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## Village manager resigns

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*Dan O. Higgins acknowledges  
tensions with Village Council*

**R**uidoso Village Manager Dan O. Higgins resigned late Tuesday.

The move came after a closed session of the village council in which individual evaluations by councilors of the manager were discussed, and a few hours after a some times testy exchange with councilors about the staffing direction for the village building division.

When the council came back into open session, a motion was

approved authorizing Mayor L. Ray Nunley and Councilor Greg Cory to negotiate with Higgins, who in April would have begun his third year as manager. The authorized negotiations apparently will focus on a settlement for the remaining portion of his four-year contract.

In a statement released Thurs-

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day, Higgins said, "My decision to resign as village manager was reached after it became apparent that the disagreement between the council and I over where the dividing line existed between their role as a legislative body and mine as a professional manager was beyond resolution.

"Through more hard work than

most people will ever realize, the entire management team, including department directors, turned a broken budget into one of the state's most efficient and solvent. That and the almost total restructuring of the staff organization with no increase in overall employee numbers and forming them into a cohesive team focused on constant, innovative solutions, are among my proudest accomplishments.

"I will miss working with the best staff in the world supporting

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### Shaping the future



Michael Widener, owner of Southwest Personal Fitness, works with longtime client and occasional assistant Teri Chavez on a series of exercises.

## Personal fitness requires strength of will

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**I**nside the gym are racks and stacks of equipment, shiny and metallic.

A doctor from the medical center is lifting weights in the corner. A young man with a twisted knee is progressing through a series of exercises. A trim, chiseled woman is working out with the proprietor, personal trainer Michael Widener.

This is Southwest Personal Fitness, a longstanding Ruidoso gym where only the serious survive. It's also a business with a sustainable culture — built on loyalty, personal relationships and a profit-second ethic.

"That's why it's called personal training. It is a very personal thing," Widener says.

"I know every one of these people intimately. It's not a thank you-for-shopping-at-Wal-Mart kind of

thing. A lot of these people are my best friends in the whole world. It's what happens when you truly try to help people, they're truly honest with you, and you actually get somewhere. You end up with a bond. I would rather have the relationships than the money from a high-volume business.

"When I die, I can't take my money, but I can take those relationships I made along the way."

Widener, 36, was born in Abilene. By the time he was 12, he was a skinny, "runty" kid. His father, a former drill sergeant in the U.S. Army, decided to toughen him up.

"Dad exercised a lot," he says. "He took a Nautilus course on how to train someone under the age of 16. He bought a full line of Nautilus equipment, and trained me there at the house. He had me lifting weights.

"My dad taught me right. I never stopped. I took to it like a duck to water, just loved it."

Because he never stopped, and because he never resorted to artificial means such as steroids, Widener to this day sets an occasional personal best on the weights.

The family moved to Ruidoso when Michael was 15. "I had a lot of friends in Abilene and wasn't happy with Dad at the time, but I got over it," he says.

After graduating from Ruidoso High School, he attended Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, graduating with a business degree.

"OK, now what are you going to do?" his dad asked him one day.

"I don't know."

"Well, if you're not studying or you're not working, you're lifting weights. Ever thought about trying to make some money on it?"

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## Track bill clears hurdle

FROM REPORTS

SANTA FE — A two-year crusade to get a tax break for Ruidoso Downs Race Track was closer to reality after a bill received unanimous support from the House Business and Industry Committee Tuesday.

The proposed rate would affect tracks earning less than \$14 million per year in net winnings, and would impose a 10 percent rate up to \$10 million, with the standard 26 percent rate above that amount.

Net winnings is the revenue a casino takes in from slot machines, less payouts.

Ruidoso Downs, which houses Billy the Kid Casino, is the only track that currently qualifies for the proposed rate, but supporters say other tracks might qualify in the future.

Track owner R.D. Hubbard has intimated he may move his operation in order to compete with other gaming establishments, particularly the Inn of the Mountain Gods and the Casino Travel Center on Highway 70, both owned and operated by the Mescalero Apache Tribe.

The tribe is said to support Hubbard's initiative.

Sandi Aguilar, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, touted the legislation, saying that closing the track would devastate the local economy.

"It's a community issue," Aguilar said.

Tom Battin, chairman of the Lincoln County Commission, called the race-track a "cornerstone of our economy."

The bill goes to the Tax, ation and Revenue Committee, chaired by Rep. Edward Sandoval, D-Albuquerque. Sandoval is the initial sponsor of the bill.



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COURTESY MARK O. JONES

**THE NOON LIONS CLUB** of Ruidoso recently presented a \$500 check to the Meals on Wheels program in Ruidoso Downs. Pictured are Lion Jim Burrow, left, and Lion President Mike Schaffner, right, handing the check to Tommy Hood, director of Meals on Wheels.

### Controlled burns

The Bureau of Land Management will be conducting several prescribed burns on BLM administered lands near Fort Stanton along the Pecos River beginning the week of Feb. 15 and continuing through March, weather permitting.

Prescribed fire, conducted only under strict weather and staffing conditions, is a cost-effective way to

reduce invasive and/or non-native plant species so that native plant communities can be restored to a healthier condition.

As always, firefighter and public safety is paramount. Signs to alert the public of burn operations will be posted and public access into the areas is discouraged.

Smoke may be visible intermittently for short durations from surrounding communities.

### Council workshops

Ruidoso Village Council will meet at 4:30 p.m., Feb. 17, for a workshop on village goals. The session will be conducted in council chambers at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr.

A second workshop is set for 4:30 p.m. Feb. 26, to discuss the village's financial, procurement, personnel and Information Technology policies and procedures.



COURTESY KATHLEEN McDONALD

**Hall Sprinkle**, who turned 6-years-old on Feb. 7, was treated to a performance of the Broadway musical *Annie* at the Spencer Theater on her special day. Pictured with her grandmother, Vala Sprinkle, while holding her new stuffed pup, "Sandy," the little princess declared, "Oh boy - this is the best birthday ever!"

### Alto Lakes water

The Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District Board will conduct a special meeting at 9 a.m., Feb. 18, in the Conference Room of the ALW&SD Office, 214 Lake Shore Drive in Alto.

One agenda item centers on possible action regarding the Solid Waste Convenience Station.

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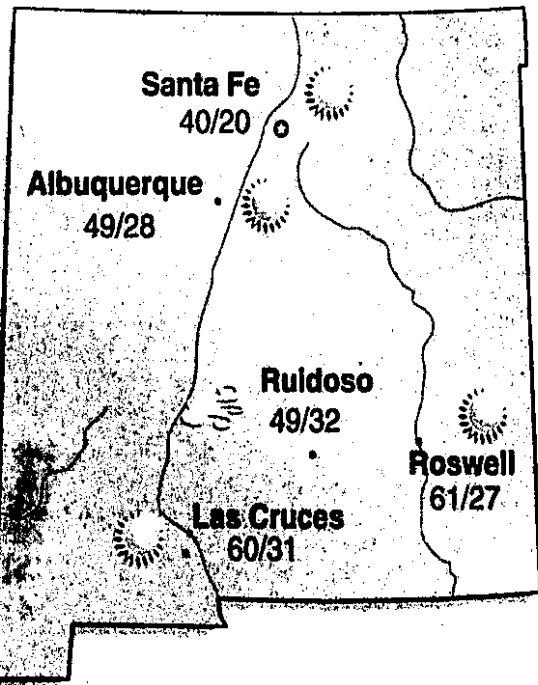
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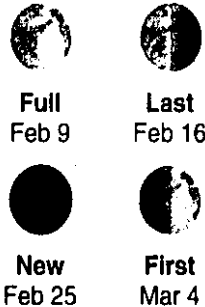
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### Moon Phases



### UV Index

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The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0-2 Low, 3-5 Moderate, 6-7 High, 8-10 Very High, 11 Extreme.

### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Alamogordo	60	31	sunny	Grants	46	19	sunny	Santa Fe	40	20	sunny
Albuquerque	49	28	sunny	Guymon, OK	51	18	windy	Santa Rosa	56	26	sunny
Carlsbad	63	31	sunny	Hobbs	67	27	sunny	Silver City	47	19	sunny
Chama	30	15	mst sunny	Las Cruces	60	31	sunny	Socorro	55	28	sunny
Clavis	58	25	windy	Las Vegas	45	18	sunny	St Johns, AZ	48	23	sunny
Deming	60	25	sunny	Lordsburg	58	27	sunny	Taos	37	13	mst sunny
El Paso, TX	64	35	sunny	Lubbock, TX	63	23	sunny	Trinidad, CO	44	20	sunny
Espanola	51	24	sunny	Odessa, TX	68	33	sunny	Truth or Consq	58	29	sunny
Farmington	40	24	pt sunny	Raton	44	18	sunny	Tucson, AZ	62	39	sunny
Gallup	42	21	pt sunny	Roswell	61	27	sunny	Tucuman	57	22	sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	64	48	rain	Houston	77	57	h-storm	Phoenix	59	42	sunny
Boston	32	21	pt sunny	Los Angeles	57	42	rain	San Francisco	51	40	rain
Chicago	39	27	pt sunny	Miami	78	65	pt sunny	Seattle	45	33	pt sunny
Dallas	72	39	h-storm	Minneapolis	27	16	cloudy	St Louis	54	34	cloudy
Denver	38	22	pt sunny	New York	43	25	pt sunny	Washington, DC	52	32	sunny

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COURTESY KATHLEEN MCDONALD

Club Gas & Clubhouse owner Shane Barnett of Ruidoso introduced his daughters Payton and Skylar to the wonderful world of live entertainment when attending the hit Broadway musical *Annie* at the Spencer Theater on Feb. 7.

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including:

- review and approve final budget and terms.
- review and approve construction bids.
- review and approve operations manual and procedures.
- review and approve changes to the lease agreement.

## Alto Lakes zoning

The Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission will meet at 9 a.m., Feb. 19, in the Stag Room at the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, 1 Mulligan Dr., Alto.

## DV/SART meeting

The Lincoln County Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Response Team (DV/SART) invites area law enforcement, counselors and interested community members to partici-

pate in their monthly meeting at noon, Feb. 18, at the Dance/Gallery located in the Sierra Mall at 721 Mechem Dr.

The goal of this committee is to gain an understanding of these issues in Lincoln County, collect data, educate the community, and work on prevention.

Contact Tina Godby-Ware at 575-491-1557 for more information.

## Maddox speaks

Lanny Maddox, former Ruidoso police chief, will be the guest speaker at the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County meeting at noon, Feb. 23, at K-Bob's on U.S. 70.

## Fingerprint clinic

A kids fingerprint and DNA clinic will be held by the Ruidoso Downs Department of Public Safety from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday,

Feb. 28, at Compass Bank at 1710 Sudderth Dr.

## Tire recycling

A tire recycling amnesty event has been scheduled for Feb. 27 and 28 at Schoolhouse Park in Ruidoso for Lincoln County and Mescalero residents, public institutions and businesses. Passenger vehicle, SUV and light truck tires will be accepted at no charge.

The event sponsored by the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, the Village of Ruidoso Solid Waste Department, Keep Ruidoso Beautiful and the Lincoln County Recycling Committee.

Hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 27, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28. No heavy equipment or large truck tires will be accepted. Tires on rims may also be dropped off.

Tire recycling is the process of recycling vehicle tires that are no longer suitable for use on vehicles due to wear or irreparable damage (such as punctures).

These tires are among the largest and most problematic sources of waste, due to the large volume produced and their durability.

Tires are not desired at landfills, due to their large volumes and 75 percent void space, which quickly consumes valuable space.

Tire stockpiles can create a great health and safety risk to Lincoln County and Mescalero residents. Tire piles promote Haanta and West Nile viruses and shelter bubonic plague carriers. Tire piles are also a major source of illegal dumping fires.

In 2008, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) issued, stricter regulations on discarded tire stockpiling on public or private property.

NMED inspectors have recently begun inspecting trucks transporting discarded tires and property locations with large numbers of tires. New penalties for tire regulation violations have also been imposed.

The high cost of fuel in mid-2008 also caused tire recyclers out of the El Paso area to cease buying and picking up tires from several commercial tire companies in Lincoln County.

In Lincoln County, discarded tires collected at recycling events are used in an engineered tire bale fencing project at the new GreenTree Transfer Station and Recycling Center on Highway 70, east of Ruidoso Downs.

For more information on the upcoming tire amnesty event, contact the Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697, toll free at 1-877-548-8772, via email at lcswa@valornet.com or at www.lcswa.org.

## LCMC Board

The Board of Directors of the Lincoln County Medical Center meets at 6 p.m., Feb. 23, in the Hospital Conference Room.

## Correction

On the Feb. 11 Photo Page, Ernesto Ortega was incorrectly identified as Ernesto Garcia.

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COURTESY

The Ruidoso Federated Women's Club presented Ray Alborn with a donation of \$1,000 for Lincoln County Food Bank. The money will be used to purchase food, to help those in our community who are in desperate financial need. The Food Bank exists solely by donations of food and cash. Pictured are Tammy Prichard, Ray Alborn, Wilma Mansfield and Virginia Mehaffie.

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# OPINION

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### OUR

## District report cards might go unseen

House bill not a blow for transparency

In a democracy, government should do everything it can to make information readily accessible to the public. A new bill being considered by the State House of Representatives would make information about performance of local school districts much harder for the public to find.

House Bill 237, sponsored by State Rep. Andrew Barreras (D-Valencia County-Dist. 7), proposes changes to the required publication date of school districts' annual accountability report and where that report can be published.

If the bill became law, school districts could opt to publish their required annual reports in either "electronic or print media available in the county where the school district is located." If districts opted to include what the bill calls its "School District Report Card" only on a Web site, most parents and community members would never know it even exists.

And a good number of citizens in New Mexico have no access to a computer. While it

is true that they could go to districts and ask for a copy, how many would actually do so? The action would, essentially, mean that parents and other citizens would never get any information at all.

The original idea behind a "district report card" was that information about how the district was progressing and what it was accomplishing would be available to the people whose children are attending classes and to the citizens who pay for that education. This would completely defeat that effort. If there are problems, no one would know.

But when legislation is proposed that seems to defeat all efforts for transparency in government, it should not be passed.

If you'd prefer to read the report card in a public newspaper where everyone can see it rather than trying to remember every year to attempt to locate a Web site, you should contact your legislator and tell him or her so.

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## No walls, no rules, no problem

It's a happening, a grassroots, word-of-mouth groundswell of inspiration and community right in the heart of Midtown Ruidoso.

It's Church out of Church, a Sunday morning service in the Dreamcatcher Cafe garden courtyard under the big bright sky, ruffled by the wind, warmed by cups of steaming coffee, flanked by beer signs and "Cigars" etched on one wall, with background noise supplied by, even at that hour, a steady stream of traffic on Sudderth and the occasional honking horn.

Church out of Church. It is what it is, and what it's to become. No one is quite sure where it goes from here. But that is in somebody else's hands.

It began modestly enough during last September's Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally. I am trying to be non-judgmental when I say the idea was to take the church to the people, to take church out of its box and its rules and regulations and political trappings, to strip it of pretense and distill the meaning of "religion" to its simplest truth of finding joy - humanity, even - in Jesus and the creator.

A handful of seekers attended that day, including a couple of visiting bikers, as the service struggled to rise above the roar of Harleys. Those visiting bikers don't know how much they meant to the concept.

The music was supplied by Roadmap, a band which also has played secular gigs at Dreamcatcher. Some of the

players also were in the worship band at First Baptist Church. The "pastor" was Tim Gilliland, also of First Baptist. After the service, they didn't stick around for fellowship; they had to get up the hill for their regular appointment.

Over the next few months, weather permitting, Church out of Church opened its "doors" roughly every other week. It was taking on a life of its own. Earlier in February, the organizers, with the blessing of the cafe's Lynn and Tracy Crawford, decided to go

weekly, at 9:30 a.m. Sundays. Gilliland, the pastor, even resigned from First Baptist to heed this call, to follow this course, as did several Roadmap members.

Last week, the band consisted of Julie Gilliland on keyboards, Blake Martin on lead guitar, Jaime Estes on bass, Brad Barnum on rhythm guitar, Ruth Barnum on flute and Sam Shackelford on drums. The prior Sunday, Rich Chorné was on lead guitar, and Joey Everett sometimes plays drums. The soundman is Mitch Elsey.

A number of these musicians have been heard in, shall we say, *nightclubs* throughout town, linking the "church" to its community - in an artistic, non-judgmental way.

It's conceivable Church out of Church will outgrow these "walls." There's even a fledgling Web site ([churchoutofchurch.com](http://churchoutofchurch.com)). No one really wants to stop and think about it too much. Where it goes - that's in someone else's hands.



MARTY RACINE

## Presidents' Day...



#26 He recruited cowboys and Indians in Las Vegas, NM., to fight Spain.



#35 He was the first President to be born in a hospital.



#29 A Tularosa resident brought about his downfall.



#28 He was an undefeated football coach at Princeton.



#18 He employed Mark Twain to help write his memoirs.



They died on the same day, July 4, 1826.



### YOUR OPINION

## Reporter didn't contact ENMU president

To the editor:

I READ WITH INTEREST and dismay Dianne Stallings' story about one individual's personal opinion and her concerns about the long-term plans for a proposed ENMU-Ruidoso campus near the Spencer Theater.

It should be noted that Ms. Stallings' article was published without providing me an opportunity to respond to Ms. Minter's numerous and misinformed statements, as they were presented as fact to the Lincoln County Commissioners.

Fair and balanced reporting is the cornerstone of professional journalism, one in which Ms. Stallings apparently does not embrace. As of this date (2/9/09) Ms. Stallings has never visited with me by phone, email or in person regarding this initiative.

For the record and clarification, ENMU-Ruidoso is a state publicly supported higher education institution. Our annual operational budget is approved by the New Mexico Higher Education Department and authorized by the NM legislature, with funding derived from a combination of federal, state and local sources. The state formula is based heavily on student enrollments.

Yes, we are one of the fastest-growing colleges in the state, having realized a 37 percent increase in enrollments over the past three years alone. A much smaller percentage, but important source of funding, is generated through local support from a countywide mil levy tax voted on and approved by Lincoln County residents in the early 1990s.

Capital improvements such as campus renovations and construction projects are funded separately by referendum through a combination of state and local bond issues such as those the public schools have passed over the years.

To date, a local bond issue has never been placed on a ballot for purposes of renovating or constructing ENMU-Ruidoso facilities. The existing campus structure was initially donated to ENMU, with subsequent renovations (totaling more than \$3.5 million dollars) during the past 18 years, with funding provided entirely by a combination of state appropriations and/or General Obligation Bonds approved by voters statewide.

The proposed Cedars campus location is just that, a proposal. The opportunity to plan for and build a future campus will require careful planning by university personnel and expert analysis by trained professionals such as various state-certified engineers and architects.

When and if we build will

depend on continued student demand, state financial support, and subsequent voter approval for local bonds to help underwrite the construction. This careful and prudent planning process allows us to thoughtfully prepare for the future expansion of your community university.

I invite area residents, including Ms. Stallings and Ms. Minter, to come visit with me about the many wonderful things happening at ENMU-Ruidoso. Our plans for the future are bold and visionary. I encourage everyone to learn more by calling me at 257-2120.

Michael R. Elrod  
President, ENMU-Ruidoso

Editor's note: In point of fact, the Ruidoso News supported the Cedars campus proposal in an editorial when it became public.

The article in question concerned the public forum portion of a County Commission meeting and reported on comments made about several topics, among them the Cedars campus. As such, they were presented as individual opinions and not fact, per se.

If a counter view is not offered in that same forum, the reporter is under no obligation to make a judgment call and track down a response just because it's possible someone might take issue.

The proper response in this case is a letter to the editor, but hurling assumptions about Dianne Stallings' intent and impugning her professional integrity is both unwarranted and counter-productive.

### Happy ending

To the editor:

I WOULD LIKE to thank Todd Fuqua and the Ruidoso News for the Feb. 6 article concerning the theft of a valuable sculpture from me.

The gentleman who thought he was helping an artist get home to Santa Fe found out through the article that he had inadvertently aided the thief and immediately called Ruidoso Police on Saturday, Feb. 7. He was greeted by an attitude of indifference and told they could not give him my phone number to let me know where it was. He was told, after leaving his name and number, that a detective would call him.

As I write this, it is Tuesday (Feb. 10), and the only way he got my phone number was to contact the Ruidoso News. Because they gave him my phone number, my sculpture is going to be on its way home soon.

Thank you, Todd, and the staff of the Ruidoso News.

Jim Maurigen  
Ruidoso

### Crediting Coker

To the editor:

THE NUMBER OF those whose company I cherish was diminished by one on Jan. 19. In this case, one was a very big number.

In my modest capacity helping a small community resolve potable water problems, I had never been in the company of Benny Coker, former mayor of Capitan and former president of the New Mexico Rural Water Association, without learning some valuable minutiae regarding water issues in Lincoln County.

Much more importantly, I had never been in the company of Benny Coker without being informed by the example of his personal grace and authentically lived life. Nor had I ever been in his company without being rewarded by his presence. Benny Coker was a damn good man.

Recently, Nogal has made great strides in overcoming shortfalls in supplies of water. Few knew that those strides were made within the footprints of Benny who, behind the scenes, had smoothed the way to our recovery.

It was Benny Coker who arranged a meeting of our leadership with the State Engineer to resolve a longstanding impasse which had denied sufficient quantities of water to our community. It was Benny Coker who deserves credit if that success secures the longterm viability of a townscape inhabited by citizens he had never met.

It was Benny Coker who earned the warmth of their unspoken gratitude.

Benny's unassuming neighbors in Nogal, their children and grandchildren, owe thanks to the man who, unbeknownst to them, strove for and reveled in their success. Look away; he cannot be replaced. Benny was the one.

Rest well, most worthy and gentle of men.

Rick Rotert  
Nogal

### Fools rush in

To the editor:

ABRAHAM LINCOLN once observed that you can fool some of the people all of the time and all of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time.

This statement may have had validity seven score and eight years ago, but then Abe couldn't have foreseen the creation of a political force so powerful as to gain control of a vast press and television media to such an

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# OPINION

## GUEST COMMENTARIES

### Bingaman, Udall strangely silent on coal plant

**LAURA PASKUS**  
*Writers on the Range*

There's a lot at stake when it comes to energy development in New Mexico: the state's crystalline blue skies, job opportunities for native people, and a sustainable future for all of those living in the land of little rain.

Yet when it comes to weighing in on the proposed Desert Rock coal-fired power plant, New Mexico's most powerful Democratic lawmakers offer little leadership. Desert Rock is a joint project of Sithe Global and the Navajo Nation; plans are for building a 1,500 megawatt coal-fired power plant in northwestern New Mexico, a region that's home to two existing coal-fired power plants and tens of thousands of oil and gas wells.

In the town of Farmington and the rural areas around it, residents already suffer from air quality problems that are reminiscent of Houston or Los Angeles.

It's probably no surprise that former Republican

Sen. Pete Domenici enthusiastically supported Desert Rock, but the positions of Democratic Sens. Jeff Bingaman and Tom Udall don't jibe with the environmental reputations both men have cultivated. Bingaman and Udall received high marks from the nonprofit League of Conservation Voters, and they've made the phrase "green jobs" a part of their vocabulary. Bingaman champions climate change legislation, and most recently, he helped create fiscal incentives for companies pursuing carbon-capture technology.

But when it comes to Desert Rock, Bingaman demurs, saying he has no control over a coal plant destined for sovereign soil. Udall, meanwhile, says he supports the project as an opportunity for economic development, though he says he hopes the power plant will employ "carbon-reducing technologies."

Meanwhile, on the Navajo Reservation, a

small band of protesters continues to occupy the camp they established in December 2006, to block workers from entering the site.



Opposition continues to grow: The more she spreads information about Desert Rock, says Elouise Brown, president of the reservation's resistance group Dooda Desert Rock, the more people come out against it.

Desert Rock would be a major polluter, emitting 12.7 million metric tons of greenhouse gases each year. It would also release mercury, ozone, sulfates, nitrates, carbon monoxide and both fine and large particulate matter.

Sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and particulate matter are all associated with asthma, pulmonary disease, increased rates of heart attack and stroke; elevated levels of mercury are associated with birth defects and developmental delays.

Despite the tribal government's insistence that

the plant represents an economic boon – Sithe Global has promised the tribe \$50 million in annual

though the tribe is reportedly considering asking the federal government for financial assistance.

There could be another hitch: If the federal government implements carbon taxes, the tribe could be stuck with the bill for spending millions of dollars to revamp Desert Rock's pollution controls.

And now, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's appeals board has decided to take a second look at scientific and legal issues opponents have raised over the plant.

As for Gov. Bill Richardson – no longer headed to Washington, D.C. – he could take this opportunity to rectify issues of environmental and economic justice within New Mexico. He campaigned for president on a platform of clean energy, and here at home he could employ his famed negotiating skills to work with the Navajo on a new economic direction, one based not on the antiquated fossil-fuel industry, but instead on alternative means of producing power.

The state's Democratic senators are also well

placed to help the Navajo Nation change course. Sen. Tom Udall sits on the Committee on Environment and Public Works, while Bingaman chairs the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Surely these three powerful Democrats – Richardson, Udall and Bingaman – can figure out ways to protect the region's public health while also fighting to end poverty on the Navajo reservation.

Of course, there are no easy answers, whether it's to address global climate change, create a sustainable energy future or to solve the long-term problems the Navajo Nation faces.

But a good start for New Mexico lawmakers would be to stop promising change on the campaign trail while refusing to face the grim realities of Desert Rock.

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### The most powerful emotion

**JULIAN WELLS**  
*Ruidoso*

Valentine's Day is just around the corner. We know this, as we see all the beautiful little red boxes of candy and the warm Valentine's cards.

So, what is the meaning of Valentine's Day? It is without question the expression of love toward one another.

Let's look at the real meaning of love. Love is the color of the rainbow that delights our eyes. Love is the sky that stands between us and eternity. Love is the stars that light the way for men and animals at night.

Love is the moment

between souls, between parent and child, and among other family members and friends.

But these are merely small examples of that which lies within you and everything in creation striving to free itself in the consciousness given by God.

It has been said that the greatest need of the human self is for love. You can have all the wealth your coffers will hold, all the fame your world can offer, all the education your schools can teach. You can have every wish fulfilled and every dream

come true. But if love is not among these, you will be empty and barren.



The need to express love is so vital that your physical body is affected if you have no way of giving or receiving love.

The human conception of love, certainly in our culture, has for the most part been based on the attitude that love is a physical expression – when it is, in fact, far more than this.

Love cannot be confined within any boundaries regardless of all efforts by the human mind to imprison it. As love

expresses itself, it grows, and as it grows it expands in all directions. There are no limits.

Love is the most powerful, positive emotion a person can experience, and we were all created with that basic human need. Yet, it is probably the emotion people find the most difficult to truly experience. It makes them uncomfortable, and unfortunately, some people seemingly lack the capacity to love; their actions are often destructive to others and to animals and all God's creatures – all of them vulnerable along that path of violence.

In the end, such hatred consumes the one who

lashes out and renders him powerless.

God intended that you and I understand love, because it not only influences our own lives deeply but those around us. I'm not talking about some Hollywood kind of romantic love that lasts only until the next person comes along, but the real love which is a commitment bound with spiritual giving.

Love is generosity. Just as generosity is an attribute of God, so it should be a characteristic of His children – us.

God designed us to love and be loved: "Love thy neighbor as thyself." When someone expresses that

feeling toward us, we experience a kind of supernatural energy. When we feel weary or discouraged, care and affection from another person perks up our spirits and gives us a physical boost.

We know that love heals and that few doctors would deny that love is a major contributing factor to good health.

So many things divide the human race. On this Valentine's occasion, let us all enjoy the day with an attitude of love. Pass it along.

**JULIAN WELLS** of *Ruidoso* frequently submits commentaries around major holidays.

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extent that it could, in actuality, fool all of the people all of the time.

That is, except for the few who remain impervious to such persuasion, some of whom reside right here in Lincoln County, according to the past election returns.

The rest, regardless of race or creed, have submitted themselves hook, line and sinker into the practice of idolatry, which a certain holy book denounces as irrational, degrading, demonic, defiling, enslaving and abominable. To this, let the unbowed among us add a hearty "amen!"

**John Brinkman**  
*Ruidoso*

#### Scoundrel alert

To the editor:  
WELL, IT APPEARS an

Everest-sized mountain of democratically inspired "pork" has just been dumped onto America.

But, it is an economic stimulus package they say. Of course it is. Pork can certainly be a stimulus as can any infusion of capital that is taxed and spent as it moves through a circle. Maybe Republicans should now come up with their own pork pile. Of course, getting their package through Congress might be a problem.

There is, however, a negative to this, and America had better get ready. I doubt that any of the stimulus money will go to the FBI. And, boy, is that agency going to need it. Scoundrels will be coming out from under rocks in numbers to insert a sticky finger into this pie.

Are Democrats, who instigated this, going to

ensure integrity? When you compare integrity with greed, guess which will be the winner.

Add to that, government bureaucracy and guess the result. Criminal investigations into all this are extremely difficult and take eons. It is going to be a mess, but maybe the solution is to just ignore all criminality and let it flow.

Some of my Democrat friends have said this package is going to take these heinous Wall Street Republican CEOs down to size. Hopefully so.

The problem is that I spent some time on Wall Street and have determined that eight out of 10 of these greedy CEOs are Democrats. Included is the biggest of them all: Warren Buffet.

Democrats will argue Democrats are smarter than Republicans, and that

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# BUSINESS

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## New building, same bank

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Employees at First Savings Bank are preparing for the big move, again

By just about any standard, this was a pretty quick gestation period.

From the time staff and equipment were moved from their location at 2713 Sudderth Dr., the expected completion of a new First Savings Bank building will be about six months.

At least, that's what Branch President Daryl Lindsay is hoping for.

In the interim, Lindsay and the branch employees have been in temporary digs across the street in Mountain Annie's, doing everything they can to continue offering services to their customers while anxiously awaiting their new building's completion.

"It's been a little cramped, but it's also been a lot of fun," Lindsay said. "I've been located up front, right next to the entrance, so I've been able to get to know our customers a lot better. I've talked to just about every one of them."

As small as the current quarters are, the new build-



First Savings Bank Branch President Daryl Lindsay stands in what will be the reception area in his bank's new building, which is still under construction but is slated to be completed by early March.

ing is that much larger, featuring a centralized reception area, offices for various loan and account officers

and a conference room big enough to seat up to 25 people.

Taking a tour of the

building as it now stands, it's a little hard to believe the office will be ready to move into in a little more

than two weeks.

Electrical wiring still hangs from the ceiling in some spots, the entire ceil-

ing itself needs to be installed, glass panes for the offices need to be placed, and the floor needs tiling and carpeting.

Needless to say, the building will be a beehive of activity in order to get it completed in two weeks.

Lindsay said the building was built with the long-term in mind, featuring almost 2-foot-thick exterior walls and no load bearing walls inside, allowing for a complete redesign of the floor plan if needed.

"At first, I didn't want that design, I just wanted steel construction to get it up in a hurry," Lindsay said. "But then I spoke with the CFO of our branch in Lake Havasu, Ariz., where they have similar construction."

"He told us cooling costs in their hottest month, when it gets up to about 120 degrees, are usually less than \$700. It's very well insulated," he added. "These buildings are not 20- or 30-year buildings. They're 100-year buildings."

## SkiWi in danger of shutting down

In observance of a recent decision by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, SkyWi has notified the PRC of potential disconnection of services that could have a significant effect on email and phone service throughout much of the state.

SkyWi claims it no longer has the funds needed to maintain its network, and the PRC is advising SkyWi, Zianet

and One Connect customers to be sure their service has been taken over by an alternate telecommunications company.

"Since the initial disconnection, the Commission has monitored this dispute closely and has taken every step necessary to protect the consumers," said NMPRC Chairman Sandy Jones. "It's now obvious that SkyWi customers must move quickly to protect themselves."

## Talk can be worth the time

At a very young age, my father taught me that there was a time for every kind of talk and then there was a time for action. When you open your mouth make sure it's "investing" time and not just spending time.

My father, who was a Vietnam Veteran (*Thanks Dad!*), would say "Time to talk is never when the bullets are flying!"

Jibber-jabber can always wait for down time or R&R. Correctly set priorities will establish the proper time for both work and play. The challenge I've found in business is that these specific times are not designated. I have to create that balance myself.

Since the age of 12, when I went into my first business as a martial arts instructor, I had to establish very strict ground rules for my schedule. Being in school and working didn't leave much time for anything else. By creating a



TIM LUCERO

priority calendar, I always knew when it was time for action.

This code has carried me through times when temptation has had its warfare with distractions. Thankfully, this discipline kept me on the straight and narrow so that success has been achievable.

For well over a decade now in business, I have had many times where people had the intentions of wasting my time, spending my time, using my time or just flat out inhabiting my time with ill intentions. This is

typically the time when bad jokes are told, gossip is spread or people are put down.

Never have I seen the proper use of one's time while creating pain for any party involved.

My intentions with this article are to create an understanding. All of the conversations in or out of the work atmosphere can be constructive.

Constructive talk is necessary at all times. But now, with our nation's and local economies down, it is essential. All jokes aside, let's get the strength back into America and in the towns in which we live.

Support is essential. Love Y'all.

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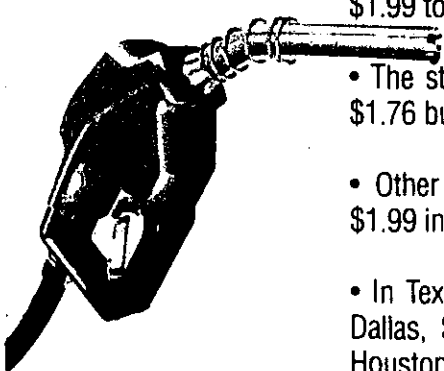
• The state's average is \$2.02, up from last month's \$1.76 but down from last year's \$2.97.

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# Police bust burglary operation

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## Arrests clear 18 separate cases

A burglary enterprise of nine people, led by a career criminal, has been uncovered by a joint Ruidoso Police/Lincoln County Sheriff's task force in a two-month investigation.

Ruidoso Police have revealed the arrests of nine individuals, including one 17-year-old male, who were involved in a burglary ring that hit numerous homes in the area stretching back to December.

At the center of the alleged gang is 70-year-old Dennis Grimes, described as a career criminal who is facing 66 charges, including racketeering, burglary, criminal solicitation, disposing of stolen property and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Another man well-known to law enforcement is 39-year-old Todd Dentler, who is charged with felon in possession of a firearm, receiving stolen property, violation of probation, possession of methamphetamine, retaliation against a witness and felony aggravated battery.

Additionally, Devin Gutierrez, Beau Hirsch and Ashley Williams, all 18, and Thomas Daniel, 47, were each charged with 53 separate criminal charges.

Grimes recruited these individuals as part of a small criminal empire which stole a little more than \$45,000 in property from homes in Ruidoso, Alto, Lincoln County and Alamogordo.



Ruidoso Police Chief Wolfgang Born, left, and Ruidoso officer Joe Magill display mug shots of the nine individuals arrested in the wake of a task force investigation into a rash of burglaries that affected homes in the area in the past two months. Magill was a member of the task force that was made up of officers from RPD and the Lincoln County Sheriff's office.

Much of the property was taken to Truth or Consequences to be sold. About \$11,000 worth of

property has been returned.

The arrests clear 18 separate burglary cases. Two

separate cases have also been solved, but have no direct connection to Grimes' alleged organiza-

tion, although Grimes is charged with buying stolen property from one of those burglaries.

Dennis Grimes, 70, is described as a career criminal, is regarded by police as the leader of a ring that committed burglaries in Lincoln County and fenced the goods as far away as T or C.

Task force members included Ruidoso officers Joe Magill, Lawrence Chavez and Aaron Frost, and Johnny Parker of the Lincoln County Sheriff's office.

Ruidoso Police Chief Wolfgang Born also gave credit to Jason and Annie Ely, from the District Attorney's office, who worked closely with the police department in securing search and arrest warrants.

"If you commit a burglary in this town, we will find you and arrest you," Born said. "This is just the beginning. We will do whatever it takes to keep this community safe."

"These guys on the task force did an excellent job," Born added. "We will do this again, if we have to, to get these crimes solved."

## Village council denies variance

■ Vote upholds decision by P&Z in Camelot subdivision

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In a 5-1 vote, Ruidoso village councilors upheld the denial of a variance by the village Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilor James Stoddard voted against the motion by Councilor Ron Hardeman.

Lot owner Burt Johnson filed the appeal, contending he needed to intrude 2.5 feet into a 10-foot property line setback to fully use his land on Edinburgh Place in Camelot subdivision. He wanted to add another bedroom onto his two-bedroom, two-bath cabin there.

### No objections

No neighbors notified objected.

"There are no buildings around us, no neighbors," he said. "The house has been there 25 years."

But Village Planning Director Bob Decker said the staff found the variance failed to meet the three tests for approval.

A variance can be granted when a lot is substandard, but this lot is a standard size and topography. The second reason is that without a variance the owner would be denied reasonable use.

A house already exists on the lot, Decker said.

### Neighbors harmed

The third reason is that the action would adversely

affect neighbors.

Staff contended shrinking the side yard setback could adversely affect a neighbor and Hardeman said he was inclined to agree.

Future residents of adjoining lots would have

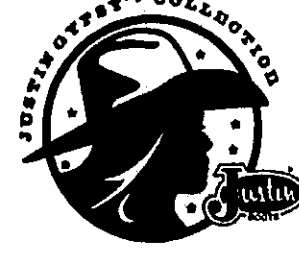
the expectation that full setbacks were in place.

"What are the setbacks for?" Mayor L. Ray Nunley asked.

Decker said for visual impact and fire safety, as well as noise and aesthetic breathing space.

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# Council mandates building department overhaul; Higgins balks

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Although the deadline to either create a full building inspection program or turn over the job to the state was postponed, Ruidoso village councilors said they want

to move ahead with the directive for a multiple discipline inspector.

During Tuesday's council meeting, Councilor Angel Shaw brought up the future of the building department, which will lose its second building inspec-

tor within three months to retirement at the end of March.

"We still have an issue with Larry Hill (building official) retiring in March and the two applicants we had assumed could replace or complement Hill and

Fred Knapp's retirement failed their testing," she said. "I think we're behind the curve and (building permits and inspections are) a revenue source."

Currently, the State Construction Industry Division handles plumbing, mechanical and electrical inspections for the village. Only building inspections are tackled by the village. The state originally set June 1 as the date by which village and counties must either assume all or relinquish all inspection responsibilities, but the date was moved back one year to June 2010.

By the end of the discussion Tuesday, Mayor L. Ray Nunley told then-Village Manager Dan O. Higgins, who resigned after the session, to rewrite the specifications for inspectors and readvertise within the next 30 days. Higgins said he would write the specs for an inspector certified in multiple disciplines.

Shaw said she was confused by letters sent out to some applicants that stated the two building inspector positions would not be filled, because of the economy and the decreased building of new homes.

"Have we gone back out for these (positions) since the two failed applicants?" she asked Higgins.

"I think we will," he replied. "The caution is to keep hiring to a minimum right now. We are down 77 percent in permits for new homes (compared to last year) and down 82 percent from the year before."

However, he recently learned that if one or two new inspectors were hired, they could be used by the Public Works Department for inspecting bridges and other projects until construction picks up.

"We have a fail safe in Shawn Fort, our land coordinator, who passed his tests," Higgins said. "So we have a little cushion there."

Dollars would be wasted to hire a multiple-discipline inspector in electrical, plumbing and building,

and then watch him sit with nothing to do, Higgins said. "But I know we face a dilemma in that we have to be ready to go, because (construction) will pick up again. We had 31 interested, 20 filled out applications, a half dozen scheduled the tests, two took them and failed."

They have to wait six months before they can try again, he said.

"To me the letter means we are not considering any other applicants," Shaw said. "We called a halt to that hiring process, the advertising," Higgins said. "We're going to take a deep breath and take another look at it."

Councilor Greg Cory suggested the new hires work with code enforcement while waiting for building permits to pick up.

Shaw added that she spoke to the building, plumbing and electrical inspector for the city of Alamogordo, who recommended some training with code enforcement as a way to learn the relevant codes and to recognize violations.

Higgins asked if councilors wanted to hire someone as an inspector, have them come on board in code enforcement and then never pass the test or be certified to inspect "a single building."

Shaw said the council's directive was clear, to transform the building division into a full-service department. "It's not severe now, but Fred is gone and Larry will be in March," she said.

Higgins tried again to clarify his position.

"It comes down to my position as a manager trying to hire a staff and justify it in the budget we have," he said. "It should be a careful, slow process. I can't see hiring a plumbing inspector now."

Cory said Shaw, Councilor Michele Rebstock and he received calls from business owners and contractors about the drop in construction permits. But this typically isn't the time of

year for much construction, he added.

Nunley said the multiple-discipline position will be readvertised.

Higgins said, "I'll look at it. I have no intention to go down to one person and he also is the land coordinator. His position also (suffers from less development) and that's why he has time."

"We're also looking at hiring back on contract one of the two retiring individuals. He can't do inspections, but could review plans and man the office, working part time while the inspector is in the field."

"But an actual employee could carry through on inspections," Shaw said.

Councilor Ron Hardeman interrupted, "I don't understand the resistance in this."

"There is no resistance," Higgins insisted. "We have 17 positions (to fill for all departments). Everybody wants to be sure we're saving money and I'm saving money as judiciously and cautiously as I can. These two positions are not that pressing right now. I do fully intend to go back out to advertise for them again in a couple of weeks. We need to hire at least one more inspector, but we just went through a whole round of people."

"Why delay when the process of testing takes time in itself?" Hardeman pressed.

Rebstock said she understands from builders she knows that if local inspectors are slammed, state inspectors will back them up.

Higgins said he won't allow the department to go too low in staffing. The long-range plan will include electric, plumbing/mechanical and two building officials.

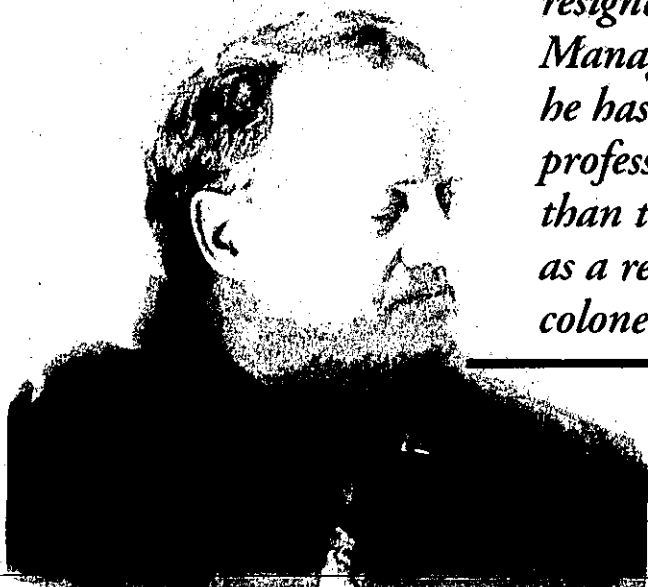
"The council's original directive was to staff the entire department with a person of more than one discipline," Shaw summarized. "We looked at salaries and approved increases. Yet here we are having to beat it over the head again. Maybe that's where I'm having problems understanding. We were clear."

She pledged to stay on top of the issue.

Higgins said only one building permit was issued in the last month. He knew the situation could change drastically, but didn't want to hire someone "to sit on his tail."

"We have a highly qualified staff and I don't want to take the first person who's minimally qualified," Higgins said. "I want to hire a good person."

*Dan O. Higgins, who resigned as Village Manager Tuesday, says he has no immediate professional plans other than to return to his life as a retired Air Force colonel.*



## HIGGINS

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the best citizens in the world. I have no plans for the immediate future other than to return to my life as a retired Air Force colonel."

Wednesday, Deputy Manager Bill Morris was sitting in Higgins' place at a meeting of the Joint Use Board for the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. In a memorandum about the meeting, his title was listed as acting village manager.

Nunley, who spoke by cell phone on his way to Albuquerque Wednesday,

said he was disappointed to see Higgins leave and credited the former manager with assembling a top-notch management team, an observation echoed by several councilors.

"I think he built a great management team and for the most part was on top of what was going on in the village as for our needs and infrastructure," the mayor said. "He told me he was just going to retire. I don't know exactly what his plans are, but I was disappointed. I wish him the best."

While the departure was abrupt, irritation between councilors and Higgins was obvious at times. Council-

ors asked to be kept better informed and complained that their directives and requests were ignored.

Higgins countered in those exchanges that he delivered the results requested and put competent staff in place to direct operations. On several occasions, he seemed genuinely confounded by councilors' statements and asked them to clarify exactly what additional information, reports or actions they sought.

Some councilors could not be reached or declined comment, but Cory said he also appreciated Higgins' outstanding effort to hire management staff.

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# New weather station OK'd for White Mountain complex

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Ruidoso councilors decided it's worth \$5,000 to ensure potential visitors receive accurate weather information.

And, by the way, the purchase also will be a teaching tool for students at the White Mountain school complex.

Instructor Carla Burns, who teaches chemistry, physics, astronomy and geology, explained the benefits of purchasing a WeatherBug station and becoming part of the network.

"We've been talking about a weather station for a

long time," Mayor L. Ray Nunley said. "The one WeatherBug uses now for Ruidoso is not accurate, because it's out at the municipal airport on the mesa.

"We need to change that for our weather to be accurate."

Councilor Ron Harde- man agreed saying it's not enticing for visitors from El Paso in the summer when Ruidoso shows up warmer than Alamogordo or Roswell. Councilor Greg Cory agreed, saying when it's 100 degrees in El Paso, he wants people to see it's 80 degrees in Ruidoso.

Burns said she secured the money for the first

weather station at the mid- dle school, but the 14-year- old technology is outdated and the revenue source she used no longer exists. The cost of the station is more than the entire science bud- get, she said.

"It's a teaching tool and other schools will have access and a tie-in to the American Meteorological Society," she said, adding there will be a work station and lesson plans.

The weather station will go on top of the school building. Anyone can check the weather through the Internet and find out tem- perature, precipitation, wind and some forecast.

She decided not to ask

for money for a motion camera, because all it would see is forest, Burns said.

A price deduction means that for \$5,000, the school will receive a \$6,000 setup, she said. She'll check to ensure the lower price will hold for another month to allow members of the vil- lage lodgers tax committee to consider using money from the tax for the weath- er station.

In other action, coun- cilors:

- approved a project commitment for an overlay application on Paradise Canyon Road that connects Sudderth Drive to Hull Drive and Country Club

Drive, at an estimated cost of \$327,096; and a second project to improve drainage at Hull and Paradise at an estimated cost of \$272,800. The total cost of the two would be \$599,896, with the village responsible for 25 percent or \$149,974.06.

Street Director J. R. Baumann said Department of Transportation officials decided after an onsite visit to move forward on both, but it probably will be two years before money is avail- able.

The village manager said it's possible the project could fit under the stimulus package, because Paradise already is No. 1 on the street project list.

- approved \$1,000 in lodgers tax special event funding for the Carrizozo Cowboy Days Celebration 2009 from June 12 through June 14.
- scheduled a public hearing for March 10 on an ordinance amending the land use code to add a short-term residential rental overlay zone and a fee schedule appendix.
- accepted public im- provements in Unit 1 and part of Unit 4 of High Ridge subdivision of Camelot. The action begins a one- year period of maintenance before the village accepts responsibility for improve- ments such as water and sewer lines.

## State disputes industry report on uninsured vehicles

The director of New Mexico's Motor Vehicle Division said Thursday he was surprised last week to read an insurance industry report that the state ranks at the top for uninsured vehicles in the country.

Ken Ortiz said a 29 per- cent rate was cited. He dis- agrees with that character- ization.

"In fact, since the state started the 'Drive Insured' mandatory program in 2003, our rate of uninsured vehicles has dropped from 25.5 percent to 9.7 per- cent," Ortiz said. "My dis- pute with the insurance industry report stems from the methodology used. Here's how the state tracks uninsured vehicles.

"We contract with a pri- vate company to compare the complete list of regis- tered vehicles to a data- base, updated monthly, from every insurance com- pany doing business in New Mexico. There is no

reliable estimate of unreg- istered vehicles, and these are not included in the sta- tistic. Our number, 9.7 per- cent, is the actual percent- age of registered vehicles that are uninsured."

While the approach may not be perfect, it's the most precise and accurate way to gauge the number of un- insured vehicles in New Mexico, he contended.

"The trade group, mean- while, said in its press release that it measures the uninsured driver popu- lation by 'using a ratio of insurance claims made by individuals who were injured by uninsured driv- ers to claims made by individuals who were injured by insured drivers,'" Ortiz said. "The trade group said it uses data from nine insurance com- panies 'representing 50 percent of the private pas- senger auto insurance mar- ket in the United States,' compared to the 600 insur-

ance companies that report to the New Mexico MVD on a monthly basis."

A report from the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administra- tors on how to measure the rate of uninsured motor vehicles, stated, measuring crash statistics "may not be quite as accurate as the database method," which is used by New Mexico, Ortiz said.

Other reports state that uninsured drivers are many times more likely to be involved in an accident, which could further skew the trade industry statis- tics, he said.

"In other words, the trade group reporting an uninsured rate in New Mexico that is three times the actual rate could sim- ply reflect uninsured dri- vers being three times more likely to be involved in an accident than insured motorists," Ortiz said.

He listed the example of

the Insurance Research Council in Illinois calculat- ed an uninsured vehicle rate of 15 percent, while the Illinois Mandatory Insurance Division con- tended only 4.8 percent of vehicles there lack insur- ance.

The State of New Mexico implemented its "Drive Insured" program in 2003, as a result of the New Mexico Financial Respon- sibility Act. The program identifies vehicles that don't have insurance, noti- fies owners by letter and then suspends registration for those who fail to pur- chase insurance.

MVD records show that 398,000 vehicles, 25.5 per- cent of the registered vehi- cles, were uninsured in 2003, 16.6 percent in 2004, 14.4 percent in 2005, 13.4 percent in 2006, 11.6 per- cent in 2007, 10.2 percent in 2008, and 9.7 percent in 2009.

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# HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

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## TurboSonic healing at the speed of sound

Whether you're battling disease, recovering from injury, or just trying to stay fit and healthy as you age, everything comes down to the very cells of your body.

At the cellular level, your organs and tissues are clogged with toxins and waste. Fluids aren't moving freely, oxygen and nutrients aren't transferred efficiently.

Diet and exercise are important keys to staying healthy, but now there's also easy access in Ruidoso to a revolutionary technology called Whole Body Vibration.

The TurboSonic Vibration Therapy Trainer provides the first safe and effective way to excite human cells, accelerating the body's natural healing response, increasing cellular uptake of oxygen and nutrients, stimulating cellular fluid and movement and facilitating cellular waste removal.

The Ruidoso Physical Therapy Clinic has recently added the

TurboSonic to its state-of-the-art therapy and fitness center.

Already patients and members of the clinic staff are reporting great results – a nagging knee pain has disappeared, chronic headaches are gone and back pain is eased.

"We're very excited about the TurboSonic machine," said clinic owner Lydia Radosevich, "and our patients are excited, too. It is helping us treat sports injuries, arthritis and joint problems, osteoporosis ... and it's especially great for people recovering from surgery because they heal faster and get more out of their physical therapy."

The TurboSonic is accessible to people of nearly any fitness level – all you do is stand or sit on a vibrating platform for about 10 minutes. The vibrations you feel are not merely mechanical – they are actually low frequency sound waves pumping through your body.

At varying frequencies and amplitudes, the vibrations wake

up those sluggish cells and empower damaged cells to repair themselves.

"Each 10-minute cycle burns at least 260 calories, increases HGH (human growth hormone) by 460 percent and delivers the health benefits of 60 minutes of exercise," according to Julie Graves, general manager at Maxam Nutraceuticals, a TurboSonic distributor.

Fitness buffs get more out of their workouts with TurboSonic, and they report less muscle pain, better strength and endurance, and longer lasting conditioning.

People who can't exercise due to excessive weight or debilitating conditions can use TurboSonic to improve their health and reduce pain.

It reduces body fat and dissolves cellulite in addition to strengthening muscles and joints, improving circulation, and toning skin and organs.

Some people are even calling TurboSonic a fountain of youth because so many seniors have

found their mobility and vitality restored by its sonic healing.

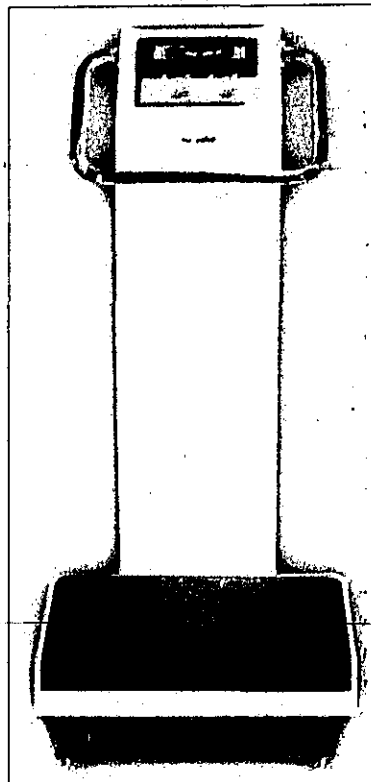
"Combined with our other modalities and prescribed exercise, the TurboSonic is going to make a radical improvement in our patients' lives," Radosevich said. "Our goal as physical therapists is to help people return to a pain-free, active lifestyle, no matter their age."

For a limited time, The Ruidoso Physical Therapy Clinic is offering a free 10-minute trial of the TurboSonic so that people can feel what everyone is talking about.

The TurboSonic is FDA approved and is covered by most insurance plans.

Clients who are not in physical therapy can join the fitness center at The Ruidoso Physical Therapy Clinic, where a therapist or aide is always on hand to supervise your workout.

Stop by the clinic at 439 Mechem, next to Landlocked restaurant, or call the office at 257-1800 for more information.



The TurboSonic Vibration Therapy Trainer provides the first safe and effective way to excite human cells, accelerating the body's natural healing response

## Keep your heart numbers in check

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of American women. A shocking 38 million women are living with heart disease in the U.S. today. Do you know your risk of developing heart disease?

Health indicator numbers, such as body mass index (BMI), waist circumference, blood pressure, and blood cholesterol and sugar levels can help you determine your personal risk for developing heart disease. Once you know your personal numbers, you can work with your doctor to improve those in dangerous ranges and maintain the healthy ones.

BMI measures body fat in relation to height and weight. A BMI lower than 25 is within normal range and is associated with a lower risk of heart disease. Women with BMIs in the "overweight (25-29.9) or obese (30 or greater) range can significantly reduce heart disease risk by losing about 10 percent of their total body weight.

Abdominal fat around

the waistline may signal a higher likelihood of developing heart disease, diabetes, or stroke. Women with a waist measurement of 35 inches or more are at increased risk.

Your body naturally makes all the cholesterol you need. However, genetics and lifestyle factors – such as consuming a diet high in animal fats – may cause excess cholesterol to build up in your arteries and set the stage for a heart attack or stroke.

Your doctor can measure your total cholesterol, LDL ("bad" cholesterol), HDL ("good" cholesterol), and triglyceride levels. Ideally, a woman's total cholesterol should be less than 200 mg/dL, LDL less than 100 mg/dL, HDL 60 mg/dL or greater, and triglycerides less than 150 mg/dL. ACOG recommends that women be screened for high cholesterol every five years, beginning at age 45.

High blood pressure increases the heart's workload, puts added strain on the blood vessels, and raises

es the risk of a heart attack, heart failure, stroke, or kidney problems. Have your blood pressure checked annually or more often if it's elevated. Aim to keep your blood pressure lower than 120/80 mm Hg.

Elevated blood sugar may signal that you are at risk for developing or already have diabetes.

Diabetic women have a three-to-seven times higher risk of heart disease than nondiabetic women. ACOG recommends that women 45 and older have a fasting blood glucose test (taken after fasting for at least eight hours) every three years. Fasting blood sugar levels below 100 mg/dL are considered normal.

Healthy lifestyle habits can also help improve your numbers. Consume a diet high in fiber and low in saturated fats, cholesterol, and refined carbohydrates. Get 30 to 90 minutes of exercise on most days of the week and quit smoking.

DOUGLAS H. KIRKPATRICK, MD, is president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

## February is Children's Dental Health Month

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Department of Health offers families advice to keep their children's teeth healthy.

Good oral health can prevent tooth decay, which is the most common chronic disease of childhood, occurring five to eight times as frequently as asthma. In New Mexico, tooth decay is common among preschool and school-age children.

"The good news is that tooth decay and other oral diseases that can affect children are preventable," said Rudy Blea, Program Director of the Department's Office of Oral Health. "The combination of dental sealants and fluoride has the potential to reduce the incidence of tooth decay in school-age children."

The Office of Oral Health provided more than 7,000 children with dental sealants or applications of topical fluoride last year through its school-based prevention program.

Dental sealants are thin plastic coatings that are applied to the grooves on the chewing surfaces of the back teeth to protect them from tooth decay.

Fluoride reduces the incidence of tooth decay and slows or reverses the progression of existing lesions (i.e., prevents cavities).

Parent Tips To Prevent Children's Dental Disease:

- Visit the dentist at least twice a year.
- Brush at least twice a day.
- Brush your tongue.
- Floss daily.
- Eat healthy foods.
- Drink water.
- Chew sugarless gum.
- Wear mouth guards when playing sports.

Get an oral health assessment for your child between ages 1-2 and every six months thereafter.

The Department of Health is promoting good oral health during Children's Dental Health Month in February. Nationally, more than half of children have experienced at least one cavity by the second grade.

By the time students finish high school, approximately 80 percent have experienced dental decay.

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## HEALTH BRIEFS

### Diabetes Cooking Classes

People with diabetes in Lincoln County will have another chance to learn how to prepare good-tasting and healthy foods at the new Kitchen Creations cooking school sponsored by the Lincoln County Extension Service and the New Mexico Department of Health Diabetes Prevention and Control Program.

Kitchen Creations offers recipes

and up-to-date information for nutrition and meal planning.

People with diabetes, as well as their family members or caretakers, are encouraged to attend.

Classes will be held on Tuesday beginning on Feb. 24, for four consecutive weeks, at 5:30 p.m., in the Ruidoso High School Home Economics room. Call 648-2311 to register. The classes are free but spaces are limited, so call now to

enroll. Diabetes is a serious and costly disease in New Mexico. Diabetes is the sixth-leading cause of death in the state.

Although diabetes poses a major public health problem, much of the health and economic burden of the disease can be prevented with early diagnosis and proper care. Kitchen Creations is aimed at helping New Mexicans with diabetes lead more healthy and productive lives.

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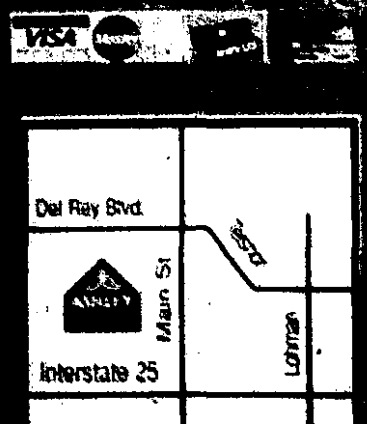
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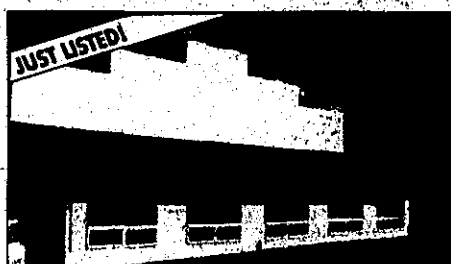
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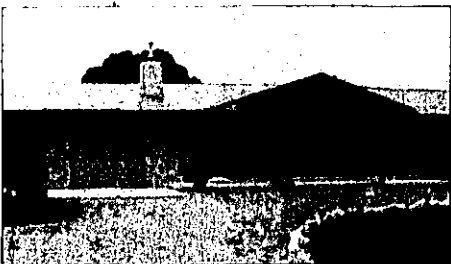
**LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!** Great opportunity for retail or office space right across Mechem Dr from Sierra Mall. High exposure on Ruidoso's principal road w/paved parking. Minutes from Mid-Town. \$399,000. #104613



**RELAX & HAVE FUN W/FAMILY & FRIENDS** Wonderful decks to the very nice well kept Alto full golf home. A cozy bonus room w/wet bar & wood burning stove. Non-golf lot next door also available. \$339,000. #102769



**GREAT HOME FOR ENTERTAINING** or family get-togethers. Huge kit-liv-den area w/FP, opens out onto large covered deck. Large laundry-sewing-craft room, 3 Br, 2 1/2 Ba & sitting room. 2 Car garage. \$322,500. #102343



**COUNTRY LIVING @ ITS FINEST** Beautiful landscape. Enjoy 2 back patios. Remodeled last 2 yrs. Greenhouse for growing your favorites. Perfect getaway on 1.18 ac. Self sustaining property. \$319,500. #103747



**GREAT TIME TO INVEST!** in this newer 2,000 SF, 3/2 w/beautiful sun room overlooking the fenced back yard. Double garage, level entry, single level, stucco ext. NICE BUY at \$312,500. #103470



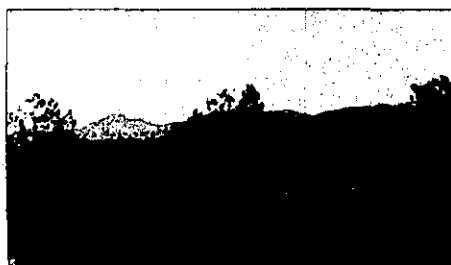
**COMPLETELY REMODELED MT CHALET** 3 Br, 2 Ba, 2 great rooms, 2 FP's, 2 covered decks, over 1800 sq ft, floors are tile, wood laminate & carpet. Master Br on 1st level. Full golf membership. \$269,000. #102847



**MOUNTAIN VIEWS FROM COVERED DECKS** Camelot mt home. 3/2 w/double car garage, cedar siding w/metal roof. City water & sewer, circular drive. Well kept, super clean on 0.75 ac. \$259,900. #103744



**STUCCO, 3BR, 2 BA + DEN OR GAME ROOM** Huge storage, huge pantry & kitchen. Big master w/huge master bath w/separate tub & shower. Wheel chair accessible & 1 level. Really nice! \$255,000. #103758



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



**RUIDOSO RUSTIC CABIN** Complete w/knotty pine interior, near Cree Meadows Golf Course. 0.765 Acre, nestled away in the tall pines, fenced. Private & beautifully landscaped. Guest house. \$239,900. #101757



**WONDERFUL MOUNTAIN CHALET** Forest & Sierra Blanca views from updated decks. Open floor plan w/3 Br, 2 3/4 Ba. See today & enjoy mountains & golf membership at Alto. \$235,000. #103251

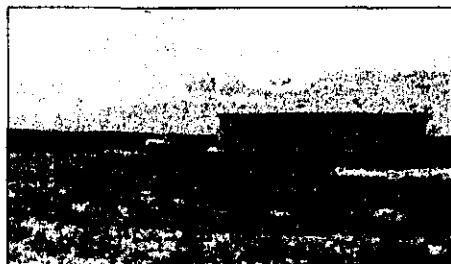
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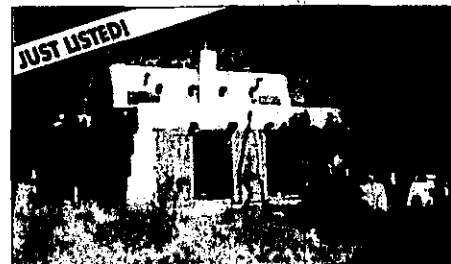
**GORGEOUS SETTING IN UPPER CANYON** Overlooking the Rio Ruidoso watershed. This 2200 sq ft, 4 Br, 3 Ba, condo/cabin is a steal \$229,500. Owner/Broker. \$229,500. #103368



**OUTSTANDING LITTLE MOUNTAIN CABIN** Beautiful woods in Cedar Creek. Extremely well cared for & fully furnished. Back deck w/hot tub is cozy & private. Charming setting. \$179,900. #104603



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



**FAIRLY NEW ADOBE ON 15 ACRES** Big views of the Capitan Mts. Passive solar, 1 Br, 1 Ba w/loft. Wood stove, courtyard, garden, barn & horse corrals. Nice 12x20 insulated shop. Close to nat'l forest. \$169,000. #104628



**VERY NICELY FURNISHED & DECORATED CONDO** 4 Br, 2 3/4 Ba, new deck work completed; new exterior paint is scheduled. Amenities include swimming pool, tennis courts. \$165,000. #102981



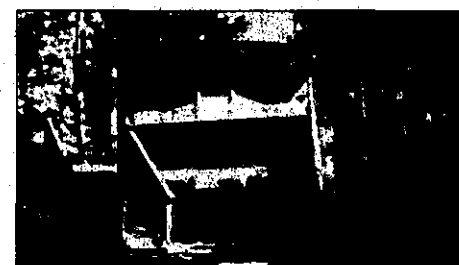
**ZONED C1 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL** Has been single family residence. Many possible business/home possibilities. Good access, some remodeling completed. Study/den could be extra Brs. \$151,500. #102092



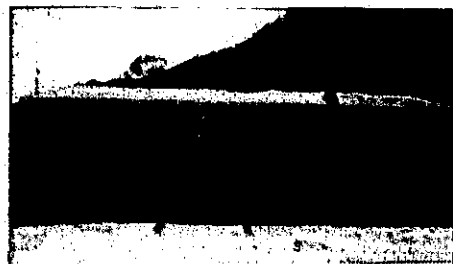
**VERY, VERY CUTE 2 Br, 1 Ba** cabin with excellent curb appeal. Gorgeous setting in the tall pines. Handy to town, but has a secluded feeling. Large 2nd living area could be 3rd Br. \$148,500 #103064



**GOOD COMMERCIAL PROPERTY-PRICE REDUCED!** Great visibility on Hwy 70, 3 RV spaces plumbed along w/office & storage space. \$100,000. #100188



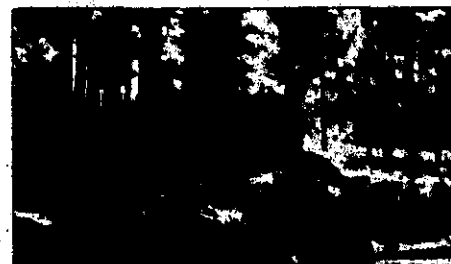
**TWO GREAT LOTS** With 1977 Lani mobile on corner lot, Fir & Yellow Pine. Enjoy the 70' deck & watch nature. Deck partially covered. Second lot could have another mobile or garage. \$92,500. #103120



**FIRST TIME HOME BUYER - SPECIAL!** 3 Br, 2 Ba mtg home located on a secluded lot. Close to shopping & The Track. Under \$100K. \$71,000. #103164



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



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

# SPORTS

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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.skiapachereport.com. Tickets: Season passes are available by phone at 464-3600. New snow past 48 hrs.: 10 inches.  
Season total: 47 inches  
Mid-mountain snow depth: 24 inches  
**Weather for Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 50. West wind between 15 and 20 mph. Friday evening, partly cloudy, with a low around 21. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
**Weather for Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 46. Breezy, with a southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph. Saturday evening, mostly clear, with a low around 20.  
**Current conditions:** Powder and machine groomed  
**Groomed runs:** Easy Street, Bunny, East Easy Street, Ramp, Snow Park, Lower Deep Freeze, Captain Heavy, Smokey Bear, Elk Ridge, Bull Run, Chino, Meadows, Buckhorn and Top Notch.  
**Groomers Pick:** Buckhorn  
**Lifts open:** No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5 and No. 8. Gondola open, weather permitting.  
**Snowmaking:** Yes, nightly, weather permitting

### Results

**Boys Basketball**  
Tuesday, Feb. 10  
Hondo 53, Vaughn 27  
Ruidoso at Portales, cancelled  
Cloudcroft at Capitan, cancelled due to snow

**Girls Basketball**  
Tuesday, Feb. 10  
Hondo 57, Vaughn 14  
Lovington at Ruidoso, cancelled due to snow  
Capitan at Cloudcroft, cancelled due to snow

### Sports On Tap

**Boys Basketball**  
Friday, Feb. 13  
Dexter at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.  
Capitan at Carrizozo, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 14  
Hondo at Corona, 3:30 p.m.  
Monday, Feb. 16  
Mescalero at Valley Christian Academy, 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Feb. 17  
Ruidoso at Lovington, 7 p.m.  
Capitan at Tularosa, 5 p.m.  
Carrizozo at Hondo, 6:30 p.m.

**Girls Basketball**  
Friday, Feb. 13  
Capitan at Carrizozo, 4 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 14  
Hondo at Corona, 2 p.m.  
Monday, Feb. 16  
Mescalero at Valley Christian Academy, 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Feb. 17  
Tularosa at Capitan, 5 p.m.  
Carrizozo at Hondo, 5 p.m.

### On Deck

**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.

**Mesa Hoops Tourney**  
A mens open basketball tournament for players 6-foot and under, plus 1 (one player may be over 6-foot), will be held Feb. 20-22 at the Mescalero Community Center. A ten-player roster is allowed. An entry fee of \$200 is required with \$100 due by Feb. 18. Prizes will be awarded for 1st through 4th places, an all-tourney team and MVP. For more info, call Gladys Bob, 464-3815, Rebecca Martinez, 464-3813, or Marcene Kane, 464-3814.

## Ruidoso champions on parade

The 2008 quarter horse champions named on Tuesday by the American Quarter Horse Association is a list laden with horses and people who raced at Ruidoso Downs last summer.

Topping the champions is Stolis Winner. The son of Stoli was named world

champion, champion 2-year-old and champion 2-year-old gelding.

He won the Grade 1, \$625,000 Rainbow Futurity and crossed the finish line first in the Grade 1, \$1.9 million All American Futurity.

His owner and breeder, Jerry Windham, was honored as champion owner and

champion breeder.

G.R. Carter, Jr., his All American Futurity rider, was named the champion jockey for the fourth straight year.

Owner-breeder R.D. Hubbard, majority owner of Ruidoso Downs, had four of his horses earn championship honors.

Hubbard's primary quarter horse trainer Paul Jones was named the champion trainer for the seventh-straight year.

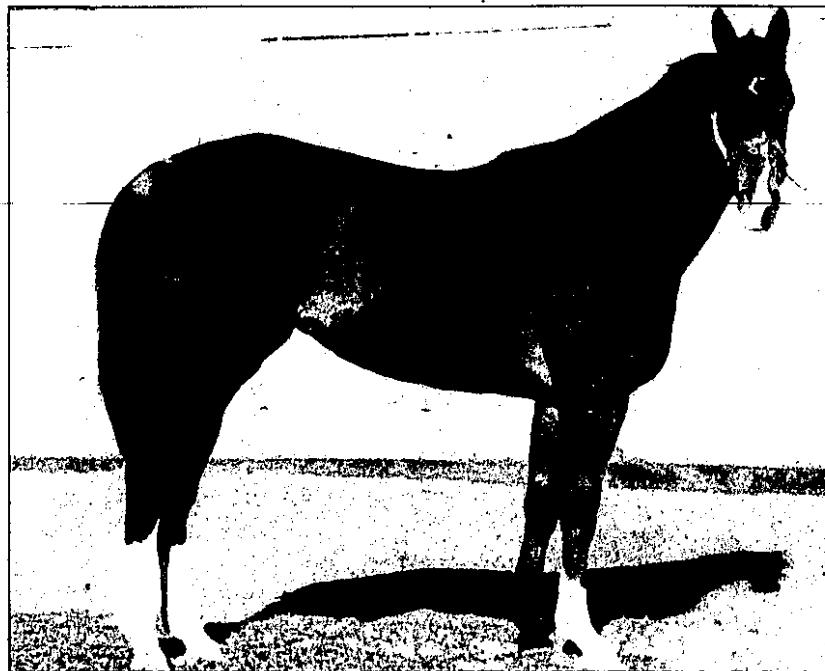
Lisa Saumell oversees Jones' New Mexico operation and is charged with the daily care of the Jones-trained horses.

Ruidoso fan favorite

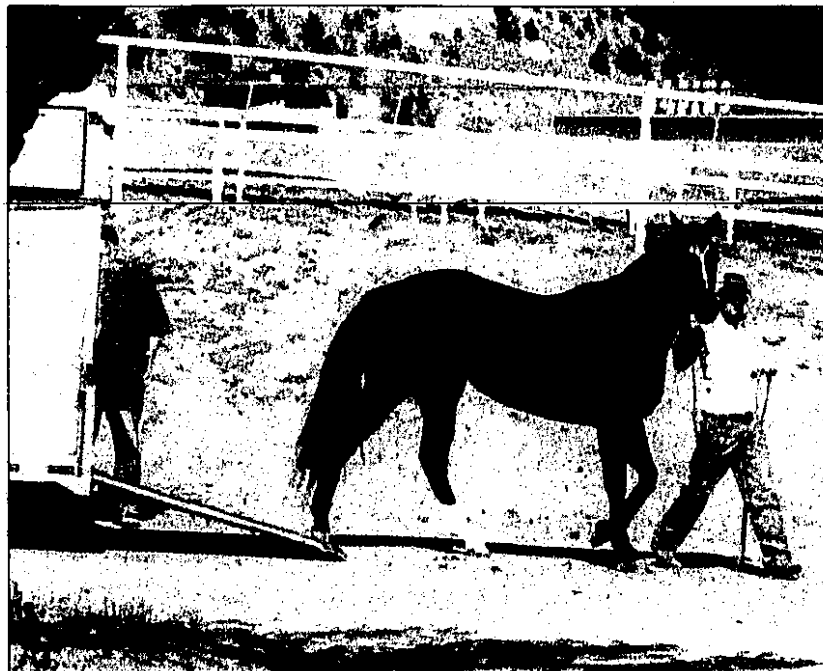
Heartswideopen earned a champion title for the second-straight year after capturing the Ruidoso Derby and the Rainbow Derby for trainer Carl Draper.

She is the 2008 champion 3-year-old and 3-year-old filly.

Here is a behind-the-scene look.



R.D. Hubbard and Johnny T.L. Jones' Brenda Beautiful, the champion two-year-old filly, shown last week during her winter rest at Paul Jones' training facility in Tularosa. She will return to action this summer at Ruidoso Downs.



Two-time champion Heartswideopen raced exclusively at Ruidoso Downs in 2008. Here, Jed Vane leads her off the van when she arrived at Ruidoso Downs in April. She has been retired and is in Southern California to be bred to Walk Thru Fire.



R.D. Hubbard's two-time champion Ketel Won, the 2008 champion aged stallion, checking out the scenery surrounding trainer Paul Jones' Ruidoso barn in August. He is beginning his first season at stud at JEH Stallion Station in Hondo and has already been booked to more than 60 mares.

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R.D. Hubbard and Johnny T.L. Jones' My Dashing Lady, the dam of champions Noconi and Brenda Beautiful, was named champion broodmare. She is shown at Hubbard's Crystal Springs Farm in Tularosa in October. She is at the JEH Stallion Station in Pilot Point, Texas and will be bred to Brenda Beautiful's sire Feature Mr Jess.



R.D. Hubbard and Johnny T.L. Jones' Noconi, the champion 3-year-old gelding, is getting a vacation at Crystal Springs Farm in Tularosa before resuming training this spring. He won the All American Derby at Ruidoso Downs and then raced in California



World champion Stolis Winner posed with owner and breeder Jerry Windham and his wife Pat, and jockey G.R. Carter, Jr., the morning after the All American Futurity. Windham was named champion owner and breeder, and Carter was honored as champion jockey. Stolis Winner is scheduled to make his 2009 debut at Ruidoso Downs this summer.

## These are the days

With a population of 2 million people (ranking 36th in the U.S.), many of the towns in New Mexico (excluding Albuquerque) simply don't have the social opportunities many larger municipalities in other states afford.

For me, it took some getting used to.

A Saturday night out at Ruth's Chris Steak House, anywhere in this state, is out of the question.

A walk through the Carnegie Museum of Art is nothing more than a distant memory.

A Friday evening at an Italian trattoria for dinner and dancing is just a fantasy.

Legitimate nightclubs with hordes of people - forget about it.

OK, so those things, and some other ones, too, are not potential arenas for social intercourse in this locale.

Then what is? What are some of the strengths that this area offers?

Well, for one, it is far more close-knit than I think its citi-

zenry realizes.  
I mean,

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### CURRAN EVENTS



BY MIKE CURRAN  
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### TIP OF THE WEEK

"See it through the Buyer's Eyes!"

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW



**The Knights** of Columbus recently held its Free Throw Championship qualifier, Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Ruidoso Middle School lower gym. Boys and girls, 10-14, were invited to join in the fun. The district Free Throw Championship will be hosted in Ruidoso, Saturday, Feb. 28, also in the Middle School lower gym. Doors open at 11 a.m. and the competition begins at 12 p.m. Winners of the recent competition are, l-r, front row, Alexander Davis, Melissa Ortega, Luis Ramiro Contreras, Korey King, Tristan Jesse Bowden, Kayla Padilla, Brandon Atchley, Jake La May and Fernando Rocha III. Back row: Knights of Columbus members: David Kilgore, Christopher Furphy, Dan Rivas, Michael Baker, and Dave Tetreault.

## EVENTS

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even if you don't like someone, odds are, you know them to some degree. And who knows? Maybe you'll become friends.

Especially if you have the same interests. Like local sporting events, for instance.

Before I came to Ruidoso, I have to tell you, I never once attended a

soccer game, a high school basketball contest, a rodeo or any sport involving females. It was a real eye-opener. And an interesting education in the human experiment, too.

There I was, July 4, two years ago, at the Mescalero rodeo. Perched on a fence-post like I belonged there.

One of the organizers of the event asked me, "Hey Mike, how would you like to ride a bull?"

Many years ago I adopted the Sioux belief

that any day is a good day to die.

That's how I summoned the nerve to scuba dive at 125 feet, barefoot water ski, parachute from insane altitudes (anything over 100 feet is just asking for trouble), paddle dugout canoes in crocodile infested waters and a myriad of other treacherous pursuits.

Why did I do it? All I can tell you is ... it made me feel alive. And I remembered exactly who I was with each and every

time.

So when my host at the rodeo asked if I wanted to ride a bull, I answered with a not-so-well-thought-out, "sure." I was delusional, no doubt about it.

I completely dismissed the fact that, age-wise, I'm on the final glide-path. I'm not the man I once was ... if I ever was.

"What, are you insane?" my friend exclaimed. "You've never been on a bull in your life and you're no Spring chicken. And those are the

## Brown hits 1,000

With a layup at the 5:52 mark of the second half, Christine Brown (of Ruidoso) became the 13th Beloit Women's Basketball player to score 1,000 career points to cap off a monster night on Wednesday in Flood Arena.

The senior guard scored a career-high 32 points and grabbed 12 rebounds as the Bucs

defeated Carroll University 75-56 in a key MWC contest.

Brown also moved into second on the career rebound list on Wednesday night and now has 759 in her career.

A two-time All-MWC pick, Brown will close out her home career on Saturday afternoon against Ripon College.



**Christine Brown**, of Ruidoso, recently scored 1,000 career points for Beloit College.

nicest things I can say to you, other than it's a stupid thought."

I returned to my fence-post and remembered my place in this world.

My ticket to the grandstand of life reads, "Observer Status Only, bleacher seats."

Between rodeo events, I began to notice the crowded throng of fans in the stadium.

There were husbands and wives, some holding hands, along with their children, adolescent couples who just knew they would be together for life and interested fans intently watching the proceedings before them.

Simply put, they were just enjoying life, whether they were aware of it or not.

Ever after that, when the opportunity arose, my attention was drawn to the people viewing the contest before them.

Crowded home stands at high school football games, well-attended basketball contests and tournaments and yes, rabid fans at volleyball matches.

In these economic hard times, attending one of these events can be inexpensive, entertaining and a chance to socialize.

Recently, before a basketball game at RHS, the players publicly recognized the educators seated in the stands.

At halftime, tickets

were raffled off to the attendees for a chance to shoot baskets and win money.

These are both good ideas that should be promoted.

It raises fan interest and draws people to the games. Maybe the food fare could be upgraded on certain days or nights.

Not that it's bad now, but what would happen if a specialized, simple bill of fare were offered? Something different.

These are just my initial thoughts, as you can readily determine.

I look forward to the Smokey Bear Classic basketball tournament in Capitán every year.

Yes, the competition is good ... but the food in the Library is great.

Why not offer something similar to the public at large?

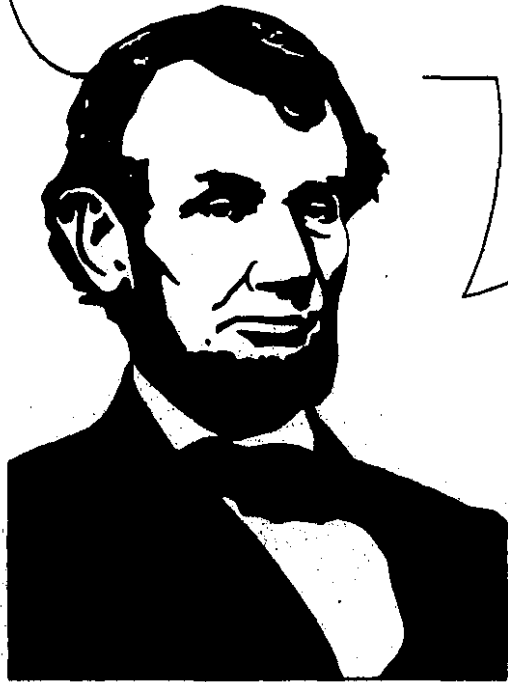
Who knows, better ideas from local would-be promoters just may bring more people out for the night.

The high schools in any given area in Lincoln County are normally minutes away.

Sporting events can act as an excuse to get out for the night and mingle with people you know.

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## FUNERALS DEATHS

## Julia S. Gallegos

Julia Salas Gallegos, 91, of Alamogordo, passed away Monday, Feb. 9, 2009, at Casa Arena Blanca Nursing Center.

Mrs. Gallegos was born Nov. 21, 1917, in Ruidoso to Pedro Nunez and Teofilia Madrid (Benevidez)



Salas. She lived all of her life in Ruidoso until moving to Alamogordo in 2002.

Survivors include her son David Gallegos (Irma), of Alamogordo; her daughter Nadine Vasquez (Erminio) of Las Cruces; eight

grandchildren, David Michael Gallegos (Kim) of Lima, Ohio; Lucas Gallegos, of Las Cruces; Bobbi Lynn Gallegos, of Alamogordo; Edward Vasquez and Vanessa Vasquez, both of Las Cruces; Stephanie Rader (George), of Alamogordo; and Michelle Hernandez (Ray) and Phillip Yzaguirre, all of Lubbock; seven great-

grandchildren; and a sister Gonsagita Sanchez, of San Patricio.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lucas Pepper Gallegos, in 1990; a daughter, Doris Yzaguirre; four brothers, John, Jake, Gilbert and Pete Salas; and two sisters, Consuelo Silva and Olivia Miranda.

A vigil service will be

conducted this evening at 7 p.m., in the Hamilton-O'Dell Chapel with the Rosary to be recited by Deacon Mariano Melendrez. Cremation will follow.

Friends may call today from 5-7 p.m., at Hamilton-O'Dell Funeral Home in Alamogordo.

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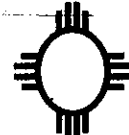
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# RELIGION

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## Rights and responsibilities have parted ways

**S**olomon writes in Psalms 127, that children are a heritage, a gift from the Lord.

My wife and I have been blessed, gifted by the Lord with four natural-born daughters (no sons) and three adopted daughters.

We have 28 grandchildren (21 natural, two step and five adopted).

We have nine great-grandchildren with four more on the way this year. Psalms 128 says something about a "fruitful vine."

If overpopulation is a problem, I suppose we are guilty, but not as guilty as the young woman who has given birth to first six, and then

eight children.

All are by embryos implanted in her uterus.

She is not married. She has not a father for the children, just a sperm donor.

She has no job for income.

At the birth of the eight, the young woman's mother is taking care of the six.

This brings us to the curious case of rights versus responsibilities.

I believe that a woman has the right to conceive and give birth to children.

With that right, comes the responsibility to care for and provide for the children.

I believe that where there is no respon-

sibility, there should exist no right.

The only problem is this ... the exercise of the right precedes the responsibility.

There is no guarantee that the right will be exercised responsibly.

One of the problems in America today is the demand for rights to the exclusion of any required responsibility.

The pendulum has swung far to the "rights" side and far away from the "responsibility" side.

The young woman's fertility doctor has the right to practice medicine by virtue of education and licensure.

But where is his responsibility in the matter?

Did the doctor do this for money or notoriety?

I am afraid this whole scenario has

demonstrated, to the absurd extreme, the philosophy in America today ... all rights, no responsibilities.

I am sure that there is no law in place to require the doctor to pay for the financial provision of these 14 children.

But there are laws in place to require that you and I pay for this fertility fiasco.

The Word of God teaches us to be responsible citizens. That means we must exercise our rights wisely.

Paul says, in I Corinthians 10:23-24, "Everything is permissible, but everything is not beneficial."

"Everything is permissible, but not everything is constructive. Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others."

When we exercise our rights responsibly, we will have help for today and hope for tomorrow.

## Some questions won't be answered this side of the pearly gates

**Q:** My husband and I have been married for almost 25 years.

He's Jewish and I'm Catholic. Our kids are both being raised Catholic. My husband doesn't practice his faith while I do, and we both felt they'd be better "educated" by the parent who participates more fully in their faith.

We know another family in similar circumstances; she's Christian, he's Jewish. The mom has become concerned that her husband will never go to heaven since he doesn't accept Jesus as the Messiah. I was under the impression God has a covenant with the Jews to spend eternity in heaven. I also find it hard to imagine that my husband, who acts more "Christian-like" than many Christians I know, will not go to heaven.

To be honest, I'm not that concerned because I believe all good people will be in heaven with God. What do I say to my friend, and should I question my own belief?

- A., Hershey, PA,

enough work to do in this life to heal the sick and be, as Isaiah tells us in

God's name, "a shelter from the storm." What happens after death is really none of our business. I understand that the rewards of heaven are not

insignificant, and I also realize that people urging the conversion of non-Christians so they might share

in that post-mortem salvation are generally well meant and lovingly sincere.

The problem is, we can't know who has the right password until we die. Testimony from our own sacred scriptures one way or the other also doesn't suffice.

The problem is more critical for Christians than for Jews, Muslims, Hindus or Buddhists, all of whom have some version of the belief that "The righteous of all nations will inherit the World to Come."

Christianity has to deal with the exclusivist truth claims of, among other sources, John 14:6: "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

Even with this belief,

there's still some theological wiggle room for those who want it.

An influential idea advanced by the Jesuit theologian Karl Rahner and his student Johannes Metz, is that non-Christians who live a morally decent life could be saved by the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus even if they'd never heard of Christianity.

I'm tutored on this concept by my friend George Weigel, the biographer of Pope John Paul II. "At one level, the notion of 'anonymous Christianity' was simply the ancient Christian recognition that 'there are many whom Christ has that the Church does not have' - though all who are saved, even outside the formal boundaries of the Church, are saved through Christ," Weigel notes.

Pope Paul VI, at the end of Vatican II, said, "Since Christ died for all men, and since the ultimate vocation of man is, in fact, one, and divine, we ought to believe that the Holy Spirit in a manner known only to God offers to every man the possibility of being associated with this paschal mystery."

The only resolution will come when our souls stand before God in judgment after death.



*The Gull Squid*  
MARC GELLMAN



Harold A. De Leeuw

was called home to be with the Lord on February 3, 2009 with his wife and his loving, caring and Amber by his side. He was born in Kimberly, WI on June 28, 1921 to Henry & Catherine De Leeuw. He worked at Kimberly Clark Paper Corp. before he enlisted in the US Coast Guard on August 18, 1942 in Chicago, IL. During this time he served as Ship's Cook, Third Class on board the USS Washington Greely. On May 6, 1946 he received an Honorable Medical Discharge. He served as a World War II Veteran for 3 years, 6 months and 17 days. While aboard ship he was certified as a Completed War Dog Training, Mounted Beach Patrol & Photography.

Following his service he took a 3 year course in carpentry and machine shop. He was a Master Locksmith in LaJolla, CA at the VA Hospital for 2 years. After this he lived for 35 years in Sun City, AZ. He enjoyed spending time at his second home in Lake Havasu City, AZ overlooking the lake and famous London Bridge. He loved the fishing and beautiful sunsets.

In March 18, 1992 he married his wife Karen in Peoria, AZ. They moved to Ruidoso, NM in June of 1996, where he had lived for 7 years in the early 80s. They enjoyed the mountains, wildlife and tall pines. Harold was a wonderful husband, partner and friend. He will be loved and deeply missed.

Harold is survived by his wife Karen Morlock De Leeuw; stepson Sean McCracken and grandson Warren of Ruidoso; stepson Tracy Morlock, granddaughter Cara and grandson Kyle of Goodyear, AZ; brother Connie and wife Lois De Leeuw of Melbourne, FL; sister Ann and husband Henry Kestels of Kaukauna, WI; sister Marlene and husband Jim Van Abel of Kaukauna, WI; sisters Betty Courtney and Rose Kraus of Appleton, WI; sister-in-law Joyce De Leeuw of Rockledge, FL; and 15 nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at Mount Vista Cemetery in Alamogordo, NM with the US Coast Guard Honor Guard on Friday, February 6, 2009 at 1 pm.

Services were provided by Alamogordo Funeral Home.

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## Mi corazón es muy frio

**L**ove on demand. That's my definition of Valentine's Day, a commercial holiday conveniently placed between Christmas and Easter designed to feed retailers and give people a reason to spend money.

I've been on the receiving end of a number of lovely red and white somethings: jewelry, candy, flowers and cards. All appreciated, just not necessary.

The head cowboy got to town late one year and all that was left were the cards written in Spanish. Mine said something about my corazón and forever.

He ate the chocolates on the way back to the ranch and, with no apology, told me he knew I was on a diet and he sure didn't want to contribute to any failure of that effort.

In the meantime, that same day it had snowed about 10 inches after it rained for a few hours.

The corrals were knee-deep in mud covered by a deceptively benign-looking white blanket of snow. It made a mush that sucked off your boots and hindered any kind of movement other than a determined trudge.

I was on heifer-calving duty while the head cowboy was somewhere else. The weather dictated frequent checks to make sure some new, wet, steaming baby calf wasn't born in a mud hole and chilled down before he ever got a chance at life.

Heifers by their very youth and nature are stupid, skittish and determined to be contrary in spite of what's in their best interest. When weather is bad, the calving kicks into a higher gear just because.

I cut laboring heifers out of the OB corral and penned them in warm stalls as they neared the birthing moment. That in itself was a visual as they ducked and ran and turned and did everything except go through the gate I needed them to go through.

I was in packer boots, every warm piece of clothing I owned, and looked like the Michelin man in a dance competition. Moving fast to cut off a heifer as she tried to cut back was not a pretty sight.

In all this, there was one heifer on the very far end of the corrals, a long alleyway from the barn, that decided to lie down and have her calf in the mud and snow in spite of my efforts. By the time I got to her, she was well into the business of pushing him out into a puddle of ice-cold mush.

She got up the minute she saw me and came at me with definite intent to harm. I deftly jumped (OK, that may be an exaggeration) behind the gate I had just come through.

I let her run through the gate opening, preferable to running over the top of me. I quickly shut a couple gates behind her for safekeeping while I rescued the slimy newborn that was blinking and sputtering trying to get his first breaths.

The calf weighed more than he should have for a first calf and was long, wet and slippery. I lifted him up by his front end, hugging his back to me, my grip tight around his body just behind his front legs. His back legs still touched the ground and I knew all I could do was walk backwards and drag him up to the alley to the barn.

In no particular order, I tugged and trudged and grunted and pulled. About 10 feet from the barn door, I went down. My foot had pulled out of my boot and my sock was fast soaking up freezing wet corral muck.

I was sitting on my frozen "corazón" with a slimy calf in my lap, trying to figure out how to get out from underneath him, get my boot and start over.

As perfect as timing could be, it was then the head cowboy came around the corner of the barn.

He first grinned and then with decidedly poor judgment, he laughed. He rescued the calf off my lap while asking, "Was this all you got done today?"

It was probably a week after the snow was gone before things thawed out at the ranch house. Valentine's Day had come and gone but there was no doubt, between the calving events, the card in Spanish and the empty chocolate box, it was destined to be one of the most memorable ones.

*Julie says Happy Valentines Day to all those ranch wives working the calving pen. She can be reached for comment at jcarter@ruidosonews.com.*



Cowgirl Julie Carter  
BY JULIE CARTER



COURTESY

**Lincoln County** Spelling Bee winners, first through third place, are Sarah Ferguson, Carrizozo, Natalie Barnwell and Ulises Guereca, both of Capitan. The Bee was held Jan. 29, in Carrizozo.

## County spellers compete for top honors

JULIE CARTER  
jcarter@ruidosonews.com

Students from Ruidoso, Capitan and Carrizozo competed in the 2009 Lincoln County Spelling Bee before a large crowd of parents and fellow students.

On Jan. 29, 26 participants competed in the bee held at Carrizozo High School.

Each school hosted a local spelling bee for elementary and middle school students to determine the qualifiers for the county competition.

At the county level, the competition began with a drawing of numbers to determine the order in which the students were called in the competition.

Carrizozo High School English and Journalism teacher Sarah Ball read the words to be spelled. Judges were Rosemary Shafer and Toni Rossi.

Most students successfully spelled their words in the first two rounds.

However, by the end of the third round, only five students remained in the competition, three from Capitan and one each from Ruidoso and Carrizozo.

There was a three-way

tie for third place which was broken by a sixth round runoff between Ulises Guereca, Capitan; Laurel Bason, Capitan; and Josh Reynolds, Ruidoso.

Guereca, a fifth grader, emerged as the third place winner.

The final two remaining students in the competition were Natalie Barnwell, a middle school student from Capitan and Sarah Ferguson, a middle school student from Carrizozo.

The winning word in the competition was "renounce," with Sarah Ferguson successfully spelling it to win first place.

Plaques were awarded to the top three in the competition and each of the participants for the Lincoln County Spelling Bee received a certificate.

Ferguson will go on to the New Mexico State Spelling Bee to be held in Albuquerque on March 14.

The winner of the state competition will go on to Washington, D.C., for the national competition.

Scripps National Spelling Bee provided the list of words to be used in the local and county competitions.

Booklets were available to participating students to

study the words which ranged in difficulty from grades three and four to grades seven and eight.

Students qualifying for the county spelling bee were:

### Capitan

4th Grade: Aubrey Closson, Adriana McWilliams, Domonique Silva, Cambrea Walker;

5th Grade: Ulises Guereca, Ryan Dement, Lauren Bason;

Middle School: RFaynee Dean, Natalie Barnwell, Jordan Burch;

### Carrizozo

4th Grade: Gracie Hooten;

5th Grade: Micah Hamilton, Tyrrell Barela;

6th Grade: Jacie Thornton;

7th Grade: Sarah Ferguson, Shayna Gallacher;

### Ruidoso

7th Grade: Corey Weilert, Josh Reynolds, Anisa Lopez, Tanner Donathan, Amanda Bryant;

8th Grade: Sam Cook, Brennon Moorehead, Josh Brown, Caroline Allen, Ryan Williams.

## Junior market enrollment at the state fair

The ownership deadline for Junior Market Steers and Junior Beef Heifers for the New Mexico State Fair is April 11.

To be eligible for entry, all Junior Market Steers must be tagged with a N.M. State Fair ear tag and be retinal scanned by April 11.

All commercial Junior Beef Heifers must be tagged with a N.M. State Fair ear tag by April 11.

Registered Junior Beef Heifers are not required to be tagged with a N.M. State Fair ear tag.

The ownership deadline for Junior Market Lambs, Junior Market Goats, Junior Market Barrows and Junior Replacement Dairy Heifers is June 11.

To be eligible for entry,

all Junior Market Lambs, Junior Market Goats and Junior Replacement Dairy Heifers must be tagged with a N.M. State Fair ear tag and retinal scanned by June 11.

To be eligible for entry, all Junior Market Barrows must be tagged with a N.M. State Fair ear tag and a Hair DNA sample submitted by June 11.

DNA sample envelopes must be postmarked by June 11.

The entry deadline for all the divisions listed above is July 11. All entries must be submitted online at exponm.com.

If exhibitors have not already done so, they should contact the Livestock Manager, Melissa Shaw, to coordinate

the dates in which tagging will take place for in the respective counties and the number of animals anticipated.

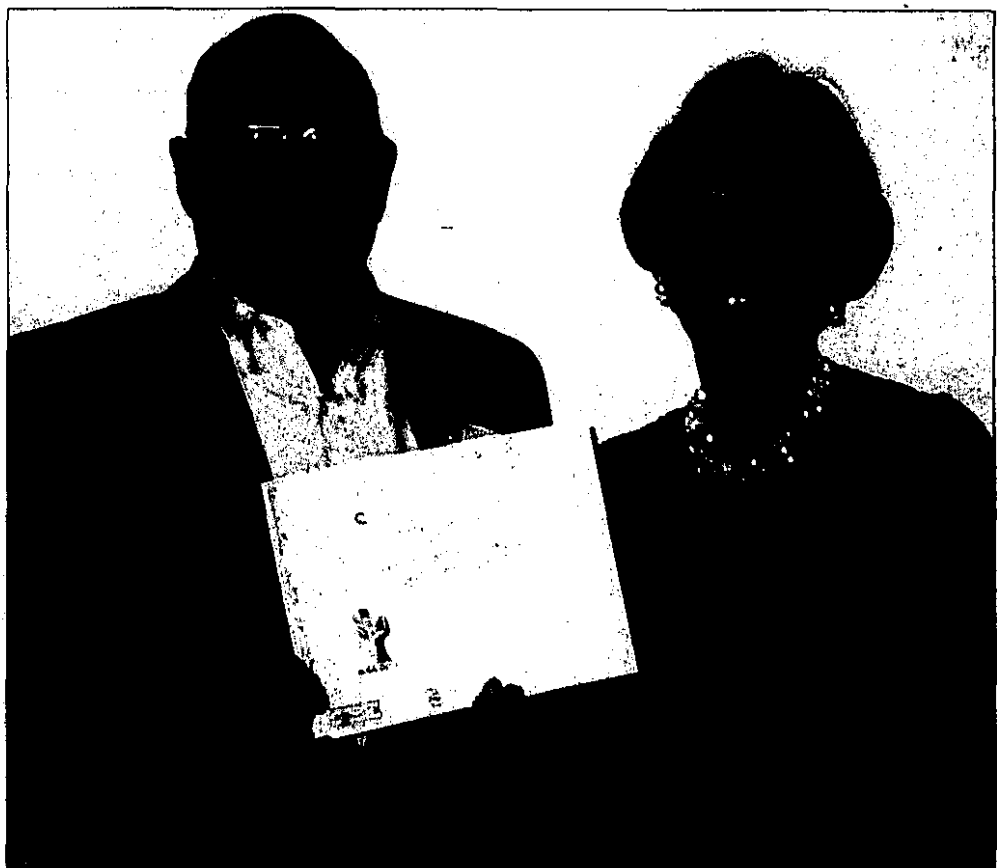
The State Fair will send a technician to perform the retinal imaging unless someone in the area is trained.

If not already doing so, County Extension Agents and FFA Teachers should coordinate and combine their efforts to get all animals tagged and scanned on one date (or more if necessary, due to large numbers of animals).

For more information, contact Melissa Shaw, livestock manager, at 505-222-9732 or email her at melissa.shaw@state.nm.us.

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## NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS



COURTESY

The National Association of Conservation Districts held their Annual National Meeting in New Orleans, on Feb. 1-4, 2009. The NACD Awards Committee selected Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District as the recipient of the 2008 District Excellence Award in the category of Natural Resources. The District Excellence Award recognizes a conservation district for excellence and successful initiatives in each of five NACD policy/program areas. As a District Excellence Award winner, the Upper Hondo District was presented a check for \$1,300 and the opportunity to showcase their projects and programs to the national conference. Chairman of the District Preston Stone, left, and Program Director Brenda Addison, accepted the award and check on behalf of the Upper Hondo SWCD. Addison gave a PowerPoint presentation on the accomplishments and contributions to conservation and successes of the District.

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## RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

## Domestic battery

Ruidoso Police filed for an arrest warrant for Thomas Damon, 41, of Ruidoso after he allegedly shoved his wife in an altercation, Feb. 7.

## Child endangerment

A traffic stop due to a lack of registration plate, Feb. 4, turned into a slew of charges against Frank Gonzalez, 27, and Tenya Lester, 33, both of Mescalero.

Police determined Gonzalez, who had been driving, was too drunk to drive and was driving on a revoked license with an arrest clause. He also had a bench warrant for failure to pay fines with the Lincoln County Magistrate

Court. As his youngest daughter was in the vehicle without a car seat, he also was charged with child endangerment.

Lester was arrested for parties to an unlawful act and for failure to appear for a previous offense. The two were incarcerated at the Lincoln County Detention Center.

## Too belligerent

Ruidoso Police arrested Wyndham Runningwater, 25, of Tularosa, Feb. 8, after he was found in Midtown with an open container of beer. As police were informing him it was illegal to be drinking in public, Runningwater became loud and belligerent. He was placed under arrest for disor-

derly conduct and booked at the Ruidoso Police Department. According to the police report, "His family and friends decided not to bond him from Ruidoso," and he was taken to LCDC.

## Phone theft

After being brought in, Feb. 5, on an outstanding warrant, Wileen Apachito, 25, of Mescalero, faced further charges of theft after it was discovered he had stolen the cellular phone he was carrying. He was later taken to LCDC.

## Helping themselves

Police arrested Jack Hudgins, 19, of Ruidoso, Feb. 2, after he

had broken into storage units in Alto owned by his father and took several items from them, ranging from food, dishes and tools to chainsaws and a laptop computer.

Hudgins was charged with burglary, breaking and entering and larceny and held on a \$40,000 cash only bond.

## Be more careful

Following an accident at the 1400 block of Sudderth Drive on Feb. 2, police found what looked like cocaine in a plastic baggy in the vehicle. Police questioned the car's owner, Heriberto Mendoza, 33, of Ruidoso, who then tried to snatch the baggy from the officer's hand. He was arrested and,

while officers handcuffed him, he tried to hand his jacket to his daughter.

Police secured the jacket and found 10 more baggies in the jacket pocket. Mendoza admitted having bought the cocaine with the intent to resell it. He was charged with trafficking controlled substances and posted bond.

## Slow down

A car driven by Jose Cardenas, 26, of Ruidoso, was found speeding, Feb. 9, on Sudderth Drive. After he was pulled over, officers found a "bowl" used for smoking marijuana. He was charged with speeding and possession of drug paraphernalia.

## Death penalty bill passes State House

Bill would abolish capital punishment

SANTA FE — A bill sponsored by Rep. Gail Chasey (D-Bernalillo-18) which would abolish the death penalty passed the House of Representatives Wednesday by a vote of 40 to 28. HB285 would amend Section 31-18-14 NMSA 1978 to abolish the death penalty and substitute life without possibility of release or parole for a death sentence.

"The time has come to take this step," Chasey said. "As long as we continue to have the death penalty, the risk remains that we will execute innocent people. A sentence of life in prison without possibility of parole is an effective alternative."

"New Mexico spends several million dollars a year on death penalty cases, yet only one person has been executed since 1961," he added. "Better that we repeal the death penalty, substitute life without parole and offer the victims' families restitution and support in their healing process. I appreciate the support of the House in passing this bill."

The bill now heads to the Senate for review.

## Underage drinking bill tabled at Legislature

SANTA FE — Late Tuesday, the House Business and Industry Committee voted 11 to 1 to table HB-78, Attorney General Gary King's bill, sponsored by Representative Luciano Varela, that would have raised the tax on sweet malt beverage alcoholic drinks to match

the tax on distilled spirits.

"We are undaunted in our efforts to address underage drinking and we will use all the tools available to us to continue this fight," King said. "Yes, we expected the bill would have decreased consumption of alcopops by teens, that is the point."

Nearly a dozen liquor industry lobbyists were on hand to oppose the proposed legislation, one for every member of the committee.

The Attorney General says he was astounded by the liquor industry's influence in shooting down a proposal that could reduce illegal teen consumption of the

popular malt beverages and reduce binge drinking.

One community activist testified to the House Business and Industry Committee that his experience indicated that young teen boys buy the alcopops in order to get young teen girls to come to parties and get drunk.

## Concealed firearms instructors found to be in violation

ROSWELL — Two firearms instructors have been ordered to stop teaching courses for Concealed Handgun Carry License applicants. Raymond Lunsford, of Loving, and Stephen Bare, of Carlsbad, have been teaching courses in the southeast part of New Mexico that do not meet statutory requirements.

Special Investigations Division agents attended a course offered by the two on Jan. 31 and determined that their instruction did not meet

minimum standards.

Based on evidence obtained by the Department of Public Safety, their course curriculum violates requirements set forth in the Concealed Handgun Carry Act and the New Mexico Administrative Code.

SID agents found that Lunsford and Bare's students were given only 3-4 hours of instruction and were not required to demonstrate firearms proficiency.

Minimum course requirements are

at least 15 hours of instruction and proving firearms competency on the range. Since Nov. 1, 2008 more than 442 students have attended Mr. Lunsford and Mr. Bare's concealed carry courses.

The Department of Public Safety is examining the legitimacy of all classes taught by Mr. Bare and Mr. Lunsford and will determine what action to take regarding the Concealed Carry Licenses issued to people who have taken classes from these two instructors.

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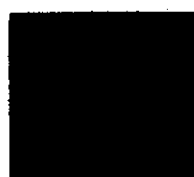
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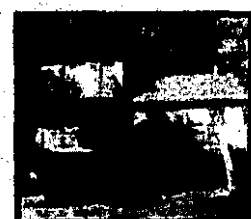
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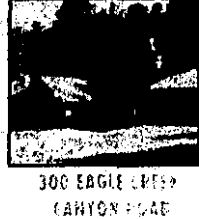
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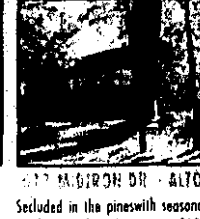
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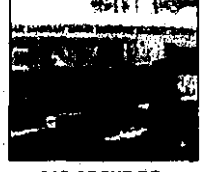
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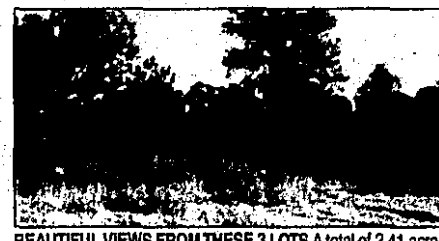


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### \$549,000 148 Hill Country Rd., Alto

38072 & 1/2 BA 2472 Sq. Ft. Custom home on 5.4 private hilltop acres with stunning views of Sierra Blanca! This home was remodeled in 2006 and offers Italian ceramic tile, Berber carpet and new Jeld-Wen Low E windows redesigned to maximize the views. The expansive new kitchen has dramatic granite countertops, all top of the line stainless steel appliances, rustic cherry wood island, ample cabinets/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, custom tile, and all new fixtures. A brand new built-in fireplace will keep you cozy and warm in winter. The home was completely retextured inside and painted throughout. There are two double garages, one is heated and oversized with a half bath, there is also a separate barn with a loft. The bi-level 1200 SF deck looks directly onto the incredible view and has built-in bench seating and flower boxes. This home is made for entertaining whether it is indoors or out, with the grand views and warmth of the décor. Owner/Agent MLS# 104518



### \$214,900 505 Mary Dr., Ruidoso

3/2 1500SF Great neighborhood close to all. Single level well kept home with wrap around covered deck. Single detached garage is set up as a workshop. Yard is partially fenced with a circular driveway. Lots of wildlife along with peace and quiet.



### \$289,900 300 Marble Dr., Ruidoso

3BD/2BA 1900 SF White Mtn. Estates. Immaculate home in a terrific location. Completely updated. Beautiful wood beams and ceiling fans. Built-in fireplace and pellet stove. Huge, covered wrap around deck perfect for observing the wildlife. Refrigerated air and sprinkler system. MLS#104621



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

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



### \$233,000 126 North Candlewood Dr., Ruidoso

3BD/2 & 1/2 BA 1504 SF Mountain charm galore in this 3 bedroom, mostly furnished home, with great views. Home sits on 2.4 acres of wooded beauty. Two living areas, large open kitchen w/dining area that opens to expansive covered deck. Vaulted ceilings in living room with large windows that let the sunshine in. Master has private deck to enjoy the morning sunrise. Great seclusion, yet close to town. MLS 104440



### \$299,000 260 Ski Run Road, Alto

3BD/1 & 3/4 BA Home is located on Ski Run Road. Beautifully remodeled and added on to. This very charming mountain home feels like a ski lodge. Silver Plume and Eagle Creek border both sides of the property. Great nightly rental potential. Wildlife abounds. True feeling of being in the "great outdoors".



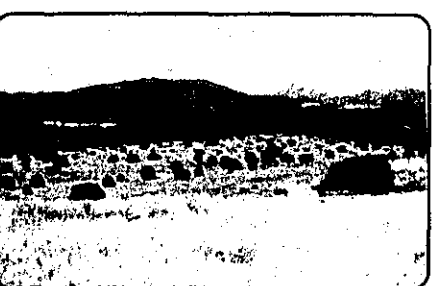
### \$289,500 165 Saddle Back, Alto

3/2 1800 SF Built in 2006. Charming, spotless single level home located in prestigious Deer Park Valley. High, vaulted ceilings throughout, beautiful wood floors and ceilings, oversized windows to take in the big Sierra Blanca views, bright open floor plan and covered wrap around deck. Enjoy the amenities of an Alto social mship that includes tennis courts, swimming pool, restaurant, bar and workout facilities.



### \$440,000 Hwy 37, Nogal

40 acres adjoining National Forest. Spectacular acreage, perfect for a horseman's ranch or for someone who loves wide open spaces. Gently rolling hills with approximately 750 feet of Lincoln National Forest frontage. Easy year round access off of Hwy 37 just north of Ruidoso. This is a beautiful piece of land and one of the few large, unrestricted tracts left in the county. Also available in 10 acre parcels. Call Rose for more information (575) 973-1260. MLS 102064



### \$119,900 169 Crestview Road, Capitán

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



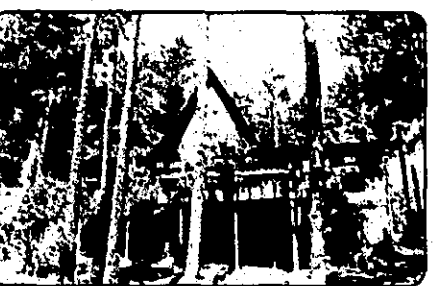
### \$525,000 267 Crown Dr., Ruidoso

3BD/2 & 1/2 BA genuine log home in Camelot w/ SB views. Offered fully turn. W/tasteful Lazy Boy furniture. Beautiful hickory cabinets complement stylish granite countertops. Lg. Picture windows take in dramatic views. Log cabin feeling throughout w/ an open flr plan, vaulted ceilings, real log accents, wood flrs, and great wrap around deck. You will feel like you are on top of the world. MLS 104375



### \$220,000 200 Sun Mountain Loop, Alto

3BD/3BA Cute, cute, cute! Modified A-Frame in Alto, has built in fireplace with gas starter, tile counters in kitchen, lots of cabinets, utility room, large loft and great deck. Nestled in the pines, this home is the perfect get-away with a new metal roof, new deck and driveway. Home sits on a beautifully wooded lot in a great, secluded neighborhood. Furniture & W/D are negotiable. MLS# 104064



### \$243,780 142 Mountain Sun Trail, Alto

4BD/4BA extra large condo in Alto Mountain Village. Perfect for lg. family or investment rental. 2 master suites, both w/ gas log FP's, beautiful dining area, Jacuzzi, dry sauna, weight system and oversized covered and uncovered decks w/ views of the Capitans. Lower level includes efficiency kitchen. H/O dues include water, sewer, trash, basic cable, ext. Maint., snow removal, pool, tennis, basketball and clubhouse. Close to Ski Apache and all Ruidoso has to offer. MLS# 103539



### \$160,000 581 White Mtn Meadows Dr

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



### \$139,000 110 Pippin St., Ruidoso

2BD/2BA 880SF Like brand new! Fully updated with all new electrical, plumbing, water heater, refrigerated air and central heat. Also new walls, flooring, appliances and paint - inside and out. Beautifully tiled kitchen and designer baths with an open living concept including beamed ceilings and a large wood burning fireplace. The yard is fully fenced with a storage shed and carport. Plenty of room outdoors for dining or entertaining. Located in the center of Ruidoso close to all. MLS 104627



### \$229,000 132 Horton Circle, Ruidoso

Solid 2BD/1-3/4BA with office. Commercially zoned. Newly remodeled with beautiful, peaceful yard full of trees and plants. Can be subdivided for two comm'l lots. Private well and city water. Lg. Carport, RV accessible. MLS 104610



### \$145,000 316 East Circle, Ruidoso Downs

3/2 1397 SF Great stucco mfg. home in quiet neighborhood. This well kept home has been taped and textured with a deck that overlooks the beautifully wooded hills. Built in fireplace, kitchen island, large master and bath with dbl sinks, garden tub and walk in shower. Vaulted ceilings and cabinets galore in the kitchen. Perfect starter home!



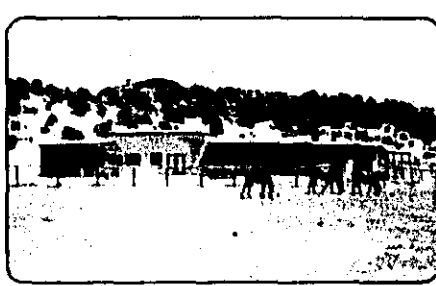
### \$677,000 124 Saddle Back Rd., Alto

4 BD/5 & 1/2 BA Grand home on 6 acres with studio. Beautiful living area with wood beam vaulted ceilings, built in t/p and office area. Large open kitchen has granite and butcher block counters, pull out drawers and bright dining area with views. Master bedroom has his & her's bath, see through t/p, Jacuzzi tub and walk-in closet. A screened-in sunroom and separate hot tub area. Too many features to describe. MLS 103959



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

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



### \$49,900 160 Whirlaway Dr., Ruidoso

Wonderful building lot with wooded valley views and gentle uphill slope. Nice, newer homes in this secluded area of the "Upper Canyon." Two adjacent lots available for almost a full acre in the "Upper Canyon." See MLS Nos. 102010 and 102011. Utilities available at Whirlaway and Alhambra. MLS 102009



### \$275,000 405 Antler

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



### \$205,000 121 Hillcrest Loop, Capitán

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



### \$400,000 250 Raven Dr., Ruidoso

Awesome 4BD/3BA mtn. Retreat at top of Cedar Creek w/ spectacular west views of SB and Mt. Forest frontage (3.4 acres). Cathedral ceilings, private loft w/ deck and FP, knotty pine throughout, south-west decor, maple/wm furniture and several bear carvings. Lg. wrap around deck w/ hot tub. A perfect getaway to fully secluded and fully furnished. Excellent rental history. MLS# 104006



### \$375,000 105 Cedar Lane, Alto Lakes

3BD/2-1/2BA 2845 SF A charming courtyard leads to this inviting Santa Fe style home. Wonderful tile floors, counter-tops and baths continue the southwest theme throughout the home. There is a large open kitchen and living room, perfect for entertaining. Master BD has a Kiva FP and private patio. Each BD has an oversized closet. The two car garage includes golf cart storage. This home is located on a quiet cul-de-sac and comes with full Alto golf mship.



### \$315,000 208 Brentwood, Alto Lakes G&CC

3BD/3BA 1664 SFA great floor plan with an open kitchen that flows into the family room and living area. Perfect for entertaining and family gatherings. Hardwood floors and a large fireplace with built-in shelves. The master bedroom has a walk-in closet and a private patio. The two car garage includes golf cart storage. This home is located on a quiet cul-de-sac and comes with full Alto golf mship.



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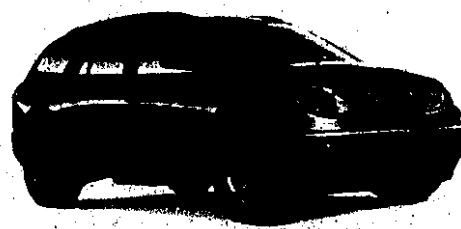


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THIS WEEKEND

# Valentines and swordplay

A Valentines weekend event is being scheduled to raise funds for the Red Feather Theatre Company. Ruidoso High School's Drama Club is sponsoring the event. The Drama Fest is a fundraiser for the Red Feather Theatre Company. The event is scheduled for February 13-19, 2009.

Masks, Love and Pirates, a student production, and a variety of other events will be featured. The event is a fundraiser for the Red Feather Theatre Company. The event is scheduled for February 13-19, 2009.

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attraction of dinner served by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse. Dinner and the show will be available for \$10 per person, with proceeds going to the drama club.

Tickets for the fundraiser are being sold in advance and are available at the door for from the students. Sheriff's Posse members, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Wagon Wheel 1524 Sudduth Dr. where credit card payment is available. Additional donations are welcome.

The 2009 Drama Fest will be the 34th of its kind at ENMC. Portales



Don't miss the Red Feather Theatre Company fundraiser, featuring dinner and a show filled with romance and nearly non-stop swordplay this weekend. Support these young thespians and help them raise funds for next week's DramaFest in Portales. Photos by Laura Johnson.

it comprises 3 1/2 fun-filled days of theatre productions, workshops and social gatherings, which has long been a tradition for high school theatre departments in the state. Masks, Love and Pirates will be performed for the students from around the state, along with a panel of distinguished judges who will critique our thespians' work.

Red Feather also has an

exciting schedule of productions for the next few months, which includes: Too Many Doctors, based on Moliere's *The Imaginary Invalid*; Cathleen Ni Houlihan by W.B. Yeats; and Spinning Straw Into Gold, by our own George Inks.

Stay tuned to ¡Vamos! for more on these exciting productions, and don't miss the Valentine's weekend

fundraiser with Masks, Love and Pirates.

It's a 30-minute heart-stopping, action-packed, swashbuckling adventure guaranteed to make any hard-hearted landlubber crack a grin.

Friday and Saturday, dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., with curtain at 7; Sunday's curtain is at 5 p.m., with dinner following, at the Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center.

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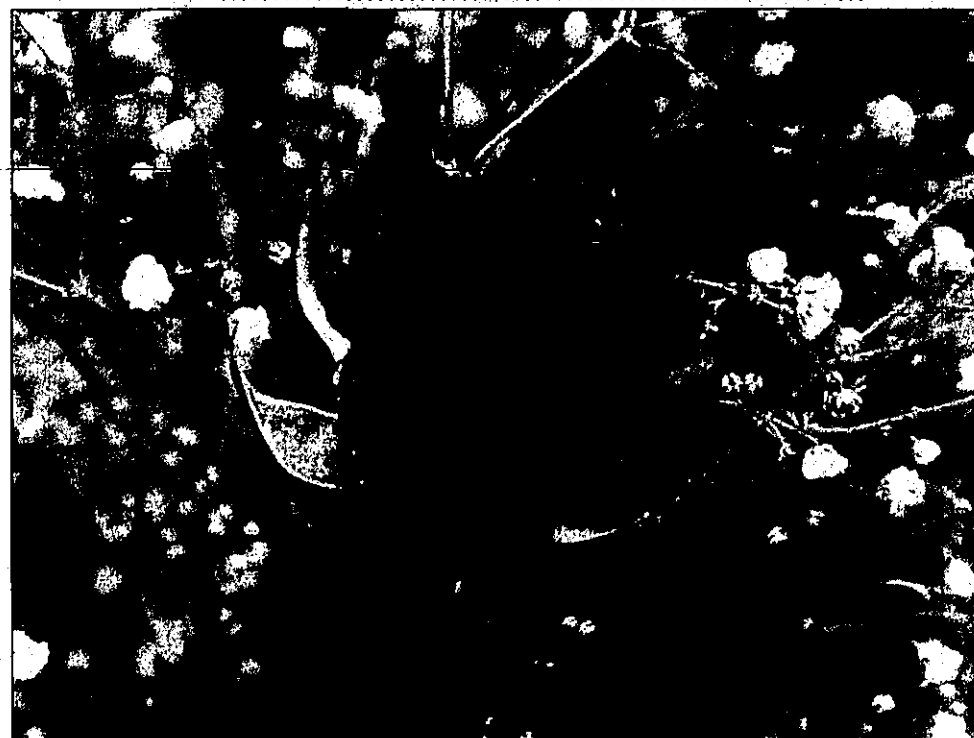
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## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS - LINCOLN & OTERO

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### Calendar Highlights

#### "Fort Stanton - An American Journey"

Continues through March 8: Ruidoso.

Downs: "Fort Stanton - An American Journey" opens at The Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The display will be available through March 8.

#### "Wonders of the Weavers"

Continues through May 3: Ruidoso.

Downs: Nineteenth century Rio Grande weavings from the collection of the Albuquerque Museum will be exhibited in the Hubbard Museum's Mexican Weavers. Mexican weavings are the epitome of Southwestern art and

culture. This collection of 37 Hispanic Rio Grande textiles, blankets, shawls, and aprons brings together a variety of Rio Grande styles developed between 1850 and 1900 and emphasizes weavings from the Chiricahua and Albuquerque areas, the historic center of the Rio Grande weaving industry. After 1930, Spanish embroidery into the Rio Grande weaves brought the first needle into the region. They also brought professional weavers from Spain who introduced the non-traditional weaving room.

#### "Mountain Masquerade"

Feb. 20-22: Cloudcroft, Mar. 6-8: Ruidoso.

Weekend in Cloudcroft - "Mountain Masquerade" is the official theme. Weekend fun of live music, dances, parties, a parade, a shrimp boil, costume contests, a piñata bash, an shredding and more.

Friday will start with the Masqued Ball at the Lodge Resort at 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Admission is free. Costume Contest is 6:30 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. - Mardi Gras vendors with Cajun food and other games and retail items to purchase in the heated Big

## Valentine weekend happenings

### Love Letters

Feb. 13 & 15: (Cloudcroft) Special Valentine's Dinner Theater at The Lodge Resort & Spa in Cloudcroft and performance of "Love Letters" by the Alamogordo Music Theater at 7:30 p.m. on Friday with Sunday brunch matinee at 2 p.m. info and reservations: 682-2566.

### Masks, Love and Pirates

Feb. 13-15: (Ruidoso) A fundraiser for the Ruidoso High School drama club's annual February trip to DramaFest in Portales and a perfect Valentine's event - dinner and a reprise of the fast-paced, swashbuckling and romantic theatrical *Masks, Love and Pirates* for \$10. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse is doing the cooking, and the high school theatre department is doing the entertaining. Ruidoso Schools performing Arts Center and Fine Arts building, 125 Warrior Dr., Friday and Saturday, dinner at 5:30 with curtain at 7:30 Sunday, curtain at 5 with dinner following. Tickets are available from theatre students, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Wagon Wheel in Midtown and all Posse members. For more information, or to make donations to this worthy cause, phone theatre instructor Georgene Inks at Ruidoso High School, 575-258-4910.

### Valentine Soiree

Feb. 14: (Alto) Valentines Soiree at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. The Guild of the Spencer Theater invites you to attend their annual Valentine Soiree from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. This festive evening will include dinner, two complimentary cocktails and dancing to the Michael Francis Trio, all on the stage of the Spencer Theater. The cost

of the tickets is \$30 per person and reservations should be made with Mary Kay Sarrett at 575-336-8447 by the end of the day, Friday.

### St. Valentine's Day Celebration

Feb. 14: (Alamogordo) Celebration with Bishop Ricardo Ramirez at the Alamogordo High School cafeteria, 7-10 p.m., with entertainment. Doors open at 6:30. Featuring a silent auction and Alamogordo Ballet Folklorico. Tickets are \$20 and are valid toward one of three cash drawings, door prizes and dinner. Purchase tickets at Fra. James B. Hay School, 1000 Eighth St., Fra. Hay Thrift Store, 1640 N. White Sands Blvd., from students, or phone Jesusita Aguirre at 585-4673. Info: Father James B. Hay School, 437-7821; register for \$5 childcare. All proceeds benefit Father James B. Hay Catholic School.

### Billy's Sports Bar & Grill Buffet

Feb. 14: (Ruidoso Downs) A fabulous menu and the music of Tomas Vigil at \$16.95 per person. Info: 378-4431 or visit [www.raceruidoso.com](http://www.raceruidoso.com).

### Valentine's Day Romance

Feb. 14: (Ski Apache) Enjoy lunch with your Valentine with magnificent cuisine in a picturesque, romantic environment and take in a gondola ride. Four-course meal offered at the gazebo at the top of the ski area for \$28 per person. Info: 464-3600.

### Valentine's Dinner & Dance

Feb. 14: (Ruidoso) Cree Meadows Country Club: starts at 6 p.m. \$19.95 per person; reservations required: 257-2733.

Top Tent: The official Mardi Gras Parade will be at 2 p.m.

Sunday will have the same fun and live music plus the results of the Mardi Gras Poster Contest, a raffle and Auction. Call the Cloudcroft Chamber of Commerce for more information at 575-258-2733.

### Marilu Henner in Concert

Feb. 21: (Alto) Actress, author and singer Marilu Henner brings her immense vocal and comedic talents to the stage in her new one-woman show. Tickets are \$59 and \$56 for the 8 p.m. show. Marilu Henner has done it all - TV star of "Taxi" and "Evening Shade," Broadway star of *Grease*, *Pal Joey* and *Chicago*, film star of *The Man Who Loved*

*Women*, *Noises Off* and *L.A. Story*; as well as bestselling author of several books on healthy living. Marilu Henner is now conquering concert halls. Join Marilu in a dynamic evening of entertainment, as she brings her immense vocal and comedic talents to the stage in her new one-woman show. Marilu Henner in Concert. Info and tickets: 336-4800.

### Valentine's Day Candy

St. Anne's Guild of the Lincoln County Episcopal Church is offering 1 lb. boxes of pecan/caramel dipped in chocolate (20 pieces) individually wrapped, for \$10. Available at Josie's Framery, 2917 Sudderth, 257-4156.

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- T** Alcoholic beverages served
- R** Reservations required or suggested
- V** Vegetarian friendly

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**Texas Pit Barbeque** • 211 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1101.

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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**

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**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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## CUISINE

# Pan-fried trout



Polly's  
Potpourri

by Polly E. Chavez

In Lincoln and Otero Counties, many Hispanics still practice Lenten traditions first observed by our ancestors. Preparation for Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and intensifies during Holy Week in anticipation of Easter Sunday.

We older Hispanic people reminisce of Cuaresma (Lent) food recipes and some of us still pass on this tradition to their children. The Lenten dishes, served on Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday, are also served every Friday throughout the season as well.

Indian, Spanish and Mexican cultures have contributed to the diversity of the traditional meals served during Semana Santa (Holy Week).

Although my mother, Ramoncita Gurule Sanchez, prepared the

spoon oil over medium-high heat. Rinse 2 large trout in tap water; coat both sides in the cornmeal mixture. Fry, turning once when one side is browned. Cooking time is 5 to 10 minutes depending on the size of the trout. Serve with lemon wedges and whole wheat rolls.

The Hispanic Lenten menu has much diversity. A delectable dish, torrijas de huevo are egg fritters smothered in red chile and are also known as tortas. Quelites (spinach) with beans, calabacitas and other meatless dishes make the main Lenten meal.

In a Lenten dessert, *capirotada* (made with toasted bread), the ingredients include raisins, cheese and caramelized sugar.

Next week's recipe will be *Arroz Dulce* (Sweet Rice).

authentic Lenten dishes, it was my father, Abe, who was the Lenten gastronomy enthusiast.

In the weeks to come, I will share some Lenten meatless and dessert dishes in this column. I will start this week with the simple way I cook fish:

### Pan-Fried Trout

Stir together 1/2 cup cornmeal, pepper and salt to suit your taste. In a large skillet heat 2 table-



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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 • 434-4137.

**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. **V**

## 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. **V**

**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. **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 • 434-2366.

**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. **V**

**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 trimmings • 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** • 2549 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 • Gourmet sandwiches, desserts, fresh breads, coffee. **V**

**Daylight Donuts** • 441 Sudderth • 257-7155 • 5 a.m.-noon, Mon-Sat. • Fresh donuts, coffee, pastries • Dine in or carry out.

**Dreamcatcher Café** • 2629 Sudderth, in the Courtyard in Midtown by Kawlga'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 Skyy 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 Parlour** • 1200 Avenue E, Carrizozo • 648-2921 • Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat, 12-6 • Old-fashioned ice cream sodas, milkshakes, malts, banana splits & other fountain treats.

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

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

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

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

**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. **V**

**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. **V**

**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. **V**

**Four Winds Restaurant** • 111 Central Ave., Carrizozo • 648-2964 • Mon-Sun, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. • American variety, Mexican, freshly baked goods, lounge. **V**

**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** **V**

**Landlocked** • 441 Mechem • 257-9559 • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 12-8 p.m. **V** **V**

**Lincoln County Grill** • 2717 Sudderth • 257-7669 • Open 7 Days, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. **V**

**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. **V**

**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. **V**

**Schlötzsky's Deli** • 2812 Sudderth • 257-7811 • Open 10:30 a.m. daily. **V**

**The Seasons** • Casual and fine dining • 307 Hwy. 70 at the Quality Inn • 378-4051, ext. 314 • Open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

**Shrimpy's Shrimp & Wing Shack** • 2501 Sudderth in Time Square at the Eagle Drive light • Shrimp, English-style fish & chips, hot wings • Open Thurs-Mon, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., except Sun, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. • Dine in or carry out • 575-257-8881.

**Smokey B's Grill** • 2584 Hwy. 70 inside the Casino Apache Travel Center, Mescalero • Sun-Thu, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 8 a.m.-11 p.m. • Recent menu changes and additions • 464-7928. **V**

**Smokey Bear Restaurant** • 310 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán • 354-2557 • Open 7 Days, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

**The Quarters** • 2535 Sudderth • Complete restaurant featuring steaks, burgers, barbecue, drink specialties and more • Live music Sundays for "Blues & BBQ" • 257-9535. **V**

## Fast Food

**Burger Trolley** • 647 Sudderth • 257-3868 • 11-7 daily • Take-out only. **V**

**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.

**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-

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**Mr. Burger** • 1203 Mechem • 258-3616 • 7 a.m.-8 p.m. daily; Sun, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Sonic Drive-In** • 102 Horton Circle • 257-4787 • 7 Days a week, 7a.m.-11 p.m.

**Subway** • 148 Sudderth • 257-7827 • 8 a.m.-10 p.m. daily • Breakfast served until 11 a.m.

**Taco Bell** • 654 Sudderth • 257-4246 • Mon-Wed, 10 a.m.-1 a.m.; Thu-Sun, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

## Fine Dining

**Ellis Store Country Inn** • Hwy. 380 MM 98, Lincoln • 800-653-6460 • Gourmet dinners • Mon-Sat • Reservations only. Y

**Hennington's Grille & Tavern** • at the Swiss Chalet on Mechem/Hwy 48 • 258-3152 • Steaks, seafood, pizza and more • Open for breakfast and dinner, Wed-Sun.

**Le Bistro** • 2800 Sudderth Dr. • Steak and seafood with French flair • Lounge downstairs • 257-0132. Y

**Texas Club Bar & Grill** • 212 Metz Dr. • Ruidoso • 258-3325. Y

**Tinnie Silver Dollar** • 28 miles east of Ruidoso on Hwy. 70 in Tinnie • Steakhouse and saloon, lunch & dinner daily, champagne brunch Sundays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. • 653-4425. Y

**Wendell's** • 287 Carrizo Canyon

Rd. at IMG • 464-7842 • Featuring steaks, seafood and hand-crafted desserts • Open daily, 6:30 a.m. - 11 p.m. Y

**Willmon's Prime Grille** • 2523 Sudderth Dr. • 257-2954 • Featuring prime steaks, seafood and an extensive wine list • Reservations accepted Mon-Sat, 5:30-9 p.m. Y

## Mexican Food

**Casa Blanca** • 501 Mechem • 257-2495 • 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily • New Mexican cuisine, lounge. Y

**Chef Lupe's** • 1101 Sudderth • 257-4687 • Sun-Thu, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-midnight • Traditional Mexican food, American & seafood specialties, menudo. Y

**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. Y

**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. Y

**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. Y

**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, 11a.m.-7p.m. • Real Mexican flavor.

## Pizza / Italian Food

**Café Rio** • 2547 Sudderth Dr. • 257-7746 • 11:20 a.m. to 7:50 p.m. daily. 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.

**Michelen's** • 2703 Sudderth • 257-5753 • Sun-Thu, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. 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. Y

**Pizza Hut** • 725 Sudderth Dr. • 257-5161 • 1201 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso • 258-3033. Y

**Santino's Italian Restaurant** • 2823 Sudderth • 257-7540. Y

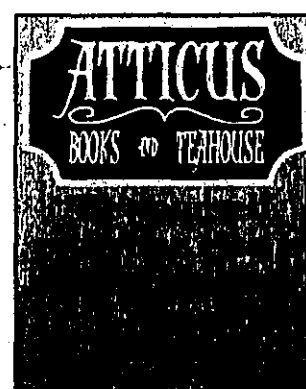
## Chinese / Asian

**Great Wall of China** • 2913 Sudderth Dr. • 257-2522. 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. Y



# MUSIC

## Lincoln/Otero live

Friday, February 13

Win, Place and Show - 8:30 p.m.-

1:30 a.m. - Rio Sierra

Wendell's Restaurant - 5-10 p.m. -

Mike Sunjka

Wendell's Lounge - 5-11 p.m. -

Doug Fuqua

Landlocked - 6-9 p.m. - Tomás

Vigil

Dreamcatcher - Rich Chorné and

Friends

Zocca Coffee & Teahouse - 6 p.m.

- Ian Shaw

Lucy's - Terry Bullard (upstairs) -

Dirty Jones (downstairs)

Saturday, February 14

Win, Place and Show - 8:30 p.m.-

1:30 a.m. - Rio Sierra

Dreamcatcher - Jim Blakey

Wendell's Restaurant - 5-10 p.m. -

Mike Sunjka

Wendell's Lounge - 5-11 p.m. -

Doug Fuqua

Landlocked - 6-9 p.m. - Hillbilly

Potentates

Lucy's - 9:30-close - Terry Bullard

Ski Apache - The Aaron R.

LaCombe Band

Sunday, February 15

Win, Place and Show - 8:30 p.m.-

1:30 a.m. - Rio Sierra

For up-to-date and future

music listings, visit

[www.ruidosotoday.com](http://www.ruidosotoday.com).



Don't miss Dirty Jones, with Tyler Jones, Randy Razor and Cody Griffin, at Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant, at the corner of Sudderth and Eagle in Ruidoso, Friday night, Feb. 13.

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## GOOD TO KNOW

## mARTi gras

"mARTi Gras 2009," sponsored by the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts, will be held on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 6-10 p.m., at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Dr.

There are several changes to this year's

exciting event, including free 10 x 10 exhibitor booths for artists, musicians, food vendors and anyone who has an interesting item to display or sell. Exhibits are subject to RRCA approval, although RRCA membership is not required.

Entries are now open

for the ever-popular "Gumbo Cook-Off." The competition will be judged this year by a "Mystery Judge" with cash prizes awarded for first through third places and People's Choice. Entry deadline is Feb. 18.

Artists are invited to enter their original creations in the "mARTi Gras Mask" contest. Students, RRCA members and non-members are eligible. There is no entry fee and cash prizes will be awarded. Entries are made available for purchase in the silent auction. Entry deadline is Feb. 27 at noon.

Individuals and businesses are encouraged to support the RRCA by donating an item to the live art auction and/or silent auction.

Anyone interested in being a volunteer prior to, or during the event, is invited to contact the RRCA office.

Tickets are now on-sale and are available at the RRCA office, Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce and area businesses. Prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 years of age.

Come in costume, or come as you are. Prize awarded for best costume. Free mask and beads at-the-door. All net proceeds go to fund the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts.

For tickets, contest entry forms, or more information, visit [www.ruidoso.net/martigras](http://www.ruidoso.net/martigras), or phone 257-7272.

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### A Call for Contemporary Artists residing in New Mexico and Surrounding Areas:

As an emerging gallery in Ruidoso, New Mexico, we are looking for cutting edge Pop Art, Edgy Art, Surreal and Abstract paintings, sculpture, photography, etc. The exhibits are juried by the gallery's owners who are seeking innovative works to feature during group exhibitions. Plan to put forth your best work and please ensure you are presenting high quality images. Send submission to ART @ P.O. Box 1611, Ruidoso, NM, 88355



5th Annual mARTi Gras  
Saturday, February 28th  
6p-10p Ruidoso Convention Center

Become part of the celebration!

Enter your favorite contests.

Display your trade. Sell your product.

## Join the Fun!

### Gumbo Cook-Off

New! Cash Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places and People's Choice award.

Plus, win the coveted "Spoon" trophy!

Judging by the "Mystery Judge". Deadline to enter is Feb. 18th

### Mask Competition

It wouldn't be mARTi Gras without masks!

Enter your creation for a chance to win a Cash Prize!

Entries will be sold in the Silent Auction to benefit the RRCA.

Deadline to enter is Feb. 27th

### Call for Exhibitors

FREE! 10' x 10' booth space!

"The Gallery" - A showcase of area Artists, Musicians, and Actors

The Exhibit Hall - Food and interesting products for sale.

Contact Susie Berend at 575-257-5555

by Feb. 20th for your free booth space.

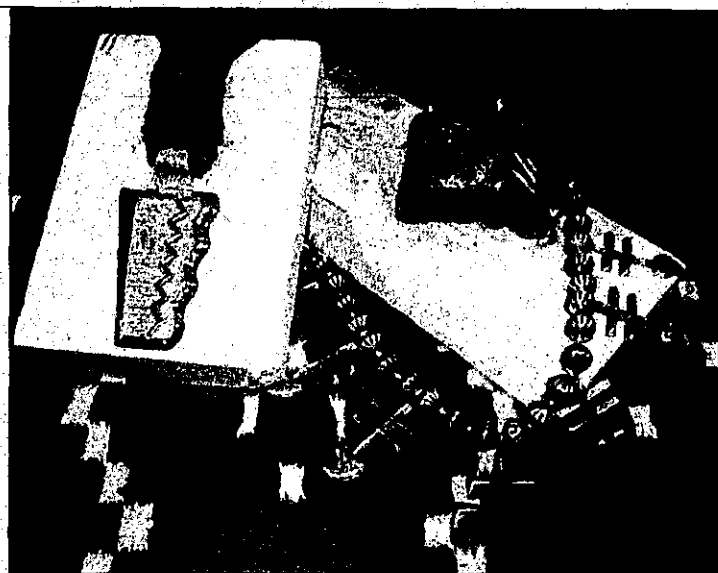
### Help Support the Arts

If you would like to volunteer your help, or make an artwork or door prize donation, please contact the RRCA office at 575-257-7272.

For more information, visit [www.ruidosoarts.org/martigras](http://www.ruidosoarts.org/martigras).

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# Artistic creations



*Aaron Anderson at work, at right, carving on a piece of tuffa stone, which is volcanic ash that has been compressed into stone over time (like sandstone).*

Aaron Anderson, a Navajo Jeweler, will be in Ruidoso on Valentine's Day, demonstrating his technique of pouring molten gold and silver, making one-of-a-kind jewelry in the old style of Tuffa Casting. Tanner Traditions, 624 Sudderth Dr., will host this event between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 14. For more information, phone 257-8675.



# Karaoke championship

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, the New Mexico Karaoke Championship Qualifier, presented by Karaoke Enchantment, will be held at Lucy's Cantina, downstairs in Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant, at the corner of Eagle and Sudderth Drives, starting at 6 p.m.

Karaoke New Mexico Inc., of Truth or Consequences, has teamed with Misunderstood Media Group, a Santa Fe-based production, marketing and advertising firm, to launch the first annual New Mexico Karaoke Championship 2009.

The event will be a fun-filled extravaganza full

of musical surprises in 28 communities (30 total contests) around New Mexico, starting Feb. 21.

The contest will culminate in a weekend extravaganza of exquisite singing as the championship semifinals and finals are held in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico on May 29-30.

Accompanying the contest is a feature-length documentary produced by Loveless Johnson III, of Misunderstood Media Group, titled *Karaoke Enchantment*.

The film examines the role that karaoke, and its healing and transformative power is playing in people's lives throughout the

state of New Mexico. The film will follow a diverse group of karaoke singers' stories, and share how vital a role their hobby plays in supporting healing, personal transformation and redemption, and family bonding in their everyday lives.

The team has launched an official event Web site,

[www.karaokeenchantment.com](http://www.karaokeenchantment.com), filled with detailed information on the event, contest locations and venues, the schedule and other interesting karaoke-related information.

The site will also feature a short preview trailer of the film.

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LET'S GO! - LINCOLN COUNTY

# Spencer continues spectacular season

BY KATHLEEN McDONALD  
FOR VAMONOS

Judd Hirsch, Andy Kaufman and Tony Danza in the hit 1970s TV sitcom "Taxi" - for which she received five Golden Globes in her role as the steady and nurturing Elaine

- are classics.

So are her edgy housewife/savvy attorney appearances as Eva in the '90s sitcom "Evening Shade," which co-starred Burt Reynolds, Charles

Durning and Hal Holbrook. The sexy red-headed comic actress has also stolen hearts in a number of hilarious films, such as *Noises Off* with Michael Caine,

A music and comedy-lover's darling, Marilu Henner's star turns with Danny Devito,

## TAXI STAR MARILU HENNER HERE FEB 21ST

NEW video now up on  
[www.spencertheater.com](http://www.spencertheater.com)

Premiere performance.

\$59 & \$56

She starred opposite John Travolta in the national tour of "Grease," and on Broadway as Roxy Hart in "Chicago," but this talented songstress (appearing with her trio) is best known as Elaine Nardo in the hit series "Taxi" and as Ava Evans Newton in "Evening Shade." Please join us in celebrating the many talents of Marilu Henner  
**Saturday, February 21, at 8.**



Christopher Reeves, Carol Burnett and John Ritter; *LA Story* with Steve Martin; and *Perfect* with John Travolta, among others.

The petite and fit performer has also dominated the spotlights on the Broadway stage, having actually started her career with lead roles in the original production of *Grease*, and in *Chicago* as well as *Over Here* and *Pal Joey*.

Blend together all that song and dance talent with natural comic timing and what do you get? A dynamic performer who is now conquering concert stages.

Marilu Henner takes the spotlights at the Spencer Theater at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21, with her trio of musicians, a repertoire of Broadway and pop standards, and a score of behind-the-scenes tales.

Coming straight to the Spencer stage from Los Angeles, where she's been appearing at various venues, this promises to be a fun-filled evening of music and laughter.

Excellent seats are available for \$59 and \$56; call the Spencer Theater Box Office at 575-336-4800, or visit [www.spencertheater.com](http://www.spencertheater.com)



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LET'S GO! - OTERO COUNTY

# Valentine's dance with Al Hurricane

Singers Al Hurricane and Al Hurricane, Jr., appear at the Tays Center Saturday, Feb. 14. The show and dance start at 7:30 p.m.

This will prove to be a very fun event on Valentine's Day. It is always nice to have a dance and a band that is easy to listen to at an event that brings warm feelings to all.

Al Hurricane was born on July 10, 1936, in Dixon, N.M. His birth name is Alberto Nelson Sanchez. Hurricane was a nickname given to him by his mother because he was like a little hurricane, always knocking things over at the dinner table and objects in his path.

Hurricane has had many nicknames and names for his band over the years. They have been billed as Al Banana and his Bunch, The Night Rockers, and, most recently, as The Al Hurricane Band.

Al himself as been billed as Albert Nelson, Bert Nelson, The Little King of Rock & Roll, and ultimately as El Godfather, La Leyenda de Nuevo Mexico - The Legend of

New Mexico. He has been making music and has had his band for more than 50 years.

Al has recorded 30 albums, starting with his first in 1967, *Mi Saxophone*, and his latest release in 2003, *Que Viva El Godfather*.

Hurricane has had several No. 1 hits in New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and throughout the Southwest. He also recorded under the group name "Bandido" on Discos Musart and EMI Capitol labels.

A few of the recordings with Bandido were also No. 1 Hits in Chicago and Los Angeles, as well as throughout the Southwest. Hurricane has played guitar for such legendary artists such as Fats Domino and Marvin Gaye. Hurricane's band has also backed up artists such as Chuck Berry, Jimmy Clanton and Chubby Checker.

Al Hurricane, Jr., was born to Alberto Nelson Sanchez (Al Hurricane) and Nettie M. Fleming on Oct. 30, 1959 in Albuquerque. His birth

name is Alberto Nelson Sanchez, Jr. Hurricane is a nickname inherited from his father.

Al, Jr., grew up in Albuquerque, throughout many parts of the city including Old Town, 19th and Marble, the West Side, Academy Acres and finally settling in the North East Heights. Eventually he joined the Al Hurricane Band. His decision to work with his dad was not a mistake. It was the beginning of a partnership that continues to this day.

During his career, Al, Jr. has acquired many nicknames such as El Joven, The Godson of New Mexico and Berb. He was only 14 years old when he

recorded his first song, "El Pintor," and has been performing with his dad's band for 30 years. He has recorded and released six solo albums, starting in 1976 with *El Joven* and the latest release in 2006, *Sin Duda, Mejor Que Nunca*. His song "Flor de las Flores" was voted the No. 1 song 10 years running on 89.1 KANW-FM.

All general admission for the Al Hurricane concert and dance is subject to some nice 50 percent discounts for students, seniors, military and groups of six or more.

Advance tickets are available from the Flickinger Center Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

They may be purchased in person or by telephone (with a Visa or MasterCard). Tickets will also be available at the

door the night of the performance.

The box office opens at 6:30 p.m.



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## Help & Healing

**I.E.A.L. (Help End Abuse for Life):** Domestic violence shelter and hotline: 1-866-378-6378.

**U-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.

**U-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 a.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 0th St., Alamogordo. Info: Kathie at 437-0603, Robin at 442-9419, or email [paintladies64@yahoo.com](mailto:paintladies64@yahoo.com).

**Course in Miracles Study Group:** Each Tuesday; 5:30 a.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

**Bereavement or Grief Support:** For the community. Call Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation. Info: 258-1028.

**Meditation Practice:** First Wednesday of each month; 6:30 a.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 if free-will offering appreciated.

**Ruidoso Mommies Group:** Want to meet other moms? Come join the Ruidoso Mommies group at 5:45 p.m., Tuesdays, at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. (no religious affiliation); Come alone or bring the kiddos. Info: Natasha at 640-7076, or Alice at 258-3331.

**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 a.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.

**Mountain Top Turners:** Woodturning club, 10 a.m. every third Saturday at the woodshop of Steve and Madeleine Sabo. Info: 354-0201.

**Otero County Association of Educational Retirees:** Meets at 11:30 a.m. every third Tuesday. All Lincoln and Otero County educational retirees welcome. For info: Linda, 336-1225, or Lucy, 437-8874.

**Party Bridge Group:** 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 336-4808.

**Photographic Society of Lincoln County:** 7 p.m. every second Thursday in the conference room at the Region IX office at 1400 Sudderth Dr.; 258-4003.

**Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club:** Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

**Ruidoso 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: 258-4334.

**Ruidoso Ridge Runners 4-Wheel Drive Club:** Meets first Wednesday 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:** 11 a.m. every third Saturday, 101 Spring St. at Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs; 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](mailto: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

**Altrusa Club:** 5:30 p.m. every first Tuesday for program; Noon every third Tuesday for lunch; Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail; Organization info: Jill, 336-1339.

**Boy Scouts of America, Troop 52:** 6:20 p.m. every other Wednesday; Angus Church of the Nazarene. Info: 808-1172.

**Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59:** 6 p.m. every Monday, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Info: Mark, 378-5623.

**B.P.O. Elks No. 2086:** 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70; Info: 257-2607.

**B.P.O. Does:** Noon, second and fourth Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70.

**Capitan Smokey Bear Lions Club:** 5:30 p.m. every Thursday at Smokey Bear Restaurant. Info: Lion Bob 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:whitemountainsar@gmail.com), visit [www.whitemountainsar.org](http://www.whitemountainsar.org) or phone 866-596-8382.

## Political

**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:** Regular meetings. Phone Dolores at 653-4379.

**Republican Party of Lincoln County:** Monthly meetings on Mondays at Cree Meadows Country Club; 1-800-653-6460.



# Art Galleries & Studios

## Lincoln County

**Art and Artifact** • 107 S. Lincoln • Capitan • 354-2316.

**Audrey Paton's Antiques & Interiors at Gallery** • 401 • 401 Twelfth St. • Carrizozo • 648-2762.

**Earthly Greens & Ran La Roca Glass** • Lincoln, NM • Open 10-6 daily • 800-386-7258 • Fine art fused glass "paintings."

**Fruit of the Trees Gallery** • Highway 380 in Lincoln • 653-4699.

**Gallery 408** • 408 12th Street • Carrizozo • 675-648-2598 • Fine art; annual Burro Serenade; Backroom Gift Gallery; 2nd Floor Studios; Artist Residency and Classes; visit [www.gallery408.com](http://www.gallery408.com).

**Georgia Stacy, Artist** • Studio located on Nogal Canyon Road, in Nogal • 354-4206 • Wood sculpture, doors, and home interior furnishings.

**Grizzly's Bears** • 2804 Sudderth • 257-3542 • Bears carved from tree trunks by chainsaw and other power tools.

**Hondo Iris Farm and Gallery** • Highway 70, MM 284 in Old Hondo • Tuesday - Sunday, 10-5 • 653-4723.

**Hondo Iris Farm Annex** • Highway 70, MM 286 • Tuesday - Sunday, 8-5. Free Jewelry Factory tours. 653-4062.

**Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery** • Off Highway 70 at mile marker 281 • San Patricio • Home of five artists spanning three generations. Featuring works by N.C. Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth, Henriette Wyeth Hurd, Peter Hurd and Michael Hurd. • 800-658-6912, or 653-4331.

**James Mack Studio** • 1002 B Ave. • Carrizozo • 648-5203.

**J. Kiker Gallery** • Highway 70 MM 284 in Old Hondo • Featuring John Kiker's oil landscapes of New Mexico, the Hondo Valley and beyond. • Open by appointment only. Phone 653-4510, or contact [jkikergallery@yahoo.com](mailto:jkikergallery@yahoo.com).

**Moondance Gallery** • Central White Oaks • 648-2319 • Hand-crafted furniture, jewelry, traditional tinwork, Southwest artifacts.

**Oso Art** • 100 Lincoln Ave., Capitan • 354-327 • Art at its best from more than 100 Lincoln County artists • Eclectic blend of wall art, sculpture, jewelry, wood furniture and more • Tuesday-Saturday 10-6; Sunday 10-5.

**Unique Creations** • 354-1041 • Custom furniture, etched and stained glass • By appointment only.

**White Oaks Pottery** • 4 mi. NE of White Oak Township • Ivy Heymann • 648-2985 • Open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed on Thursday.

**ZW's Gallery** • Highway 37 W, MM 4.7 (the road to Nogal) • 354-4263.

## Ruidoso Area

**The Adobe** • 2905 Sudderth • 257-5795 • [www.theadobefineart.com](http://www.theadobefineart.com) • Fine art, jewelry, decoratives.

**Alice Royer Jewelry Studio** • Highway 37 W (4.75 marker at Loma Grande subdivision) • 937-4263 • one-of-a-kind contemporary silver and rare stone jewelry, individually handcrafted and designed • workshops available • by appointment only.

**Ann Buell's Fine Art** • 2825 Sudderth • 257-9102 • [www.annbuellfineart.com](http://www.annbuellfineart.com) • Original fine art paintings and sculpture. Artists include Martha Kellar, Charles N. Pruitt, Ann Templeton and many more.

**The Art Gallery** • 1712 Sudderth • 257-7272 • Featuring original works by regional independent artists. Home of the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts office.

**Backdoor - the knight-mark collection** • 2808 Sudderth Dr. • Hand-picked furnishings, Italian tiles, artwork and more luxuries for the home • 257-2270

**California Colors Art Gallery** • 201 Country Club Dr. • 257-1964.

**The Camel House** • 1690 Highway 70 East • Ruidoso Downs • 378-7065 • Prints, framing.

**DJ's Jewelry** • 618 Carrizo Canyon • 630-1514 • Hand-crafted silver and semi-precious stones, Southwest style.

**Earth & Stone** • 2117 Sudderth • 257-2768 • Pottery by Alan Miner. Thrown vessels, tableware, vessel sinks, platters, sculpted pieces. Watch the artist at work.

**Galleria West** • 2538 Sudderth • 257-4560 • Fine art, gifts, artisan jewelry, knives, fetishes.

**GD Garrett Fine Art** • 2306 Sudderth • 257-7695 • Studio and gallery of wildlife painter Gary Garrett.

**J. Mauritsen Studio** • 624 Carrizo Canyon Rd. • 257-6348 • Wood carver transforms tree trunks into fine art, furniture.

**Josie's Framery** • 2917 Sudderth • 257-4156 • High quality, affordable & custom framing and local art.

**Kindred Spirit** • 2306 Sudderth • 257-3846.

**Leroy Anderson Studio** • 1125 Highway 37 (downtown Nogal) • 354-4242 • Handcrafted silver jewelry, beadwork, rattles and copper sculpture.

**Many Moons Jewelry** • 2501 Sudderth • 630-9201 • Hand-crafted silver.

**McGarry's Studio / Expressions in Bronze** • 2002 Sudderth • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday • 257-1000 • Gallery and finishing studio for world-renowned bronze artist famous for Native-American figures.

**Mountain Arts Gallery** • 2530 Sudderth • 257-9748 • Southwest art, prints & originals, pottery, custom framing. Resident artist: Teri Soddl.

**Picture This Gallery** • 2621 Sudderth • 630-0003 • Prints and framing.

**Pinon 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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**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](http://www.michaelcopeland.com) • [www.sketchbooktours.com](http://www.sketchbooktours.com).

**Creative Designs** • 917 New York Ave., Alamogordo • Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. • 434-4420 • Ongoing selection of carefully chosen works in all media by local artists.

**David H. Townsend Library Gallery** • New Mexico State University-Alamogordo campus, 2400 Scenic Dr. • 439-3650 • Sunday - Friday • Monthly exhibit.

**Eagle Ranch Art Gallery** • 7288 U.S. Highway 54/70, between Alamogordo and Tularosa • 434-0035 • 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily • Monthly exhibits by a variety of local and regional artists. Marianne and George Schweers, proprietors.

**W. Kohler Lamp and Shade Company Gallery** • 173 US Hwy 82, Alamogordo • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday • 437-8441 • Distinctive mesquite lamps and copper lampshades made on location. Studio tours available.

## Tularosa

**Adobe Daubers Arts & Crafts Gallery** • 275-B Central Ave. • 585-2084.

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## ASTRONOMY

# Mysteries of the Zoo

Ever since the pioneering work by American astronomer Edwin Hubble during the early decades of the 20th century, we've known that our galaxy – which we've affectionately dubbed the “Milky Way” – is only one out of numerous other galaxies in the universe.

In every direction we look into space, we see galaxies upon galaxies, and as a result of detailed surveys and images we know that the number of galaxies in the known universe must be somewhere in the neighborhood of a hundred billion.

The galaxies within our universe come in a variety of shapes and sizes. Some, like the Milky Way, are spiral-shaped, with several spiral “arms” wrapped around a central nucleus. Others are more oval, without any spiral arms, with some of these being almost spherical in shape. And then there are others that don't seem to have much of any structure at

## In Our Skies

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Astronomer



all, but instead are just haphazardly shaped collections of gas, dust and stars. Within all these various broad types of galaxies are various sub-groupings and sub-types, and over the years astronomers have devised a fairly elaborate classification scheme for them. Even then there are some galaxies that just

don't seem to fit anywhere within the scheme.

The most comprehensive survey of the universe going on right now is the Sloan Digital Sky Survey that is being conducted from Apache Point Observatory near Sunspot, N.M. The Sloan Survey is, among other things, an effort to map the universe in several different “colors,” or wavelengths of light; by analysis of how distant galaxies appear in these different colors, it is possible to construct a three-dimensional picture of the surrounding universe.

In the course of this process literally millions of galaxies are being surveyed and analyzed. One of the necessary elements of this is the classification

of all these galaxies, and as one might imagine this is a time- and labor-intensive undertaking. Although in theory computer software can be written to perform these classifications, because there are so many variations in the forms that galaxies present it is actually more accurate if these are performed by human beings.

Thus was born the Galaxy Zoo. This is a program that facilitates contributions from armchair astronomers all over the world (currently numbering over 150,000), who examine galaxy images taken in the course of the Sloan Survey and who then classify them. Since each galaxy is classified by several Galaxy Zoo participants and thus (hopefully) produces a consensus, this human-run program can, and has, resulted in the classification of well over a million galaxies.

One of these Galaxy Zoo participants, a young Dutch schoolteacher named Hanny van Arkel, has recently found an object in the Sloan Survey images that has defied all attempts at classification. It appears as a green, misshapen mass near a seemingly normal spiral galaxy known as IC 2497 that's located in the constellation Leo Minor (the little lion).

This object has since become known as “Hanny's Voorwerp” (“voorwerp” being Dutch for “object”).

What exactly is Hanny's Voorwerp? Numerous scientific observations have been conducted over the past several months, and it appears to be located at the same distance from us as IC 2497. It contains a significant amount of highly ionized (i.e., electrically charged) gas, although at this time it is unclear how many stars are contained within it. The spectrum of Hanny's Voorwerp suggests that it should contain a quasar (an extremely bright and energetic nucleus of an active galaxy) – but there is no such object anywhere around.

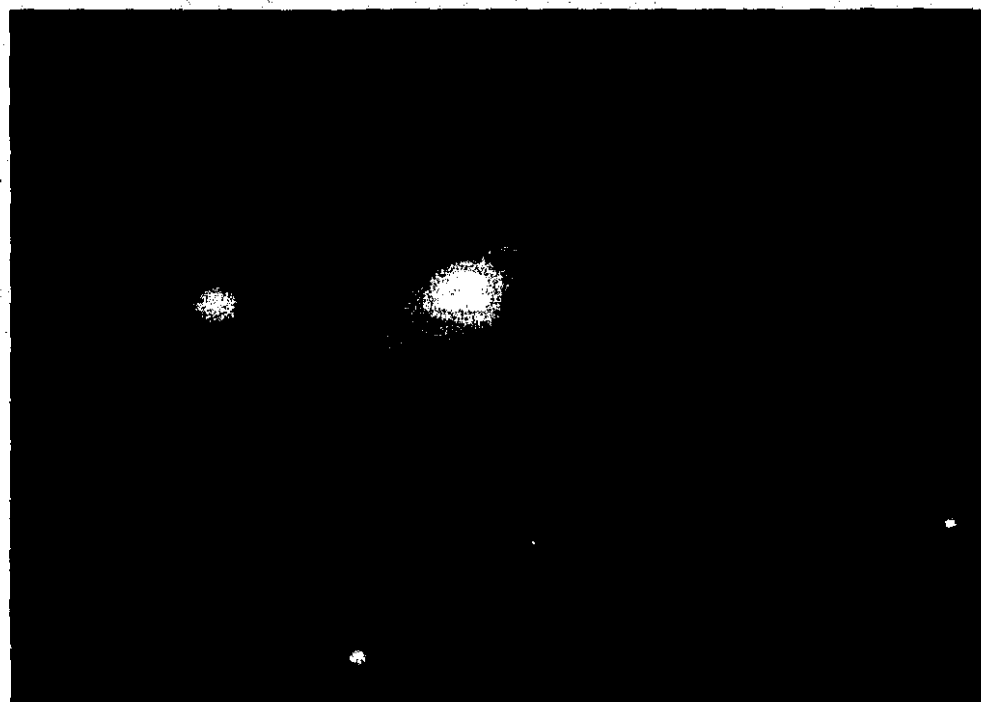
Although the consensus

among astronomers is far from complete, it appears that we may be seeing a light echo. IC 2497 may have contained a quasar that, for some as-yet-unexplained reason, shut down within the fairly recent past (“recent” in this context being a few hundred thousand years). While the quasar itself is no more, the light from it is still being reflected to us by the gas in Hanny's Voorwerp, which itself may be the remains of a small galaxy that was ripped apart by tidal forces from IC 2497 sometime in the distant past.

There are plans to observe Hanny's Voorwerp with the Hubble Space Telescope within the fairly near future, and perhaps sometime after that we'll have a better handle on

just what this object really is. In the meantime, it and IC 2497 are visible high overhead during the evening hours, somewhat to the north of the “head” of Leo, the lion; IC 2497 should be detectable with larger backyard telescopes, but the “Voorwerp” itself is much dimmer. Whatever it is, Hanny van Arkel's object goes to show that we still have much left to learn about this universe of ours.

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*Alan Hale is a professional astronomer who resides in Cloudcroft. He is presently raising funds for the Earthrise Project, an educational and humanitarian program described at <http://www.earthriseinstitute.org>*



The galaxy IC 2497 (above) and Hanny's Voorwerp (below). Image courtesy of the Galaxy Zoo project and the Isaac Newton Group of Telescopes, Canary Islands.



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# Art Galleries & Studios

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## 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

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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

## Call for actors

Adults and young performers are needed for the upcoming NMSU-A Theatre on the Hill's production of the new family play, *The Big Dog's Club*.

Auditions will be held on Saturday, Feb. 21, at 1 p.m. and on Sunday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m., at the Rohovec Fine Arts Center on the NMSU-A Campus (2400 North Scenic Dr. in Alamogordo). Actors only need to attend one of the audition sessions. Young performers need to be 8 years old to audition.

*The Big Dog's Club*, a new script by Connie Breeding, NMSU-A associate professor of theatre, will be produced on April 17, 18, 24, 25 & 26 as the tenth production in the college's Theatre for Young Audiences series.

The play centers on neighborhood dogs Bowser, Rambo, Bear and Skipper, all members of The Big Dog's Club, as they attempt to keep their canine club an exclusive organization. But, when they inadvertently admit Scrappy, a cat, into the group, mayhem ensues.

*The Big Dog's Club* features a large cast of both male and female characters of varying ages. Previous theatre experience is not required, and you do not need to be an NMSU-A student in order to audition. For more information, call Diana at 575-439-3670.

## Call for mARTi gras musicians and performers

RRCA's annual community celebration, mARTi gras, will be held Feb. 28, and celebrates local art, Creole cuisine, auctions, mask contests and activities for the whole family, along with live music.

This year, there is an emphasis on local musicians, bands and songwriters. We will also be providing a 10' x 10' booth, free of charge, for local artists to sell their CDs and hand out promo kits and cards. Contact Rich Chorné at 443-271-0182, 336-2837 or email: rchorne@erols.com.

## Call for artists

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse is seeking artwork for the 2009 Pony

Express Poster Competition. A \$250 prize is being offered. Artwork should be no larger than 30" x 40" and subject matter should represent a Western theme for the historic Pony Express Trail Ride. Deadline is March 31; contact Patti Gray for more information at 937-2304.

## Call for plays and directors

Lincoln County Community Theatre is calling for directors and play submissions for both the 2009 and 2010 seasons. Directors are asked to submit for consideration up to three plays or musicals you would like to direct. Please submit the name of the play, the author, the publisher, a brief synopsis with cast and set requirements, and a copy of the script along with your contact information. Please also include something about yourself and your experience in directing. The Play Reading Committee will then submit their recommendations to the Board and the directors will be notified as soon as possible. If you are inter-

ested in directing, but do not have a specific play in mind, please let the committee know as well.

The approximate performance dates are March or April for the spring show, July or August for the summer dinner theatre melodrama show, and November or December for the holiday show. Please send your submissions to LCCT, Attn: Judy Leatherwood, P. O. Box 2005, Ruidoso, NM 88355. If you have any questions, email jcleatherwood@msn.com or info@lcctonline.com, or call Judy @575-546-1981.

Lincoln County Community Theatre is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and has been producing three shows a year since 2004, with most of them held at the Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center. Their first show in 2004 was *Music Man* and some other shows have been *Steel Magnolias*, *The Snow Queen*, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and *Godspell*. The purpose of Lincoln County Community Theatre is to produce community based theatre and to provide learning experiences through involvement of

youth and adults in all aspects of theatre for Lincoln County and the surrounding area.

## Art in Public Places

Art in Public Places is seeking new artists' works. Artists who wish to participate in Art in Public Places at Billy the Kid Byway Visitors Center should contact Bear Tiews by email at bears101@windstream.net.

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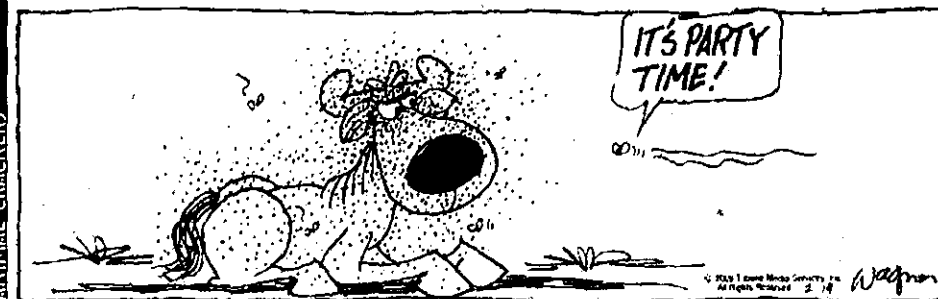
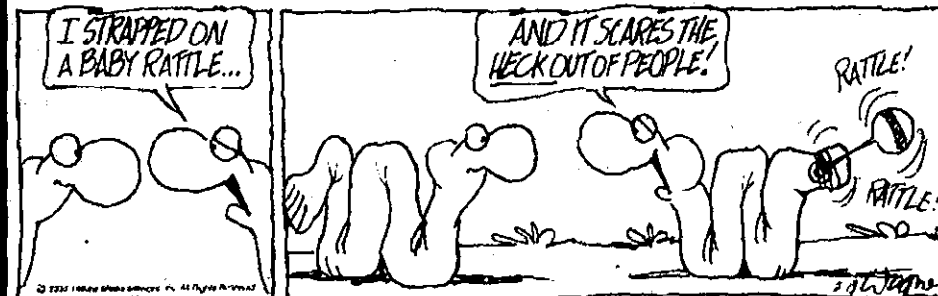
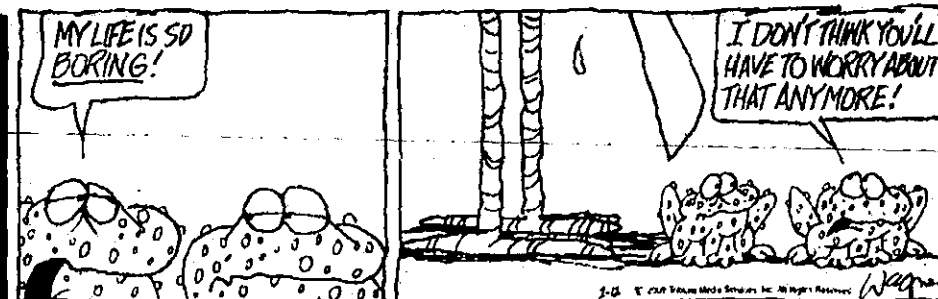
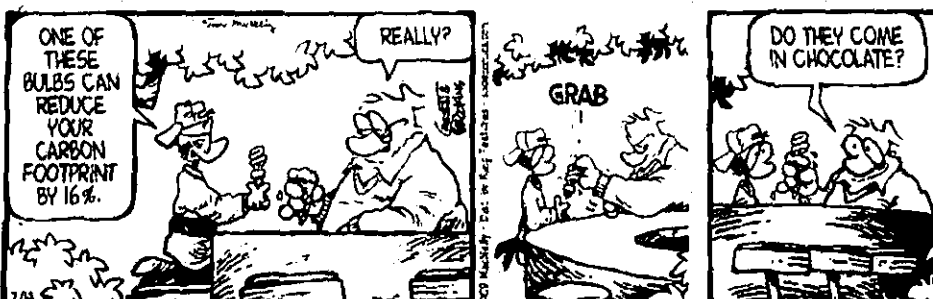
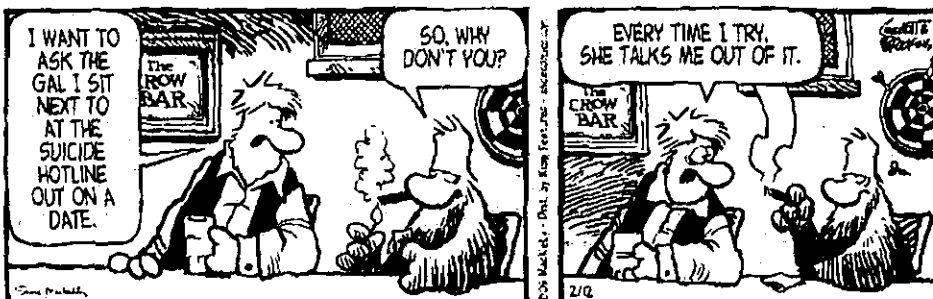
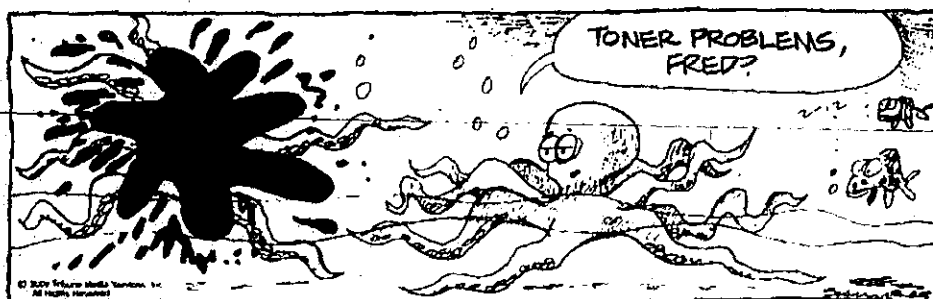
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RACK 2

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Double Word Score

RACK 3

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## Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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By NORA  
PEARLSTONE

## ACROSS

- 1 Soft, wet area  
8 Britney's ex  
12 Film in which Peter Benchley played a reporter  
16 Driller's gp.?  
19 Hard direction to paddle  
20 Roger Maris wore it  
21 Bounce in a cave  
22 John in Scotland  
23 Monetary policy goal  
26 "King Kong" studio  
27 Nova  
28 Sharon of "Boston Public"  
29 Old Ford models  
30 007's alma mater  
31 Bounded  
32 It may be due  
34 Prefix with -pus  
35 Pointed at from behind one-way glass  
36 Amy, to Jo  
37 Student selection criterion  
41 Marked simply  
42 Gets to use  
44 Close call  
45 Casual wear  
46 Corn site  
47 Computers and such  
55 Gladstone rival in 19th-century England  
56 Breathed's comics penguin  
57 Factor in the current fin. crisis  
60 Short message  
61 Point  
62 U.S./Canada's Canals  
63 Pans possessive  
66 "... Interrupted"  
67 Lend  
69 This coming  
70 Switch  
72 Hurricane warning response  
77 In danger of falling off  
78 Ray who sang with the Glenn Miller Orchestra

- 79 Volcanic island near Java  
83 Instigators  
86 Mil. authority  
89 Morning commute  
91 Dreyer's partner in ice cream  
92 Spicy cuisine  
93 Ear bone  
94 Small creatures  
96 Cha follower?  
97 Bridge coup  
98 Waikiki's island  
101 Kay of "Breezy"  
102 Where the Bauhaus school began  
103 Slight amount  
104 It's not theoretical  
107 Saison in the sun  
108 Look like Tom?  
109 Mystical character  
110 British academic tests

- 111 Hi\_\_ monitor  
112 Rock group whose name is a partial rebus  
113 "Elita \_\_": old comic strip  
114 Cabin lights are usually turned off during them

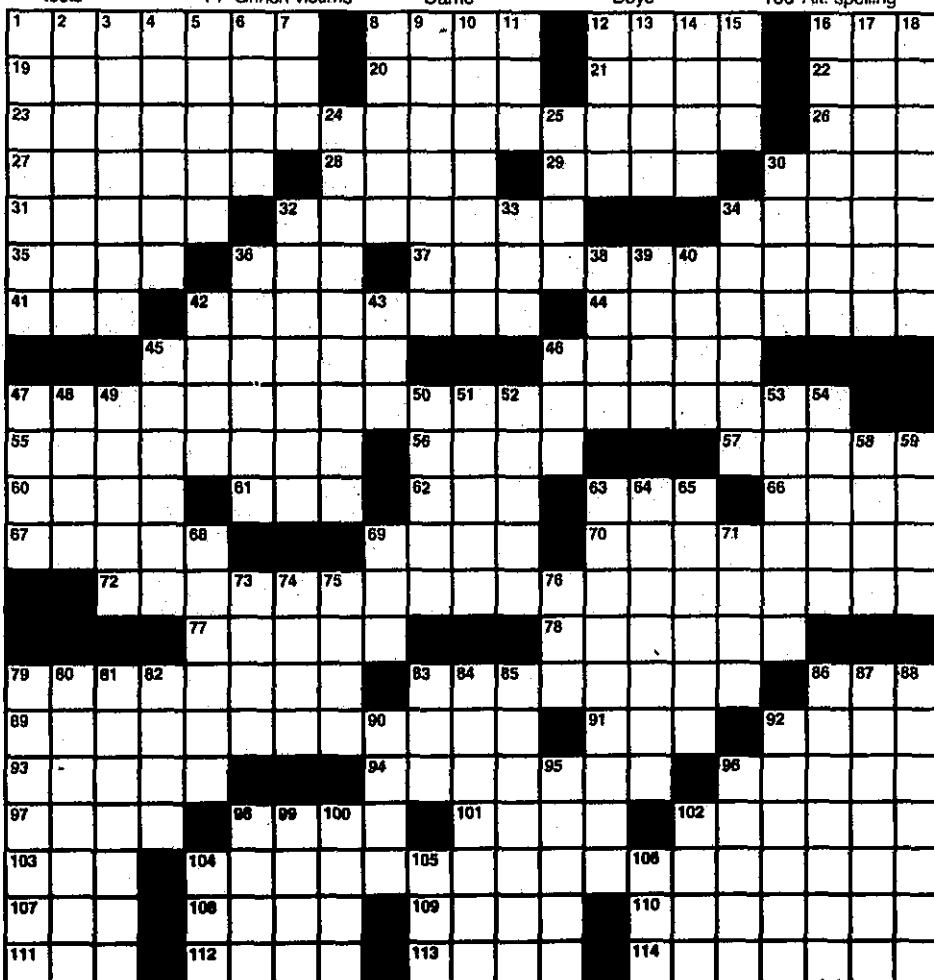
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- 1 Kellogg's whole grain cereal  
2 Scanned bars  
3 Hung down  
4 Didn't exactly say  
5 Roundish  
6 Tony of '60s golf  
7 Pa. airport north of PIT  
8 End of a lap?  
9 Obsesses  
10 Board  
11 Deal-busting org.  
12 Witticism  
13 Etcher's need  
14 Grinch victims

- 15 You might give him the business  
16 Carrier making short hops  
17 1889 statehood achievers, with "the"  
18 False names connected  
24 Tightly  
25 Nat or 'Stro  
30 Preteens' sch.  
32 Flute relative  
33 Fast sports cars  
34 Cheered (up)  
36 Cowed  
38 Hostile to  
39 Biweekly tide  
40 Sailor's nightmare  
42 Edmonton's prov.  
43 FICA stipend  
45 Horror movie staple  
46 Prefix with pend  
47 Flamboyant Dame

- 48 Player on a team that lost all 16 of its 2008 NFL games  
49 Perfumer  
50 Trig function  
51 Strong adhesive  
52 Citation  
53 Rule out  
54 Pop singer  
58 Sum precader?  
59 Narrow lowland  
63 Refreshingly named vodka cocktail  
64 Goes over  
65 Hasten  
68 Passes along  
69 Jackson-to-Tupelo dir.  
71 Songwriter  
72 David and actor  
73 Classroom drilling  
74 Tasty  
75 Morales of "Bad Boys"

- 76 Bible transl., e.g.  
79 Duff  
80 Fell behind schedule  
81 Teen hangouts  
82 "Project Runway" host  
83 Heidi  
84 Pose  
85 Two-piece shooter, often  
86 Draft creator  
87 Handcuff  
88 Go off on a tangent  
90 Bull: Pref.  
92 Rip off  
95 Firth of Clyde, for one  
96 Turned over  
98 Eclipse, in olden days  
99 High point  
100 Shimmy shakers  
102 Tricky maneuver  
104 Center opening?  
105 Bug  
106 Alt. spelling



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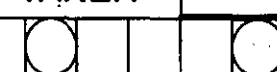
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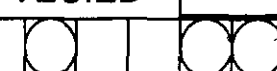


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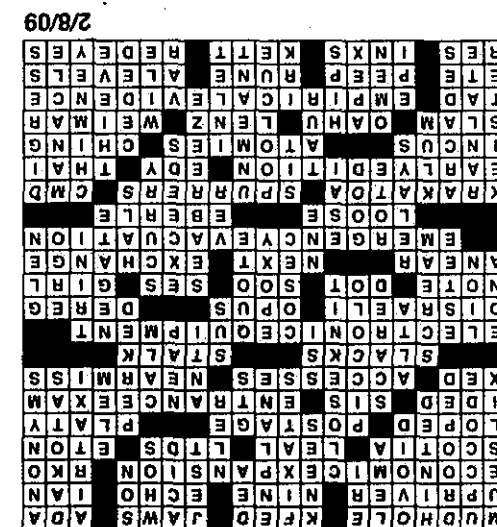


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## ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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Answer: What the flies passed on the movie set —  
THE SCREEN TEST

# COMMUNITY LISTINGS: OTERO COUNTY

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## 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.

**Jacy 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, 437-3616 or Allen, 434-2349.

**Altusa International:** 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. at Vargo'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 McEldeery at 437-6616.

**Kiwanis Club of Alamogordo:** Meets on first and third Thursdays at 8 a.m. at Maximino's Restaurant, 2300 N. White Sands Blvd.; 434-0923.

**Order of the Eastern Star:** Tularosa Basin Chapter No. 72 meets at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday at 409 Higuera St., Tularosa. 434-1456.

## Veterans / Military Groups

**Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1257:** Open meeting/luncheon at 11:30 a.m. every second Friday at Base Enlisted Club. Visits to area veterans in local care centers every third Saturday, starting at the Betty Dare Center on North Florida Ave. promptly at 10 a.m. Gil Isley, 434-5552.

**American Legion Riders Association, Chapter 8:** Meets every first Wednesday at American Legion Post 108, 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; Ed Summerall, 430-4322.

**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 [paintladies64@yahoo.com](mailto:paintladies64@yahoo.com).

**Child Health Care:** No or low cost for children under 19. Apply at the Otero County Public Health Office. 437-9340, 437-9899, or 437-9093.

**Divorced & Widowed Adjustment Group:** Meets at 6:30 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Alamogordo Church, 2826 Indian Wells Rd. Non-sectarian self-help group dedicated to assisting men and women of all ages through the loss of a partner through divorce, separation or death. Info: Ben, 682-3621.

**Father Hay Thrift Store:** Donations accepted, 1640 N. White Sands Blvd. Proceeds benefit Father Hay Catholic School. 434-5450.

**HIBAC:** Counselors are available in the Nutrition Office at the Alamo Senior Center, 9 a.m.-noon, Monday & Wednesday to assist with supplemental insurance for Medicare.

**Habitat for Humanity Store:** Open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Wed & Sat; new and used discounted home improvement materials. Donations welcome; 1109 10th St., Alamogordo; 437-0160.

**Humane Society of Otero County:** Meets at 6:30 p.m. every first Thursday at Margo's Mexican Restaurant. 437-0157.

**Low Income Housing:** Applications are accepted 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Alamogordo Housing Authority, located at 104 Amigo Ave. Laura, 437-5621 ext. 11.

**New Life Group of Narcotics Anonymous:** Meets Sun. 6 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 8 p.m. First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St.

**Salvation Army Social Services:** Open 10 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon Friday; 443-0845.

**Salvation Army Thrift Store:** Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.,

Monday-Friday, and from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. 443-0845.

**Search and Rescue:** Meets every second and fourth Thursday at the National Guard Armory, 1600 S. Florida Ave. Leroy Lewis, 430-2987 or Dan Josetosky, 437-4813.

**St. John's Community Kitchen:** Free meals 5-6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 437-3891.

**ZTrans:** Public transportation for \$1. Serves Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, La Luz, Alamogordo, Tularosa and Mesquero. 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](mailto:HarveyHilbert@yahoo.com).

**Republican Party of Otero County:** Fourth Thursday meeting each month. Info: Sassy Tinning, 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](http://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 Delilah at 442-8750.

## Other Ongoing Activities

**Bingo:** 7 p.m. Sat., 12:30 and 3 p.m. Sun., 1 and 7 p.m. Mon. at the Eagles Lodge, 471 24th St. Ages 8 and up welcome with adult. \$750 jackpot. 437-1302.

**Bingo:** 7 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and Sun., 2 p.m. Saturday at the VFW, 700 U.S. 70 West. Ages 16 and over welcome with an adult. 437-0770.

**Coffee Club:** 7:30 - 9 a.m. every third Wednesday at Edward Jones Investments, 1106 E. 10th St. Topics include current events, identity theft and Social Security. Breakfast rolls and juices provided. 443-1900.

**Joyful Noyse Recorder Consort:** Every other Sunday in Alamogordo; various locations. Seeking soprano, alto, tenor & bass recorder players; Info: 937-2006.

**Meditation Group:** Every Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon at 1010 16th St., Alamogordo. Music-guided meditation. 443-1075.

**Seniors Ping Pong:** 8 - 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico Ave. Monty, 437-1601.

**Yoga for Seniors:** 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday at First Presbyterian Church, 14th Street and Oregon Avenue. 437-0559.



## LET'S GO! - OTERO COUNTY

# Love Letters at The Lodge

Alamogordo Music Theatre, now in its 51st season, may well be the oldest musical theatre company in the Southwest.

Over the years, AMT has acquired a reputation for producing musical entertainment that goes far beyond what most people would expect to find in a community our size. Since its founding in 1958, AMT has provided us with more than 100 full-scale musical productions.

Now AMT, in partnership with The Lodge in Cloudcroft, is proud to bring back a longtime favorite - *Love Letters*.

*Love Letters* is a truly unique and imaginative theater piece. The setting puts an actor and actress at a table reading directly from their scripts. In this simple format, the play tells the story of Andrew Makepeace Ladd and Melissa Gardner, whose friendship and ill-fated romance take them from second grade through

young adulthood and into middle age. As they read aloud the letters they have exchanged over a lifetime, the play creates an evocative, touching, frequently funny, but always telling pair of character studies in which what is implied is as revealing and meaningful as what is actually written down.

The characters let us all in on the ups and downs of their relationship, and the triumphs and failures of their lives. Though never married to each other, they counted on each other through those times, as good friends often do.

*Love Letters* will make you laugh and cry. You will see yourselves sometimes in these two people, some of our good traits, and some of our not so nice characteristics. However, the love of these two people for each other will remind us all of how precious relationships and life really are. The show features Paula (Jackson) Storms and Steve Trout with the following

weekend schedule:

**Friday, Feb. 13** - The Trestle at The Lodge - \$67 per person includes taxes and gratuities

Menu Includes: Appetizer - Roasted red pepper with goat cheese and fresh basil served with creamy roasted garlic sauce. Choice of soup or salad

Entrees - Choice of filet mignon with sauce dijonnaise, Almond-crusted boneless chicken breast, Ruby red trout served with rock shrimp and butter sauce

Served with chef's choice of starch or vegetable

Dessert - Fresh berries and white cake with berry sauce and whipped cream

**Sunday, Feb. 15** - The Trestle at The Lodge - \$38 per person for Brunch & Performance

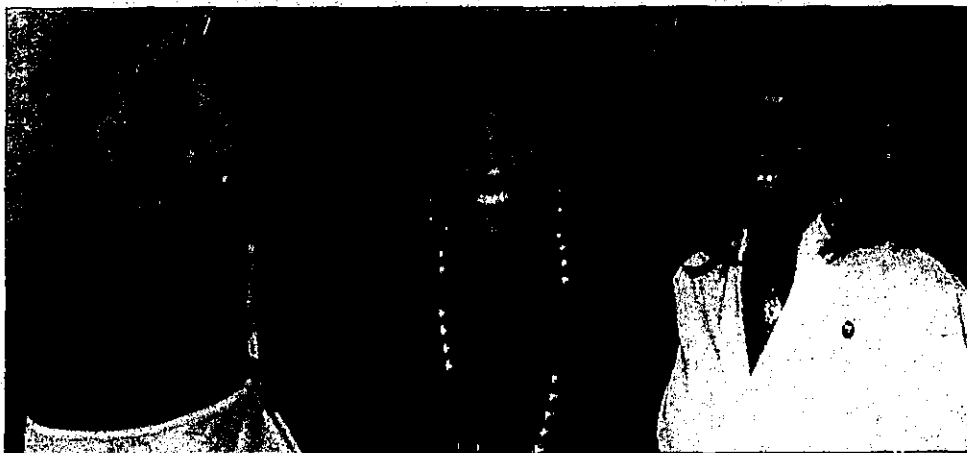
\$12.50 per person - Performance only  
11:30 a.m., noon or 12:30 p.m.

Brunch reservations  
2 p.m. Performance



For reservations phone, 575-682-2566.

# Library celebrates 109th



Emelinda Noriega Moyers, president of the Alamogordo's Woman's Club and Marie Vallejos, vice president, visit with Debbie Hayba, Alamogordo Public Library director (center), at a reception for Hayba at the Alamogordo Public Library in January hosted by Friends of the Alamogordo

Public Library. A Woman's Club organized the first Public Library in Alamogordo, which opened its doors to the public on March 1, 1900. Each year a "Birthday Party" is held to commemorate this event and The Friends of the Library invite the public to the 109th Birthday Party on Sunday, March 1, from

2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the Alamogordo Public Library. More than 200 people celebrated last year and the Rhodes Room was so crowded that this year the Birthday Cake and punch will be served in the Rhodes Room and the "Special Events" will be in the Multipurpose Room.

Our many and talented local published authors are

invited to attend to be publicly honored and recognized. For more information, contact Nola Jones, Friends of the Library Party Chairman, 437-4193. They would appreciate help in locating and inviting our local published authors of prose, poetry, plays or music.

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## ADVENTURE

# Valentine's romance in the moonlight – in Borneo

**B**orneo is for lovers – lovers of warm waters, gentle currents, moonlit nights, and friendly locals – both underwater and above.

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## FOLLOW ME TO MALAYSIAN BORNEO!

It was love at first sight when I slipped into the warm aquamarine waters of Barracuda Point off Sipadan Island, a protected area in the Malaysian state of Sabah on the island of Borneo. A green turtle the size of card table lipped slowly toward me.

In the Caribbean or Mexico, turtles keddiddle as soon as a swimmer or diver moves or points at them. Not Sipadan turtles. Instead of retreating, this fellow swam even closer.

He (his large tail verified gender) glided around me, his shiny marble-like eyes never leaving my face.

That's when I fell in love.

As dive buddies joined us one by one,



the turtle checked them out. Neither bubbles nor fins frightened him. While cameras and videos flashed and whirled, he cruised our group. His departure was a slow, almost bored, exit.

When five more turtles swam toward me, followed by two white tip sharks,

## Follow Me!



by Yvonne Lanelli  
Adventure Writer &  
Photographer

flamboyant cuttlefish, ornate ghost pipefish, mating mandarin fish, blue-ringed octopus and frogfish in all colors and sizes, I knew Malaysian Borneo was special.

This romance may last.

## SWEETHEARTS LOVE TO BE PAMPERED

When owner Clement Lee planned his Borneo Divers Mabul Resort (BDMR), he knew how to pamper swimmers, divers and sweethearts.

Fourteen reddish-brown hardwood duplex air conditioned chalets face a white coral sand beach. Each chalet displays bright yellow shutters

and doors, a blue clay tile roof, a wide veranda and rails to dry wet swimsuits.

My beach-front chalet sat a few steps from both beach and swimming pool complete with bar. A few steps more led to the scuba dive center.

I went barefoot everywhere – outdoors on the putting green-like lawn surrounding the chalets and indoors on the polished red-brown hardwood floor in the alfresco reception-bar-dining-conference area.

Although tempted to forget civilization, I connected with the world via BDMR's complimentary wireless using my laptop and adaptor for Asian electrical outlets. Laptop-less guests used one of BDMR's complimentary ones.

Staying at BDMR means never having to think about where your next meal or snack is coming from. Packages include three buffet meals per day plus tea and snacks. No need to memorize mealtimes either. Aromas of garlic and ginger wafting on ocean breezes led me to the dining room long before the dinner gong sounded.

## MOONLIGHT ROMANCE

One moonlit evening, we swayed in our sarongs at a moonlight poolside BBQ



*At Borneo Divers Mabul Resort, swim trunks are the dress code for dinner, with footwear optional on the putting green-like lawn. Photo by Yvonne Lanelli*  
*Your Valentine will love the luxurious beachside chalets, swimming pool with bar and other romantic amenities at Borneo Divers Mabul Resort on Mabul Island off the Malaysian coast of Borneo. Photos by Yvonne Lanelli.*

buffet with live musical entertainment. The same guys who guided us on snorkels and dives in the daytime became entertainers at night, involving the international crowd – Germans, French, Malay locals, Swedes, Taiwanese, Hong Kongese, Dutch, many, many Aussies and a couple of Americans – in a multi-lingual sing-along.

Eljay, the lead instructor, sang and played his guitar augmented by the "rhythm section," plastic buckets and garbage cans, cymbals and a large plastic bottle. (Don't knock it; they sounded good!)

Surf rolled gently onto the beach. Eljay's nimble fingers caressed his guitar. I sneaked a peek at my fellow partygoers. A middle-aged Aussie couple held hands, celebrating their 25th anniversary, they shyly admitted. A younger couple smiled in the moonlight, enjoying a few days away from the responsibilities of career and young

family. A German gentleman brought his attractive Italian companion a fresh drink.

Yes, Mabul's moonlight had worked its magic. Take your Valentine to Borneo and discover romance all over again!

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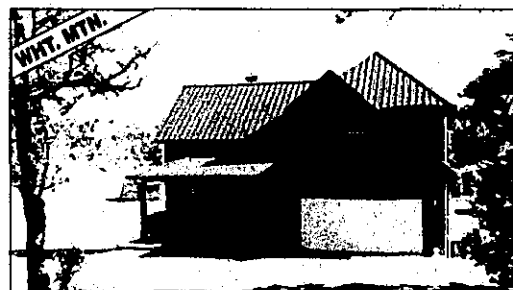
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### ONE OWNER CUSTOM-DESIGNED MOUNTAIN HOME!

Big, Big, Big Sierra Blanca views are yours from this prestigious 4 br. home with wood accents throughout. Recent updates include new countertops & flooring in kitchen. Situated on a lavish 74 acre lot. Highly desirable open kitchen - living concept. Excellent buy per sq. ft. Also has super family/game room. \$349,500. #102785



### LOVELY WHT. MTN. STUCCO W/ VALLEY VIEWS!

Vaulted ceilings in the living area create a sun-splashed interior that's divine! The master bedroom is on the main floor of this charming 3 br., 2 1/2 ba. Upscale cabinets, open concept, solid surface countertops, and wet bar w/ wine cooler enhance this luxurious living environment. \$330,000. #100027



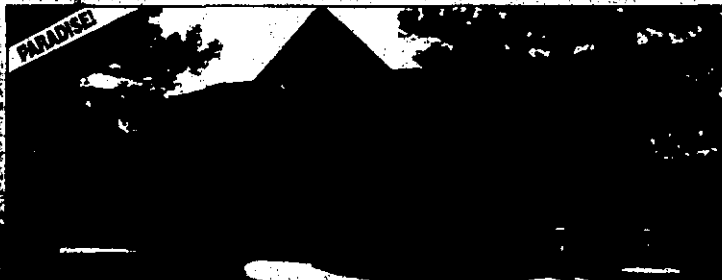
### FABULOUS CUSTOM HOME WITH NICE VIEWS!

This fully furnished 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home sits on an amazing 7.94 acres in Ranches of Sonterra. Some of the custom features throughout this home include a gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, great room with vaulted ceiling, 3 car garage, and a rain catch system. Enjoy the valley views from a great deck. Also features guest quarters with their own kitchen, living area, and utility room. \$575,000. #103954



### WHEN ONLY THE BEST WILL DO!

This impeccably tasteful Kokopelli Villa home is perfectly placed in an exclusive gated community. This spectacularly furnished 3/3 home has a beautiful view of distant mountains, the course, and an enchanting water feature. Full club membership. What a delightful place to live! Looking for your heart's desire? Here it is! \$735,000. #101441



### SECLUDED MOUNTAIN ESTATE ON 5.3 ACRES!

This impressive, 4 br., 3 1/2 ba., one owner home will wow you! Breathtaking Sierra Blanca and valley views, and adjacent to National Forest! Cozy 2 br. guest house with wonderful porch. Barn w/ 2 stalls & corral. Everything your heart desires is right here...surrounded by the pristine mountain wilderness! Settle up and experience your dream come true! \$1,350,000. #100027

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

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



**HIGHLY DESIRABLE ALTO TOWNHOME!**

This nicely furnished 2 br., 2 ba. Alto town home is located close to the clubhouse and has level access for carefree Alto living. Enjoy the benefits of a full golf membership & nice views from the wonderful back deck! Won't last long. \$230,000 #104208



**CUSTOM BUILT 3 BR. ALTO STUCCO WITH ROCK ACCENTED EXTERIOR!**

A large .5 acre corner lot in Alto is the perfect setting for this custom home with vaulted and wood accented ceilings. The open concept, floor plan is very pleasing and you'll love the kitchen w/ granite countertops. The covered back porch is complete w/wood ceiling & fans. Relax and enjoy! \$328,500. #103371



**CLASSY 4 BR., 3 BA. ALTO BEAUTY WITH LEVEL ACCESS!**

Snuggled in the tall pines of Alto is this great home with an appealing open-concept living, dining, and kitchen area. You'll love the cozy atmosphere provided by 3 fireplaces, and the fact that it is beautifully decorated. Wonderful den downstairs completes the package. \$325,000. #103848



**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! \$568,500. #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 thoughtful 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. Also full golf & Ketchikan membership. Plus includes jockey club seats too! Luxurious living at it's best! \$1,085,000. #103287

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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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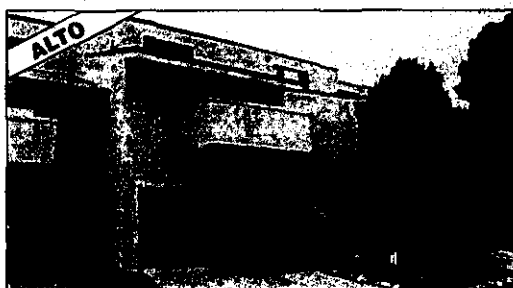
**FULL GOLF,  
ONE-LEVEL ALTO  
STUCCO!**

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



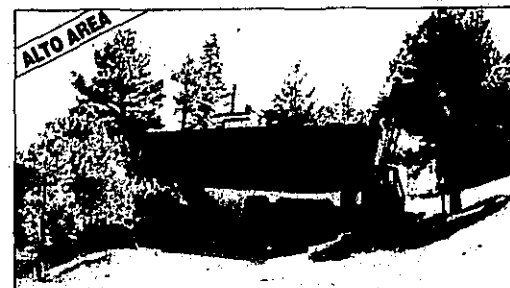
**FULL GOLF ALTO  
HOME UNDER 220K!**

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



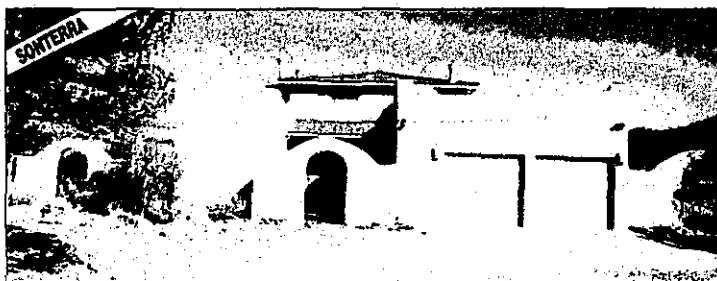
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HOME ON A GREAT  
CORNER LOT!**

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  
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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!**

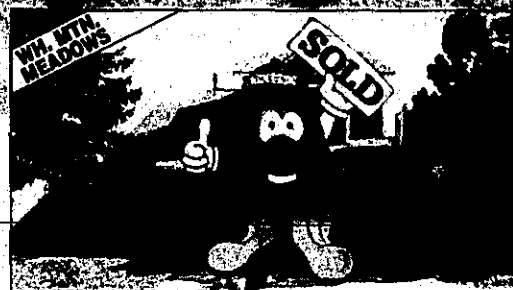
This wonderful home has a living room and a family room/den. And did we mention the view? ... Breathtaking!!! Nice wood accents & built-ins throughout. You'll love the hot tub area. Storage. Level access and partially furnished too! Beautiful area. \$499,000. #106000

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**CLASSY GREAT 2 BR., 2 BATH 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! \$185,000 #104381



**WH. MTN. MEADOWS WONDERFUL PLAN!**  
The master bedroom with a private entry on the main level for complete privacy. Lovely wood floors and solid surface countertops are attractive features you'll love in this nicely remodeled lower home. Upgraded kitchen and a lovely view of the mountains! New carpet! Full price of \$225,000! #101487



**WHITE MTN. 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



**CABIN 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



**SB VIEW 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



**SB VIEW MOUNTAIN RIDGE-TOP HOME ON McBRIDE!**  
A Premier location provides the perfect setting for this 5 br. home with amazing Sierra Blanca & Gavián Canyon views. Features you'll love... open concept, water fall, hot tub and large .778 acre lot. \$30,000 remodel allowance w/ acceptable offer to enable new owner to create a luxurious style to fit their personality & their needs. \$399,900. #102756



**MT. BEAUTY 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



**WHITE MTN. 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

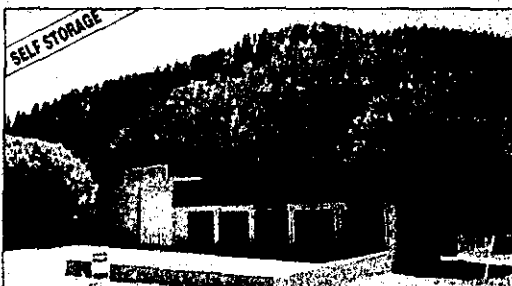


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**THIS MULTI-USE OFFICE/SHOP & SELF-STORAGE IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED ON A CORNER LOT!**

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 lofted ceilings and a great rock fireplace accenting the open concept floor plan. Convenient location, close to track for horse enthusiasts. Master on main level. Lots of storage space. Charming patio. \$325,000. #102675



**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 Captain 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



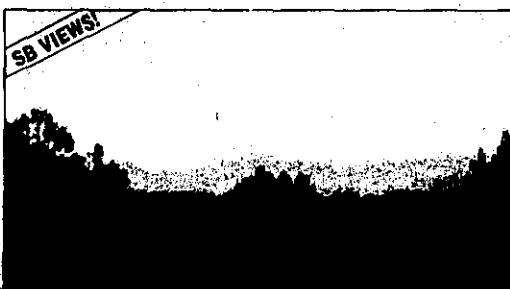
**A HOME THAT IS CENTRALLY LOCATED WITH A VIEW!**

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



**HIGHLY DESIRABLE 5+ ACRE LOTS!**

These lots are excellent for small ranch-type living. Horses allowed. Size of lots will accommodate residence and horse facilities. Residential/ Agricultural Zoning. Paved roads. Water & sewer available. Live large on these super Tularosa ranchettes! Priced at \$89,500-\$95,000. Please inquire for more details.



**BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME ON EITHER ONE OF THESE TWO LOTS!**

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 Lovett Team today for more information. \$145,000. #102788, \$185,000 #102787

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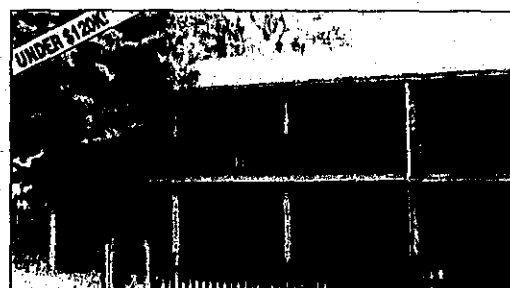
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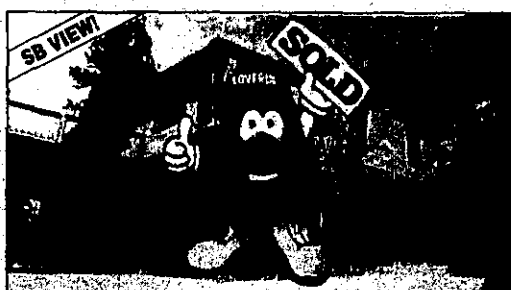
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These 3 br. units are freshly remodeled and conveniently located. What a great price for these condos with fresh paint, new carpet, new appliances, and a fireplace! The kitchens are nicely done with new kitchen countertops and cabinets. Good parking. 2 bedroom condos are also available. A great offering at a desirable price. Attractive financing available. \$139,500. #102268



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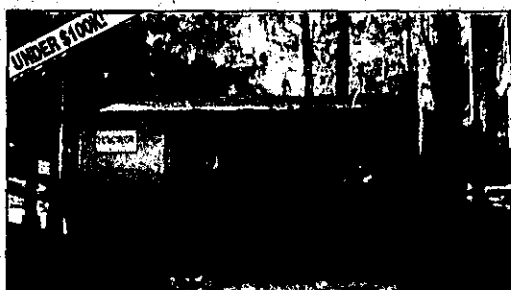
**NICELY REMODELED  
3 BR., 2 BA. WITH  
VIEWS!!!**

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



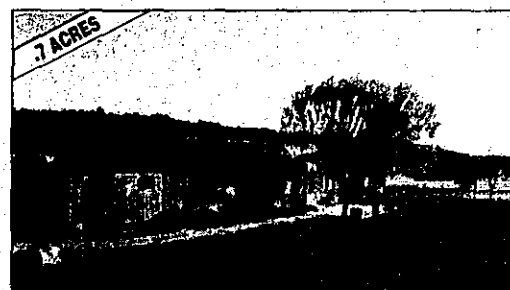
**CHARMING 2 BR. CABIN  
ON APPROX. .66 ACRE!**

Enjoy all Ruidoso has to offer in this remodeled, fully furnished cabin. Relax and listen to the singing pines from the deck. This home has a new metal roof (2006), new septic tank (2005), and is situated on an amazing lot, which has been recently cleaned. Great location! Close to national forest and wonderful cedar creek hiking trails. All this under 180K! \$179,500. #103941



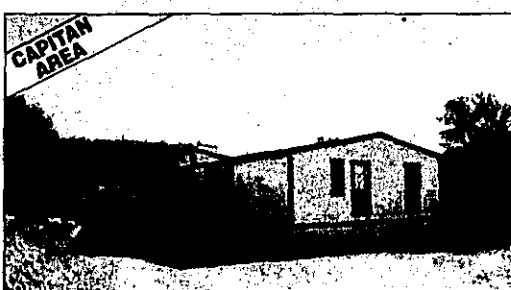
**CABIN IN THE WOODS  
UNDER \$100,000!**

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 evaporative unit will keep you cool in summer, and solar panels will save you money!

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