kites and balloons.

There will be 500-pound bombs, weapons and gear displays, cockpit simulators, camo-face painting, G-force "puke chair," rock climbing, canine training exercises, drunk driving simulator, a display of "bugs from around the

world," CPR and other life-saving techniques.

Also participating both Friday and Saturday will be Kirtland AFB's Defense Threat Reduction Unit and Naval and Marine Readiness Team, EMRTC, Energetic Materials Research Teaching Center, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology in Socorro, Fort Bliss Combat Engineer Battalion and the FBI.

Saturday, there will be a F-22 Raptor Fly-Over followed by a ceremony on the field, during which awards to the winners of the Essay Writing Contest, "What the U.S. Flag Means to Me," will be awarded and the MAW Wounded Warrior, Joseph Neal Hudson, will be acknowledged.

There will be a reception at Inn of the Mountain Gods at 2 p.m. with a celebrity speaker, to be announced at a later date.

The troops will be lodged each night at Cook Canyon Ranch. They will be fed through the generosity of the local churches, entertained by local musicians, and will have taps played for them each evening.

The military will break camp Sunday morning.

For more information, visit www.ruidosomaw.org, or phone Millie Woods, 575-336-2828.

Fort Stanton exhibit

The grand opening of "Fort Stanton, an American Journey" exhibit Saturday at the Hubbard Museum of the American West drew an appreciative crowd.

Historian Lynda Sanchez complimented curator Jay Smith and his staff for putting together excellent exhibits at the museum owned by the City of Ruidoso Downs, not only the fort exhibition, but also an in-depth look at mining in the exhibit hall on the entry floor level.

"The fort exhibit is dear to the hearts of many residents of Lincoln County," she said. "The Fort has always affected our lives and will continue to do so as it is now New Mexico's newest state monument."

"The program about the German Internment Camp (at the fort during World War II) presented by Jim McBride, the catered reception afterwards, 200-plus guests and the official opening of exhibit, along with an incredible DVD created by Arcure Studios were terrific tributes to the county, the region and the state."

Sanchez, who lives in the historic settlement of Lincoln and is an author and archaeologist, said, "Sometimes we take for



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Top photo: Herb Brunell and Lynda Sanchez. Above, one of the exhibits of "Fort Stanton, an American Journey." At left, Museum Director Jay Smith.



granted the richness and value of places within our own back yard. If we lost them, that loss would be irreparable.

"So, kudos to all who helped make this a smashing success, and to the staff. It's so gratifying to see the value of heritage preservation acknowledged and celebrated through preservation of buildings, artifacts, cultural resources, documents and photographs."

Sanchez urged continued support for the museums and the two state monuments, Lincoln and Fort Stanton, within Lincoln County's boundaries.

"All we need now is

money," Sanchez said, noting that the 1855 fort and Lincoln settlement are assets to the entire state, as well as the county.

"In the meantime, we have a lot of wonderful people to help in many different ways and that is a major advancement compared to where we were just a few years ago," she said.

The Arcures' DVD sells for \$10. The money will go to the fort fund.

"To have such a professional and well done presentation donated to the Fort is another feather in our cap," Sanchez said. "Such a presentation would have cost us thousands."

The exhibit ends the first week in March.

-Dianne Stallings

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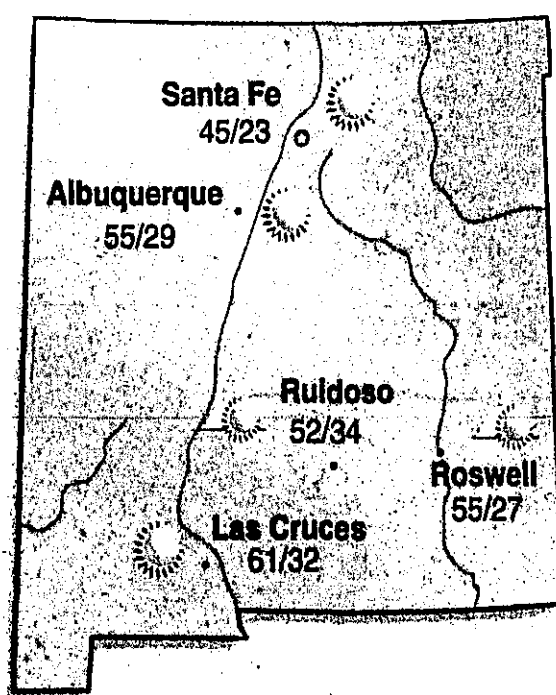
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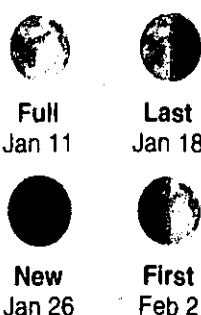
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Carlsbad	54	30	pt sunny	Hobbs	56	29	pt sunny	Silver City	52	20	sunny
Chama	38	14	sunny	Las Cruces	61	32	sunny	Socorro	57	28	sunny
Clovis	55	30	mst sunny	Las Vegas	51	24	sunny	St Johns, AZ	52	19	sunny
Deming	61	27	sunny	Lordsburg	62	29	sunny	Taos	42	11	pt sunny
El Paso, TX	62	34	-sunny	Lubbock, TX	56	31	mst sunny	Trinidad, CO	54	27	sunny
Esplanada	56	28	sunny	Odessa, TX	55	33	cloudy	Truth or Consq	59	31	sunny
Farmington	44	17	sunny	Raton	52	22	sunny	Tucson, AZ	73	43	sunny
Gallup	46	12	sunny	Roswell	55	27	mst sunny	Tucuman	55	29	sunny

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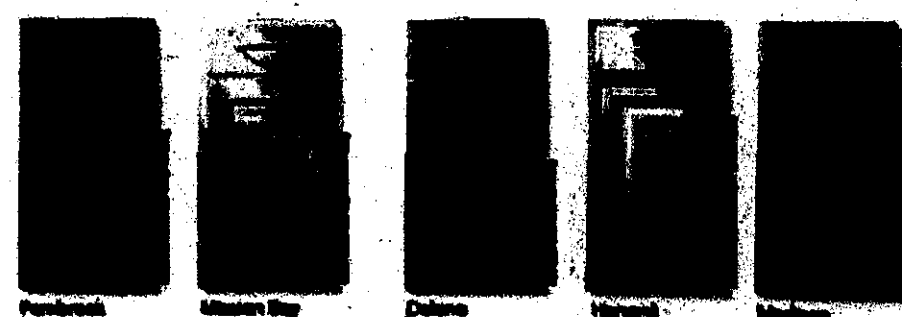
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Boston	13	7	pt sunny	Los Angeles	79	50	sunny	San Francisco	69	45	sunny
Chicago	7	6	pt sunny	Alma	66	53	rain	Seattle	58	43	pt sunny
Dallas	50	38	mst sunny	Minneapolis	6	4	on shower	St Louis	28	19	pt sunny
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Area precipitation down; forecast not promising

■ It's a different story in northern NM

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Confirming what skiers and the tourism industry already know, precipitation in the Ruidoso area has been below normal so far this winter.

"Below normal" to well-below normal December precipitation was the rule for much of the eastern plains for the second consecutive month (in December), according to the National Weather Service (NWS) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

"Seasonal precipitation, October through December 2008, (was) well below average over most of eastern New Mexico."

"We're in a La Niña (weather pattern over the

Pacific Ocean), which, pretty much for southern and eastern New Mexico tends to be the drier side of winter," said Ed Polasko, a hydrologist for the National Weather Service in Albuquerque.

"The news isn't very good, and that will continue right on into spring," he said, "which means an early start to the fire season."

Polasko reported that, over the last three months of 2008, Ruidoso (Village Hall reporting station) received 2.23 inches of precipitation, a little more than half the normal of 4.02 inches. Capitan received 1.19 inches compared to the normal of 3.17 inches.

In contrast, areas north and west of Lincoln County have received above-average rain and snow.

"Precipitation across

New Mexico during December 2008 was well above normal north and west of a line from Raton to Silver City as a highly active storm track from Dec. 8 through the 27th spread rain and snow eastward from Utah and Arizona," according to the NWS. Snowfall was "well above average in the northern mountain regions," the agency added.

With the bulk of the snow accumulation season for the northern mountains yet to come, early prospects for spring snow melt runoff are excellent from the Rio Chama to the Rio Grande. The snowpack in the Rio Chama Basin, dated to Jan. 1, is the highest since 1984, and spring snow melt runoff volume through June is predicted to be "well above normal in the Rio Chama Basin," according to the NWS and NRCS.

Surveys by the NRCS, an arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, indicate that snowpack water content in the Rio Grande basin as of Jan. 1 was 169 percent of normal and the current early snowpack in the New Mexico portion of the Rio Grande Basin "ranks as the best of the past 15 years."

Should weather patterns continue, the weather service says, "Flows in streams originating from the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of New Mexico and feeding into the Rio Grande should range from 115 to 125 percent of normal. Forecast flows for the Rio Grande include 121 percent of normal into Cochiti Lake and 127 percent of normal into Elephant Butte Lake. Other Rio Grande Basin reservoir forecast inflows range from 135 percent of normal at El

Vado Lake to 104 percent of normal at Jemez Canyon Reservoir. Inflow to Santa Rosa Lake is expected to be 111 percent of normal."

Ironically, some parts of Sierra Blanca are reporting near-normal snowfall for this time of year, but at elevations above 10,300 feet.

Ski Apache remains open for business, with machine-groomed packed powder. A season total of

34 inches has fallen on the resort, resulting in nine groomed runs, with four lifts operating.

Snowmaking continues on a nightly basis, weather permitting.

The near-term forecast is not promising. "There isn't any chance for precipitation in the next week," Polasko said. "After a week to 10 days, we'll keep our eye on it."

State prevails in Water Quality Act case

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The New Mexico Environment Department prevailed in a major case before the Water Quality Control Commission that reaffirms the state's ability to enforce the Water Quality Act to protect the state's groundwater resources.

The ruling establishes that groundwater beneath Freeport McMoran Copper and Gold's Tyrone Mine in Grant County is protected. The decision will require the company to continue to take steps to protect groundwater and clean up pollution beneath the mine property. The case reaffirms the state's authority to protect groundwater at any site it regulates, including mines, dairies and national laboratories.

"The commission upheld the department's long-standing position that in an

arid state like New Mexico, where we derive 90 percent of our drinking water from groundwater, all aquifers must be protected," said New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry. "The commission re-established the state's right to protect water quality and all groundwater now and for future generations. This precedent-setting decision is important not only for the Tyrone mine site but for the regulation of groundwater quality in Grant County and the rest of the state as well."

The decision will require Freeport, formerly Phelps Dodge Mining Corp., to continue to follow requirements the department established to protect groundwater at the mine site. The case hinged on Freeport's argument that groundwater within the Tyrone mine site, consisting of several thousand

acres, was exempt from state groundwater protections as long as the company did not cause groundwater off-site to become contaminated — in effect creating a groundwater "sacrifice zone" at the mine site.

Environment department officials maintained that groundwater underneath the site should be protected now and into the future. The commission rejected Freeport's contention that this groundwater is not protected.

The case began in 2002. Company representatives, after a lengthy hearing, challenged a NMED hearing officer's initial decision in the case. The hearing officer affirmed the state's right to issue a permit with conditions for the protection of groundwater quality and require the company to follow provisions of the 1967 Water Quality Act.

The case subsequently

was heard before the commission, which upheld the department's authority. Freeport then appealed.

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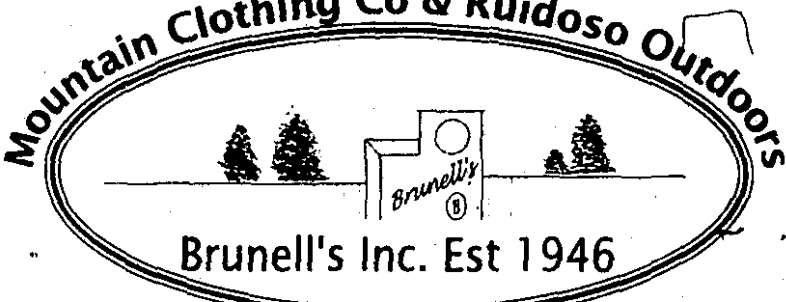
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A gentleman goes home

Dub Williams possessed the important trait

A career in partisan politics never was for the faint-of-heart. These days, it seems, those wishing to enter the political arena must, to varying degrees, be cunning, combative, ego-driven, dogmatic, well-connected and – oh, yes – even idealistic. Nowhere in the handbook of prerequisites does it mention “gentleman.”

Dub Williams, who announced his retirement this week from the New Mexico House of Representatives, District 56, will forever be

known as a man who got things done in a gentlemanly manner. It is really, when all is said and done, the highest accolade a public servant can claim.

And to go out for reasons concerning his family is the mark of a loving husband and father – which trumps everything.

Inevitably, Dub Williams didn't please everyone. You didn't always agree with him. But you knew he cared, in a way that speaks volumes about the people of his district.

Head south and east, young man

It's amazing what impact one four-letter word can have. That word is “mild,” when applied to the word “recession” in New Mexico. UNM economist Larry Waldman used the two words together during this year's annual Economic Outlook conference. I could practically hear the audience exhale in unison.

People once sought the wisdom of a sage sitting on a mountaintop. Now we gather in hotel ballrooms, and we call them motivational speakers, financial advisors or economists. Waldman, with his long white hair and beard, looks the part. All he needs is a brown robe.

UNM's sage benefited by the opening act. Eugenio Aleman, Wells Fargo's senior economist, didn't mince words in speaking about the national economy: “This is going to be nasty. We haven't seen yet the worst of this crisis.”

I'll spare you the gruesome details of Aleman's talk. Let's just say, if your adult children moved to Phoenix or L.A. to seek their fortunes, you might want to wait before converting their bedrooms into a den.

“My bad news is going to sound pretty good,” Waldman said, after Aleman finished.

Job growth in the state has been creeping toward zero in recent months and dipped below zero in October and November. We still outperformed the national economy.

“New Mexico's economy is not yet in recession, but it's coming,” Waldman said.

The recession will last through September and then begin to turn, he predicted. After that, most sectors will begin to recover – slowly. He foresees returning to a healthy 2 percent growth in 2010, though manufacturing will lag until 2011.

Over all, New Mexico will experience a mild recession in 2009, he concluded. “These are trends,” he said. “Anything out beyond one year's a crap shoot because of unanticipated events.”

Both economists talked about consumers, who've become shy as quail. Aleman observed that the Federal Reserve wants peo-

ple to consume at a time when they're more inclined to save. Waldman said: “Consumer sentiment is at the recession level. As long as they feel that way, it probably will happen. Part of the key is to get people to believe things will be better.”

In matters economic, fear and gloomy expectations tend to be self-fulfilling prophecies.

Which is why pronouncements from the economic sage matter. Five hundred busi-

ness and government people left the meeting with Waldman's forecast in mind. Churning in their brains was something like this: “Let's see, we (the company, shop, restaurant) just need to make it for the next nine months ...”

They will make decisions accordingly. Waldman rushed through the state's biggest cities: recession in Albuquerque and Santa Fe while Las Cruces and Farmington are doing well. He seemed mystified by booming Las Cruces.

I was just in the City of Crosses. (Motto: “Recession? What recession?”) The hotel was full, its parking lot full of beefy pickups and heavy equipment. What's going on? The army is adding 45,000 troops at Fort Bliss by 2013; dependents and civilian employees will add another 100,000. El Paso will see most of that growth, but some is spilling over to Doña Ana County. Nearby, White Sands Missile Range is getting 3,500 troops plus an engineering battalion.

Look at the state's pillars of stability (Farmington, Los Alamos, Clovis, Hobbs, Las Cruces) and you see either energy or government spending.

Meanwhile, the president-elect has unveiled an economic stimulus plan that aims to shore up confidence and jobs with government spending. New Mexico's experience indicates that it could work, or at least help.

Meanwhile, we're about to see a pattern shift. For years, people in outlying areas gravitated to Albuquerque for jobs. But the biggest city's recession parallels that of the state. Need a job? Follow the money – south, east and northwest.

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YOUR OPINION

Dub became personal mentor

To the editor:

IT WAS WITH an “overflowing heart” that I read the two articles printed about Mr. Dub Williams' resignation as State Representative for District 56. Mr. Williams has devoted his life to people as an educator, State Representative, family man and community leader.

But these “titles” only superficially describe a man who has demonstrated a multi-faceted open-mindedness that would become more understanding as he matured, which seems in direct opposition to the development of many “high profile” individuals.

It was August 1972 when I had the distinct opportunity of meeting many influential educators in the Ruidoso Municipal School system as I entered my first (and only) high school

teaching position. Mr. Williams introduced himself to me, we talked, and I asked him how a young man from the bayou of Louisiana found his way to Ruidoso and he answered with the question that gave me my nickname that only he would use: “So, tell me Yankee, how did a boy from the streets of New York City find his way here?” Touche.

Unknowingly to Mr. Williams, he became my personal mentor through observation and casual discussion. I had my own style of teaching as everyone does but Mr. Williams, like many great and respected individuals, had a compassion for his students that I admired and attempted to learn. One of my career goals was to enjoy every day at school and contribute to Ruidoso High School for at least

as many fruitful years as Mr. Williams would. His role modeling would help pave the way for a three-and-a-half decade career that I now cherish with no regrets.

Mr. Williams is a multi-pillar of our community who has worn many hats and as he continues to change those hats he will continue to make a difference in his own way. He will continue to care about others in the non-judgmental dialog that is tempered with the open-mindedness that has enabled him to make a positive impact on anyone who has the opportunistic good fortune to engage in conversation with him. Our community is better because of people like Mr. Dub Williams; thank you for your service, Mr. Williams.

Galen Farrington
Ruidoso

Opportunities abound in desperation

There sure is a lot of New Age hope and great expectations going into the swearing-in of Barack Obama Tuesday as president 44 (or, as he's referred to in the hood, “Cuatro Doble”).

The anticipation of change and new directions is about to blast head-first into the do-nothingness of the U.S. Congress.

Yes, it's time to ramp down visions of what could be, and face what is. “Change,” especially in the U.S. Senate (average age 70-plus), is when one has the opportunity for a fresh pair of Depends.

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While there's going to be a new sheriff in town, unless Obama appoints Cesar Millan (The Dog Whisperer) as a legislative liaison, toxic anticipation can't be that far off.

“Teamwork” was the headline on the big poster I recently passed in the hallway of a medical center. It was a motivational poster, thick black border, big glossy photo of a bunch of ducks flying in a “V,” and the inspirational words saying something like, “It's a lot easier to get somewhere working together.”

So, time to get out your reality checkbook and head to despair.com. Their “Teamwork” poster features a beautiful snow photo and the words: “A few harmless flakes working together can unleash an avalanche of destruction.”

Psychology tells us that motivation – true, lasting moti-

vation – can only come from within,” notes the founder of Demotivators, “increasing success by lowering expectations.”

Common sense tells us it can't be manufactured. So how is it that a multi-billion-dollar industry thrives through the sale of motivational commodities and services? Because, in our world of instant gratification, people desperately want to

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crushingly depressing Demotivators® designs, so you can skip the delusions that motivational products induce and head straight for the disappointments that follow!”

Their “Change” poster features the obligatory beauty shot of a tornado and the words: “When the winds of change blow hard enough, the most trivial of things can become deadly projectiles.”

“Opportunity” has an enlightening photo and the inscription: “I am Dr. Adewole Aremu – a director with the Union Bank of Nigeria in Lagos – and I wish to speak to you most urgently about a matter regarding the sum of 39,000,000 U.S. Dollars.”

“Priorities” is a word we're going to hear a lot of. The image is of a stone Easter Islandish head, and the thought: “Hun-

dreds of years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But the world may be different because I did something so bafflingly crazy that my ruins become a tourist attraction.”

“Planning” ought to be on the podium in the Senate: “Much work remains to be done before we can announce our total failure to make any progress.”

The photo is of a stack of hands piled on top of one another, kind of like just before breaking from a sports huddle, but in suits. “Meetings” is the headline followed by the small print, “None of us is as dumb as all of us.”

“Ineptitude” is a good word to start throwing around (photo of a skier about to make a major-league wipeout), “If you can't learn to do something well, learn to enjoy doing it poorly.”

“Government” features a lovely photo of the Capitol building and the thought: “If you think the problems we create are bad, just wait until you see our solutions.”

OK, I love this one, though it has pretty much nothing to do with the dysfunction of government. “Blogging. Never before have so many people with so little to say said so much to so few.”

Speaking of the way government works, despair.com's “Tradition” message features a blur-action photo of a guy wearing a red sash slightly ahead of the running of the bulls. The thought: “Just because you've always done it that way doesn't mean it's not incredibly stupid.”

BRAD COOPER is a columnist writing out of White Oaks



BRAD COOPER

Support restoration of the old fire station

To the editor:

PUBLIC SUPPORT IS needed to save the old fire station on the river at Eagle and Rio Streets. The building is part of Ruidoso history, and it would be unfortunate for it to be demolished to provide a few parking spaces.

The Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts was honored to use the building the summer of 2008 to allow Lincoln County Artworks to construct the Wall of Courage, the mosaic mural at the new fire station.

The Arts Council has long had its eye on the use of the building, knowing that it would be vacant once the new fire station was built. It is a perfect place for a multitude of activities to take place, a community center.

The building has its structural issues that can be addressed. Ruidoso Village Council will be making a decision in the coming months to decide the fate of this fire station. Please show your support, talk to your village councilor, they must know the fire station should not be demolished.

Josie Powell
President

Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts

MedEvac report correct?

To the editor:

IN REFERENCE to your article about the MedEvac pilot being disoriented, I would like to point out some of the other viable alternatives. It is unlikely that any of the NTSB investigators

have any experience whatsoever with Aeromedical operations, and the frequent occurrences that go on in this field. I, in turn, do have extensive experience in aeromedical operations (nearly 30 years) and I would like you to publish these alternatives, posed as questions:

1) Is it possible an oxygen canister ruptured, running around the cockpit like a loose, 30 pound steel balloon?

2) Is it possible that the mother of the infant, who was rightfully upset/angry/possibly out of control with emotion so concerned about her dying infant, who was sitting in the co-pilot's seat with full access to all of the aircraft's controls, may have done something to the controls or even the pilot did something that caused the crash?

3) Is it possible that the flight nurse, who was the only one not belted in, may have been in the cockpit trying to avoid No. 2 and caused the yoke to be pushed in causing the aircraft to dive?

4) Is it possible that the plane hit an elk or a deer on takeoff causing a loss of control? (There is no way to tell on this one because of the extensive destruction of the aircraft).

5) Is it possible that the NTSB misinterpreted the findings of Tylenol and Benadryl use due to the fact that the only blood that they were able to collect was soaked out of dirt? (The pilot's blood volume wasn't in him; it was sprayed on the landscape).

6) Is it possible that the NTSB really doesn't want to

admit that they really don't know what happened (like is actually the case) and they don't want their superiors to think that they are fallible?

7) Is it possible that the baby began to seize from his head injury or die upon take-off, pulling at the heartstrings of the pilot long enough to distract him for just the second it took to cause a crash? Or is it possible that while the baby was seizing/dying that the flight nurse who weighed over 200 pounds had to unbelt and move across the aircraft toward the patient and cause the aircraft to list to the left, hitting trees?

Your article indicated "lack of pilot experience." This pilot has the equivalent of 100 24-hour days in the air! That is not "inexperience" by any means. The pilot did have inexperience in that particular aircraft and may have over throttled one or both of the turbine engines but the NTSB says both engines were operating upon crash.

Mrs. Byers is my neighbor and she is so distraught (as you already are aware) that this article just worsened the situation.

Brian Miller was my friend and colleague. The flight paramedic was one of my best friend's classmates. I am a past (and possibly future) employee of Southwest MedEvac. My knowledge of this incident has multifaceted sources and I implore you to understand this article's impact and inference.

Roy Covington NREMT-P
Graduate Nurse
Ruidoso

Editor's note: The report quoted by the Ruidoso News did not mention "lack of" experience. The newspaper is in no position of authority to either question the report or investigate other possible reasons for the crash. It, instead, serves to publish official findings. Should there be additional, or different, findings, we will publish those.

Kudos to fort helpers

To the editor:

LAST WEEKEND I ATTENDED the grand opening of the Fort Stanton Exhibit at the Hubbard Museum. For all of those who could not attend I must say you really missed something special.

Jay Smith and his excellent and talented staff have always had wonderful exhibits (aka the recent one on Mining in New Mexico) but this exhibit was dear to the hearts of many residents of Lincoln County. The fort has always affected our lives, and will continue to do so as it is now New Mexico's newest state monument.

The program about the German Internment Camp presented by Jim McBride, the catered reception afterwards, 200 plus guests, and the official opening of "Fort Stanton, An American Journey" along with an incredible DVD created by Arcure Studios were terrific tributes to the county, the region and the state.

Sometimes we take for granted the richness and value of places within our own back yard. If we lost them, that loss would

be irreparable. So, Kudos to all who helped make this a smashing success, and when you drop by the Hubbard, say thank you to the staff and continue to support the museums and the two state monuments within our boundaries, Historic Lincoln and Fort Stanton!

Lynda A. Sanchez
Lincoln

Wrong place

To the editor:

DESPITE THE miles and miles and miles of land in Lincoln County that are not near anyone, the very best plan the Lincoln County leaders can come up with is to put the smell producing liquid directly upwind of some Lincoln County citizens?

This is Lincoln County leaders saying, "You settled in the wrong place. Move or get used to the smell. Oh, by the way, good luck selling the land now."

It was bad enough when the federal government exploded the first atomic explosion upwind of Lincoln County citizens without telling them that they were in the danger zone. Our property is up the hill from this site but probably still in the stink zone. And, not that it matters; I had the Chernobyl-style thyroid cancer and had to have my thyroid removed.

It is bad enough those of us in Lincoln County were medically impacted by the negligence of the federal government, but this adds insult to injury.

Michael Swickard, Ph.D.
Las Cruces

Hold off on the rush to judgment

It happened so suddenly as to leave many New Mexicans rattled.

For weeks the scenario seemed clear: Gov. Bill Richardson would soon be back on Capitol Hill for Senate confirmation hearings that would clear the way for him to become Secretary of Commerce in the administration of President Barack Obama.

Lt. Gov. Diane Denish was deep in the process of preparing to assume the responsibilities she would shortly inherit as the state's next governor.

Then, on the first Sunday of the new year, Denish learned from the governor that an ongoing federal grand jury investigation into his administration's dealings with an outfit called CDR, a California financial firm and erstwhile contributor to his political action committees, had persuaded him to withdraw from consideration as a member of Obama's cabinet.

By Monday it was major news throughout the land, with all kinds of speculation-cum-insinuations that Richardson might somehow be involved in a "pay-to-play" scheme of the sort that ensnared the governor of Illinois.

At a Santa Fe press conference that same day, Richardson expressed confidence that the federal probe would find no wrongdoing on his part or on the part of his administration. The day after his press conference it was learned that the governor had retained a top criminal defense attorney, Peter Schoenberg, of the Albuquerque firm Rothstein Donatelli Hughes Dahlstrom Schoenberg & Bienvenu.

Small wonder one detected some well-placed sweaty palms in this enchanted land.

There was even chatter

among New Mexico bloggers that indictments were imminent.

What we had here is one of those cases where rumors run rampant but facts are few.

Fortunately, by midweek last week, some solid reportage on this whole affair emanated not from any New Mexico news organizations, but from the respected Internet news and information service Bloomberg.com, which managed to break through conjecture and hearsay by nailing down some verifiable information.

According to Bloomberg reporters Martin Braun and William Selway, Richardson's former chief of staff and campaign manager, David Contarino, is the "subject" of the federal grand jury investigation underway in Albuquerque.

Specifically, Bloomberg

reported, prosecutors are trying to determine whether Contarino told a state agency (the New Mexico Finance Authority) to hire a bond advisor (associated with

CDR) that donated \$100,000 to Richardson's political committee...

Pressed for comment, Contarino released a statement contending, among other things, "In all of my actions, I acted appropriately and I am confident that the investigation will bear out that fact."

Subsequent to the Bloomberg story, other news organizations identified additional Richardson aides believed to be of interest to investigators.

Investigations of this sort invariably raise eyebrows. That said, many such inquiries by federal prosecutors have come to naught. Some have turned

out to be nothing more than fishing expeditions by politically motivated prosecutors.

And in this instance, it behooves us to keep in mind that, so far at least, none of the individuals believed to be under scrutiny - Richardson or his

aides - have been accused of anything.

Nor, apparently, are there indications that they are suspected of having lined their own pockets with a "pay-to-play" gambit.

Whatever money CDR donated went to a political

action committee for the purpose of registering Hispanic and other minority voters. And it's just possible that officials at CDR consider that a meritorious cause.

Perhaps sweaty palms are justified. A rush to judgment is not.



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A Grand Vista

Developers working to make Swiss Chalet into major resort

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The Swiss Chalet Inn, located at the top of Alto Crest on Mechem Drive as it meanders its way north, has been a Ruidoso institution since it first opened in 1962, which is why current developers Jess Radle and Stacie Kimberley realize they've got a gem to work with.

The two have begun plans to turn the hotel into a world-class condominium development known as La Vista Grande, and they've called in some top talent to help them achieve their goals.

Radle and Kimberley came to Ruidoso three years ago from Park City, Utah, where the two met while working in the hotel and resort business during the 2002 winter Olympics, hosted by Salt Lake City.

The couple, now engaged, say Ruidoso reminds them of the culture of Park City about a decade ago.

"Ruidoso will never have three world-class ski resorts as Park City does," Kimberley said. "But this resort community does have an abundance of other wonderful amenities to offer."

It's those amenities that made the couple decide they wanted to take on the Swiss Chalet and turn it into the type of condominium development that would bring in high-dollar residents.

To an extent, they've already succeeded, as they've already secured seven reservations in the first phase of construction in only one week.

That first phase is known as the "300 elevation," or the lowest part of the hotel. Currently, it's closed to guests and will soon be gutted to prepare construction of the first of 40 eventual condominium units on the property.

The rest of the hotel will stay open through March 31 to accommodate ski reservations. Demolition work will begin on those units soon after.

Kimberley said she hopes the first units will be open and ready for tenants by May.

"We will march like nobody's business," Kimberley said.

Each of the units will have a separate entrance on the west side, facing Mechem Drive, and will stretch all the way to the opposite end of the development, with each unit featuring a deck with spectacular views of Sierra Blanca.

Because of this, each unit will necessarily be long and narrow, a "shotgun" design, according to architect John Eden, who was on site Monday to coordinate the beginning of demolition.

"The challenge is to understand the existing structural system and build units to fit that system," Eden said. "We've worked hard to make it look unlike what you would expect with shotgun units."

The units will range in size from just over 1,000 square feet to 1,800 square feet.

The existing pool and atrium area will also be converted into one, gigantic and high-dollar unit.

Overseeing the construc-



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Above An artist's rendition of La Vista Grande condominiums.

Right Builder Lawrence Skeeley (far left), and developers Stacie Kimberley and Jess Radle stand on the back deck overlooking Sierra Blanca. The view is typical of what each of the 40 planned condominiums will feature.



tion is Lawrence Skeeley, whose most recent experience has been the completion of the condominium and retail units at River Crossing near Midtown. He's also built assisted living facilities in Albuquerque, Amarillo and Lamesa, Texas, Price, Utah, Carlsbad and Hobbs.

The existing restaurant and lounge will remain open once the condominiums are completed. Radle emphasized a concierge service will also be in place for development residents, who can have just about anything they need delivered to their unit before their arrival.

Radle said his team understands the hotel's importance in Ruidoso's history, which is why he's working to maintain the build-

ing's profile, while changing its aesthetics to give the area a world-class resort.

"We'll try to keep the integrity, we're just trying to

modernize it," Radle said. "Many of these sales have been cash up front. They know this is a solid investment."

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Today, posters have created the word "Pride" more as a generality, cliché or an assumption. I feel the true meaning of pride is to take a stand with heart and honor.

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Village manager: revenues holding steady

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Ruidoso's economics appear to be holding steady despite major budget cutting at the state level, Village Manager Dan O. Higgins said Tuesday.

In his report to village councilors, he wrote that 14 new businesses registered in December. Estimated lodgers tax collections for December hit \$88,072.29.

Gross receipt taxes from July through December are up 10 percent over last year and 14 percent higher than the five-year average, Higgins said. Collected from the beginning of the fiscal year July 1 through Dec. 31 was \$5,393,987.

Tax spent by consumers in October is collected in November and dispensed by the state in December, he said, explaining the two-month lag.

A first quarter budget report will be presented to the council Jan. 27, and the second quarter report will be ready Feb. 17, he said, following the Jan. 31 close-out procedures for that quarter.

Councilor Angel Shaw asked about a letter sent out by the state warning municipalities and counties to cut their budgets by 5

Dan O. Higgins: "I think the state is worse off than we are."

percent in anticipation of a significant drop in revenue, and listing several suggested steps such as a hiring freeze, being implemented at the state level.

"The letter was presented last night at the Ruidoso Downs Council meeting and the Lincoln County Commission already received the memo," she said, asking if the letter was going to be presented to the Ruidoso council.

Higgins said he had not planned to distribute the letter, which he considered a mass-produced document sent to each taxing entity in the state.

"It's good common sense," he said of the cautions contained in the letter. "I think the state is worse off than we are."

Planning down

The manager reported that overall planning activity is down from the usual number of cases processed each month.

"So far, no cases were submitted in January and only two (to date) for February," he said.

Building inspector Fred

Knapp retired Dec. 31 and department director Larry Hill will leave at the end of March.

Land Development Coordinator Shawn Fort took the state test and passed to become a certified building inspector and can handle the load until the village moves ahead to hire a multiple discipline inspector, Higgins said.

"Building permit inspections have fallen by two-thirds, from 15 a day to five a day," he said.

Councilors previously directed staff to hire an inspector who can handle building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical inspections to avoid the state Construction Industries Division taking over the entire operation.

The state now handles electrical and plumbing and state officials had set June 1, as the deadline to either step back and let the state take over all or provide the staff to handle inspections locally.

Councilors didn't want to see the village lose the revenue from inspections and decided to take on the

full load to provide better service to local builders.

Higgins said the deadline probably will be moved back. With the construction industry not as busy, many good applicants are seeking the multiple discipline inspector's position.

Until someone is hired, Fort can fill in because his other workload has fallen off, Higgins said.

Councilor Michele Rebstock asked about sharing the multiple discipline higher paid inspector with the county.

Higgins said Lincoln County has no inspection program, but he is talking to Ruidoso Downs city officials about the possibility.

"If the building industry is robust enough, I think our folks could do a better job," he said.

Councilor James Stoddard said he and Councilor Greg Cory met with John Cornelius as a representative of the builders and Cornelius encouraged the councilors to support the village taking over the entire inspection program to provide better service.

Cory said if state inspectors were used, they would be interested in state rules, not village codes. "We need our people on the ground," he said.

New building needed for health dept.

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In the course of reviewing state offices for compliance with more recent disability access rules, state officials determined a new building will be needed for the local Environmental Health Department.

Ruidoso Planning Director Bob Decker said a new one-story structure will be constructed on the other side of a parking lot shared with the existing multiple story building on Mechem Drive.

"It's been there for years," he said of the first building north of White Mountain Drive. The state Environmental Health Department rents offices on

the second floor.

"As they were going through and looking at all buildings and their compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act rules, they discovered either an elevator had to be put in or another building."

"The project will come to the planning department as a site plan review for another building with only one story. They'll use the opportunity to create a secured fenced parking area for their vehicles."

Such reviews occur around the country as officials from various states update structures to comply with federal rules for ramps, parking, restrooms, special doors and elevators, he said.

Planning commissioner questions rezoning criteria

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Keeping his tongue firmly inside his cheek, Ruidoso Planning Commissioner Ray Alborn last week queried village staff about the criteria for approving rezonings and development projects.

Alborn said he was criticized by a resident in a letter to the editor that appeared in the *Ruidoso News*, because of his stance on a fruit/craft stand cluster proposed for New Mexico Highway 48 near the Alto Cafe.

"The woman wrote that the owner was a nice person," Alborn said. "I read the code and don't see that's one of the qualifications (for project approval), if a person is good or bad."

The commissioner offered his observations during a comment period at the end of the regular Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission agenda.


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Commissioner Don Dutton, appointed by Mayor L. Ray Nunley last month to serve on a community committee to propose changes to the village Comprehensive Plan, said he's looking for people who might want to serve on the committee. The mayor set a 90-day deadline from the beginning of the year to return with recommendation.

The committee was created as a result of a joint meeting of the village council and the planning group working to establish a vision and then translating that vision into ordinances.

Along with Dutton, the mayor chose Councilor Ron Hardeman to head the committee, but said he would appoint the three remaining members later from the community.

"I want them to revisit the 'comp plan' and pick out issues not worthy or superfluous or that need to be reworked, and bring them



"I don't see where (being a nice person) is one of the qualifications for (project approval)," said Ray Alborn, tongue-in-cheek.

back to both bodies to correct," Nunley explained in an interview after the joint session.

"We plan to give that information to an outside professional group to give them an idea of what we want as a community. (The consultants) in conjunction with the council and com-

mission, would recommend ordinances needed to implement that vision."

Hardeman was adamant that any changes to the Comprehensive Plan should originate with the two boards, whose members live in Ruidoso, not with a firm from another county or state.

Short agenda awaits Lincoln County Commissioners

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A shorter-than-usual agenda awaits Lincoln County commissioners Tuesday for their first regular monthly meeting in 2009.

They meet at 8:30 a.m. in the commission chambers of the county courthouse in Carrizozo.

Commissioners will consider a contract renewal with their attorney Alan Morel for legal services, a time extension for the plat of Avalon Forest subdivision and a cadastral survey of Nogal.

Cadastral surveying deals with ownership of land. They are the surveys

that create, mark, define, retrace or reestablish the boundaries and subdivisions of the public lands of the United States. They are the foundation upon which rest title to all land that is now, or was once, part of the Public Domain of the United States.

According to information on the Internet, they are not like scientific surveys of an informative character, which may be amended because of the availability of additional information or because of changes in conditions or standards of accuracy. Although cadastral surveys employ scientific methods and precise measurements, they are based upon law

and not upon science.

Ranger travel

Commissioners also will hear about the travel management plans for the Cibola and Smokey Bear Ranger Districts of the Lincoln National Forest, and an update from a U.S. Geological Survey representatives on the Hondo

Water Project.

After a semi-annual inspection of the county detention center and a lunch break, two public hearings are scheduled, the first to consider adoption of an ordinance providing a low income tax rebate and another to consider creating an ordinance for Wildland Urban interface.

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Orange underwear

Sharing my orange underwear experiences used to be restricted to gatherings of ranch folk who knew exactly what I meant and how the skivvies got in such a state.

Always ready to be amazed, I recently learned that small towns with very old iron pipe waterlines often experience the same casualties to the resident Fruit of the Looms. It is a subtle reminder that we are still living somewhat primitively.

Here in New Mexico we guard water as the precious commodity it is, ranking right up there with sainthood and the sacraments. We may possibly be a little more cautious with our water than the average earth dweller except perhaps those that have camels tethered outside their tents.

In order to stay ahead of the water game the best way possible, ranch water is "stockpiled" in large storage tanks located near the well or along the pipelines that transport it to the backside of the pastures. Because many outfits have to pump every drop of water necessary for themselves and their livestock, it's a full-time job to keep ahead of it.

Big circular storage tanks are made from large sheets of metal welded together and set in concrete. On some older ranches, it is not uncommon to see old railroad tanker cars parked next to the well and used for water storage.

This is where my orange underwear adventure began. Just such a tanker sat on the hill behind the ranch house.

It stored the water for all the domestic use, as well as the corrals and several pipelines that ran north and south from the headquarters. To keep up with the demand, the well's submersible pump usually ran 24 hours a day.

Unwritten ranch law says not keeping the water storage tanks full is a major crime, because inevitably, the minute the tank is allowed to get low, or worse, completely empty, Murphy's law takes over.

The well will simply, with no warning, quit working.

Following the cussing over that, there will be days and nights of hauling water from somewhere until the well is fixed.

The pump went out on a Saturday night. As luck would have it, everyone was gone early to late on Sunday, so no one noticed.

By late Monday morning, I knew without looking that the well was likely down. I was doing laundry and my water pressure was getting weak.

Hoping maybe it was something as simple as a broken float on the drinking tub at the corrals, I went looking for that but found nothing.

Remember, the washer is still running.

I went back to the house to find the rinse-cycle pumping water into my washer that was a very vibrant rust orange. The bottom-of-the-tank rusty dregs from that old railroad tanker were flowing over the clothes.

It was the last load of laundry for the day and it was the underwear. The white ones.

While Martha Stewart may have quickly given a marketable name to that particular shade of color soaking into the BVDs, I could only think of unladylike things to say. Indeed, for a bit, I lost my religion.

To shortcut the expletives and the futile wash and rewash efforts, I will share that for at least a year, all the members of my household wore underwear that matched in color — something resembling a dark and very unmanly peachy tone.

No, it wasn't a life-threatening trauma. It is just one of those "life on the ranch" adventures they don't put in the brochures.

Julie, with no aversion to colored underwear, can be reached for comment at jcarter@ruidosonews.com.



Cougirl Sass & Savvy
BY JULIE CARTER



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The NMSU Corona Range and Livestock Research Center is located east of Corona. The ranch is prime for the research being done to benefit the agricultural community but now the location will also become the center for rangeland sustainability research to benefit all land owners with information on technologies such as water and energy production and management practices for wildlife, brush and forages.

Halfway there and ready to build

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The Southwest Center for Rangeland Sustainability is no longer just a dream sketched out on an piece of scratch paper with a group of "advisors" throwing suggestions at the plan.

It is now a fully funded reality ready to see dirt moved, concrete poured and walls going up.

State legislatures have funded half of the necessary \$3 million for the total project, the bulk of that coming last year with \$1 million in capital outlay funding.

With the approval of the Board of Regents last summer, the project went to the architects for some serious drafting and crafting, resulting in finalized prints for Phase I of the project.

Endorsements for the project also came from Lt. Gov. Diane Denish, the New Mexico Farm Bureau, South Central Mountain RC&D, the New Mexico Cattle Growers, New Mexico NRCS/USDA, NM/AZ Coalition of counties and others.

The Southwest Center for Rangeland Sustainability project is a high-tech education, outreach, research and interdisciplinary demonstration center with the goal of revitalizing rural communities bounded by piñon/juniper rangelands.

The Corona Research Ranch's Advisory Committee met Jan. 6, at the ranch and were briefed about the progress made with the architectural work as well as the plans to request from the legislature the additional funding necessary to bring the project to completion.

Walking the requests through the legislative process are Advisory Committee members and Lincoln County ranchers Scott Shafer and Stirling Spencer. They presented the requests to the legisla-



NMSU Southwest Center for Rangeland Sustainability
December, 2008



tures on Jan. 8, in Ruidoso and will continue with the lobbying through the upcoming Legislative session in Santa Fe.

The facility that will see groundbreaking by fall will include a 4-5,000-square-foot main building with a meeting room/education hall with satellite and Internet capabilities, video conferencing and multiple screens. It will house a galley-style kitchen and dining area as well as a library, restrooms and small offices.

Separate pods will supply overnight accommodations for guests, students or faculty researchers. With the ranch remotely located away from motel accommodations, the facilities for staying over are a critical enhancement to the center.

A detached laboratory will offer a place for analytical procedures, sample handling and demonstrations.

The Corona Range and Livestock Research Center is a 27,886-acre working ranch laboratory. Land within sits at elevations ranging from 5,700-6,700 feet. NMSU's Animal and Range Sciences Department operate the research center where research programs and graduate student studies are a major part of the center's activities.

The ranch is unique from similar research cen-



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Shad Cox, manager of the Corona research facility, gives a report of the past year's operations to the Advisory Committee. Top photo is the architect's rendition of the building and the cover page for a packet of information sent to all the legislators last week.

ters as it is dependent on generating income from ranch operations to maintain and support itself.

For more information about the CRLRC ranch, contact Manager Shad Cox at 849-1015 or shadcox@nmsu.edu. The Web site for the ranch is http://corona.nmsu.edu.

Shafer can be contacted at 648-2377 and Spencer at 648-2814.

Kansas folks say 'thanks' to Lucky

Carrizozo Mayor Bob Hemphill received a letter that he thought more people ought to hear about. The letter outlined how a Carrizozo citizen saved a church mission trip with an act of kindness.

The letter, from Rev. Diana Chapel, Minister of Outreach for the First United Methodist Church of Manhattan, Kan., read:

"I would like to take a moment of your time to pass on a big thank you to one of your citizens. We know him only as 'Lucky' and he helped save our church mission trip to Mexico.

"Thirteen of us traveled from Manhattan, Kan., enroute to Anapra, Mexico, where we help sponsor a school. On Dec. 18, while passing through Carrizozo, one of our vans ruptured a hose and antifreeze was leaking badly.

"Then we locked the keys in the ignition of the second van. We were worried we would not make it to Mexico in time to visit with the children in Mexico, and see their Christmas pageant.

"We had no luck with AAA, but it was suggested we go about a mile or so down 380 and see if we could find Lucky at the Carrizozo Auto Salvage. Lucky was more than lucky for us!

"Not only did he get our keys out, he was able to give a good temporary fix on the ruptured line that got us into a Ford dealership El Paso, where we could get the line replaced.

"He is a Good Samaritan and would only accept \$20 for his efforts.

"I did not have good luck finding the address of the Carrizozo Auto Salvage, but will try sending Lucky a thank you. I hope you can pass on our thanks to Lucky as well. He saved the day for us.

We made it to Mexico in time, and were able to deliver all our presents and supplies for the children.

"God bless you and the citizens of your fair city."

Signed: Rev. Diana M. Chapel
Hemphill said it made him proud to get a letter like that and Lucky Myers is to be commended for his kindness.

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COUNTY BRIEFS

Meeting time change

The Carrizozo Town Hall meeting, at the Town Hall, with the state department of Economic Development will be 9 a.m., instead of 10 a.m., as originally scheduled.

Discussions will revolve around prospects for jobs and industry in Carrizozo, including a grocery store.

The meeting is open to the public and a good show-

ing of Carrizozo residents would be a plus, Trustee Dennis Dunnum said.

Five bucks a bag

The Capitan Public Library will have \$5-a-bag book sales every Saturday beginning Feb. 7.

Also, parents need to pick up the pictures of Santa and their children taken the day of the Cowboy Santa Parade before Christmas.

For more information, call 354-3035.

Fair book ads

The Lincoln County Fair Association is asking for the support of the community in making the fair book a continuing annual keepsake.

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"What's going on? That's the last I heard. I'm tired of asking for it," Ruidoso Village Councilor Greg Cory told Village Manager Dan Higgins concerning a particular piece of correspondence that was to be made available.

REPORT

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she emailed Kendricks, "after he said he would be Mr. Communication and he never had the courtesy to respond. I asked him personally to keep me in the loop on some decisions and he has not."

In a telephone interview Thursday, Cory added, "The manager's report has become much more comprehensive over the years. There is a wealth of information on a host of issues in other departments, but a complete void when comes to the wastewater treatment plant and it's our single largest expenditure in the history of the village."

"To make informed decisions, we need information and I'm looking forward to that to make our jobs easier and to make better decisions."

Friday meeting

He hopes to come to a joint meeting at 10 a.m. today with the Ruidoso Downs Council better equipped with more information, Cory said.

"I think the minutes of the Dec. 9 meeting were quite explicit," the councilor said. The minutes stated, "Councilor Cory requested a staff report be provided to council regarding the status of timelines of the construction of the wastewater treatment plant and the compliance with the New Mexico Environment Department."

At the Tuesday meeting, Camp told Cory he usually puts documents and letters

he sends to the Environmental Protection Agency about the treatment plant operation permit in portable document format (pdf) form. "I can add you to that email list," he told Cory.

"I can also do an updated package to contain everything to date. We are in compliance. We've been hitting every target," Camp said.

Sewer plan

Cory asked again about the sewer service extension plan.

Camp said the change occurred as an outgrowth of the flood damage because village officials are pushing to get the sewer lines out of the river.

"We can do more good for that river coming out of it completely than any other single act," Camp said. "That will allow us to extend service to people currently not being served in Upper Canyon and all reaches of the river."

Removing people from septic systems should improve the quality of the river water, the ultimate goal of the environmental agencies and the lawsuit brought by WildEarth Guardians.

"Where is the process?" Councilor James Stoddard asked.

Camp said Wilson & Co. crews are preparing an engineering study on the higher reached of Upper Canyon and that will tie in with the camera inspection of sewer lines. Higgins said the camera work detected many more breaks and damage to sewer lines from the flood than originally

thought.

Cory asked if the New Mexico Environment Department signed onto the sewer line removal, an essential action because the department is involved in the treatment plant deadlines.

"They know," Camp said.

"It may be a matter of semantics, but them knowing and we signing a settlement with established dates are different," Cory replied.

Camp explained that U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials want the lines out of the river, but agents with the Federal Emergency Management Agency want a more strongly worded letter from the Corps to that effect with a \$20 million project at stake. "The Corps says how much stronger than 'no' is there?" Camp said. "They're working it out. We're in constant contact."

FEMA money crucial

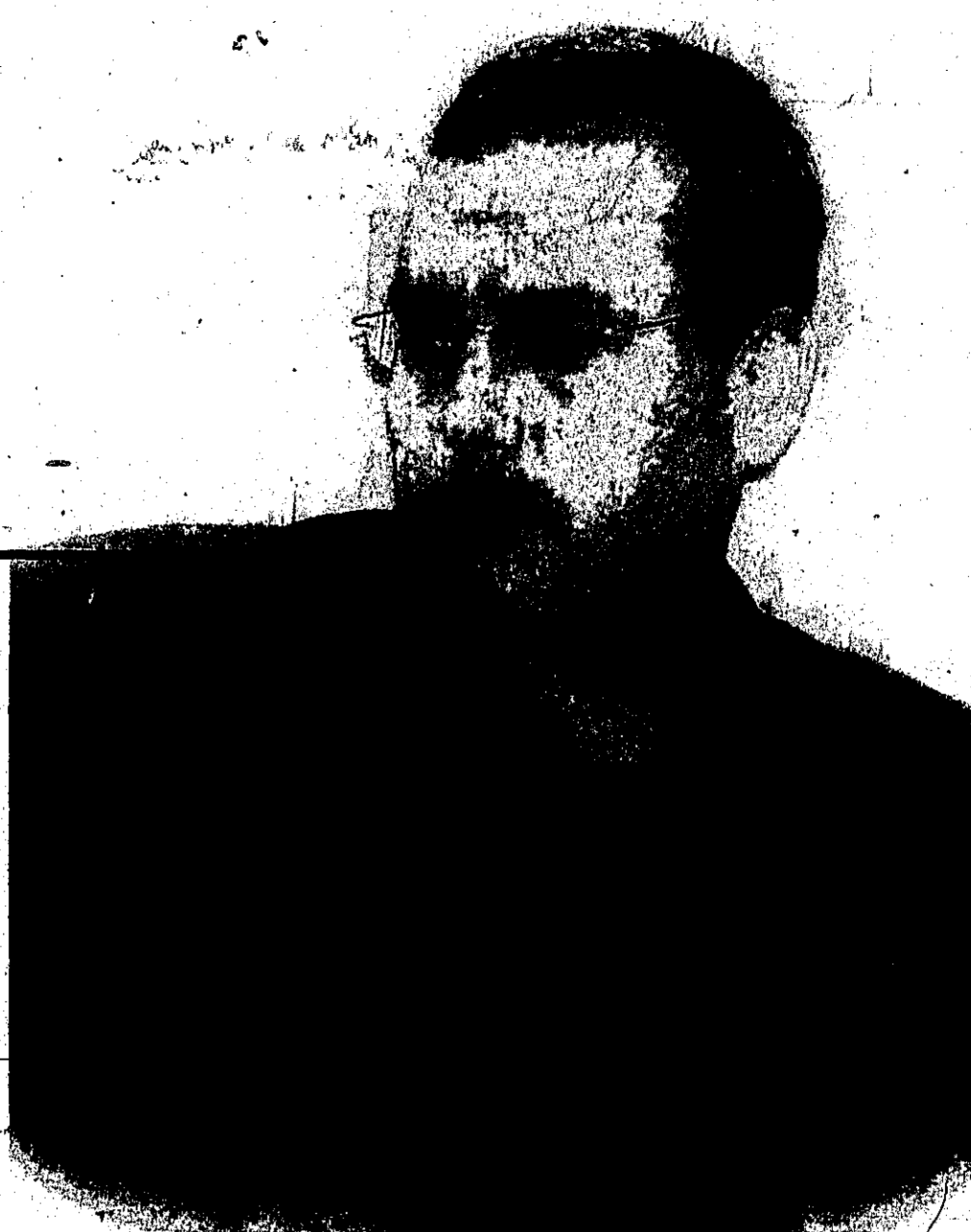
Higgins said the village can't afford the project if FEMA will not pay. "We're engaged with them all the time," he added.

Cory recalled that at a closed session in September, Kendricks said he would copy all correspondence to councilors to keep them in the know.

"What's going on? That's the last I heard," he said. "I'm tired of asking for it. This was discussed in November and now we have a joint meeting with Ruidoso Downs Friday."

Higgins asked for clarification again on what Cory wanted.

"For a start (where the



village stands on the settlement compliance) and copies of correspondence," Cory said.

Assurance asked

Councilor Ron Harde- man added, "I want assurances we're meeting deadlines in writing so that I can answer with some confidence questions folks around town ask me about the settlement and the project."

Councilor Angel Shaw agreed, if something is not in writing, "you don't have it," she said.

"We do (have it in writing)," Camp replied.

"Then let us see it," Shaw shot back.

"This is not the first time" councilors felt left out of the information flow, Rebstock said. She received nothing from H. John Underwood, the attorney who represents the village in plant issues, "and he's been told also. Without information, it's difficult to make decisions and weigh in."

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Councils to meet in joint session

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Members of the municipal councils of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs will meet at 10 a.m., today to discuss and possibly take action on methods of creating a separate entity to own and operate the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The session is set for the Hubbard Museum of the American West on U.S. 70 in Ruidoso Downs.

Councilors will discuss possible amendments to the RWWTP Joint Use Board Joint Powers Agreement and look at other avenues to accomplish the goal.

The lack of a separate entity is criticized in annual audits of the village, which oversees the operation of the plant and employs its workers.

Councilors also are scheduled to possibly take action on recommendations for changes or amendments to a draft of legislation set to be introduced next week dealing with the Municipal Supplemental Wastewater Facilities Gross Receipts Tax, the Municipal En-

Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs councilors will meet today to discuss ownership of the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant

vironmental. Gross Receipts Tax and creation of a Regional Water and Wastewater Authority.

An increase in the tax caps would allow the municipalities to levy higher rates on the theory that tourists will share in the estimated \$40 million cost

of a new wastewater treatment plant ordered by state and federal environmental agencies.

The annual influx of tourists in summer and winter is the reason the water and wastewater systems must handle at least four times the capacity

required for the year-round population.

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Rape: a hidden health crisis threatens all women

TINA GODBY-WARE
For the Ruidoso News

The Hidden Health Crisis That Threatens All Women. The title on the cover of the November issue of *Self Magazine* caught my eye.

The article begins: Leigh says she thought her date was going quite well, right up until the point when she was drugged and raped.

As Leigh went over the details in her mind, she was certain she had not consented to have sex with her date, and she could not have possibly blacked out after three drinks. But her certainty began to soften when her date treated her warmly after the rape.

She began to question: would a rapist behave nicely? This did not make sense to her. Leigh had not told anyone that she feared she had been raped.

She says first she needed to know if what she remembered was real, so she saw this man again to get validation of what happened. She ended up being drugged and raped again. "How

could I have done something like that? But I did." Fact: Predators skillfully exploit the confusion.

The article continued to explain that this same confusion plagues most victims of sexual assault.

In fact, the FBI found 21 other women who had been drugged and raped by this same man. The prosecutor found that plenty of women were attracted to this predator, and that this guy was aroused by the very idea of non-consent.

Ten educated, professional women were eventually contacted to testify against this man who pretended to be a doctor, a CIA employee, even an astronaut. All 10 women told the same kind of history.

The author of the article notes that the most remarkable thing about the trial was that despite the outrageousness of the accusations against the predator, the testimony of 10 women wasn't enough to get a single rape conviction against him.

The director of the National Judicial Education Program of Legal Momentum in New York City states, "In far too many

cases, juries don't believe date rape exists. To a juror, a rapist is a guy who jumps out of the bushes and throws a woman to the ground causing terrible injuries. The victim reports to police immediately. Anything that falls short of that story is questionable."

The defense attorney in the trial told the jury: "He is a playboy. You don't have to like him for that, but you've got to respect and understand the fact that that's all he is. All the women were lying. They got drunk and had consensual sex and regretted it."

"Non-stranger rape victims exhibit distinct behaviors," states a clinical psychologist specializing in sexual abuse.

"Victims re-engage offenders because they are trying to reclaim their lost dignity. Their sense of control has been yanked away from them and they need to get it back. Denial also plays a powerful role.

"Survivors have a hard time accepting the idea of themselves as a victim and turn to their attackers to help explain away their fears."

Do you think you would act

differently?

Would you fight or immediately call 911 and report someone you were on a date with? Statistics say "no."

A mere 17 percent of all rapes are ever reported.

Reasons not to report include confusion, denial, shame and guilt.

If the victim is a male, the statistics on reporting are even lower.

Many victims assume they won't be believed.

In the end, this same predator is back on trial. This time the victim reported promptly and had a medical sexual assault exam.

The experts predict that this time around, the woman taking the stand will win.

Fact: Unwanted sexual contact of any kind is a crime.

Report the incident to law enforcement immediately and have a compassionate, nonjudgmental medical/forensic exam with Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) at Gerald

Statistics say a mere 17 percent of all rapes are ever reported.

Champion Regional Medical Center's ER. Begin the journey to healing and justice.

Documentary showing

The Take Back The Night Committee will be hosting two showings of the award winning documentary *VDay Until The Violence Stops*, Saturday, Jan. 17, at the NMSU-A Pro-Tech Building Room 128 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Alamogordo.

This documentary is an extraordinarily empowering celebration of community awareness that leaves us with the hope that change can happen. Join us.

TINA GODBY-WARE, RN, BSN, SANE-A is coordinator of the SANE Program of Otero/Lincoln County.

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

Season's first influenza cases in state confirmed

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Department of Health announced that it has confirmed the first cases of influenza in New Mexico so far this flu season.

Cases are two 35-year-old females from Bernalillo County, a 19-month-old female from Curry County, a 33-year-old female from Taos County and a 2-month-old male and 22-year-old male both from Sandoval County.

The New Mexico cases are both influenza A types and influenza B types.

Early information shows that they are likely good matches to the 2008-09 influenza vaccine.

"Last year at this time, we

were already seeing an increase of influenza cases," said State Epidemiologist C. Mack Sewell. "Now is a good time to get vaccinated from influenza if you haven't already."

"We have plenty of flu vaccine available, including the FluMist® which becomes effective faster than the flu shot."

The Department monitors influenza year-round.

During the traditional influenza season (October to May), the Department receives influenza lab results from 58 labs and clinics across New Mexico and five clinics in Mexico (three clinics in Juarez, one in Nuevo Casas

Grandes and a clinic in Ojinaga).

To find influenza vaccine in your area, call your health care provider or the New Mexico Nurse Advice Flu Line, 866-681-5872 or log on to the department's Web site at www.nmhealth.org.

People who do not have health insurance should call their local public health office to check on vaccine availability.

The Department of Health's public health offices provide vaccinations at no cost to people who cannot get care elsewhere.

Higher risk

Those who face a higher risk of serious illness, death or exposing

others to influenza should get vaccinated if they haven't already.

They are:

- Residents of long-term care facilities;
- Persons ages 2-64 years with chronic health conditions, such as asthma or other breathing problems, kidney disease, heart disease, diabetes, muscle or nerve disorders that can lead to breathing or swallowing problems, and children on long-term aspirin therapy;
- Children age 6 months up to their 19th birthday;
- Persons ages 50 years and older;

- Pregnant women;
- Health care workers who provide direct patient care
- Household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children up to age 5, or anyone at increased risk of flu complications.

To avoid catching influenza or passing it on to others, people should frequently wash their hands, cover their mouth and nose when sneezing and coughing and stay home when ill.

Many of the people at high risk for a flu shot should also get a pneumonia shot if they have never had one. Everyone age 65 and older needs to have a pneumonia shot.

Make Pap screening a priority in 2009 and fight cervical cancer

Cervical cancer is a disease that affects too many women each year.

In 2008, an estimated 11,000 new cases of cervical cancer were diagnosed, and the disease caused nearly 4,000 deaths in the US.

Fortunately, women have a highly effective tool in detecting cervical cancer at its earliest and most treatable stages – the Pap test.

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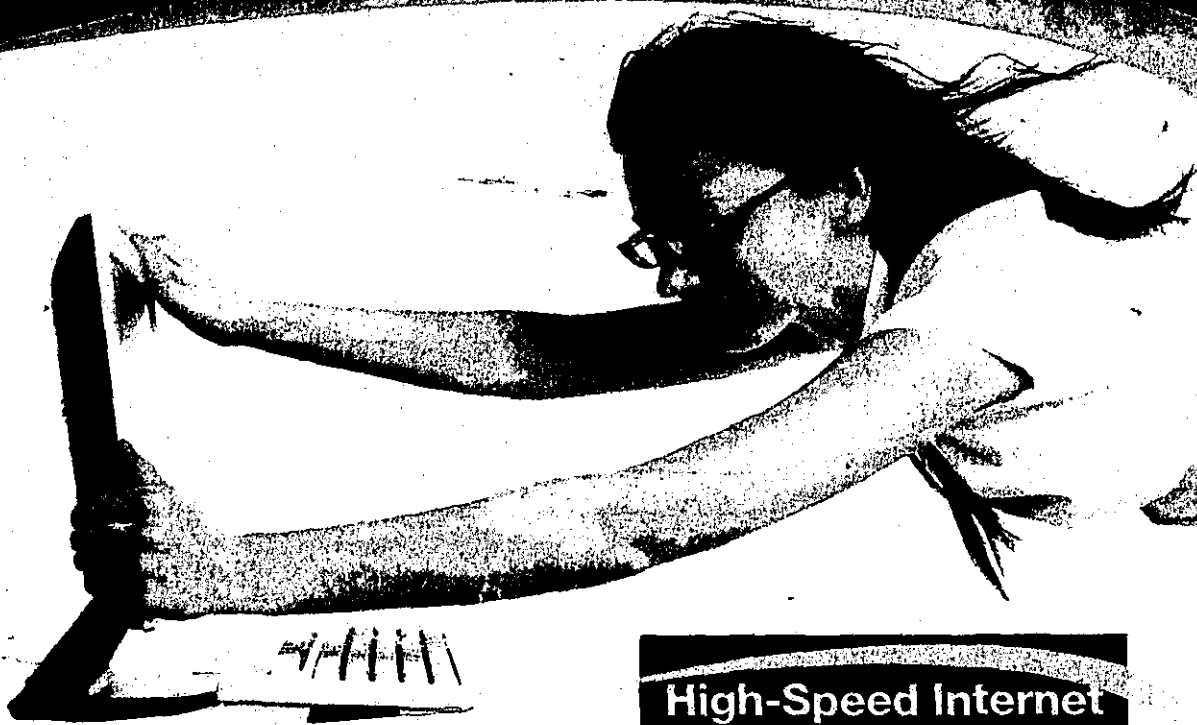
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Rape: a hidden health crisis threatens all women

TINA GODBY-WARE
For the Ruidoso News

"The Hidden Health Crisis That Threatens All Women." The title on the cover of the November issue of *Self Magazine* caught my eye.

The article begins: Leigh says she thought her date was going quite well, right up until the point when she was drugged and raped.

As Leigh went over the details in her mind, she was certain she had not consented to have sex with her date, and she could not have possibly blacked out after three drinks. But her certainty began to soften when her date treated her warmly after the rape.

She began to question: would a rapist behave nicely? This did not make sense to her. Leigh had not told anyone that she feared she had been raped.

She says first she needed to know if what she remembered was real, so she saw this man again to get validation of what happened. She ended up being drugged and raped again. "How

could I have done something like that? But I did." Fact: Predators skillfully exploit the confusion.

The article continued to explain that this same confusion plagues most victims of sexual assault.

In fact, the FBI found 21 other women who had been drugged and raped by this same man. The prosecutor found that plenty of women were attracted to this predator, and that this guy was aroused by the very idea of non-consent.

Ten educated, professional women were eventually contacted to testify against this man who pretended to be a doctor, a CIA employee, even an astronaut. All 10 women told the same kind of history.

The author of the article notes that the most remarkable thing about the trial was that despite the outrageousness of the accusations against the predator, the testimony of 10 women wasn't enough to get a single rape conviction against him.

The director of the National Judicial Education Program of Legal Momentum in New York City states, "In far too many

cases, juries don't believe date rape exists. To a juror, a rapist is a guy who jumps out of the bushes and throws a woman to the ground causing terrible injuries. The victim reports to police immediately. Anything that falls short of that story is questionable."

The defense attorney in the trial told the jury: "He is a playboy. You don't have to like him for that, but you've got to respect and understand the fact that that's all he is. All the women were lying. They got drunk and had consensual sex and regretted it."

"Non-stranger rape" victims exhibit distinct behaviors," states a clinical psychologist specializing in sexual abuse.

"Victims re-engage offenders because they are trying to reclaim their lost dignity. Their sense of control has been yanked away from them and they need to get it back. Denial also plays a powerful role.

"Survivors have a hard time accepting the idea of themselves as a victim and turn to their attackers to help explain away their fears."

Do you think you would act

differently?

Would you fight or immediately call 911 and report someone you were on a date with? Statistics say "no."

A mere 17 percent of all rapes are ever reported.

Reasons not to report include confusion, denial, shame and guilt.

If the victim is a male, the statistics on reporting are even lower.

Many victims assume they won't be believed.

In the end, this same predator is back on trial. This time the victim reported promptly and had a medical sexual assault exam.

The experts predict that this time around, the woman taking the stand will win.

Fact: Unwanted sexual contact of any kind is a crime.

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Documentary showing

The Take Back The Night Committee will be hosting two showings of the award winning documentary *VDay Until The Violence Stops*, Saturday, Jan. 17, at the NMSU-A Pro-Tech Building Room 128 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Alamogordo.

This documentary is an extraordinarily empowering celebration of community awareness that leaves us with the hope that change can happen. Join us.

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

Season's first influenza cases in state confirmed

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Department of Health announced that it has confirmed the first cases of influenza in New Mexico so far this flu season.

Cases are two 35-year-old females from Bernalillo County, a 19-month-old female from Curry County, a 33-year-old female from Taos County and a 2-month-old male and 22-year-old male both from Sandoval County.

The New Mexico cases are both influenza A types and influenza B types.

Early information shows that they are likely good matches to the 2008-09 influenza vaccine.

"Last year at this time, we

were already seeing an increase of influenza cases," said State Epidemiologist C. Mack Sewell. "Now is a good time to get vaccinated from influenza if you haven't already."

"We have plenty of flu vaccine available, including the FluMist® which becomes effective faster than the flu shot."

The Department monitors influenza year-round.

During the traditional influenza season (October to May), the Department receives influenza lab results from 58 labs and clinics across New Mexico and five clinics in Mexico (three clinics in Juarez, one in Nuevo Casas

Grandes and a clinic in Ojinaga).

To find influenza vaccine in your area, call your health care provider or the New Mexico Nurse Advice Flu Line, 866-681-5872 or log on to the department's Web site at www.nmhealth.org.

People who do not have health insurance should call their local public health office to check on vaccine availability.

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Higher risk

Those who face a higher risk of serious illness, death or exposing

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- Pregnant women;
- Health care workers who provide direct patient care
- Household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children up to age 5, or anyone at increased risk of flu complications.

To avoid catching influenza or passing it on to others, people should frequently wash their hands, cover their mouth and nose when sneezing and coughing and stay home when ill.

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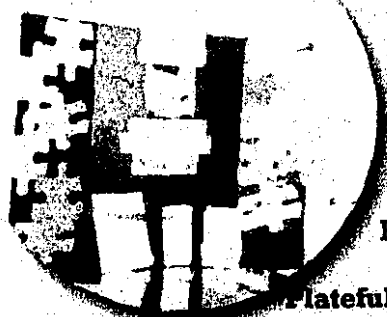
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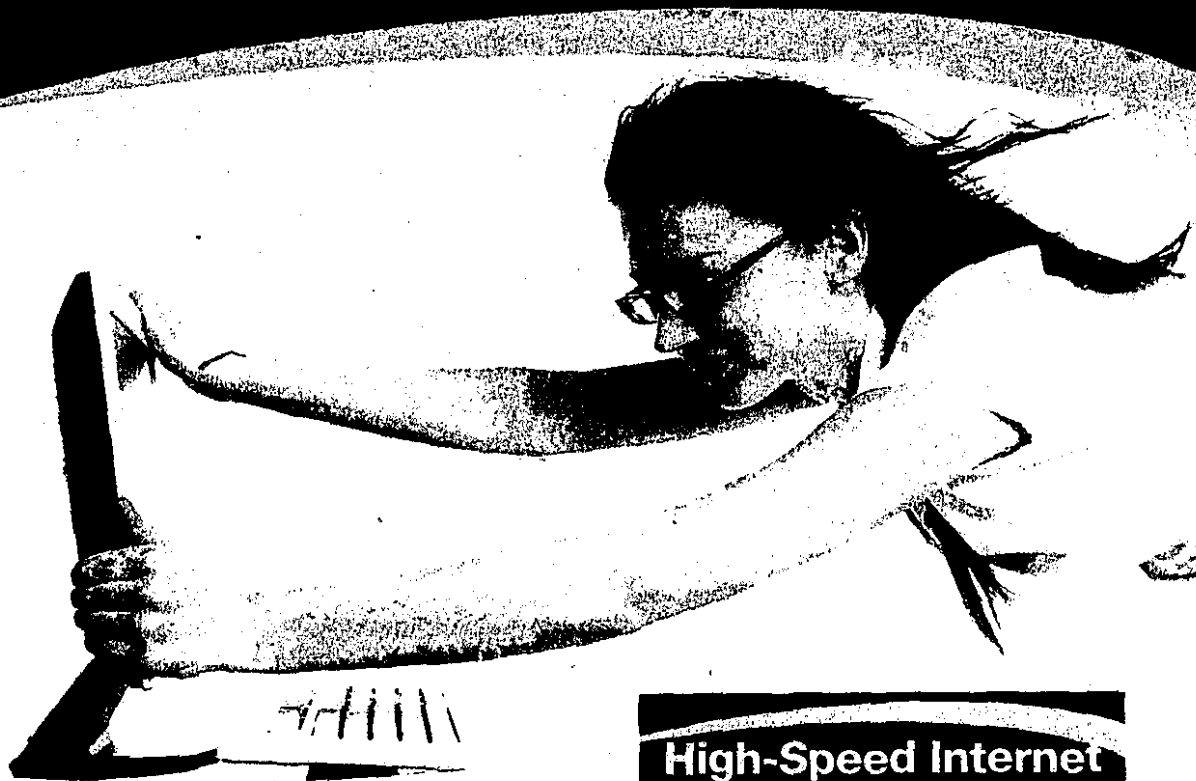
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nee, the governor can choose between Cook and Otero's submission. New Mexico's Constitution states the governor "shall" select from the names submitted by county commissions in a district that covers more than one county. Otero and Lincoln also could submit the same nominee.

At the Lincoln County Commission meeting Wednesday, Williams, a Republican from Glencoe, received a standing ovation as he walked to the podium. He told the audience and commissioners he has been married for 58 years to his wife Kathryn Hale Williams and "loved her everyday."

When he saw her rushed to a hospital emergency room for care, it was devastating, he said. "She is the love of my life," Williams said. "I never mistreated her one iota."

Her recent health scare is one of the reasons he decided not to go back to Santa Fe, Williams said. His two sons took turns staying in the hospital room every night with their mother to let him rest up, he said.

"I wish I could turn the clock back and start the 14 years over," Williams said. "I have a lot of love for this state. I have enjoyed the 14 years I served in the legislature. Many of you have seen me up there. As you well know, we can't do everything everybody wants."

This year's state budget will be tight he said. "You can't fund things if there is no money."

Williams said he taught mostly eighth graders before retiring after 29 years as an educator.

"If I go to Wal-Mart today, I can promise myself 10 to 12 hugs," he said. "You know why, because when I was in the classroom, I hugged them."

He also announced Warrior football games for more than 50 years and will attend the annual academic banquet that he

helped found.

When he first was hired as a teacher in Ruidoso, the superintendent needed to fill two openings, one for science and one for English. He and County Commissioner Dave Parks applied the same year.

"I said I don't know much about math but a whole lot less about English. So I got the science side and (Parks) got the English side," Williams said.

Turning to the issue at hand, Williams recommended Cook, a Republican, who now is in practice with H. John Underwood, the Democrat attorney Williams defeated in 1994 for his first term. Williams called Cook a fine lawyer and young man, equipped to represent the county well.

Commission Chairman Tom Battin opened up the session to others.

Cook submitted his resume, which included a master's in International Management, a law degree from the University of New Mexico and working as marketing director for Envia Telecommunications in Madrid, Spain. He listed his involvement in municipal government since moving to the county in 2003 with his wife, Angie

Schneider-Cook, and their daughter.

"I'm excited about this community and think we're looking to an exciting future," he said.

Although trained as an attorney, unlike many in that profession, he is a conservative and reflects the values of the county and district, the Republican Cook said, adding that his exposure to the international community and different cultures also would be beneficial.

Commissioner Eileen Sedillo asked if he ever attended legislative sessions in Santa Fe. Cook responded that as a law student he had some exposure.

Sam Hammons, the mayor of Capitan, spoke on Cook's behalf. If appointed, Cook will continue as village attorney. Oscura resident Jerry Carroll said while he usually automatically opposed attorneys in the legislature for the constitution to survive, Cook is an exception and has integrity.

Don Brewer, local oilman and rancher, said Cook is a good choice for multiple reasons. Frank Sayner, an insurance agent and former Ruidoso School Board member, said while outnumbered, Republicans

would be sending a young energetic attorney to represent the district in Santa Fe.

Other endorsements came from representatives of Help End Abuse for Life and Kaith Gardner, a Republican from Roswell who is minority whip. Gardner said he never saw Williams make a self-serving decision. Williams acted only in ways he thought would help the citizens of New Mexico. Out of respect for Williams, Gardner urged commissioners to follow the Cook recommendation. State Sen. Rod Adair (R-Roswell) also lent his support, as did State Rep. Gloria Vaughn (R-Alamogordo) by letter.

In a surprise move, John Billingsley, former Republican Party chairman, took the microphone and bowed out of the running, citing party unity.

"When I heard Dub was resigning about 48 hours ago, I did not know of his recommendation and at that point, I asked the party to submit my name and look at me as potential replacement," Billingsley said. "In the past, the party had a tendency in primaries to fight against each other. It is my desire to bring the party of the county and New Mexico together again and find a way we can move forward with our conservative agenda and smaller government ideals. In doing so, I am going to support Mr. Cook as the nominee from Lincoln County, because I think he will bring all of the county together. If Dub Williams knows the man this well, I step aside and wholeheartedly support (Williams') nominee."

Battin thanked Billingsley for his work for the party and its candidates. Parks said it felt good have two people he respected mentioned as nominees.

The other name mentioned came from the chair of Democrat Party in Otero County, who offered Carolyn Dawn Provencher, also an educator, as a choice.

Parks submitted a motion to follow Williams' recommendation and it passed unanimously.

Other names also were sent to the governor from groups outside the county commission. They include former county commissioner Leo Martinez, who was endorsed by 23 signers, by former commissioner Earl Hobbs, some legislators and political leaders from the Mescalero Apache Tribe.

In other action, commissioners selected Battin to serve another term as chairman of the commission and Sedillo another as vice chairman.



"I am going to support Mr. Cook as the nominee, because I think he will bring all of the county together," said former GOP chairman John Billingsley, who took himself out of the running.

'A walking definition of the term gentleman'

After being notified of the resignation of W.C. "Dub" Williams as District 56 state representative, Gov. Bill Richardson said the 81-year-old legislator will be missed by both political parties.

Williams has served the people of Lincoln and Otero Counties as State Representative for District 56 since he took the oath of office in 1995.

"While I understand his decision, I am saddened at the news of Dub Williams' retirement from the state legislature," Richardson said. "Dub is the walking definition of the term 'gentleman.' The legislature will sorely miss his considered engagement and even hand."

"I would request that the Lincoln and Otero county commissions seriously consider Dub's

wishes in sending the nominations to name his replacement."

During a special meeting Wednesday, Lincoln County commissioners honored Williams' choice of a successor in attorney Zack Cook. Commission Chairman Tom Battin said, "All of you share my respect for Dub and (his wife) Kathryn and their service to their community all these years."

Harvey E. Yates, Jr., Republican Party of New Mexico chairman, issued a statement that, "Dub Williams is regarded as perhaps the most beloved member of the New Mexico Legislature."

"Affection and regard for him cross party aisles. He has been a great representative for Lincoln and Otero counties and will be sorely missed."

- Dianne Stallings

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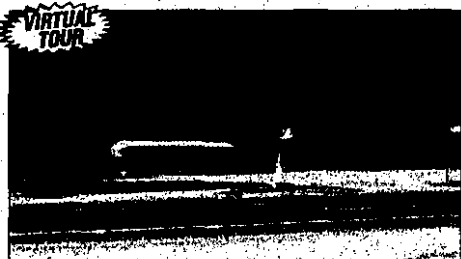
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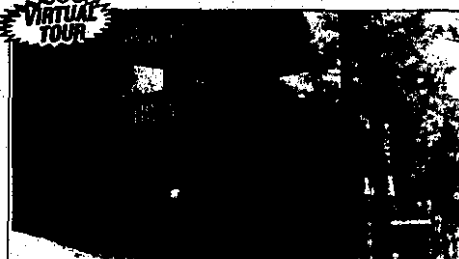
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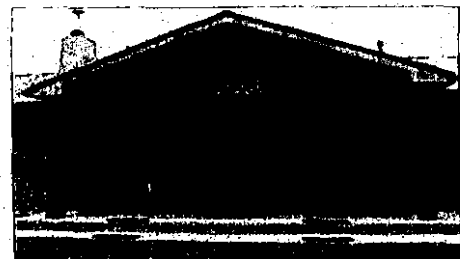
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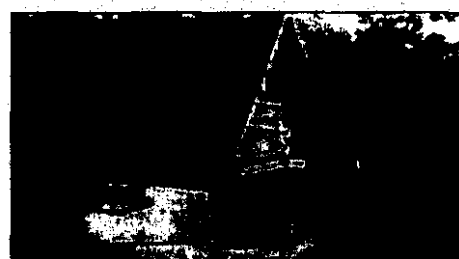
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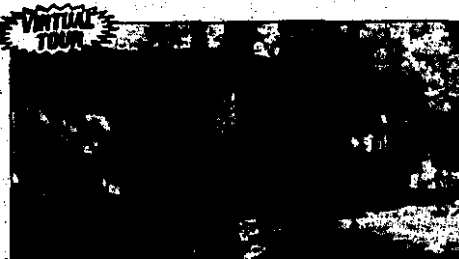
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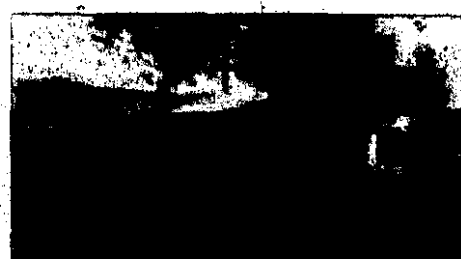
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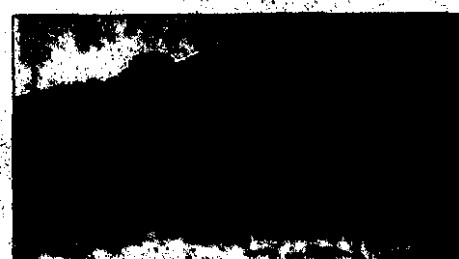
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Ski Report

Ski Apache

Officially opened Nov. 27 - For the latest snow totals, call 257-9001. The Ski report is culled from www.skiapachesnowreport.com

Tickets: Season passes are available by phone at 464-3600. **New snow past 48 hrs.:** 0 inches **Season total:** 34 inches **Mid-mountain snow depth:** 24 inches

Weather for Friday: Sunny, with a high near 49. Calm wind becoming northwest around 5 mph. Friday evening, mostly clear, with a low around 27. West wind around 5 mph.

Weather for Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 53. North wind around 5 mph. Saturday evening, mostly clear, with a low around 24.

Current conditions: Packed powder, machine groomed

Skiing conditions: Variable

Groomed runs: Easy Street, Bunny, East Easy Street, Ramp, SBT, Snow Park, Lower Deep Freeze, Capitan Lite and Smokey Bear.

Groomers Pick: Capitan Lite

Lifts open: No. 2 (opened to Midway), No. 3, No. 4 and No. 5. Gondola is open for sightseeing and advanced skiers only, weather permitting.

Snowmaking: Yes, nightly, weather permitting

Results

Boys Basketball
Tuesday, Jan. 13
Goddard 55, Ruidoso 44

Girls Basketball
Tuesday, Jan. 13
Carlsbad 52, Ruidoso 50

Sports On Tap

Boys Basketball
Friday, Jan. 16
Robertson at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.
Corona at Monte del Sol, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
Cliff at Hondo, 2 p.m.
Mountainair at Carrizozo, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 20
Ruidoso at Hot Springs, 7 p.m.
Cloudcroft at Capitan, 6:30 p.m.
Tularosa at Mesalero, 6:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball
Friday, Jan. 16
Ruidoso at Cobre, 7 p.m.
Corona at Monte del Sol, 4:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 19
Hot Springs at Mesalero, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 20
Capitan at Cloudcroft, 6:30 p.m.
Hondo at Ruidoso JV, 6 p.m.

On Deck

Free Throw Competition
On Saturday, Jan. 24, the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael J. McGivney Council #6597, will hold their annual Free Throw Competition in the Ruidoso Middle School Gym. The contest is open to boys and girls, ages 10-14 years old. Please bring birth certificate or other proof of age. Registration at 11 a.m. with competition to begin at noon. For additional info, call David Tetrault at 257-9556.

Lincoln County Youth Soccer
The Lincoln County Youth Soccer League will be holding registration signups on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 5:30-7 p.m. and again on Feb. 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at White Mountain cafeteria. Fee before Feb. 15 (returning players from 2008) is \$30. After that date, \$35. Cost before Feb. 15 for new players is \$50 and afterwards, \$55. Online signups are available at ruidososoccer.com. No late signups will be permitted. For additional info, call Jennifer at 937-0203 or Mike at 808-2195.

Coaches/Referees Needed
The Lincoln County Youth Soccer League is in dire need of coaches and referees for the upcoming soccer season. The Board also needs to fill the positions of Vice President, Registrar and Treasurer. If the above-mentioned positions are not filled there is a possibility the league may have to disband. For additional info, call Jennifer at 937-0203 or Mike at 808-2195.

Men's Adult Baseball
There will be a men's adult baseball meeting in Roswell, Saturday, Jan. 31, at 2 p.m. at McDonalds North. Ages 18-74 may apply as well as 17-year-olds with signed parent consent papers. League games will take place from Hobbs to Lovington. Practice will start in mid-April and may take place in Ruidoso. For more info, call Robert Reynolds at 833-3058.

Capitan knows the score

Tigers' sports programs are important assets

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With a population of 1,445, the town of Capitan looks to its schools as a social gathering place to mingle with friends, visit with one another and root for the hometown kids to bring in a win.

Abundant crowds can often be seen at football, baseball, softball and basketball events, fervently spurring on the Tigers, exhorting them to victory.

Volleyball, golf and track and field also supply competition and recreation for the citizenry.

Most years the rodeo club is on hand for the Capitan students to enjoy.

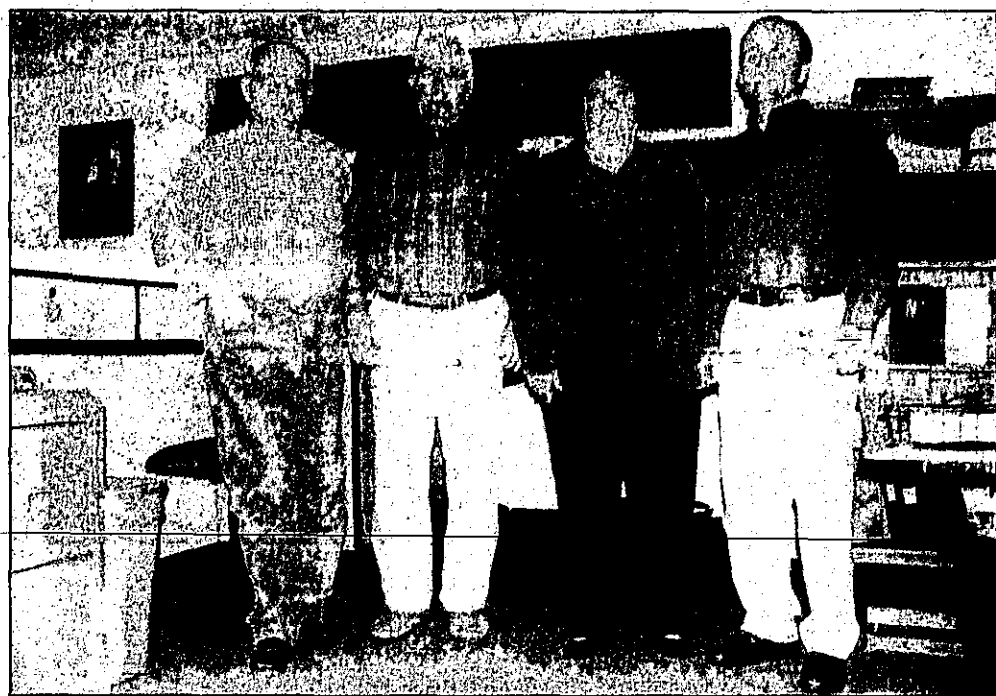
"Athletics are the center of activity around here," Principal and Athletic Director Bill Miller

explained. "They act as a hub of interest for the students and parents. Even adults who don't

This article is the conclusion of a series on sports programs in Lincoln County schools

have children attending our schools may often be seen rooting for our kids."

Miller feels the sports programs at Capitan "are motivating factors in helping the participants learn the discipline needed to become well-rounded adults. Learning to win



Capitan school officials, l-r, are Mike Booty, girls track coach, assistant football coach, JV girls basketball coach; Principal and Athletic Director, Bill Miller; school secretary, Stephanie Aldaz and Jason Hightower, head football coach, assistant baseball coach and assistant athletic director.

with grace and lose with dignity are important aspects for things to come later on.

"We want them to be

able to compete in life's arena as they approach adulthood."

Miller has a little experience in this area of exper-

tise - 27 years to be exact, coaching and teaching kids at the junior high school

See **CAPITAN**, page 2B

Futurity payout remains unchanged

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The bettors in the Labor Day, 2008, All American Futurity will not be affected by the Jan. 8 ruling of the New Mexico Racing Commission which overturned the original finish of the race.

The recent adjudication disqualified the Sept. 1st Grade 1, Futurity victor, Stolis Winner, and has now positioned the 2-year-old gelded son of Stoli as

"unplaced." The other nine horses in the race will all move up in placement and the purse was ordered to be redistributed.

"Whoever had the winning tickets on the day of the race presumably cashed them," New Mexico Racing Commission Executive Director Julian Luna said. "And although nine horses will move up in place, the betting tickets will remain unchanged."

President and General Manager of Ruidoso Downs

Race Track Ann McGovern confirmed Luna's parimutuel explanation.

"The mutual betting tickets for the Futurity are not affected by the Racing Commission's change in the order of finish," she said.

Stolis Winner was judged to have caffeine in his system at the time of the race. New Mexico has a zero-tolerance for caffeine. Jerry Windham, the owner, and trainer Heath Taylor have always maintained

the banned substance came from a post-contaminant source.

"I'm 150 percent sure there was no wrongdoing," Taylor has gone on record as saying.

As for the re-allocation of the purse, that was put on hold when Taylor's attorney, Billy Blackburn, of Albuquerque, appealed the verdict subsequent to the ruling by the Commission.

"It could take six months or more to finalize the out-

come, but hopefully, it will be done in 30 to 60 days," Luna told the *Ruidoso News*.

"The three-judge steward's panel took into consideration all the evidence that was presented to them by Jan. 8."

Taylor's appeal will be heard by a hearing officer who will make a recommendation to the Commission. Based on that judgment the Racing Commission will determine a final outcome.

Racehorse Hall of Fame class announced

TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

The 2009 class to be inducted into the Ruidoso Downs' Racehorse Hall of Fame is all-time leading money-earning jockey G.R. Carter Jr., All American Futurity winning trainer Ted Wells, influential owner-breeder the Allred brothers and All American Futurity winner Strawberry Silk.

Induction ceremonies will be held at Ruidoso Downs in June during the summer racing season

beginning on May 22.

Carter becomes the first active jockey to be inducted into the Racehorse Hall of Fame.

In June, he became the all-time leading money-earning quarter horse jockey and he ended the year with his career earnings approaching \$45 million.

His mounts earned more than \$5 million in 2008. The Oklahoma native has won the All American Futurity twice, with Falling In Loveagain

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The Allred brothers, Jerry (left), with Harvey and Dale, both deceased, are shown in a 1999 photo at the Ruidoso Sales Barn.

Warrior girls lose tough

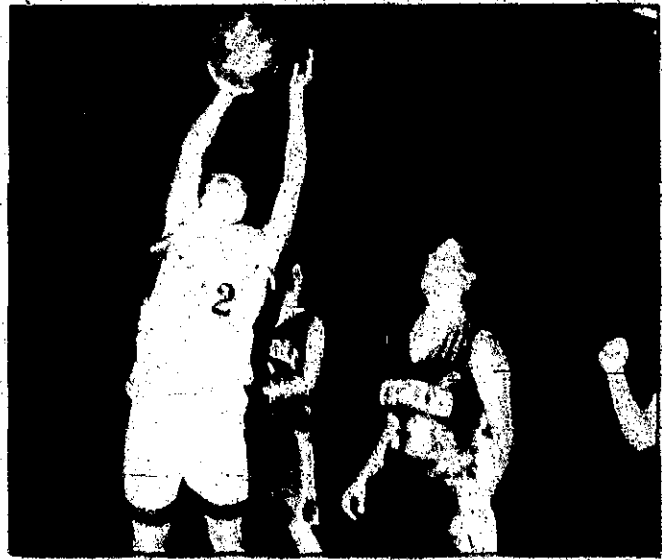
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The last minute of play in Tuesday's Lady Warriors/Carlsbad basketball game was a frenzied affair that saw the lead change several times.

It could have gone either



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Nancy Williams gives her all in Tuesday's 52-50 loss to Carlsbad.

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TIP OF THE WEEK

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Joseph A Zagone

JACK SHUSTER
For the Ruidoso News

Other members of the Executive Committee are

Ruidoso Gun Club president, Avery Clontz provided the Executive Committee and guests with a plan for 2009-2010 that would include a club mission statement, safe shooting environment, improved range conditions, new shooting activities, monthly or bi-monthly member-

Plans were made for the formation of an Activities Committee whose responsibility would be to expand the use of the Ruidoso Gun Club range.

Range improvement plans include improving the roads, upgrading backing and target holders and

President Clontz suggested the formation of a

Contact President Avery Clontz at aclontz@mac.com.

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With four minutes left in the contest the Ruidoso girls battled back to take a 3-point lead.

- The RHS squad will now try to recover from the disappointing Carlsbad loss with a victory at Cobre, Friday at 7 p.m.

MIKE CURRAN/BUNDSD NEWS

Jozie Arviso pumps in a bucket in Ruidoso's tough Tuesday loss.

They will then have eight days to prepare for an



Sydney Gonzales tries a long-distance shot.

away game at Artesia on Jan. 24 before starting dis-

strict action at Portales
three days later.

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level in Anna, Ill. And this is his fifth year at Capitan.

"Athletics are a large

"Anything which helps a student complete high

Cheerleaders, too, play

"Our cheerleaders, and also the band, bring a coordinated connection to many of our events," Hightower said.

The football teams achieved back-to-back district titles in 2005-06. Up until last season the girls track and field squads won 10 district championships in a row and their male counterparts have won numerous district titles along with a second place at state in 2006.

As for notable Capitan alumni who have gone on to achieve success at the college level you need look no further than 2004 graduate, Jessica "Bruiser" Becker.

Becker attends Bethel College in North Newton, Kans. and will graduate this year. She's also a two-time All-American track and field participant and won the NAIA indoor shot put title last year.

Stacy Stanbrough, a 2007 Capitan grad, attends NMSU and is frequently in the news for her rodeo exploits, representing that institution.

Capitan may be small but it has a strong core of athletes, coaches, teachers and parents who support the sports programs and seem to know the meaning of "Tiger power."

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Rainmakers golf course honored

LESLIE TWEETON
For the Ruidoso News

Rainmakers, a private golf and residential community just north of Ruidoso, New Mexico, is proud to announce that it has been ranked No. 8 on *Golf Magazine's* prestigious list of "The Top 10 New Private Golf Courses" in the U.S.

The issue is currently on newsstands. The new Robert Trent Jones, II design was unveiled in June 2008 and dazzled members and guests with its views and playability.

With each hole offering four sets of tees and 360-degree views of the Sierra Blanca and Capitan mountains, Rainmakers boasts a truly one-of-a-kind golf experience.

Says Jones of his 7,100 yard, par 72 layout: "The golf course was routed to take advantage of the impressive views, which serve as backdrop to the

holes, and to integrate such natural features as arroyos, canyons, meadows and rock outcroppings."

The first Audubon Signature golf course in New Mexico is further enhanced by 135 acres of open space, set aside in perpetuity as a natural habitat and wildlife conservation area. Golfers can expect to see migratory fowl, elk and deer and more nestled among the ponderosa, piñon and juniper pines.

"The final product," Jones said, "is a testament to collaborative development that proceeds with the utmost care and sensitivity to existing landforms, vegetation and wildlife."

"We are extremely honored to be recognized by *Golf Magazine*, such a respected authority in the industry," said Gary Stapley, Rainmakers general manager.

"Robert Trent Jones, II has given our members not

only one of the most stunning courses to play, but also one that clearly embraces the natural surroundings."

In addition to *Golf Magazine*, Rainmakers has received early national recognition from *The Robb Report Collection*, *Stratos*, *Texas Golfer*, *Fairway Living* and *Continental* magazines and was recently named a "Course of Distinction" by *GolfWeek* magazine.

Rainmakers residents, who began moving in to the community's popular Pueblo Townhomes last spring, will also enjoy the Kiva Club with swimming facilities, a fitness center with state-of-the-art equipment, extensive paths for walking and hiking and a full-service Golf Clubhouse with a restaurant, lounge, locker rooms and pro shop.

For more information, call Leslie A. Tweeton, 480-277-6175, or visit www.rainmakersusa.com



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The Golf Club at Rainmakers presents a challenging 7,101-yard, private membership course.

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Martin Morales drives for two, while Andrew Gilliland (No. 5) is ready to assist, in Ruidoso's 55-44 loss to Goddard.

FAME

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(1998) and Stolis Winner (2008).

Carter could win his eighth champion jockey title when the 2008 winners are announced next week.

He has led the nation in money earned by a quarter horse jockey five times.

Wells, of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, is a legendary horseman in New Mexico racing and won the 1965 All American Futurity with Savannah Jr, who set a stakes record.

He also trained major stakes winners Bob's Folly, Easter Rose and Lena's Bar (TB) for hall of fame horseman Walter Merrick.

Lena's Bar went on to produce world champion and All American Futurity winner Easy Jet.

Wells then managed a breeding farm that stood important sires Azure Te (TB), Easy Six and Savannah Jr.

The three Allred brothers - Jerry, Dale and Harvey - built an industry-wide respected breeding operation in Mesa, Ariz.

Jerry is the sole surviving brother and continues the breeding program that has produced such distinguished runners as 2003 All American Futurity

winner and two-time champion AB What A Runner.

The Allred brothers also bred Grade 1 winners One Slick One, A Streak Of Cash and Dash In Style.

Strawberry Silk earned the champion 2-year-old filly title in 1989 after winning the All American Futurity for then owner Jacqueline Spencer of Alto, New Mexico.

She is now owned by David and Susan Mackie of Houston, Texas.

An All American Futurity victory and a championship title were just the first segment of a hall-of-fame career for the daughter of Beduino (TB) and Painted Bug.

She became a broodmare and has produced four stakes winners, headed by champion Stoli.

Stoli raced to Grade 1 wins in the All American Derby and the West Texas Futurity, and was honored as the champion 3-year-old and champion 3-year-old colt.

He is now a top-five sire of 2008 money earners standing at the 6666 Ranch in Guthrie, Texas.

Strawberry Silk is also the dam of All American Juvenile winner Rousing Encore and the stakes winning Corona Cartel son Pappasito, who begins his breeding career this spring at Lazy E Ranch in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

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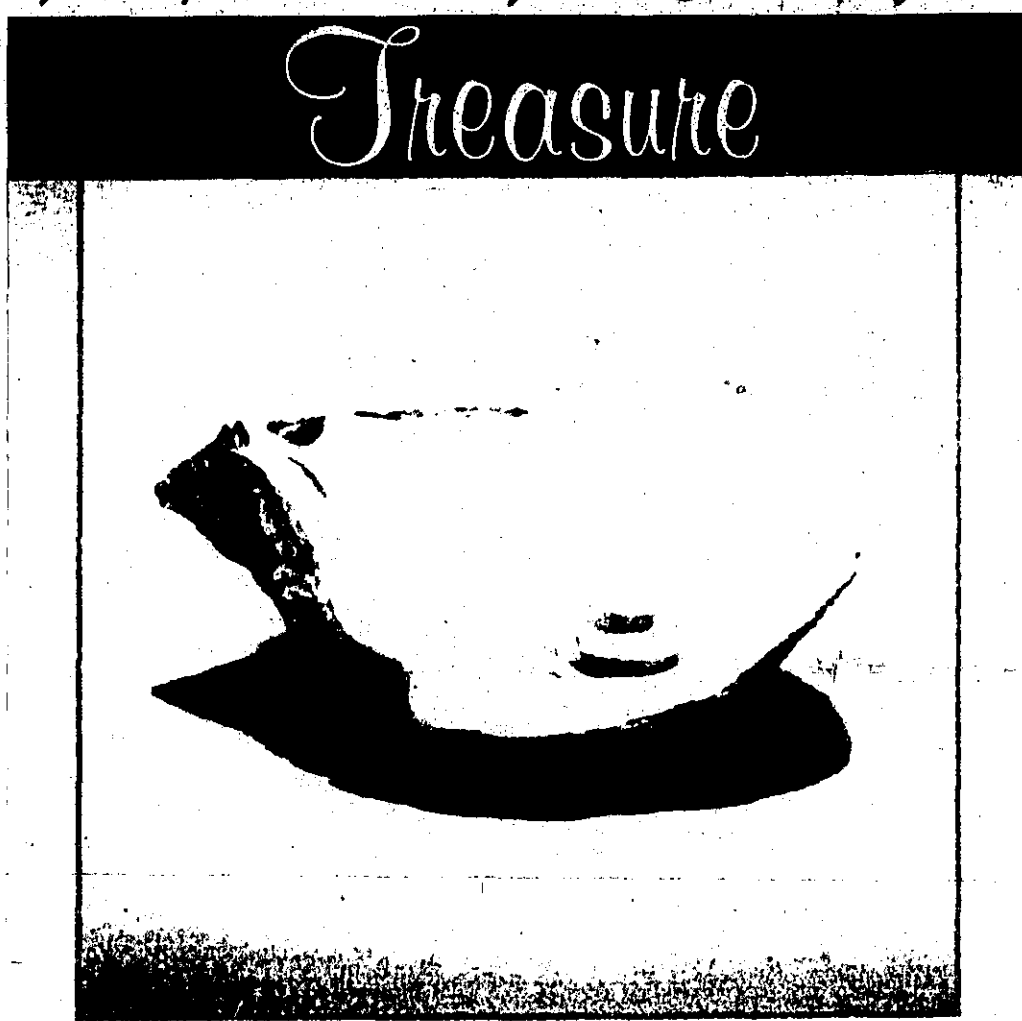
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Celebrating 100 years at Mescalero Reformed Church

JULIE CARTER
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With a rich history well documented in writing and photographs, the Mescalero Reformed Church has hit the century mark and is still going strong.

One of more than 900 belonging to the Reformed Churches of America, it is one of the oldest denominations in the United States with a continual ministry.

In 1907, the RCA with its strong association with the Dutch ethnic background and tradition of missions, was invited to come to Mescalero.

The Rev. E. B. Fincher arrived in a wagon by way of the Tularosa Basin, traveling into the Sacramento Mountains. A church was organized on Jan. 3, 1909, with 19 members.

In 1913, the membership increased with the addition of the Chiricahua Apaches who moved to Whitetail. Transferring their membership from the Fort Sill Mission in Oklahoma, 89 members were added. A history written by Belle Kashe for the 50-year anniversary of the church chronicles life as it was.

"The Indians at that time [1907] had just settled down to living peaceably with their white brothers. The long days on the warpath were over. These were the days of adjust-



The new church built in 1949.



Elk Silver Chapel



ment. Their children were in boarding school and their task was the earning of a livelihood, chiefly through the means of farming and sheep-raising," she wrote. "Thus it was that these were strenuous days for the Rev. Fincher as he walked or rode horseback long distances between the camps of the Indians. Everywhere he went, he found the same old beliefs and superstitions ... ceremonies handed down from preceding generations."

In the early years, chapels were established in the communities of Whitetail, Elk Silver and Carrizo. As changes came to the reservation, these chapels were no longer needed and services and programs were consolidated to the "Mother Church" in Mescalero.

Documents give honor to those that faithfully interpreted the services throughout the years. One of the first of those was Solon Sombrero, a young educated Apache who

accompanied Rev. Fincher.

He interpreted the simple story of Christ's love and salvation. The time came when the men of the camps gathered willingly for Bible reading and prayer. They called Rev. Fincher "etenadiglih," which means "one who prays."

A new chapel was built in Mescalero and dedicated on July 23, 1949. The same church bell that hung in the first church at Mescalero, donated by a Comanche Indian, Ottipoby, pealed out its message each Sunday in the new chapel.

In 1998, working with very limited resources and a belief God would provide, the church members undertook a major renovation to the 50-year-building that had seen only minor repairs since it was first built.

The church celebrated its 100-year birthday on Jan. 3-4, with what Rev. Robert [Bob] Schut called a "WET weekend" - worship,

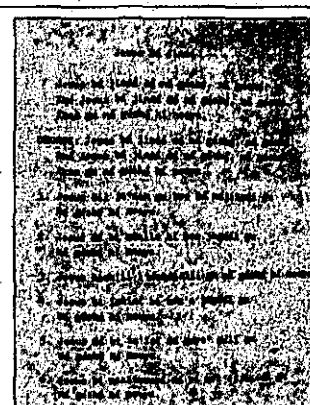
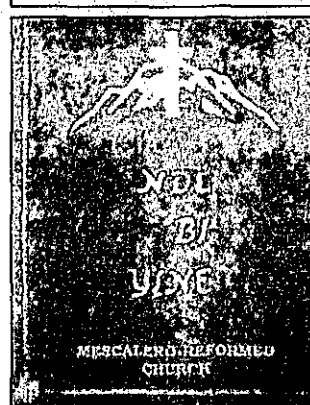
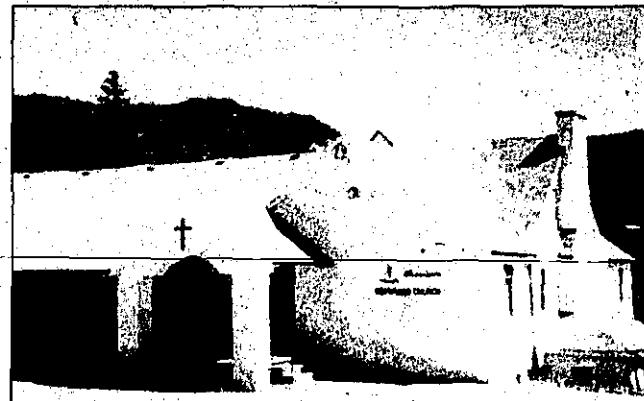
eating and talk.

Ministers from earlier eras of the church participated in the numerous services over the two days. As is tradition with the Apaches, meals were a major part of the fellowship.

Singing is also a solid facet of tradition for the Apaches. The church uses a hymnal created in the 1950s when the hymns, many of them written by Mescalero Apaches, were translated by Wycliffe translators, possibly the first time the language had ever been translated.

Rev. Schut is in his 25th year at Mescalero Reformed Church. He said formal membership is 54, but weekly church services average 85-87 people.

"As always, the focus of the ministry has been youth and children," he said. Documenting the success of that, the children's program is getting up to 45 youngsters in grades 1-5. The high school program sees 20-25 and middle



The 1998 renovation, top photo, gave a new look and size to the church shown today in center photo. Directly above is the hymnal created in the '50s and still used today.

school age group has 12-14. The weeklong Bible School in June, in its 13 year, averaged 165 participants in last summer's session. Services at the church are open to everyone and

Rev. Schut gives an open invitation for guests to come.

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10:40 a.m. For more information, call 464-4471.

Revival at God's Promise

Revival meetings began Jan. 15, and will run through Saturday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m., and thereafter every Sunday night at 6 p.m., at the Hotel Ruidoso Conference Room located at 110 Chase St., in Ruidoso.

All are welcome. God's Promise Ministries is building an English- and Spanish-speaking church that will preach, teach and demonstrate the Holy Spirit.

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Behold an army of God who think "out of the box" and "outside the four walls of a church," a non-denomi-



Pastor T.J. Owen

national church with a vision to know Him, acknowledge Him, exalt Him, and a heart to empower youth to take their rightful position.

God's Promise Ministries can be contacted at P.O. Box 8091, Ruidoso, NM 88355, or 575-937-4148.

Pastor T.J. Owen received her Bachelor of Theology degree from the River Bible Institute in Tampa, Fla., an accredited Bible college and school of the spirit.

Hang your hat on God's word

From time to time in Christianity, there have been wrinkles and swings in the understanding of God's Word.

Perhaps the first attack of the tenets of the faith was in the birth of the Gnostic philosophy.

There was no way in man's understanding that Jesus could be both God and man.

In the Gnostic thinking, all matter was evil, so Jesus being fully man could not be divine. There are religions today that still hold to that concept. But, the Biblical testimony is this ... Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man.

Down through the ages, other wrinkles have popped up. Arminius and John Calvin were both dedicated believers and

theologians ... Bible students to the utmost.

Arminius interpreted the Bible to say that salvation was available to all who would work for it. God provided the means, but man had to work for it. Calvin, on the other hand, believed that some men were elected by God to be saved.

They were predestined to salvation by the will and act of God. But the Biblical testimony is this ... by God's

grace, man receives the gift of faith and the exercise of faith by man pleases God.

Today, there is another challenge to Biblical Christianity. That challenge is called "postmodernism."

The simple basis of postmodernism is this ... the Bible is to be interpret-

ed and understood in light of today's culture.

The postmodern man does not seek the truth of God's Word. The postmodern man finds "truth" in culture, psychology, politics, philosophy and his personal experience.

"Truth" is what the postmodern man has determined it to be. There are no absolutes. But, the Biblical testimony is this ... the Bible interprets the culture of the day, not vice versa.

This column is limited to around 400 words, so the presentation of reli-

gious philosophies is limited and somewhat short.

But these basic statements are made in the hope that we will read and study God's Word to find the absolute and eternal truths.

The Bible makes the statement that "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away," and that nothing should be added to, or taken from, God's Word.

God's Word is the only thing that you can hang your hat on. It gives us help for today and hope for tomorrow.



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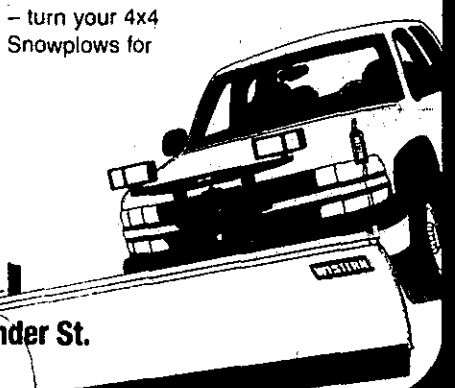
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FUNERALS DEATHS

Eva Mae Chavez

Prayer service for Eva Mae Chavez of San Patricio will be Friday, Jan. 16, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in St. Jude's Catholic Church at San Patricio.

A funeral mass will be on Saturday, Jan. 17, at 10 a.m., also at St. Jude's with burial to follow at the Hondo Cemetery.

Mrs. Chavez passed away Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009, in Ruidoso.

She was born at Ft. Davis, Texas, to Anita and Joe Dutchover, who both precede her in death.

She has lived in Lincoln County since 1946.



She was a cook at the Hondo Schools and Ruidoso Downs Racetrack.

She attended St. Jude's Catholic Church.

She married Harold Chavez in February 1946, in Carrizozo.

He preceded her in death in 1965.

She is survived by 5

daughters, Alice Romero, Rosemary Montoya, Mae Ranne, Betty Miranda, and Lucy Chavez; a son-in-law, Albert Chavez; a brother, Richard Dutchover; 23 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three sons, Harold Chavez, Dickie Chavez and Jimmy Chavez, and seven brothers.

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

Ralph I. Ebener

A memorial service for

Ralph I. Ebener, 74, of Las Cruces and formerly of Ruidoso, will be Friday, Jan. 23, at 1 p.m., in LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Ebener passed away Wednesday, Jan. 7, in Denver, Colo.

He was born May 18, 1934, in Oglesby, Ill., to Adela and Lewis Ebener who both preceded him in death.

He made a career of serving in the Army and retiring as a major.

He served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

He moved to Ruidoso in

June 1994, from Germany and then moved to El Paso in 2000 and to Las Cruces in 2005.

He graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

He attended Community United Methodist Church in Ruidoso.

He is survived by his wife Martha, who he married on Dec. 24, 1983, at Hale Center, Texas; a son, Retired Lt. Colonel Ralph I. Ebener of Alexandria, Virginia; a daughter, Laura J. Williams and her husband Jeff of Bridgewater, Mass.; two grandchildren, Erin and Jason Williams of Bridgewater, Mass.; four

brothers, Lewis H. Ebener Jr. of Peru, Ill., Robert W. Ebener of Oglesby, Ill., Courtney J. Ebener of Peru, Ill., and Richard Ebener of Ruidoso.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Armeta.

The family has requested memorials to either the Fisher House, 1401 Rockville Pike, Suite 600, Rockville, MD 20852, www.fisherhouse.org or Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14302, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301 www.dav.org.

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BIRTHS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recent births at LCMC

Dec. 2, 2008, a girl, Baileigh Lynn Gonzales, 7 lbs, 0.3 oz, 18", to Frances E. Rocha and James M. Gonzales of Mescalero;

Dec. 3, 2008, a girl, Jaylynn Joann Hunter, 6 lbs, 10 oz, 20", to Donna Marie Hunter of Ruidoso Downs;

Dec. 3, 2008, a girl, Karina Alyssandra Garcia, 6 lbs, 9.9 oz, 20", to Adelina M. Garcia of Ruidoso Downs;

Dec. 9, 2008, a girl, Rebecca Alexia Cuevas, 7 lbs, 0.3 oz, 20-1/2", to Sara Hoffer and Aldrin Cuevas

of Ruidoso;

Dec. 10, 2008, a girl, Anjilita Meagen Comanche, 11 lb, 12.1 oz, 22", to Esperanza Peralta and Sutherland Comanche of Mescalero;

Dec. 11, 2008, a boy, James Donald Blake, 6 lbs, 10 oz, 20", to Jessica Harms of Mescalero;

Dec. 12, 2008, a girl, Gillian Jeanne Morgan, 5 lbs, 13.9 oz, 19-1/2", to Glenda and Ryan Morgan of Ruidoso;

Dec. 16, 2008, a girl, Lillian Dani Daniel, 8 lbs, 4 oz, 20", to Reeva Green and Bikily Daniel of Alamogordo;

Dec. 17, 2008, a boy, Brixton Lee Sloan, 8 lbs, 14.8 oz, 21-1/4", to Sarah and Bryan Sloan of Capitan;

Dec. 17, 2008, a girl, Ashlyn Kenzie Bruce, 7 lbs, 9 oz, 21", to Lizzie and Ben Bruce of Ruidoso;

Dec. 19, 2008, a boy, Samuel Dean Baca, 6 lbs, 15 oz, 19", to Samantha Monroy and Harold Valdez of Tularosa;

Dec. 22, 2008, a boy, Luke Patrick Brown, 6 lbs, 10.5 oz, to Jessica and J. D. Brown of Roswell;

Dec. 22, 2008, a girl, Rubi Rodriguez Villanueva, 8 lbs, 8.4 oz, 20", to Araceli

and Juan C. Villanueva of Ruidoso;

Dec. 22, 2008, a girl, Jocelyne Valeria Soto, 7 lbs, 12.6 oz, 21", to Sanjuanilda and Gregorio Soto of Ruidoso Downs;

Dec. 24, 2008, a girl, Amaya Nayeli Johnson, 6 lbs, 1 oz, 18-1/2", to Ashley and Kyle Johnson of Ruidoso.

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38072 & 12 BA 242 SQ 11
Custom home on 5.4 private hilltop
acres with stunning views of Sierra
Bancro! This home was remodeled in
2008 and offers Italian ceramic tile,
Barber carpet and new Jaso-Well Line
E windows redesigned to maximize
the views. The expensive kitchen
has dramatic granite countertops, all
top of the line stainless steel appliances,
rustic cherry wood cabinet, ample
cabinetry/storage space and big
views of the mountain while you cook!
The formal dining room is perfect for
grand dinner parties. The guest bath
was completely redone with granite
counter top, walls of beautiful organic
stone and new fixtures. The master
built-in fireplace will keep you comfy and warm in winter. The home was completely restored outside
and finished throughout. There are two double garages, one heated and covered with a half bath,
there is also a separate built with a toll. The bi-level 1200 SF dock looks directly onto the incredible
view and has built-in bench seating and flower boxes. This home is made for adoring when you're
not!

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

38D/2-3/4BA
1792 SF Beautifully remodeled w/ing wood floors, new heating/AC, new insulation, new driveway/walkways. Handicapped accessible & one level. Vaulted ceilings, central vac, low maintenance stucco and blg 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'shin. MLS# 104504

Picturesque ranchette toward the end of Nogal Canyon with awesome Sierra Blanca views. Beautiful home overlooks 7 unrestricted acres of horse property and guest house. Spacious deck, terraced garden, aik fencing, horse facilities, pasture and 17+ acres of water rights. Panoramic views. Excellent price for all these amenities. **MLS #104736**

Huidoso Neighborhood commercial zoning just one block south of Sudderth. 2 homes on one. Can be home w/separate guest house OR a perfect live/work location. Front house has 2BD/1BA, new floors, great FP, all appliances, covered back deck. Back house has 2BD/ 3/4BA + 1/2BA and is handicapped accessible. 2 storage sheds, 1 w/elec. Great rental investment property or live in one and work in the other. MLS 103146 & 103147

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**

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

HORSEMAN'S DREAM! 2768 SF Custom 4BD/2BA home located on 6 acres and bordering Little Creek, less than a mile from the Spencer. This beautiful property has it all! Fabulous Sierra Blanca views from large covered patio. Main house has tile throughout w/ carpeted bedrooms, open great room w/kiva fireplace, custom cabinetry, Jacuzzi tub in master. Jerni are stone, large walk-in pantry. Oversized two car garage with additional storage. Plus separate bunkhouse, tack room, 6 covered stalls, 6 paddocks, and a large pasture. Private well w/ storage tank. MLS 1031191!

Beautiful new construction in prestigious White Mountain Meadows. 3BD/2BA Master bath has Jacuzzi tub and walk-in closet. Large open kitchen has grand island, s/s appliances and Rustic Hickory cabinets. Double attached garage, covered deck and cozy fireplace complete this home. MLS 103883

3BD's & 8A
What a great location for your Ruidoso home. Half a block to The Links walking path and close to Mid-town. This home sits on a nice wooded lot, has a great covered back deck, huge built-in fireplace, remodeled bath, fenced backyard, circular drive with carport, workshop and large storage room. Large kitchen and dining area are perfect for entertaining. Call today for more information.


3 BDR/BA 166A SF:
A great floor plan with an open kitchen that flows into the family room and dining area. Perfect for entertaining and family gatherings. Beautiful knotty pine finished floors and ceiling that compliment custom kitchen cabinets and knotty pine accent walls. Enjoy a fabulous flag stone fireplace. The heart that will keep away winter's chill. The open, rear deck is ideal for a family BBQ and just plain relaxing. The gorgeous master suite has walk-in closet, dual vanities, deep soaking

3BD/2BA
manufactured
home with
two separate
living areas,
fully fenced
front yard and
metal roof.
Tons of
kitchen cabi-
nets, separate
dining area.
Master bath
with garden
tub and his and her sinks. Well maintained. Perfect set up
for a large family. **MLS 101822**

3BD/1 & ¼ BA
Home is located
on Ski Run Road.
Beautifully re-
modeled and
added on to.
This very charm-
ing mountain
home feels like a
ski lodge. Silver
Plume and Eagle
Creek border
both sides of the
property. Great
nightly rental potential. Wildlife abounds. True feeling of being in
the "great outdoors"

2BD/1 1/2
1/2BA Well
maintained
desirable end
unit in fabu-
lous Pinon
Park. Gas log
FP, full size
washer/dryer,
newer heat-
ing/AC. Pri-
vate balcony
off master BD.
Covered deck
at entry. On site prop. Management and maintenance. Comfortable and inviting home for year round enjoyment. MLS
1072392

Spectacular unrestricted 10 acres in growing Nogal area. Gently rolling hills with Lincoln National Forest access. Beautiful views of the Capitans and Nogal Peak. Easy access off Hwy 37 at MM 6




ALTO SOCIAL

MLS 102067 (Three adjacent 10 acre parcels also available see MLS #103645, 103646, 103648. All four 10 acre parcels available for \$440,000. See MLS #102064)

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




BEAUTIFUL VIEWS FROM THESE 3 LOTS. - A total of 2.41 acres these 3 lots welcome manufactured homes. Must be set on a permanent foundation and no older than 7 years old. Lots are mostly level and have great views. Electric and phone is available. \$62,5000 #104427


A black and white photograph of a single-story ranch-style home. The house features a low-pitched roof, large windows, and a prominent covered patio area on the right side. The landscaping includes some trees and shrubs in the background. The overall style is modern and spacious.




UPPER CANYON LOG HOME - OWNER MOTIVATED WILL CONSIDER OFFERS! Two lots 0.82 acres, three levels, 4 bdrms, 4 baths. Main living area has open kitchen/living room great for entertaining. Finishes include hand hewn hardwood floors, kitchen has granite counters, Kraftmaid cabinets, large center island with lots of storage. Stainless steel appliances by Whirlpool, five burner Kitchen-Aid cooktop. Radiant in-floor heating. Magnificent floor to ceiling stone fireplace. All the fine quality furnishings throughout the home were selected from top notch furniture stores.



WONDERFUL 2-STORY — cabin off of Paradise Canyon. Great weekend cabin or full time residence. Never in the rental pool but has great rental potential. Bring your buyer and see the potential in this little cabin. \$175,000. #102399




OWN A PIECE OF HISTORY - Nestled on 4.32 acres, the Ellis Store is beautifully landscaped and currently being operated as a Country Inn. The home was built in 1850 and housed Billy The Kid while waiting for trial. The Main House has an excellent kitchen for the chef in the family, a beautiful dining room and sitting room, and bedrooms that make you feel as if you have stepped back in time. Currently operating as an inn, there are numerous other commercial uses for this charming inn or simply a historic grand home. Call today for a showing! \$750,000 #102488 & #103714




FEATURE OF THE WEEK:

NEW LISTING! Wonderfully remodeled Adobe home from plumbing, and electrical and from roof to floor. The roof has slate shingles. Walk-in closets, energy efficient home with all the extras. Arctic profile refrigerator, on demand hot water heater, and a water filter for the entire home. New updated cabinets and spa tub. Custom front and back door. This is a must see. This home is being sold with 1 year ant lots. Call today! \$165,000 #104434




THE COE RANCH — Established in 1882 following the Lincoln County War, the hacienda contains 6000 +/- square feet of living space, five bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths and is surrounded by beautiful gardens. The ranch consists of 268 acres more or less including 88 acres of water rights. The Rio Ruidoso River runs through the ranch and the ranch adjoins the Lincoln National Forest. Over 11 irrigated pastures containing more than 65 acres will provide plenty of feed for livestock. Included with the sale are many outbuildings, a double-wide manufactured home, a game room and all farming equipment. Offered at \$5,385,000. #102137


PRICED REDUCED



THIS CHARMING COTTAGE HAS BEEN REDUCED! ~2 bed- room, 1 bath is modular home, not mobile home. New exterior paint! This one won't last long so check it out. Beautiful lot full with trees, great for kids or pets. Large covered wraparound deck will screened in porch area in back for comfortable outdoor living. Newer kitchen, washer and refrigerator. Skylight in living room and beautiful large rock fireplace. Bedrooms are good size too. \$119,500 #103963



WIDE OPEN VIEWS: ~ 30 acre tract of land on Hwy 380 just east of Cambridge. House is roomy 3 bedrooms 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-acre right, more negotiable. New water heater. \$298,000 #103632



LOCATED ON OVER AN ACRE - In the middle of town with awesome views, great year-round access this 3 bedroom house has a new roof, big sliding dual pane windows, new flooring, hot water heater, appliances, extensive cabinet tops, Jacuzzi tub and an extended deck for fun entertaining. There is also a shop, huge carport with RV hookup & solar heat. Call for an appointment today! 954,000 #104283 CornerPost.



NEW LISTING! - 2 bedroom 2 bath older manufactured home with large covered deck, completely furnished, storage shed and fenced yard on tree acres. Owner amiable and will consider offers. \$49,500 610-028

REDUCED

VERY WELL KEPT - sparkling clean condo in the heart of Puk-
dooce. 2 bdrms, 2 baths. New thermal windows, grey covered
deck in front. Low condo fees! New vinyl siding, new pipes, hot
water heater. Huge rock fireplace in living room. Gas forced air
heat. Some furnishings negotiable. No dogs allowed. Bring of-
fer-over anxious to sell due to health reasons. Reduced from
\$138,000 to \$125,000 #104229

THE

CHAMPION'S FUN CONDO ~ Open rooms, 2nd 1382 sq. ft. condo. Nicely furnished. Close to Jack Hubbard Museum and Wet Mart. Puller stove to keep you warm. And don't forget the pool for your daily exercise routine. \$120,000 #104080

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GREAT LOCATION 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 1 car on 1/2 acre on large lot in town. Home surrounded with attention to detail. Home plans throughout the house. Kitchen with beautiful cabinets and new appliances, opens to a great patio with beautiful views. Large hardwood breakfast room with full view and a side entry. Great living room with fireplace and large windows. Hardwood floors and garage has extra room for a work area. Don't miss this home of dreams where you can relax and unwind.

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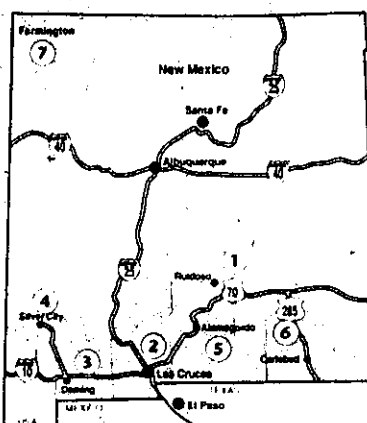
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NOTICE OF THE CITY OF RUIDOSO
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4-7-16 (C) FUEL SUR
CHARGE
The monthly rate for
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\$16,784	
MSRP	\$17,999
GM REBATE	\$1,000
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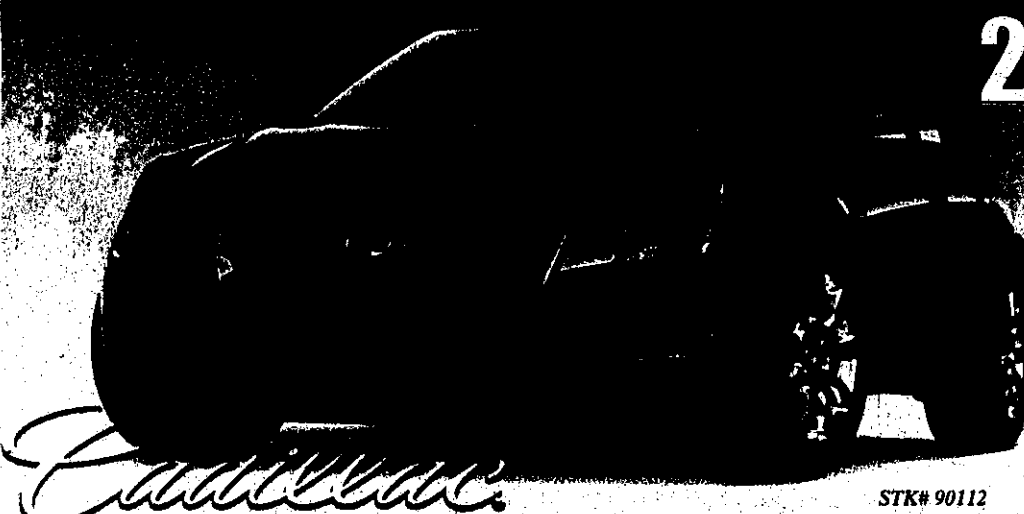
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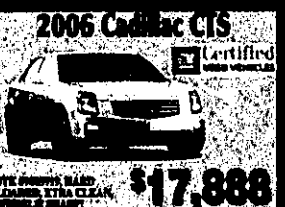
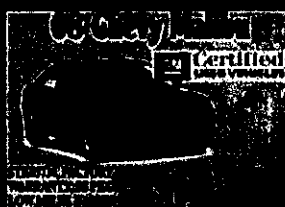
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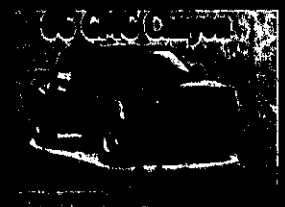
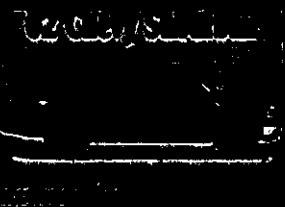
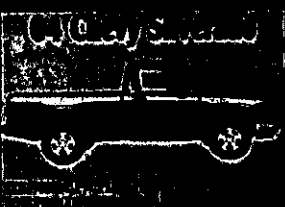
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Phoenix Entertainment, the esteemed touring Broadway production company (*Gypsy*, *Man of La Mancha*) brings its lively new revival of *The Pajama Game* to the Spencer Theater for a one-night-only per-

formance on Monday, Jan. 26, at 8 p.m. Excellent seats are still available for \$69 and \$66; call the Spencer Theater Box Office at 575-336-4800 or visit www.spencertheater.com for tickets.

Featuring a riotously funny story about folks falling in love from opposite sides of the workplace, *The Pajama Game* stars a cast of 20 professional singers, dancers and actors, plus a touring orchestra of 10. In the mix are the leading players Jason Winfield as the charming and confident Sid Sorkin, the new superintendent at the 'Sleep Tite' Iowa pajama factory, and New Mexico native Crystal Kellogg as the feisty and determined union rep Babe Williams, who is among the union workers demanding a raise to keep their salaries competitive in the garment industry.

These titular opposites first cross paths when Sid has an unpleasant run-in with a worker, who then goes on to report the incident to the union's grievances com-



mittee. To address the issue, Babe is sent to confront Sid. Holding her ground as she does so, Sid finds he's attracted to the independent and strong beauty – but Babe is resistant to his captivating charm. Can he gain her trust – and affections – without forgoing his management responsibilities? Come to the Spencer and see.

First presented on Broadway in 1954, *The Pajama Game* was the winner of three 1955 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Choreography and Featured Actress in a Musical. The show closed in 1956 and a year later Warner Brothers released a film adaptation of the musical. The first Broadway revival was in 1973 with Hal Linden, Barbara McNair and Cab Calloway. In 2006, *The Pajama Game* returned to the Broadway stage as a revival starring Harry Connick, Jr., and Kelli O'Hara. The show was a sold-out success, receiving nine Tony nominations and winning two – Best Revival of a Musical and Best Choreography.

Supporting the star turns of Jason

Winfield and Crystal Kellogg at the Spencer production are an impressive array of performers including the 28-year Broadway stage veteran Kathy Halenda (star of last year's *Gypsy* at the Spencer) playing the cute and somewhat perverted factory matriarch Mabel; Taprena Augustine, a noted R&B singer and African roots dancer who has appeared at Carnegie Hall, as the sizzling character Mae; Martin Hurt, whose stage career has taken him on North American tours of *Cats* and *Phantom of the Opera*, as the factory beau Hasler; as well as a dozen other accomplished actors in colorful roles like Jason Elliott Brown as the efficiency guru Pres; Tomas Demarcus as the jealous Hines; and Loriann Freda as the devoted Gladys.

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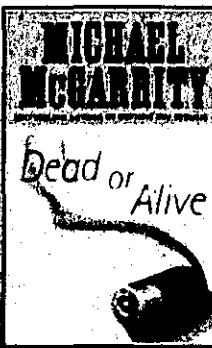
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Acoustic Eidolon

Jan. 16: (Tularosa) Coffee & More, at 308 Granado St. in Tularosa, presents the entertaining duo Acoustic Eidolon. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with the show at 7 for \$20. Concert only is \$12. Call for reservations at 575-585-4575, as seating is limited.

"Wonders of the Weavers"

Jan. 23-May 3: (Ruidoso Downs) Nineteenth century Rio Grande weavings from the collection of the

Albuquerque Museum will be exhibited in the Hubbard Museum's Mezzanine Gallery. Hispanic weavings are the epitome of Southwestern art and culture. This collection of 37 Hispanic Rio Grande textiles (blankets, frazada, jergas and colchas) brings together a variety of Rio Grande styles developed between 1820 and 1900 and emphasizes weavings from the Chimayo and Albuquerque areas, the historic center of the Rio Grande weaving industry. After 1598, Spanish entradas into the Rio Grande Valley brought the first sheep into the region. They also brought professional weavers from Spain who introduced the horizontal treadle loom.

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.

In this fast-paced, frisky tale, the feisty employee representative Babe Williams and handsome factory superintendent Sid Sorkin are on opposite sides of heated negotiations when they suddenly find themselves also having to negotiate the racy affair that is quickly heating up between them.

The high-energy score by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross brims with popular hits and musical theater standards such as "Hey There," "Steam Heat" and the hilarious "Hernando's Hideaway" that will keep you humming all the way home. *The Pajama Game* stars an outstanding cast of professional singers, dancers and orchestra musi-

cians with Phoenix Entertainment, the stellar production company that previously presented *Man of La Mancha* and *Gypsy* to Spencer audiences.

For reservations, phone the Spencer Theater Box Office at 336-4800.

Disabled Skier Auction

Jan. 31: (Mescalero) Ski Apache Disabled Skier Silent Auction at the Inn of the Mountain Gods from 6 to 9 p.m. This annual event in support of the Ski Apache Adaptive Skiers Program is a must-attend event for locals and visitors alike. Hundreds, if not thousands, of items are donated annually to raise money for this great program. Admission is \$1. For more information call 575-336-4416, or visit www.ruidoso.net/skiapache.

Creedence Clearwater Revisited

Feb. 5: (Mescalero) Creedence Clearwater Revisited in concert at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino at 8 p.m. Stu Cook and Doug "Cosmo" Clifford may not have intended it, but their band Creedence Clearwater Revisited has taken on a startling life of its own. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame rhythm section (bass and drums respectively) from the legendary group.

Creedence Clearwater Revival launched the Creedence Clearwater Revisited project in 1995 to once again perform live Creedence Clearwater Revival hits - touchstones of a generation.

Though the pair initially only planned to play private parties, Creedence Clearwater Revisited now performs up to 100 shows a year and has released the album *Recollection*.

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Dining out

with Ivana B. Diningwell

What a stir in sleepy little Carrizozo! In case you've been hibernating in a mountain cave, gentle readers, there are movie stars coming to our neighborhood. Denzel Washington and Gary Oldman will be in town to shoot the film *The Book of Eli* in early March, and an industrious crew is already transforming Twelfth Street.

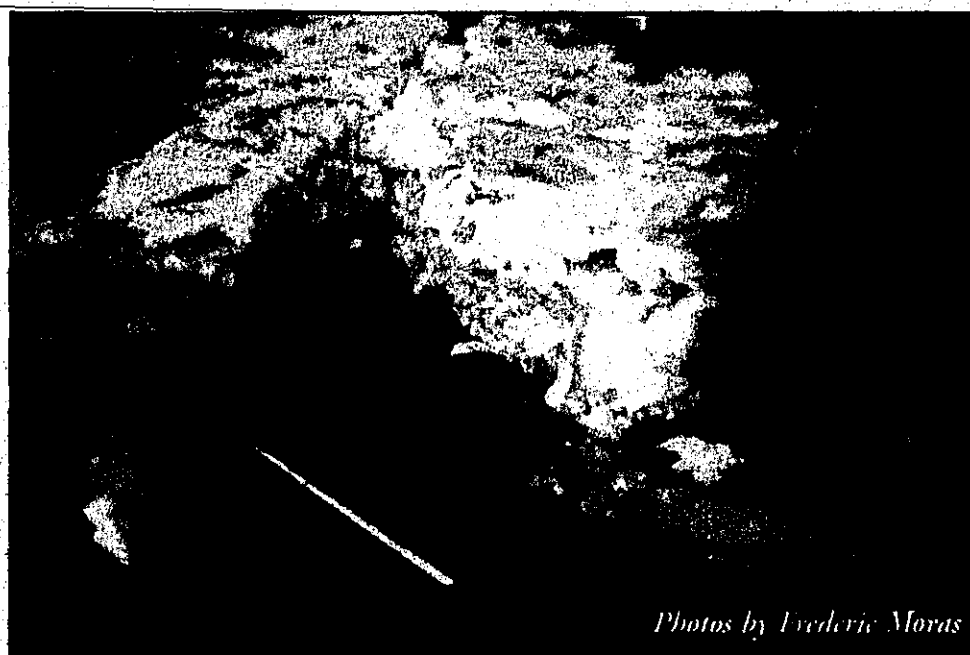
Now Ivana imagines that you're asking – "Why 'Zozo?" Well, the movie is a post-Apocalyptic Western and Ivana supposes that they were looking

for a place that, without too much work, could look like it had survived a cataclysmic disaster.

All this glitzy excitement requires fortification of food and coffee, and that means La BrewJa Café. First of all, say "brew-ha." It's a word play with the Spanish word for witch, "bruja," but if the two women in the kitchens are witches, they're good witches, serving up tasty breakfasts and lunches in what old timers will remember as Carrizozo Joe's.

Loretta Kirk and her daughter Andrea opened in June 2008.

"We loved the old coffee shop, and the town really needed this place," Loretta said, adding, "and I needed a change." She's still an EMT, but now spends more time in the restaurant. "It's still stress, but it's a different kind of



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stress," she said, laughing.

Customers can start their day with a Bongo burrito – black beans, sweet potatoes, avocado and scrambled eggs rolled up in a flour tortilla. Traditionalists can opt for the standard breakfast burrito, with Canadian bacon,

scrambled eggs and cheese. There are bagels, freshly baked muffins and plenty of coffee.

Lunch brings Loretta's green chile chicken quiche and comfort foods like her grandmother's recipe for albondigas – spicy meatballs served with rice. For the winter months there's a daily soup, like green chile potato or creamy garlic. Sandwich varieties – turkey, ham and cheese and chicken salad with dried cranberries and walnuts – can also be made as wraps. Lunches are all

served with fresh fruit and a darling little bite-sized carrot cake.

Loretta and Andrea have kept the best of the old house's charms and it retains the warm ambience of the former establishment, minus the blaring TV. One cozy room offers computer and Internet access. There is a large world globe and an enormous 1946 dictionary to settle disputes over longitude or word origin. One room is furnished with 1950s-era Formica tables and chairs; another holds

one of Carrizozo's famous painted burros.

Don't forget, there's a call for extras on Saturday morning. Ivana will be there – she'll be the one in the rhinestone-studded sunglasses.

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Amigos Bakery • 1107 10th St., Alamogordo • 437-0592 • 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Deli, daily special. **V**

Brown Bag Deli • 900 Washington, Alamogordo • 437-9751 • Open Mon-Sat, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Deli, daily special. **V**

Café 675 • 675 Tenth St. at Lowes, Alamogordo • 437-5150.

Cloudcroft Deli • 505 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-5588 • Open 7 days, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Soups, sandwiches, pastries. • Carry-out only.

Coffee & More • 308 Granado • Deli • Tularosa • 585-4575.

Dave's Café • 300 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thu, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. • Hamburgers/Coney Islands.

Front Porch Eatery Café • 94 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-7492 • Open Mon-Thu, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sun, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

High Country Lounge & Grill • 90 Pleasant Valley Dr., Timberon • 987-2580.

High Rolls General Store Deli • 845 Hwy. 82 • 682-2855.

Jamocha Bean Coffee House Café • 505 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2332 • Open Mon-Fri, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun 8 a.m.-5 p.m. • Coffees, salads & sandwiches.

Java The Hut • 506 St. Francis • Tularosa • 585-2003.

Josey's Sweets • 603 St. Francis Dr • Tularosa • 585-3120 • Open Mon-Sat, 12:30-9 p.m.; Sun, 2-8 p.m.

Mayhill Café • Mayhill • 687-3066

Mayhill Mercantile • Mayhill • 687-3425.

Mountain Top Mercantile Deli • 105 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-2777 Open 7 days, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. • Soups, deli, BBQ, pasta & pies. Carry-out only.

Mountain View Café & The Bistro (GCRMC), 2669 Scenic Dr., Alamogordo • 443-7456 (Mountainview) / 443-7457 (Bistro).

Nature's Pantry • 2909 White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-3037 • Open Mon-Thu, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fri-Sat 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • Organic foods. **V**

Nut House • 32 Ivy Ln • La Luz • 437-6889.

Olive Branch Coffee & Deli • 123 N. White Sands • Alamogordo • 443-8151 • Open Mon-Sat, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. • Specialty coffees & teas, breakfast fare, sandwiches.

Plateau Espresso • 2724 N. Scenic, Alamogordo • 434-4466 • Open Sun-Thu, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-11 p.m. • Specialty coffees, sandwiches/soups. Wireless Internet.

Sweet Shop • 300 Burro Street • Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thu, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-8 a.m. • Smoothies, ice cream, fudge & truffles.

Tulie Oasis • 512 St. Francis • Tularosa • 585-2102.

West Café • Weed • 687-3611.

Western Bar & Café • 304 Burro Street • 682-2445 • Cloudcroft • Open 7 days 6 a.m.-9 p.m. (café), 7 days 9 a.m.-12 a.m.

Casual Dining

Al-O-Mar • 7400 U.S. 54/70, Tularosa • 585-2129.

Aspen Restaurant • 1315 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1031 • Open Mon-Sat, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Big Daddy's Diner • 1705 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1224 • Open Tue-Thu, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Chili's Grill & Bar • 202 Panorama, Alamogordo • 437-5903.

Denny's • 930 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-6106.

Gallo's Red Rooster Café • 306 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2448 • Open Sun-Thu, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat-Sun, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

La Rosa Steakhouse • 21 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa (inside the Tularosa Travel Center) • 585-3339 • Open 7 days a week, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. • Steaks, seafood, pasta, burgers, sandwiches and soups.

Lazy D Restaurant • 1202 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-2532.

Maria's Hired Hand • 905 Central, Tularosa • 585-5574.

Mom's Home Cooking • 604 First St., Alamogordo • 439-0288.

Mustard's Last Stand • 1920 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-2333 • Open Fri-Sat, 5 p.m.-9 p.m. • Dining and dancing.

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Hot ribs

With two ingredients as a starter what dish could I create?

On-hand I had two packages of beef short ribs (8 ribs). I also came up with 8 jalapeños.

An imaginary light bulb lit over my head. Here is the dish that resulted.

Hot Ribs Surprise

I used a large glass pan (11"x13") and a large-size oven bag (like those used for a baking a turkey). After placing the bag on the pan, I used cooking spray on the bottom inside of the bag. I put the 8 ribs in the bag.

With a sharp knife, I removed the stems from the 8 jalapeños and pulled out the seeds through the opening. I discarded the seeds. I sliced the jalapeños into

circles. These were placed on top of the ribs.

Next, I mixed one can of tomato sauce with one can of water and poured this over the jalapeños and ribs. Then I added salt and garlic powder. I closed the bag with the nylon tie provided with the cooking bag and tucked the end of the bag in the pan. I cut six small slits on top of the bag for steam to escape.

The pan was placed in an oven preheated to 400

degrees for about 50 minutes.

With scissors I cut away the top of the bag (careful of the steam). The ribs were returned to the oven, uncovered, for an additional 30 minutes.

Using tongs, I lifted the baked ribs from the juices (created by the meat, tomato sauce and water) and placed them on a serving dish. I scooped the baked jalapeño circles out with a slotted spoon.

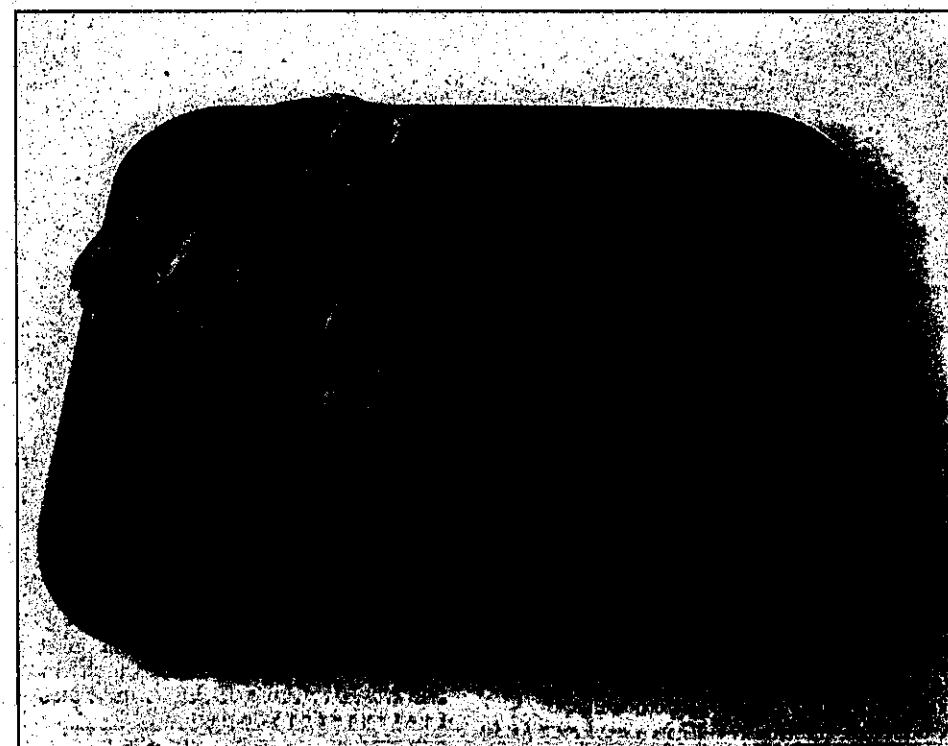
The ribs were served with sides of *papas fritas* (pan-fried potatoes), the baked jalapeños and a small bowl of the juice/broth.

We used this as French Dip (the dip is called "au jus"). Take pieces of rib meat wrapped in portions of flour tortillas and dip into the "au jus" with a kick.



Polly's Potpourri

by Polly E. Chavez



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Palm Side • 905 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-8644.

Chinese / Asian

Bamboo Garden Restaurant • 2617F N. White Sands, Alamogordo • 437-5552 • Korean and Chinese. **V**

Chinese Express • 3199 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-8880.

Golden Palace • 700 E. 1st St., Alamogordo • 434-2136.

Jimmy's Quality Food • 1115 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-7423.

Rocket National Buffet • 607 White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • Authentic styles of Chinese and American cuisine. • 437-5905.

Taiwan Kitchen • 110 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-4337.

The Spicy Thai • 915 Texas, Alamogordo • 434-0650.

The Wok Inn • 1010 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-4388 • Buffet, carry-out or dine in • 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily. **Y**

Fast Food

Arby's Restaurant • 421 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-3534.

Blake's Lota Burger • 1320 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-0466.

Burger King • 117 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9297.

Hi-D-Ho Drive In • 414 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-6400.

Long John Silver's • 19 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-0330.

McDonald's • 222 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo, 437-2414 • Wal-Mart, 437-4339.

Sonic Drive In • 504 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-6505 • 101 Glacier Dr, 434-5263.

Subway Sandwiches & Salads • 100 Central, Tularosa • 585-8410.

Subway Sandwiches & Salads • 630 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-7461 • 1101 E Tenth St, 437-0200.

Taco Bell • 201 Panorama, Alamogordo • 437-3873.

Tulie Freez • 419 St. Francis, Tularosa • 585-4409.

Waffle & Pancake Shoppe • 950 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-0433.

Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers • 301 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-0865.

Fine Dining

Memories Restaurant • 1223 N. New York Ave., Alamogordo • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • 437-0077. **Y**

Pepper's Grill • 3200 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9717.

Rebecca's at The Lodge • 1 Corona Place, Cloudcroft • Breakfast, 7-10:30 a.m.; lunch 11:30

a.m.-2 p.m., with soups, salads, sandwiches, pasta; dinner, 5:30-10 p.m., with appetizers, steak, seafood, lamb, chicken, duck and pasta dishes • Dressy casual • Full bar • 800-395-6343 or 575-682-2566

Mexican

Alfredo's • 801 Delaware, Alamogordo • 437-1745.

Casa de Sueños New Mexican Restaurant • 35 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-3494 • Fax 585-3496. **Y V**

Eddie's Burrito Express • 750 E. First St., Alamogordo • 437-0266.

El Camino Restaurant • 1022 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-8809.

Juan's Cactus Café • 3199 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-2368.

La Hacienda • 800 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo.

Margo's Mexican Food • 504 E. First St., Alamogordo • 434-0689.

Maria's Mexican Food • 604 E. Tenth St., Alamogordo • 434-4549.

Maximino's • 2300 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 443-6102.

Si Señor Restaurant • 1480 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-7879.

Pizza/Italian

Gigi's Pizza • 600 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-5811.

Pizza Hut • 120 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9785.

Pizza Mill & Sub Factory • 1315 E. Tenth St., Alamogordo • 434-1313.

Pizza Patio • 2203 1st St., Alamogordo • 434-9633.

Ruidoso / Lincoln County

Bar-B-Que

Apache Summit • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at Inn of the Mountain Gods next to pro shop • 464-7695. **Y**

Can't Stop Smokin' • 418 Mechem Dr. • 630-0000 • Bar-B-Que to go. Beef, poultry & pork.

Circle J Barbecue • 1825 Sudderth • 257-4105 • Sun-Thu, 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

Tom's Barbecue • 435 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán • 937-1515 • Spare ribs, brisket, pork, sausage, green chile burger and all the trimmin's • Dine in or carry out • Catering available.

Cafés

Alto Café • Hwy. 48 & Gavilan Canyon Rd. • 336-1980 • 7 a.m.-8 p.m., Mon-Fri, closed weekends. Daily and nightly specials, home-style meals and ice cream in a relaxed atmosphere.

Atticus Books & Teahouse • 413 Mechem • 257-2665 • 32 varieties of tea, plus European pressure and pressed coffee, homemade scones, fresh lemon curd and clotted cream • 10:30-7 p.m., closed Tue • Entertainment on Saturdays.

Books & Beans Espresso Deli • 2501 Sudderth • 630-2326 • Full espresso bar, deli, soups, salads. **V**

Calamity Jane's • 500 W Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán • 354-8309.

Cornerstone Bakery Café • 359 Sudderth • 257-1842 • 8-11 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. daily • Coumet 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 Kawluga'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 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. • Soup & sandwiches. **V**

Kiss The Sky Café • 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 Parlor • 1200 Avenue E, Carrizozo • 648-2921 • Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat, 12-6 • Old-fashioned ice cream sodas, milkshakes, malts, banana splits & other fountain treats.

Sacred Grounds Coffee and Tea House • 2825 Sudderth • 257-2273 • Mon-Sat, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. • Sandwiches, quiches, organic coffee, espresso bar. **V**

Sunflower Café • 806 Carrizo Canyon Rd. • 630-0173 • Thu-Sun, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. • Homestyle meals, fresh baked goods, customized catering. **V**

The Village Buttery • 2107 Sudderth • 257-9251 • Soups, sandwiches, salads; great pies and cookies; patio. • Mon-Sat, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. **V**

Zocca Coffee & Tea • 1129 Mechem Dr., Suite E • 258-1445 • Sun, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Mon-Thu, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.; Authentic 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. **Y**

Billy's Sports Bar & Grill • at Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino • 378-4431.

Cattle Baron • 657 Sudderth • 257-9355 • Mon-Thu, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. • Steak, seafood, salad bar, lounge. **Y**

Cree Meadows Restaurant • 301 Country Club • 257-2733 • Mon-Sat, breakfast 7 a.m.-11 a.m.; lunch

11 a.m.-3 p.m.; closed Sunday • Steak, seafood, lounge, banquet room. **Y**

Denny's • 2219 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • 378-1389 • Open 24/7.

Elsie's Charbroiled Burgers • Hwy. 54 at Hwy. 380 (old Taste Freeze) • Carrizozo • 648-4200 • Burgers, enchiladas, chicken & steak fingers, salads, soft serve ice cream. Patio seating. **V**

Emily's Southern Accent • 320 E. Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán • 354-5459 • Mon-Sat, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.; also Fri, 5-8 p.m.

Farley's Food Fun & Pub • 1200 Mechem • 258-5676 • Mon-Fri, 11:30 a.m.-1 a.m.; Sat, 11 a.m.-1 a.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-12 a.m. • Burgers, pizza, pub fare, lounge, pool tables, patio. **Y**

Four Winds Restaurant • 111 Central Ave., Carrizozo • 648-2964 • Mon-Sun, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. • American variety, Mexican, freshly baked goods, lounge. **Y**

Gathering of Nations Buffet • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IMG • 464-7872 • American, Italian, Asian and Mexican cuisine.

Horsemen's Grill • 321 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán • 354-1447.

K-BOB's • 157 W. Hwy. 70 • 378-4747. **V Y**

Landlocked • 441 Mechem • 257-9559 • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 12-8 p.m. **V Y**

Lincoln County Grill • 2717 Sudderth • 257-7669 • Open 7 Days, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. **Y**

Log Cabin • 1074 Mechem • 258-5029.

Lucy & Ethel's • 1009 Mechem • 8 a.m.-5 p.m. • 630-1221.

Outpost Bar & Grill • Family Dining • Closed Monday and Tuesday • 415 Central, Carrizozo • 648-9994. **Y**

Picnics Deli • Deli, dine-in restaurant, take-out and delivery • 127 Rio Street • 257-2200 • Mon-Thu, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. **Y**

Schlotzsky's Deli • 2812 Sudderth • 257-7811 • Open 10:30 a.m. daily. **V**

The Seasons • Casual and fine dining • 307 Hwy. 70 at the Quality Inn • 378-4051, ext. 314 • Open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

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.-

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10 p.m., Fri-Sat, 8 a.m.-11 p.m. • Recent menu changes and additions • 464-7928. **Y**

Smokey Bear Restaurant • 310 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 354-2557 • Open 7 Days, 6 a.m.-8 p.m. **Y**

The Quarters • 2535 Sudderth • Complete restaurant featuring steaks, burgers, barbecue, drink specialties and more • Live music Sundays for "Blues & BBQ" • 257-9535. **Y**

Fast Food

Burger Trolley • 647 Sudderth • 257-3868 • 11-7 daily • Take-out only. **B**

Hall of Flame Burgers • 2500 Sudderth, in Four Seasons Mall • 257-9987 • Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat-Sun, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. • Burgers, steak tacos, salads. **V**

KFC of Ruidoso • 331 Sudderth • 257-2119 • Open 7 Days • Dining room & drive-thru Sun-Thu, 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sat, drive-thru 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

McDonald's • 144 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso • 257-7547.

Mr. Burger • 1203 Mechem • 258-3616 • 7 a.m.-8 p.m. daily; Sun, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sonic Drive-In • 102 Horton Circle • 257-4787 • 7 Days a week, 7 a.m.-11 p.m.

Subway • 148 Sudderth • 257-7827 • 8 a.m.-10 p.m. daily • Breakfast served until 11 a.m.

Taco Bell • 654 Sudderth • 257-4246 • Mon-Wed, 10 a.m.-1 a.m.; Thu-Sun, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fine Dining

Ellis Store Country Inn • Hwy. 380 MM 98, Lincoln • 800-653-6460 • Gourmet dinners • Mon-Sat • Reservations only. **Y B**

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 B**

Morsels • 2919 Sudderth Dr. • 630-0113.

Texas Club Bar & Grill • 212 Metz Dr. • Ruidoso • 258-3325. **Y B**

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 B**

Wendell's • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IMG • 464-7842 • Featuring steaks, seafood and hand-crafted desserts • Open daily, 6:30 a.m.-11 p.m. **V Y B**

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 B**

Mexican Food

Casa Blanca • 501 Mechem • 257-2495 • 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily • New Mexican cuisine, lounge. **Y B**

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 • Authentic 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, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. • Real Mexican flavor.

Pizza / Italian Food

Café Rio • 2547 Sudderth Dr. • 257-7746 • 11:20 a.m. to 7:50 p.m. daily. **V 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.

Michelenas • 2703 Sudderth • 257-5753 • Sun-Thu, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. **V Y**

Pasta Café • 2331 Sudderth • 257-6666 • Sun-Thu, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; lounge open until 1:30 a.m. **V Y**

Pizza Hut • 725 Sudderth Dr. • 257-5161 • 1201 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso • 258-3033. **V Y**

Santino's Italian Restaurant • 2823 Sudderth • 257-7540. **V Y**

Chinese / Asian

Great Wall of China • 2913 Sudderth Dr. • 257-2522. **V Y**

Yee's • 633 Sudderth • 257-5888 • Chinese, eat in or take out • Daily, 10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Dinner Theater

Mountain Annie's • 2710 Sudderth in Midtown • Ruidoso • Fabulous live performances with a scrumptious double entree barbecue and chicken dinner every Thu-Sat • Ticket office opens 2 p.m. • Dinner served at 7 p.m. and show at 8 p.m. • 257-7982. **B Y**

CUISINE

Cherry chili

The Scoville Scale, developed by chemist Wilbur Scoville in 1912, measures the heat produced by chile peppers.

The scale demonstrates what adventurous eaters already know: Peppers vary wildly in their level of hotness. Sweet bell peppers serve as a threshold with a zero rating; jalapeños go as high as 8,000; and Thai peppers can clock in at 100,000. In 1994, the Red Savina, also known as Dominican Devil's Tongue, was listed in Guinness World Records as the world's hottest, topping out at 577,000, which, competitively speaking, seemed to turn up the heat. India certified its Naga Jolokia at 1,041,427. And England's Dorset Naga joined the battle with an impressive 970,000.

Why we crave something that causes our mouths to burn and our eyes to water is a subject of debate. Historically, the Carib tribe used the Scotch Bonnet pepper as a means of torture. Some say the burn triggers the production of endorphins, our body's natural opiate. Others say it's simply because once we've acquired a taste for heat, other foods seem bland.

No time to check the Scoville Scale? Here's a more manageable approach to gauging a pepper's hotness: Small peppers can burn more than large ones, and dried are hotter than their fresh counterparts.

No matter which peppers you choose, be sure to handle them with care. Even pros wear rubber gloves when dicing and slicing. Or try what native cooks have done for centuries: coat your hands with oil before handling. To tone down heat, remove seeds and veins, wash hands thoroughly after handling and avoid eye contact.

Dried Cherry Chili

This recipe, courtesy of the Cherry Marketing Institute, is loaded with antioxidants. Garnish with corn strips, red onion and avocado. For more information on all things cherry, go to choosecherries.com

2 cups low-sodium chicken broth,

- divided
- 4 ounces dried tart cherries,
- chopped (3/4 cup)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh garlic
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh
- jalapeño
- 1 pound ground turkey
- 1 roasted red bell pepper, cut into
- 1/4-inch cubes
- 1 tablespoon, plus 1 teaspoon,
- chili powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon dried mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 4 cups chopped fire-roasted toma-
- toes
- 1 (16-ounce) can black beans
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro

1. Heat 1 cup of broth. Place cherries in small bowl. Add hot broth and set aside.

2. Heat olive oil in a 4-quart saucepan over medium heat. Add onion; sauté about 5 minutes, until onion is soft. Add garlic and jalapeño; cook 1 minute. Do not brown. Add turkey; cook until it is no longer pink.

3. Add bell pepper, chili powder, cumin, coriander, mustard and oregano. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally, about 2 minutes. Add tomatoes and remaining broth; bring to boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, about 5 minutes.

4. Stir in beans, cilantro and cherry mixture. Continue cooking until thoroughly heated. Serves 8.

Per serving: 230 calories, 6g fat, 13g prot., 29g carbs., 6g fiber, 660mg sodium.

Look for *Relish* magazine, celebrating America's love of food, each month in the *Ruidoso News*. For more *Relish* recipes, to sign up for their biweekly newsletter, or to leave a note on their message boards, visit relishmag.com

HISTORY

Views From the Pioneer Village

the El Paso & Northeastern Railroad

BY BILL BOVERIE
FOR VAMONOS

Previous articles dealt with the Eddy's previous projects – the Colorado ranch and the Pecos Valley Railroad. Their third project was the El Paso and Northeastern Railroad.

This time, the Eddys avoided some of the "mistakes" of the Pecos Valley Railway. First, no longer would they accept a single, wealthy investor as a partner. Instead they looked for a large number of wealthy investors so that they would not be so dependent on a single investor. This would also ensure adequate capitalization.

Second, they did a better job of researching the market for a railroad to ensure that there was a diversity of potential customers to support it. Never again would they build a railroad dependent on only one customer, like agriculture in the Pecos Valley. Eddy spent more than two years planning the project before going back East to solicit investors.

Finally, they allowed alcohol to be

sold on one block, but only one block, in the new town of Alamogordo, and thereby avoided the "Phenix" problem they had in Eddy.

As before, they had a good pitch. They proposed to haul gold ore from White Oaks; silver and iron ore from the Jarilla Mountains; coal from White Oaks and the Salado coal field near Capitan; logs from the mountains to a sawmill in Alamogordo; lumber from the sawmill to El Paso and beyond; and farm and ranch products from the mountains and the Tularosa Basin. They even proposed to haul white sand from the Tularosa Basin, although that never materialized.

And this time, they were to build not just one new town, but three – Alamogordo, Cloudcroft and Capitan. (After they decided to bypass White Oaks, they also built Carrizozo and put their shops there.) The towns provided lot sales and business opportunities, as well as supporting the railroad. Each town had a depot for passenger traffic and a stockyard for livestock shipments. Alamogordo would be their headquarters and would

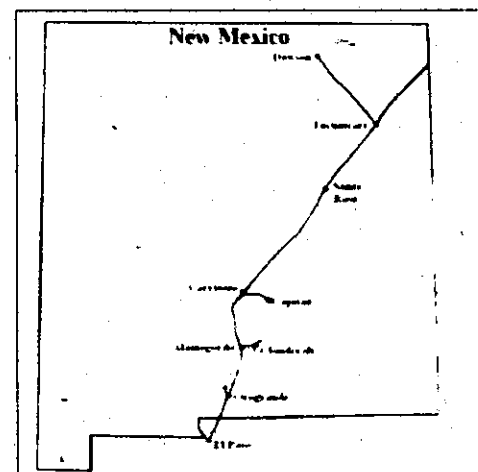
have their sawmill. Cloudcroft would be a tourist destination, and Capitan would service the coal mining at the Salado coal fields.

In addition, supplies could be hauled, not only for towns in the region, but for Fort Bliss (just outside El Paso), Fort Stanton (east of Capitan) and the Mescalero reservation (on the north end of the Sacramento Mountains.) Furthermore, there were deposits of iron ore and fire and potter's clay near Ancho (north of Carrizozo). Finally, if the line were to be connected to the Rock Island, it would shorten the Chicago-to-El Paso distance by 250 miles and provide a connection to the West Coast, Mexico City and other places via El Paso.

Of all these things, coal was considered to be the most valuable, at least in the short term, even more valuable than gold. Gold is measured by the ounce; coal by the ton. A railroad needs tonnage to haul to be successful, and the coal itself would be very valuable for its own use, as well as for a product to sell.

The railroad was funded by a group of coal, steel and mining executives from the sister cities of Scranton and Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Eddy brought them on a special train in April of 1897 to San Antonio, New Mexico, (just south of Socorro) to see the region first hand. They lived cowboy style, sleeping on the ground and eating from a chuckwagon, but they rode in fancy carriages drawn by four-horse hitches.

They toured ranches, the coal fields, the mountains, the basin and even the Mescalero reservation. The tour ended in El Paso, where their train met them. They were convinced, and an agreement was signed Oct. 1, 1897. Construction started that December. Although Eddy started building with used rail he got as a bargain, he eventually bought most of the rails

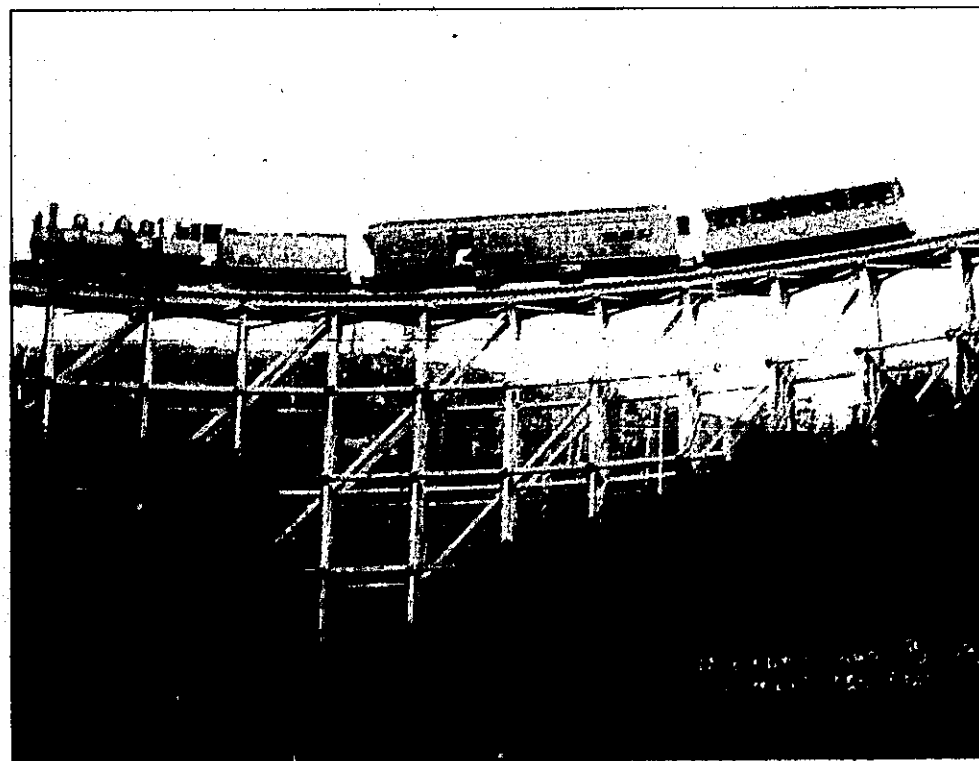


and other steel products from his investors, so they had business reasons for supporting the project other than just as an investment.

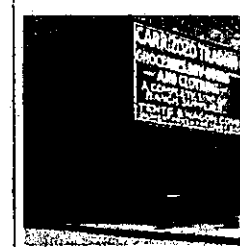
It is amazing how much money Eddy's investors put up. An approximate inflation factor for expressing turn-of-the-century (1900) dollars in today's money is a factor of 100. Eddy's investors poured millions of dollars into the project – possibly a billion dollars or more in today's money.

Next month's article will continue the EP&NE story.

If you enjoy our monthly articles, you will really enjoy our museum and Pioneer Village in Cloudcroft. Winter hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays. Visit www.cloudcroftmuseum.com.



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LET'S GO!

Acoustic Eidolon

Coffee & More is pleased to bring back an outstanding, crowd-pleasing duo tonight, Jan. 16.

Acoustic Eidolon's recordings have been featured on NPR's "All Things Considered," John Diliberto's "Echoes," PAX Television, Woodsong's "Olde Time Radio Hour" and numerous other stations across the country. From the Vancouver Island MusicFest to the Kerrville Folk Festival, from the Kennedy Center in D.C. to St. Paul's Cathedral in London, people have been praising the sound of Acoustic Eidolon.

Joe Scott and Hannah Alkire, who are Acoustic Eidolon, have combined their musical talents to create an exciting new acoustic instrumental sound. Joe Scott plays an instrument he invented: the double-neck guitjo, a custom acoustic guitar with two necks, built exclusively for him. This one-of-a-kind instrument has incredible range and tonal qualities, sounding at times like a piano, dulcimer or beautiful harp. Combine that with Alkire's stunning tone and impeccable cello playing, and you have the ingredients for some very moving music.

Acoustic Eidolon's recordings feature a rich blend of both artists' musical influences and have been described as pure musical poetry. The bell-like quality of Joe's unique double-neck guitjo provides a lovely counterpoint to Hannah's elegantly inspired cello. It is truly a

different and enchanting sound. Their live shows are very entertaining and include a few vocal selections, as well as pieces that borrow from Celtic, contemporary, bluegrass and Latin influences.

Fate has a magical way of bringing people together. In 1995, Alkire, a studio cellist, received a call to play on a Boulder ensemble's record. As they gave her directions to the recording studio, she grew more incredulous as they brought her up the small road near her and turned down her street. Little did she know that across the street and three houses away lived the greatest double-neck guitjo player in the world (ok, the *only* double-neck guitjo player in the world). And their paths had officially crossed.

Fast forward to 1998, Scott and Alkire each found themselves between full-time musical engagements. Joe called Hannah, saying he'd always wanted to hear their two instruments together. So on a snowy day in February, they got together to play for the first time. There was such a magical timbre to their combined sounds that they agreed then and there to clear out their schedules, start rehearsing together, and form what would become Acoustic Eidolon.

On Oct. 14, 2001, what had started as a musical/business partnership and friendship blossomed into their marriage. Acoustic Eidolon was off

and running, and Alkire and Scott (and Zach and Alex) had become a family. They like to joke that this was a marriage of convenience – they were already together all the time anyway – but anyone watching them perform can feel the love that draws them together and speaks through their music.

Alkire was born in Berkeley, Calif. but grew up in Champaign, Ill. She started playing the piano at the age of four, then began cello at age eight. There wasn't really a beginning to her love for the cello – it was always a sound that she was drawn to.

She grew up in a musical household, where her father played the piano, her mother was a music instructor and her sister played the violin. There are many warm memories of musical sessions of piano trios by the fireside, and each bedtime routine was accompanied by Chopin and Liszt and Brahms piano works.

Alkire studied with G. Magyar of the Hungarian String Quartet, and was classically trained. She decided early on to keep the cello her passion but not go to music school, and continued to study and play seriously. At the University of Illinois, she got a degree to teach French, English and Spanish at the high school level, and then taught for five years. In 1992, she moved to the Boulder, Colo. area.

Since her arrival there, she has enjoyed perform-

ing in the Boulder Bach Festival, MahlerFest and in area symphony orchestras. She moved out of the strictly classical world and started playing with rock/blues groups, performing at various local and national events like the South by Southwest festival in Texas. She was also a founding member of the Anasazi String Quartet, whose repertoire went from Dvorak to Zeppelin, and baroque to Grateful Dead.

Staying active with recording, and being involved in numerous projects to come out of the Rocky Mountain region, it was through her studio work that she met Joe Scott.

In January 1999, Alkire was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma, and underwent chemotherapy and radiation until August 2000. During that time, she continued to play with Joe almost daily, and found that Eidolon was a real lifeline during this challenging time. They would rehearse as often as possible, and during the last several days of each round of chemo, when she felt the strongest, they would go into the studio. As a result, the debut album, *Eidolon*, was finished in late April 1999. In August 2004, Hannah celebrated her five-year cancer-free anniversary.

A Colorado native, Joe Scott began playing the acoustic guitar at age 12. By the time he was 14, his dad suggested he take up the 5-string banjo. So instead of learning the lat-



est Led Zeppelin and Beatles songs, he immersed himself in Bill Monroe, Lester Flat and Earl Scruggs. Scott excelled on the banjo, and won many contests at regional bluegrass festivals by the age of 16. During the next several years, he was involved in various folk, bluegrass and rock groups based in the Colorado area.

At age 23, he decided to attend the Guitar Institute of Technology in Hollywood, Calif. There, he studied all styles of acoustic and electric guitar. During this same time period, he started experimenting with different ways of stringing the acoustic guitar. One of the ideas was based on stringing the standard 6-string acoustic like a 5-string banjo. This was an idea that Scott's father had suggested years earlier. With this stringing, he discovered that he could play all his same banjo licks, but on the acoustic guitar it created a whole new sound. This was the beginning of the Guitjor.

After GIT, Scott toured

the country extensively with the New Christy Minstrels, a folk group based out of Los Angeles. In 1985, he returned home to start the group Wind Machine with Steve Mesple. Wind Machine toured for the next 14 years, and released 13 critically-acclaimed recordings.

After Joe and Steve decided to stop Wind Machine, Joe thought he would take a long-needed break from performing and recording, but fate had a different plan and soon he would meet Hannah. And as they say, the rest is history.

If you go

what: Acoustic Eidolon in Concert

when: Jan. 16; Dinner at 6, concert at 7 p.m.

where: Coffee & More 308 Granada St. in Telluride; 585-4575

The amazing Blackwoods

Sierra Blanca Christian Academy is proud to present an evening of inspiring gospel music by the internationally known quartet, the Blackwood Brothers.

The concert is a benefit for the school and will be held Friday evening, Feb. 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Gateway Church of Christ, 415 Sudderth Dr. in Ruidoso.

Tickets are available at Gateway Church of Christ, First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club, and Angus Church of the Nazarene, corner of Highway 37 & 43; or you may reserve tickets by calling 258-1748.

Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door, and all proceeds go to benefit Sierra Blanca Christian Academy.

The original Blackwood Brothers Quartet was formed in 1934 in the hills of Mississippi, with Roy, Doyle, James and Roy's oldest son, R. W. Blackwood. Their dedication and effort to spread the Gospel in song has left a great heritage and blessed the lives of many people.

Since that early formation, the group has won countless awards, sung thousands of concerts, and appeared on many television shows.

The dedication of Roy,

Doyle, James and R. W. Blackwood continues today through the hearts and lives of the Blackwood Gospel Quartet. They still sing the traditional close harmony quartet-style music the Blackwoods are famous for.

The Blackwood Gospel Quartet does not take its heritage in Gospel music lightly, nor the responsibility of integrity that goes with it.

It is the sincere desire of the Blackwood Gospel Quartet that the people who hear them will be moved to a deep spiritual commitment and give all the glory to the Lord Jesus.



Flickinger presents The Diamonds



It's been more than 51 years since The Diamonds released an instant million selling hit called "Little Darlin'." The song continues to sell worldwide and to date has sold more than 20 million copies.

The Diamonds have learned one important lesson - the durability of 1950s music is as much about the future as about the past.

To say the rock 'n' roll era of the '50s was one of the most exciting times in music history is to understate the obvious. The Diamonds bring back the soul-moving and dancing style of music that makes

everyone want to get up out of their seats and move.

A dance craze is happening throughout the land that only enhances this style of rock 'n' roll. Young and old are turning to the beat of the '50s and the "good ol' music" to move their feet and jitter-bop the night away.

According to a true dancing fool, Flickinger's Executive Director Ken Weir, "Although this is not a dance, you may want to bring your dancing shoes anyway. The beat may have you dancing in your seats."

So come on over to the Flickinger and swing into some great music that will

leave you with your heart pounding and wanting more, on Jan. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

All seating for the Diamonds concert is reserved.

Be-boppers are encouraged to purchase their tickets early to ensure the best seating. Advance tickets are available from the Flickinger Center Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased in person or by telephone (with a Visa or MasterCard).

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Art and Artifact • 107 S. Lincoln • Capitan • 354-2316.

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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 • 575-648-2598 • 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.

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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.

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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.

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AT GALLERY 408



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

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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.annbuellineart.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

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California Colors Art Gallery • 201 Country Club Dr. • 257-1964.

The Camel House • 1690 Highway 70 East • Ruidoso Downs • 378-7065 • Prints, framing.

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Fine art, gifts, artisan jewelry, knives, fetishes.

GD Garrett Fine Art • 2306 Sudderth • 257-7695 • Studio and gallery of wildlife painter Gary Garrett.

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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.

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Art Galleries & Studios

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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.

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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.

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Adobe Daubers Arts & Crafts Gallery • 275-B Central Ave. • 585-2084.

Coffee & More at Tularosa Dry Goods • 308 Granado St. • 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thurs.-Sat.; 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sunday • 585-4575 • Rotating art exhibit.

Del Sol • 200 St. Francis Dr. • 585-4581.

Horse Feathers • 316 Granado • 585-4407 • Pottery, jewelry, Native American arts & crafts, gifts.

Cloudcroft

Bear Track • 502 Burro Ave. • 682-3046 • Native American arts & crafts, gifts.

Cloudcroft Art Society • Community Center/Library (Red Brick Schoolhouse), corner of Swallow Place and Burro Ave. • 687-3176 • Members' artwork, programs, meetings, workshops.

Cloudcroft Gallery • 502A Burro Ave. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. • 682-3659 • Original paintings, pottery and glass. Unusual handmade gifts. David and Donna Gordon, 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 Zanet 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.

Calls for Artists & Others

Art in Public Places

Art in Public Places is getting ready to change out the displays at Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway Visitors Center, with art to be displayed for the months of January, February and March 2009.

Once again, thanks to all participating artists and congratulation to the artists who had their artworks purchased by visiting tourists.

Thanks also to the staff at Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway Visitors Center for their support.

Any artists who are wanting to participate in Art in Public Places at Billy the Kid for the months of January through March, contact Bear-Tews by email at bears101@windstream, or by cell phone 937-030

Juried art show

Marcos and Robin Lee, artist/owners of Studio 54@70, Tularosa's newest working artists' studio and gallery, are pleased to announce their Grand Opening show as a fundraiser for Otero County Habitat for Humanity.

The exhibit will be a themed juried show, open to any artist working in any original media except photography. The name of the show is "The American Dream," and the theme is architecture, with a focus on local scenes. Any artist who can hand-deliver his or her work and is within the guidelines for the theme may enter.

The Studio's Grand Opening Reception for the fundraiser will be April 4, from 5-8 p.m. There is no admission charge and the reception is open to the

public. Festivities will include wine from Tularosa Vineyards, a silent auction and an awards presentation for the best artwork as judged by our featured artist, Kathy Hauge of High Rolls.

The show will run through May 1. All artwork will be for sale, and a portion of all sales will be donated to Otero County Habitat for Humanity. Donations will be solicited from artists and community business participants for a silent auction.

Any artist is welcome to submit materials for consideration. Guidelines for submission can be downloaded from the Web site, www.studio54at70.com, and click on Policies.

The gallery will also be featuring several themed, open-juried shows per year. Shows in the planning stages for 2009 include the Habitat show, a pet-themed

show to benefit local Otero County animal and pet organizations and a photography show.

Artists interested in participating in shows will be able to download PDF applications with complete rules and details from the Web site's Events page. Keep checking back regularly for updates, or get on the gallery's email list by signing the Guest Book page and stating your interests and include your email info.

mARTi gras call

RRCA's annual community celebration, mARTi gras, will be held Feb. 28. Booth spaces, 10x10, are being offered for no fee, and artists may share space. Demonstrations are also being sought.

Contact Susie Berend at 937-9380 to reserve your space.

ASTRONOMY

A wonderful star

It's a fair statement that our view of the universe today is radically different from the view held by our ancestors centuries and millennia ago.

Much of that changing view is due to the telescopic observations that commenced four centuries ago by the Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei and, in more recent years,

In Our Skies

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Astronomer



to the various spacecraft missions, but there are also some sightings that can be made with the unaided eye that have helped change that long-ago-held view.

For example, the conventional wisdom a couple of thousand years ago was that the stars are "fixed,"

i.e., they are unmoving, and moreover are unchanging. However, about three centuries ago

the British astronomer Edmond Halley (of later comet fame) noticed that some of the sky's brighter stars were not quite in the same position that they had been charted in some 1,500 years earlier.

From these "discrepancies" we soon determined that the stars are far from "fixed," and in fact they – along with our sun – are traveling somewhat randomly through the galaxy. It takes quite a long time for us to be able to detect these motions with the unaided eye, but the nighttime sky that our descendants will see in, say, a hundred thousand years will be noticeably different from the sky we see tonight.

Back in 1596 – a dozen years before the invention of the telescope – a Dutch amateur astronomer, David Fabricius, noticed a star in the constellation Cetus, the sea monster – now visible in our southern sky during the early evening hours – that wasn't on any of his star charts.

He watched the star fade away over the next few weeks and, thinking he had witnessed a one-time event, didn't bother looking for it again, until a decade later when he happened to notice that it was back. Studies by Fabricius and other astronomers of that era determined that it was fading and reappearing at fairly regular intervals that averaged 332 days.

In 1662, the Polish astronomer Johannes

Hevelius published a study of the star titled *Historiola Mirae Stellae, or Brief History of the Wonderful Star*. From this the star's present name of "Mira" was taken.

In large part because of Mira, the concept of "variable stars" was born. A "variable star" is, simply, a star that changes in brightness over a period of time, and today many thousands of such objects are known. Stars can change in brightness for a variety of reasons, and in fact almost all stars are variable at some level; our sun, for example, exhibits tiny changes in its overall brightness due to the differing amount of sunspots.

Some stars, such as the famous star Algol in the constellation Perseus, change in brightness because a companion star periodically passes in front of them and eclipses them, while other stars, such as Mira, undergo brightness changes because of actual physical changes taking place within the stars themselves.

We now know that Mira is a type of star known as a "red giant," i.e., a very large and very cool star (by stellar standards) that, if it were to take the place of our sun, would be so large that Earth would be orbiting inside it. The star is this large because, some time earlier, it ran out of the "fuel" by which it generates energy, and its outer atmosphere has since grown very extended and tenuous.

In a few billion years' time our sun will become such a star.

Mira is going through a relatively brief phase where its atmosphere is "pulsating," i.e., alternately growing larger and smaller, and at the same time alternately growing warmer and cooler. It is these semi-regular pulsations that cause the brightness changes we see here on Earth; when at its brightest it is usually bright enough to see easily with the unaided eye, whereas when at its dimmest it requires a fairly large pair of binoculars to be seen.

Because no two pulsations are exactly alike, the peak brightness, as well as the duration from one peak to the next, changes slightly from cycle to cycle.

We are right now near the peak of one of Mira's pulsation cycles, and it is pretty easy to view with the unaided eye in our evening sky.

During the coming few weeks, it should begin to fade away (and beginning about March Cetus itself will disappear into twilight as it goes behind the sun before reappearing in the morning sky by about May), but towards the end of this year we should see it start to come back.

Not unexpectedly, Mira has remained an object of intense interest and study over the centuries. Recent images taken with the Hubble Space Telescope indicate that it isn't spherical like most stars should be, but rather is fairly oblong.

Quite recently, ultraviolet images taken with the Galaxy Evolution Explorer, or GALEX, spacecraft (launched six years ago) show that Mira is shedding a lot of material that, due to Mira's rapid motion through space, has created a comet-like "tail" some 13 light-years long.

Meanwhile, several decades ago a companion star to Mira was discovered, which orbits around the larger star every 400 to 500 years.

This companion is slightly smaller than our sun, and just last year astronomers discovered that it is accompanied by a "disk" of material (probably originating from Mira itself) from which planets may someday form.

In some ways, when we observe Mira we are obtaining a glimpse of our own solar system's very distant future. Far from being the unchanging universe that our ancestors a few thousand years ago believed in, the "real" universe is a dynamic and ever-changing place – and always seems to have a few surprises for us as we continue to explore our way through it.

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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 paintladies64@yahoo.com.

A Course in Miracles Study Group: Each Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Bereavement or Grief Support: For the community. Call Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation. Info: 258-0028.

Meditation 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, Ruidoso. Info: 257-6757.

VFW Post 1207: Meets at the Ruidoso Evening Lions Club, behind Chef Lupe's Restaurant on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. Info: 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. Info: Kelly Fouse at 575-430-8531.

Service Organizations

Aitusa 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 info: Jill, 336-1339.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 52: 6:20 p.m. every other Wednesday; Angus Church of the Nazarene. Info: 808-1172.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59: 6 p.m. every Monday, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Info: Mark, 378-5623.

B.P.O. Elks No. 2086: 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70; Info: 257-2607.

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Capitan Smokey Bear Lions Club: 5:30 p.m. every Thursday at Smokey Bear Restaurant. Info: 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.fbcruaidoso.com.

Fort Stanton Museum: Call for volunteers; if you would like to become involved in volunteering at Fort Stanton Museum, 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: Raylene, 354-3046 or library, 354-3035.

Humane Society of Lincoln County: Shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat 11-2; ReSale Shop at the Y open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon-Sat; Info: 378-1040.

Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at K-BOB's; Rutalee, 258-1431.

Laughing Eyes Kennels: 501(c)(3) nonprofit breeder and trainer of Service Dogs in Nogal seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling & puppy socialization, bookkeeping, fundraising and kennel upkeep/management. Info: www.lekennels.org or 575-354-4342.

Lincoln County Community Health Council: 8 a.m. first Tuesday of each month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. New members welcome. Info: 973-1829.

Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary: 9:30 a.m. second Tuesday of each month in the hospital conference room. New volunteers welcome. Info: 630-4250.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse: Meets first Sunday each month at 2 p.m. at the Posse building, Hwy. 54, in Carrizozo. Groups needing their volunteer security services, notify by mail one month (but not less than two weeks) prior to the monthly meeting. Send to P.O. Box 1784, Capitan, NM 88316. Info: 888-663-7029.

OES Ruidoso Chapter 65: Meeting every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 144 Nob Hill Dr. Info: 257-5313.

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): Noon every Wednesday at K-BOB's. New members always welcome; 257-5938 or 258-9218.

PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Chapter AR: Meeting every second and fourth Tuesdays. Phone Jennie Powell at 258-3896 for information.

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club: 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. During the school year, meetings every first Tuesday are at the Teepee Lounge at Ruidoso High School. Info: Barbara, 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555, or Greg, 257-1255.

Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary: 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center off East Highway 70; Info: 378-8099 or 378-8316.

Ruidoso Evening Lions: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Evening Lions Club House, 106 S. Overlook (behind Chef Lupe's). New members always welcome. Info: Mike Zaragosa, 937-0768 or Harold Oakes, 937-7618.

Ruidoso Shrine Club: 6:30 p.m. every fourth Wednesday at Cree Meadows Restaurant; Info: 258-5860.

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club: Meets at 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: 257-0363.

Sierra Blanca Daughters of the American Revolution: Third Thursday of each month. Info: 258-3045.

Zia Girl Scout Council: 6 p.m. every third Thursday at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Info: 437-2921.

White Mountain Search & Rescue: 7 p.m. every third Monday at First Christian Church near the intersection of Hull and Gavilan Canyon Roads. Info: email whitemountainsar@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainsar.org or phone 336-1530.

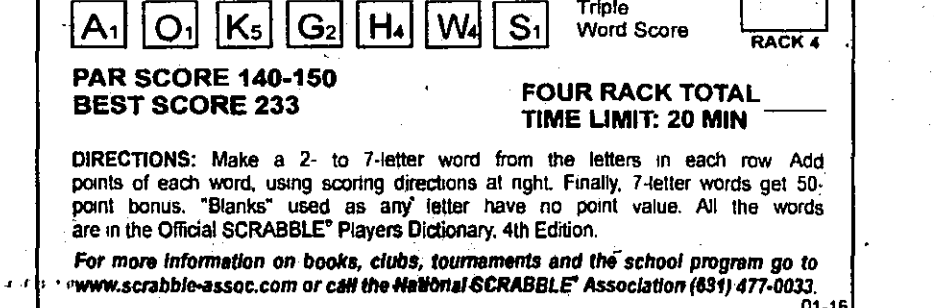
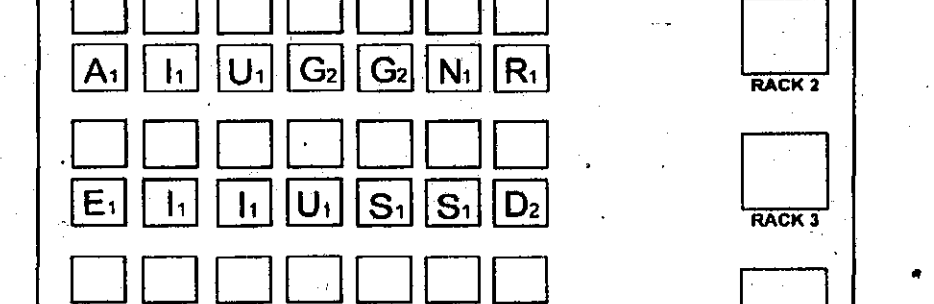
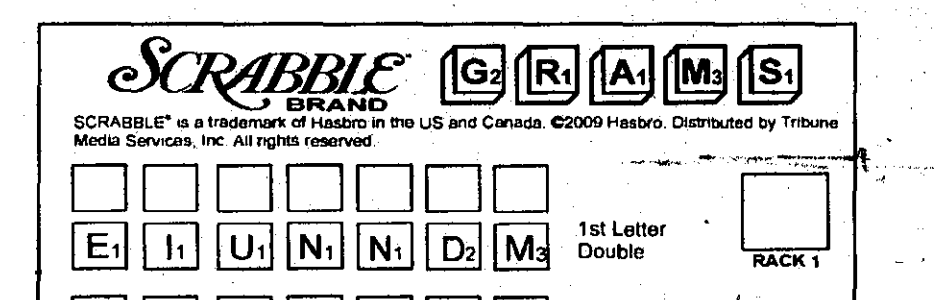
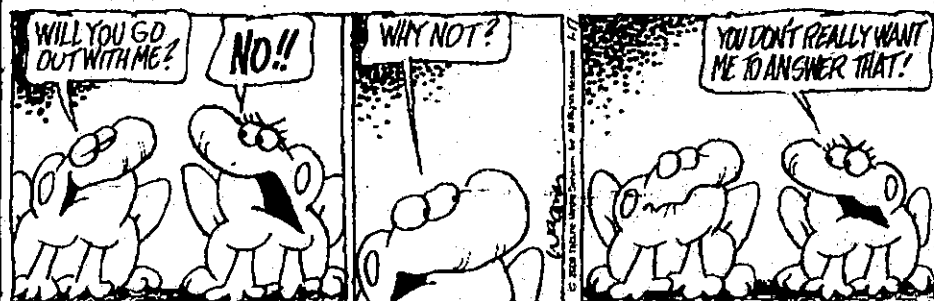
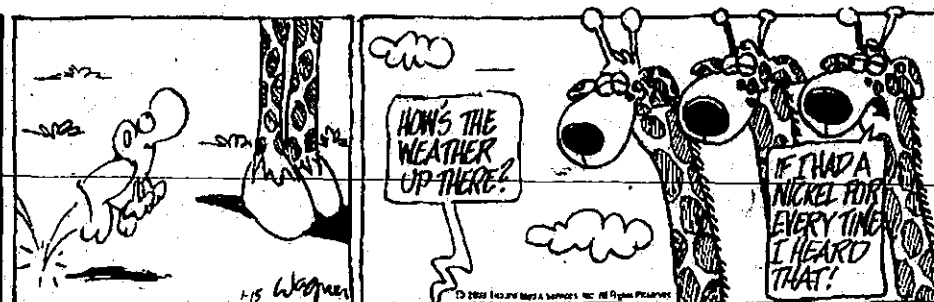
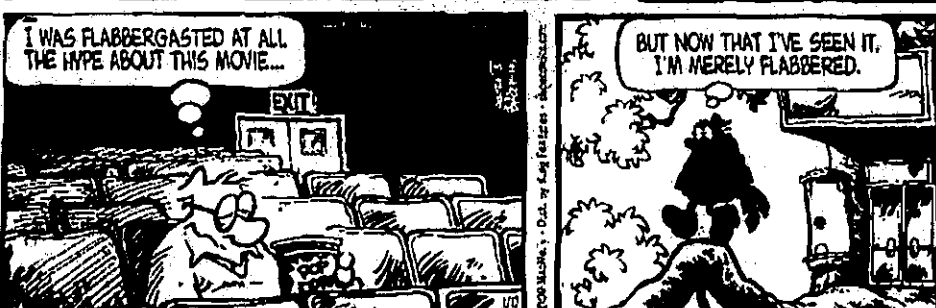
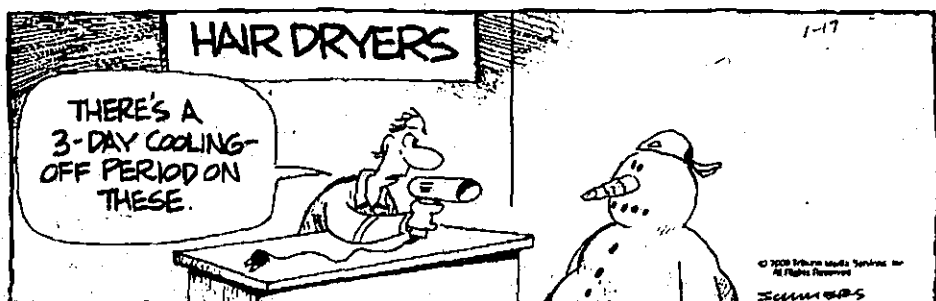
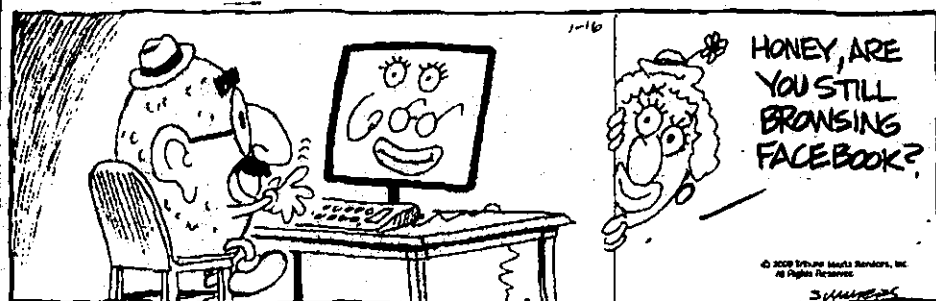
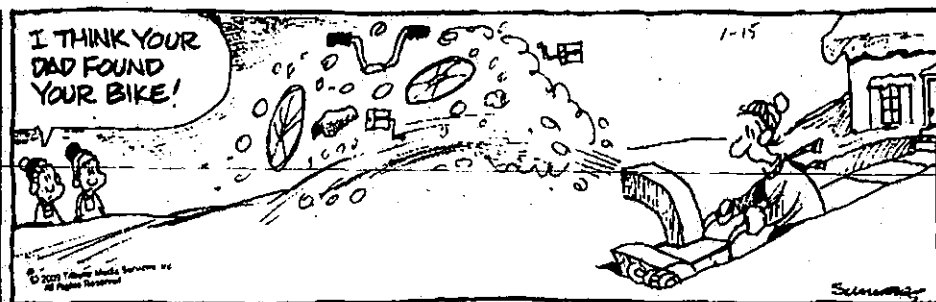
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Democratic Party of Lincoln County: Monthly meetings first Thursday of each month except Jan., July and Sept. 6 p.m. meeting; ZOCCA Coffee & Tea, 1129 Mechem Dr. Info: 973-7505, or Maria, 937-8394.

Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County: Meeting fourth Monday, Jan. 26, noon-at KBOB's in Ruidoso; Speaker is Dr. Tom Lindsey re: health care; Order from the menu. (Note new date and time.)

Republican Party of Lincoln County: Monthly meeting Monday, 6 p.m., at Cree Meadows Country Club; business session follows at 7 p.m.; Sen. Rod Adair guest speaker. RSVP to 800-653-6460 or 336-7038.

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5 Quaint transports
12 Big business
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22 Fightin' words
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25 One breaking away
26 Transfix
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37 Does the math
40 First millennium Norwegian king
42 Shady spot
46 Square root of nove
47 1966 A.L. Rookie of the Year
48 Hand
49 Aptly named novelist
50 Crew member
51 Dieter's dairy choice
53 Slid on ice
54 Nancy of "The Facts of Life"
56 Cookie holder
57 Subject-to-subject link
59 Union creation, often
60 Stage
61 Sign of affection
64 Mural opening
66 Warms the bench
67 Regardless
70 Annapolis inst.
73 MGM part
75 Derby and Devon
76 Back
77 Maxine portrayed in "The Night of the Iguana"
79 "Duhi" relative
82 Give a thumbs-down
83 Budding officers
84 Poe's "rare and radiant maiden"
86 Key of Prokofiev's Symphony No. 6
90 Cape Town's home: Abbr.

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2 "Eek!" preceder
3 Ostrichlike bird
4 Lively dance
5 Cod cousin
6 "Put ___ on it!"
7 Absence that's often desirable
8 Exchange purchase
9 Breakfast grain
10 Palindromic tattoo
11 Queen of the ball?
12 Glower?
13 Chop shop?
14 Sidekick
15 Pressing need
16 Vegas alternative
17 Genie player
19 One with many accomplishments
21 ___-faire
23 Stop sign, e.g.

ACROSS

91 Prefix with plasm
92 Fiends
93 Construction site reminder
94 Big ___
95 Fertile Crescent land
96 Ancient Indo-European
97 Cut
98 Man-mouse link
99 Pizazz
101 County bordering California's Yolo County
103 Dancer Castle
106 ___-mo
109 Sculpt
111 Cited as evidence
114 Goulash seasoning
116 The Lone Ranger, after riding off
122 Aspirations
123 Spartan
124 They rarely do clerical work
125 Tried

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126 Kvetch
127 "Sighted sub. sank ___": WWII message
27 Conjure
29 Pakistan's largest city
30 Animal show set in the Kalahari
32 Good earth
33 Mid-sixth century year
35 Field of expertise
36 Energetic dances
38 Morning phenomenon
39 LL Cool J label
41 "___ well that ___"
43 Friend of Wyatt Earp
44 River to the Baltic
45 They go well with beef
47 It might save your skin
48 Scatters
52 River through Bern
53 NE syst. with 64 campuses
55 Start of North Carolina's motto
58 1970s-'80s model Carangi et al.
61 Composed
62 Library admonition
63 Superdome team
65 Looked back on sadly
67 Manitoba native
68 Barely a haircut
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71 Iffy
72 Costar of TV's "Broken Arrow"
74 Quicker picker-upper?
76 Unadorned
77 High points for a European tourist?
78 VIP component?
80 Glanced wickedly (at)
81 Man-word connector
83 Retro singer Harry
85 Mayberry lush
87 Student aid
88 "Hello, Young Lovers" singer, in a 1951 show
89 Current
92 Irving's neighbor
97 "I understand ___": Anthony Hopkins
100 Like working oxen
102 Page of music
104 React to a one-two
105 Icelandic sagas
106 Bar in a grill
107 Track assignment
108 Picks, with "for"
110 Idol
112 Challenge
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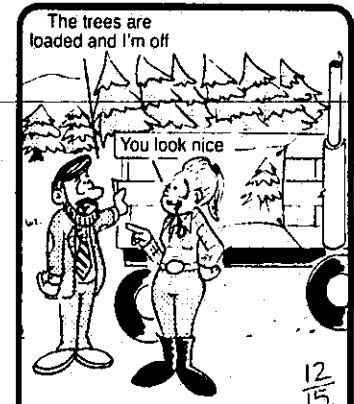
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ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

Jumbles: PUPPY DROOP REDUCE SQUIRM
Answer: When the Christmas tree grower went to market, he -- "SPRUCED" UP

COMMUNITY LISTINGS: OTERO COUNTY

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

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, 430-4822.

Disabled American Veterans, Cap. 14: Meetings are first Monday of month at 821 Alaska, 6 p.m. Info: 434-8976.

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 Alamogordo 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, Alamogordo, 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 Tinsling, 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 desert-basin.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 Dellah 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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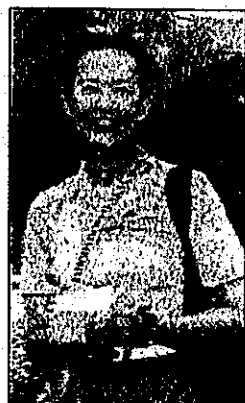
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Crossing the Equator with King Neptune

Affordable winter escape to the South Seas, part 3

Follow Me!



by Yvonne Lanelli

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dead fish toward the Pollywogs' unseeing faces.

"EE-ioo!" they squealed again when their lips met cold scales.

"Kneel before the King and Queen!" ordered Davy Jones, schwinging his cutlass.

"Kiss my big toe!" demanded King Neptune's wife Amphitrite, shoving her bare foot in their faces.

"EE-ioo!" the Pollywogs squealed again.

"Kiss my ring!" demanded King Neptune. Touching their shoulders with his trident, His Oceanic Majesty proclaimed, "I dub thee worthy Shellbacks!"

THE REST OF THE STORY ...

You probably guessed by now that King Neptune's Court was really we staff members. Following time-honored tradition, we cross-dressed except for King Neptune and Davy Jones. At 6'5" Guest Lecturer Andy makes a most imposing King of the Seas. As Davy Jones, Naturalist Brian brandished a battery-powered cutlass that "schwanged" every time he swung it.

The Sea Hag, ugliest mermaid in the sea, was Naturalist Greg wearing a coconut bra, one of my sarongs, seagrass wig and fins for mermaid flippers. Neptune's Baby was Naturalist Meriwether wearing a diaper and pouring cold cooked oatmeal



"Bring on the Pollywogs!" King Neptune and his Court initiate those crossing the Equator for the first time. (Can you spot your cross-dressing Follow Me! columnist?) Photo by Celia Giles

and spaghetti as "burp."

To portray the Pirate King, Guest Lecturer Maradel filched a real fish from the kitchen.

The hit of the show was 6'4" Guest Programs Director Alastair as Queen Amphitrite. He, too, wore one of my sarongs, coconut bra, seagrass wig and sported under his mustache a delectable Cupid's bow mouth, courtesy of Yours Truly, in charge of makeup. (And yes, he washed his feet first!)

Able-bodied Seamen Rajiv, Hector and Alex portrayed Pirates to escort our blindfolded Pollywogs across the oatmeal-covered sloppy decks.

And the "Doctor"? That was me, too. I raided the

Medical Clinic for extra-large scrubs, a stocking cap, surgical mask, stethoscope and tongue depressor which I pretended to poke in every orifice but the right one.

As for the Pollywogs, we'd hinted they should wear swimsuits for the ceremony – and keep an open mind.

"We loved it!" they exclaimed, tearing their blindfolds off and heading for the hot tub.

Experienced Shellbacks avowed, "This was the best ceremony ever."

Of course I agreed, but I had a special reason – we crossed the Equator on my birthday!

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This morning, Jan. 16, the expedition cruise vessel Spirit of

Oceanus was boarded by a strange craft covered in seaweed and bearing an even stranger crew of pirates, mermaids and a tall bearded guy carrying a trident.

Captain Roman summoned passengers and crew to the Bistío Deck to defend the ship against this invasion.

How did my brave shipmates defend our noble vessel? And why is today special?

FOLLOW ME ACROSS THE EQUATOR – ON A SPECIAL DAY!

"Schwang!"

Brandishing his cutlass, Davy Jones announced, "This ship has crossed the Equator in the night and entered into the realm of King Neptune. Those who have never crossed the Equator on water are Pollywogs. Ye will undergo a rigorous initiation to see if ye are worthy Shellbacks."

Pirates snatched Pollywogs from the assembled passengers, blindfolded them and led them to King Neptune and his Motley Crew.

"Ye must be examined before presentation to His Oceanic Majesty." Neptune's Doctor clapped a stethoscope and tongue depressor over the Pollywogs' heads, arms, ankles – anywhere except

where a stethoscope or tongue depressor should be.

"Open yer mouth and say, 'Aargh!'," the Doctor ordered. "Yer Majesty, these dubious Pollywogs are seaworthy and may be initiated!"

"I baptize thee in the warm waters of the South Seas," proclaimed the Sea Hag, the ugliest mermaid in the ocean.

"EE-ioo!" squealed the Pollywogs as buckets of cold water cascaded over their unsuspecting heads.

"Play with me!" demanded Neptune's Baby, next in line. But when the blindfolded Pollywogs took her hands, she "burped."

"EE-ioo!" squealed the Pollywogs as gooey glop poured over them.

"Kiss this!" demanded the Pirate King, shoving a

HISTORY

Horror at Centralia, part 5

Post Tense

by Drew Gomber
Historian



the guerrillas' faces took on a frightening aspect as they dismounted. A few picked up officers' swords, a few others grabbed some bayonets, but most drew long, vicious-looking Bowie knives and advanced on the helpless

Union soldiers. The guerrillas were grinning ...

Horror upon horror

Back at Centralia, the people had heard the battle. One man described it as sounding like "a heavy hailstorm on glass roofs," and feared the worst. Most of the soldiers Johnston had left behind sought out horses on which to escape while a few attempted to find hiding places in the town. It was all futile.

Many of the Bushwhackers, after tearing through Johnston and his troops, continued right on back into Centralia. One Federal ran into a woman's house and hid under a table. A few moments later, the guerrillas entered the house, and grabbing the terrified man, assured the lady of the house that they "wouldn't (even) kill a dog in a woman's house." They were as good as their word. They dragged him outside and shot him down — like a dog.

One of the more noted guerrillas, Dave Poole, counted the bodies on the

field where Johnston and his men lay by stepping from body to body. They were so close together he didn't have to touch the ground. Many bodies lay pinned to the ground by bayonets, others had heads that were "flattened into mush or smashed open like melons."

A dozen or so, including Johnston, had been scalped. Others were eyeless, earless, nose-less. The Bushwhackers, like all men who see too much combat, were numb to such atrocities. In fact, it amused them. The worst was a man with his genitals stuffed into his mouth. It was apparent from his contorted face that this had been done to him while he was still alive... Many, then and now, consider Centralia to be the epitome of the Civil War's obscene viciousness and savagery.

Goodman's travails

And still, Anderson and his men kept Goodman alive. His two guards had warmed to him somewhat and provided him with some pants and a shirt, but at night he just lay on the ground shivering with cold and fear. He was with them over a week when some pursuing Federals — with heavy artillery — got into range. At this point, according to Goodman, he no longer expected to live at all. All he hoped for was a quick death. But as was frequently the case, the guerrillas managed to elude their pursuers.

What actually saved his life may well have been a

horse. One night, Anderson commanded him to curry his horse and Goodman made a point of doing a superlative job. Anderson actually seemed to appreciate it and after that, Goodman's treatment improved somewhat. But always — *always* — he sat on that razor's edge, knowing that death could come at any moment. One morning Anderson rode up to him and in a friendly tone asked, "Well, old fellow, how do you get along?" "Very well, sir" Goodman judiciously replied. Anderson smiled. "You, my man, are the first being whose life I ever spared who was caught in Federal blue." Goodman did not know what to say and wisely said nothing.

It was about the 8th day of October when a large group of Federals hove into view. They were real cavalry, and well-mounted — unlike Johnston's poorly mounted infantry.

At this point, Anderson rode over to Goodman and stared at him for what seemed to Goodman like an eternity. Anderson's cold eyes revealed nothing of his intentions and finally, the guerrilla leader spoke. As Goodman ruminated on his possible fate, the most feared guerrilla leader of the Civil War told him something that came as a complete surprise. Goodman had been assuming he would be killed and was therefore hoping for a bullet and not a knife. *Especially not a*

knife after he had seen the horrors perpetrated on the men of Johnston's command at Centralia.

Anderson looked Goodman dead in the eyes and said, "Prisoner, you must now ride for your life." Then he turned to his men, "Boys, we *all* must!"

And with that, Goodman was free. But it was still a dangerous freedom. Goodman was acutely aware that if the Bushwhackers did not kill him, there was an excellent chance that the Federals would, mistaking him for one of the Bushwhackers, dressed as he was. Nevertheless, he was not about to disagree with Anderson and put the spurs to his horse.

Epilogue

Tom Goodman's problems did not end with his release from captivity. He still nearly died attempting to get to the Union lines without being shot — either from the front or from the back — but he finally made it. Eventually, Goodman returned to his wife and family in Iowa and lived a productive life, dying of heart failure in 1886 at the age of 57. But he never forgot the horrors of the adventure he had experienced in the hands of Bloody Bill Anderson and the Bushwhackers.

Anderson himself was killed exactly a month after Centralia on Oct. 27, 1864. As he and another guerrilla attempted to escape from Federals closing around them, he was shot from the saddle. One

bullet blew away part of his skull behind the left ear and another hit him in the left temple. Anderson died instantly. His body was posed for two now-famous photographs and then unceremoniously buried. The "monster" was placed in a grave a scant two feet deep. That night, some Federal militiamen came by to pay their last respects. They spat and urinated on the grave. And that was probably exactly what Anderson would have expected.

Anderson's men disbanded and after the war most resumed peaceful pursuits, but not all. For most of the men in Anderson and Quantrill's commands, the war was over.

But for 18-year-old Jesse James, it had only just begun.

And that, of course, is another story.

SOURCES: *Bloody Bill Anderson*, by Albert Castel and Thomas Goodrich; *Bloody Dawn and Black Flag*, both by Thomas Goodrich.

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Union Sergeant Tom Goodman had been on his way home to Iowa to visit his family when the train he was on was waylaid by Confederate guerrillas — Bushwhackers — who burned the train and most of the town of Centralia. They also murdered 23 unarmed Union soldiers who were on the train.

Goodman himself was taken prisoner, ostensibly to be used in a prisoner exchange. He felt his chances were little to none. Nevertheless, fate provided him with a front row seat for the battle of Centralia that followed when troops commanded by Major "Ave" Johnston pursued and attacked the guerrillas.

Johnston underestimated the opposition greatly — they were commanded by the vicious Bloody Bill Anderson, and the Federal troops, as related last week, were slaughtered to a man.

But for Goodman, it wasn't over yet. The Federals were almost all dead, but the hatred the Confederate guerrillas bore for them actually transcended death. Goodman watched in horror as the few Federals who were taken alive were surrounded by Bushwhackers. According to Goodman,

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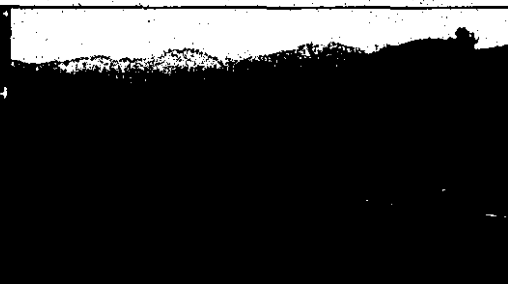


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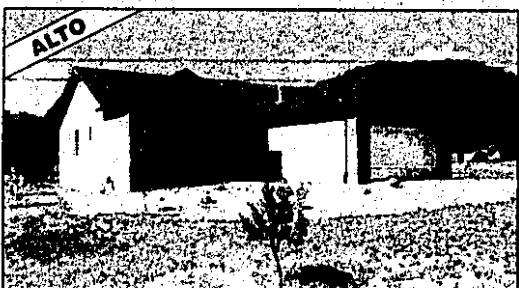
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A large .5 acre corner lot in Alto is the perfect setting for this custom home with vaulted and wood accented ceilings. The open concept floor plan is very pleasing and you'll love the kitchen w/ granite countertops. The covered back porch is complete w/wood ceiling & fans. Relax and enjoy! \$328,500. #103371



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 ALTO BEAUTY WITH
 LEVEL ACCESS!**

Situated 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



**YOUR DESTINATION
 FOR STYLE AND
 LUXURY IN ALTO!**

This 3 br., 3 1/2 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



**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 mtn. evenings. An exceptional home in every way. Full golf too! \$598,500. #103287



**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. Plus includes jockey club seats too! Luxurious Alto living at it's best! \$1,695,000. #100000

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As long-time members of Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club we can certainly attest to the many enjoyable times that our family has enjoyed at this fine facility. Richard has served on the numerous Alto committees for many years, and we have enjoyed watching the club grow. It's reasonable dues structure and the beautiful amenities make Alto a place you'll want to be. We look forward to helping you in your Alto search."

— Richard and Janis



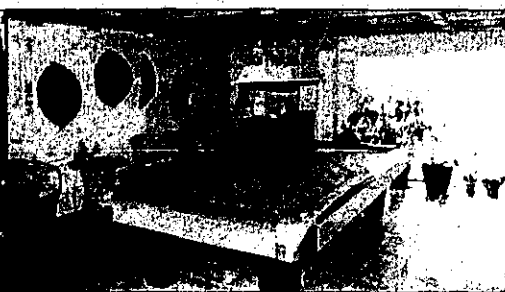
CLASSY ALTO HOME IN A GREAT LOCATION!

This impressive 3 br., 3 1/2 ba. home is close to the ALGCC & has a convenient, level access. An impressively large living area is accented by vaulted ceilings & a beautiful moss rock fireplace. This prestigious home is very spacious & has a wonderful back deck w/ amazing valley views. Split bedroom plan is ideal for peace & privacy. \$399,500. #102717



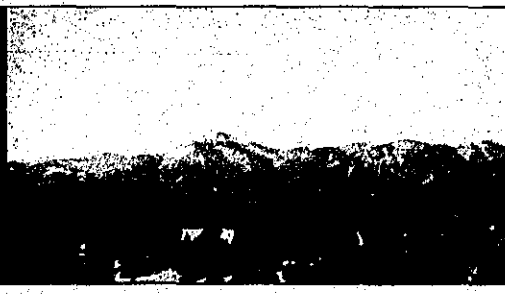
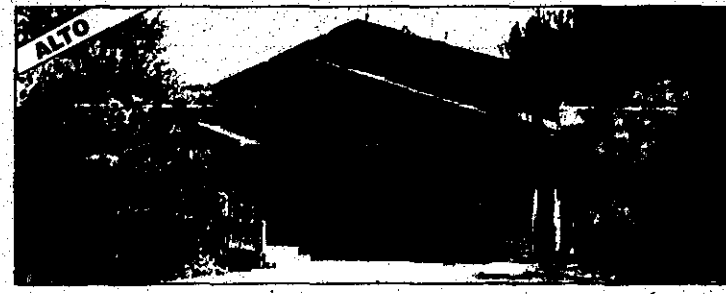
SUPER ALTO HOME ON LEVEL LOT W/ VIEW!

You'll enjoy a fabulous Sierra Blanca view from this special home w/ great room floor plan. Master bedroom has access to deck and a really nice master bath with double vanities. Great room has vaulted ceilings. Wonderful kitchen accents this bright, cheery, open-concept plan. Very nice home w/ great cabinetry. \$342,000. #102323



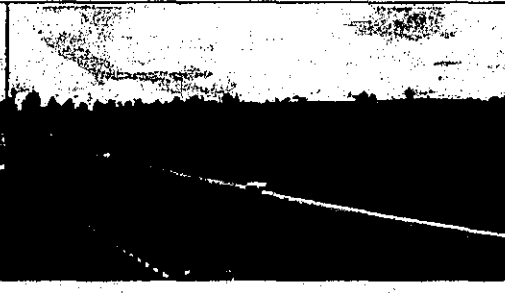
CLASSY ALTO HOME LOCATED ON THE 11TH FAIRWAY!

This one owner 3 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath home has over 3000 sq. ft., a 2 car garage, vaulted ceilings and the master bedroom is on the main level. Entertain or relax in the large living room and game room area. Located on Pinehurst. This home includes a full golf membership. There is a studio/family room over the garage that is a real bonus. Don't miss this one! \$435,000. #103984



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



ALTO STUCCO ON FAIRWAY W/ BEAUTIFUL ARCHITECTURAL LINES!

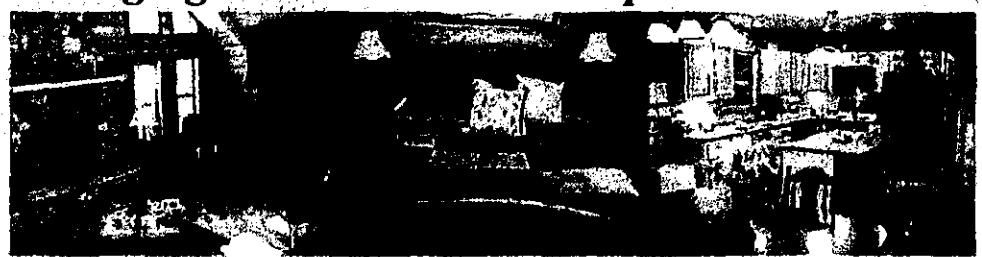
You'll enjoy the uniquely, clean design lines of this full-golf 3 br. home with a wonderful open concept plan. 2 real pluses... a gorgeous fairway view and it's really close proximity to the clubhouse. Master has fireplace and "his and her baths." A prestigious Alto home. \$439,500. #103484

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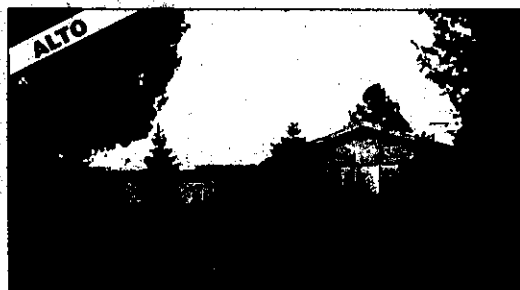


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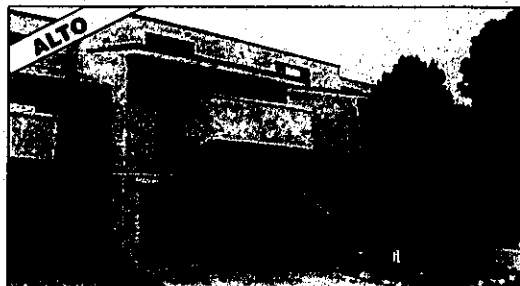
**FULL GOLF,
ONE-LEVEL ALTO
STUCCO!**

This nicely appointed 3 br., 2 ba. home is conveniently located within walking distance of the clubhouse. Desirable interior features include solid surface countertops, wet bar w/ refrigerator, and enclosed porch. You'll love the double garage w/ additional golf cart garage. Nicely arranged kitchen... a great home! \$395,000. #104341



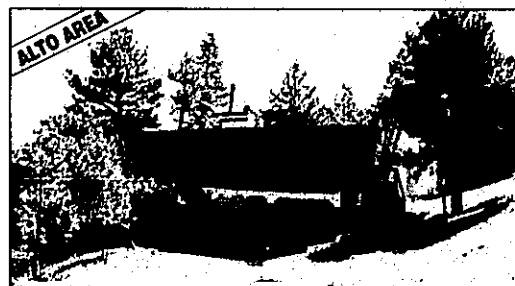
**FULL GOLF ALTO
HOME UNDER 220K!**

What an opportunity!...this charming passive solar, 2br., 2 ba. home is situated on a beautifully treed corner lot in this lovely Alto neighborhood. Take in the beauty of our wonderful mountain environment from a great deck, or enjoy swimming, dining, tennis, and Alto golf at the ALGCC Club. Covered parking, bonus room & a gas fireplace. \$219,500. #104379



**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 too & full golf membership. Super offering at \$299,900. #103023



**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



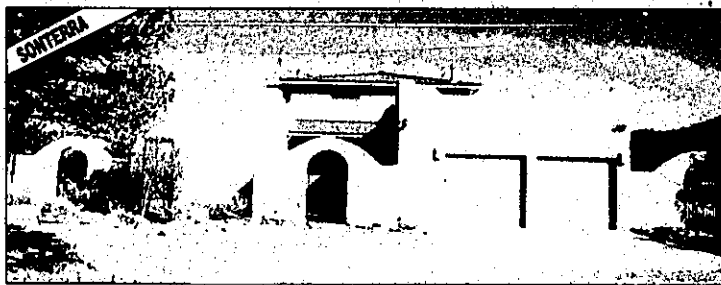
**CHARMING ALTO
HOME ON A GREAT
CORNER LOT!**

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



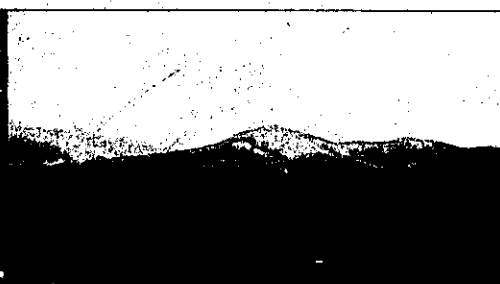
**COMPLETELY
REMODELED ALTO
MOUNTAIN VILLAGE
3 BR. CONDO!**

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



**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



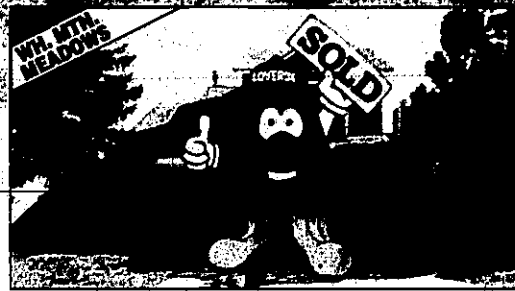
**SPACIOUS VIEW
HOME ON McBRIDE!**

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. #100000

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CLASSY! GREAT 2 BR., 2 BA. STUCCO HAS ALL THE RIGHT TOUCHES!
Beautiful stucco tile and lovely interior wood accents enhance this well-planned home which is conveniently close to downtown. Metal roof and stucco provide a carefree exterior. The beautiful covered porch is also highlighted with the same wonderful stucco tile. This home exudes New Mexico mountain charm. All this for under \$200K! \$195,000 #104381



TOWNHOUSE WITH WONDERFUL PLAN!
This master bedroom suite is one of the best kept secrets for a quiet, peaceful life. Tasty wood floors and solid surface countertops are attractive features you'll love in this nicely furnished home. Upgraded kitchen and a really nice view of the meadows. A beautiful price of \$225,000! #101487



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



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



FABULOUS VIEW ON McBRIDE DRIVE!
A wonderful Sierra Blanca view awaits the new owner of the 3 br., 2 1/2 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. #102766



IDYLIC, RUSTIC CABIN IN UPPER CANYON AREA!
Impeccable detail and wonderful mountain style is yours in this wonderful 3 br., 3 ba. cabin with warmth and great New Mexico style. Two great decks. 21 x 24' 2 car garage, flagstone fireplace & wood floors will capture your heart. Fabulous central location. Your place in our mountain paradise awaits! \$395,000. #103957



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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The beauty and seclusion of the Ruidoso area enhance the fun of fishing, hiking, camping, horseback riding and the ever popular golfing! You can also enjoy the excitement of Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred Racing at Ruidoso Downs Race Track or a quiet evening of fabulous entertainment at The Spencer Theater. Ruidoso's array of art galleries, boutiques and fine restaurants also enhance Alto Village's appeal... making it one of the most enchanting parts of the Land of Enchantment.



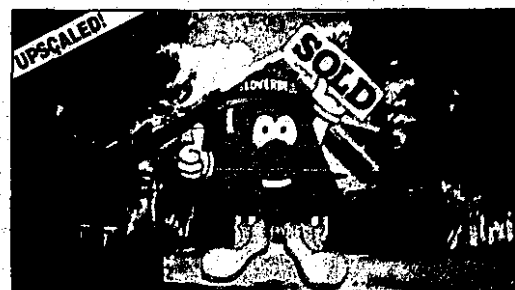
THIS MULTI-USE OFFICE/SHOP & SELF-STORAGE IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED ON A CORNER LOT!

What an appealing set up! An approx. 1055 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



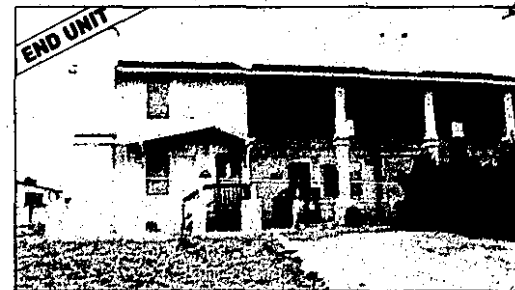
SPACIOUS BEAUTY W/ FABULOUS OUT-DOOR LIVING AREAS!

This great house has 5 bedrooms and 2 living areas! Large upstairs living area has lofty 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



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! \$349,500. #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. #103809



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



SUPER END-UNIT TOWNHOUSE ON CREE GOLF COURSE

This is a perfect, central location for vacationers or permanent residents. This 2 br. unit has a wonderful back deck overlooking Cree Meadows golf course & the #5 green. Nicely furnished, wet bar, and easy access. More windows on this end unit provide a bright & cheerful interior. \$179,500 #103137



A HOME THAT IS CENTRALLY LOCATED WITH A VIEW!

This 3 br., 2 ba. home has a nice living area with large windows that frame a gorgeous Sierra Blanca view. A super porch for enjoying your early morning coffee or a great evening Bar-B-Que, and did we say all for under \$150K! Nestled in the tall pines. \$148,500. #102686



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Amazing lots with great Sierra Blanca and valley views. These lots are secluded but are still close to Ruidoso. Each lot is over two acres and has nice building sites. Call The Loverin Team today for more information. \$145,000. #102788, \$185,000 #102787

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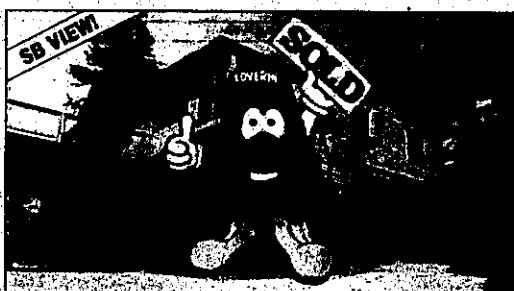
**NEWLY REMODELED
BIG PINES CONDOS!**

These 3 br. units are freshly remodeled and conveniently located. What a great price for these condos with fresh paint, new carpet, new appliances, and a fireplace! The kitchens are nicely done with new kitchen countertops and cabinets. Good parking. 2 bedroom condos are also available. A great offering at a desirable price. Attractive financing available. \$139,500. #102268



**NEWLY REMODELED
BIG PINES CONDOS!**

These 2 br. units are freshly remodeled and conveniently located. What a great price for these condos with fresh paint, new carpet, new appliances, and a fireplace! The kitchens are nicely done with new kitchen countertops and cabinets. Good parking. 3 bedroom condos are also available. A great offering at a desirable price. Attractive financing available. \$119,500. #102089



**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



**CHARMING 2 BR. CABIN
ON APPROX. 66 ACRES!**

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 180K! \$179,500. #103941



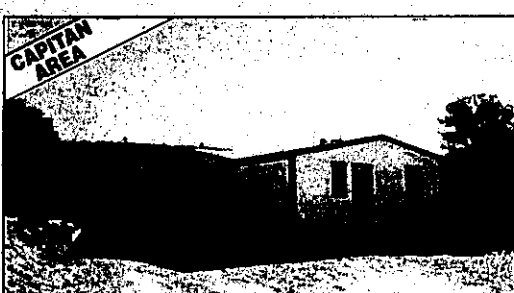
**CABIN IN THE WOODS
UNDER \$100,000!**

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! \$95,000. #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/ BEAU-
TIFUL 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



**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



**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 oversized unit with more you can't see! Call today!

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**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



**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 weekend or permanent residence! All of this under 150K! Won't last long! \$146,000 #103836



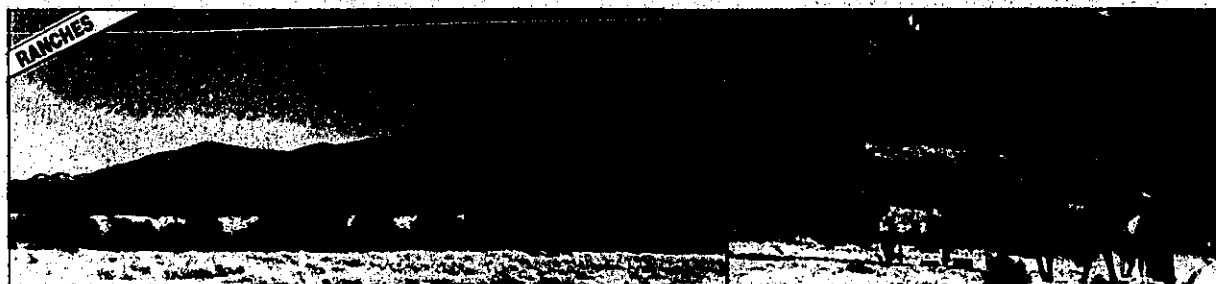
**FABULOUS ONE-
LEVEL WHITE MTN.
MEADOWS HOME!**

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 countertop in the kitchen. 2 baths plus 2 more 1/2 baths. Your spacious dream home for convenience, beauty & luxury! \$429,500. #102714



**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



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