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Stimulus request is in

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Village asks agencies for \$122 million

The Village of Ruidoso staff as a team worked hard to submit a total request of \$122 million to various state and federal entities in response to the federal government Stimulus Package, says Deputy Village Manager Barbara Fleming.

She released a compilation of the requests Thursday, several that apply to the regional wastewater treatment plant rehabilitation ordered by state and federal environmental agencies and by a court settlement.

The requests for funding, total-

ing \$122,125,451, include:

- \$3 million submitted to U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration Division for the wastewater treatment plant that serves the residents of Ruidoso Downs and the Mescalero Apache casinos and resort. The investment would be used to purchase equipment for the plant construction.

- \$272,800 submitted to New Mexico Department of Transportation for drainage maintenance on Paradise Canyon Road in three

sections. The existing drainage structures will not handle substantial amounts of rain.

- \$352,651 submitted to New Mexico Department of Transportation for 2 inch overlay on Paradise Canyon Road from Sudderth Drive to Country Club Drive.

- \$33 million submitted to New Mexico Economic Development for the wastewater treatment plant. The request would complete the plant that discharges into the Ruidoso River. The village and Ruidoso Downs are mandated to improve the health of the river and

lower the level of contaminants in the effluent discharge into the river.

Fleming said the expansion of the plant would allow more private and commercial properties to connect to the waste collection system and enhance the safety of the community.

- \$23 million to New Mexico Economic Development for water reuse. The project will secure potable water for the village, the city, the Mescalero Tribe and other neighboring communities now and in the future, she said. By properly treating effluent water to what

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DUGOUT CREW



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Members of the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department are shown on RHS baseball field at the White Mountain Sports complex. The men are renovating the dugouts. From l-r, are Bill Stumpff, Rodney Griego, Ryan Benson, Jim Lawless and Toby Juarez. Dave Tetreault is not shown. See Sports, page 1B, for the story.

Breaking news

The New Mexico House of Representatives Thursday passed HB258, the "racetrack bill" that would give a tax break to Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino.

The bill now heads to the Senate, where it will be reviewed in committee. If it survives that, it will go to the Senate floor for a final vote. Should it pass, it will head to the governor for his signature.

Treatment plant expansion on track

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The new regional wastewater treatment plant to serve Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and portions of the Mescalero Apache Reservation is on schedule for a December 2010 completion, says the engineer overseeing the \$40 million project.

Dell Archuleta of Molzen-Corbin Associates received approval Wednesday from members of the RWWTP Joint Use Board of Phase IB plans for the treatment plant and to advertise for construction bids.

But he advised members of the board from the village of Ruidoso, city of Ruidoso Downs and Lincoln County not to wait around hoping for money from the federal stimulus package. They better move ahead with a 2 percent loan of about \$18 million from the state Environment Department as a backup. Archuleta said. The loan could be refused later if federal dollars arrive. But in any case, when a construction contract is ready to be

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100 years later, Geronimo may return to NM

S. DERRICKSON MOORE
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES - The 100th anniversary of the death of legendary Chiricahua Apache leader and warrior Geronimo will be marked with an attempt to "bring him home."

Carlos Melendrez of Las Cruces said efforts to "repatriate" Geronimo's remains from Fort Sill, Okla., to a site in the Gila Wilderness are ongoing.

"Feb. 17 [marks] the 100-year anniversary of the death of Geronimo, yet he remains imprisoned, in spite of presidential promises to the contrary, Melendrez said in an email.

On Tuesday, U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, Harlyn Geronimo and Carlos (Charlie) Melendrez held a press conference in Washington, D.C., to announce the filing of a lawsuit under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. The lawsuit is to force compliance and repatriate Geronimo to his birthplace," Melendrez said.



GERONIMO

Melendrez, a Las Cruces native and long-time activist who worked with Cesar Chavez and on a variety of environmental causes in California before his return to New Mexico, said the lawsuit is the result of extensive research and consultation with Geronimo's descendants and with Clark, who played a crucial

role in the American Civil Rights movement as U.S. attorney general during President Lyndon Johnson's administration and has since handled a variety of high-profile and often controversial international cases.

"This campaign has taken 4 1/2 years to reach this point," Melendrez said.

In a May 1, 2007, interview with the *Las Cruces Sun-News*, Harlyn Geronimo of Mescalero identified himself as the great-grandson of Geronimo and said he wants to see the return of Geronimo's remains from his "burial in captivity" in Fort Sill, Okla., and to "complete a cycle" by establishing a final resting place in his New Mexico homeland.

A properly consecrated final burial is a crucial and sacred part of Apache spiritual beliefs and traditions, he said.

"When a baby is born, there is a blessing ceremony and the afterbirth is buried there, and that's where my great-grandfather should be buried.

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GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Officers of the Golden Age Club for 2009 were elected and installed Jan. 21. Veta Jackson was re-elected as president, Darold Roberson as vice-president and Dean Haynes and Dennis Hoerster as the secretary and treasurer. Left to right, in left photo, are Hoerster, Haynes, Roberson, Jackson and Jim Blanchard, a past president of the Golden Age Club, who presided over the installation of officers.

On the first and third Wednesday of each month, a covered-dish luncheon (below left photo) is served at the Ruidoso Senior Center at 501 Sudderth Dr. As dues do not cover the cost of meals each week, a covered dish from each member is also required.

Currently, the Golden Age Club counts more than 55 members. The census for 2008 showed 128 full- and part-time members. Yearly dues are \$12 per person for full-time members, \$6 for summer members. For those interested in becoming members, or to just join in the activities going on at the Ruidoso Senior Center, call 257-4565.

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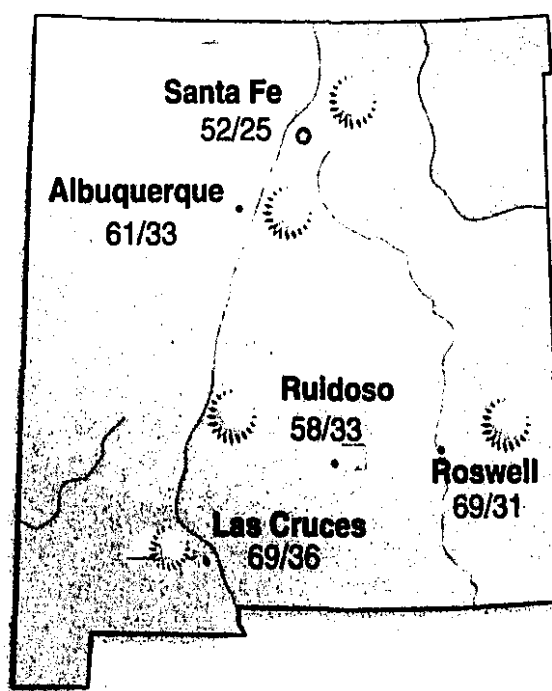
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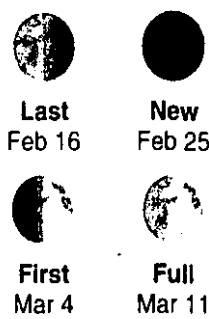
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New Mexico At A Glance



Moon Phases



UV Index

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Sun 2/22	5	Moderate

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Alamogordo	70	34	mst sunny	Grants	55	20	sunny	Santa Fe	52	25	sunny
Albuquerque	61	33	sunny	Guymon, OK	61	27	sunny	Santa Rosa	67	32	sunny
Carlsbad	70	34	sunny	Hobbs	70	32	sunny	Silver City	60	23	mst sunny
Chama	42	17	sunny	Las Cruces	69	36	mst sunny	Socorro	66	33	sunny
Clovis	65	30	sunny	Las Vegas	56	24	sunny	St. Johns, AZ	59	22	mst sunny
Deming	70	30	mst sunny	Lordsburg	71	31	mst sunny	Taos	49	16	sunny
El Paso, TX	70	40	sunny	Lubbock, TX	68	31	sunny	Trinidad, CO	57	26	sunny
Espanola	63	29	mst sunny	Odessa, TX	70	37	sunny	Truth or Consq	67	35	sunny
Farmington	51	23	sunny	Raton	57	22	sunny	Tucson, AZ	78	48	pt sunny
Gallup	53	18	mst sunny	Roswell	69	31	sunny	Tucuman	64	29	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	48	30	sunny	Houston	68	47	sunny	Phoenix	75	48	mst sunny
Boston	36	23	windy	Los Angeles	73	50	pt sunny	San Francisco	64	45	pt sunny
Chicago	27	18	thunder	Miami	68	50	sunny	Seattle	53	39	pt sunny
Dallas	69	48	sunny	Minneapolis	22	7	sn shower	St. Louis	42	24	cloudy
Denver	54	27	sunny	New York	38	26	windy	Washington, DC	40	25	windy

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Hatchery proposal

A proposal by the Mescalero Apache Tribe's fish hatchery to reintroduce native cutthroat trout into the upper reaches of the Rio Ruidoso will be heard during the Feb. 24 meeting of a wildland-urban interface group.

The meeting of the greater Ruidoso Area Wildland-Urban Interface Working Group begins at 9 a.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

At 9:15 a.m., Fish Hatchery Manager Mike Montoya will lay out plans for the Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout Barrier Project.

At 9:40 a.m., preparation for the 2009 Home and Garden Show will be reviewed by Ruidoso Forestry Director Rick Delaco, covering booth organization, schedule of staff, new ideas, presentations/workshops.

Other agenda items include discussion of committees, projects, field dates, sign up of new committee people and election of chairmen.

Alto Lakes

The Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District Board will meet at 8 a.m., Feb. 26, in the Conference Room of the ALW&SD Office, 214 Lake Shore Drive, Alto.

Behavioral meeting

The Lincoln-Otero Behavioral Health Local Collaborative (BHLC-12, Lincoln County) will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at noon. The meeting will be held at the Methodist Church meeting room, 220 Junction Rd., Ruidoso.

All who are interested in behavioral health care in Lincoln County are invited to attend. A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP for a food count.

Tire recycling

A tire recycling amnesty event has been scheduled for February 27 and 28 at Schoolhouse Park in Ruidoso for Lincoln County and Mescalero residents, public institutions and businesses.

Passenger vehicles, SUVs and light truck tires will be accepted at no charge. 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 vehicles 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.

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 Green-Tree 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.

Tax help

Free tax preparation is being offered to all middle to low income individuals and families of all ages. The help comes from volunteer tax counselors and auxiliary personnel under the auspices of AARP in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service.

Help has been offered nationwide for the last 40 years and in the Ruidoso area at the Ruidoso Senior Center for the last 19 years.

This year, the hours are Thursday and Friday afternoons from 1 - 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon, through April 11.

Alpine Village

The Alpine Village Water and Sanitation District will meet at 5:30 p.m., March 2, in the District's building at 112A Alpine Meadows Trail.

Regular business will be conducted regular for the District, such as paying bills and reporting on the operations of the water system.

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

All residents of the district are welcome to attend.

Agendas are available at least 24 hours prior to meeting time. Monthly meetings are conducted the first Monday of the month.

Retiring online

Social Security has a new online retirement application and a new celebrity spokesperson to help spread the word.

You can apply for retirement benefits from the comfort of your home or office at www.socialsecurity.gov. There's no need to drive to your local Social Security office or wait for an appointment with a Social Security representative. You can complete the new online retirement application in as little as 15 minutes. It is so easy!

In most cases, after you click the "Sign Now" button and submit the application electronically, that's it. There are no forms to sign, and usually no additional documents are required. Social Security will contact you directly if more information is needed.

Award-winning actress Patty Duke has volunteered her services to let people know they can retire online. Ms. Duke has brought back the much beloved identical cousins Patty and Cathy Lane from the hit 1960's sitcom "The Patty Duke Show" for a series of Public Service Announcements that tell Americans it's now easier than ever to apply online.

If you are uncertain about when to retire, you can check out the online fact sheet, "When To Start Receiving Retirement Benefits." And if you are not ready to retire, you can plan for retirement using Social Security's online Retirement Estimator. It is a great financial planning tool that will give you an immediate and personalized estimate of how much your retirement benefits would be if you stopped working at age 62, age 66, age 70 or any point in between.

To learn more about retiring online as well as to watch the new Public Service Announcements, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/pattyduke.

If you need additional information about Social Security, call the toll-free number at 800-772-1213 from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Spanish language interviewers are available at the toll-free number and at the Roswell office. You may also visit us online at www.socialsecurity.gov and in Spanish at www.socialsecurity.gov/esp ahol.

If you are hearing impaired, you may call our TTY line at 800-325-0778. The Roswell Social Security office is located at 500 N. Richardson, Federal Building, Room 122, Roswell, NM 88201, and serves Chaves, Lincoln and Northern Eddy Counties.

The telephone number is 866-663-9470.

Acting village manager recommends 10 'immediate' projects

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Until a new Ruidoso village manager is hired, the acting manager recommended village councilors focus energy and resources on 10 projects.

The advice from Bill Morris came during a workshop on village goals. He said a resolution adopted in January 2007 lists a number of strategic areas, each containing goals for the council.

"A lot tend to be continuations without measurable objectives and broken out by year," he said. "Their validity may have been altered by events such as the (July 27) flood (on the Ruidoso River), the passage of time and changes in the

executive department."

The village's water conservation and contingency plan and growth management committee recommendations could be reviewed later when a new village manager is on board.

Ten issues need to receive immediate attention, he said. Topping the list is securing \$16 million more for construction of a Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant that serves the village, Ruidoso Downs and the two casinos on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

Applications are filed or are being filed for grants of various types, a loan through the state Environment Department is being explored and

money from the federal stimulus package may be available, Morris said.

"We hope for the best, but should prepare for the worse," he said. Construction on the treatment plant must begin by May 18.

"We're asking for \$20 million in stimulus money," Morris said. The village already has \$6 million from the state water trust fund and \$3 million in state economic development money, he said.

With a colonias designation, Ruidoso Downs may qualify for more federal dollars, he pointed out.

Next on the list was purchase of four acres of U.S. Forest Service land used by the treatment plant. When a special use permit expired, the village contin-

ued to pay a lease charge and the service continued cashing the checks, Morris said. But with the new plant construction, the village should own the land.

Morris said it is his responsibility to bring the issue to completion and hopes to accomplish that within a few weeks to allow construction to begin on Phase 1B.

The building specifications were approved by the treatment plant's Joint Use Board Thursday and the project should be advertised for bids at the end of the month, accomplishing the third item on the list.

Also connected to the village's sewage operation, a complete review of wastewater rates by Red Oaks Consulting is underway.

By next week, Morris said he should have a time frame for a report to the council. April is the deadline for the complete report and recommendations.

The other issues suggested for focus were to begin Phase 1 construction of renovations to the Ruidoso Convention Center, to complete temporary bridges and begin design of new sewer main lines, fin-

ish a policies and procedures information technology manual and associated components, begin the Nation Environmental Policy Act portion of the special use permit for the North Fork wells, finish an impact fee review and present recommendations to the council, and finish construction of High School Well and associated land trade.

Conditions ripe for fire danger, officials say

■ Dry and windy weather to blame

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Late winter winds and increasing temperatures are creating high fire danger across many areas of New Mexico, according to New Mexico State Forestry officials.

Since the first of the year, 56 fires burned 4,971 acres of state and private land.

Because of this, New Mexico State Forester Arthur "Butch" Blazer is calling for state residents and visitors to be prepared for the upcoming fire season.

"Much like last winter, fire danger is very high across parts of New Mexico," Blazer said. "Communities in eastern and southern New Mexico are currently at risk to catastrophic wildfire and for

that reason, I urge residents and visitors in those areas to be prepared for fires, and do their part to prevent wildfires from starting."

The weather pattern that brought abundant snowfall to northern New Mexico this winter also brought strong winds to eastern and southern parts of the state. The winds are drying out thick grassy fuels that cover many areas of New Mexico, because of heavy monsoonal moisture last year.

New Mexico State Forestry along with local, state and federal interagency partners have begun promoting fire prevention and preparedness through roadside billboards across the state. The simple message on these billboards urges New Mexicans to "Think Smart, Don't Let Wildfires Start."

State Forestry officials also have suggestions for

fire prevention and preparedness:

- When traveling by auto, only pull over into developed areas such as rest stops, to prevent heat from catalytic converters from sparking fires in roadside grass.

- Residents living in rural settings should make sure grasses and weeds on their property are kept short, to help stop the spread of an oncoming grass fire.

- Keep firewood and debris away from buildings on property.

- Don't throw burning matches or lit cigarettes to the side of a road.

- Be aware of any current restrictions that may limit or ban the use of fire in your area.

- If a wildfire is burning near your home or community, tune in to local radio or television stations for latest information on the fire and any possible evacu-

ation orders.

- Should an evacuation become necessary, take important documents and prescription medications and let friends or other family members know you are evacuating.

Newspaper employees to take furloughs

FROM REPORTS

MediaNews Group Inc., which previously asked workers at its newspapers in California to take one-week unpaid leaves, is now putting employees on furlough at its papers in at least five more states.

Unpaid leaves announced or agreed to apply to newspapers in Texas, New Mexico, Minnesota, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. In most cases, the furloughs are to be taken by the end of March.

The Ruidoso News is included in the furlough program.

"There's been a deeper recession than what we've ever seen," said Andrew Mick, president of New England Newspapers Inc., a MediaNews unit that ordered unpaid leaves Friday. "We found it necessary to do something in the short term to go through our toughest months of the year, which are January

through March."

Denver-based MediaNews Group has not announced furloughs at the Denver Post, which it owns. The privately held media company is in negotiations with its unions at the money-losing Post, seeking \$2 million in pay cuts and benefits concessions.

It also has frozen pensions and suspended its 401(k) fund match payments for managers and other non-union workers at the Denver daily.

A MediaNews spokesman told the Associated Press in February that the company's employees in Texas and New Mexico have been asked to take unpaid leaves to avoid layoffs.

The furloughs are to be taken in February and March.

MediaNews owns or is a partner in more than 20 newspapers in Texas and New Mexico, including the El Paso (Texas) Times, the Daily Times in Farming-

ton, the Carlsbad Current-Argus, the Alamogordo Daily News, the Las Cruces Sun-News, the Silver City Sun-News and the Ruidoso News.

Separately, New England Newspapers, which operates several papers in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, announced it was imposing furloughs for about 300 workers.

In Minnesota, some 300 union-represented workers at the MediaNews-owned St. Paul Pioneer Press voted Friday to accept a company request that they take furloughs, the AP said.

More than 3,000 workers at more than 50 papers owned or operated by MediaNews in California were earlier asked to take unpaid leaves by late March. The papers involved include the Oakland Tribune and the San Jose Mercury News.

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Code enforcement will protect 'rights'

People who play by the rules must be protected

Once again, the notion of a county citizen's personal property rights weaves itself through a hotly debated issue.

It's downright American to espouse property rights, but whose rights are we championing — those who would debase surrounding property values and/or create health or fire hazards, or those who expect to live in a safe and trash-free environment?

At issue is the county commission's 3-2 approval to place a code enforcement officer

under the authority of the sheriff's department.

We can debate whether the SO is the proper wing for such enforcement — we think it is — but opposing commissioners Eileen Sedillo and Jackie Powell are placing misguided concern onto code violators.

The "rights" of those violators stop at their neighbors' fence lines. Living remotely as a hermit is one thing, but if you reside in a society, take accountability and be respectful of others, or expect an ordinance to show you how.

Let's play fun with numbers

500,000. The amount, in dollars, that President Obama has capped salaries at financial institutions that have taken bailout monies from taxpayers. Well, count me in.

"Dear Boss. I would like to volunteer to cut my annual compensation to \$250,000 a year. Could you please have that reflected on my next paycheck?"

8. The number of children Nadya Suleman gave birth to, in five minutes...like during the commercials. It was a record litter, bringing the unemployed single mother's total in her parent's home to 14. It may be the country's worst case of serial motherhood. She's birthed almost three basketball teams. I have no problem with it if they can afford it, but I detest subsidizing it. Put them on eBay. She'll need a job on Wall Street. \$500,000 a year will come in handy.

2,000,000. The number of dollars a PR firm retained by Suleman wanted for an exclusive interview. NBC claims they didn't pay it. I might have paid it, but I recently had my annual compensation capped at \$250,000.

0. Zero. It's not really a number, but it is the number of pro-life groups that have come forward to claim Suleman as a poster child, or to physically help change the very real diapers of their dogma.

6. The number of dead infants in China traced back to 770 tons of melamine-laced "protein powder" knowingly put on the market as baby formula.

2. The number of Chinese plant managers sentenced to death for doing it; 21 others are reportedly in the slammer.

8. The number of people who have died related to salmonella-tainted peanut paste products produced knowingly at a Peanut Corporation of America (PCA) plant in Georgia. Management knew the bacterium was present in the plant.

0. Zilch, nada, none. The number of PCA personnel who have even been arrested in the peanut butter caper.

13,000,000. The number of email addresses that President Obama has in a data bank, "political capital" that just didn't end with election-day results.

The database includes not

just addresses but also to names and billing addresses, and this information is stored in folders separated by congressional and senatorial districts.

This was the most effective use of technology in the history of the presidency, or governing in general. And these people are totally OK with it. I received a thank you email from Barack

while he was on his way to the Grant Park speech.

I'm currently getting video messages. This is way more than slick. It's monumental. The president is in the process of diminishing the importance of the mass media and evolving a process of communicating directly with the populace. He can go around media.

The Ebama bomb.

It's more a formula than a number. It's a multiplier. We don't know the numbers yet. I assume that these email addresses are stored in folders separated into congressional and senatorial districts.

On the soft side, the president could send an email to 13 million people saying, "Look, could you send me \$2 so that we can fund getting this contraceptive program thing going" and he'd likely have much of the \$20 million he'd need for it within 24 hours. I know I would, especially if it comes with a nifty T-shirt, specially minted coin, commemorative plate or be included in a drawing for a night in the Lincoln bedroom.

On the hard side, if a particular senator or congressman is in need of counseling on his viewpoint, Obama could pull the trigger on thousands, if not millions, of emails to that specific legislator from his constituents, many of them arriving within hours. All he has to do is send them an email saying something like, "Look, your congressman, Joe Blow, is holding up some important legislation that America needs by Friday. Could you help me by dropping him an email with your thoughts as soon as possible?" His email address is joeblow@gov.us. Thank you very much, and please stop by if you're ever in Washington." The address will be "clickable."

This is going to be interesting. Don't expect this "tool" to be used for the first time until it's a really important issue.



YOUR OPINION

Eagle Creek residents are not amused

To the editor:

ON FEB. 17, THE Lincoln County commissioners, by a 3-2 vote, approved the Stone Mountain development owned by R.D. Hubbard. Commissioners Jackie Powell and Eileen Sedillo voted against it. Commissioners Tom Battin, Dave Parks and Don Williams voted for it.

In voting for the development, Battin, Parks and Williams chose to turn a blind eye to the overwhelming negatives this 66-acre, 22-lot project, located in the heart of the Eagle Creek, will bring to the our area.

They chose to overlook the fact Stone Mountain will have lots as small as 1/6 the size of those in the surrounding neighborhoods. They overlooked the devastating affect of drilling 22 new wells into our already

severely depleted water reservoir.

They chose to ignore the development has no plan whatsoever to protect the people living on the adjoining properties from the flooding which will occur there.

And finally, they looked the other way, when it was pointed out; their own subdivision ordinances strictly prohibit the use of individual liquid waste systems on lots as steep as those found in the Stone Mountain development.

But why would Tom, Dave and Don do such a thing? Why would they turn their backs on the dozens of Eagle Creek residents who pleaded with them to protect us and vote the project down?

Can we gain some insight

from the words of Lincoln County Planning Commission Chairman Jim Crouse? After he voted to approve Stone Mountain in January, Crouse grinned and said, "This development is a case of the Golden Rule. If you have the gold, you make the rules."

The Eagle Creek residents in attendance at that meeting didn't find his comments to be humorous.

Nor will we be laughing in the years to come as we try and clean up the mess Commissioners Tom Battin, Dave Parks and Don Williams have foisted on us.

Buck Buchanan

Ruidoso

Editor's note: A story on this development did not make today's paper due to space reasons. Look for the story Wednesday.

Bus route decision not made in haste

To the editor:

DEAR [MESCALERO TRIBAL] President Naiche-Palmer:

This concerns an article in the Feb. 4 issue of the *Ruidoso News*. The article pertained to school bus routes on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

Certain of the statements and quotes attributed to you are incorrect and misleading. Someone reading the article is left with a skewed impression of how our Mescalero tribal government functions. The purpose of my letter is to provide the correct facts.

1. No tribal President has unilateral authority to establish, expand, restrict, or otherwise modify school bus routes on the Reservation, without the express authorization of the Tribal Council. Any such changes must also be in consultation with the affected school districts. Your statements to the newspaper gave the impression that I alone restricted school bus travel, during my administration. Such statements are incorrect.

2. The Tribal Council passed Resolution 07-47 on May 16, 2007, the provisions of which became effective with the 2007-2008 school year. The Tribal Council, in this document, mandated that all future transportation agreements with either Tularosa or Ruidoso school districts contain a provision requiring those school districts to deposit Reservation students along U.S. Highway 70, as far as the Apache Summit.

3. Paragraph 5 of Resolution 07-47 states the Tribal Council's primary concern is the health, welfare, and safety of Mescalero Apache children. You are correct in stating that encouraging

enrollment in the Mescalero Apache Schools was one of the factors discussed by the Council, however it was not the sole reason for passage of this Resolution. In fact, this Resolution does not contain any such wording or references.

4. Resolution 07-47 contained a provision authorizing the President of the Mescalero Apache Tribe to execute such other documents that were necessary to implement the Resolution. This clearly shows that, in matters such as these, the President cannot act unilaterally.

5. For the reasons stated in points 1 and 4 above, your statements that you alone rescinded Resolution 07-47 are also incorrect. Once a Resolution is duly passed by the Tribal Council, only the Council can repeal it.

6. Shortly after you and the 2008 Tribal Council took office, Resolution 07-47 was repealed by the Tribal Council. Such action is perfectly with the discretion of the Council. However, any problems that have since occurred cannot be blamed on either me or the 2007 Tribal Council.

It is interesting to note that school bussing of Mescalero Apache children was brought to the table by the 2007 Tribal Council members themselves. Discussion and debate began after tribal council members heard concerns of both parents and Mescalero Apache School administration, regarding student safety, school bus access to housing areas, and traffic congestion, just to name a few. Resolution 07-47 was the Tribal Council's effort to address and remedy those concerns.

We all remember the outcry in

our Mescalero community, after the 2007 Tribal Council passed Resolution 07-47. There was coverage of this event in the *Ruidoso News* as well as in various other media.

Unfortunately, little was said about the many hours the Tribal Council spent debating this issue. I can tell you, without reservation, that the Tribal Council's decision was not made in haste, nor was the decision an easy one.

The Tribal Council knew full well that Resolution 07-47 would probably be unpopular with many tribal parents. At the time, complaints were lodged with the State of New Mexico and representatives of the State called me and met with me.

The Tribal Council withstood a great deal of anger from within the Tribe because of its passage of Resolution 07-47. The Tribal Council was criticized from almost every conceivable source because of its decision. To its credit, the Tribal Council stood firmly behind its decision.

I am pleased that we all agree that insuring the safety of our Mescalero Apache school children should always be the primary consideration of every tribal administration and every Tribal Council.

Sincerely,

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GUEST COMMENTARIES

Transparency lost: This letter should not have to be written

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In the executive branch of the federal government, exclusive of many somewhat routine military and career-diplomatic appointments, there are hundreds of offices to which the president nominates and the Senate must advise and consent or, as commonly termed, "confirm" the nomination.

An amazing and unprecedented number of top positions recently have run into trouble. The trouble in large measure derives from extraordinarily incomplete "vetting" of nominees by those whom President Obama has entrusted with that

responsibility.

Some — like those which give every appearance of income-tax evasion — defy imagination.

To compound the problem, relations between the majority and minority in the Senate of the newly convened 111th Congress are trying. Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky has dramatized the problem by writing a letter to Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

Excerpts follow:

"The Senate has the Constitutional duty to provide its Advice and Consent on Presidential nominations, a duty which we take seriously...

Therefore, prior to considering any time agree-

ments on the [Senate Floor] on any nominee, we expect the following standards will be met:

- The FBI background check is complete and submitted to the [Senate committee with jurisdiction] in time for review and prior to [the notice of hearing].

- The Office of Government Ethics letter is complete and submitted in time.

- Financial disclosure statements (and tax returns...) are complete [and timely submitted].

- All committee questionnaires are complete [and timely submitted].

- The nominee is willing to have committee staff interviews, where that has been the practice.

- The nominee has had a hearing.

- The nominee agrees to courtesy visits with [Senators] when requested.

- The nominee has committed to cooperate with the Ranking Member [of the jurisdictional Senate committee] on requests for information and transparency."

The letter explicitly does not apply to federal judicial nominees, as to whom there would be additional, traditional requirements. The letter prudently speaks within the context of Senatorial procedures.

The sum and substance of the need is uncomplicated. Basically a nominee

should be willing to timely present adequately authenticated and complete data for not less than a reasonable number of years as to tax returns; sources and sums of income; and as to sources and sums of fringe benefits, reimbursements, gifts and the like — to the nominee himself or herself and to every family member deriving any of the foregoing directly or indirectly through the nominee's activities.

We all understand that a qualified individual does not accept federal appointment to increase his or her legitimate income. Top-level federal employment does not pay competitively. Such a federal appoint-

ment not infrequently can lead to major income-earnings success in years following the tenure. Assuming no on-the-job misconduct that consequence is legitimate. However, deception or nondisclosure as to material facts to induce a presidential nomination and/or to facilitate Senatorial confirmation is utterly unacceptable.

It is most unfortunate that a distinguished and competent U.S. Senator finds it necessary to write the kind of letter Senator McConnell has written.

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Not much 'change' on the Potomac

George W. Bush is gone. Now what? Well, apparently the whole hope-and-change thing lasted about four hours, or roughly the time it took for the swearing in, the inaugural speech, the parade and a quick shower before a night on the town.

It seems from the get-go, the new president's well oiled campaign machine was precisely that — a well oiled, perhaps snake oiled — campaign machine.

With a series of missteps that can only give hope to the Republican Party, the new administration — or at least the members that were not under grand jury investigation and have their taxes paid — is floundering, at best. And those glorious promis-

es of change? Well, judge for yourself:

Bill Richardson for Commerce didn't work out. Reports now say the Obama camp wants nothing to do now with our governor, believing he was less than candid during the vetting process.

Tom Daschle for Health and Human Services. Daschle was a bitter partisan in the Senate, and his wife was a renowned lobbyist. How nominating the former Democrat Senator from South Dakota could be seen as "change" is beyond anyone's guess.

Daschle's was a particularly hypocritical appointment. Aside from his own

inability to pay his taxes, since leaving the Senate at the voters' request, he's made a pretty penny —

\$5.2 million worth over the last 24 months. A D.C. law firm was paying Daschle \$1 million annually.

Not quite NFL quarterback money, but then again, Daschle's not

a quarterback. He's also not a lawyer or a lobbyist — at least a registered lobbyist. So, just what was he doing for \$1 million? Perhaps that's the going fee for peddling influence on the Hill?

His attempted appointment, however, should underscore one central theme for Americans: It's



JEFFERY GARDNER

business as usual.

The new leader of the Treasury, Tim Geithner, apparently believed paying income tax was a take-it-or-leave-it proposition. With the IRS falling under his review, Geithner's now the moral arbiter of our tax code.

In fact, paying taxes seems somewhat optional for most of the people associated with the new administration.

Key also to the promise of change was the reportedly "no solicitation" notice that was going to be placed on office doors from Oval to Labor to Defense and beyond. If you were a Gucci-shoed lobbyist, as Ross Perot once decried them, President Obama was going to make you persona non grata.

Yet, when questioned

recently by the Associated Press regarding the ridiculous number of Gucci-shoed lobbyists the president is placing in mini-thrones of power, White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs replied, "Even the toughest rules require reasonable exceptions."

I know. I laughed, too. This may well be what business school professors term "situational ethics."

In essence, Gibbs is saying, "We have this standard and it's a really, really high standard. And you know it's a really, really high standard because we're say it is. And, since you never questioned a thing we did during the campaign, why on earth would you start now?"

In their rush to deify Barack Obama's liberal

ideologues — combined with their obsessive hatred of George W. Bush — they willingly overlooked his incredible lack of experience. In anything. And for months, no one, save Hillary Clinton, asked Obama anything that might remotely call for more than his charming smile and brilliant oratory skill.

Of course, as a friend and Obama devotee wrote in an email, "Whatever. It's too early to judge."

Naw, it isn't. This president ran on change and the promise of transparent, clean government. To date, however, he's yet to walk the walk and, it appears, it's business as usual on the banks of the Potomac.

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Decriminalization: You don't hear about 'tequila wars'

I sure didn't seem like the kind of place where bloodied drug smugglers stumble out of the scrub after shootouts. But it was.

On a recent road trip to Mexico, my family and I stopped for the night at some friends' house near Tubac, Ariz., between Tucson and the border. Our friends' backyard stretches into a national forest, where ocotillo and mesquite and cacti grow in the shadows of rugged crags.

It is also a major drug-trafficking route. Smugglers move on foot between the houses and cliffs in order to bypass a border patrol checkpoint. For the most part, the narco trail is not visible to residents, though occasionally, machine gun fire echoes off the cliffs, and the cactus forest turns into a war zone.

About a year ago, a Border Patrol officer near here shot and killed a drug smuggler.

A month earlier, some bandits opened fire on nine drug runners, killing two and wounding two others. The survivors, soaked in blood, ran to the neighbors' house for help.

That's just a faint echo of what's happening south of the border. Ten people were killed in a rolling shootout in Nogales this fall. South of there, a paramilitary convoy of criminals invaded the town of Cananea.

Things are even more grisly along the Texas border. During recent weeks, these headlines appeared in Juarez news outlets:

Five motorcyclists slain in front of seafood restaurant; 11 slain in Juarez in 20 hours; Three severed heads found in ice chest. All in all, at least 5,000 people have died in the violence accompanying the illegal drug trade over the past year.

Desperate for a solution, the El Paso city council tried to pass a resolution that would, among other things, begin the discussion of decriminalizing drugs.

The resolution passed

Cartel violence should lead to serious discussions about drugs.

unanimously, but the mayor vetoed it, ending discussion. That's unfortunate, because it's a conversation that all of us — not just those living near the border — need to have.

On a large scale, there are plenty of reasons to decriminalize all or some drug use, production and trafficking. For starters, it's hypocritical to incarcerate someone for smoking a joint, for example, when it is legal to buy and use other drugs, such as alcohol and tobacco.

The war on drugs has also made for a crooked dynamic in U.S. foreign relations: Our government supports governments — primarily in Latin America — solely because of their efforts to eradicate drug

production, without taking account of their often dismal records on human rights.

Then there's the fiscal lack of accountability:

Billions are spent trying to catch drug users and peddlers, and billions more to incarcerate them, yet it has done nothing to curb drug use. Instead, it's only raised the stakes, enticing organized crime rackets to get into the drug business and making it more prone to brutal violence.

In the case of Mexico and the border region, decriminalizing drugs would at the very least allow law enforcement to shift their priorities. Rather than chasing drug-runners through the desert, they could focus their attention on the people at the top — the ones who order the mass murders and dismemberment.

Because they wouldn't have to worry about being locked up for simply conducting their business, drug traffickers would have less incentive to bribe and corrupt — let alone murder — local police officers. (After all, tequila — a drug — moves legally from Mexico to the U.S., but who's ever heard of tequila wars?)

Though most of the violence has occurred south of the border, those of us up north have a lot at stake, too. The violence has created more pressure for Mexicans to flee to the United States. Meanwhile,

tourism in Mexico, especially northern Mexico, has dropped considerably because Americans are afraid of being caught in the crossfire or kidnapped. That further damages an already decrepit Mexican economy, which pressures more people to move north.

Combine all of this with the global recession that has severely curtailed the amount of money immigrants in the United States can send back home, and the result is an unsustainable, volatile situation in our next-door neighbor.

Of course, that affects us here because the U.S. and Mexican economies and cultures are so closely linked. Just consider where that cucumber in your salad came from.

Decriminalization is far from a perfect solution; chances are it would facilitate the flow of drugs across the border, which

could increase drug use over here.

Still, I'd rather see a few more heads cloudy from smoking dope than showing up in somebody's freezer.

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Eating fresh, in style

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Mike and Rhonda Capps only thought they were retiring when they moved to Ruidoso.

The couple, who had owned a number of McDonald's restaurants in Texas and New Mexico for several years, sold their franchises and moved to Ruidoso to get away from the rat race.

That didn't last long, as they purchased both Subway restaurants in town — one inside of Wal-Mart and the other on Sudderth Drive, and immediately began a huge remake of the anchor store near the "Y" intersection of Sudderth and Highway 70.

As soon as he got that finished in time for the summer, they began looking at other possible locations for a new Subway location, targeting an area of North Mechem Drive.

"When we first got here, we identified that side of

town for growth," Mike Capps said. "Initially, I was looking to buy land and build our own building."

But then the Sonoran Plaza, located near the intersection of Mechem Drive and White Mountain Drive, was opened, and Capps knew it was a perfect location.

Subway is now the third tenant of that building, with Zocca Coffee and the High Score video game outlet still going strong.

"It's a solid building, and it's worked out great for us," Capps said.

The interior is decorated with what Capps said is a "Tuscany 2" design scheme, and the new store is the first in the state to be decorated in this fashion.

It also has something you probably wouldn't expect to find in Subway stores — a fireplace surrounded by easy chairs.

"We might be the only Subway in the country with that," Capps said. "But it fits the Ruidoso culture quite well."



Customers line up in the newest Ruidoso Subway restaurant, located in the Sonoran Plaza on North Mechem Drive. Note the fireplace and easy chairs to the far right.

Business at the new location is going quite well, so well he's brought his son, Scott, in to help run things. "It's really met our

expectations, and I'm getting constant comments from customers that they really needed this type of store on that side of town,"

Capps said. In fact, business is going so well, Capps is even looking into buying another franchise, this one in

Socorro. So much for retirement. "I'm getting busy again, but it's fun," Capps said. "I need to keep busy."

Unemployment benefit increase passed unanimously in State House

SANTA FE — Workers claiming unemployment benefits would see an increase in their weekly checks under legislation sponsored by Rep. Mimi Stewart (D-Albuquerque). House Bill 20-Unemployment Weekly Benefit Amount passed the House of Representatives with a vote of 64-0.

"Increasing unemployment benefits for a two-year period will put more money into the hands of the unemployed and in turn put more money into the economy," Stewart said. "This is a good way to pump more than \$50 million into our economy in the next two years without raising taxes."

"New Mexico has the most solvent trust fund in the country and these funds can only be spent on unemployment benefits,"

she added. "This is a time when we can and should increase benefits."

House Bill 20 would increase the weekly benefit amount paid to unemployment benefit recipients from 53.5 percent to 60 percent of the average weekly wage in FY10 and FY11.

The Workforce Solutions Department (WSD) projects the increase to weekly benefits to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund to be approximately \$26.3 million annually.

Benefits economy

According to the WSD, for every dollar of unemployment insurance benefits paid, the local economy benefits by \$1.73. Therefore, the \$26.3 million annual distribution increase would have an

approximate \$45.4 million impact on New Mexico's economy.

According to the Department of Labor, in the second quarter of 2008, the average weekly unemployment benefit amount in New Mexico was \$268.81; 40.4 percent of an average worker's wage was replaced by the average unemployment benefit; and 37 percent of jobless workers received unemployment benefits.

DOL statistics for the second quarter of 2008 as reveal that New Mexico, as compared to 12 other western states, ranked second lowest in unemployment payroll taxes at 0.47 percent and ranked the highest in number of years that states can pay unemployment insurance benefits during a peak recession at 1.88 years.

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"When opportunity arises it's too late to prepare" — John Maxwell
Daily preparation and seeking for our

purpose here on earth is required for the overall movement of our success. This will allow us to have the correct nutritional fueling our strength requires to manifest our dreams.

The one who utilizes discipline of wise action will be blessed with many fruits, but the one who fails in these actions will not reap anything of quality.

"The development of success requires action but the longevity of success requires massive root growth." — Timothy Lucero.

As the old parable states "Choose to build your success on the rock," — The Bible.
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County approves flood plain variance for Los Chozas

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To accommodate a low-water crossing and reestablish access to Los Chozas subdivision, Lincoln County commissioners approved a variance to flood plain requirements.

County Planner Curt Temple said the situation constituted "an extreme financial hardship."

The residents of the subdivision came to a commission meeting a few months ago to ask for help in putting a cap on a low water crossing.

"I drove around and saw the crossing," Temple told commissioners Tuesday. "They never asked for a permit to build in the flood plain."

The permit is free, he said. Employees with the federal Natural Resource and Conservation Service redesigned the crossing for them and the work was 75 percent complete when he found it, Temple said.

"I didn't stop it, because it's the only access to the subdivision," since a July 27 flood on the Rio Bonito destroyed a previous struc-

ture. Rather than make them rip it out and comply," with the rules in the ordinance, he decided to allow nature to solve the problem in the next flood.

"The same thing will happen and it will be ripped out and they will have to put in a bridge that spans the Rio Bonito to bring them into compliance with our flood damage ordinance," Temple said.

Lewis Dodson, president of the Los Chozas Property Owners Association, said the situation is new to the residents and they had no idea they violated the ordinance.

"We just heard if something happens to this, we can't rebuild, because low water crossings are not allowed," he said.

The work by the NRCS crew to shore up where the river approaches the crossing is outstanding and meets the 100-year flood criteria, he said.

"It is the only entrance into the subdivision, the rest is private property on both sides and we thank them for allowing us to use (their roads) in emergencies," he said.

County Attorney Alan Morel said the situation would appear to meet the criteria for a variance as flood relief and exceptional hardship, but approval can't be used in the future as a basis to rebuild.

Dodson said most of the property owners are retired and living on fixed incomes. They still are seeking help with the cost of a cement cap on the crossing, which cannot have a damming effect on the river. Temple said he is working with the Unmet Needs Flood Committee to help with the cap.

In other action, commissioners:

- adopted a resolution governing use of emergency equipment and operations for privately owned vehicles used by volunteer firefighting management officials. The policy, based on an Otero County model, allows selected volunteer personnel driving personal vehicles with a front license plate displaying the name of the fire department and the title of the applicant to use sirens and signals when responding to emergency situations.
- accepted Little Creek

Road for county maintenance at the end of a two-year wear period, following a reinspection Jan. 22 by the county road superintendent.

• approved cooperative funding projects for 2009-10 under an agreement for three programs with the state Department of Transportation. The list must be submitted by March 16.

Stewart said the county is four years into a five year road program.

"We're about to go out for bid on Ranches of Sonterra Phase II," he said, with enough money to finish an overlay on all the roads in that phase. The base roads must be preserved, because the county cannot afford to rebuild them, he said.

Hernandez said state school bus money is being used for Palo Verde subdivision. The roads were triple chip-sealed six to seven years ago. Chip-seal is a mixture of oil and rock, a much less expensive option than regular paving. "In 2011-2012 we should complete Palo Verde with a 1.5 inch overlay only on the (surfaced) streets," he said.

Commissioner Don Williams said he's received many complaints about Cedar Creek Road, north of the Ruidoso village boundary, listed for work with Schlarb Road. He asked if any proposed changes on the list of projects would move Cedar Creek further back in time from its May 2011 date.

"We'll look at it," Stewart said. "We might do it and then come back to Alto. Schlarb Road is doing O.K. Alto is so large it may take more than a year to complete. You have flexibility. This is a list we came up with in 2005."

Out of about 800 miles of roads to maintain in the county, Alto accounts for the biggest chunk at 50 miles, Commissioner Jackie Powell said.

Looking at the myriad surfaced roads in subdivisions the county must maintain and the high

associated expense, Powell said, "This is why I have heartburn about paved roads. I know everyone wants them, but once they are built, it will fall to the county to maintain them."

The county doesn't have equipment to surface roads. The machinery was sold in the 1990s when the commission in place then decided the cost of keeping and using the equipment was higher than contracting out with private companies to do whatever work was needed on paved roads, other than patching.

Stewart agreed that maintenance is difficult, but he doesn't want the roads to break up.

"We're trying to do fog seal with a patching material," Hernandez said. "It's different than 100 percent oil. It could be a lot better material to put on a good road surface and keep us from paving."

County: Qwest decision hurts communications

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Lincoln County's communication system is being affected by the decision of Qwest Communications International officials to shut down access to the company's communication infrastructure, says the county manager.

"We have been informed by the Public Regulation Commission that our phone and Internet carrier, One Connect, has received a notice from Qwest, that Qwest will no longer provide access to (the corporation's) telecommunication infrastructure," he notified county commissioners in a memorandum last week.

"On Feb. 26, Qwest will no longer provide SkyWi, Zianet or One Connect

access to the Qwest system.

"We are in the process of selecting a new carrier and have expedited the process."

Temporary fix

County employees were working with Qwest to install a temporary Digital Subscriber Line and analog lines to ensure county offices and emergency services have communication capabilities, Stewart said, promising to keep commissioners informed on the progress as the county moves to a new phone and Internet carrier.

The PRC staff notified any counties affected by the Qwest decision to contact the state agency to request an emergency waiver from the state procurement code. That would allow the

county to move to a sole source contract and find a carrier quickly.


The county may also want to consider using a company that is regulated by the PRC to ensure recourse in the event the carrier does not perform the service being provided, they suggested.

According to an article in New Mexico Business

Weekly, SkyWi uses wholesale access to Qwest's telecommunications infrastructure to provide retail services to about 6,000 Internet phone customers, most in New Mexico.

At one point in a legal dispute between the two companies, service was briefly shut down in December, but was restored by PRC order.

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STIMULUS

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will be world-class standards, the village will be able to support long term development in the region-

al economy by encouraging new economic and community development, Fleming said.

• \$25 million to New Mexico Economic Development for a Sewer Line Interceptor Relocation Project that would remove

the village sewer collection main interceptor line from the Rio Ruidoso River and relocate it into the road right of way throughout the village. Situated in the river, health problems could occur if leaks develop o lines are damaged.

• \$4.5 million submitted to New Mexico Economic Development for nine bridges to cross the Rio Ruidoso and would provide important vehicular and pedestrian traffic circulation throughout Ruidoso

to New Mexico Environmental Department under the Clean Water Act.

The request, not identical to the one sent to the state Economic Development Department, but a shot at a possible alternate avenue of funding, would

complete the wastewater treatment plant, improve the health of the river and the safety of the community, and also would allow additional private and commercial properties to connect to the waste collection system.

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awarded, the source of payment for the work must be in place, he said.

Unlike previous discussions, Ruidoso Mayor L. Ray Nunley seemed uncertain about stimulus money. He said he spoke to H. John Underwood, the village's lobbyist, before the meeting. Nunley said Underwood was told by ED Director Ron Curry, "It seems the stimulus package by-passed the environment department."

In a list of "shovel-ready" projects to be funded by stimulus dollars released in a state-by-state breakdown, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs do not appear under New Mexico. However, representatives of other agencies tracking the stimulus money said late Wednesday the dollars may emerge under several different headings and the absence if the plant on a list doesn't necessarily mean the remaining \$20 million will not be funded.

Residents of the village already are paying \$32 a month to cover bonds issued for the project and land owners in Ruidoso Downs are covering their

bond obligation through property taxes. Officials from the two towns hoped they would not be forced to heap more of the financial burden on their residents to comply with state, federal and court mandates to reduce nitrogen and phosphorous levels in the plant's discharge to the Ruidoso River.

Nunley said out of \$2.3 million from the federal Environmental Protection Agency for the plant, \$1 million remains, plus money from the bond issue.

Archuleta delivered good news about the progress of the project. He submitted a letter from Walter A. Edens of the NMED Construction Programs Bureau stating the project's "95 percent review" is approved.

Archuleta said a meeting is set for Monday for the final review of 100 percent sealed plans and specifications prior to advertising for bids. Approval of the plans by the JUB was subject to NMED concurrence.

Archuleta said one item demands especially careful attention, storage of a flammable liquid used instead of carbon, to reduce nitrogen by fueling bacteria growth.

"It must be handled carefully," he said. "It's

dangerous stuff. That is a detail we need to go over with the state, but I believe it will be approved Monday."

He handed out a chart with eight deadline dates for the project, saying by December 2010 a new treatment plant must be operational, "and we're right on track for that."

Advertising in local newspapers will begin Feb. 27, followed by ads in papers in Albuquerque and El Paso. A pre-bid conference is set for March 11.

"There's lots of interest in this, even in Arizona," he said. "That's good, because we want the competition (for the best price)."

The pre-bid conference will occur one month before the bid submission deadline because the plans for the plant are complicated and companies will need time to prepare, he said. Bids will be opened April 8 at Ruidoso Village Hall.

"If the money is there and bids are within the (budget) we can afford, we have 10 days to issue a notice of award, which tells the contractor to get his insurance documents and bonds ready to present," Archuleta said.

Meanwhile, his staff will determine if the bidder's credentials are in order and

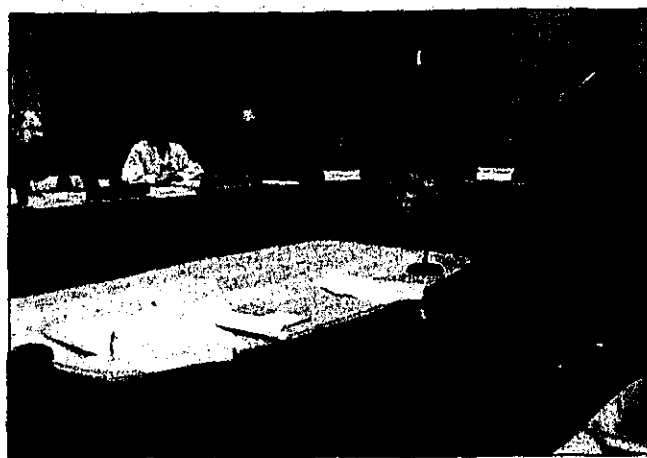
the figures add up. The JUB will have 10 days to enter into a contract with another 10 days for the notice to proceed.

Construction should begin about May 18, he said. By Oct. 18, 2010, the plant should be ready for "beneficial occupancy," a period where the plant is not officially accepted and the contractor is not released, but the plant is running, Archuleta explained.

In September 2010, a shake down of the substantially completed plant will occur before sewage is introduced to demonstrate all units are working for 10 to 14 consecutive days.

The project manager will watch for everything required in the contract to be installed without substitutions, he said. At the end, a punch list of a couple hundred items will be created to be satisfied by the contractor before final acceptance, he said.

Some oxidation basins cannot be worked on to handle peak flows until the plant is finished and they no longer are needed for regular operation, Archuleta said. That work should be finished by February 2011. He anticipated no problem with the EPA or NMED on that work, he said, as long as the plant is



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Dell Archuleta of Molzen-Corbin Associates, standing, received approval Wednesday from members of the RWWTP Joint Use Board for Phase 1B expansion plant of the treatment plant.

treating waste. The officials will expect a couple of months to prime the bacteria, especially because it will be winter and cold.

If the contractor fails to meet the deadline, liquidated damages of \$500 to \$1,000 a day could be charged, he said.

The Molzen-Corbin staff person assigned to both construction projects in Phase 1, the \$7.3 million first portion and the estimated \$29 million second stage, has worked for the company about 20 years, specializes in wastewater treatment and built a plant in Los Alamos, he said.

"He loves it here," Archuleta said. "I hope I don't lose him to the village."

The first stage is running slightly under budget, and because of the lack of work and heavy competition, Archuleta said he's optimistic the JUB will see some good bids for the second stage.

About a year ago, the engineer estimated the two-stage project at \$36 million, with another \$1 million for membrane bioreactors.

The economic downturn seems to have helped the JUB in that expense too, because the winning company is locked into a price plus any consumer price index change. With the index dipping, instead of increasing, the price may decrease by \$85,000, he said.



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American Indian force formally to capitulate to the United States," according to a history provided by Melendrez and Geronimo's family members.

The government transported Geronimo and nearly 450 Apache men, women, and children to Florida for confinement in Forts Marion and Pickens. Many of the group were relocated to the Mount Vernon barracks in Alabama, where about one quarter died from tuberculosis and other diseases. In 1894, they were removed to Fort Sill. On Feb. 17, 1909, Geronimo "died as a prisoner of war, unable to return to his homeland," and was buried at Fort Sill.

Harlyn Geronimo, who is also a medicine man, an artist, sculptor, actor and filmmaker, has focused on accurate portrayals of his people and their traditions. He was a consultant for a History Channel documentary on "The Apache Wars," and other films and documentaries.

In his 2007 Sun-News interview, Geronimo said he would like the world to know that his relative was not only a warrior, but also was a healer and spiritual leader. He wants to share the oral history cherished by descendants, including his siblings, his cousins and their children and grandchildren.

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Marlyn Geronimo is spearheading an effort to have his great-grandfather's remains returned to their birth area in New Mexico.

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under the juniper trees where he was born," Geronimo said. "This area is sacred to tradition. In order to complete the cycle,

we must bring his remains to the birth area to have his spirit complete and join to the next world. We hope that we could have a fitting memorial in these ancestral lands."

Geronimo wants to create a 12-foot bronze statue

of his great-grandfather to be placed at the warrior's Gila Wilderness birthplace.

After decades of eluding capture, Geronimo surrendered to Gen. Nelson Miles on Sept. 4, 1886, officially becoming "the last

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Road assessment district advances despite cost increase

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The estimated cost to individual lot owners tripled over an original estimate, but a proposal to create a special road paving assessment district in Deer Park Valley advanced Tuesday.

Lincoln County commissioners voted to approve the first in five resolutions that will move the district to activation and the roads and drainage in the Alto subdivision to construction. Although land owners submitted petitions asking for the district, County Attorney Alan Morel said the commission most likely will create it using a provisional order, because the method is less expensive.

Dan Aguirre of Wilson & Company based in Albuquerque reported that after examining the project, he determine it met the required test for increasing the value of the lots more than the cost to each owner of the assessment.

In his engineering report, Aguirre estimated the price of the engineering, construction and setting up the assessment at \$3,642,495, including a 10 percent contingency. Depending on how the assessment is levied, that would translate to about \$15,500 for each of the 239 lots, he said. The added value from having surfaced roads instead of dirt varied from \$16,500 to \$23,500, depending on the lot size, he said.

Charlotte Stewart, a resident who has handled communication among property owners in the subdivision, told commissioners that earlier estimates of

\$3,000 to \$5,000 per lot did not cover "soft" costs such as legal, mapping and engineering. The estimate also was based on costs several years ago. While she believes owners remain solidly behind the project, she offered to conduct any type of survey commissioners might want to ensure the price didn't discourage participants.

One owner was discouraged.

Richard Ebener said his lot is substantially smaller than many others and he contended his assessment should be lower and owners should pay based on the amount of footage fronting a road.

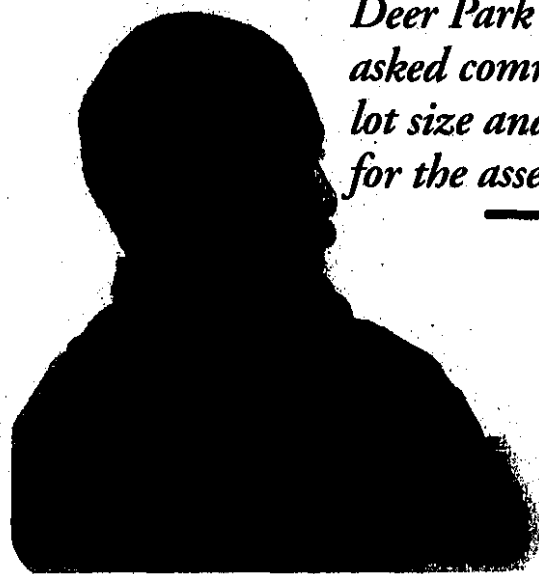
"I have a small lot, but you're saying at this point I should be assessed the same as five acres," he said.

Aguirre said the benefits of better roads and drainage are about the same to all lot owners, regardless of size. "The improvement is to the neighborhood, not just to a lot," he said.

Ebener disagreed, saying some of the lots are not buildable and were purchased to obtain membership in the golf and country club in Alto Lakes. Aguirre said he was not asked to determine if lots were buildable.

Morel told Ebener the assessment could be applied in several ways such as by front footage on a road, by the assessed value of a lot, by lot size or by a simple equal division of the cost per lot. The approach can be determined later, if the district moves to completion.

Aguirre explained that five resolutions must be passed to create the district. The first, approved



Deer Park lot owner Roi Ratliff asked commissioners to consider lot size and how owners will pay for the assessment.

Tuesday, accepts the feasibility benefit determination. The second sets a hearing on the benefits, the third approves the benefits and moves to the final design, the fourth is to set a hearing on the final assessments and the fifth is the imposition of assessments based on construction bids, contract award and bond sale.

"It will be 18 months to two years before you turn dirt," he said. "Each resolution has a time frame."

Commissioner Eileen Lovelace Sedillo was told the roads should last at least 10 years, and with "fairly low traffic, even longer. The standard 24 foot width required by the county is part of the design, but a variance could be granted to 20 feet as one option to reduce cost. Other shaving could occur in the design of cul-de-sacs and retaining walls, Aguirre said.

Commissioner Jackie Powell said one of her worries is that after the roads are built, the county, already overtaxed with trying to keep up paved public roads in other subdivisions, will become responsible for

maintenance.

She asked about drainage problems that occurred in the subdivision and Aguirre said the new roads should take care of issues at drainage crossings.

Commissioner Dave Parks, who offered the motion for approval, said he doesn't want to see utility cuts in the new roads. Aguirre said he is coordinating with utility companies, which may use conduits to avoid cuts after the roads are built.

Deer Park lot owner Roi Ratliff asked commissioners to take into consideration lot size and how owners will pay for the assessment, "or at least take everyone's opinion rather than say, 'This is it.'"

Commission Chairman Tom Battin said the only action Tuesday was to determine if the project was feasible as far as benefit and to move forward on the first of five resolutions. "Some people thought the assessment would be \$3,000 to \$5,000 per lot and now it's \$15,500," he said. "We may need to determine if they want to move on."

He asked for a show of

hands from the dozen lot owners in the audience and all but Ebener indicated support for the assessment.

Lot owner Jim Trolinder said while he still has some questions about how the assessment may be applied, alternatives can be explored later.

"I think we should go to the next level," he urged commissioners.

Morel said the process

could be stopped at any time, if owners decide they don't want to proceed. They have posted a bond to cover any costs incurred in the planning process to reimburse the county, if the project is dropped.

The attorney warned that he still is trying to collect assessments owed on a road project in Alto Lakes from 1986. But County Assessor Paul Baca said with new technology, if the assessments are based on front road footage, they could be determined by his office and included on annual property tax bills to ensure collection. The payments could be spaced over a period of years.

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HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

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FRIDAY, FEB. 20, 2009

A reminder about cholesterol

Cholesterol is a fatty substance that is needed by the body. Cholesterol is found in foods, but 75 percent of the cholesterol needed by the body is made by the body. Cholesterol is present in the membranes that surround cells, giving the cells flexibility. Cholesterol is a building block for hormones such as estrogen and testosterone. Water and fat don't mix, so cholesterol is carried through the blood stream by tiny soluble particles called lipoproteins. Low-density lipoproteins



MARSHA PALMER

carry LDL cholesterol, which is often called "bad" cholesterol and high-density lipoproteins carry HDL cholesterol, which is often called "good" cholesterol. Cholesterol and other lipids can line the arteries with deposits called plaques. As plaques build up, a condition called atherosclerosis occurs. Atherosclerosis can occur in any artery in body and increases the risk for heart attack and stroke. The American Diabetes Association recommends these lipid levels for people who have diabetes:

- LDL cholesterol: less than 100 mg/dl;
 - people with cardiovascular disease or an additional risk factor: less than 70mg/dl;
 - HDL cholesterol: Women – more than 50 mg/dl, men – more than 40 mg/dl;
 - Triglycerides: less than 150 mg/dl.
- Exercise had been shown to lower LDL cholesterol and to raise HDL cholesterol. Guidelines suggest that adults participate in 2.5 hours of physical activity a week, preferably 30 minutes a day, most days. Limiting the intake of saturated fats and trans fats is needed as they increase LDL cholesterol levels in the blood. The American Diabetes

Association recommends keeping saturated fat to less than 7 percent of daily calories. For most people that is 15 grams of saturated fats per day. Trans fats should be avoided as much as possible. When the LDL cholesterol level is too high, cholesterol intake from food should be less than 200 mg. per day. Heart healthy monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats tend to lower LDL cholesterol levels. Avocado, olive oil, and nuts are healthy fats, but they contain a lot of calories, so go easy. Omega-3 fatty acids found in fish and canola oil can lower triglycerides. Smoking can lower the "good" HDL cholesterol and it increases the tendency for blood to clot.

Those who smoke, need to stop. For some people medication is needed to bring cholesterol levels to the recommended levels. There are several kinds of medication on the market that lower cholesterol levels. Discuss with your health care provider which medication is best for you. Adapted from "Diabetes Forecast," January 2009. Submitted by Karen Halderson, MPH, RD, LD, CDE Extension Diabetes Coordinator. The Lincoln County Extension Service is a field office of NMSU and is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer and educator, NMSU and USDA cooperating. Direct questions to 648-2311 or email at palmer@nmsu.edu.

Exploring alternative medicine

If you've sipped green tea or ginseng, taken a Pilates class, or gotten a massage recently, count yourself among the nearly 40 percent of Americans who use some form of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM).

CAM is a term that describes a diverse group of medical and health care regimens, practices, and products that are not considered a part of typical U.S. medical treatment.

These methods are usually intended to promote overall health and well-being or to relieve specific ailments or symptoms and may be used together with or instead of conventional medicine.

Examples of CAM include herbal and nutritional supplements (chamomile, Echinacea, flaxseed, fish oil/Omega-3s), exercise-based therapies (yoga, Pilates, tai chi), and practitioner-based therapies (acupuncture, massage, chiropractic work).

Natural products such as herbs and plant-based products, deep breathing exercises, meditation, chiropractic and osteopathic therapy, massage, yoga, and diet-based therapies (ie, Atkins diet, South Beach diet) are some of the most popular forms of CAM.

According to a recent survey, CAM methods are commonly used for problems such as back, neck, or joint pain; arthritis; anxiety; cholesterol; head or chest colds; severe headaches or migraines; or insomnia.

Some women also use CAM therapies for relief of menstrual or menopausal symptoms or chronic pelvic pain.

As with conventional medicine, individual results will vary, and CAM may or may not work for you.

Consumers often assume that herbals and supplements can be taken without any harmful effects simply because the

labels say they are natural products.

But don't believe the hype. Herbs and supplements can act in the same way that traditional drugs do and can cause big trouble, especially if used improperly or along with other prescription or over-the-counter medications.

Few have undergone scientific evaluation to prove that they are safe or effective, and they are not subject to the same governmental testing, regulations, and standards as conventional drugs.

Many herbal supplements – such as blue and black cohosh, ephedra, dong quai,

feverfew, juniper, pennyroyal, St. John's wort, rosemary, and thuja-can also cause a risk to pregnancy.

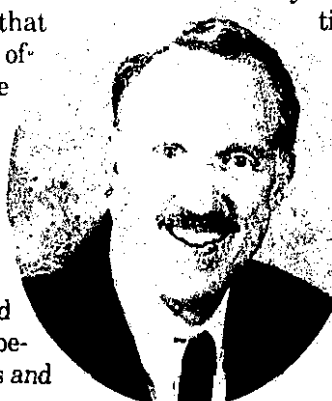
It is extremely important that you tell your doctor about all the complementary and alternative practices you use and why you are using them.

This will help alert your doctor to any medical problems you may be having and ensure that you receive coordinated and safe care while avoiding dangerous interactions and harmful side effects.

Additionally, pregnant women should not take any supplements for weight loss or weight gain and should be sure to tell their doctor about any CAM that they were taking before or continue to take during pregnancy.

You can find out more information on the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine Web site at nccam.nih.gov/health.

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Seven medical conditions added to state's medical cannabis program

SANTA FE – Health Secretary Dr. Alfredo Vigil announced today that the New Mexico Department of Health is adding seven new medical conditions to its Medical Cannabis Program.

Dr. Vigil based his decision on the Department's Medical Advisory Board's recommendations, a review of scientific literature that shows the conditions could be helped by medical cannabis and the purpose of the Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act to provide relief from pain and suffering associated with debilitating medical conditions.

The seven new conditions are: painful peripheral neuropathy, intractable nausea/vomiting, severe anorexia/cachexia, hepatitis C infection currently receiving antiviral treatment, Crohn's disease, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease).

"It's important that we add conditions to our program only if we have scientific evidence that medical cannabis can provide relief to people who are suffering from those chronic conditions," Dr. Vigil said. "We are proud to reach this step where we can help even more people who are suffering needlessly."

The eight-member Medical Advisory Board had recommended approving eight conditions. Dr.

Vigil did not approve fibromyalgia because there is not enough evidence that medical cannabis can be potentially effective for that condition. Dr. Vigil accepted the Board's recommendation to deny petitions to add depression, chronic hepatitis C infection (without receiving treatment), environmental illness, brain dysfunction and estrogen replacement therapy.

The board-certified physicians who serve on the Medical Advisory Board will meet again on April 13, to review additional petitions and reconsider other petitions previously submitted.

The Board had requested more information from people who petitioned to add chronic pain, bipolar disorder, arthritis, asthma/chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, chronic fatigue syndrome and chronic sinus congestion from blunt-facial trauma.

People must submit petitions by March 13, to be considered at the April hearing. The Department is determining the location of the hearing.

Once a condition is approved, anyone with that medical condition can apply to the Medical Cannabis Program.

In addition to the new conditions added, qualifying conditions are: cancer, glaucoma, multiple sclerosis, damage to the nervous tissue of the spinal cord

"It's important that we add conditions to our program only if we have scientific evidence that medical cannabis can provide relief ..."

Dr. Alfredo Vigil
N.M. Health Secretary

with intractable spasticity, epilepsy and HIV/AIDS. Hospice patients may also be eligible.

To apply for the Medical Cannabis program or to petition for a new condition, look up www.nm-health.org/marijuana.html or call the Medical Cannabis Program Coordinator at 505-827-2321.

For all conditions, physicians must certify that patients have an eligible condition, and the condition is debilitating and not helped by standard treatments.

Physicians must also attest that they have informed patients of the potential risks and benefits associated with using medical cannabis for their condition.

For post traumatic stress disorder, a psychiatrist must certify that patients have the disorder. Since the Medical Cannabis Program began July 1, 2007, the Department of Health has approved 207 patient applications.

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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Facelift on 12th Street



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The Book of Eli set construction on 12th Street in Carrizozo continues with the faces of buildings, existing and created, changing daily. Activity is ongoing as carpenters finish structures and fronts to buildings as painters arrive to add their magic in creating a post-apocalyptic setting. Above, the west side of the street where Gallery 408's building, garden and artist apartments are located has taken on an unrecognizable face. Below, the debris of "burned and wrecked" cars were hauled into an empty lot to simulate a collapsed parking garage. The actual filming will take place in approximately three weeks.



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POLICE & COURTS

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Scratched up

A vehicle parked on the 100 block of Birch Drive was scratched up, Feb. 15. There are no suspects at this time.

Free for all

The owners of a business on the 300 block of Mechem Drive reported to police, Feb. 8, that the manager of the business had been taking furniture from the business and giving it away. When the owners confronted the

manager, she at first denied it, then left the business. The estimated value of the items is \$2,000. Police were unable to make contact with the suspect.

An entering

The caretaker of a property on the 500 block of Snowcap Drive reported, Feb. 13, that someone had gained unauthorized entry to the home. She related the thermostat had been turned up to 70 degrees and that someone seemed to have brushed their

teeth in the bathroom.

Nothing appeared to have been taken, but a locksmith confirmed the lock on the door seemed to have been picked.

Not well hidden

During a traffic stop on Sudderth Dr., Feb. 12, officers found several cans of beer stuck into the glove box, which wasn't closed all the way. They also found one of the cans had ruptured, causing beer to spill over the inside of the truck.

As two of the passengers were minors, the pair - 18-year-old Raven Carrillo and a 17-year-old male, were arrested for minors in possession of alcohol. Carrillo was later released on bond.

The 17-year-old male became combative during the arrest, and was further charged with resisting an officer. He was later released to his father.

TV taken

A condominium on the 400 block of Highway 70 was reported

broken into, Feb. 9. A television was taken, and cost of the stolen item and damage to the condo is estimated at about \$2,300.

Criminal trespass

Police observed Alley Hosatavitt enter a store on the 100 block of Sudderth, Feb. 13, after he had been served a criminal trespass notice in October. Hosatavitt was arrested and taken to the Ruidoso Police Department. He was later taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center.

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Senate passes stronger Jessica's law

The New Mexico State Senate passed a bill toughening a law aimed at punishing more sex offenders, Tuesday.

The bill, introduced by Sen. Steve Neville (R-San Juan), would strengthen the law known as "Jessica's Law," by raising the age of victims from 9 to 12 years old.

"I want more sex offenders who

attack our children to be covered under this law," Neville said. "By expanding the age, more criminals will have the tough penalties under Jessica's law."

"We want a pure Jessica's law like in Florida and other states," he added.

According to Neville, studies have shown that pedophiles of young chil-

dren can't be rehabilitated, attacking again and again until they are incarcerated.

"They need to be locked away so they cannot continue to rape with the intent to kill our children," Neville said.

Under Jessica's Law, convicted child rapists are given life sentences in prison.

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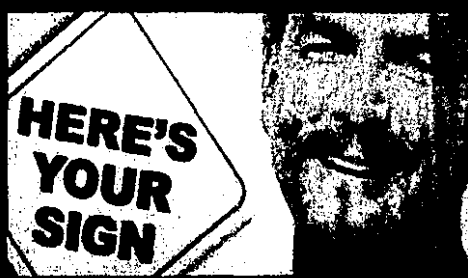


Night Ranger February 27 - 8:00pm

Best known for their hits "Sister Christian" and "Don't Tell Me That You Love Me," Night Ranger is back with a new album.



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THE LINCOLN COUNTY WAR

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

But in 1877, their control was challenged by an English entrepreneur, John Tunstall. Tunstall's employees and supporters were known as The Regulators, and followers of "The House" violently resisted them.

The battle was fought both in courtrooms and also through gunfights, murders, and cattle rustlings. Even the Army became involved. Eventually members of "The House" killed Mr. Tunstall.

And, as might be expected, "The Regulators" fervently vowed to take vengeance upon the House group responsible for killing Tunstall. Among the group of "Regulators" loyal to Mr. Tunstall was a young man who was known as Billy the Kid.

How do you like to spend your free time?



RUIDOSO NEWS

Economic issues may put a million pets at risk

Officials with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals estimate between 500,000 to 1 million cats and dogs in the United States are at risk of becoming homeless as a result of the continuing economic downturn.

"According to national financial estimates, about one in 171 homes in the United States is in danger of foreclosure due to the subprime mortgage crisis," said Dr. Stephen Zawistowski, executive vice president of ASPCA Programs and Science Advisor.

"And considering that approximately 63 percent of U.S. households have at least one pet, hundreds of thousands of pets are in danger of being abandoned or

relinquished to animal shelters across the country.

"Economic issues aside, it is estimated that 5 million companion animals enter shelters each year. If you factor in the animals merely in danger of becoming homeless, it could result in an extra 10 percent to 20 percent increase in relinquishments to shelters.

"This has the potential to grow into a serious animal welfare issue, and some regions of the United States, like Nevada, where the foreclosure rates are three times the national average, could be hit much harder than others."

"Everyone is being affected by the current economic crisis in

some way, including animals," said ASPCA President and Chief Executive Officer Ed Sayres.

"Community animal shelters and rescue groups across the country could be seeing an increase in the number of homeless pets they must care for, or a decrease in the donations they rely on to care for those animals. There has never been a better time to support your local animal shelter, if you are in a position to do so."

ASPCA officials urge people to help in any way, to include:

- adopting a homeless cat or dog to give them a second chance in a loving home;
- donate used blankets, towels or even tennis balls to the local

animal shelter or rescue group;

- volunteer to foster adoptable animals in your home until they are ready to go to their forever homes;

- help the pet parents in your community who may be struggling to take care of their most beloved companions.

And for those who are faced with foreclosure and the loss of their pets, ASPCA officials reiterated the following important information:

- Check with friends, family and neighbors to see if someone can provide temporary foster care for your pet until you get back on your feet. Agree to a specific time frame, and check on the pet regularly.

- If you are moving into a rental property, make sure pets are allowed and get permission in advance, and in writing.

- Contact your local animal shelter, humane society or rescue group, in advance of your move, since many shelters limit their admissions to the number of animals for which they can adequately care.

- If a shelter agrees to take in your pet, provide medical records, behavior information, and anything else that might assist shelter workers in finding your pet a new home.

For more information about the ASPCA and its life-saving work, please visit their Web site at www.ASPCA.org.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife verifying 23 endangered species classifications

Officials with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are requesting updated information on the status of 23 species protected under the Endangered Species Act in Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

The information will be used in reviews to ensure the species' current classifications as threatened or endangered are accurate.

Each review will result in a recommendation to maintain or change the species' classification, as well as in identifying information needs and priority actions for subsequent reviews.

Any change in federal classification would require a separate rule-making process distinct from the status review with an opportunity for further public input.

Service staff is asking the public to provide any new information concerning the status of these species including biology, habitat, conservation measures, threats, and any other new data or information.

They always welcome new information regarding any endangered species; however, in order to be considered for these status reviews, information must

be submitted by May 12.

More information can be found on the Internet at www.fws.gov/policy/library/E9-2885.pdf.

Species list

The species under review include several endangered plants and animals including ashy dogweed, Canelo Hills ladies' tresses, Comanche Springs pupfish, Davis' green pitaya, Gila chub, Gulf Coast jaguarundi, Huachuca water-umbel, Koster's springsnail, Little Aguja (Creek) pondweed, masked bobwhite (quail), Mexican long-nosed bat, Nellie cory cactus, Noel's

amphipod, Pecos assineia snail, Pecos gambusia, Roswell springsnail, Texas poppy-mallow, and Zapata bladderpod; as well as several threatened plant and animal species including Arkansas River shiner, chisos cory cactus, Chisos Mountains hedgehog cactus, Lloyd's Mariposa cactus, and Navajo sedge.

"This is an opportunity for the scientific community and the public to actively engage in the evaluation of the status of our nation's threatened and endangered species," said Benjamin N. Tuggle, Ph.D., the Service's Southwest

regional director.

For new information to be considered, it should be supported by documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze data. Also included should be copies of pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources.

The addresses for sending in new information can be found in the Federal Register notice at www.fws.gov/policy/library/E9-2885.pdf.

Categories of information requested include:

- Species biology, in-

cluding population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics.

- Habitat conditions including amount, distribution, and suitability;

- Conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species;

- Threat status and trends.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

Hope is in safe migration corridors

Safe migration corridors are one of the best hopes for protecting vulnerable species in the western United States, according to experts at Environmental Defense Fund.

In addition, officials with the national environmental group say conservation programs in the Farm Bill are the best resource for protecting migration corridors on privately-owned farms, ranches and forests.

In a new report, titled "Safe Journeys: Opportunities for Wildlife Conservation Through the Farm Bill," EDF outlines ways to use Farm Bill programs to create or restore wildlife corridors across 18 western states.

"Some of our most iconic and most vulnerable animals need to migrate across the West's wide open spaces," said Dan Grossman, EDF's Rocky Mountain regional director. "Species that have come to symbolize the American West, such as pronghorn antelope, elk, and sage grouse, must be able to travel long distances in order to survive and thrive. That's why conservation of private land is so important. We need to create safe spaces on privately-owned lands in order to link our areas of protected habitat."

The Western Governors Association, state and federal agencies, conservation groups, sportsmen and many others already have recognized the importance of wildlife corridors in conserving land and protecting animals from extinction. EDF argues that conservation incentives built into the 2008 Farm Bill can play a pivotal role in the effort.

"The Farm Bill can provide tens of millions of dollars for corridor conservation annually, so we need to take full advantage of the opportunities it provides," said Sara Hopper, agricultural policy director for EDF.

"Our report lists many effective ways to use Farm Bill funding to benefit landowners while protecting the great wildlife heritage of the American West. That support is vital for species now, and will become even more critical as animals are forced to adapt to ecosystem changes caused by global warming."

The reports' recommendations include:

- Western states should take advantage of Conservation Reserve Program initiatives in the Farm Bill to target restoration work to important wildlife corridors, and

should reward land management practices that protect corridors.

- Western states should focus resources from the Farm Bill's working lands programs towards creating and preserving wildlife corridors. That effort should include taking advantage of the new Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative, which allows state and local stakeholders to collaborate for better results.

- Western states should ask Congress to undo recent changes that make some working lands programs less valuable for improving wildlife corridors in the West.

- Western States should use State Wildlife Action Plans and maps of important wildlife corridors to target those private ranch and farm lands that would most benefit from conservation easements.

- Western states should use Farm Bill programs to create wildlife-friendly fence designs and reduce fencing where feasible for farmers and ranchers.

The Environmental Defense Fund, a leading national nonprofit organization, Environmental Defense Fund represents more than 500,000 members.

Cross your heart and race for fun

YVONNE LANELLI
For the Ruidoso News

Skiing like-a-virgin snow, Marilyn "Madonna" Caldwell and Scar "Janis Joplin" Ward raced fastest times, 33.93 and 33.48 seconds respectively, at the 22nd annual Cross Your Heart Costume race at Ski Apache.

This time-honored spoof of female pulchritude that turns white snow to bluish pink sashayed during whiteout conditions that slowed the course, but not

the hearts of competitors.

"We race for fun but also to raise money for the American Heart Association's women's heart health research," verified Carla "Pink" Grover, race originator, at the live auction and post-race awards party at Casa Blanca Restaurant.

When the flakes thinned, cameras flashed on winners of the blatantly politically incorrect winners of the Rock 'n' Roll themed event:

- "Madonna" for Best Form in the Gates, Best

Buns and a gold medal;

- "Janis" for Best Tootsie, the cross-dressing category for stalwart guys, and a gold;

- "Pink" for Best Boobs, Best Sweethearts with husband Denny Grover and gold;

- snowboarder Jolee "Lita Ford" Bonnell, Boarder Babe;

- Jeanie "Brittany Spears" Secor, hands-down Biggest Flirt and a silver;

- Yvonne "Cher" Lanelli, Best Costume, Golden Thigh and a bronze.

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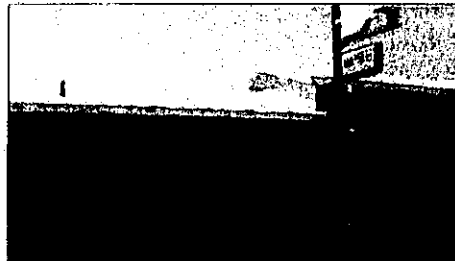
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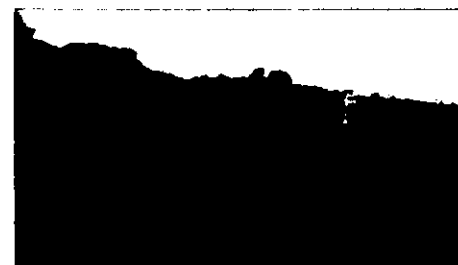
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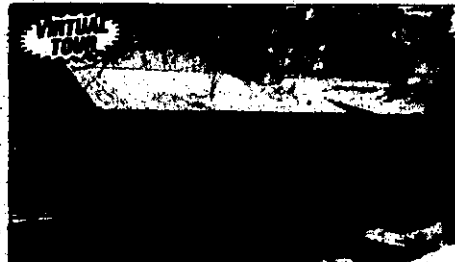
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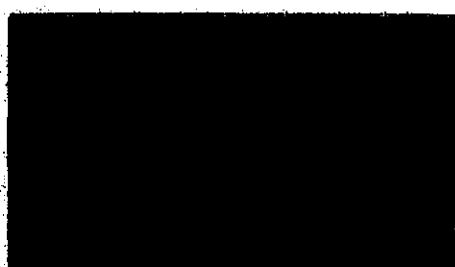
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Ruidoso racers strike gold

LAURA DOTH
For the Ruidoso News

Ski Report

Ski Apache

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

Tickets: Season passes are available by phone at 464-3600.

New snow past 48 hrs.: 0 inches

Season total: 47 inches

Mid-mountain snow depth: 24 inches

Weather for Friday: Sunny, with a high near 56. West wind between 5 and 15 mph. Friday evening, mostly clear, with a low around 25. West wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Weather for Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 50. North wind between 5 and 10 mph. Saturday evening, partly cloudy, with a low around 24.

Current conditions: Hard packed and machine groomed

Groomed runs: Easy Street, Bunney, East Easy Street, Ramp, Snow Park, Lower Deep Freeze, Captain Heavy, Smokey Bear, Elk Ridge, Bull Run, Elk Lift Line and Top Notch.

Groomers Pick: Elk Lift Line

Lifts open: No. 2 (open to Midway), No. 3, No. 4, No. 5 and No. 8. Gondola open, weather permitting.

Snowmaking: Yes, nightly, weather permitting

It was a very busy two-week period for the Ruidoso Ski Team. With back-to-back slalom races on the schedule, the racers waxed their skis and hit the road for competitions in Beaver Creek, Colo. and Flagstaff, Ariz.

The first slalom race took place at Beaver Creek on Saturday, Jan. 31. Under bright blue skies, the racers tackled a "gnarly" course that twisted and turned down Bear Trap at the Colorado resort.

"The course setters didn't hold anything back at this race. They set a very challenging course, and the kids really had to be on their toes to make it work," said Ruidoso coach, Mark Doth.

As the only starter from Ruidoso, Lexie Doth faced off against 62 junior racers

from Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona.

She covered the vertical drop of 466 feet in 48.44 seconds on her first run. Doth ran into difficulties on her second run, but managed to finish the race, clocking in at 58.26. Her combined time of 1:46.70 put her in 47th place for the day.

On Sunday, Feb. 1, the girls races were scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Doth was able to enjoy some free time in the morning, and was ready to hit the snow hard by race time.

Another challenging course greeted all of the racers. More technical in nature, the course demanded attention to the gates, and times were a bit slower than the day before.

Lexie set a really good rhythm in the first run, posting a time of 52.40. She was equally consistent the second run, and hit the



Lexie Doth prepares to take a gate at Beaver Creek

gates very aggressively. Her time of 52.60 gave her a combined time of 1:45.00. She finished in 49th for the

day. "I was really pleased with how well Lexie raced this weekend," said Coach

Doth. "She's been training really hard and running

See SKI, page 2B

Results

Boys Basketball

Tuesday, Feb. 17
Lovington 77, Ruidoso 62
Tularosa 84, Capitán 76
Carrizozo 38, Hondo 36

Girls Basketball

Monday, Feb. 16
Valley Christian Academy 42, Mesalero 39
Tuesday, Feb. 17
Tularosa 48, Capitán 36
Hondo 47, Carrizozo 45

Sports On Tap

Boys Basketball

Friday, Feb. 20
Ruidoso at NMML, 7 p.m.
Mesilla at Capitán, 6:30 p.m.
Lake Arthur at Mesalero, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 21
Carrizozo at Cloudcroft, 5:30 p.m.
Corona at Hondo, 3:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Friday, Feb. 20
Portales at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.
Mesilla at Capitán, 5 p.m.
Lake Arthur at Mesalero, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 21
Carrizozo at Cloudcroft, 5:30 p.m.
Corona at Hondo, 2 p.m.

On Deck

Lincoln County Youth Soccer

The Lincoln County Youth Soccer League will be holding registration signups on Feb. 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at White Mountain cafeteria. Fee is \$35 for returning players. New players is \$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.

Little League Baseball

Ruidoso Little League baseball will be holding 2009 signups for T-Ball (5-6 year olds), Farm League (7-8), Minors (9-10), Majors (11-12) and Juniors (13-15), Tuesday, Feb. 24, from 5-7 p.m. at the Community Youth Warehouse (behind Cornerstone Bakery) in Ruidoso. Additional signups will take place, Saturday, Feb. 28, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the White Mountain Elementary cafeteria. Captain signups will be held, Thursday, Feb. 26, 4-6 p.m., at the Capitán School cafeteria but Capitán players may sign up in Ruidoso also. Girls and boys, 5-15, should bring a birth certificate and proof of residence. The T-Ball and Farm League fee is \$50. Minor/Major/Junior fee is \$65. Adult volunteers should bring a photo ID for a background check. For more info, call Lisa Baker at 808-1710 or Micah Woodall at 937-0662 or visit www.elcamino.com/ruidosolittleleaguebaseball

RHS field receives needed face-lift

MIKE CURRAN
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It was a while in the making, but the Ruidoso High School baseball field will be getting some much-needed renovations in the immediate future. State funds have finally been allotted for the repairs and vital refurbishment of the popular field at the White Mountain Sports Complex.

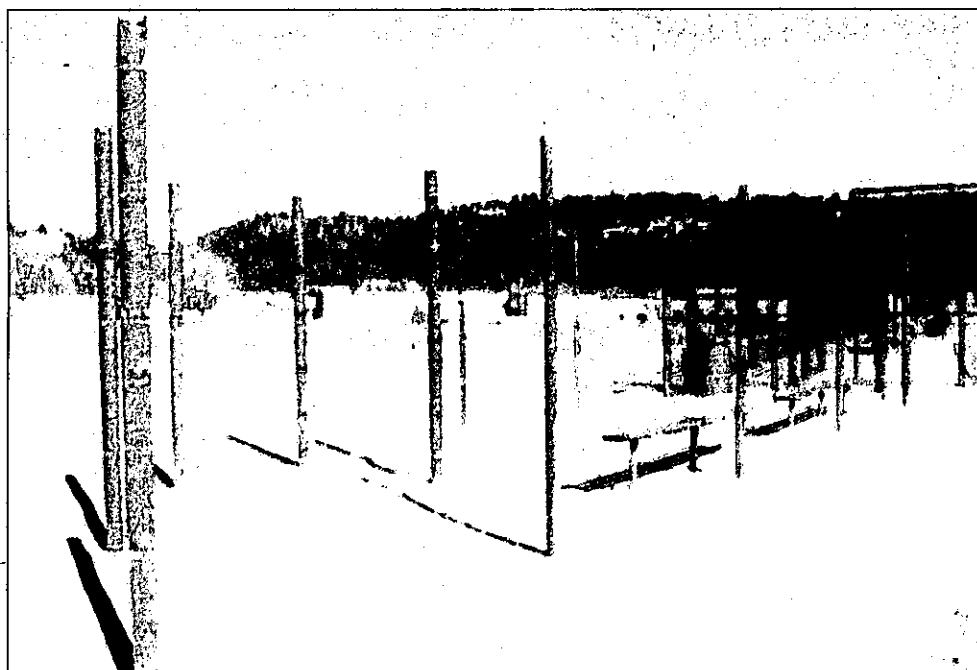
Originally, the monies were supposed to go for lighting, but when the required funds for that project could not be secured, the existing subsidies were instead, redirected toward other necessary improvements such as the dugouts, the infield, batting cages and the outfield fencing.

The original dugouts were open, chain-link, unroofed structures which offered little protection

from the elements. They were first built more than 10 years ago, along with the soccer field and all other recreational offerings which comprise the prominent Sports Complex.

The new dugouts will be enclosed, roofed cinder block structures 8 feet high by 12 feet wide and 40 feet long. Each enclosure will include a protected 12 by 16 foot storage/locker room area. These upgrades, not only make the field more convenient for the Ruidoso teams who utilize the grounds, but is also more desirable for the teams who visit here.

Another consequential addition will be a permanent pitching machine, to be placed in the existing batting cage along with new ball retention netting. Players who properly



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Work begins Monday to renovate the RHS baseball field at the White Mountain Sports Complex.

apply themselves and take advantage of this hitting aid will find improvement in their hitting.

Additionally, a new water fountain will be

installed as will a yellow safety cap which will be applied to the entire length of the outfield fence and 24 tons of infield conditioner.

Work is scheduled to begin Monday on the \$20,000 project and will

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Big shootout for Lincoln County Regulators

JACK SHUSTER
For the Ruidoso News

The Lincoln County Regulators, the Cowboy Action Shooting arm of the Ruidoso Gun Club and an affiliate of the Single Action Shooting Society, has announced plans for a big Cowboy Action Shooting match called "Billy the Kid's Breakout" on the weekend of August 7-9.

According to Sgt. Shuster, special constable of the club, "This will be the biggest southern New Mexico shootout and will not only attract Cowboy Action Shooters from this state but from all over the west and beyond."

Territorial Governor Blackey Cole and John Steele will work on developing both side matches and the main match, based on the history of Billy the Kid and each stage will be written about

a particular incident in his short life.

Awards banquet planning is being done by Rowdy Lane and Ginger Malloy with help from Miss Kitty Kaffiene and Karen Clontz.

They will also look into awards and award sponsors. Sunday activities

are being arranged by Frank Coe, who is also involved in Old Lincoln Days and a member of the "Last Escape of Billy the Kid" pageant.

On Sunday, competitors and guests will have the opportunity for a guided tour of Old Lincoln and plans are being made for

them to ride in a horse-drawn wagon in the Grand Parade to promote SASS and Cowboy Action Shooting.

Included in the package will be tickets to "The Last

Escape of Billy the Kid." Advertising and publicity will be handled by Kiowa Mike and Sgt. Shuster. Sponsors will be sought

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The Regulators, including Sgt. Shuster, Frank Coe, John Steele and Rowdy Lane planning "Billy the Kid's Breakout"

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UTEP Miners bounce Rice for third straight win

EL PASO TIMES
Times staff report

HOUSTON — UTEP used basketball's most basic staples — defense and rebounding — to topple Rice in an important Conference USA matchup Wednesday night at Tudor Court.

The Miners did not score their first basket until 3:29 into the game and they shot just 36.8 percent from the field and made only 2-of-13 from 3-point land. No matter.

UTEP pressured Rice, took the Owls out of what they wanted to do and the Miners kept the Owls off the offensive glass to take a

67-58 victory.

UTEP now is 16-9 on the season and 7-4 in Conference USA play.

Wednesday's win, parlayed with Tulsa's open date and Houston's loss at Marshall, leaves the Miners, Houston and Tulsa deadlocked for third place in the league standings — just one game out of second behind UAB at 8-3.

Stefon Jackson continued his scoring express, putting up 23 points, making 7-of-9 free throws. Randy Culpepper added 20 points and freshman Arnett Moultrie had 11 points, nine rebounds despite fouling out. Julian

Stone had eight rebounds, five assists and no turnovers.

"Our defense has been tremendous the last four or five games," UTEP coach Tony Barbee said. UTEP out-rebounded the Owls 40-32 and held Rice to just four offensive rebounds.

The Miners had only nine turnovers and scored 22 points in the paint.

"We still need more than just Stefon and Randy to score for us," Barbee said. "But Wayne (Portalatin) and Gabe (McCulley) came in and gave us good defensive minutes."

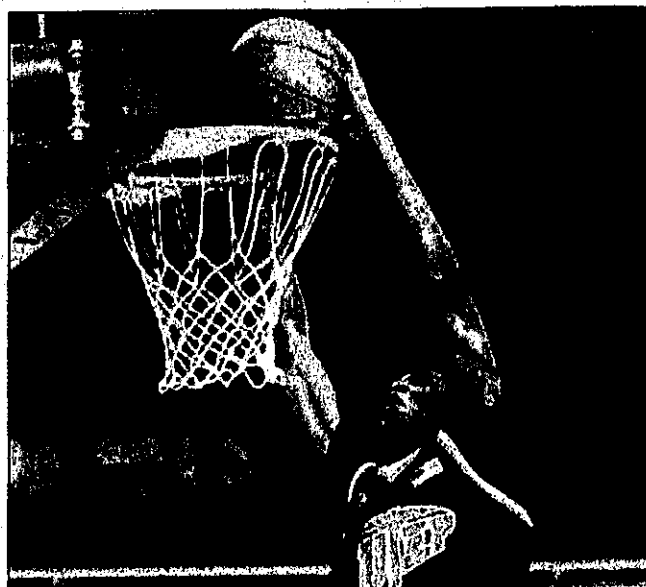
This game was still a struggle. The much

improved Owls cut UTEP's lead to just four, 57-53, at the media time out with 3:23 remaining in the game.

But the Miners made 8-of-8 free throws down the stretch — four from Culpepper, two from Stone and two from Jackson — and, with UTEP's defense, the Owls could do no harm.

The victory sets up Saturday afternoon's 2 p.m. ESPN showdown against No. 5 Memphis.

The Tigers, now 23-3 overall and 11-0 in the league, will come to the Don Haskins Center with a 53-game Conference USA win streak.



Arnett Moultrie of UTEP rose up for a dunk over a Rice defender on Wednesday night.

SKI

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gates at Ski Apache. It's really coming together for her."

Just a few days later, Lexie was on the road for another slalom race. The Flagstaff Alpine Ski Team hosted this event, and Doth was joined at the competition by teammate Casey Cultreri.

Although race organizers anticipated snowy weather, Saturday, Feb. 7 dawned clear and sunny. Throughout the day, storm clouds threatened, but the

weather held and racers had exceptionally good hard packed snow to race on.

Racing over narrow terrain on Phoenix, the race course, broadened onto Agassiz for the finish. Race officials set a hairpin combination that quickly transitioned into an open gate that proved difficult for several of the racers to negotiate.

Lexie Doth took her first run down and whipped through the course in a quick time of 48.2 seconds.

She was followed by Casey Cultreri. Cultreri hooked a tip on the problematic gate at the top of

the pitch and fell. Unable to recover, he skied off the course and was listed as a DNF (did not finish).

Now fully in command of the course, Lexie Doth aggressively skied her second run, posting a finish time of 48.7 seconds.

Her combined time of 1:36.9 put her on the podium with a gold medal in the J2 division. She posted the 6th fastest overall girls time for the day.

The predicted storm hit the Flagstaff area in the middle of the night, dropping over 6 inches in town and over 9 inches on the mountain.

Race officials were on

the slopes early packing the snow and slipping the course to get it ready for the junior racers. While the snow was much softer on top, the hard pack beneath that layer made for an interesting racing surface.

The snow continued to fall heavily throughout the day, and ski conditions changed rapidly. The older racers at the back of the pack had to negotiate ruts, bumps and holes left by the younger competitors.

Lexie Doth was the first out of the start for the Ruidoso team. As she ripped down the steep of Agassiz towards the finish line, she planted her right



Lexie Doth heads down the course in Flagstaff on her way to a gold medal.

pole and lost it in the soft powder.

The pole battered her arm before she lost it completely. She finished the race with a time of 52.00 seconds.

Disappointed by his finish the previous day, Casey Cultreri hit his first run very aggressively.

He plowed through the soft snow to post a time of 45.84 for his first run. Both Ruidoso racers now sat in medal position after their first runs.

Determined to better her time, and fighting worsening weather conditions, Doth put together a beautiful second run. Her rhythm between gates was fluid and she really attacked the course.

She raced to a silver medal finish with a time of 50.24. Her combined time of 1:42.24 put her on the podium for the second time during the weekend.

Cultreri put together another solid run in the afternoon. He charged down the mountain with a time of 46.85 seconds. His combined time of 1:32.69 earned him a gold medal for the J1 division.

"This was a great race for the Ruidoso team," said Coach Doth. "All of the hard work came together for Lexie, and she walked away with two medals. She was aggressive down the hill, and I couldn't be more pleased with her effort. Casey also skied really well on Sunday."

He put together two solid runs, and he was rewarded for his efforts."

The Ruidoso Ski Team will compete in two different venues this weekend. Lexie Doth will be heading to Taos Ski Valley for a GS and Slalom race, while Casey Cultreri will be competing in the Downhill and Super G at Aspen, Col.

FIELD

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hopefully be concluded by April 4, in time for RHS's first anticipated home game against Portales.

This effort is a joint venture between the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department and the Ruidoso School District.

The six-man Parks Department crew, comprised of Rodney Griego, Toby Juarez, Ryan Benson, Bill Stumpff, Jim Lawless and Dave Tetraault will be responsible for the improvements and maintenance as they are for the entire Sports Complex.

This is the same capable group of individuals who care for eight other Parks responsibilities, in-

cluding the Gaviola Canyon Little League fields, Eagle Creek Sports Complex, North Park, Sierra Blanca Walking Trails around the Links golf course, Disc Golf Course at Grindstone, Forest Lawn Cemetery, Two Rivers Park and School House Park.

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for the event as a whole, including advertising in the "SASS Cowboy Chronicle" and other publications. Stage sponsors will also be welcome.

This major Cowboy Action Shooting event is a week before SASS's

Outlaw Trail and it is hoped that some participants will come early to shoot "Billy the Kid's Breakout" match and then head north to the SASS Founders Ranch in Edgewood, N.M.

It is also the weekend of Old Lincoln Days in the historic town of Lincoln, N.M. and while some of the Regulators are involved in those festivi-

ties, it is a great opportunity for visitors to get a real taste of the history of Lincoln County.

Cowboy Action Shooting is a multifaceted amateur shooting sport in which contestants compete with firearms typical of those used in the taming of the Old West: single action revolvers; lever action rifles; and side by side double barreled, pre-

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"Billy the Kid's Breakout" will be the major event and fund raiser for the Lincoln County Regulators.

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Contact Sgt. Shuster at ShootingAction@aol.com, 257-0871 or visit www.LincolnCountyRegulators.com

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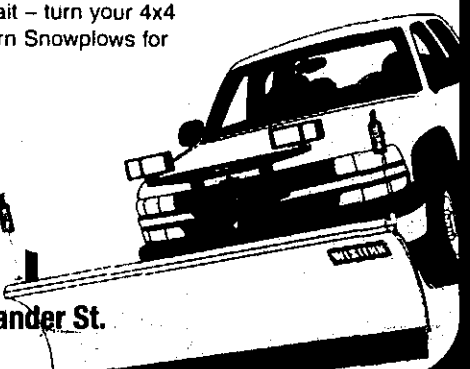
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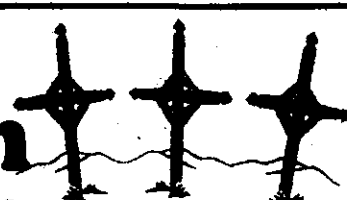
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The calm in the storm is found in Jesus

What do I do when my "dobber" is down? With the economy of the nation in the tank ... banks needing bail outs, car companies needing bail outs, state governments needing bail outs ... we are in a mess.

Unemployment is at a 30-year high and that means many families are hurting, just for the basics of living.

We have expensive wars on two fronts overseas and a third one that is



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expensive on our southern border.

We are adding to our national debt of trillions of dollars that our children and generations beyond will have to pay.

We are involved in drug wars, medical wars, international wars, religious wars, economic wars, family wars, rights wars, and on and on.

In the wars, we look for help to win the wars. In the past few generations, we have looked to government to

win these wars and bring us peace.

But that is not working. I wonder why?

Jesus warned us of wars and rumors of wars, nation rising against nation, famines, earthquakes, all sorts of natural disasters and the increase of wickedness (Matt. 24:4-14).

We are there.

There is a great old country-western song, "Looking for love in all the wrong places."

It may be that we are looking for peace and prosperity in all the wrong places.

We have been conned into looking to government for peace and prosperity for everyone.

It won't happen, because we

are part of the problem.

Aggression, greed, pride, and other human frailties are the major part of the problems.

How in the world can we have a positive attitude when things are going so badly? We must remember that God is still in control.

And, He may be letting us reap what we have sown.

I hate to quote an infamous American, but for America and mankind, "Our chickens may be coming home to roost."

How can I maintain a positive attitude when things are going so badly?

Corrie Ten Boom said, "I look at the world, and I'm distressed. I look in my heart, and I'm

depressed. I look to God and I'm at rest."

How can we overcome depression and hopelessness?

King David states three times in Psalm 42 and 43, "Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God."

David was going through difficult times, but he learned that if we praise the Lord, our depression will be dispelled.

God is worthy of praise regardless of our messed up situations.

When we praise Him, He gives us help for today and hope for tomorrow.

Encouraging a church wedding is no crime

Q: I'm a practicing Roman Catholic and my husband is non-practicing. Our son is marrying a lovely young woman who does not practice any religion, as her mother never did. I believe her father is a fallen-away Catholic.

I raised my son as a Catholic and he completed all the sacraments through Confirmation. I wasn't too upset about their union because I know how much in love they are, and although my son has not followed his faith as an adult, he does come to Mass with me when he visits for the holidays. His fiancée has also



The God Signal
MARC GELLMAN

attended Mass with us because she loved the music, etc.

As their wedding plans developed, they went from getting married by a "clerk" to a non-denominational pastor, and are now considering a city official. I was happiest with the choice of the non-denominational pastor since I knew a Catholic ceremony was out of the question but am saddened by the prospect of a "civil ceremony."

I know it's not my place to interfere, as my son and his fiancée are both adults and have made this decision on their own. Since I don't want

to put any burden on our or their relationship I will, of course, participate in the wedding and keep silent.

How do I get past the fact that these two will not be married in a church, or at the very least, receiving a blessing on their marriage? And what about the issue of grandchildren who won't be baptized?

— Anonymous

A: Your heartfelt question reminds us all that religious conflicts between parents and grown children over wedding plans is not limited to inter-faith marriages. In your case, you have one real Catholic (you) bundled up with a bunch of semi-fallen-away, totally fallen-away and who-knows-where-they-are Catholics.

In confronting family disputes, it's always wise, I believe, to begin with what's good about the situation. Your son loves you and is not so alienated from his childhood Catholicism that he won't join you in church. This is something to build on.

All of us who are professionally religious don't want our faith to be something that only appeals to married people with children, to whom they wish to give some modicum of religious teachings.

The period between adolescence and marriage with kids can be well over 20 years, and in that time of life, the pull of a religious community made up primarily of married people is very weak.

In short, I believe your kids will return to the church after marriage. As for the wedding, I

prefer a civil ceremony to some vanilla non-denominational pseudo religious ceremony in a made-up faith that neither the bride or groom has ever known.

You can explain to this couple why it would touch your heart to see them married in a Catholic church, and ask why they're opposed to this. Ask if they'd at least meet with your priest before making a final decision. If they resist, let it go. The ceremony lasts 20 minutes; their lives with you will continue for many years.

Wanting a church wedding is not like pressing on them your favorite ice cream flavor. It's ultimately about how our individual lives connect to the truth of God and morality and the hope for life after death.

I pray that your heart and God's love will turn them round.

Reach out to unwed mother; God will never give up on you

Q: My niece and her live-in boyfriend are having a baby in a few months, and she's hoping I'll put on a baby shower for her. Should I do it? She knows I'm a Christian and don't approve of them being unmarried, but I don't want her to think I'm self-righteous or unconcerned about her or the baby.

— Mrs. V.W.

A: I don't know your situation, of course, and if other family members could help; I also know people can misunderstand our best intentions.

But when my late wife, Ruth, faced similar situa-



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tions, she always wanted to reach out to the person who was going down the wrong path and show Christ's love to them.

Have you ever thought about the people Jesus dealt with? He reached out to all kinds of people, including some who were living openly sinful lives. The woman He met in Samaria, for example, had had five husbands, and wasn't married to the man with whom she was currently living.

But Jesus risked misunderstanding by talking with her in public – and her life was changed. (You can read about her in the fourth chapter of John).

Later, some of His ene-

mies claimed He must be "a glutton and a drunkard" because He was "a friend of tax collectors and 'sinners'" (Luke 7:34).

Pray for your niece; ask God also to give you an opportunity to share your concern about her unmarried status. Remind her that her child will be coming into a home that could fall apart at any moment (whether she realizes it or not) because it lacks the commitment of marriage. It also lacks a foundation in God's love.

Then ask God to help you reach out to her with His love – not just now, but in the months and years ahead. Her greatest need is Christ, and God can use you to point her to Him.

Q: I haven't been a Christian very

long, and I have some bad habits left over from my old days that I just can't seem to break.

Is God going to give up on me and take away my salvation? I hope not, but I'm not making much progress.

— Z.N.

A: God is not going to give up on you or take away your salvation – not at all. If you have sincerely turned in faith to Jesus Christ and trusted Him alone for your salvation, then God has adopted you into His family – and nothing can change that great truth.

Remember: Your salvation does not depend on how good you are, but on Jesus Christ and what He did for you. He was without sin, but when He went to the cross, all your sins –

every one of them – were placed on Him, and He took the death and Hell that you deserved.

He died for you. This is why the Bible tells us that nothing "in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:39).

God's will is for you to become more and more like Christ – and that can't happen as long as these bad habits stay in place.

God's will is for us to turn from every sin, and

let Christ take control of our lives. The Gospel "teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives" (Titus 2:12). Confess your sins to God, and tell Him you need His help to overcome them; you can't defeat them on your own.

Then ask Him to remind you of His love when temptations come, and also to surround you with Christians who will encourage and help you.

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Upper Hondo Soil & Water announce annual awards

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The Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District recently held its annual awards banquet at K-Bob's Steak House in Ruidoso.

Brenda Addison, program director, gave a presentation of the work done to qualify the District to win District of Excellence in Natural Resources.

Upper Hondo is one of only five districts, nationwide, to win the award.

Following the presentation and a celebration dinner, District Chairman Preston Stone introduced honored guests Representative Dub Williams, Representative Dennis Kintigh, and Lincoln County Commissioners Tom Battin, Eileen Sedillo, Dave Parks and Jackie Powell.

Also in attendance were NRCS District Conservationist Bob Moorhead; Tom Roybal, NRCS; Don Ashby, RC&D Coordinator; and Upper Hondo board and member: Chairman Preston Stone, Vice-Chairman Jim Cooper; Secretary-Treasurer Jerry Burchett; James Sanchez, Robert Runnels, Stan Thomas and Scott Daniel.

The evening was highlighted with the presentation of the Conservation Awards.

This year's Outstanding Land Steward award was presented to Dub Williams,

long time resident, representative of the citizens of Lincoln County, educator, rancher, conservationist and a gentleman loved by all.

Commissioner Dave Parks contributed to the evening with stories from when he and Williams taught school together.

Williams then made the announcement that earlier in the day he had resigned his position as Representative.

Dub was given a standing ovation for the outstanding job he has done as our representative.

The Outstanding Dedication award was presented to Sue Stearns. Stearns started working for Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District in December 1970.

For 38 years, Stearns has been a loyal, well-loved employee and friend of this district.

She has reached out to cooperators and made them feel like family. It has been through her dedication and loyalty that the district moved through the years to be the self-sufficient district that it is today. Due to illness she was unable to attend. The award was accepted on her behalf Addison.

The Outstanding Conservationist award was presented to Tom Roybal.

Roybal began his career with the NRCS in 1978, after serving with the U.S. Forest Service as a fire



COURTESY

The Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District named Dub Williams the Outstanding Land Steward. Program Director Brenda Addison presented Williams with award. Top right, District Chairman Preston Stone, left, gave Tom Roybal the award for Outstanding District Conservationist. At right, Addison accepted the Outstanding Dedication Award for Sue Stearns from Jerry Burchett.

fighter.

His first duty was to help assess flood damage on the Rio Ruidoso and Rio Hondo Rivers. During his tenure with the NRCS he has assisted the district without fail through his career.

Roybal has provided technical and practical assistance to almost every farmer, rancher and landowner in this area.

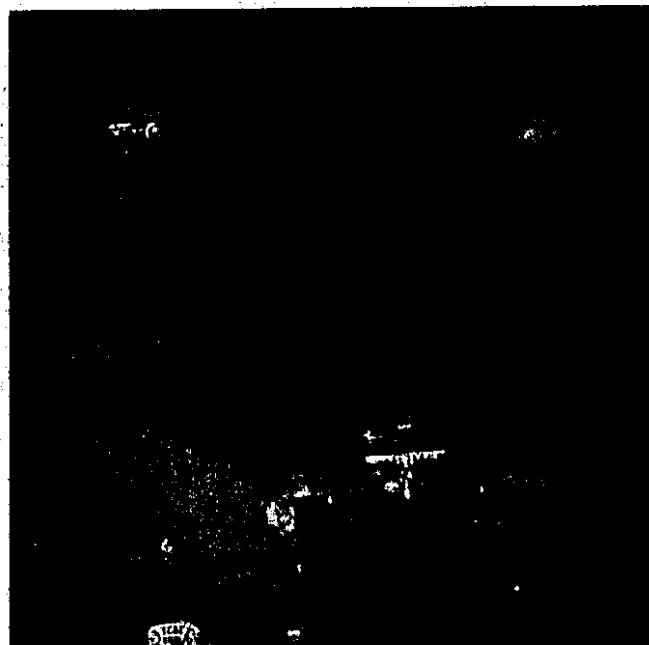
He has served the NRCS on Emergency Watershed Protection projects in several states following disastrous floods, spending time in Oregon, Illinois and Georgia as an inspector for

watershed repair projects.

Roybal has spent the past seven months working tirelessly, seven days a week on the Ruidoso and Bonito flooding following the disastrous Hurricane Dolly.

It has been through his leadership and his relationships with the landowners of Lincoln County that this project has proven such a success. Roybal has never met a stranger.

The district cooperators have a high regard for his expertise and willingness to "go the extra mile" to help them when called upon. He has left his mark



on almost every part of this district in the past 30-plus years.

The evening was deemed an outstanding success and according to guests, "a good time was had by all."

The Hondo District wishes to thank the state senators, Representatives and county commissioners for all their efforts with conservation and the concern for the citizens of Lincoln County.

NEW MEXICO

has provided striking scenery and a pleasant climate for many major films.

Some of them are: The Ballad of Gregorio Cortez,

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Young Guns, and Young Guns II.

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A bad-to-the-bone cowboy hates more than anything to be "footback," - without a horse.

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Dan was facing this predicament when good fortune smiled on him.

A friend of his offered him an outstanding grulla mare, for a minimal price.

His friend informed him the mare might possibly respond quicker to commands in Español.

No problema, the cowboy was fluent in the language.

He was also told that she was a mite headstrong, but her speed, as in she could literally fly down the arena, would make up for that shortcoming.

As a further incentive to buying this mare, he was advised that she wore a solid No. 2 shoe, which the

current owner had an ample supply and would throw them in as part of the deal.

Dan parted with his life savings of \$600 and put himself horseback - where the real things of the world took place.

He test-

drove Mouse at his friend's arena. Following the precept that if you can't have the one you love, love the one you have, Dan decided Mouse would be perfect.

He loaded his new prize and set off to Mineral Wells for the Sunday roping where his friend Jeff was waiting impatiently. He had already entered them and was dreaming up how they would spend their winnings

Dan backed Mouse in the heeling box, Jeff nodded and the steer came flying. Jeff's head loop was true and settled around the steers horns.

He turned off to the left to set the steer in perfect position for Dan's heel loop.

Mouse had been in that arena before and had zeroed her eyeballs on the stripping chute exit gate at the far end.

She did, indeed, fly down the arena, totally ignoring the steer.

By the time she got to other end, Dan had hollered "Alto!" enough times to get her to stop in the corner.

Jeff, seeing what was happening, simply turned his horse and brought the steer back by Dan and Mouse.

Dan reached out and heeled both feet on the steer. They got a fast time, all things considered.

Second round, Jeff backed in the heading box and began having a little trouble of his own.

His horse, seeing that

Mouse was back in the heeling box, knew he was likely to have to pull the steer completely around the arena again. He began fighting the box.

Jeff's horse turned around in the box and stopped when was facing backward. This was precisely when the chute operator thought Jeff had nodded. He released the steer.

Fortunately, they had drawn the only steer that every other cowboy there had broken the barrier on.

The steer came slowly creeping out of the chute, Jeff's horse got turned around and they got out clean.

Jeff roped him quick and was set out to outrun Mouse as she was headed to the stripping chute gate again.

Jeff got in her way and Dan was able to catch both heels again. Another fast time.

Suffice it to say, the trophy buckles, prize money, pretty girls falling at their feet and a festive evening wound up the day.

Prudently saving part of

his winnings, Dan's went straight to the tack store the next morning, on a mission to buy a Mouse-stopper.

They had a good supply of bits, EasyStops and hackamores that Dan looked over, along with their price tags.

Then he recalled that Grandpa had just what he needed at home.

Hanging on his wall, Grandpa had an antique Mexican bit that he had found on the Matador Ranch.

The shanks almost drug the ground, but since Mouse seemed to like all things Spanish, Dan knew this was the key to making a perfect partnership.

To a cowboy, there is nothing like making a good buy on an outstanding horse.

All was well with the world again.

Julie, should have tried the Español approach a few times. She can be reached for comment at jcarter@ruidosonews.com.



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Kyle Traylor, above left, and **Gary Sweat**, right, were named Volunteers of the Year by the Rockin' H 4-H Club. Here they join last year's club officers, l-r, Forrest Sweat, Kirsten Wilson, Bethany Sweat, Emily Rush and Sara Rush. At right are the new officers for 2009, clockwise from top, Sara Rush, Bethany Sweat, Forrest Sweat, Emily Rush, Christian Sweat, J'nae Wood and McKensy Nall.

Rockin' H 4-H rocks into a new year

EMILY RUSH
Rockin' H 4-H reporter

The Rockin' H 4-H club recently held its annual recognition banquet.

The theme was "Proud Enough To Wear Pink."

Newly elected officers were installed to include: Sara Rush, president; McKensy Nall, vice president; Bethany Sweat, secretary; J'nae Wood, treasurer; Emily Rush, Reporter; Christian Sweat, parliamentarian; Forrest Sweat, song & recreation leader.

Certificates and small

gifts were given to the 4-H members after eating a potluck dinner.

Adult volunteer leaders were also given small tokens of appreciation. Gary Sweat, shooting instructor, and Kyle Traylor, wildlife coach, were named Volunteers of the Year. Sweat and Kyle have worked tirelessly with members competing in 4H in the shooting and wildlife competitions.

Organizational Leader Michelle Stearns received a Rockin' H 4-H jacket for her dedication to the club.

The following weekend,

members of the newly installed officer team went on an exciting trip to Albuquerque, where they attended New Mexico 4-H Senior Leadership Training.

The officers had a great time, learning new and refreshing old leadership skills that they plan to implement in the club, thereby bettering not only the club, but the community as well.

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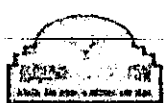
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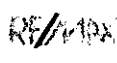


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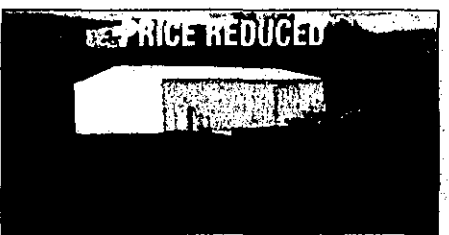
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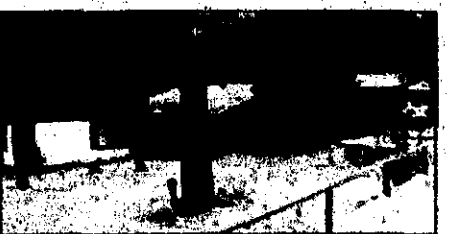
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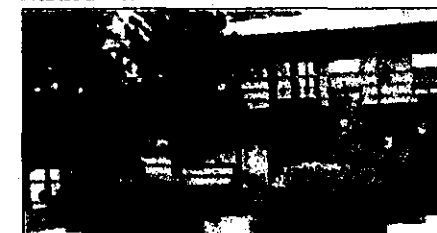


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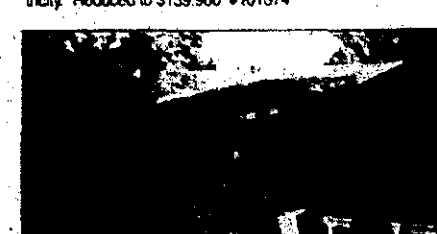
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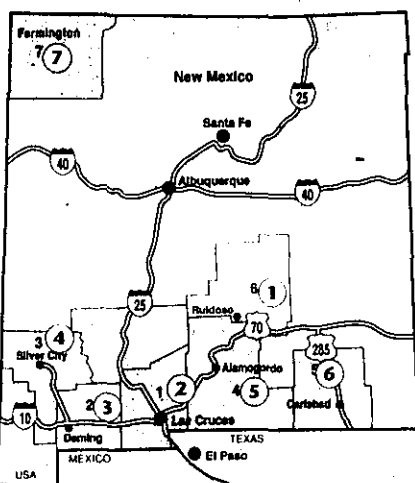
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#506 3T (2113,18,20)

NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF LINCOLN

Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso

Notice of intention is hereby given by the Ruidoso Branch Community College Board for a regular meeting to be held at ENMU-Ruidoso, 709 Mechem Dr., 24 hours prior to the meeting.

If you are an individual requiring Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations in order to attend the Community College Board meeting, please contact the office of the President, ENMU-Ruidoso, at 257-3306 at least forty-eight hours prior to the meeting.

#514 1T (2111,13,2116,20)

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ruidoso County Solid Waste Authority Board has called a public hearing for discussion of possible Rate Increase which will take place on February 24, 2009 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Ruidoso County Solid Waste Authority Office, 222 2nd Street, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico.

Copies of Agenda may be picked up at the Ruidoso County Solid Waste Authority Office.

#521 3T (2113,20,27)

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF LINCOLN

JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOAN SERVICE LP

Plaintiff,

vs.

DARLY BOARD MAN, if living, if deceased, the Estate of DARLY BOARD MAN, DECEASED, by and through the undersigned heirs, devisees or legatees of the Board Man, deceased, JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (names unknown) tenants.

Defendant(s)

No. CV-08-388

NOTICE OF PENDING LITIGATION

TO: Defendant(s) living, if deceased, the Estate of DARLY BOARD MAN, DECEASED, by and through the undersigned heirs, devisees or legatees of the Board Man, deceased, JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (names unknown) tenants.

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BOSCO PINE LODGE CO. SUBDIVISION

RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON MARCH 24, 1925.

That unless you respond to the Complaint within 30 days of the date of publication of this Notice, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Name, address and phone number of Plaintiff's attorney: Karen L. Peterson, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, this 5th day of February, 2009.

JAN PERRY, CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Gloria LaMay (SEAL)

Deputy

#522 2T (2118,20)

Region IX Education Cooperative Board

February 24, 2009 9:00 am. Ruidoso, NM. The meeting is open to the public. Agenda items include: budget adjustments, project updates, and employee hiring/resignations. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, community members are requested to contact the office of the President, ENMU-Ruidoso, at 257-3306 at least forty-eight hours prior to the meeting.

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INVITATION TO BID

BID NO: 2008 09-01

The Capital Municipal Schools Board Education is requesting competitive sealed bids for the purchase of a new building to be located in the District.

Project bid/contract documents may be obtained by contacting the District.

A Pro-Bid Conference and walk-through will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 10:00 AM in the Capital Municipal Schools Administration Office.

Bids will be received no later than March 9, 2009 at 2:00 PM.

Sealed bids must be delivered to:

Capital Municipal Schools

PO Box 278

Capitola, NM 88316

Phone No: 575-354-8500

The Capital Municipal Schools Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids and cancel this ITB in its entirety.

#522 2T (2120)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Village of Ruidoso is requesting competitive sealed proposals for the purchase of a new building to be located in the District.

Proposals will be received at the Village of Ruidoso, 311 Center St., Ruidoso, NM 88345 until 4:00 p.m. local time, Tuesday, March 3, 2009. Submitted proposals shall not be publicly opened or rejected and returned unopened the fact that the proposal was not considered.

Copies of the Request can be obtained in person at the office of the Purchasing Agent at 311 Center St. or will be mailed upon request to Vicki Eichelberger, Village of Ruidoso Purchasing Agent, at 575-257-7097.

#522 2T (2120)

LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a public hearing on the proposed rezoning of a portion of the Village of Ruidoso, located on the intersection of Highway 311 and Highway 311, to be held on March 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village of Ruidoso, 311 Center St., Ruidoso, NM 88345. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the proposed rezoning and to receive comments from the public for the following property:

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
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The Young Ambassadors perform in dance and song on Tuesday, Feb. 24. The show dance starts at 7:30 p.m. There will be a workshop at the Academy of Ballet on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at noon.

The Young Ambassadors perform "The New Music Makers," a stage production celebrating the best of Broadway, country and well-known songs from the 60s and 70s.

The Young Ambassadors combine professional sound and staging with captivating choreography into a 90-minute powerhouse presentation.

The BYL Young Ambassadors first entered the international spotlight in 1970 with their appearance at Expo '70 in Osaka, Japan. Over the past three decades, the Young Ambassadors have literally circled the globe with their unique brand of family entertainment. Whether this seasoned company is performing in

major concert halls, hospitals, orphanages or government palaces, with music and dance as their medium of communication, friendship is their message.

The Young Ambassadors are produced by the School of Music in cooperation with the Department of Dance at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. The ensemble, with artistic director Randy Boothe, will perform in New Mexico and Texas during a 10-day tour this month, with a month-long tour of performances in Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland scheduled during May.

This is a premier series event, with admission at \$25, \$18 and \$10. 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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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 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, this 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 Mezzanine Gallery. Hispanic weavings are the epitome of Southwestern art and culture. This collection of 37 Hispanic Rio Grande textiles (blankets, frazada, jergas and

colchas) brings together a variety of Rio Grande styles developed between 1820 and 1900 and emphasizes weavings from the Chimayo and Albuquerque areas, the historic center of the Rio Grande weaving industry. After 1598, Spanish entradas into the Rio Grande Valley brought the first sheep into the region. They also brought professional weavers from Spain who introduced the horizontal treadle loom.

"Mountain Masquerade"

Feb. 20-22: (Cloudcroft) Mardi Gras Weekend in Cloudcroft - "Mountain Masquerade" is the official theme. Weekend full of live music, dances, parties, a parade, a shrimp boil, costume contests, a piñata bash, art, shopping and more.

Friday will start with the Masqued Ball at the Lodge Resort at 7:30 p.m. till 11:30. Admission is free. Costume Contest is optional.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. - Mardi Gras Vendors with Cajun Food, activities, games and retail items to purchase in the heated Big 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 winner and Auction. Call the Cloudcroft Chamber of Commerce for more information, at 575-682-2733.

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.

D.I.Y. DOSO

Feb. 21: (Ruidoso) Started by area youth, this afternoon event at Two Rivers Park features music by Dirty Jones, Chris Miles, JJ Wood and Olde Time Music. Good fun and good music - bring food to barbecue, and bring the family; \$3 at 3 p.m..

Karaoke Championship

Feb. 24: (Ruidoso) The New Mexico Karaoke Championship Qualifier will be held at Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant starting at 6 p.m. Visit www.karaokeenchantment.com for more details.

BYU's Young Ambassadors

Feb. 24: (Alamogordo) Brigham Young University's Young Ambassadors perform "The New Music Makers," a stage production celebrating the best of Broadway, country and well-known songs from the '60s and '70s.

The Young Ambassadors combine professional sound and staging with captivating choreography into a 90-minute powerhouse presentation. Flickinger Center for Performing Arts; 7:30 p.m. This is a premier series event, with admission at \$25, \$18 and \$10. 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.

Too Many Doctors

Feb. 27-29: (Ruidoso) Ruidoso High School's Red Feather Theatre Company presents an adaptation of Moliere's farcical comedy, *The Imaginary Invalid*. See the outstanding young thespians, just back from their success in the Portales Drama Festival in this hysterical performance featuring Commedia del Arte characters, great dialogue and outstanding ensemble work. Friday and Saturday shows at 7 p.m.; Sunday show at 5 p.m. at the Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center, 125 Warrior Dr.

mARTi gras Party

Feb. 28: (Ruidoso) mARTi Gras, the biggest party and art event of the season, is presented by the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts, at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 6 to 11 p.m. Come by for some great gumbo competitions, live music, and art auctions. Art show sale by the region's professional artists. Admission: \$10 adults, \$8 kids age 12 and under. A collective showcase will display of visual and performing arts, with great art deals to be had. Live and silent auctions will feature works of art and other interesting items. Learn about various art mediums and see area artists at work. Children are invited to participate in a variety of hands-on art activities including making their own masks. Enjoy gumbo and other favorites from onsite food vendors, plus full bar service. Info: 575-257-7272 or rrcarts@valornet.com.

Bye, Bye Birdie

March 3: (Alto) Hit musical *Bye Bye Birdie* at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$59 and \$56. Winner of eight Tony Awards including Best Musical, *Bye Bye Birdie*, one of the most fun-loving Broadway musicals of all time, takes center stage at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts with the stellar performance team of Windwood Productions (credits include *Little Women*, *Urban Cowboy*, *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*).

Phone the box office for tickets and reservations at 336-4800.

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

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LET'S GO! - OTERO COUNTY

Coming to the Inn of the Mountain Gods

The Inn of the Mountain Gods has a wide range of performances and events planned for the upcoming months. In addition to those highlighted here, visit their Web site at innofthemountain gods.com, or phone their box office at 888-324-0348.

Night Ranger - Feb. 27

After forming Night Ranger in 1982, the band gained notoriety for its popular song, "Dawn Patrol." Night Ranger symbolized the sound and style of music that characterized the 1980s, and is most recognized for its hits, including "Sister Christian," "Don't Tell Me You Love Me," and "(You Can Still) Rock in America."

- Performance begins at 8 p.m.; Doors open at 7 p.m.
- Must be 21 or older to attend.

King of the Cage - March 7

You've seen it on Pay Per View. Now you can see America's fastest-growing sport live in Southern New Mexico - only at Inn

of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino. Join the crowd on Saturday, March 7, at 7 p.m. to find out who will be King of the Cage in this exhilarating mixed martial arts competition.

New Mexico native and Flyweight Class Champion Abel Cullum headlines a fight card also featuring Coty "Ox" Wheeler, Quinn Mulhern, Miles Jury and many others. Eight bouts are scheduled, but you won't want to miss a second of the action.

- Must be 21 or older to attend.

Bill Engvall - March 8

Be there on March 8 at 8 p.m. for an evening with one of the most sought-after performers around, Bill Engvall, star of TBS' "The Bill Engvall Show," and one of the members of the famed Blue Collar Comedy Tour.

An expert at capturing the humor of everyday family life, Bill Engvall is sure to put on an uproariously funny act you won't forget.

- Performance begins at 8 p.m.; Doors open at 7

p.m.

- Must be 21 or older to attend.

Larry the Cable Guy - March 19

Don't miss your chance to "Git 'R Done" with one of the hottest comedy acts in the country - Larry the Cable Guy. Known for his appearances with the Blue Collar Comedy Tour and numerous TV and film roles, Larry the Cable Guy brings his infectious brand of down-home humor to New Mexico for an unforgettable night of laugh-out-loud comedy.

- Two Shows - 6:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.
- Must be 21 or older to attend.

Styx - March 20

Go back to the days when arena rock ruled the world with Styx, the legendary Chicago band best known for mega-hits like "Renegade," "Come Sail Away" and "Too Much Time on My Hands." Featuring a catalog full of incredible power ballads from the '70s and '80s, Styx is sure to please the rocker in you.

- Performance begins at 8 p.m.; Doors open at 7 p.m.



- Must be 21 or older to attend.

Wayne Newton - April 3

Wayne Newton started performing at the age of 4 and has gone on to entertain audiences worldwide for more than 60 years. Newton was recruited by a Las Vegas talent agent and has since gone on to become one of the world's most recognized entertainers.

Throughout his career, he has served as the headlining act in many of Las Vegas' premier hotels, and in 1996 he performed in 25,000 show in Vegas, earning him the title of "Mr. Las Vegas."

Newton's hit songs include "Daddy Don't You Walk So Fast," "Years" and "Danke Schoen," and he has been featured in numerous films and TV

shows such as ABC's "Dancing with the Stars," NBC's "Las Vegas," Ocean's Eleven and National Lampoon's Vegas Vacation.

- Performance begins at 8 p.m.; Doors open at 7 p.m.
- Must be 21 or older to attend.

Kenny Rogers - May 1

Having recorded more than 65 albums which have sold over 100 million records worldwide, Kenny Rogers is an American Icon. Rogers has won three Grammy awards, 11 People's Choice Awards, 18 American Music

Awards, eight Academy of Country Music awards and five Country Music Association awards and he still loves touring and recording new music. For five decades, Rogers has delivered memorable songs, drawing fans among rock, pop, soul and country audiences with hits like: "Lady," "Ruby Don't Take Your Love to Town," "The Gambler" and many more. In 2006, Rogers released yet another hit single, "I Can't Unlove You" from the album *Water & Bridges*.

- Performance begins at 8 p.m.; Doors open at 7 p.m.
- Must be 21 or older to attend.


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Earth Day Fair

The 15th Annual Community Earth Day Fair in Alamogordo will take place on Saturday April 25, 2009.

The Earth Day Fair in

Alamogordo is the largest Earth Day Related Event in the Southwestern United States. There are hundreds of exhibitors from all corners of the community that take part each year.

Along with live entertainment, alternative energy displays, a live butterfly release, an Earth Day Poster contest and loads of childrens activities, one of the activities that has been

added over the years is an Earth Day Science Fair.

Part of the Earth Day Science Fair is a Solar Car Kit Contest. The solar car kit competition is based on the principals of the

Standard Science Fair

Criteria. There are several categories and there are prizes to the winners which have been donated by local businesses.

Any child can enter the contest. If they cannot find the needed parts locally kits can be purchased from SunWind Solar.com at www.sunwind.ca or other sites on the web.

The Earth Day Fair Committee will work with school classes to assist them with kits on a case by case basis, using funds donated by the community.

Kits were received thanks to the Cloudcroft Lions Club and the Earth Day Fair Committee. The

1st grade class received 20

standard kits and the 3rd grade class received 15 upgraded kits which include extra gearing and larger solar panels capable of recharging batteries.

The Earth Day Fair Committee holds tree sales on Arbor Day and at the Earth Day fair as a way to generate funds for this and other ED related childrens activities.

In order to continue providing these kits the EDF Committee depends on donations from the community.

For information call 15th Annual Community Earth Day Fair Chairman Chuck Galusha at 434-6296.



TAXI

STAR MARILU HENNER TOMORROW NIGHT!

PERFORMING WITH HER TRIO

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

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Some of the many 2008 entries from Bob Daniels' first-grade class.

LET'S GO!

'Mountain Masquerade'

The Cloudcroft Chamber of Commerce will bring a little New Orleans to the mountain community, Feb. 20-22, with its 7th annual Mardi Gras celebration, "Mountain Masquerade."

The family celebration will include costumes, a children's parade, bead throwing, masks, Cajun-style food, a piñata bash, shopping and much more, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, under a heated street tent on "Burro-

bon" Street, with an auction on Sunday.

Admission is free for all events (costume optional). For information, phone 575-682-2733 or visit cloudcroft.net.

The Masque Ball and costume contest take place 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., Friday, at The Lodge's Red Dog Saloon, with the introduction of the reigning King and Queen, a Cajun cooking contest and a family "Fais-Do-Do."

The official Mardi Gras Parade is 2 p.m., Saturday. Don't miss this outstanding annual event.



The Cloudcroft Mardi Gras celebration, "Mountain Masquerade," is this weekend, starting today, Feb. 20, and continuing through Sunday. Providing some of unique local color is Rhonda Napoleon, of Skyline Desing, LLC, of Cloudcroft, shared her excitement about the parade and all the festivities.

She also shared this photo she recently created outside The Lodge. "The photo shows parts painted and parts in black and white like someone started to color a picture" Napoleon said. "I call it 'Bring Out the Color'."

Don't miss this 7th annual family-friendly event.



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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.

ASTRONOMY

Happenings in The Lion

It's still winter-time, but the constellations that one normally associates with the spring-time sky are now rising in the east during the evening hours, and are high overhead during the hours around and after midnight.

One of the more prominent spring constellations is a grouping that many ancient cultures considered as resembling a lion, and which nowadays is known as Leo. Leo's most prominent star is the bright star Regulus which marks the lion's forepaw, and since Leo is a zodiac constellation it also has planets occasionally traveling through it; right now Saturn is located near the lion's rear paw.

In Our Skies

by Alan Hale
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Astronomer



Other, smaller, solar system objects occasionally travel through Leo as well. During the latter part of this month two of the more interesting of these "other" objects will be making their respective ways through the stars of the lion.

One of these is the

asteroid Ceres. Ceres was the first asteroid to be discovered – by the Sicilian astronomer Giuseppe Piazzi on Jan. 1, 1801 – and it is also the largest asteroid (590 miles in diameter) in the "main" asteroid belt. It is large enough, in fact, that it was given "dwarf planet" status when the International Astronomical Union issued its planetary definitions three years ago.

During these next few weeks, Ceres is traveling through the stars north of the lion's hindquarters. Although not quite bright enough to view with the unaided eye, it should be easily visible with a pair of binoculars, although even through a telescope it appears as nothing more than a bright "star" that changes its position from hour to hour and night to night.

On this coming Wednesday, Feb. 25, Ceres will pass 147 million miles from Earth – the closest it has been to our planet since 1857, and it won't come this close again until the year 4164.

Ceres, incidentally, is the final destination of the Dawn spacecraft that was launched in September 2007. Just this past Wednesday, Dawn passed 300 miles from the surface of Mars, gaining a gravity-assisted push towards the main-belt asteroid Vesta, which it will reach in

October 2011. After spending six months in orbit around Vesta, Dawn begins the journey to Ceres, which it will reach in February 2015.

Another, more transient solar system member currently traveling through Leo is the bright Comet Lulin.

This object was originally discovered in July 2007 by a Chinese university student, Quanzhi Ye, on images that had been taken during the course of a small survey program – the Lulin survey – that was being conducted from the neighboring island of Taiwan.

At that time, Comet Lulin was a very dim and distant object – in fact, it didn't even appear "fuzzy" like a typical comet on the original images – but it has brightened quite a bit and has gotten much closer to the sun and Earth during the intervening year and a half.

Comet Lulin was closest

to the sun (113 million miles) a month and a half ago. Through a somewhat interesting coincidence it is almost exactly backwards to Earth's, and during this coming week it and the Earth will pass by each other as they travel in their respective opposite directions around the sun. The comet is closest to our planet (38 million miles) on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

As it flies past our planet, Comet Lulin hurries across Leo from east to west during the next couple of weeks. It passes slightly to south of Saturn on Monday evening (Feb. 23) and then passes just to the south of Regulus four nights later.

It is bright enough that, from dark rural sites at least, it should be visible to the unaided eye, and binoculars may reveal a short tail.

Unlike Ceres, which travels around the sun in a near-circular orbit every

4.6 years, Comet Lulin is not a regular visitor to the inner solar system. In fact, this appears to be the first time it has ever come inward from the solar system's distant outer reaches but because of the gravitational influences of various planets (including Earth) it is getting placed into a smaller orbit; still, it won't be back for another 42,500 years.

There aren't any spacecraft going out to meet it, either, so these next couple of weeks will be the best opportunity for us Earthlings to view this wanderer from distant space.

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>

State Parks 'Reach for the Stars

Comet Lulin is fast approaching Earth and Living Desert, Brantley Lake and Bottomless Lakes state parks welcome its arrival with star parties on Feb. 20, Feb. 27, and March 6, that will be led by noted comet astronomer Dr. Alan Hale.

Hale, who co-discovered the Hale-Bopp comet in July 1995, will orient visitors to the solar system

and our place in the Universe during a PowerPoint presentation and telescope viewing at each of the three parks.

"I'll have some great photos from the Hubbell Telescope as well as from my colleagues," said Hale. "There will be several telescopes outside and the next three weeks offer the best opportunity to see Comet Lulin."

Comet Lulin, named for

the Lulin Observatory in Taiwan where it initially was photographed, is the "starring" comet of the season.

Because it is orbiting on an elliptic in the opposite direction to the planets, the comet appears to be zooming by at an accelerated rate and viewers will be able to see that apparent speed against the starry night sky.

By Feb. 24, it could be

visible to the naked eye in dark rural areas such as the clear desert skies of southeastern New Mexico.

"I'm so pleased to support these special state park education programs," said Rep. Nora Espinoza (R-Chavez/Otero). "Southern New Mexico has such beautiful starry skies that we should appreciate, show off, and learn from."

Hale also will look at

other recent astronomical findings such as a recently discovered exoplanet – a planet beyond the solar system orbiting a star other than the Sun. This one is the smallest known exoplanet, orbiting its sun every 20 hours with a scorching surface temperature of 1,800 degrees.

"I'll be talking about our place in the galaxy – how it is in relation to the Universe and objects in

solar system," said Hale. "Saturn will be well-placed this spring to see the ring system in the plane of view and by June there will be good views of the center of the galaxy."

For more information about Reach for the Stars, call Steve Cary, parks natural resource planner, at 505-476-3386, toll-free at 888-NMPARKS or visit www.nmparks.com

COMMUNITY LISTINGS: OTERO COUNTY

Education

ESL: English as a second language class, 9 a.m. each Monday, 1328 Scenic Dr. \$15 for workbook. Class sponsored by Mountain Valley Baptist Association; 437-9987.

H.E.L.P. Head Start: Accepting applications for pre-school children with or without disabilities. Free meals. Alamogordo Center: Maria Gallegos, 434-6313; La Luz Center: Martina Travis, 437-4485; Tularosa Center: Annette Chavez, 585-4818.

Integrated Instructional Services Department: Monthly Parent/Staff Advisory Committee meeting, 4 - 6 p.m. every second Tuesday at the IIS Building. Dr. Doug Householder, 439-3200.

Lacy Simms: Governing council meets at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at First National Bank Building Atrium. Regular meetings are at 7:15 p.m.; 437-4011.

Service Organizations

Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club: Meets at 7 a.m. every Saturday at Maximino's, 2300 White Sands Blvd. The public is welcome. Jeanette or Chuck, 434-6296.

Alamogordo Noon Kiwanis: Meets at Margo's Mexican Restaurant every Wednesday, except the fifth. 434-6417.

Alamogordo Public Library Foundation: Raises money and awareness for Alamogordo Public Library. Flori, 437-6616 or Allen, 434-2349.

Altirusa International: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. at Margo's. Linda, 437-0703.

Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority: Focusing on cultural, social and service activities. Alberta, 437-4258.

Big Brothers Big Sisters: Accepting applications for children ages 6 - 17 and volunteers 18 years or older. 434-3388.

Daughters of the American Revolution: Meets monthly on third Saturday at time and place TBA. 437-7200.

Downtown Lions Club: Meets on second and fourth Mondays at Mariscos Costa Azul, 415 S. White Sands Blvd. Public welcome. Terry Reed at 434-3968 or Martha 437-7515.

Flickinger Guild: Supporting the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts, Guild members sell tickets in the box office, work the door for performances, usher, hand out programs and work concessions. Contact membership chairman Flori McElderry at 437-6616.

Kiwanis Club of Alamogordo: Meets on first and third Thursdays at 8 a.m. at Maximino's Restaurant, 2300 N. White Sands Blvd; 434-0923.

Order of the Eastern Star: Tularosa Basin Chapter No. 72 meets at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday at 409 Higuera St., Tularosa. 434-1456.

Veterans / Military Groups

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1257: Open meeting/luncheon at 11:30 a.m. every second Friday at Base Enlisted Club. Visits to area veterans in local care centers every third Saturday, starting at the Betty Dare Center on North Florida Ave. promptly at 10 a.m. Gil Isley, 434-5552.

American Legion Post 108: Meets second Tuesday of month at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, Ed_wishbone@hotmail.com

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 108: Meets second

Tuesday of month at 6:15 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All spouses, daughters, sisters, mothers or granddaughters of active and former military personnel are encouraged to attend. Info: Elaine Chestnut, 446-8331, mechestnut@msn.com, or Ed Summerall, 430-4322.

Disabled American Veterans, Cap. 14: Meetings are first Monday of month at 821 Alaska, 6 p.m. Info: 434-8976.

New Mexico American Legion Riders Association, Chapter 8: Meets second Tuesday of month at 8 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, or Darrell Winfree, 430-7735.

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 108: Meets third Monday of month at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All sons, grandsons of active and former military personnel are encouraged to attend. Information: Brian Koutrous, 717-202-9810 or Milton Chestnut, 446-9045.

VFW Post 7686 and Ladies Auxiliary: Meetings are at 7 p.m. every third Tuesday at 700 U.S. 70 West in Bingo Hall; 437-0770.

Help & Healing

Al-Anon: New Day Al-Anon group meets noon Thursdays at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo.

Alamogordo City Disability Council: Meets at 2 p.m. every third Wednesday at the Sgt. Willie Estrada Memorial Civic Center. Disability Resource Center, 439-1112, or Ann French at 439-4227 or 439-4889.

American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center: 2 - 5 p.m. every Mon-Tue at 2689 N. Scenic, north of hospital; hats, wigs, scarves, bras and prostheses available; free "Look Good - Feel Better" make-up sessions are available with reservations; Vivian Smith, 434-5874 or 439-7681, or Lillie Lewis, 439-8409.

Blood Pressure Screening: 9 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Red Cross office. Free; 700 E. First St., No. 765. 437-4421.

Calvary Baptist Clothes Closet: Open 2 - 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 1200 Indian Wells Rd.; Clothing is free; Donations accepted. 437-0110.

Celiac Disease/Gluten Intolerance Support Group: Meets second and fourth Sundays, 2-3:30 p.m., in the conference room of ERA-Simmons Real Estate, 918 10th St., Alamogordo. Info: Kathie at 437-0603, Robin at 442-9419, or email paintedladies64@yahoo.com.

Child Health Care: No or low cost for children under 19. Apply at the Otero County Public Health Office. 437-9340, 437-9899, or 437-9093.

Divorced & Widowed Adjustment Group: Meets at 6:30 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Alamogordo Church, 2826 Indian Wells Rd. Non-sectarian self-help group dedicated to assisting men and women of all ages through the loss of a partner through divorce, separation or death. Info: Ben, 682-3621.

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.

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 Mesalero. 439-4971.

Zia Thrift Store: Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 816 E. Ninth St., across from the N.M. Department of Labor Monday - Saturday; Proceeds support the programs at Zia Therapy Center for children and adults with developmental disabilities; Donations appreciated; Fridays are Military Discount Day; 437-0144.

Zia Transportation Services: Offered for work, work-related activities, education, training and child-care. Contact an Income Support Division caseworker, New Mexico Works caseworker or Zia Therapy Center at 437-4222.

Political

Democratic Party of Otero County 6 p.m. first Tuesday of every month at 700 1st Street, Suite 773 (Granada Shopping Center), Alamogordo. For information, phone 437-8590.

Mountain Democrats: Noon every third Wednesday at Big Daddy's Restaurant on U.S. 82, Cloudcroft. Dr. Harvey Hilbert, 687-3219, HarveyHilbert@yahoo.com.

Republican Party of Otero County: Fourth Thursday meeting each month. Info: Sassy 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 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 at Margo's Restaurant in Alamogordo. All Lincoln and Otero County educational retirees welcome. For info: Barbara, 585-5564 or Dave, 437-6948.

Singles of Otero County: Weekly activities to provide a social network for singles in the area. 18 & over welcome. 437-4035.

Tularosa Basin Rorkhounds: 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.

LET'S GO!

Smart, sexy and fun

~ catch the infectious energy of Marilu Henner in concert



The extraordinary Marilu Henner as she appeared on "Celebrity Apprentice," where she received respect and admiration from everyone, especially Donald Trump.

BY SANDY KASHMAR
VAMONOS EDITOR

"I tell my boys I'm a like a moving train, and I'm moving fast," Marilu Henner said during a high-energy conversation last week. "You just have to always keep moving forward."

Walt Disney said the same thing, and coming from a woman whose varied and dynamic career has spanned more than 35 years, this is a mantra she wears well.

Henner has done it all, and with gusto. She's appeared on Broadway and in national touring companies, performing in such hits as *Grease*, *Annie Get Your Gun* and *Chicago*.

She has starred in successful, long-running television projects including "Evening Shade" and the perennially popular "Taxi."

She has acted in 26 movies, is a *New York Times* best-selling author of eight books and a public speaker who delivers a passionate message of health and wellness all around the country.

She's a talk-show host's dream, a favorite of Carson and Leno. She's worked with the likes of John Travolta, Michael Keaton and Burt Reynolds. And boy, does she have some tales to tell.

But we won't give them away.

Stories and laughs

As we do throughout our lives and careers, Henner has been constantly collecting stories, which she will share with the Spencer Theater audience this Saturday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m.

"I am always gathering material," she said. "I have never done a one-woman show before, and this gives me a great opportunity to share my life – lots of the funny things that have happened, some behind-the-scenes stories, and stories about my family, too. I want the audience to get to know me, and to get to know each other as well." To that end, she expects to engage the audience through taking questions and perhaps even inviting members up to the stage.

Henner will be accompanied by a piano trio, and one of her sons and her brother will be appearing with her. She will then be taking the act on the road to some larger venues in New York and L.A. The intimate nature of the Spencer Theater should prove perfect for a high-energy adventure with this exceptional performer who simply never slows down.

For a glimpse of Henner performing, check out the Spencer Theater Web site, www.spencertheater.com. Great seats still remain for the show, so call the Spencer Theater Box Office today at 336-4800.

See you there!

Premiere

"I am really excited to premier my one-woman show at the Spencer," Henner revealed. "It's a combination of everything, of my whole career, and with lots of humor."

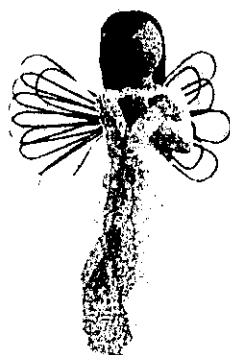
"My mother ran a dance studio, so I took my first lessons when I was very young. In college, I was a body parts model, so I have even worked that into my show with songs about the body. I'll be singing and dancing, with numbers from *Chicago* and *Annie Get Your Gun*, and sharing lots of personal pieces as well."

If you go

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Big celebration



BY SANDY KASHMAR
VAMONOS EDITOR

It's the party of the year here in Ruidoso, a big community celebration with great food, wonderful music and outstanding art – not to mention the chance to get decked out in costumes, masks and beads.

The Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts presents "mARTi gras," Saturday, Feb. 28, 6-10 p.m., at the Ruidoso Convention Center. If you've not attended before, you should make this year's better-than-ever event your first annual. And if you have, we know you won't want to miss this one! It's a family-friendly affair, with games and creative mask-making for the kids, excellent art created by our many local professional artists, music and dancing ... and don't forget the gumbo.

Some like it hot

The gumbo cookoff always presents a wide variety of ingredients and tastes, with festive booths set up by the competitors, and partygoers can even vote for the People's Choice winners. Along with the food vendors, artists and others will be exhibiting their creations and wares in booths throughout. And it's a great chance to pick up some art at very reasonable prices.

Hot art

Featuring both silent and live art auctions, the mARTi gras also will give partygoers an opportunity to watch artists at work, with live demonstrations. And don't forget the mask competition. It simply wouldn't be mARTi gras without masks. Any artistic creation with a mask theme is welcome, and the deadline for entering your creation is Feb. 27 to be eligible for cash prizes. (These entries will be sold in the silent auction to benefit the RRCA. Call 257-7272 to get your entry in.)

Live music

And this year's musical offerings have grown to include the "Zulu Lounge," where musicians and performers will entertain throughout the night. Among those performing will be Sawyer Ward, Susan Kolb, Rustler (with Tony Avallone and Greg Hagman), Blake and Deanna Martin, and Wayne Ellison.

A band is born

Onstage this year, for your New Orleans Mardi Gras-style dancing pleasure, will be a hot new band featuring Rich Chorné, Lou Ann Ellison, Jamie Estes, Blake Martin, Frank Zona and John Brock.

"I was appointed to the board of the RRCA to promote local music and to raise music awareness as an adjunct to art,"

said Chorné, the organizer of the band. "With the mARTi Gras event, I was charged with providing music that reflected the Mardi Gras spirit and the various genres of New Orleans music.

"I was on a quest for a Mardi Gras dream band. To begin, there's the rolling piano arpeggios of Dr. John and Professor Longhair. So I knew I wanted a pianist or keyboardist. Lou Ann Ellison's background as a music school graduate alone qualified her for the task. But her willingness to take on the project and to go out and play the music and adapt the feel far exceeded my expectations.

"My next thought was that we needed a really funky bass player and a drummer who can do the second-line beats. This really narrows the field. Local drummers that can do this were unavailable. This led me to John Brock, a former Ruidoso resident, and a dynamic drummer from El Paso." Chorné explained how he met Jamie Estes, who is a local bass player, through the ubiquitous Blake Martin. Recently, he and Estes rejoined, this time for the Church out of Church band at Dreamcatcher. "Music has always been a huge part of my life," Estes said. "I started in the Junior High band playing alto and



baritone saxophone and then learning to play the bass guitar in high school. Having been born in Louisiana, there is a predominately black influence in my musical style and preference," he explained.

"When Jamie mentioned that he grew up in Louisiana and knew this music, that cinched it," Chorné said.

"I felt that the jazz influences of the 2nd Line needed a horn," Chorné continued. "I was visualizing the sound of Charles Neville of the Neville Brothers band. Frank Zona from El Paso was willing to take time out from his band, Urbar Edge, and jam with us.

"Music masters at a certain level bring their own energy and are quick to adapt to the performance. They rely mostly on a loose structure and the spontaneity and emotion of the moment and the contribution of the other musicians." In other words, this band will have you on your feet and swinging the night away.

Don't miss this year's big party, as mARTi gras gets underway at the Convention Center at 6 p.m. and continues until 10 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28. Come in costume, or come as you are. For more information or to volunteer, visit www.ruidosoarts.org/martigras, or call the RRCA at 575-257-7272.

For more on mARTi gras art, see page 17. For more great photos of last year's party, see page 20.



HISTORY

"To capture the West's most dangerous killer, part 1

As a historian, one of

the questions I get the most is, "Who was the fastest gun in the West?"

Well, as any knowledgeable historian will tell you, being quick on the draw was a good thing, and being

accurate was a good thing, but it was neither of those attributes that made the Old Western gunfighters dangerous.

It was something that was, well, more straightforward. The mark of a *real* gunfighter was neither being a good shot or being fast on the draw – it was the ability to be *deliberate*. Of course, being quick and accurate were certainly good things, but up against a man who could remain calm and deliberate under fire, they didn't mean much.

Wyatt Earp probably said it best when he commented that in a gunfight what you wanted to do was "make haste slowly." As with all things in life, there were certainly excep-

Past Tense

by Drew Gomber
Historian



tions to this rule. The man who was probably the most notable exception was also the West's deadliest killer: John Wesley Hardin.

Hardin could not only remain calm under fire, his speed and accuracy were legendary, even in his own time.

After his capture, when he was being transported back to Texas for trial, he spent a good deal of time entertaining the Texas Rangers with his deadly skills. The Rangers gave him two guns – very carefully unloaded, of course – and Hardin proceeded to amaze them with tricks such as "the border roll" (also known as "the road agent's spin") and other tricks that, to someone unfamiliar with firearms, would appear to be very fancy juggling tricks.

Which is what they really are, when you get right down to it. The main difference being that with most jugglers, no one dies at the finale of the show.

Beginnings

John Wesley Hardin was born in Bonham, Texas, on May 23, 1853. Reconstruction Texas was a terrible place for any former Confederate soldiers, as well as anyone who shared their views.

At war's end, many freed slaves were enlisted into the Texas State Police. In fact, nearly one third of the State Police were freed slaves, which did not have a positive effect on most of the citizenry. Many Texans felt, with a good deal of justification, that they were being victimized by those running Texas after the war. Yankee carpetbaggers had come south and (not just in Texas, but throughout the South) proceeded to victimize and abuse the vanquished Rebels.

To be fair to the former slaves, it should be noted that many of them attempted to do their jobs with honesty and honor, but a few could always be found who were looking for revenge, plain and simple (can anyone blame them?). The end result was that with the carpetbagger government keeping a watchful eye, Texans had no real rights whatsoever. And to kill a black man, regardless of the circumstances, was an almost guaranteed death sentence.

And it was into this world that 15-year-old Wes Hardin plunged in 1868, three years after Lee's surrender. It began with a wrestling match that went terribly, terribly wrong. Hardin and a cousin of his (about the same age) had

bet a freed slave named Mage that they could beat him in a wrestling match. Mage seems to have felt that these two children were no match for him, and eagerly accepted the wager. Unfortunately, he had underestimated his two teenaged opponents and they had beaten him, bloodying his nose in the process.

Mage was furious. He announced that "No White boy can draw my blood and live," and followed that threat with many more like it. Hardin and his cousin elected to avoid trouble, planning to leave the area the next morning. But it was not to be.

The following day as Hardin walked his horse down a quiet lane, he was suddenly confronted by Mage, who was brandishing a club. There is an old saying about never bringing a club to a gunfight, but apparently Mage was unaware of it. This was most unfortunate for him, because when Mage raised the club to strike him, Hardin drew a .44 pistol and shot him four times with it, killing him on the spot.

Hardin immediately headed home. After he told his father the story, the elder Hardin conferred with his wife, John Wesley's mother. It is interesting to note that J.G. Hardin (Wes' father) was a Methodist minister, but despite that fact, he advised his son to flee the area.

Even J.G. knew that despite his son's youth,

Wes had killed a black man and was not likely to make it past the first hanging tree if he were to be captured. The carpetbagger government was anxious to make examples of anyone they felt had not abandoned the old ways and attitudes of slavery.

And the white men who ran Texas were anxious to give the former slaves the opportunity to strike back. Sadly, and this always seems to be the case, no one seems to have been inclined to do the right thing, and the Carpetbagger government seemed intent on abusing all white Texans in much the same way that blacks had been abused for so many years by some white Texans.

Pursuit

And so, the teen-aged John Wesley Hardin began his career as a gunfighter. Most gunfighters had vastly inflated reputations. It was something that the gunfighters themselves fostered and knew to be in their own best interest. If a man thought that you had killed a dozen or so just like him, he would probably be disinclined to pick a fight with you.

For example, Wild Bill Hickok was supposed to have killed something like a hundred men in the course of his life. Wild Bill himself was not averse to this image, for the reasons stated above. But the fact is, Hickok killed seven men, perhaps eight. Billy the Kid did not kill the 21 men of legend. His total

was more like four (not counting various skirmishes during the Lincoln County War when he was one of a number of men shooting). Doc Holliday was another one. Despite the movies, there is a good chance that Doc never killed anyone prior to the legendary "Gunfight at the OK Corral."

None of this is to say that every one of these were not extremely dangerous. While none of them actually killed the number of men attributed to them, that does not mean that they weren't more than willing to kill – and that makes all the difference, then and now.

In the end, it is difficult to say that any of these men were in the same league as Hardin, because when all was said and done, he faced far more men than any of his contemporaries.

Next: The body count escalates

SOURCES: *Dark Angel of Texas*, by Leon Metz; *The Last Gunfighter*, by Richard Marohn; and *The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters*, by Bill O'Neal.

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Dining Guide

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Key Code:

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

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Sunset Run Restaurant • 54 McDonald Rd. (west end of 10th St.), Alamogordo • Ribs, brisket, pork, sausage, smoked chicken and fish • Tue-Sat, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. • sunsetrunrestaurant.com or 434-9000. V Y

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

Cafés

Airport Grille • 3500 Airport Rd., Alamogordo • 439-1093 • Open Mon-Fri, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. • Specialty sandwiches, and daily specials.

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

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

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

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

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

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Mayhill Café • Mayhill • 687-3066

Mayhill Mercantile • Mayhill • 687-3425.

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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

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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.

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

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

Fine Dining

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

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

Rebecca's at The Lodge • 1 Corona Place, Cloudcroft • Breakfast, 7-10:30 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., with soups,

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

Mexican

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Dreamcatcher Café • 2629 Sudderth, in the Courtyard in Midtown by Kawliga's • 802-2222 • Sun-Thu, 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m. • Breakfast, lunch, dinner, smoothies, coffee • live music.

Hummingbird Tearoom • 2306 Sudderth in The Plaza • 257-5100 • Mon-Sat, Breakfast 7:30-10:30; Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. • Soup & sandwiches. **V**

Kiss The Sky Cafe • 2111 Sudderth • Carry-out only; all menu items \$6.50 • Sandwiches, soups, salads and homemade bread • 973-8158.

River's Edge • 2404 Sudderth • 630-5394 • Mon-Sat, 10:30-5; Sun, 11:30-5; • Custom-made sandwich wraps, freshly made desserts. **V**

Roy's Ice Cream Parlor • 1200 Avenue E, Carrizozo • 648-2921 • Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat, 12-6 • Old-fashioned ice cream sodas, milkshakes, malts, banana splits & other fountain treats.

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

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

The Village Buttery • 2107 Sudderth • 257-9251 • Soups, sandwiches, salads; great pies and cookies; patisserie • 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**

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Big Game Bar & Grill • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. inside Casino Apache at Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero • 464-7880. **T**

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

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

Cree Meadows Restaurant • 301 Country Club • 257-2733 • Mon-Sat, breakfast 7 a.m.-11 a.m.; lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; closed Sunday • Steak, seafood, lounge, banquet room. **T**

Denny's • 2219 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • 378-1389 • Open 24/7.

Elsie's Charbroiled Burgers • Hwy. 54 at Hwy. 380 (old Taste Freeze) • Carrizozo • 648-4200 • Burgers, enchiladas, chicken & steak fingers, salads, soft serve ice cream. Patio seating. **V**

Emily's Southern Accent • 320 E. Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 354-5459 • Mon-Sat, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.; also Fri, 5-8 p.m.

Farley's Food Fun & Pub • 1200 Mechem • 258-5676 • Mon-Fri, 11:30 a.m.-1 a.m.; Sat, 11 a.m.-1 a.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-12 a.m. • Burgers, pizza, pub fare, lounge, pool tables, patio. **T**

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

Gathering of Nations Buffet • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IMG • 464-7872 • American, Italian, Asian and Mexican cuisine.

Horsemen's Grill • 321 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 354-1447.

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Log Cabin • 1074 Mechem • 258-5029.

Lucy & Ethel's • 1009 Mechem • 8 a.m.-5 p.m. • 630-1221.

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

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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. **T**

Smokey Bear Restaurant • 310 Smokey Bear Blvd.,

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CUISINE

Arroz Dulce



Polly's Potpourri

by Polly E. Chavez

A dessert for Cuaresma (Lent) is Arroz Dulce (Sweet Rice). I make it using canned milk. Evaporated milk is called the "cooking milk" because of the rich and creamy results.

Arroz Dulce

I begin by using cooked rice. Bring to a boil 2 1/4 cup of water. When the water is boiling add 3/4 cup long grain enriched rice. As soon as this begins to resume boiling lower the heat, cover and simmer for 15 minutes.

Do not lift the lid to peek or stir. (My sauce pan has a glass lid so my curiosity is satisfied that the rice has enough liquid.) When the 15 minutes are up, turn off the

raisins, which are optional. Bring this mixture to a boil, then simmer, covered for 5 minutes. When 5 minutes are up, let stand, covered for an additional 5 minutes.

Serve the rice hot or cold. Sprinkle cinnamon on each serving. Another Cuaresma sweet dish is Capirotada (Bread Pudding). This New Mexican pudding is also known as 'Sopa.' In addition to a special sauce, it includes day-old bread, cinnamon, raisins and cheese. Some culinary enthusiasts add piñon and pineapple. This bread pudding is made in almost every Spanish and Indian kitchen.

Then there is Natillas, boiled custard in which egg white meringue is folded into the hot dish and topped with a sprin-

heat and let stand, covered for an additional 5 minutes.

Now let's make Arroz Dulce. The cooked rice makes the amount needed for this recipe. To the rice add one 12 ounce can of evaporated milk (leche evaporada). Do not add water. Add 1/2 cup sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Then I toss in 1/4 cup



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Capitan • 354-2557 • Open 7 Days, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

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

Fast Food

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KFC of Ruidoso • 331 Sudderth • 257-2119 • Open 7 Days • Dining room & drive-thru Sun-Thu, 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sat, drive-thru 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

McDonald's • 144 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso • 257-7547.

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

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

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

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

Fine Dining

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

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.

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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

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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

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El Camino Nuevo • 1025 Mechem • 258-4312 • 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. Y

El Localito • 2415 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso • 257-8448.

El Paisano • 442 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 354-2206. V

El Paraiso Mexican Restaurant • 721 Mechem • 257-0279 • Open Mon-Sat, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

El Rincon De Las Salsas • 2117 Sudderth Dr., Gazebo Center, Ruidoso • 630-8050 • Mexican and seafood specialties • Open 7 days, 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m. V

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Old Road Restaurant • 692 Old Road, Mescalero • 464-4674 • Tue-Sun, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Olé Tacos • 319 Sudderth • 257-5040

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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. V Y

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

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

Chinese / Asian

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

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Friday, February 20

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

1:30 a.m. - Rio Sierra

Club 49 - David Cerros from El Paso

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

Mike Sunjka

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

Doug Fuqua

Landlocked - 6-9 p.m. - Blake Martin

Zocca Coffee & Teahouse - 6 p.m. -

Ian Shaw

Lucy's - Rich Chomé (upstairs) -

Homegrown (downstairs)

Saturday, February 21

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

1:30 a.m. - Rio Sierra

Club 49 - David Cerros from El Paso

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

Ski Apache - 12-3 - The Aaron R.

LaCombe Band

Clubhouse Lounge - 9:30-close -

Aaron R. LaCombe Band (joined later by Hillbilly Potentates)

Sunday, February 22

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

1:30 a.m. - Rio Sierra

Lucy's Mexicali - 11:30-2:30 - Tomás Vigil

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D.I.Y. DOSO

For years, as many oldtimers can attest, a common refrain among young people growing up in Ruidoso has been, "There's nothing to do."

But now, thanks to Nick Giusti and friends, that is changing.

"D.I.Y. (do it yourself) DOSO was started by a group of kids," Giusti says. "We all came to the conclusion that for the youth, there is nothing to do. I always hear everyone talking and complaining about Ruidoso being so boring, and one day while talking with friends, we had a beautiful idea.

"We got together on warm Saturday at Two Rivers Park and had a BBQ. I don't think I ever planned it to become a big deal. We just invited everyone we knew for some good fun and food. We brought guitars and played. People heard about it and we did another one the next month. It just slowly grew."

However, because it gets so cold in the winter, they had to cancel the gatherings for lack of an indoor venue. But they are now resuming.

"We are also currently trying to find businesses, stores and people that are

willing to donate money for food, or left-over food."

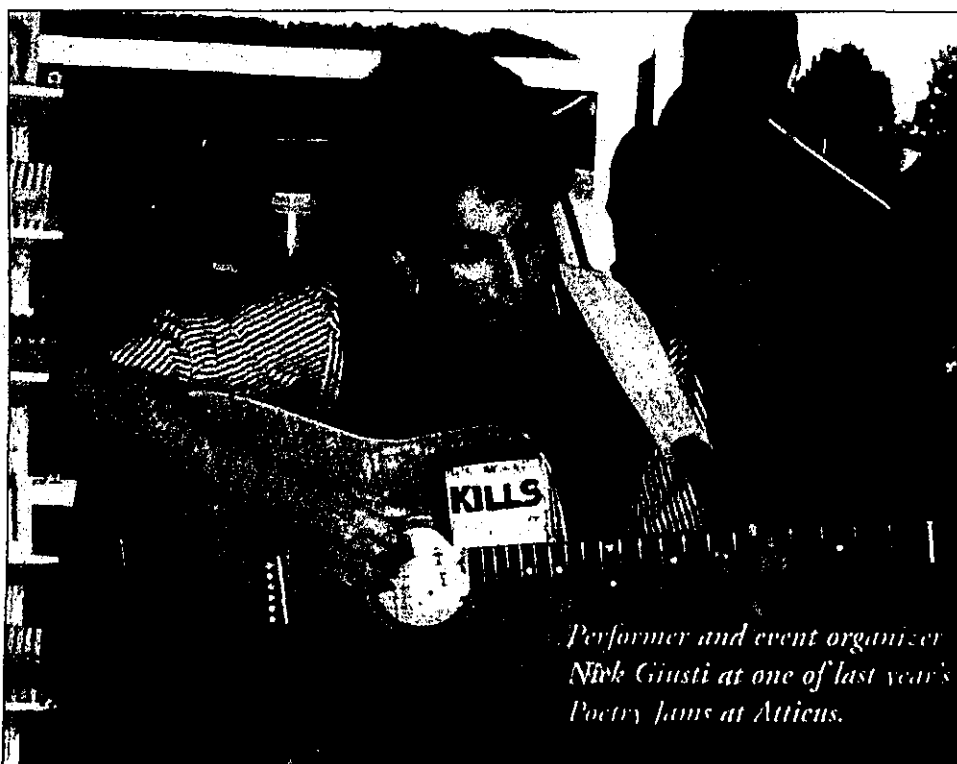
As it says on their site at myspace.com/helladoso, "We enjoy a nice frolic in the park every so often to rejuvenate the soul and tickle our fancy. Doso, a quaint consumer town, will give birth to a young oppressed child every blue moon, and from this mind, D.I.Y. will spark into a BBQ fire.

"What could be more exciting than a nice day in the park with your friends, playing games, eating BBQ, and listening to your favorite band? Nothing dude! That's why we here in Doso are taking the time to put together some of the hella-est BBQ shows in the state of New Mexico. Chugdug Dadug. We try to keep an ongoing extravaganza of fun in the sun at our quaint Two Rivers Park, just off of Sudderth next to the Taco Bell.

"So grab your kids, grab a watermelon from Lawrence Brothers, and get your toosh down to Two Rivers! Hella Doso!!!"

Feb. 21 at Two Rivers Park, 3 p.m.

Music: Dirty Jones, Chris Miles, JJ Wood, Olde Time Music - \$3



Performer and event organizer Nick Giusti at one of last year's Poetry Jams at Attiens.

Miss Ruidoso

Entries and seminars pertaining to the Miss Ruidoso Scholarship Program are now being accepted and are scheduling seminars and entries for the 2009 Pageant to be held in late March.

Barbara Westbrook, who headed the 2008 Miss Ruidoso Scholarship Program, will again head the program, along with her co-chairs, Kire Cole Swenor, ballerina/performer, and Sheri Parker, local business woman/writer.

All young women who are ages 17- to 24-years-old, either attending college or graduating seniors from high school, who are interested in applying for scholarships through their participation in the Miss Ruidoso/ Miss New Mexico/Miss America Program, are encouraged to get in touch with the director at 630-0275.

The free seminars for information and understanding how the Miss Ruidoso Scholarship Program works will highlight scholarship goals, viewing the video of the 2008 Miss Ruidoso Pageant held at Mountain Annie's Dinner Theater last year, staging, procedures needed to enter, prerequisites of scoring in interviews, talent, preparation involved, and will help the entrants to better understand what is involved in the Miss America program.

The present Miss Ruidoso, Shelby Rist, is attending the University of New



Mexico, is on the Dean's list and is a junior. Miss Lincoln County, Aleah Topper attends NMSU, and has enjoyed the program so much, she recently competed again in Cloudcroft, won and will compete in the Miss New Mexico competition in early June.

So, if you have the dream of being a college graduate, have talent in dramatic readings, sing, dance, play an instrument, would enjoy growth as a young woman appearing before your supporters/peers, and would like a scholarship, you have a place in this program. Let us hear from you soon, as entries will close in about 4 weeks. Call 630-0275.

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Mask art



Approximately 500 students from artist Deborah Wenzel's art classes have created masks to be displayed at mARTi gras on Feb. 28.

The art of farce



The Red Feather Theatre Company strikes again with *Too Many Doctors*, opening Feb. 27. Here, Lindsay Porter and Cody Jones rehearse Molière's comedic farce.

Wall of Courage donors plaque

Ruidoso's Wall of Courage, installed at its new fire station was dedicated on Sept. 11, 2008. It was created through the efforts of the Village of Ruidoso, the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts and Lincoln County Artwerks.

A plaque will be attached to The Wall to honor the many donors who made the project possible. In an effort to ensure the names are spelled correctly, the RRCA is asking that donors and friends check the following list.

Call the RRCA at 257-7272 with any changes or corrections.

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- Smokey Bear

Hotshots

- Ed Spurr
- Chris & Joni

Stettheimer

- Lynn and Kathy
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- The Title Company,

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- Ann Bolton
- Annie & John C. Houghton
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- Zia Natural Gas
- Ruidoso Multiple

Listings

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- Actor's Collaborative Theatre
- Daniel Bryant
- Dean Fowler
- Dennis & Ruth Juren
- City Bank

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- Ruidoso Valley Greeters
- The Schiavone Family
- Compass Bank

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- RD and Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation

COMMUNITY LISTINGS: LINCOLN COUNTY

Community listings are provided as a public service to organizations offering free services, support, activities and information. To add or correct a listing, email vamonos@rutadonews.com or fax to 575-257-7053.

Help & Healing

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

Al-Anon: Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor, Ruidoso; Info: 258-8885.

Al-Anon: Meets at noon every Friday at the Methodist Church in Carrizozo. Come to the back door and bring your own lunch.

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m. daily; 8 p.m. Fri, Sat, Sun, at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor, Ruidoso; Info: 258-8885.

Alcoholics Anonymous Women's open meeting: 6:30 p.m. every Monday at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor.

Mountain High Recovery Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 7 p.m. at Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church, 361 Highway 70 East.

Co-Dependents Anonymous: 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Holy Mount Episcopal Church in Ruidoso. Info: 808-2959.

Sex Addicts Anonymous: 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall meeting room, 121 Mescalero Trail. Info: 653-4937.

Celiac Disease/Gluten Intolerance Support Group: Meets second and fourth Sundays of each month, 2-3:30 p.m., in the conference room of ERA-Simmons Real Estate, 918 10th St., Alamogordo. Info: Kathie at 437-0603, Robin at 442-9419, or email paintladies64@yahoo.com.

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

Bereavement or Grief Support: For the community. Call Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation. Info: 258-0028.

Meditation Practice: First Wednesday of each month; 6:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Open Circle: Each Sunday; 9:30 a.m. at High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Parenting Classes: Counseling Center Prevention Program facilitates all parents seeking to enhance parenting skills, resolve issues and prevent substance use. Families with children ages 5-17 years of age that complete all requirements of the class qualify for a \$150 stipend. Qualifications and info: Brenda Motley-Lopez or Salli Mason at 257-0520.

Parents of addicted children: New Name Ministry offers help for parents of addicted children. For appointment, phone 802-0263 in Ruidoso and leave a message. Payment of free-will offering appreciated.

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.

Shantanic Journeys: Third Wednesday of each month; 7 p.m. at high Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Stretch & Tone Class: For men and women of all ages, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Senior Center, 501 Sudderth; RSVP Terry Franklin, 257-4565.

Temple Builders Weight Loss Support Group: Mondays at 9:30 a.m. at Angus Church; no dues or food purchase, just friendly support and accountability; weigh-in followed by short devotional. Info: 336-8032.

Wisdom Circle: Each second and fourth Wednesday; 6:30

p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Clubs & Associations

Alto Women's Association: 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards. Business meeting every first Tuesday.

Angus Wood Carvers: 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, junction of Highways 48 and 37; Info: 336-9161.

Art Connection: Last Wednesday of each month. Innsbruck Club House. Info: Pat, 258-3602.

Carrizozo Women's Club: Second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse at 11th and D Avenue; Info: Tona Macken, 354-0769.

Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, plus a 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays; Ruidoso Senior Center; Info: 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Insighters Book Club: 6:30 p.m. first Wednesday of each month at Insight Books, 1860 Sudderth; No charge and all are welcome; Info: 257-4625.

Knitting Group: Meeting at Zocca's Coffee House on Mondays at 1 p.m. If you're a knitter, come and share your talent, meet new people and sip a cup of coffee or tea at Zocca's, 1129 Mechem across from Farleys in Suite E. For more information, contact Carol at 336-4846 or Jeri at 257-5575.

Lincoln County Bird Club: Monthly field trips are scheduled at various times. For more information, call 257-5352 or 258-3862.

Lincoln County Garden Club: Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m.; New members and visitors welcome; Info: Elena, 258-3724, or Pam, 653-4292.

Lincoln County Right to Life Chapter: 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday at 309 L.L. Davis Dr. All are welcome; Info: 258-5108.

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

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

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

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

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

Ruidoso Area Singles: Want to meet new friends for social activities - dining out, parties, potlucks, outings, etc.? New group is forming. Info: Judy, 430-7870, or Martha, 430-9808.

Ruidoso Book Review/Discussion Group: Meets first Wednesday each month at 10 a.m.; Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. Public is welcome.

Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club: Meets every Monday; program varies. Potluck and bridge/card games. Second Monday (Sept.-May) includes program, business meeting, potluck, bridge/card games at 116 S. Evergreen.

Ruidoso Masonic Lodge No. 73: Meets first Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., except national holidays, then moves to second Monday. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Info: 258-3598.

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.

Ruidoso Ridge Runners 4-Wheel Drive Club: Meets first Wed of each month at K-BOB's. Dinner at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7. Info: 336-2714 or 378-4853.

Education

ESL classes: English as a Second Language classes sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Thu, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.; Mon, Tue, Thu, 6-8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church; Spanish language GED Mon, 6-8 p.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.

First Friday Adult Lecture Series: Monthly, Capitan Public Library, free. Info: 354-3035.

GED classes: Sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Fri, 9-11 and Mon-Tues, 5:30-7:30, at NM Workforce Connection in Compass Bank Bldg., 707 Mechem.

La Junta F.C.E.: 10:45 a.m. every third Wednesday at San Patricio Senior Citizens building. Info: 653-4718.

Veterans

American Legion Robert J. Hagee Post 79: 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.

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.

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.

Humana Society of Lincoln County: Shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat 11-2; ReSale Shop at the 'Y' open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon-Sat; Info: 378-1040.

Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at K-BOB's; Rutalee, 258-1431.

Laughing Eyes Kennels: 501(c)(3) nonprofit breeder and trainer of Service Dogs in Nogal seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling & puppy socialization, bookkeeping, fundraising and kennel upkeep/management. Info: www.lekennels.org or 575-354-4342.

Lincoln County Community Health Council: 8 a.m. first Tuesday of each month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. New members welcome. Info: 973-1829.

Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary: 9:30 a.m. second Tuesday of each month in the hospital conference room. New volunteers welcome. Info: 630-4250.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse: Meets first Sunday each month at 2 p.m. at the Posse building, Hwy. 54, in Carrizozo. Groups needing their volunteer security services, notify by mail one month (but not less than two weeks) prior to the monthly meeting. Send to P.O. Box 1784, Capitan, NM 88316. Info: 888-663-7029.

OES Ruidoso Chapter 65: Meeting every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 144 Nob Hill Dr. Info: 257-5313.

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): Noon every Wednesday at K-BOB's. New members always welcome; 257-5938 or 258-9218.

PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Chapter AR: Meeting every second and fourth Tuesdays. Phone Jennie Powell at 258-3896 for information.

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club: 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. During the school year, meetings every first Tuesday are at the Teepee Lounge at Ruidoso High School. Info: Barbara, 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555, or Greg, 257-1255.

Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary: 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center off East Highway 70; Info: 378-8099 or 378-8316.

Ruidoso Evening Lions: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Evening Lions Club House, 106 S. Overlook (behind Chef Lupe's). New members always welcome. Info: Mike Zaragosa, 937-0768 or Harold Oakes, 937-7618.

Ruidoso Shrine Club: 6:30 p.m. every fourth Wednesday at Cree Meadows Restaurant; Info: 258-5860.

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club: Meets at 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: 257-0363.

Sierra Blanca Daughters of the American Revolution: Third Thursday of each month. Info: 258-3045.

Zia Girl Scout Council: 6 p.m. every third Thursday at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Info: 437-2921.

White Mountain Search & Rescue: 7 p.m. every third Monday at First Christian Church near the intersection of Hull and Gavilan Canyon Roads. Info: email whitemountainsar@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainsar.org or phone 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 meeting Monday, Feb. 23 at K-Bob's Restaurant on Highway 70 at noon. This month's guest speaker is former police chief Lanny Maddox. For more information, phone Dolores at 653-4379.

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

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 10th 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 his-

toric 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 interested 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

out.

On Feb. 24, at noon, nutritionist Carolyn Felder, MS, RD, LD, will present "Eat Right for Your Heart." Felder has an extensive background and experience in nutrition. An admission price of one nutrition label from your favorite food or one recipe will be given to the

Visitors Center should contact Bear Tiewes by email at bears101@windstream.net.

Call for artists

Studio 54@70 presents The American Dream, a juried art show to benefit Otero County Habitat for Humanity. Download the application at www.studio54at70.com, click on Events, or email studio54at70@rlmart.com and an application will be sent. Gallery Grand Opening Reception & Awards Presentation will be on Saturday, April 4, 5-8 p.m. Free and open to the public. Wine, silent auction, and more. Donations being accepted for the silent auction. Call 575-5470 for more information.

Art of the Blacksmith

The Southwest Artist Blacksmith Association is sponsoring a juried art exhibition for blacksmiths and metal artists in conjunction with Smokey Bear Days, May 1-3, at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan.

The exhibition will judge five categories: furniture; architectural hardware (utilitarian); blades (swords, knives, axes, etc.); sculptural pieces (artistic);

attendees.

This is a brown-bag lunch talk, which allows the participants to come at lunchtime to hear the talk and still eat their lunch.

For information on the program, contact Sharon Stewart at the Ruidoso Public Library, 258-3704, email: sharonstewart@ruidoso-nm.gov.

and functional pieces (pieces with some utilitarian purpose including ornamental ironwork, i.e. gates stair rails, waterfalls, etc.)

Participants must register by mail for the event with an April 1 deadline. Registration fees are \$15 per entered piece, and \$45 for a booth, which entitles the purchaser to enter one metal piece into the exhibition at no additional charge.

For more details, visit the SWABA Web site calendar at www.swaba-abana-chapter.org. You may also contact coordinator Terrell Perkins at 575-354-9158 or Terrell_Perkins@yahoo.com.

Call for volunteers

The annual Ruidoso Kite Festival is seeking volunteers to assist with kite making and kite flying during the third annual festival April 24-26. Contact weCree8/Kites at 257-5571.

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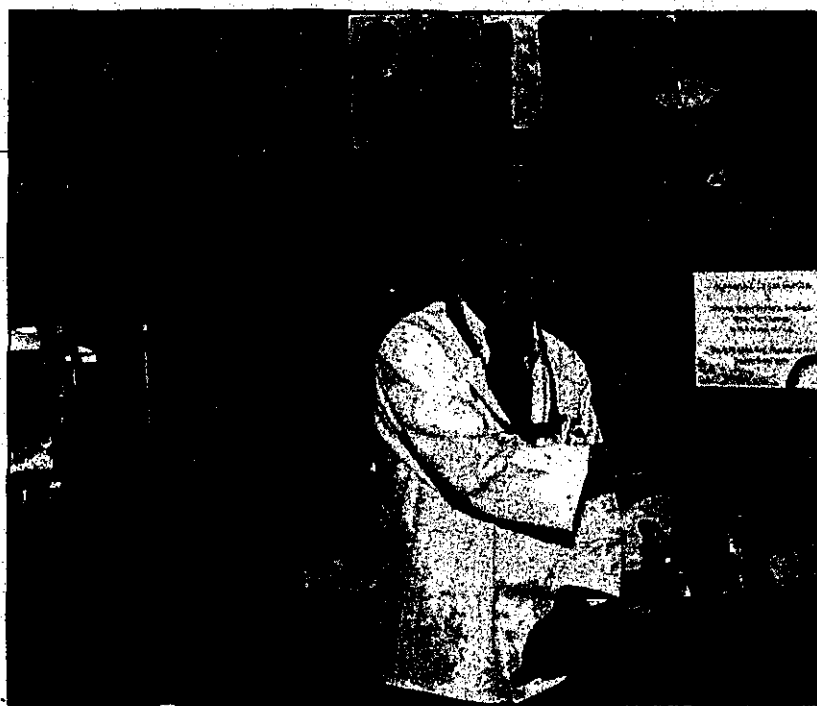
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Healthy Heart Month

February is Healthy Heart Month at the Ruidoso Public Library. To start off the celebration of healthy hearts, the adult library is throwing a Heart Attack Survivor party Saturday, Feb. 21, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Healthy snacks and grape juice are available for participants to

toast being alive. A great opportunity for heart attack survivors to share their heart stories and also share how they have changed their lifestyles to be healthier and wiser. Everyone is welcome. On display in the library are books and brochures on preventing heart disease that the public may peruse and check-

LET'S GO!



Don't miss mARTi gras, Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Ruidoso Convention Center. See story on page 11. Photos by Herb Brunell.

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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! \$699,500. #101441

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As long-time members of Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club we can certainly attest to the many enjoyable times that our family has enjoyed at this fine facility. Richard has served on the numerous Alto committees for many years, and we have enjoyed watching the club grow. It's reasonable dues structure and the beautiful amenities make Alto a place you'll want to be. We look forward to helping you in your Alto search."

— Richard and Janis



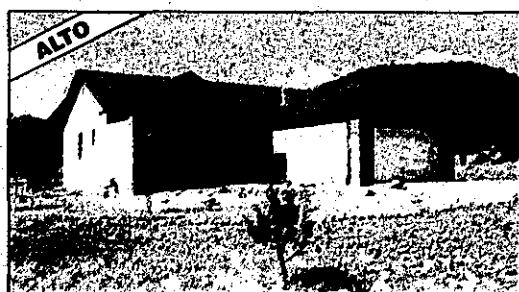
CHARMING 3 BR., 2 BA. ALTO STUCCO!

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! \$299,500. #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



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



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 everyway. Full golf too! \$598,500. #103287

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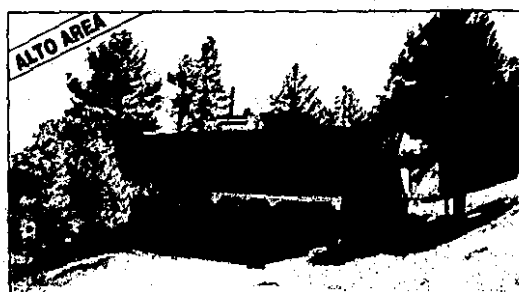
**COMPLETELY
REMODELED ALTO
MOUNTAIN VILLAGE
3 BR. CONDO!**

New...down to the windows, carpet, and tile! Some counters will be updated and new cabinets installed. Remodel in progress. Great east facing deck for all day enjoyment. A fresh look and a great price! \$159,000. #103499



**CLASSY ALTO
TOWNHOME ON
THE 9TH FAIRWAY!**

This great location is just walking distance to the Alto clubhouse. Freshly stuccoed with new metal roof. Nice views front and back. This 3 br., 2 1/2 bath unit is what everyone wants...convenience, low maintenance, and wonderful interior! Great patio too & full golf membership. Super offering at \$299,900. #103023



**LOTS OF ROOM FOR
FAMILY & FRIENDS!**

Six bedrooms and six and 1/2 baths amidst the tall pines of Alto Mountain Village is the perfect vacation getaway or home. Lots of room to spread out here! Spacious game room downstairs. Large covered & uncovered decks. 2 car carport & outside elevator for wood or groceries. \$330,000. #103603



**CHARMING ALTO
HOME ON A GREAT
CORNER LOT!**

This 3 br., 3 ba. golf membership home has a split bedroom floor plan for yours and your guest's privacy. You'll be happy that this home has a living room and a fabulous sunroom...great for multiple family activities. So livable and in a stellar location. \$299,500. #103503



**TUCKED AWAY IN A
WONDERFULLY
PRIVATE CUL-DE-SAC
ON DEER PARK!**

This spacious 4 br. home takes perfect advantage of a highly desirable view lot with its expansive windows and multiple decks. Master on main level. TV room on every level and large dorm/bedroom on bottom level. Perfect set up for owners and guests! Exceptional! \$695,000. #103151



**PRESTIGIOUS 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



**SECLUDED MOUNTAIN
ESTATE ON 5.3 ACRES!**

This impressive, 4 br., 3 1/2 ba., one owner home will wow you! Breathtaking Sierra Blanca and valley views, and adjacent to National Forest! Cozy 2 br. guest house with wonderful porch. Barn w/ 2 stalls & corral. Everything your heart desires is right here...surrounded by the pristine mountain wilderness! Saddle up and experience your dream come true! \$1,350,000. #103478

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LOVELY WHT. MTN. STUCCO W/ VALLEY VIEWS!

Vaulted ceilings in the living area create a sun-splashed interior that's divine! The master bedroom is on the main floor of this charming 3 br., 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



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. Still listed on a level .74 acre lot. Highly desirable open kitchen - living concept. Excellent buy per sq. ft. Also has super family/game room. \$349,500. #102785



MOUNTAIN RIDGE-TOP HOME ON McBRIDE!

A Premier location provides the perfect setting for this 5 br. home with amazing Sierra Blanca & Gavilan Canyon views. Features you'll love... open concept, water fall, hot tub and large .778 acre lot. \$30,000 remodel allowance w/ acceptable offer to enable new owner to create a luxurious style to fit their personality & their needs. \$399,900. #102756



FABULOUS ONE-LEVEL WHITE MTN. MEADOWS HOME!

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



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



PRESTIGIOUS STUCCO HOME IN BEAUTIFUL WHITE MTN ESTATES!

This amazing 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath mountain home has everything you could possibly want! Wonderful kitchen, spacious great room, 2 car garage, and master on main level. Nicely landscaped. Enjoy the pristine mountain air and the views from one of the two decks surrounded by the tall, cool pines. \$449,500. #102862



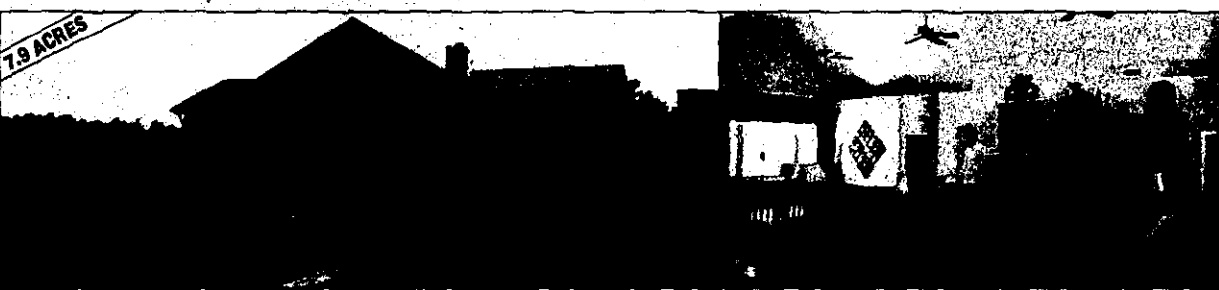
CHARMING 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH HOME/CENTRALLY LOCATED.

This well maintained home is situated on a nicely wooded lot with easy paved access. All living is on one level. This well care for home also has a 2 car garage, sunroom, security system and a workshop too. Enjoy all four seasons from the great deck overlooking a beautifully wooded area. All of this under 2300! Won't last long! \$229,500. #104552



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



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



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The beauty and seclusion of the Ruidoso area enhance the fun of fishing, fishing, camping, horseback riding and the ever popular golfing! You can also enjoy the excitement of Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred Racing at Ruidoso Downs Race Track or a quiet evening of fabulous entertainment at The Spencer Theater. Ruidoso's array of art galleries, boutiques and fine restaurants also enhance Alto Village's appeal... making it one of the most enchanting parts of the Land of Enchantment.



THIS 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 counter-tops and rain catch system are dynamite! Split bedrooms for privacy too! A must see! \$335,000 #103350



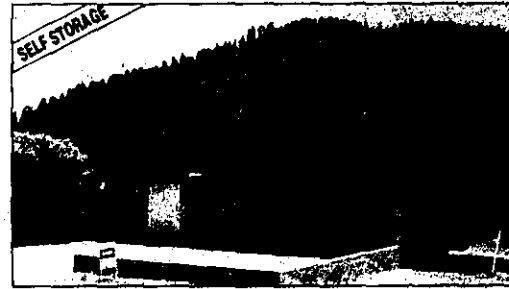
BEAUTIFULLY SECLUDED CABIN IN THE WOODS!

This 3 br. rustic cabin is perfectly placed close to hiking trails and the national forest. Situated on 2 lots! Storage building and domestic well. Get close to nature in this secluded cabin with great potential! Retreat to a slower pace and enjoy the mountains. \$189,500. #102767



FABULOUS VIEW HOME 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



THIS MULTI-USE OFFICE/SHOP & SELF-STORAGE IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED ON A CORNER LOT!

What an appealing set up! An approx. 1055 sq. ft. heated shop/warehouse with 14' ceilings, a 12 x 12 overhead door, & a 7 x 7 overhead door at the loading dock. Highly desirable 450 sq. ft., 2 story heated office, and 25 storage units complete this well designed and executed multi-use property. \$275,000. #103262



SPACIOUS BEAUTY W/ FABULOUS OUT-DOOR LIVING AREAS!

This great house has 5 bedrooms and 2 living areas! Large upstairs living area has lofty ceilings and a great rock fireplace accenting the open concept floor plan. Convenient location, close to track for horse enthusiasts. Master on main level. Lots of storage space. Charming patio. \$325,000. #102675



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



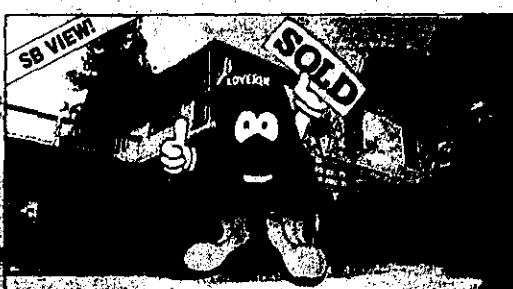
SUPER END-UNIT TOWNHOUSE ON CREE GOLF COURSE

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. \$140,500. #102686



NICELY REMODELED 3 BR., 2 BA. WITH VIEWS!!!

You'll love everything about this open concept beauty w/ its fabulous decks. Updated throughout... a show place! How better to enjoy Ruidoso's beauty than relaxing on this home's marvelous deck & taking in the breathtaking Sierra Blanca view! Charming kitchen. Great utility room w/sink. \$185,000. #102580



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 Loverin Team today for more information. \$145,000 & #102788, \$185,000 #102787

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FULLY REMODELED 3 BR. SPRINGS CONDO!

You'll find beautiful tile floors, sun-splashed interiors, and a wonderful park-like setting right here at The Springs! This end unit has a fabulous open concept living, dining, & kitchen area. The back patio is serene & perfect for your morning coffee amidst the tall pines. A must see. \$179,900. #103606



CHARMING CABIN LOCATED IN THE HEART OF RUIDOSO!

This 2 bedroom rustic mountain cabin is located close to midtown on a corner lot with easy access. Some of the features of this cozy cabin include high vaulted ceilings in the living area, master on the main level, upstairs loft area, and a carport. Great weekend or permanent residence! All of this under 150K! Won't last long! \$149,000 #103836



LOTS OF POTENTIAL AND UNDER 150K!

This Capitan property is on 3 lots and has a great location across the street from Smokey Bear Museum. Downstairs has two large rooms and a bathroom. Upstairs is a nice loft area. Great parking and level access. Residential or commercial...your choice!!! \$149,000. #104317



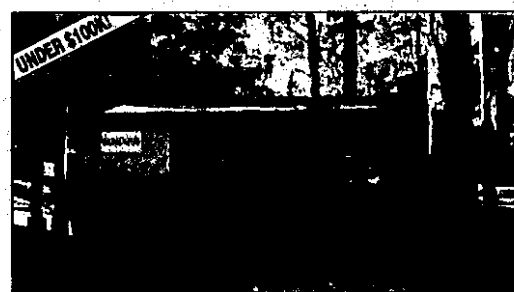
ONE-LEVEL 2 BR., 2 BA... A REAL CHARMER!

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 \$89,500. #101801



CHARMING 2 BR. CABIN ON APPROX. .66 ACRE!

Enjoy all Ruidoso has to offer in this remodeled, fully furnished cabin. Relax and listen to the singing pines from the deck. This home has a new metal roof (2006), new septic tank (2005), and is situated on an amazing lot, which has been recently cleaned. Great location! Close to national forest and wonderful cedar creek hiking trails. All this under 180K! \$179,500. #103941



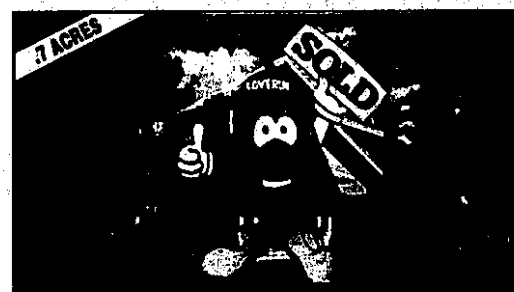
CABIN IN THE WOODS UNDER \$100,000!

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



CLOSE TO SHOPPING AND THE RIO RUIDOSO RIVER!

This clean and cute 2 bedroom 14 X 56 mobile home is perfect for a mountain getaway or a permanent residence. You'll enjoy Ruidoso's many charms while relaxing on the timber-tech like deck. This home is a real opportunity at a great price. Don't miss this one. It won't last long. \$89,800. #104572



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



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 baths home has a domestic well and nice views. An evaporative air unit keeps you cool, collected, and comfortable.

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**GREAT 3 BR., 2 BA.
HOME WITH AN
AMAZING SIERRA
BLANCA VIEW!**

This home has a nice open concept floor plan with vaulted ceilings and a fabulous rock fireplace. Enjoy the DT-NAMIC view of Sierra Blanca from the back deck. Great location! Close to town and backs up to green space which is beautifully treed. Everything you could want. All of this under 250K! \$249,000. #104608



**THIS GREAT 2 BR., 2
BA. STUCCO HAS ALL
THE RIGHT TOUCHES!**

Beautiful sahito 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 sahito tile. This home exudes New Mexico mountain charm. All this for under \$200K! \$195,000 #104381



**AMAZING TERRITORIAL
HOME WITH 400 FEET OF
RIVER FRONTAGE!**

A fabulous location provides the perfect setting for this 3 bedroom, 3 bath home on 6.3 acres in Ranches of Sonterra. This beauty features wood accents throughout, top of the line appliances, Bose surround sound system, radiant heat, a front and back courtyard, and amazing fireplaces. Also, this property has a great 1120 SQ. FT. studio/workshop with a 1/2 bath. \$995,000 #104582



**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. \$595,000. #101403



**PRESTIGIOUS ALTO HOME ON
EXPANSIVE 1.5 ACRE LOT!**

This beautifully designed 5 br., 5 1/2 ba. Alto home has a grand feeling! An impressive and spacious floor plan features exceptional quality throughout. The lofty ceilings, gourmet kitchen & bar, lovely wood accents, and 3 car garage will please even the most discriminating buyer. Professionally decorated. Alto full golf & Kokopelli membership. Pkg. includes jockey club seats too! Luxurious Alto living at it's best! \$1,695,000. #103940

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