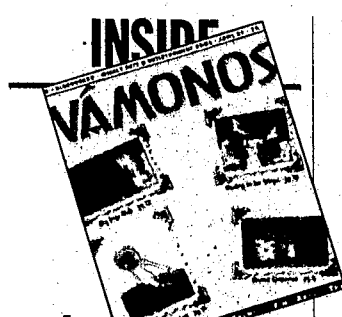


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County values jump

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Reappraisals, new subdivisions add up

Still reeling from filing income tax forms? Don't panic when Lincoln County's 2009 tax value notices arrive. They're only a heads-up, not a demand for payment.

County Assessor Paul Baca told county commissioners Tuesday that 2009 Notices of Value, reflecting a 15.6 percent increase over last year, will be mailed April 30.

Baca said the 2009 tax value for

the county hit \$1,026,808,000 compared to \$887,826,843 in 2008.

Not only is 2009 a reappraisal year, the county also saw several new subdivisions added to the property roll, along with home sales. When a home is sold or property is developed, the assessor has a chance to bring the value up to market. If a home does not change hands and is not renovated, the

assessor is limited to an increase cap of 6.1 percent.

"Some people ask why I didn't lower the values, because of the real estate market going down this year, but the values are based on 2007 levels," he explained. "The values on residential property (not improved or sold) increased 6.1 percent, the maximum allowable by law. Our values are based on

2007 market levels for the 2009 tax year. Our values are below market levels, therefore the increase."

Among the new subdivisions added were the Lincoln Hills golf course development and several other small subdivisions north of Ruidoso in the Alto area, one in Nogal and another in Carrizozo, he said. Even if lots are not being sold, once they are subdivided, the value changes.

The good news for taxpayers

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YOUNG THEATER-GOERS



COURTESY KATHLEEN McDONALD

This group of White Mountain Elementary School 4th graders smiled big and bright after attending *Dr. Doolittle* at the Spencer Theater on April 20. The original musical adaptation by Sign Stage On Tour was the last in the Spencer's 2008-2009 Class Acts Series, which is annually sponsored in part by the R.D. & Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation.

Mining ordinance debated

■ Advisory boards lean against adopting county regulations

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The debate over the need for a Lincoln County mining ordinance continued Tuesday as county commissioners heard from members of two advisory committees.

Jim Crouse, who heads the county Planning Commission said an informal 7-4 vote during a joint meeting between the planning commission and members of the Land and Natural Resources Advisory Committee favored no ordinance.

The majority of those voting were convinced that existing state and federal regulations cover most of the issues surrounding mining, Crouse said.

Battin cautions

But County Commission Chairman Tom Battin said one major gap, failure of the U.S. Forest Service to require enough of a bond to cover cleanup and restoration of a mining site, became obvious recently in a mining exploration encounter on a federal forest in the county.

To help commissioners understand the discussion between members of the advisory boards, Oscura freeholder Jerry Carroll brought video tapes of the session for private review.

Review upcoming

Before next month's county commission meeting, commissioners said they want to review minutes from the joint session, summaries submitted from individual members, a review by the Smokey Bear District ranger for the Lincoln National Forest about whether any of the proposals in a draft ordinance conflict with federal law and from the head of the state Mining and Minerals Division on

See **MINING**, page 8A

A forgiving heart

■ Justin Pesewonit is gone, but Viola Morgan prays for the man who killed her grandson

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Although her heart still aches for her grandson, Viola Morgan prays for his killer every night and for the man's family.

"Some people tell me I'm crazy, but that was the way I was taught, to have a forgiving heart," she said.

The family of Justin Pesewonit, who was bludgeoned to death by Joe Arviso in January 2008 on the Mescalero Apache Reservation adjoining Ruidoso, was notified by the prosecutor and FBI investigator two weeks ago that Arviso, 20, would plead guilty April 15 in U.S. District Court in Las Cruces.

Morgan said she still doesn't know the motive for the killing and she didn't know the exact degree of murder or manslaughter to which Arviso was to plea until last week, when she was called the day of the hearing by the prosecutor.

"I about went bananas when I heard second degree," she said. "I just didn't feel comfortable with it,

but he will spend some time in jail."

Pesewonit, 26, was the oldest of the grandsons of Viola and her husband Monte Morgan, a part-time tribal court judge. They adopted him as a son and he was raised at their home in Mud Canyon.

"The family was glad Joe Arviso pleaded guilty and the family doesn't have to sit through a trial and listen to how Justin was beaten in the head," she said Wednesday. "He was struck several times after the first blow put him out. I'm not blaming anyone but Arviso for his death. It was his decision on his own. It had nothing to do with his or my family."

"It's a hurtful loss and we are beginning to heal. He hurt my family and also hurt his family. Maybe one day I will be able to forgive him, but that is in the future. I don't want to hate anyone. I say a prayer every night for him. My son is gone and I never will have him back, but I think of Arviso and pray for him and I pray for his family."

Prosecutors told Morgan sentencing would occur in about three months and they will give her advance notice to allow her to attend the hearing. They didn't indicate the maximum possible sentence, she said.



MORGAN

"I want to go," she said. "I have some things to tell him."

Viola said she and other family members were surprised to learn at the hospital where Pesewonit died that he was an organ donor.

"I don't think the Apache people generally believe in that," she said. "He's the first one to donate I know. His idea was to help others."

"A woman received his liver, a 29-year-old man his heart and two others received organs."

She and her husband and their family are thankful for all of the help they received during the hard time of grief after their grandson's death from people throughout the reservation and at Ski Apache, where Justin worked.

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Dr. Pete Eidenbach, left, and Dr. Pete Townsend present "The Bard of the Tularosa Basin: Eugene Manlove Rhodes" at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs April 18.



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Ruidoso Downs Walmart-Supercenter's Janett Herrera, right, and Store Manager Raymond Simpson present a \$1,000 check to Ruth Vigil for Ruidoso High School's Project Graduation at Ruidoso Municipal Court Friday afternoon. RHS Project Graduation starts right after the graduation ceremony May 23 and goes until 3 a.m. the next morning. "Our goal is to promote a substance-free graduation celebration," Vigil said. She is co-coordinator with Linda Hamilton. "We are looking for donations for the program," Vigil said. "I want to make sure that each one of these young people leave with some money."

incurred during this time. First Savings Bank's mailing address is 2713 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345.

Bank staff can be contacted at 575-257-7170

Rio Ruidoso session

Edward Paulsgrove with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chris Canavan with the New Mexico Environment Department and Village of Ruidoso staff on April 29, will discuss the procedures and requirements for working in or near the Rio Ruidoso and its tributaries.

The session is a chance for property owners and contractors to get information and ask questions about reconstruction of structures and restoration of property adjacent to the river.

The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center. The speakers will cover Clean Water Act requirements and the Section 404 permitting process.

LCMC Board

The Lincoln County Medical Center Board meets at 6 p.m., Monday, April 26, in the LCMC Conference Room.

Camp Enchantment

The American Cancer Society's 23rd annual Camp Enchantment is set for May 31 through June 6 at the Manzano Mountain Retreat Center.

The week-long, sleep-away camp is available free to New Mexico children between the ages of 7 and 17, who have ever been diagnosed with cancer.

Applications for Camp Enchantment campers are being accepted now and must be returned on or before May 1.

The application process includes approval by the child's doctor for participation in Camp Enchantment. Also, if the child is attending camp for the first time and is between the ages of 7 to 10, a brother or sister may qualify to attend camp with the child.

Those interested in Camp Enchantment may request a camper or sibling application, or receive more details by calling Ariana Vigil, Camp Director, at 505-559-9423.

Camp Enchantment is accredited by the American Camp Association and is sponsored by the American Cancer Society in collaboration with the Department of Pediatric Oncology, University of New Mexico School of Medicine and the Children's Cancer Fund.

Controlled burns

Officials with the Bureau of Land Management plan to begin prescribed burning operations in the Fort Stanton Area of

Critical Environmental Concern in Lincoln County.

The South Mesa burn unit is 1.5 miles west of Sierra Blanca Regional Airport along County Road 220. The Compound/Salado burn unit is six miles west of the historic settlement of Lincoln and about four miles east of Capitan.

Smoke from both burns will be visible from Fort Stanton, Capitan, Lincoln and the surrounding area. Signs will be posted along U.S. 380 and other roadways potentially affected by the smoke. Motorists are urged to use caution, reduce speeds and watch for fire personnel and equipment.

The exact date of the burns will be based on weather conditions and the availability of sufficient crews and equipment while maintaining resources for possible wildland fires. Each will take several days to complete.

The ultimate plan is to burn 2,200 acres to reduce vegetation available to wildfire, decrease the risk of loss to adjacent property and improve watershed conditions. Other goals are

to increase the health, vigor and competitive ability of the native plant community, and to reduce the density of exotic invader and introduced species.

The project also should improve wildlife habitats and contribute to the available nutrient and water cycles by decreasing the amount of decadent vegetation.

Reduction of smoke will be accomplished by suspending operations early enough in the day to allow smoke to dissipate before nightfall.

BLM officials encourage public land users to be careful with fire and to report wildfire on public land by calling the Alamo-gordo Interagency Dispatch at 1-877-695-1663.

Account established

An account was established at First Savings Bank for the benefit of the family of James and Ginger Weems, who unexpectedly lost their daughter, a 4th grade student in Capitan.

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HEAL honor

Sherry Kendrix, Finance Manager of Help End Abuse for Life (HEAL) and the Nest domestic violence shelter, has been selected as the 2008 Employee of the Year.

Kendrix was selected by a vote of her peers and colleagues at the annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon, held at the Alto Lakes Country Club. She began employment with the Nest in October 2007 and is responsible for sound fiscal accounting of all funding streams and donations to the shelter.

According to Coleen Widell, executive director of the Nest, "Sherry has been an important part of our staff for over a year and a half. She was critical during our recent staff transitions and expansions. By being voted Employee of the Year, it is clear she has the confidence of her colleagues at HEAL."

Pictured above are HEAL board members Jules Videau, Terri Harde-man, Debbie Haines-Nix,

Employee of the Year Sherry Kendrix, Susanne O'Malley, DeeDee Lamb and Charles Clary.

Search and rescue

Members of the New Mexico Search and Rescue Council will conduct the Emergency Services Annual Preparedness Event for search and rescue volunteers May 1-3, at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

As many as 250 volunteers from throughout the state will be meeting to network and train in all aspects of effective search and rescue. The three-day conference also features a trade show, offering the lat-

est in search and rescue gear and outdoor performance clothing.

The conference offers training for ground, technical, mounted, medical, K-9, communications and management SAR personnel. Searchers can study and test for Field Certification, Amateur Radio Technician Licensure, and NWS SkyWarn Certification.

This year's guest speaker is David Scott-Donelan, founder of Tactical Operation School and author of *Tactical Tracking Operations*, who also is offering three tracking sessions, including one night tracking.

National Guard representatives are bringing a

climbing wall for technical practice, and the array of courses throughout the three-day event includes helicopter evacuation, team leader responsibilities, advanced map and compass, cold weather survival, SAR scene investigation, ATV search strategies and cave rescue management.

Dog handlers have the opportunity to receive one-on-one training throughout the event, in addition to their course options.

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Saturday's agenda also includes the Council's annual business meeting and several social events.

"This is an extraordinary annual event where dedicated search and rescue volunteers from New Mexico meet to review, reinforce and revitalize their skills, as well as enjoy one another's company and

share stories of the year's events," said ESCAPE Chair Phyllis Wright.

Search and rescue volunteers love the outdoors and enjoy giving back to the community, she said. They train, as in their motto, "so that others may live."

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OUR

Thanks but no thanks to newspaper bailouts

Former *Los Angeles Times* columnist Rosa Brooks, now an advisor to the Pentagon in the Obama administration, has suggested bailing out parts of the newspaper industry through "direct government support for public media" and creating licenses to govern news operations.

John Kerry, who failed in a try for the presidency in 2004, is thinking aloud about a bailout of the *Boston Globe* — which, coincidentally, endorsed Kerry's candidacy.

The company that owns the two Philadelphia papers has

appealed to the governor of Pennsylvania for a \$10 million bailout to cover massive debts.

Throughout the Fourth Estate, where the old newspaper model is drowning in pools of red ink and staffing has shrunk to alarming levels, little initiatives are popping up that would, in effect, blur the line between independent journalism and government.

On behalf of the industry, we say to the money: Thanks but no thanks.

It's scary to envision the death of newspapers. It's even more frightening to envision the death of democracy.

Piracy on the high screen

I've been thinking a lot about pirates recently. It keeps me from thoughts about my 401k, and all those investments swimming around out there in the economy.

"Have you looked at your 401k recently," my wife would ask, as though she'd really want me retired and at home everyday (there are a lot of wives still smiling about the economic crash).

"No. I've been thinking about pirates. ARRRGGG."

I celebrate "International Talk Like A Pirate Day" every Sept. 19. It hasn't caught on in many places but, hey, give it some time. ARRRGGG.

The only other guy I know that celebrates Talk Like A Pirate Day is Dick Cheney, and frankly, he's taken to it a bit too far, almost everydayish.

Be sure to check out this year's Talk Like A Pirate Day activities including the "Pirates for Parkinsons" charity walk, and sign up for "The Poopdeck" newsletter at talklikeapirate.com. There's also some excellent pirate info and advice.

"Dear Cap'n Slappy, What do pirates eat? — Jack Sparrow.

"Well, Jack, yer name is fairly close.

"We eats lots of sparrows or any other bird or its eggs that nests in our masts. We also eat all manner of fish, oranges and chunks of wood. Our friends at Purina have put all of those great tastes together in Purina Pirate Chow. It keeps our coats shiny and our teeth pearly white!"

"Dear Cap'n Slappy, How do I become a wench? — Anon."

"Dear would-be Wench: Being a Wench is more a matter of 'choice' than actually becoming something. If ye be a woman who likes adventure and bein' all saucy and such, ye may well be a Wench! But the choice is always yours."

Pirates capitalize "Wench" for some reason.

Now, back to the more recent questions about what the United States is going to do with the last living pirate from the week-long incident way off the coast of Somalia.

It's the U.S. Navy. No one had a rope? Or a plank? ARRRGGG.

And how about those Navy Seals? Three shots and a wave of national feel-good.

The biggest loser in the whole Pirates of the Indian Ocean thing was the media. If this had been in the Hudson River there would have been 18 news helicopters and a fleet of banana boats of paparazzi pulled off the Britney Spears stakeout, but NOOOOO.

Someone must have confiscated all the cell phones on the Navy ship. It got so lacking in imagery that NBC finally came up with a video game artists to create this Grand Theft Auto sequence and call it news.

In today's cable news environment, if there's no video, the public no longer considers it news.

Guys, of course, didn't need video. We all know how this went down because we've studied (over and over again) the Navy Seal movies. ARRRGGG.

Here's the scene. The lifeboat with the hostage was being towed which stabilized it from bobbing and rocking back and forth.

The Seal snipers (Charlie Sheen was one of them) weren't just using regular old deer scopes and waiting for the pirates to pop their heads up like prairie dogs. No. These were thermal imaging scopes and the targets glowed green neon and this, like, laser dot shows where the bullet is going to go and the rifles were mounted on gyro-tripods to compensate for the ship's movement, and they didn't pull triggers, they hit "enter."

Don't need news video; seen the movies.

Now, what about the rest of the pirates? We've experienced at "no fly" zones, how about a "no sail" zone? ARRRGGG.

Anything under the size of a major ship moving over 12 miles off the west coast of Africa without permission just sort of disappears with this thump and puff of smoke without a news helicopter in site. (Not all missiles have nose cone video cameras, it's an accessory, like On Star and the eight-speaker package).

Sure, there are some kinks to work out, but nothing we're likely to hear about. ARRRGGG.



Doug McLeod 09

YOUR OPINION

Acts of God at the meter

To the editor:

ON THE OTERO County Electric Cooperative's Web site it says "Otero County Electric can't protect the electric system on the consumer's side of the meter." What that neglects to tell you is the Otero Electric will refuse to pay for damages incurred on their side of the meter also.

On Nov. 20, 2008, approximately \$3,300 worth of damages was incurred by my office during a wind storm in which a neutral wire was broken. The letter from the Otero Electric insurance company said the following, "In order for us to be able to consider reimbursement in this type of situation, there must be some evidence of negligence on the part of our insured. We cannot make any payment on behalf of Otero County Electric, since no action on the part of our insured could have prevented damages resulting from a weather-related incident."

I asked to speak to the Board of Directors and in a letter of Feb. 20, I received this reply: "The Board does not resolve these type of issues and therefore, Mr. Waggoner cannot place you on

the agenda." Two board members did meet with me and I appreciate that.

Mr. Waggoner and Mr. Gardner met with me and handed me a typed statement (not on OCEC letterhead). It states in part: "Upon further investigation I discovered that your building was not in compliance with the National Electrical Code since the buildings electrical grid was not grounded. The incident of November 2008, was the result of an event outside of our control and therefore not covered by the liability insurance."

In other words, I am responsible for any electrical malfunctions on either side of the meter. I am responsible for any acts of God that result in electrical damage.

The fact my building was built before 1920 (incidentally does not have to comply to the NEC) and was not adequately grounded would not have been an issue if the neutral wire belonging to Otero Electric Coop would not have broken. Also, my friends, we may be a "member" of the Otero Electric Coop but we are not allowed to attend or speak at

their monthly meetings.

I wonder if my payment was lost on the way to the Post Office, would that be an "act of God" and would I be reprieved of any responsibility for the payment that month?

Welda McKinley Grider
Carrizozo

A better way

To the editor:

WHEN A SEASONAL resident requests his water meter pulled for a period of time, consider this option: Instead of the expense to the village to backhoe around the can, remove the meter and then in months do the same to re-install the meter and charge the owner \$250, do this:

When he owner says to "pull his meter," simply read the meter, turn the cut-off to "off," carefully aligning the two loops, then clasp a village-owned lock through the two holes.

When the owner is to return, simply read the meter, unlock and turn on water, then charge the owner \$100: Win-Win!

Steve Leftwich
Ruidoso

'Continuing investigation' astonishing

To the editor:

I AM ONE OF the sisters of Julian Raye Orosco, who was murdered in the village of Ruidoso, a town where it seemed no dreadful crime could ever be committed.

Unfortunately, it happened. The "continuing investigation" is still in progress. I am appalled at how the investigators and the law enforcement officials have handled this situation and how much time they are taking to solve this type of crime.

Then I was flabbergasted at how quickly investigators and law enforcement officials handled the double shooting on the Mescalero Reservation recently. It was surprising because of the limited resources that are available with their law enforcement and the time that they spend on other needed calls.

It is astonishing that the village of Ruidoso has more resources, but was not prompt at the calls that were placed to 911 operators about the shooting that resulted in the murder of my brother and the on-going investigation of my brother's murder.

Rumors from some individuals of the community of Ruidoso said it all, "anticipate that you're never killed in Ruidoso, especially if you are a minority." Regardless of the involvements these victims had in their past, they do not sanction them to be killed or have any type of heinous crime committed toward them.

They are as human as we all are. No one is perfect.

The quote my brother always referred back to, "Only God can judge me" — Tupac Shakur.

It seems so improbable that the town with more resources is not able to solve this type of crime, yet a town that many have opinionated on, preceded promptly. The Ruidoso Police will continue to crop up excuses that they "exhausted" their measures of investigating, which aid the rumors from those who choose to opinionate on what really happened.

Elma Belin
Mescalero

Successful book drive

To the editor:

MY "BOOKS FOR Crooks" book drive was a smashing success. Special thanks to the *Ruidoso News* for mentioning it, and Lori and Brian Hennington, Andrea Reed, Stroud's Insurance, and ENMU, plus the one nice lady, along with that other dude, for their donations.

I donated to the Lincoln County Detention Center all the books I had gathered for them. They gave me all the inmates' ratty and crappy old books, probably two to three shopping carts full.

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of Congress, even, to come up with a better variety.

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YOUR OPINION

Look, kids, Grandma's an activist!

To the editor:

THEY MAY COME to take me away in handcuffs any day now. Who knew?

Friends tell me I project a calm, even serene, countenance. But according to my critics, my benign exterior hides a dangerous anti-social streak that must be squelched – if not by force then by derision and contempt. How did I come to this unfortunate state of being?

A mentor often reminds me that, "We get into trouble when we believe a lie." Oh, the lies I've believed: that the majority of our elected officials in Washington were honorable representatives of their constituencies; that those officials had at least a modicum of knowledge of history and basic economics and sought to pass legislation benefiting the country rather than themselves; that logic and facts presented cogently would influence opinions; and that all government officials would at least attempt to honor

their oath to "uphold the Constitution of the United States."

Silly me.

All the while I was busy going to school, raising my family, working hard, and trusting in the integrity of those representing me in Washington, my country was slipping further and further from its foundation. I contributed through ignorance and complacency. During the last 10 years, my growing awareness of the abuses in politics has caused me to shift from concerned to terrified. For the first time in my life I participated in a political protest, enthusiastically attending the local April 15 symbolic reenactment of the 1773 Boston Tea Party, carrying an American flag and a big, boldly lettered sign advocating support of the Constitution. Was I on drugs? You bet. The doctor had to up my blood pressure meds to keep me from stroking out at the way the federal government has been doling out boatloads of cash for the past

few years. It felt good to join with others from a broad cross-section of citizens who feel disenfranchised, who are frustrated by a government that is no longer of and for "we, the people," but of and for self-serving politicians and appointees that seek to create a subservient and victimized citizenry.

The mainstream media (MSM) coverage of the tea parties all across the country didn't surprise me; after all, teaching media literacy was part of my career as a substance abuse preventionist. It did deepen my understanding of how the MSM functions and how it sees those who dare differ from it in opinion. Also, comments by government officials clarified how they view those that adhere to conservative values.

One top presidential advisor branded me a mutant. Referring to us protesters, he said, "I think any time you have severe economic conditions there is always

an element of disaffection that can mutate into something that's unhealthy."

OK, so now I'm an unhealthy element of society. That's not all. According to others in the MSM, I'm a racist, bigot, part of the "lunatic fringe," and, possibly, capable of terrorist actions. Wow! And all because I don't believe in killing babies, in illegal immigration, in financially supporting those that would rather not work as hard as I have, or in financial reward for graft, corruption, and poor business practices. Being a Christian and believing in our Constitution and in the Judeo-Christian values on which it is based, in freedom of speech and religion, and emphatically supporting an armed citizenry for protection against a renegade government, lands me solidly in the group my critics consider highly dangerous.

Dangerous for whom? Perhaps a government that has jettisoned the principles so carefully crafted

by the founders of this country.

It is unlikely that such events as the April 15 protests will be squelched by force. But some of the MSM tried to minimize us by ratcheting up scorn and derision with some pubescent sniggering at our ignorance of "tea bag" as a verb. What those individuals don't understand is that there is no shame in being ignorant of deviant sexual practices and their terminology. It is, however, shameful to pass off adolescent bathroom humor as "reporting the news."

And, no, I don't contemplate committing any violent actions. My weapons will be spoken and written words of truth based on knowledge, facts and logic. Unless, of course, my Second Amendment rights are forcibly threatened. And then it will be, "Shoot, if you must, this old gray head," but only if I run out of ammunition first.

*Genevieve J. Duncan
Alto*

Yes, we can still speak up

To the editor:

THERE ARE TEA PARTIES across America today not so much to protest taxes but because of what Washington is doing with that tax, and how.

Rewarding business failures such as automakers, banks, AIG. Rewarding bad behavior at the expense of those who have followed the rules.

We average Americans are a bit fed up with closed-door policies, runaway government spending, unanswered emails from our, shall I say, "representatives."

What happened to all those promises for leadership with transparency?

Picket signs across the country said it all: The Pirates Are In Washington; Stop Spending Our Money That You Don't Have; Commander In Thief; Change Is All We Have Left; Next Time Read The Bill; More Is Never Enough; America's Voters Have Come To Roost; I'll Keep My Guns And Money, You Keep The Change.

My husband and I attended the Tea Party here in Ruidoso,

braving the high winds, donning our scarfs and hats. Included in the gathering were families, ages 3 to 83, made up of local business owners we knew – the banker, veterinarian and a local professional singer-entertainer.

It was a rather peaceful mix of Americans concerned about their country.

As we were entering the park, an American flag hung freely in the nearby tree, waving in the wind, drawing attention. That flag of red, white, and blue, of words not printed or spoken,

streamed through our hearts, "We can still do this, speak up as we see our country slipping through the cracks by unconcerned politicians."

Enough is enough. Remember the \$787 billion stimulus? They never even read it, folks. Pork is pork, and not good medicine for a failing economy.

They ran out of (our) money, so they simply printed more, devaluing the dollar. Now, anyone who is not troubled about this is either dead, or by choice of conscience, blind.

Yes, we went to the Tea Party. This is the first and only demonstration I've ever attended. There were a lot of old fogies, like me. Partisan or non-partisan, today's gathering is still an American right, and the last time I looked, so is freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and the right to bear arms.

Another right is the vote, come November 2010. Yes, we went to a Tea Party, and it wasn't Earl Grey.

*Charlotte Stonestreet
Ruidoso*

Population trends impact New Mexico's future

HAROLD MORGAN
New Mexico Progress

People are leaving New Mexico. That's the first conclusion from a careful look at the estimates of county population for July 1, 2008, released by the Census Bureau last month.

The second big conclusion is that people from outside the United States like New Mexico better than do people who are already Americans.

The state even has six counties where more people died than were born in the eight years from 2000 through 2008. They are Catron, De Baca, Harding, Quay, Sierra and Union. For Sierra County, the death toll was 905 more than the birth toll. The net of births minus deaths is one of two major elements in counting population. The other is migration, which in turn has two parts, international and domestic.

"International migration," the Census Bureau tells us, "in its simplest form, is any change of residence across the borders of the United States."

Domestic migrants are people who move from one county to another between the filing of tax returns.

For the eight-year period, nearly 60,000 people migrated to New Mexico, a net of 34,000 from outside the country and 25,000 from elsewhere in the United States. Only two counties – Bernalillo and Sandoval – had both large numbers of domestic migrants and a big margin of domestic over international migrants.

In fact, the Sandoval County domestic migration figure is about the same as the state's. That means about 32,000 people left New Mexico for other parts of the United States; 26 counties had more people finding better opportunities in another county, maybe Bernalillo or Sandoval, than in the home county. Even Los Alamos lost people through domestic migration, the offspring of Los Alamos National Laboratory employees, perhaps, or retirees – enough to throw the county into a 1.1 percent population loss for the period.

Eight counties made

enough babies and/or had enough international migration to offset the domestic migration losses. Between 2000 and 2008, there were 18 counties with population losses.

Outside four metro counties – Doña Ana, Santa Fe, Bernalillo and Sandoval – proclamations of being overrun with growth are just nonsense. Run a southwest to northeast diagonal across the state and only the middle county, Socorro, is an eight-year population gainer. The diagonal looks like a barbell, with enlarged areas of population loss at either end. The bubble is much bigger in the northeast where 10 counties have lost population.

I presume, though without data, that the people leaving are adults. They leave with their children and their tax payments. Our new residents, those from across the international border, are also presumed to be adults, but younger, less educated and more energetic. That energy, in time, will invigorate the state.

In the midst of population decline, sometimes the

priorities are a little odd. One example is the Legislature's recent shift of capital money remaining for construction of a regional emergency operations center in Raton and a wastewater treatment plant in Red River to the Balloon

Museum in Albuquerque. Also, a water metering project in Elephant Butte now is a train stop in Albuquerque.

This population movement comes from people making choices. During the next 18 months, as we

head to the 2010 election of a new governor, we're going to be having a conversation about New Mexico's future. These choices – why people leave, why they come and why they stay – need to be part of that conversation.



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One-Stop center celebrates 10 years

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After 10 years the New Mexico Workforce One-Stop Center still feels they are the best-kept secret in Lincoln County.

"We are glad to be celebrating 10 years of service to Lincoln County," Director of New Mexico Workforce Development John Hemphill said at the Friday, April 17, celebration. "Our main reason for holding the celebration is to make the community aware of the services we offer."

"We have got to get the word out there about the services they offer here," Lisa Wilson from Ruidoso Physical Therapy Clinic said. "I had to find out about it by accident."

"I guarantee that people don't know about the training, continuing education, Polycom (internet telecon-

ference system), and other services," she said.

There is an extensive list of those services, driven by one force.

"Business really is our driver," Eastern New Mexico University Ruidoso Career Development Specialist Carrol Price said. "We cater our services to meet the needs of business, which benefits the job seekers and Lincoln County."

The process of serving the needs of the local businesses usually starts with a phone call to the One-Stop Center with a request for training or continuing education. They don't always wait for a call.

"We have been going out to the businesses to find out what training they need and doing the workshops in the business," Price said.

A visit to the One-Stop Center starts at the desk of Teagan Langley.

"Teagan is the Director

of First Impressions," Hemphill said of the receptionist. "She is the woman in the know."

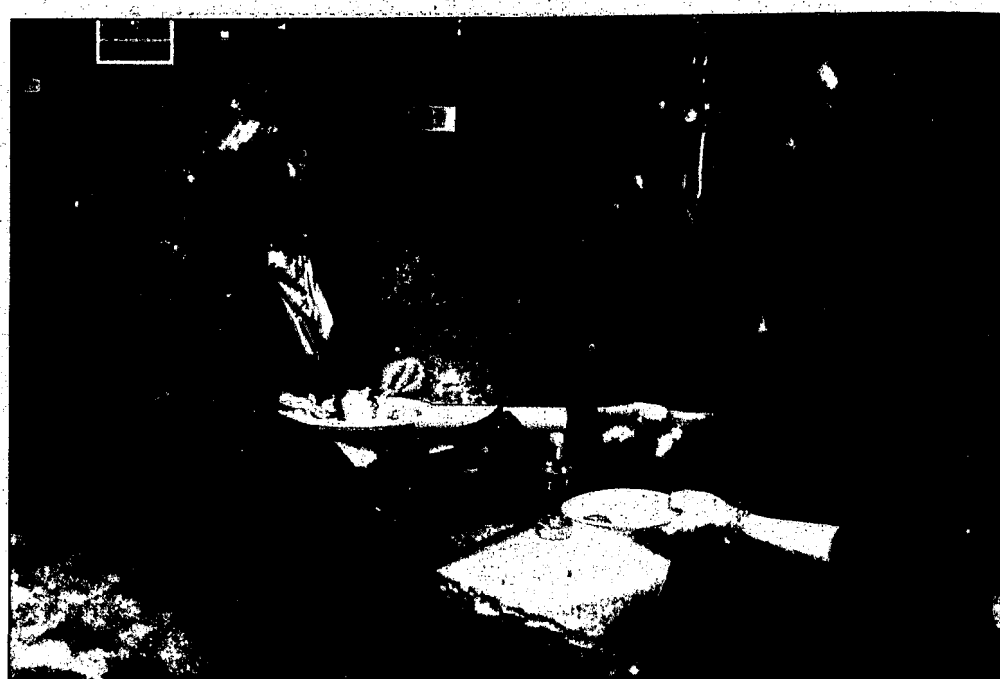
"The rest of us specialize in a particular area," Price said. "Teagan has to know what everyone does to send them in the right direction."

Those specialists include Career Development Specialists Hal Simmon and Dale Coker, Data Technician Donna Montoya, Department of Workforce Solutions Karen Kincaide, Assistant Director of Adult Basic Education and Literacy Coordinator Susie Morss, Adult Basic Education Program Instructor Yolanda Sanchez, Region IX Education Career Development Specialist and Summer Youth Program Coordinator Gina Corliss and Disability Program Navigator Pat White.

"My job is to help the disabled work though the system to find programs and funding to become employed and employable," White said. "The Workforce One-Stop Center is an extensive network for the Social Security Ticket to Work Program to help those on SSDI (Social Security Disability) or SSI (Social Security Income) become employed and self sufficient."

"Anybody on SSDI or SSI needs to come and see us," White said.

The Your Ticket to Work Web site shows 768 Social Security Disability recipients in Lincoln County. 291 of those reside in Ruidoso, 125 reside in Ruidoso Downs, 71 in Alto, 111 in Capitan and the reminder



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Carrol Price, right, explains some of the programs available for businesses to Lisa Wilson of Ruidoso Physical Therapy Clinic at Friday's Open House and 10th Anniversary Celebration at the New Mexico Workforce One-Stop Center on Mechem Dr.

are distributed throughout the county.

White, who is legally blind, is also very familiar with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"I don't know the answer to all the questions because it is a really big law," he said. "But if I don't know the answer I will find the answer and get back to you."

White uses a laptop computer specially designed to increase the size of the display for visually impaired users. This computer is available for visually impaired job seekers for research or training.

Training at the One-Stop Center includes GED, English as a Second Language, Literacy, On-the-Job training and customized training in the classroom for individuals.

"We have weekly workshops for job seekers," Price

said. "We teach basic computers, resume writing and interest proofing. Interest proofing helps job seekers determine what type of work they would find most interesting."

"They have really helped me a lot in finding jobs," Johnny Chavez said. Chavez was at the One-Stop Center Friday searching the NM Workforce Web site for construction jobs. "I've been using them for the last two or three years to find jobs and they helped me put together a resume."

Job seekers can earn a nationally recognized Work Keys Certification in bronze, silver or gold.

"This provides employers with a great screening tool," Hemphill said. "We offer it here free."

There are other services at the One-Stop Center that are available free to businesses or at a nominal

cost, like the Polycom teleconference Equipment located in the One-Stop conference room.

"You can just connect from site to site," David Brown said via teleconference from the East Area Workforce Board in Clovis. "Or I can connect up to 25 different sites into a single conference."

Most New Mexico Workforce Centers have teleconference capabilities and will make it available for businesses or individuals at little or no cost.

"The One-Stop Center brings all the programs under one roof so individuals don't have to go all over town to find what they need," Hemphill said. "Businesses can find potential employees that have been screened and trained and job seekers can find the education and training that they need."



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Johnny Chavez writes information about jobs gleaned from the New Mexico Workforce Web site at the New Mexico Workforce One-Stop Center.



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Adult Basic Education Instructor Yolanda Sanchez, left, works with Jessica Lacy at the New Mexico Workforce One-Stop Center.

RIBBON CUTTING



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Brenda and Sean McKracken talk to friends during the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours and Grand Opening of the new McKracken's Store on Mechem Dr. McKracken's moved from the Blockbuster Plaza to the newly constructed store earlier this year.

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Two county projects among those receiving HUD funds

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Officials with the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration and the Office of Recovery and Reinvestment say the state received \$37 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The money will be distributed to local communities around the state through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and the Community Development Block Grant program. The New Mexico Community Development Council allocated more than \$17 million in block grants, including \$3.8 million funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The village of Capitan and town of Carrizozo in Lincoln County were awarded grants for a senior center and street improvements, respectively.

New Mexico is among the first states in the country to allocate and obligate stimulus funds for the Community Development Block Grant program, which potentially places the state at the front of the line for additional funds that may become available.

"Working with the Community Development Council, we are making sure that this funding is used to create jobs and new opportunities for New Mexicans and to support local businesses," said Toney Anaya, former governor and executive director of the New Mexico Office of Recovery and Reinvestment. "This is a shot in the arm for many of our rural communities and working families hit hard by the recession."

The Community Development Block Grant program provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs through annual grants to local government and states.

Since the new Community Development Council was appointed by Governor Richardson in 2003, the council awarded \$90,213,000 million in Community Development Block Grant funds for water, wastewater, housing, public facilities, planning, and colonias projects.

New Mexico will receive about \$17.8 million in block grant funds this year. About \$14 million was awarded through the annual funding allocation, and an additional \$3.8 million was awarded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The NMCD Council meeting at the Inn of the Mountain Gods near Ruidoso last week awarded dozens of projects, including two in Lincoln County. They are \$327,246 for street improvements in the county seat of Carrizozo, and \$490,000 for a senior center in the village of Capitan.

The Neighborhood Stabilization money will be used to offer low or no interest loans that will assist low-income home buyers with the purchase and rehabilitation of foreclosed residential properties. The loans will be targeted to rehabilitate homes that have been abandoned or foreclosed upon in order to sell, rent or redevelop them. None of the projects are located in Lincoln County.

Some redeveloped properties will become affordable rental units with rent caps and income restrictions to help low- or moderate-income families. Several units will be planned for special needs populations such as people experiencing homelessness, the mentally ill, and the developmentally disabled.

The money also will be used to demolish decrepit structures, and redevelop dilapidated or vacant buildings to keep property values high and neighborhoods safe.

Individual homes can benefit from up to \$50,000 in repairs. Those projects will help provide sustained affordability by incorporating green building techniques and energy-efficiency improvements.

Property tax payments coming in a little slower than usual

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Property owners in Lincoln County can walk into County Treasurer Beverly Calaway's office in Carrizozo, May 11, to pay their annual property taxes without suffering a penalty or being charged interest.

"We're staying right in line with previous years," she told County Commission Chairman Tom Battin, who asked if the tough economy was impacting collection of the second half of the 2008 county property taxes.

"The second half is coming in slower (than the

"I'm wondering if people are just holding onto their money a little longer," Calaway said.

payments the following Monday, May 11, Calaway said.

"I'm wondering if people are just holding onto their money a little longer," she said. "Many of the payments are coming from mortgage companies and they do hold on until May 10th."

She suggested anyone mailing payments watch to ensure their envelopes are postmarked with the May 9 date. Otherwise, the letters may be shipped to Albuquerque for distribution and not postmarked until several days later, she said.

"That was a problem last year and people had to pay the penalties," Calaway explained.

about 69 percent to 70 percent.

The second half of the taxes was due April 15, but can be paid through May 10 without penalty and interest. Because that date falls on a Sunday, a mailed payment must be postmarked May 9, but her office will accept walk-in

Collection stands at

VALUES

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and one that won't be decided until budgets of the various taxing entities are approved by the state, is that with a higher taxable value, if budgets don't grow, the tax rate should go down, Baca said.

Non-residential property, which is vacant land and commercial property, also increased, because the county is below market value, he said.

"The State Property Tax Division checks on our values on a yearly basis by way of a sales ratio report, which we must submit to (the division)," Baca said. "They do statistical analyses with this report and make sure we are doing our job updating values yearly. Property purchased the previous tax year and new construction are assessed at a current market value, according to state statute."

Property values are used by officials with the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration to set tax rates to produce the tax dollars governmental entities need to operate and to pay off

bonds approved by voters, he said. Budgets adopted by government entities determine the tax amounts that are paid by taxpayers.

"If budgets increase, even though values do not, taxes usually increase," he said.

Property owners have 30 days from the mailing of the Notice of Value to protest their values, Baca said. They should check their values and compare them to previous tax years.

Exemptions need to be

filed with the Assessor's office within the same 30-day period to be applied to the 2009 tax year.

Any questions about valuation of property should be directed to the County Assessor's Office, Baca said. He urged property owners not to wait until they receive tax bills in November to question the values, because by then, it may be too late to adjust.

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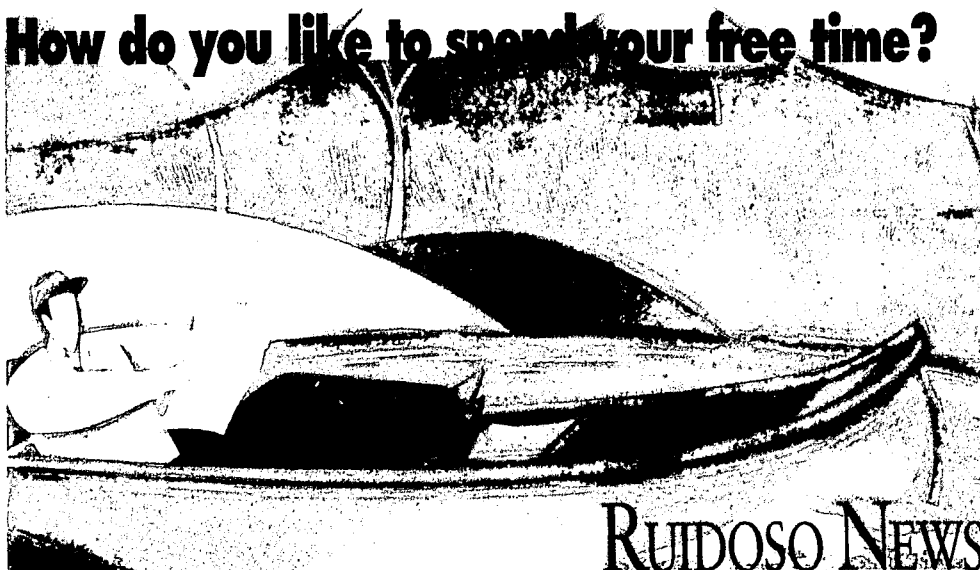
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whether they conflict with state law.

Crouse said several experts in the field of mining attended the joint meeting and advised that the draft was a duplication of existing state and federal regulations. Only the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer can regulate water and that agency requires water monitoring as part of any mining operation, Crouse said.

"These experts said practically all this is covered," he said. "A bond for reclamation is in state regulations. The federal mining law is out of date, but there are so many bureaucracies."

Battin said that stance conflicts with the contents of a letter received three or four months ago from the Secretary of Mining and Minerals, encouraging adoption of a county ordinance.

Commissioner Eileen Sedillo said she previously watched the tapes of the meeting and from the discussion, "I really don't see a need for (an ordinance). The really important stuff is covered by federal and state laws. Maybe we could do something like (Crouse) suggested, a one-page ordinance covering dust, lighting and (damage to) county roads."

One of the new pieces of information she learned from the tapes was that the number of exploratory holes to be drilled for gold on a site in the Lincoln National Forest north of Capitan was reduced by state geologist Diane Tafoya from 112 to 20 in



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Advisory board members Pete Gnatkowski, left, and Tony Davis participate in the discussion of whether to adopt a mining ordinance.

the proposed permit.

Tony Davis, a LANRAC member, said an alternative would be to establish the county as a cooperating agency with a seat at the table for approval of any impacting activities on federal or state land within its borders.

"The U.S. Forest Service wants to restore the forest and wildlife, they're not interested in," he said. He noted that four people at the joint meeting voted for "some type of ordinance."

Robert Moeller of Nogal and a Planning Commission member said that board should determine

and recommend if an ordinance would be a solution to the problem.

"I heard repeatedly that regulation on public land is adequate, but I haven't seen that claim backed up," he told county commissioners. "It seems to be the duty of the Planning Commission to find out."

"Holland (Shepherd with the Mining and Minerals Division) told us New Mexico has the toughest mining laws in the United States. He spoke of a very high bond for reclamation. It's not just the 1872 Mining Act."

He suggested collaborating with the USFS under a memorandum of understanding instead of adopting an ordinance. The

MOU would require the county to be alerted when any type of mining is proposed, initiating environmental studies.

Members of the two advisory boards are doing their jobs by researching all related issues, not just looking line by line at a proposed ordinance, he contended.

Pete Gnatkowski of LANRAC lamented that the experts who were adamant an ordinance wasn't needed weren't consulted before money was spent and Kelly Cassells was hired to draft a mining ordinance.

"Certain members do want the ordinance, but we're not convinced it's necessary," he said. "Light pol-

lution is so arbitrary, it leaves the county open for litigation."

From the beginning, he viewed the push for an ordinance as an effort not to regulate mining but to eliminate it in a specific part of the county, Gnatkowski said. "I don't blame them, but once passed, everyone has to live with it. I urge the commission to abandon the deal."

Carroll said federal agencies cannot be depended upon "to do everything" they pledge and he cited the USFS's commitment to maintain and preserve buildings in the Jicarilla Mining District.

Existing law protects everything but property values, he contended. "But if you move next to a federal forest with mineral interests, you should research, because you may not own any mineral rights on your land either," he said. "You buy it because it's cheaper than where you came from, but you may live next to a deep, deep hole."

Lee Arnone, with Friends of the Capitans, presented another view. A local ordinance is needed, because state and federal agencies don't work together, he insisted. "We never would have known (El Capitan Precious Metals Inc.) was drilling illegally there without citizens alerting (the state and the USFS)," he said. "Even then, it took six months to get them out to take a look and another month for a cease and desist order (from the USFS)."

Reclamation from the illegal exploration never was properly finished, he contended. Since then, the company's stock plummeted, the proposed gold exploration seems to have been abandoned and who will complete the clean-up, he asked.

"It's better to go to the county commission and point out this is the law," Arnone said. "If you threaten to close a business at the local level, they pay attention. It all could have been prevented, if there was a county ordinance. An Environmental Impact Statement would have answered everything. There is not enough water to support mining activity."

"We consider you a neighborhood watch. Federal and state agencies aren't going to watch my house."

Commissioner Jackie Powell said, "When it doesn't affect anything, I'm against bigger government. Being a cooperating agency

is just fine."

As an accountant, she said taxes and other financial demands will worsen next year. "Everyone complained about taxes this year. They are putting bigger regulations on oil and gas drilling. The big companies are leaving New Mexico, because they can't deal with it," she said. The state will be hurting for several years, because the money from oil and gas represents such a significant portion of state revenue, she said.

County Attorney Alan Morel said if commissioners want to drop the idea of an ordinance, they can vote to reconsider.

Commissioner Dave Parks said the board should request cooperating agency status with the state, but Morel said such status is a federal concept and he wasn't sure it exists on the state level. The state governs mining on private land.

"We've already asked that any time an application to mine in Lincoln County is filed that we receive a copy," Morel said. "There are parts of mining you can regulate, whether you want to cover none, some or all is up to you. The experts acknowledged there are some areas they don't regulate."

But without an ordinance, "No one has to provide you anything. You could get with Cassells about an ordinance to provide notice. He could provide you some options."

Parks said it doesn't have to be a choice between no ordinance or a massive ordinance. "It seems if we could get in the loop, it would make a big difference," he said.

Battin said he agreed with Carroll's distrust of relying on the federal government to do what it says. He cited the illegally drilled holes. The commission was assured an Environmental Assessment would lead to an EIS and "that didn't happen," he said. "We're called a cooperating agency, but there is no evidence that is a fact with the USFS. I'm not interested in an ordinance to prohibit mining, it's part of the history of the West. My motive is environmental protection in the whole county, not just property value. There also are water issues not covered by the OSE, such as contamination that has occurred in other areas of New Mexico (using cyanide for extraction) and existing laws didn't prevent it."

Cathy Eisen, a water/wastewater operator, said tests could establish existing water quantity and quality at the front end and then monitoring wells adjacent to a mining area could be used to judge changes in quality and water levels to prove impacts. Too often, mining promoters are more interested in selling shares than actually operating a mine and don't have the resources to complete a project, she said. They get into trouble and walk away, something that could be avoided if they had to answer all the questions up front, instead of moving in exploratory increments.

Carroll contended the federal Clean Water Act would cover water quality issues, but Battin questioned if those rules would be enforced. Carroll replied federal agents "will burn you to the ground" if they find problems and that El Capitan officials never got to the stage of deciding how ore might be extracted, because they never were approved for drilling the exploratory holes.

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HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

Flying J Hospice Benefit to support end-of-life care

JENNIFER CHADWICK
For the Ruidoso News

The Ruidoso Hospice Foundation is a local non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to qualified residents of Lincoln County for end-of-life care.

You do not have to be on hospice or even receiving services from Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice.

If you have a life-limiting illness for which there is no cure, and are nearing the end of life, the Ruidoso Hospice Foundation can provide financial assistance to help with the cost of medications, medical equipment, nursing care and other miscellaneous expenses.

In some cases, Lifelines (a personal emergency response system) is covered, as well as installation of a phone line.

For patients on hospice, assis-



Jennifer Chadwick

tance can be provided to get a family member here to say goodbye to their loved one.

The financial eligibility is the same as for the Lincoln County Indigent Fund, which is actually quite liberal, and intended for the "working poor" - those in our community who make too much

money to qualify for Medicaid, but not enough to pay for a hefty insurance premium.

That actually includes many of our local small business owners and their employees, as well as many employed in the tourist and service industries.

For patients receiving hospice services under Medicare, the Foundation can assist with nursing home placement in the last days of life if the caregiver is unable to provide the intense care frequently required.

The Medicare hospice benefit does not cover room and board in a nursing facility and Lincoln County does not have the population base to support an inpatient hospice.

Placement at Mescalero Care Center is a viable option for the last days or weeks, and the Foundation can assist by providing financial assistance for room and board for up to two weeks.

If you know of someone who could qualify for financial assistance from the Ruidoso Hospice Foundation, call 258-0028 to request an application.

The minimal requirements include a three-month residency in Lincoln County, along with the financial qualifications.

The Ruidoso Hospice Foundation has regular fundraisers, the largest being the annual Flying J Hospice Benefit.

This year, the Flying J Hospice Benefit is Saturday, May 2.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, and \$15 for children, and may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce and The Wild Herb on Sudderth, or at Prestige Cabinets on Mechem Drive.

You may also call Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice at 258-0028 and purchase tickets by phone using a credit card and the tickets will be waiting for you at

the ticket booth on the night of the event.

In addition to the Flying J's usual show, there will also be a great silent auction that includes a variety of items donated by many local artists and businesses.

Other fundraisers include the live Butterfly Release which will be Sept. 12 and the Tour de Ruidoso, a cycling event on Sept. 19.

Information about these events can be found on our Web site at www.rhch.org.

The volunteer Board of Directors for the Ruidoso Hospice Foundation includes Sandi Browne, Bruce Chapman, Jennie Dorgan, Steve Hightower, David Milchen, Milo Steffan and Patsy Parker.

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

LCMC celebrates National Medical Laboratory Week

LCMC PUBLIC RELATIONS

Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) and TriCore Laboratories will celebrate National Medical Laboratory Week from April 19-25 at the county-owned hospital in Ruidoso.

Patients requiring lab work as well as visitors can learn something about the past, present and future of the clinical laboratories including this hospital-based laboratory.

"Patients often think that the small phlebotomy area where they have their blood drawn is the lab,"

laboratory manager Chris Furphy said. "There's so much more to our lab that complements our phlebotomy area; however, due to safety reasons, about 90 percent of the lab is limited to only the people who work here."

The laboratory at LCMC is one of nearly 9,000 hospital laboratories in the U.S. Laboratory professionals also work in physician office labs, tissue banks, forensic labs and large reference laboratories like Quest Diagnostics and LabCorp.

The LCMC laboratory provides testing for the hos-

pital's inpatients, outpatients and emergency room.

The outpatients require lab tests as ordered by physicians and providers throughout Lincoln County.

They also provide testing for the Mescalero Care Center, clinics in Carrizozo, Capitan, Corona and Hondo as well as local veterinarians and for the Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

The LCMC laboratory collects specimens in a sterile environment for offsite testing such as pre-employment drug screenings.

A storyboard including photos and descriptions will be displayed in the outpatient/ER lobby that illustrates the work that is performed by laboratory technicians and how it supports physicians to accurately diagnose and treat illnesses as well as information on the history of laboratory medicine.

In 2008, the lab inside LCMC performed nearly 92,000 tests for 17,275 patients.

Nationally, more than 10 billion laboratory tests

are performed each year which comprise about 70 percent of a patient's medical record, according to the American Society for Clinical Pathology, ASCP. More than half of all medical care decisions are based on laboratory results.

"The entire lab staff is proud to support Lincoln County physicians and providers while delivering quality care in a timely fashion," said Furphy. "We strive to satisfy every patient during their experience and assist physicians and providers with test results so they can best treat their patients."

More than seen

Like most hospital laboratories, LCMC's lab is made up of four areas-hematology, chemistry, microbiology and blood bank.

Hematology studies white cells, red cells and platelets and performs coagulation studies.

Patients at New Mexico Oncology must often wait for the results of their complete blood count (CBC) before receiving chemo-

therapy.

Patients taking medications such as coumadin are tested weekly or monthly to make sure they are receiving the proper level of medication.

The chemistry department analyzes materials in the serum portion of the blood, such as glucose, potassium and cholesterol.

Often an abnormal result is the first indication of a disease like diabetes or cancer.

In microbiology, pathogenic bacteria are isolated and identified, then tested against a panel of antibiotics to help the physician prescribe an effective drug.

Seminars conducted by the state health department keep microbiology technologists up-to-date on possible agents of bioterrorism.

Finally, in the blood bank, blood is typed and tested for antibodies, and crossmatched for surgery, trauma and for patients with acute or chronic anemia.

Lab personnel needed

Laboratory medicine is a growing field. Although

more than 12,000 new graduates are needed each year in the United States to keep up with demand, only half that number are currently graduating. Smaller than expected graduation rates compound this issue as the ASCP estimates that 50 percent of today's laboratory workers will retire before 2010.

"Everyone has heard about the nursing shortage, and thousands of nurses graduate each year," Furphy said. "The shortage of lab personnel is even more serious. There is definitely a need for students to consider laboratory medicine as a career since there will be such a strong demand in the future."

The LCMC laboratory staff of 16 has a combined experience of 120 years and includes: Furphy, Lyn Kidder, Alex Granados, Imelda Horne, Karen Thompson, Eva Mendez, Patrick Vigil, Carolyn Dittmer, Edward Martin, Terri Stewart, Judith Obrien, Linda Mitcham, Yvette Misquez, Loretta Martinez, Barb Valdez and Cathy Thurman work in the lab when needed.

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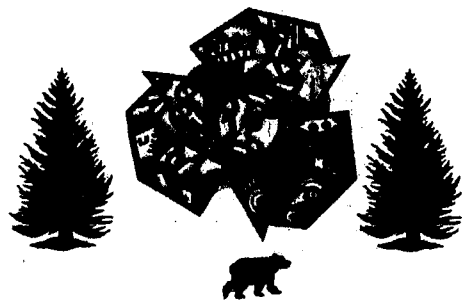
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SANTA FE - The New Mexico Immunization Coalition and its partners, including the New Mexico Department of Health, are encouraging parents to have their children immunized at special immunization clinics April 27 to May 2. The clinics are part of the "Got Shots? Protect Tots!" campaign, and are being held in recognition of National Infant Immunization Week.

Approximately 47 pri-

vate practices, community health centers and public health offices across the state are participating in the special immunization clinics. This is the second year that members of the New Mexico Immunization Coalition have partnered for quarterly "Got Shots? Protect Tots!" events.

During all the 2008 events, providers gave more than 9,500 immunizations to more than 4,000 children across the

state. The next quarterly event will be held in August.

The Department of Health provides free immunizations at public health clinics in every county for children whose parents are not insured.

Immunizations are the best way to protect children from serious, preventable diseases. The Department is focusing attention on communities that need additional support in get-

ting their children immunized on time every time. The Department will always look for new ways to get more children protected against preventable diseases.

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LCMC recommends mill levy remain unchanged

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The special property tax levied annually for support of the county hospital and three rural health clinics will remain at the same level as last year.

The clinic at the Hondo School complex operated by La Casa De Buena Salud Inc. was approved by the state as one of the three clinics to receive help.

James Gibson, administrator of the Lincoln County Medical Center, the county hospital in Ruidoso managed by Presbyterian HealthCare Services, told county commissioners Tuesday he recommended the same levy despite a financial deficit in the ambulance service.

"Based upon my analysis, the 2009/2010 budget requests submitted ... are supportable with 2.0 mills for the hospital and .6 of a mill for the clinics," he said. One mill equates to \$1 for each \$1,000 of taxable property value.

"In accordance with the special election of April 8, 2008, commissioners have the ability to impose up to 2.0 mills for the hospital and emergency medical services (ambulance service) and 1.0 for the clinics until 2015.

"This current fiscal year we had imposed 2.0 mills (\$1,633,410) for the hospital and EMS, and .6 of a mill (\$490,023) for the clinic."

The health clinics in Corona and Carrizozo experienced successful years in large part because of the certified nurse practitioner who served both communities in place of the physician previously contracted, he said.

"The volume increased significantly," Gibson said. The Corona Clinic ended \$19,000 in the black and Carrizozo about \$25,000 in the red, which was a big improvement from the previous few years, he said.

"I anticipate in 2010, there will be an opportunity to reduce the mill levy request," he said.

The county experienced a \$243,000 operating loss on its ambulance service, which is based at the hospital, Gibson said. Fuel costs accounted for most of the loss, he said.

With 3,404 calls, as well as more than 2,000 transfers, "we failed to judge correctly," he said. "I pondered (asking for additional revenue) for EMS, but I hope

the fuel will stay down" and with some retrenchment, the operation will even out. He requested some money for capital equipment, such as \$152,000 to replace an ambulance and \$92,000 to remount another.

He lauded the effectiveness of the county EMS system, citing the response in 2008 to a bus accident in Corona and referring to the outpost ambulances as the front-line for a frontier county.

The hospital saw a 2.5 percent operating margin of \$872,000, based on unaudited figures, Gibson said.

In November 2007, he began seeing the effects of a recession through a drop in patient census, which often hits resort communities first, he said.

He reacted quickly in 2008 with cost cutting measures of \$1.7 million through a hiring freeze, cuts in overtime and travel, along with stepped-up collection efforts.

The result was LCMC was ahead of virtually everyone else in the field, Gibson said.

Ruidoso primarily serves three categories of patients - permanent residents, weekend visitors and second-home seasonal residents. The latter category was down 15 percent from prior years, he said.

"The volume flattened in the first quarter of 2009 versus (going down) in 2008," the administrator said. "I take that as a positive sign that maybe we have bottomed out in that area."

He noted births were up

Hospital Administrator Jim Gibson acknowledges there are some valid complaints about ER at the Lincoln County Medical Center: "We need to better inform patients. I think you're dead on from the complaints I hear."

10.6 percent at 367. In October, a new electronic monitoring system went live in the obstetrics department that allows remote physician monitoring of patients, as well as access from OB specialists in Albuquerque when critical situations occur, he said.

Commissioner Eileen Sedillo asked about the manning of the hospital

Gibson submits 'last' budget request

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After submitting a budget request to Lincoln County commissioners Tuesday, Jim Gibson said it probably will be his last before he

retires as administrator of the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.

"I plan to retire in June or July," he said. "I'm technically on my 52nd day of retirement now. I believe they are offering the job to someone

today."

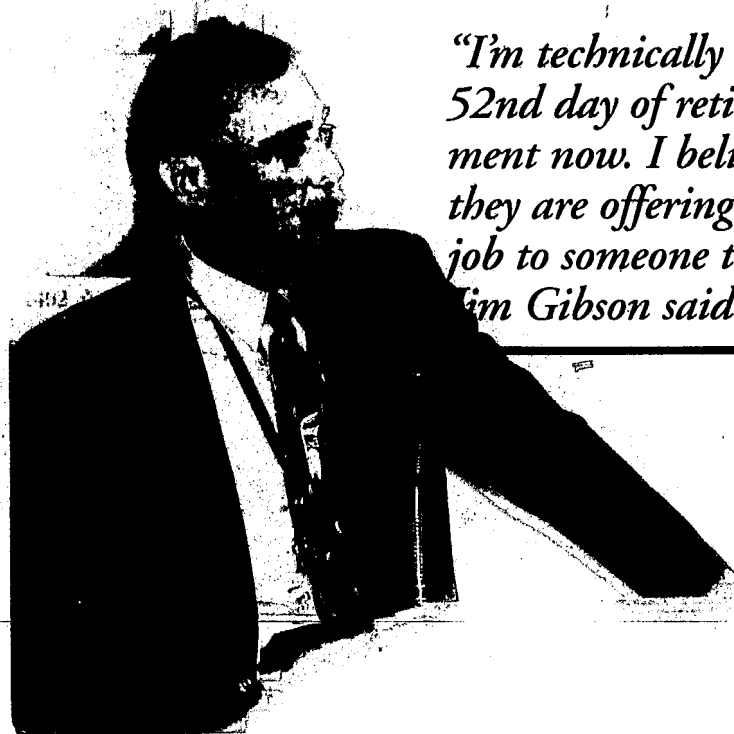
The contractual partnership between the county-owned hospital in Ruidoso, the county commission and Presbyterian HealthCare Services, which manages and leases the hospital, "I think resulted in the most effective organization in my career," Gibson said.

"It's complicated with many parts and pieces. You tweak one and it affects the other, but it works well and produces high quality of care. We didn't solve all of the problems and probably never will, but it is the organization that provides the foundation to serve the citizens of the county."

Calling the hospital "super," he said the relationship depended on the commission, the people of the county and a dedicated community hospital board.

Presbyterian has managed the hospital for more than 30 years and Gibson came onboard about 10 years ago.

"My last advice to you is to do everything you can to make the partnership stronger," he said. "It will serve you and the citizens of Lincoln County well."



"I'm technically on my 52nd day of retirement now. I believe they are offering the job to someone today."
Jim Gibson said.

emergency room, saying she received complaints about long waits, but not about the care eventually delivered.

Gibson said since 2006, four physicians operate the ER and the rest of the staff is on call. "The quality of care has gone up significantly in ER," he said. "There are some issues with customer orientation from some physicians, but actual quality of health care is significantly improved. It doesn't mean

diagnoses usually rely on the results of laboratory and radiology tests, not just observation, and the tests take time for results. "One test could take an hour and we won't make treatment decisions without results, unless the situation is acute," he said.

But he acknowledged that patients should be informed more frequently about what is happening. "We need to better inform patients," he said. "I think you're dead on from the complaints I hear. We score the lowest in ER."

He also pointed out that patients are not treated on the basis of who came in first, but rather the most critical.

"You may be the first in line, but not the first to be treated," he said.

Gibson said he also received complaints from people referred to collections, "but we think those who can pay, should pay."

Under Gibson's estimate, the rural health clinics would receive \$680,055 from the mill levy with expenses of \$566,422. The hospital would receive \$1,651,362, plus the lease payment from PHS of \$800,000, covering expenses of \$1,257,191 in capital outlay, payments to Medicaid and to the state Sole Community Provider program.

there are no mistakes. Everyone in health care makes mistakes. It is an art as well as a science of medicine."

Sedillo said patients have an assumption when they go to ER they will be heard and seen quickly. But they complain to her about long waits and staff sipping coffee and laughing as they lie waiting for care.

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Ellen "Buzz" Bizzell-Blaney of the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department and Keep

Ruidoso Beautiful, said dozens of people from the Ruidoso area are expected to show up at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, at Schoolhouse Park off Sudderth Drive and Junction Road to help with the community clean-up. They'll tackle selected

points throughout the village and along the Rio Ruidoso.

"I've heard from several people who think because of the name that it is only for bank staff, and that's not the case," she said. "It's true the banks are chal-

lenging each other and help sponsor it, but we want and need help from the whole community. It takes community involvement to keep our town clean.

"Show your pride. Volunteer."

Gloves, trash bags and T-shirts will be provided. Volunteers also will receive refreshments and some door prizes. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Volunteers should reassemble back at the park at noon.

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Representatives of the governor's Competitive Grant Advisory Team will be in Ruidoso Downs, May 4, to present details on how local governments, non-profit organizations, businesses and individuals can benefit from the federal stimulus program.

Hubert Quintana, executive director of the South-eastern New Mexico Economic Development District, said Gov. Bill Richardson wants to ensure officials in all communities know how to apply for additional resources to fund worthwhile projects and create new jobs.

"There are many opportunities available and it's important that New Mexico gets its fair share of the national economic recovery effort," Richardson said.

The public meeting will begin at 1 p.m. at the Hubbard Museum of the American West on U.S. 70 in Ruidoso Downs. Presentations are scheduled from Rick Homans, chairman of the advisory team and current secretary of taxation and revenue, and by officials from the New Mexico Office of Recovery and Reinvestment. Representatives of federal agencies are invited to attend, also.

"We're inviting government, community, business and non-profit leaders to attend the presentation, and to work with us to bring more resources to our community," Quintana said. "It's also a good chance for members of the public to hear firsthand about The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act."

For more information or to make a reservation, call 575-624-6181 or email hqsnedd@plateautel.net before April 30.

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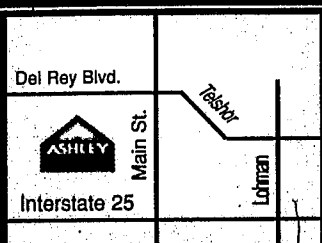
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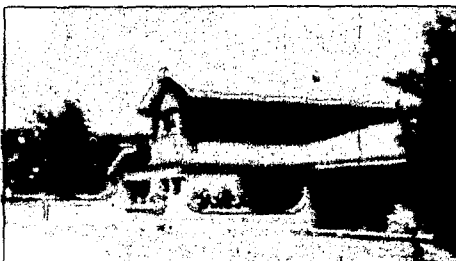
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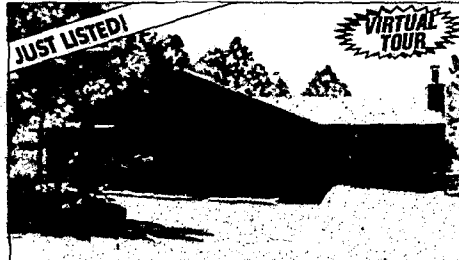
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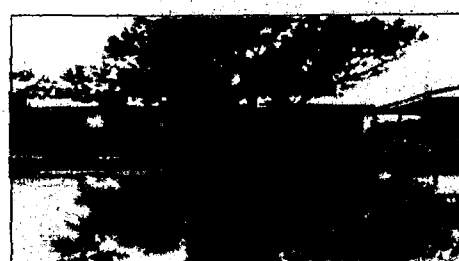
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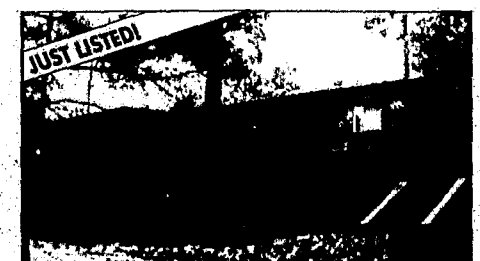
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Sports Results

Baseball

Tuesday, April 21
Portales 12, Ruidoso 7
Ruidoso 9, Portales 3
Tularosa 10, Capitan 4
Tularosa 13, Capitan 0

Girls Softball

Tuesday, April 21
Ruidoso 3, Portales 2
Portales 4, Ruidoso 1
Capitan 16, Mescalero 1
Capitan 28, Mescalero 0

Sports On Tap

Baseball

Friday, April 24
Lordsburg at Capitan, 3 & 5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 28
RHS at Dexter, 4 & 6 p.m.
Capitan at Mesilla Valley, 3 & 5 p.m.

Girls Softball

Friday, April 24
Lordsburg at Mescalero, 3 & 5 p.m.
RHS at Lovington, 3 & 5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 28
Eunice at Mescalero, 3 & 5 p.m.
Dexter at RHS, 3 & 5 p.m.

Track

Friday, April 24
RHS at Artesia Invite, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, April 28
Carrizozo at Texico Relays

Golf

Sunday, April 26
The Ruidoso Junior Golf Association in partnership with the Ruidoso Golf Teams will be hosting the final scramble at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, at 1 p.m. For info, call Cree Meadows at 257-5815.
Monday, April 27
RHS at UNM Triple A Invite



Aimee Vasquez tracks the ball in Tuesday's game against Portales. RHS split the twin bill winning the first one 3-2 and losing the second contest, 4-1.



First baseman Angela Hatch is set to take a throw while umpire Steve Frierson watches closely.

RHS softball girls fight for district

Lady Warriors split twin bill with Portales Tuesday, share district lead

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Friday, the Ruidoso girls traveled to Dexter and took down the Lady Demons, 10-7 and 17-2. Tuesday, the Lady Warriors entertained arch rival Portales, winner of last year's D4-3A title, and split the twin bill, winning the first contest in a tight, extra-inning affair, 3-2, while dropping the sec-

ond contest, 4-1.

With Tuesday's split against the Lady Rams, Portales and Ruidoso (14-4, overall) are now the district co-leaders at 3-1, with Lovington and Dexter at 2-2 and 0-4, respectively.

In the opening game with the Lady Rams, Portales jumped out in the lead when they pushed a run across in the top of the first inning.

It remained a 1-0 contest until the Lady Warriors put two runs across the dish in the bottom of the third. Portales tied it up with a solo score in their fifth. The next two innings went without any scoring and pushed the contest into extra innings. In the bottom of the eighth, the Lady Warriors came up with the game-winning run.

Khicky Fernando went for the distance on the mound, giving up 10 hits and picked up the win. The Lady Warriors punched out seven crucial hits and left five runners stranded on the base paths.

Claudia Vasquez went three-for-four in the hitting department, while teammates Aimee Vasquez, Alaitia Enjady, Gabby Smith and Shelby Walker each went one-for-three. Those five

ladies accounted for Ruidoso's total hit production.

The second game started out like the first one with Fernando on the rubber for Ruidoso. The Lady Rams jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top half of the first inning. Each team put goose-eggs on the board for the next four innings until Portales tacked on a run in

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Emanuel Negrete wins the 3,200m run as Drew Bigrope of Mescalero comes in second. It was the first time Negrete had run that event.



Jenna Schartz won two first-place finishes in the 1,600m and 3,200m runs.



Carl Lueras takes first in the discus throw.

Annual Grizzly Relays: Carrizozo boys finish in first place

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Saturday, the annual Grizzly Relays once more took place in Carrizozo as they have since it started back up in 2003.

To the delight of the hometown fans, the boys squad earned a first-place finish and the Lady Grizzlies followed with fourth spot.

Besides Carrizozo, five other schools, including Capitan, Mescalero, Cloudcroft, Magdalena and Quemado, participated in the yearly event.

Magdalena grabbed first-place in the girls division.

Since 1998, when the boys and girls track program consisted of six participants, the school has come a long way.

The following year, 28 students were on the track

and field teams. In 2000, 34 athletes joined the squads. And the girls took third-place that year.

For them, better things were to come. They won state in 01, 02 and 03. By 2005, the squads had 52 total participants.

In 2007 the boys claimed their own share of glory as they also won the state's D7-1A top spot. In 08 they were state runners-up.

This year, both teams look to be strong again, as each has state qualified a number of fine athletes.

Saturday, for the girls, Lacy Myers qualified for state with a first-place finish in the shot put with a throw of 31 feet 10 inches. Jenna Schartz won both the 1,600m and 3,200m runs with times of 6:36.18 and 14:49.80, respectively.

She had previously qualified for state in the 3,200m run with a time of 13:25.

Lena Reyes earned a state bid in the discus with a throw of 93 feet.

Brittany Liggins of nearby Capitan won first-place in the 300m hurdles with a

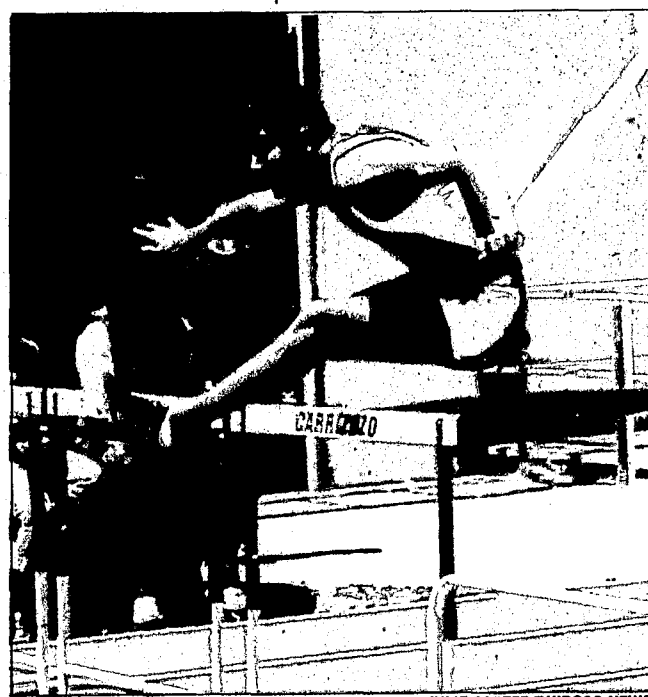
mark of :50.02. Kaitlin Keaton, also of Capitan, grabbed top honors in the javelin with a heave of 72 feet Nine inches.

On the boys side, the

Grizzlies took the top spots in a number of events. Carl Lueras finished the day with a first in meet, first in state, in the shot put with a toss of 52 feet 10 inches and

the discus, with a throw of 150 feet 7 3/4 inches. Mark LeBlanc was far out in front in the 100m dash

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Jeremy Zamora claimed a first-place in the 300m hurdles.

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CAPTAN LADY TIGERS BEAT LORDSBURG, TAKE DOWN MESCALERO



Ashley Pruitt breaks third base in Tuesday's game. The Lady Tigers are now 11-4 overall and 4-1 in district action.



Sydney Hughes makes contact against the Lady Chiefs.



Alisha Aubrey pitches to a Mescalero batter Tuesday. Captain won two from the Lady Chiefs, 15-1 and 28-0. Earlier Saturday, they took two from Lordsburg, 15-1 and 13-0.

RHS

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their turn and another in the seventh.

Behind 4-0, going into the last of the seventh, the Ruidoso girls were down, out and out.

Walker tracked a lead-off home run over the right field fence and gave the hometown fans some hope.

Fernando followed that up with a short single to left out the next three runners, but the game ended with a 1-0 home run win.

Fernando recorded five strikeouts while the Lady Warriors scattered nine hits over seven innings and left nine runners on base.

Tasquez and Enjady were 3-4. Smith and Walker went 2-3 and Angela Hatch went into the books as 1-2.

"It kills you leaving people on base," Ruidoso Head Coach Sai Beltran said. "We lost to Coburn in 11 innings April 3 when we left 14 runners on base."

"In the first game against Portales, the girls never quit and came out in top at the end."

"Our defense has really been solid this year and our bats usually win for us. They were solid Tuesday."

"Portales always has a tough, well-coached team with speed on the bases and a good defense."

"That's why Tuesday's win against the Lady Rams was a big one."



Knicky Fernando during both games against the Lady Rams.

This year's Ruidoso squad is talented and well-rounded with four seniors, three juniors, four sopho-

mores and five freshmen for a total roster of 16.

"I like this team, the way they work hard, hustle



Jordan Frierson follows the ball in the second game against Portales.

and get along with each other," Beltran added. "They do what is asked of them."

Next up for the Lady Warriors will be a double-dip at Lovington Friday at 3 and 5 p.m.

TRACK

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with a 11:27 and the 200m dash with a 23.37. Jeremy Zamora was victo-

rious in the 300m hurdles with a clock of 43.75.

Emanuel Negrete earned first place in the 3,200m run with a time of 12:13.61.

"Manny ran the 3,200 for the first time."

Carmuzo Head Coach Pat Ventura said, "He never practiced that run before. I just threw him in. He has a lot of talent."

Tavi Nash, an eighth-grader, qualified for state in the high jump with a mark of five feet 10 inches and took the third spot in that event.

Marcelino Verdugo finished third in the shot put with a 39 feet two inches but had earlier qualified for state.

Cody Ventura shared first place, along with Daniel Darrah of Capitan in the pole vault. Both had leaps of nine feet six inches.

Troy Kovoski qualified for state on three relays - the 4X100m, 4X200m and the 4X400m relays as did LeBlanc.

For Capitan, JT Eldridge won the 400m dash and Craig Barton captured the long jump, triple jump and high jump. Other victorious Tigers were John Goodwin in the 110m hurdles. Capitan also grabbed the 4X400 relay.

"We were blessed with a warm, beautiful day," Pat Ventura said. "We received a lot of community help and were excited to be able to participate at our place in our own meet."



Daniel Hernandez took third in the 800m run.

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Local Girl Scouts learn the art of self-defense

Ruidoso Girl Scout Cadet Troop #5 organized a self-defense class which was held on Saturday, April 18, at the Ruidoso Athletic Club.

The 25 participants were girls between the ages of 12 and 18.

The course, conducted by fourth degree Black Belt Zan Mauler, provided instruction on various self-defense techniques making it both fun and informative.

Parents in attendance were also invited to participate.

Following the self-defense course, Barbara Dickinson along with Mary Kay Associates,

Marie Keller and Jean Cunningham provided the young girls with skin care tips and samples on various skin care products.

It was an informative day that provided our women of tomorrow with practical skills and knowledge for today, a boost in self-esteem and bag full of goodies.

The general consensus voted the day successful.



Bailey Farris takes a lesson from her Black Belt teacher.



Cheyenne Dowdell listens intently to instructor Zan Mauler.

Newscaster Aragon and golfer Wimberly to be honored at NMSU

JUSTIN BANNISTER
For the Ruidoso News

New Mexico State University will honor former NMSU golf coach Herb Wimberly, as well as NMSU alumna and longtime TV newscaster Carla Aragon with honorary degrees during the spring 2009 commencement ceremonies at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday, May 9, at the Pan American Center.

Tickets are not required. The Pan American Center will open an hour before each ceremony.

The morning program will include candidates for degrees from the Colleges of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Business, Engineering and Extended Learning.

The afternoon program will include candidates for degrees from the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education and Health and Social Services.

Herbert "Herb" Wright Wimberly will be honored for his tremendously successful career as both a professional golfer and a champion coach, and for his more than 47 years of dedication to NMSU, mentoring students and helping shape the next generation of leaders.

Wimberly, a Professional Golf Association Class A professional golfer, started golfing at the age of 12.

In 1962, he was hired by

NMSU as the head golf coach and golf professional, where he remained for a 31-year career.

His teams won six Missouri Valley Conference championships, one Big West title and played host to the 1968 NCAA Golf Tournament and the 1990 NCAA West Regional Golf Championship.

He coached the two All-American Golf Teams that played in the first International Collegiate Golf Matches in Chiba City, Japan.

He was the recipient of Coach of the Year six times by the Missouri Valley Conference and once by the Big West Conference. Eighteen of his players were awarded All-American honors with two of the golfers, Larry Beem (1964) and Ben Kern (1968), named as first team All-Americans.

Many of his golfers have gone on to play on tour.

In 1988, Wimberly, along with his brother Guy, brought the Professional Golf Management program to NMSU, one of only three institutions selected at that time to host the new PGA-certified major.

Wimberly was inducted into the NMSU Hall of Fame in 1985. Since his retirement, he has stayed in the game by assisting with the NMSU Professional Golf Management Program, and contin-

ues to represent NMSU when attending PGA golf shows.

Wimberly and his wife Carleene are the proud parents of nine children, 22 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Carla Aragon will be honored for her dedication to New Mexico as an outstanding community member and as a television journalist, starting first with KRWG-TV at NMSU and later as an anchor and reporter for KOB-TV in Albuquerque.

A proud graduate of NMSU, Aragon stepped away from the Eyewitness

News 4 anchor desk in November 2007 after 35 years in broadcasting.

Her new pursuit: a lifelong dream of writing bilingual children's books on traditions she cherishes from her childhood.

Her book *Dance of the Eggshells/Baile de Cascares* will be published by UNM Press for the 2010 Spring Catalog.

As a journalist, she has covered some of the most significant stories of recent years in New Mexico.

One of her most memorable moments covering breaking news was during the bosque fires of 2003

when her own home and neighborhood was being evacuated because of wildfires raging nearby.

She remained on the air covering the devastation as her husband packed up some of their valuables, including their dogs.

In 2006, the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta Board honored her with a media award for "Still there ... still doing that."

Before joining KOB-TV in 1994, Aragon spent 11 years in Los Angeles working at KNBC-TV as the morning co-anchor of the top-rated weekday morn-

ing newscast, "Today in L.A.," and as a general assignment reporter.

She covered portions of the O.J. Simpson trial, two visits by Pope John Paul II, the Los Angeles riots and several California earthquakes and fires.

Recently, she was the producer/talent for the Sen. Pete V. Domenici oral history, which is part of the Domenici Archives established at New Mexico State University.

She enjoys gardening, traveling, white water rafting and spending time with her husband, Allen Lewis, and their two rescue dogs.



COURTESY

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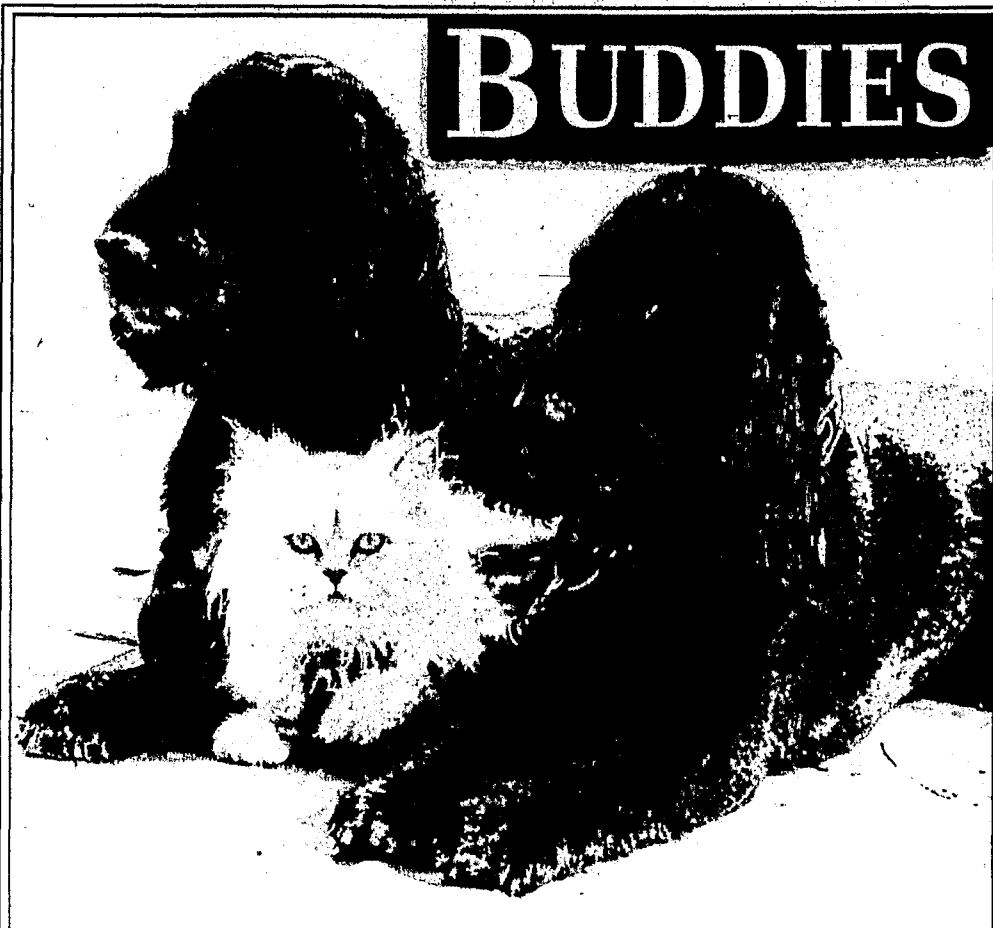
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In 1 Timothy 4:4 we read, "For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving". We are all created by God, we are all brothers. If only we could all be friends!

As we sit in the House of our Almighty Creator this week, may we take a moment to give thanks for God's sanctuary as we experience His warmth reflected in the eyes of our fellow worshippers. Let us pray that all can join in the singular sacrament of worship; and love one another.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Isaiah 61.1-11	Isaiah 62.1-12	Isaiah 65.1-25	Isaiah 66.1-24	Acts 1.1-11	Psalms 85	Acts 1.12-26

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a.m.; Children's Church during a.m. service. Sunday
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a.m. Wednesday Meal 5:30 p.m. Activities 6:30
p.m.
First Baptist Church
Ruidoso Downs. Randy Widener, Pastor. Sunday:
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; Worship hour 8 & 11
a.m.; Eve. worship: 6:00 p.m.; Wed. Prayer meet-
ing: 6:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church
Timpie, Bill Jones, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45
a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
Mescalero Baptist Mission
Mescalero. Sunday: Sunday school 10 a.m.; Wor-
ship 11 a.m.; 7:15 p.m.; Training union 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday services 6:30 p.m.

Ruidoso Baptist Church 126 Church Drive,
Palmer Gateway. Wayne Joyce, Pastor. Sunday
School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m. &
6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.
BAHA'I FAITH
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2330. Reverend Al Galvan. Sacrament of
Penance: Sat 5:00 p.m. or by appointment; Daily
Mass: 9:30 a.m.; Sat. Mass: 6 p.m. (Bilingual);
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. (English), 11:00 a.m. (Eng-
lish); Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 5 to 5:30
p.m.; Sunday Mass: St. Jude Thaddeus, San Patricio
8 a.m.; St. Theresa Catholic Church Corona, Sunday
Mass: 6 p.m.
St. Joseph's Apache Mission Mescalero. Father
Paul Botenhegen, OFM. Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.
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sell. Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.
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fen, Pastor. Sunday School, K-12/Adult: 9:30
a.m.; Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.
CHURCH OF CHRIST
Gateway Church of Christ 415 Sudderth, Ruidoso,
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Class: 11:00 a.m.; Mid-Week Service: Wed. 6:30
p.m.
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4630. Wayne King, President, 505-434-0622. Sunday
Sacrament meeting: 10 a.m.; Sunday School and Pri-
mary: 11:20 a.m.; Mid-Week Service: Wed. 6:30
p.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc. & Young
Women, 12:10 a.m.
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Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount 121
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Meeting: 8:00 p.m.; Live: Estudio de Libro: 7:00 p.m.
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cratico: 7:00 p.m.; Reunion de Servicio: 7:30 p.m.;
Mier. Estudio Biblico de Congregacion: 7:00 p.m.; Es-
cuela del Ministerio Teocratico: 7:30 p.m.; Reunion de
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Terry Aiello, CLP. Sunday worship: 9 a.m.;
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Corona United Presbyterian Church, Pastor
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School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
Nogal Presbyterian Church Reverend Bill Se-
bring. Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.; worship 11
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Mescalero Reformed Mescalero. Bob Schut,
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Wed.: high school meeting 7 p.m.; Thurs.: Kids
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Sundays @ 11:00am. Youth Group "Verdad"
Thursdays @ 6:30pm.
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Cornerstone Church Cornerstone Square, 613
Sudderth Drive, 257-9265. John & Joy Wyatt,
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6:30 p.m. with Children's Church Sun. Eve.
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6 p.m. & Prayer 7 p.m. Wed. Bible Study Adult
7 p.m. Thurs. and Youth, Thurs. 7 p.m.
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p.m.; Mel Gnekowicz, pastor 808-0007
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Study 7PM 145 E. Grandview - Capitan -
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Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Capitan, 354-9102. Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.;
Sunday Mass: 8:30 a.m.; Monday Adult
Bible Study: 6 p.m.
CHURCH OF CHRIST
Capitan - Highway 48, Les Earwood,
Minister. Sunday Bible study: 10 a.m.;
Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednes-
day Bible study: 6 p.m.
EPISCOPAL
Episcopal Chapel of San Juan in Lin-
coln - 1st & 3rd Sunday: Holy Eucharist -
11:00 am
EVANGELICAL
Capitan Community Church Highway
48, Capitan, NM 88345. Pastor, Sue-
Ann, 354-9102. Sunday worship: 11
a.m., 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7
p.m.
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contemporary worship, 9:00 a.m.; Sunday
School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morn-
ing Worship and Children's Church, 10:30
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Wednesday: Community dinner, 6:00 p.m.;
Adult classes, Youth games and study, Kid's
Club, 6:30 p.m.
NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Christ Community Fellowship Capitan,
Highway 380 West, 354-2458. Ed Vinson,
Pastor. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday
worship, 10:30 a.m.
QUAKER WORSHIP GROUP
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ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)
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Ave. & Thirteenth, Children's Church
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Wednesday Night Kids Club 5:30-7:00
pm; Thursday Bible Study 6:30 pm.
BAPTIST
First Baptist Church
Hayden Smith, Pastor. Sunday School:
9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7:15
p.m.; Church training: 6:30 p.m. Sunday

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Perry Zumwalt, minister. Ave. C at 12th,
Carrizozo, NM. Sunday School 10:00
am; Worship Service 11:00 am; Evening
Worship 1:15 pm; Wednesday Bible
Study 7:00 pm.
EPISCOPAL
St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel
Carrizozo, 6th & E Street. Sunday: Holy
Eucharist 9:00 a.m.
METHODIST
United Methodist Church Parish
Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-
2846. Carrizozo. Johanna Anderson,
pastor. Sunday school 10:00 a.m.; Sun-
day worship 11:00 a.m. Choir Practice
(Tues.) 6:30 pm; United Methodist
Women Every 3rd Wed. 1:00 pm; Fel-
lowship Dinner 4th Sun. of month
12:30 pm.
NON-DENOMINATIONAL
The Word of Life Church
Rev. Chuck Fulton, pastor/648-2339, 711
"E" Ave., Carrizozo, NM. Affiliated with
Evangelistic Assembly Church. Sunday
7:00 pm.
MESCALERO
Carrizo Christian Fellowship
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White Mt. Dr., 3 mi. W. of Inn of the
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FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2009

Cowboys gone fishing

I know many cowboys that, if close to a pond or other some such fish habitation, like to throw a line in from time to time.

Curly, Robby, Darrel and Jim slipped off to do little fishing one year. Curly and Robby opted to sit on the bank of the lake, casting lines and consuming adult beverages.

There were more beverages going down than there were fish coming up, but, after all, it was spring and you don't have to clean the beverages.

Darrel and Jim were drifting along in a flat-bottom boat they'd brought along, casting lines and sometimes catching old tires and other like treasures. Once in a while, they'd even catch a fish.

One of them whipped back a perfect cast after catching a tree limb on the bank. He shook loose the lure, along with it came a snake he'd managed to pick up in the commotion.

The snake hit the bottom of the boat and both the anglers bailed over the side. When Curly and Robby, still bank-side, quit laughing, they had to go save the boat that was continuing to drift on the current.

Cowboys that live where there is a lot of water, specifically lakes, will tell you of a common phenomenon, a culture of people called the Lake Dwellers.

You know you are in the neighborhood of a clan of them by the number of catfish heads on the fence posts and the abundance of Heinz-crossed mutts in every yard. They seem to live off one another, trading belongings back and forth as available cash ebbs and flows.

Occasionally, the cowboys will attempt to mingle with the Lake Dwellers. Jim and Curly had been down to a beer-swilling, pool-playing joint and picked up a couple gals who invited them to a party down at the lake.

When they arrived, they immediately deducted they were overdressed. Having gone home and showered, put on their starched jeans and best boots, they were no match for the crew in Bermuda shorts with no shirts and rubber boots.

Immediately unpopular with the men

of the Lake Dweller clan, it didn't improve when Jim spotted a deer's behind mounted over the fireplace, tail up.

He promptly stuck a cigarette in the deer's south opening and things went downhill from there. It didn't take them long to enjoy all of that party they needed as they were considerably outnumbered.

The recent event where the captain of a hijacked ship managed with the help of a few Navy Seals, to fend off some scruffy pirates, has the cowboys swapping "cowboys as boat captains" tales.

If cowboys are anything, they are storytellers and are the very best at it when it involves themselves. The running dialog speaks of leaky boats (poor folk always have leaky boats) and bailing water to the extent

it drove them all to the time-honored sport of bank fishing.

Curly has rounded up a gal to fantasize about — his flavor of the week. He says she has a "just a touch of the Lake Dweller in her." That means you don't ever have to worry about what she's thinking.

Over cold longnecks, they've had some relationship discussions about kids and child support.

He pays through the nose for one while she said she had never birthed a baby (and she has three) from a guy that ever paid a dime.

While Curly was digesting this information, she, in her Lake Dweller directness said, "You wasn't thinking about getting married again anytime soon was you?"

When this question came forth, Curly was just putting his beer bottle to his mouth. His hand started shaking so bad he was afraid he was going to chip a tooth, and it wasn't the grammar that was appalling him.

Recalling a previous commitment, he managed to free himself from the immediate Lake Dweller danger, and of late, has limited his vices to full-time team roping.

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Cowgirl Sass & Savvy
BY JULIE CARTER

LeBlanc signs ENMU contract

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Carrizozo senior Mark LeBlanc was notified of his acceptance to Eastern New Mexico University's track team.

"Congratulations," the coach told him. "You can start telling the guys you are now a Greyhound."

LeBlanc, the son of Deborah and John Paul Ventura, made a campus visit in March and he said he knew then that's where he wanted to be.

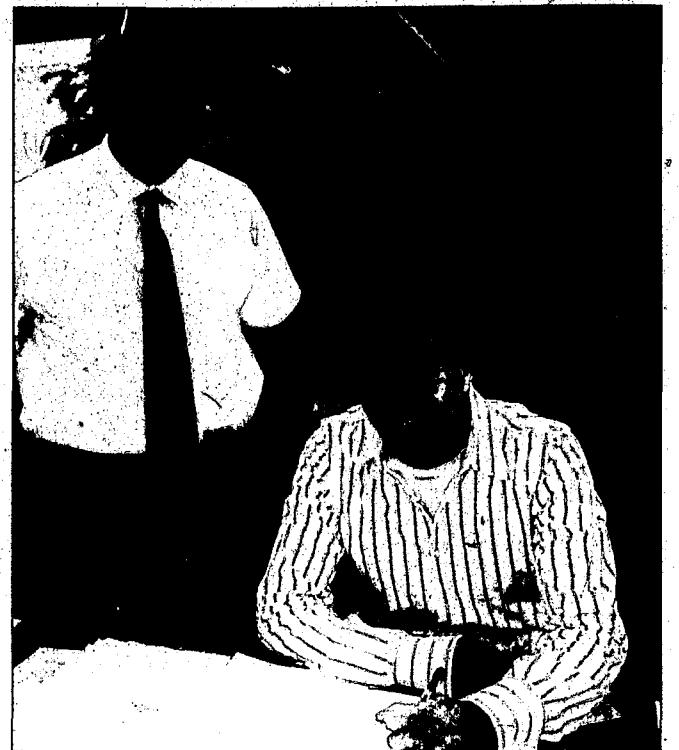
The 18-year-old athlete was recruited for his statistics in his running events. Currently he competes in the 100, 200 and 400 yard dashes and is the anchor leg in three different relays.

Scholastically LeBlanc plans to major in criminology.

Already owning a few green and silver articles of clothing (ENMU's colors), LeBlanc said he is very excited to get started.

LeBlanc is also potential for the ENMU Greyhounds' football team and plans to take a look at their training program.

At Saturday's track meet in Carrizozo, LeBlanc easily ran state-qualifying times and won both the 100- and 200-meter dashes.



Mark LeBlanc signs a full-ride scholarship contract to Eastern New Mexico University with Carrizozo Schools Superintendent Robert Cobos looking on. At right, LeBlanc, a senior, competes at Saturday's track meet in the 200-yard dash.

JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS



Earth Day is every day for ranchers

Preserving and protecting the land and its creatures is part of the daily routine for New Mexico's cattle and sheep ranchers, whose livelihoods depend on the land.

"While we are glad to join in the annual Earth Day celebration today, in reality every day is Earth Day for ranchers," said Joan Kincaid, New Mexico Wool Growers Inc. (NMWGI) president, of Pinon.

"Our success depends on the productivity and health of our ranches, and we do all we can each day to maintain and improve our land."

"Ranchers spend their lives on the land, and know better than anyone how beautiful and resilient it can be," agreed Alisa Ogden, New Mexico Cattle Growers Association president, Loving.

"We take our responsibility of caring for the land, our livestock and our families very seriously. If we didn't, none of us would be in business."

In addition to keeping their businesses going and providing a home for their livestock, the work ranchers do benefits wildlife and the natural resources. Brush and invasive species control maintains grasslands, reduces erosion, and ensures healthy watersheds.

Windmills, pipelines and water troughs provide water for livestock and wildlife, just like supplemental feed and mineral benefits wild and domestic species.

"Generations of my family have lived good lives on the land, and my wife and I are doing all we can to ensure that our granddaughter has that same opportunity," said Mike Casabonne, New Mexico Federal Lands Council (NMFLC) president, Hope.

"Each generation has made improvements, which have made life easier and left the operation in better condition."

Today's ranchers are working together on issues on many fronts that impact them all. Having a presence in state and national legislative and regulatory processes is a must, because of the impacts these activities have on individual operations.

Both associations work to represent their membership on these different levels throughout the year.

During the recent 2009 New Mexico Legislative Session, for example, members and staff monitored the proceedings closely, Ogden said. In addition, the state's agricultural industry comes together to hold two joint, annual events, Ag Fest and the Roundhouse Feed.

"Both of these events bring together state legislators, whose decisions have a big impact on our lives and operations, and members of the agriculture industry," Ogden said.

"They are a great chance for our members to meet and visit with legislators."

Numerous state agricultural organizations, including the NMCGA, the NMWGI, the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau, Dairy Producers of New Mexico, the Dairy Farmers of America, the New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts and the New Mexico CowBelles participate in both events.

"Although all of these organizations are well represented in Santa Fe, these events are a great chance for producers to visit Santa Fe, see what is going on, and make their voices heard."

"We were really pleased with the turnout," Kincaid said.

Ag Fest, held early in the session, is a reception where the different organizations set up booths with information on their industry, and often samples of their product. At the Roundhouse Feed, held near the end of the legislative session, the agricultural industry sets up and serves a meal to all legislators, staff and others working late into the evening.

50TH ANNIVERSARY FOR CARRIZOZO ROTARY



COURTESY

In celebration of Carrizozo Rotary Club's 50th Anniversary, a luncheon was held April 16, at the Four Winds Restaurant in Carrizozo. Johnson Stearns and Fred English, seated front center, were honored as members of the Carrizozo Rotary Club since its original charter on April 11, 1959. The awards were Service Above Self Awards for 50 years of dedicated service to the Rotary Club of Carrizozo. 1959 to 2009. Current members are, front row, l-r, Martha Proctor, Stearns, English, Patrick O'Brian. Next row: Billy Anderson, Don Culbertson, Lerry Bond, Bob Stearns, Hayden Smith, Rick Virden, Tom Stewart, Carrie Spencer, Grace Bartz, Ken Cramer, Beverly Calaway and Tom Sullivan. Not pictured Scott Shafer and Chris Steele.

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COURTESY DAVID TREMBLAY

The 26-day-old waning crescent moon is captured just before it completely eclipses Venus, giving the appearance of Venus about to pierce the moon. Photographer and amateur astronomer David Tremblay said, "None of us will see this happen like this again in our lifetime."

COUNTY BRIEFS

Pancake breakfast

The Carrizozo Cowboy Days committee will host a Pancake Breakfast to raise funds for musical entertainment for the coming Carrizozo Cowboy Days celebration to be held June 12-14.

The breakfast will be May 2, at the Carrizozo Women's Club building, 8-11 a.m. Cowboy buttermilk pancakes, bacon or sausage, and plenty of coffee or orange juice will be served. The cost is \$5 per person.

Looking for talent

Capitan PTA is looking for students, parents and community members to participate in the 2nd annual PTA Variety Show which will be held on Thursday, April 30.

For more information or to sign up, call Gayla at 336-8435 or Sharon 336-4534.

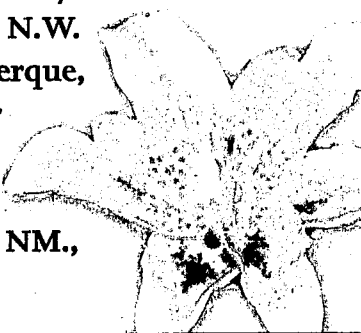
Country dance

Free dinner and dance at the fairgrounds in Capitan, Saturday, April 25, 6 p.m., dinner; 8 p.m., dance.

Susan Kathleen Hall

Susan Kathleen Hall, 43, was born on July, 6, 1965 in Albuquerque, N.M. Susan was preceded in death by her father, William E. Hall of Ruidoso, NM and brother, William (Tom) also of Ruidoso. She is survived by her son, Gabriel Thomas Hall of Ruidoso, her sister, Lynn Dennis of Ruidoso, mother, Patricia and stepfather, Larry Sharp of Mindemines, MO., two nephews, Derrick Dennis and David Berry, one niece, Devin Dennis, one great nephew, Xavier Rue, many aunts, one uncle, and many cousins in Albuquerque, N.M.

Susan attended college in Gunnison, CO. and graduated from ENMU, Portales, NM. Susan was an accomplished singer and songwriter, winning a competition at Estes Park CO., and performing many other places. Her memorial services will be held at Teri Lyn 8920 2nd St. N.W. Space 8., Albuquerque, N.M. 87114 or condolences to: PO Box 1856 Ruidoso Downs, NM., 88346.



Erin Aubrey Weems

Erin Aubrey Weems passed away suddenly on April 21, 2009 at the young age of 10. Erin was born on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, 1998 in Socorro, NM. She is survived by her loving parents James and Ginger Weems and her precious little brother Garrison, Grandparents Nana and Pop, Grandpa Dan and Granny Claire, Grandpapa, Grammy Vicki, and Great Granny Parker, and numerous Aunts, Uncles and cousins and friends. A viewing will be held at Lagrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso on Saturday, April 25th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held Sunday, April 26th at Taylor Gymnasium in Capitan NM. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made to the Memorial Scholarship fund set up in Erin's name at First Savings Bank in Ruidoso NM.

Erin was a ray of sunshine, everywhere she went she brought joy and happiness to those she was around. She attended fourth grade at Capitan Elementary School where she participated in many school activities and was admired and respected by her many friends. As much as she will be missed she is in the presence of our Lord and Savior, looking down and watching over the world she so suddenly left behind. She was truly a blessing from God and will be missed by all that knew her.

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Officer Lance Ledford reported smelling marijuana when he approached a car he stopped for an inoperable brake light at Sudderth and Mechem April 19. When he asked, the vehicle's driver, Lindsay E. Osborn, 18, of the 100 block of West Deer Trail, Capitan, she gave

him a clear plastic bag with less than an ounce of marijuana and a blue pipe with residue. Ledford arrested her on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

Batter up

Unknown person(s) reportedly broke two win-

dows in a trailer at 200 Gavilan Canyon during the night of April 18-19. An aluminum baseball bat found on the ground at the home was believed to have been used.

Check please

Officer Joshua Snodgrass tracked down a woman who had reportedly

left Farley's Restaurant on April 15, without paying. She returned and paid the bill.

You're wanted

Patrolman Felipe Cordero, Jr., arrested Jeremy Hollars, 22, of the 100 block of Skyline Road on a charge of driving on a suspended or revoked license. He had

a bench warrant from Bernalillo County.

Nap attack

Patrolman Aaron Frost arrested Keith J. Crespin, 34, of the 300 block of Sundance Court, Rio Rancho, for criminal trespass at Walgreen's on April 18. Crespin had been served with a criminal tres-

pass warning earlier in the day and reported returned to the store and harassed the employees.

When he departed the store, he reportedly passed out on the sidewalk.

Bling is gone

Blank checks and a diamond stolen April 18, from the 1200 block of Mechem.

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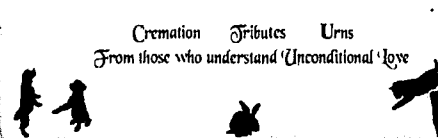
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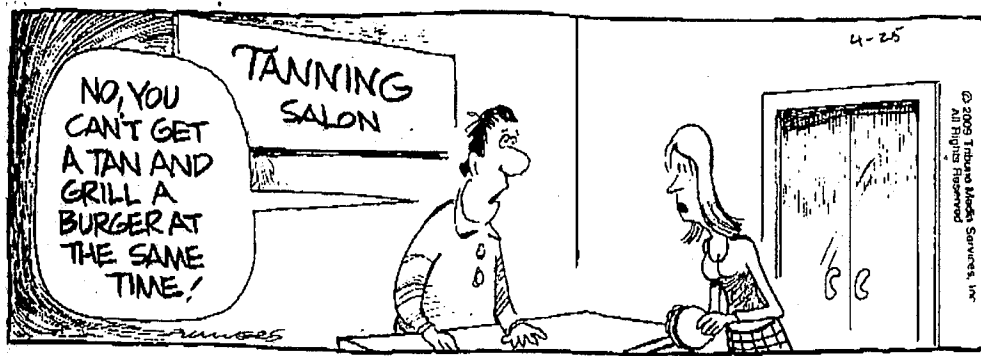
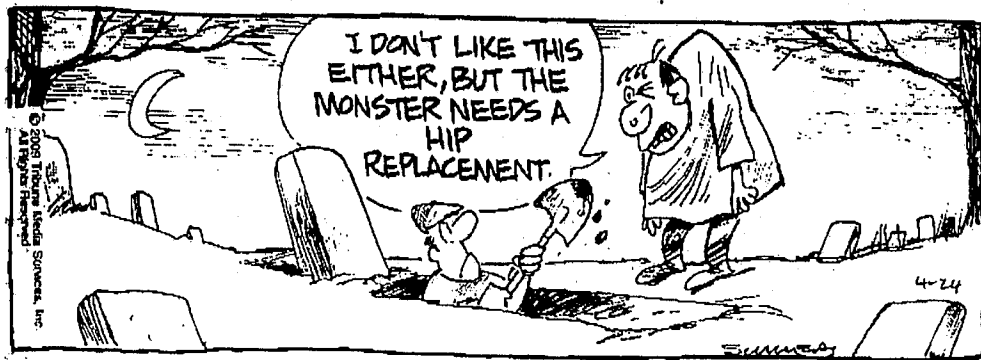
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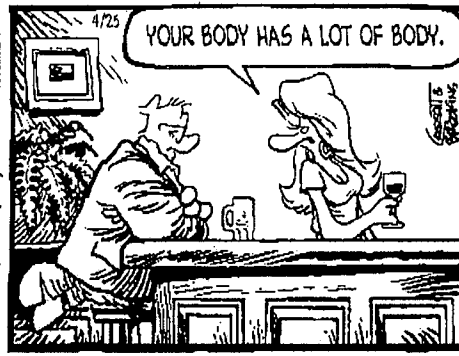
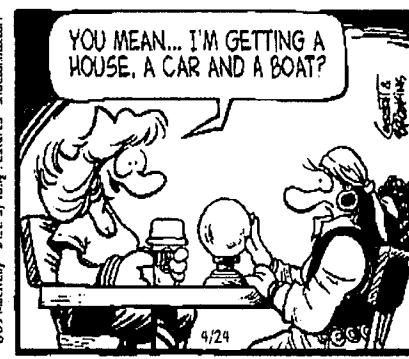
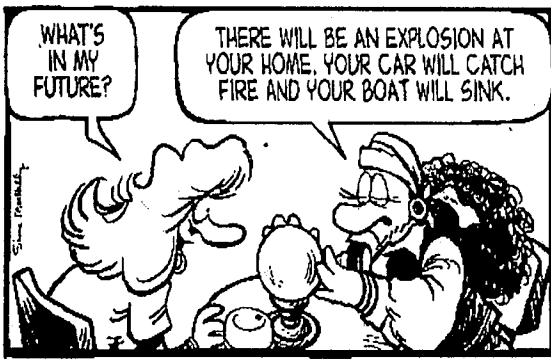
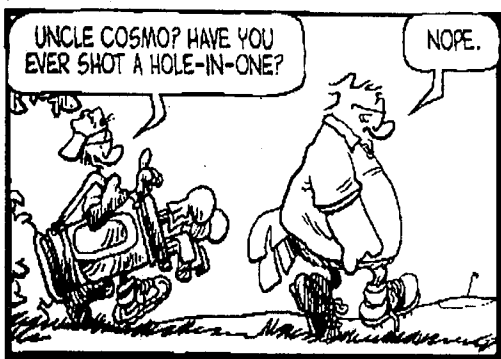
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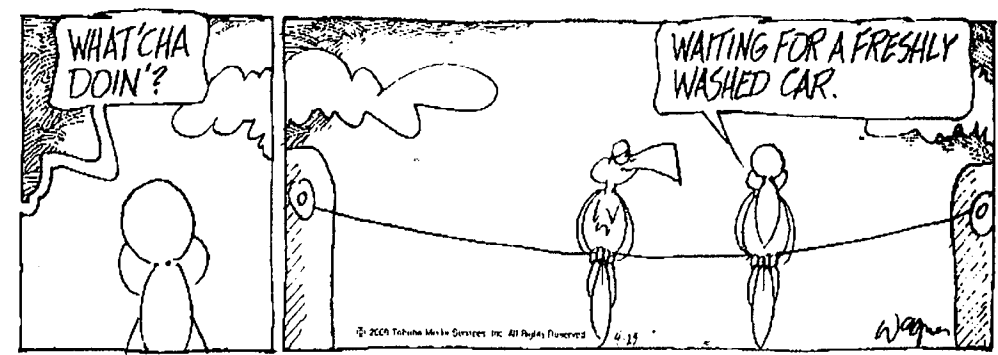
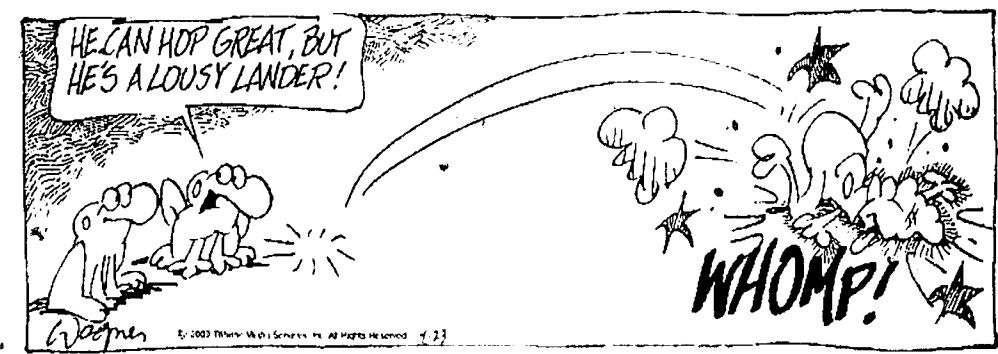
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- 7 Intimidate
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- 21 Like some trucks going uphill
- 22 1982 Toto hit
- 23 Star who's out?
- 24 Winner's prize in a programming competition?
- 26 Fish caught in pots
- 27 Fatty acid salt
- 28 Rorschach "image"
- 29 Frigoles prep area?
- 33 "I didn't know / that!"
- 34 Former
- 35 Radiohead label
- 36 Circle dance
- 38 Soprano Maria
- 39 Start of an idea
- 41 Writing surface available only occasionally?
- 49 Midas's undoing
- 51 Confuse
- 52 Charlie Brown's cry
- 53 Come to terms
- 54 Peak that reeks?
- 57 Newton fruit
- 58 Hold back
- 60 Penn., e.g.: Abbr.
- 61 "Here's hoping
- 63 One of the Simpsons
- 66 Sluggishness
- 69 Japanese chess
- 71 Chargers' org.
- 73 Sign of desperation
- 77 Syngman of Korea
- 78 Crew cut after a sloppy wrestling match?
- 83 10th century emperor dubbed "the Great"
- 84 Poet's feet
- 86 One working on the sheep
- 87 Ideal for dieters
- 88 Milk of Magnesia bottle cap?
- 93 Prepare to be shot
- 94 Escargots
- 95 Tight-fitting disco guy
- 97 "The Simpsons"
- 98 Many ATM deposits
- 99 Proof of evil purchases?
- 106 Counterfeit
- 108 Smooth routine
- 109 Nastase of Jennis
- 110 Shirt needing a chemical rinse?
- 113 Fundraising events
- 117 "No damage done"
- 118 Farm song refrain
- 119 Latvia neighbor
- 120 Paging devices
- 121 Alan and Diane
- 122 Elements on the road
- 3 Some Caltech grads
- 4 Truman veep
- 5 Barkley
- 5 Acceptance
- 6 Area defined by an el
- 7 Fairway chunk
- 8 Doddering
- 9 Gastric woe
- 10 Absent from beam up?
- 11 "Scotty, — call (out)
- 13 Jan. 1st, e.g.
- 14 Columbus
- 15 Convertible for a Canadian hockey player?
- 16 Opposite of exo-
- 17 When some ties are broken, briefly
- 18 40 winks
- 20 Safeguard
- 25 Gym unit
- 29 Lazarus, for one
- 30 Become visible
- 31 They put on shows
- 32 GRF's veep
- 33 Shoot the breeze
- 36 Crime boss
- 37 Places in the heart
- 38 Saturated
- 40 "Say hello to your average asphalt contractor?"
- 42 Post-ER destination
- 43 Magic, on scoreboards
- 44 Specks
- 45 Last Supper question
- 46 House shower
- 47 "For shame!"
- 48 Acidity nos.
- 50 Freedom from govt. control
- 54 Hi—
- 55 Clandestine maritime org.
- 56 Worst
- 59 — sure you know ...
- 62 Climber's spike
- 64 Champs-Élysées sights
- 65 Company with a spokesduck
- 67 "Evil Woman" gp.
- 68 Eschew the doorknob
- 69 Persian potentates
- 70 Surround
- 72 Gideon Fell's creator
- 74 Fire sale phrase
- 75 Such that one might
- 76 Rubbernecking cause
- 77 Fabric flaw
- 79 Stamp-selling org.
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- 81 Trip souvenir
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- 85 '50s political slogan
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- 90 Airport safety org.
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- 92 Avoid perishing?
- 96 Discuss
- 99 — Tour
- 100 Synthetic fiber
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- 102 Fussed over, with "on"
- 103 Egg-shaped
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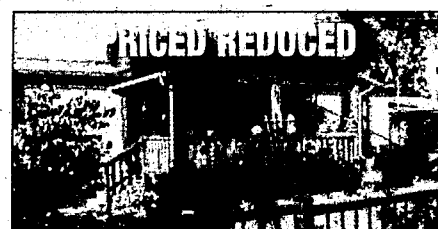


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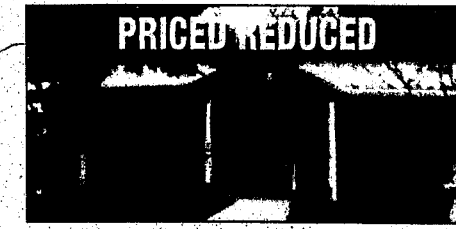
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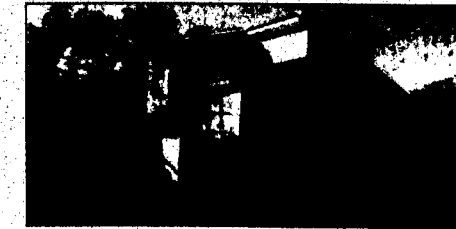
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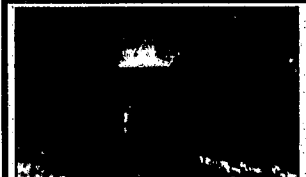

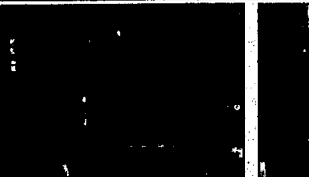

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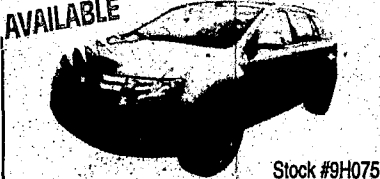
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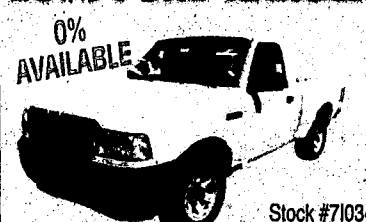
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SUPER ALTO HOME ON LEVEL LOT W/ VIEW!

You'll enjoy a fabulous Sierra Blanca view from this special home w/ great room floor plan. Master bedroom has access to deck and a really nice master bath with double vanities. Great room has vaulted ceilings. Wonderful kitchen accents this bright, cheery, open-concept plan. Very nice home w/ great cabinetry. \$336,500. #102323



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! \$325,000. #103036



PRESTIGIOUS DEER PARK WOODS HOME ON CORNER LOT.

Snuggled in the tall pines of Alto is this classy 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home with 2 dining areas and 2 living areas. This home also has a delightful interior, split bedrooms, vaulted ceilings and level access. Enjoy all the amenities that Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club has to offer including a full golf membership. Beautiful area... beautiful home! \$499,500. #104579



AMAZING DEER PARK STUCCO ON 1.91 ACRE LOT!

This prestigious home on Mink Lane has that open-concept, one-level, 3 br., plan you love! Large master suite is enhanced by adjacent study. Expansive window package brings fabulous views inside to enhance a luxurious living environment. Wonderful kitchen, large living area w/ vaulted ceiling, and fabulous deck with impressive view. Beautifully landscaped. Full golf and partially furnished! \$649,500. #104754



WHEN ONLY THE BEST WILL DO!

This impeccably tasteful Kokopelli Villa home is perfectly placed in an exclusive gated community. This spectacularly furnished 3/3 home has a beautiful view of distant mountains, the course, and an enchanting water feature. Full club membership. What a delightful place to live! Looking for your heart's desire? Here it is! \$699,500. #101441

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CHARMING 3 BR., 2 BA. ALTO STUCCO!

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



CLASSY ALTO HOME LOCATED ON THE 11TH FAIRWAY!

This one owner 3 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath home has over 3000 sq. ft., a 2 car garage, vaulted ceilings and the master bedroom is on the main level. Entertain or relax in the large living room and game room area. Located on Pinehurst. This home includes a full golf membership. There is a studio/family room over the garage that is a real bonus. Don't miss this one! \$398,500. #103884



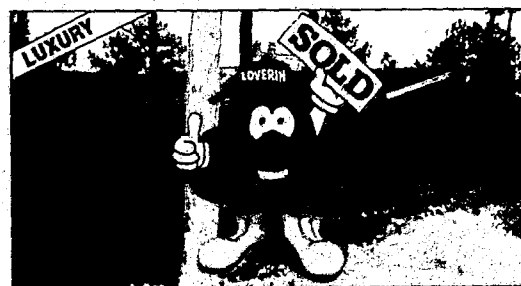
CLASSY ALTO HOME IN A GREAT LOCATION!

This impressive 3 br., 3 1/2 ba. home is close to the ALGCC & has a convenient, level access. An impressively large living area is accented by vaulted ceilings & a beautiful moss rock fireplace. This prestigious home is very spacious & has a wonderful back deck w/ amazing valley views. Split bedroom plan is ideal for peace & privacy. \$399,500. #102717



ALTO STUCCO ON FAIRWAY W/ BEAUTIFUL ARCHITECTURAL LINES!

You'll enjoy the uniquely clean design lines of this full-golf 3 br. home with a wonderful open concept plan, 2 real pluses... a gorgeous fairway view and it's really close proximity to the clubhouse. Master has fireplace and "his and her baths." A prestigious Alto home. \$429,500. #103484



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



CLASSY, CUSTOM DEER PARK STUCCO!

This 3 br., 2 1/2 ba. beauty is on the corner of a lovely little cul-de-sac off Deer Park. The covered porch w/ kiva fireplace sets the perfect stage for enjoying amazing New Mexico evenings. Custom features throughout. Wonderful courtyard. Full golf membership. The perfect place to live out your dreams in Alto's mountain paradise! \$439,500. #104719



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! \$385,000. #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 every way. Full golf too! \$598,500. #103283

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As long-time members of Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club we can certainly attest to the many enjoyable times that our family has enjoyed at this fine facility. Richard has served on the numerous Alto committees for many years, and we have enjoyed watching the club grow. It's reasonable dues structure and the beautiful amenities make Alto a place you'll want to be. We look forward to helping you in your Alto search."

— Richard and Janis



FABULOUS 4 BEDROOM, 3 BATH HOME IN BEAUTIFUL DEER PARK WOODS.

This beautifully furnished home has everything you could possibly want! Wonderful open kitchen, dining, and living areas with vaulted wood beam ceilings. Enjoy the views of the Capitan Mountains through the amazing expansive window package. Double garage. For your convenience the master is one the main level. Full golf membership insures your enjoyment of this beautiful area. \$459,500. #104522



GREAT ONE LEVEL STUCCO HOME ON APPROX. 1 ACRE.

This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home built in 2005 has a fenced backyard, nice views and an amazing, custom rock fireplace constructed by the Griffin Brothers. High vaulted ceilings and wood floors accent the pleasing open concept living area. A double garage, metal roof, refrigerated air, desirable location, and an Alto membership insure your enjoyment of the Alto area. \$330,000. #104479



THE ALTO HOME OF YOUR DREAMS IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION!

This Santa Fe style home will win your heart with its many upgrades and its location on a 1 acre lot! 12 foot ceilings, 2 courtyards, and wonderful one-level plan create a beautiful living environment. Enjoy wonderful views from a home that exudes Santa Fe chic!...A wonderful place to live your life. \$515,000. #104663



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



CHARMING ALTO HOME ON A GREAT CORNER LOT!

This 3 br., 3 ba. golf membership home has a split bedroom floor plan for yours and your guest's privacy. You'll be happy that this home has a living room and a fabulous sunroom...great for multiple family activities. So livable and in a stellar location. \$299,500. #103503



COMPLETELY REMODELED ALTO MOUNTAIN VILLAGE 3 BR. CONDO!

New...down to the windows, carpet, and tile! Some counters will be updated and new cabinets installed. Remodel in progress. Great east facing deck for all day enjoyment. A fresh look and a great price! \$159,000. #103499



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

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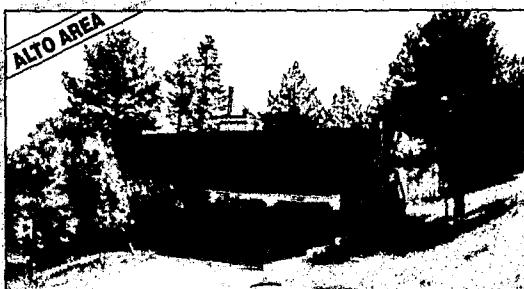


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**LOTS OF ROOM FOR
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Six bedrooms and six and 1/2 baths amidst the tall pines of Alto Mountain Village is the perfect vacation getaway or home. Lots of room to spread out here! Spacious game room downstairs. Large covered & uncovered decks. 2 car carport & outside elevator for wood or groceries. \$330,000. #103603



**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



**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 DYNAMIC 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 saltillo 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 saltillo tile. This home exudes New Mexico mountain charm. All this for under \$190K! \$185,000. #104381



**IMMACULATE
MOUNTAIN STUCCO
ON 1.74 ACRES!**

An amazing lot is the perfect setting for this charming open-concept 3 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath ranch style home accented by beautiful wood floors and vaulted ceilings. Great oversized garage. Horses are allowed here! Relax on the wonderful, expansive decks and enjoy viewing the abundant wildlife of this area. A mountain paradise! \$398,500. #104661



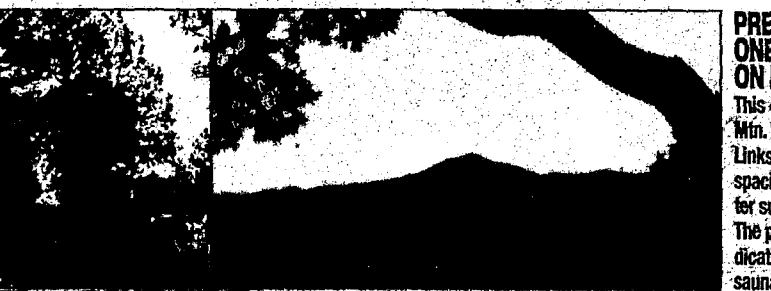
**SUPER, ONE-LEVEL,
3 BEDROOM BEAUTY!**

This charming home is enhanced by a deck with marvelous views and a great hot tub...enjoy the view and RELAX! Great interior with split bedroom plan, and wet bar. Maintenance free metal roof. Furnished too! You'll like this one! \$239,500. #104760



**SECLUDED MOUNTAIN
ESTATE ON 5.3 ACRES!**

This impressive, 4 br., 3 1/2 ba., one owner home will wow you! Breathtaking Sierra Blanca and valley views, and adjacent to National Forest! Cozy 2 br. guest house with wonderful porch. Barn w/ 2 stalls & corral. Everything your heart desires is right here...surrounded by the pristine mountain wilderness! Saddle up and experience your dream come true! \$1,350,000. #103715



**PRESTIGIOUS HOME ON LARGE
ONE-OF-A-KIND, 1.12 ACRE LOT
ON PRIVATE CUL-DE-SAC!**

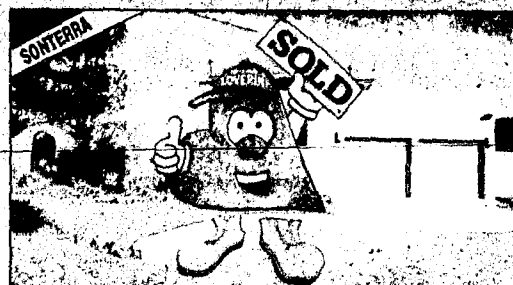
This 4 br., mountain top home in White Mtn. has views of Sierra Blanca, The Links Golf Course, & valley views too! This spacious home has 2 living areas, 2 master suites, large kitchen, and sunroom. The private gated entrance & drive are indicative of a home w/ integrity. Hot tub & sauna are great too! \$729,000. #103365

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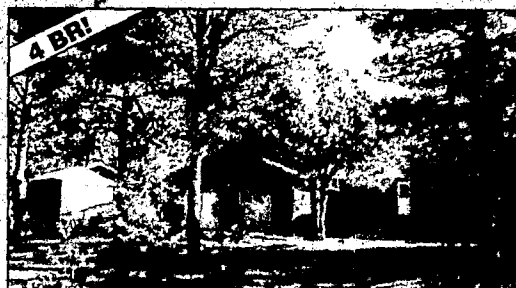
ONE OWNER CUSTOM-DESIGNED MOUNTAIN HOME!

Big, Big, Big Sierra Blanca views are yours from this prestigious 4 br. home with wood accents throughout. Recent updates include new countertops & flooring in kitchen. Situated on a lavish .74 acre lot. Highly desirable open kitchen - living concept. Excellent buy per sq. ft. Also has super family/game room. \$349,500. #102785



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 & a large patio 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



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



GREAT VIEWS AND CENTRALLY LOCATED!

Perfectly placed on the 9th fairway at Cree Meadows. This 3 br., 2 ba. home has great views and nice landscaping. You'll really appreciate the oversized double garage plus golf cart storage. The large covered deck in back is a wonderful place to take in the lovely views and fresh mountain air. Cree Meadows Membership available. \$269,500. #104837



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



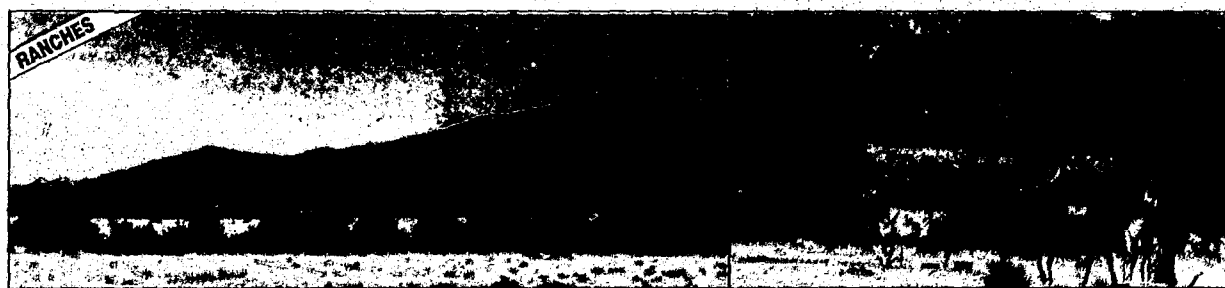
4 BEDROOM CAPITAN HOME ON FLAT LOT!

What a great place to have horses & a little elbow room! Rural zoning and partially fenced. The Sierra Blanca view from this great home is wonderful! Horse stalls with tack room complete this package for the horse enthusiast. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy New Mexico's blue skies and open spaces. \$189,500. #104788



LOOKING FOR LUXURY IN THE COUNTRY?

Here it is!!! The "Enchantment Ranch" is approximately 5 scenic acres w/ recently remodeled main house that is truly a dream come true. This amazing custom home has 3 fireplaces, unique antique accents throughout, hot tub room, & a wine cellar. Fabulous courtyard is beautifully designed series of pools, waterfalls, & flagstone walk ways. \$825,000. #104505. Also available w/ additional 12 acres, 2 br. guest house, & caretakers house. \$998,500. #104501



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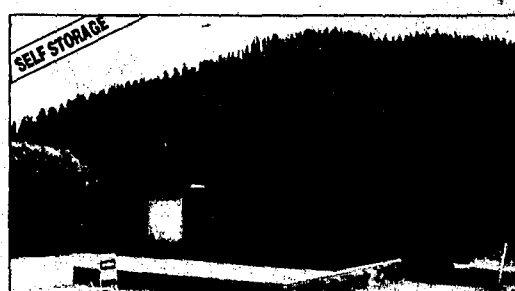


...the beauty and seclusion of the Ruidoso area enhance the fishing, camping, horseback riding and the ever popular golfing. You can also enjoy the excitement of Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred Racing at Ruidoso Downs Race Track or a quiet evening of fabulous entertainment at The Spencer Theater. Ruidoso's 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.



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



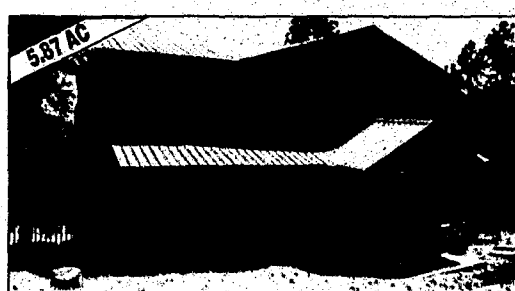
THIS MULTI-USE OFFICE/SHOP & SELF-STORAGE IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED ON A CORNER LOT!

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



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



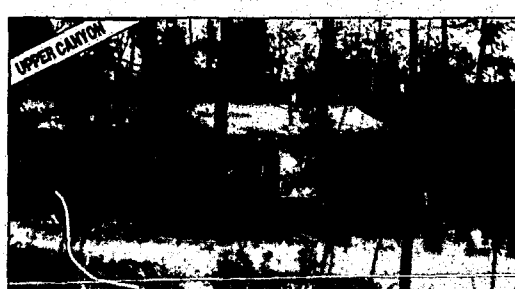
BIG CAPITAN MTN. VIEWS FROM THIS CHARMING LOG HOME!

Lots of mountain flavor in this beautiful 3 br. home with expansive deck and inviting hot tub. The 5.87 acres has a private road and is perfect for horses. Kiva & cultured river rock fireplaces are just a few of the interior custom features you'll love. Bonus: hobby room too! \$359,500. #104901



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 200K! \$199,500. #103809



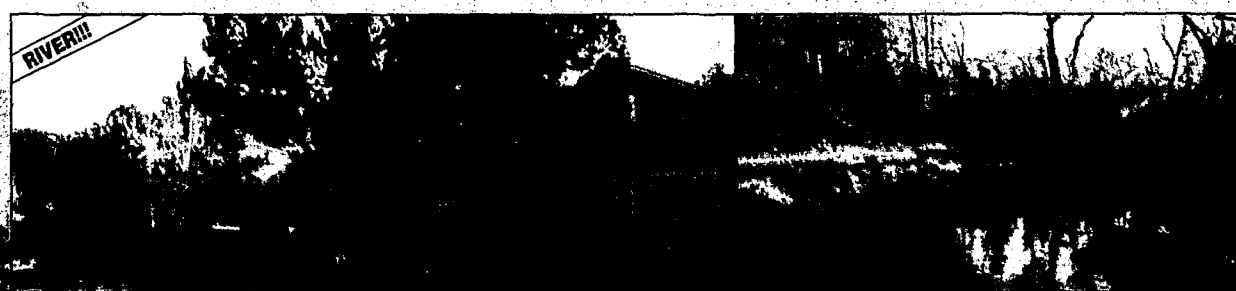
UPPER CANYON 3 BEDROOM W/ GREAT FEATURES!

It's all here!...Hobby room, green house, multiple decks/ furnished and unfurnished, and an oversized master bedroom! The level access is really handy. The lot has beautiful tall pines and did I say the PRICE IS RIGHT! Priced under \$160K! \$158,500. #104767



CLASSY ONE-LEVEL STUCCO WITH BIG SB VIEW!

This 4 br., 3 ba. mountain top home is perfectly placed and beautifully designed. An elegant interior, expansive open-concept living area, and large master suite will win your heart! Two fireplaces, large garage, and great storage are real pleasures. Paved drive and landscaping too. Wonderful kitchen! Amazing deck w/ panoramic SB View! Wow!!! \$499,500. #104679.



AMAZING TERRITORIAL HOME WITH 400 FEET OF RIVER FRONTAGE!

A fabulous location provides the perfect setting for this 3 bedroom, 3 bath home on 4.3 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. \$885,000. #104767

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BEAUTIFULLY SECLUDED CABIN IN THE WOODS!

This 3 br. rustic cabin is perfectly placed close to hiking trails and the national forest. Situated on 2 lots! Storage building and domestic well. Get close to nature in this secluded cabin with great potential! Retreat to a slower pace and enjoy the mountains. \$175,500. #102767



LOTS OF POTENTIAL AND UNDER 150K!

This Captain property is on 3 lots and has a great location across the street from Smokey Bear Museum. Downstairs has two large rooms and a bathroom. Upstairs is a nice loft area. Great parking and level access. Residential or commercial...your choice!!! \$149,000. #104317



SUPER END-UNIT TOWNHOUSE ON CREE GOLF COURSE

This is a perfect, central location for vacationers or permanent residents. This 2 br. unit has a wonderful back deck overlooking Cree Meadows golf course & the #5 green. Nicely furnished, wet bar, and easy access. More windows on this end unit provide a bright & cheerful interior. \$179,500 #103137



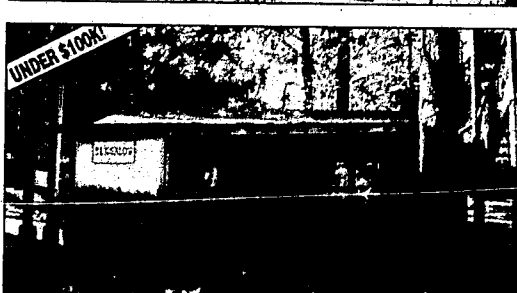
ONE-LEVEL 2 BR., 2 BA... A REAL CHARMER!

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



CLOSE TO SHOP- PING 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. \$69,800. #104572



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



1977 TWO BEDROOM TOWN & COUNTRY!

You'll be delighted with the level access and the fact that this home sits on 2 lots! This 2 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home has a domestic well and nice views. An evaporative unit will keep you cool & collected, and seller financing is available!!! \$59,500. #103782

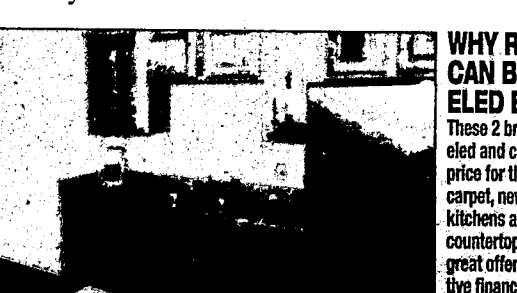
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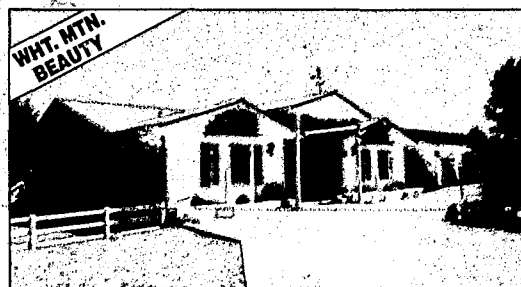




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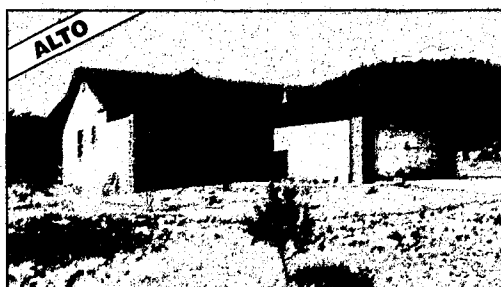
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FABULOUS ONE-LEVEL WHITE MTN. MEADOWS HOME!

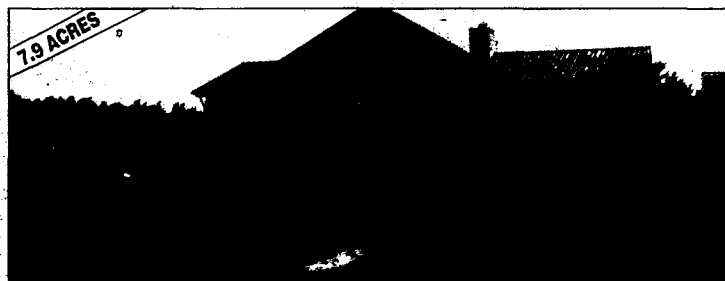
This impressive 3 br. home is situated on 2 lots replatted into one, creating a generous green space for this special home w/ 2 living areas, 3 fireplaces & a 4 car garage. Granite countertops in the kitchen. 2 baths plus 2 more 1/2 baths. Your spacious dream home for convenience, beauty & luxury!
\$399,900. #102714



ALTO

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



7.9 ACRES



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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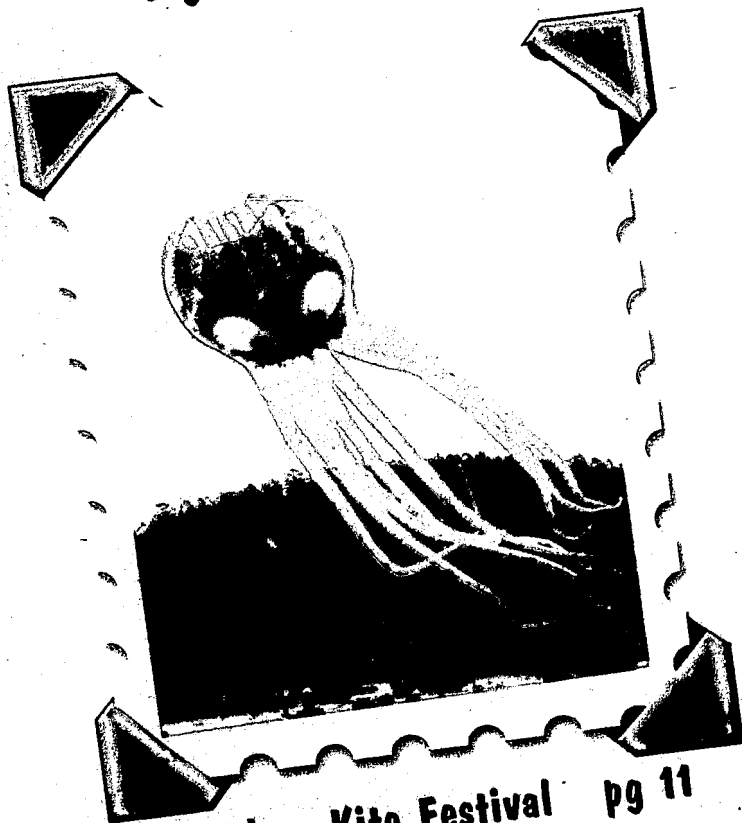
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THIS WEEKEND

It's a Hit! It's Incredible!

By Kathleen McDonald
for WANDS

The Drowsy
Chaperone America's most celebrated Tony Award-winning musical of the 2008 Broadway season, which both venerates and lampoons jazz Age musicals. It's pure escapism with high-energy, jittery music and dance and a magical, satirical, brook-styie plot.

The fast-paced musical comedy takes center stage at the Spencer Theater in two performances - at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday April 25. Packed with glitzy characters and high-fiving humor, the Roaring '20s tale has a Tony award-winning book, original score, choreography, costumes and scenic designs and features a cast of 20 actors, singers and dancers



with an orchestra of 10.

Excellent seats are still available for both shows. Tickets range in price from \$36 to \$69. Call the Spencer Theater at 236-4800 or visit the Web site www.spencertheater.com for information.

The Drowsy Chaperone tells the story of a modern day musical theater addict who, while in his studio apartment, opts to chase his blues away by dropping the needle on his favorite old time LP - the 1928 musical comedy *The*

Drowsy Chaperone.

From the first crackle of his hi-fi stereo, the musical magically bursts to life within the man's living room. Flappers and mobsters traipse on stage through the refrigerator as the kitchen counter becomes a towel bar for a splashy poolside party; a biplane comes into sight and a ballroom full of well-heeled dancers doing the Charleston steal the lights.

Designer David Gallo won a Tony for those sets,

which ingeniously morph into form inside the tiny studio apartment, as did choreographer Casey Nicholaw (also of *Spamalot* fame) for her electrifying work.

As the man's drab furniture gives way to Great Gatsby luxury, we learn the tale of a pampered Broadway starlet who wants to give up show business to get married, but of course her producer doesn't want to lose his star. So, as he sets out to sabotage the nuptials, her chaperone, the debonair groom, the dizzy chorine, the Latin lover and a pair of gangsters who double as pastry chefs come into view and lift our hearts with laughter and romance. Indeed, *The Drowsy Chaperone* not only transports the tale's nostalgic theater critic into a world of marvelous escapism, it also sends the audience to a big dance party with an ensemble cast that performs like they're having the time of their lives!

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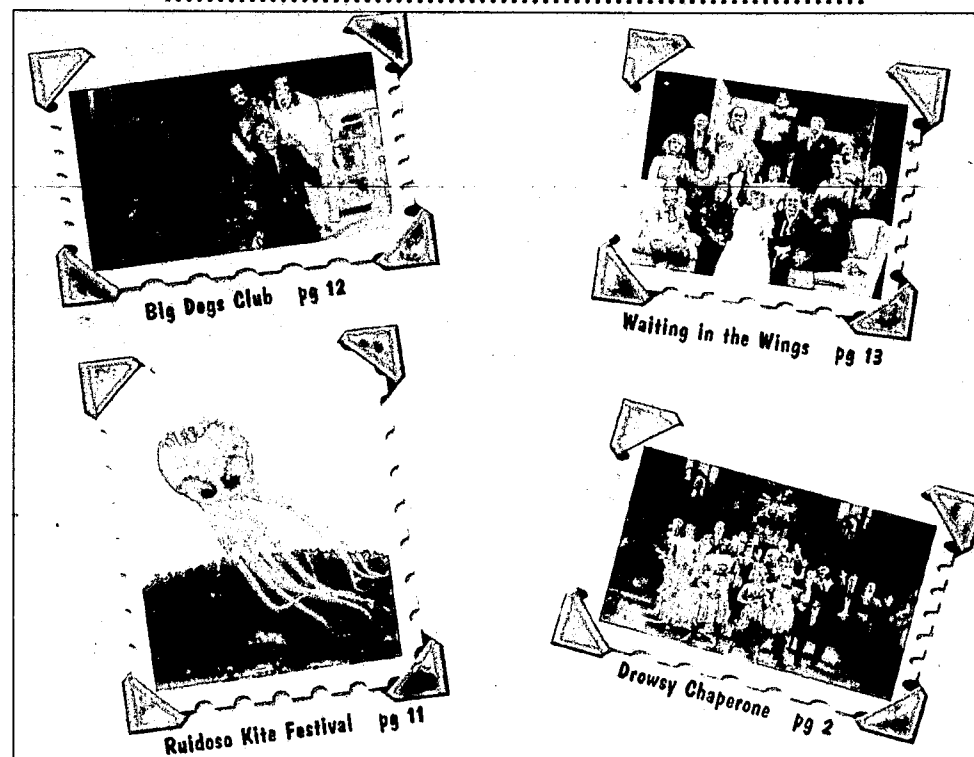
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Calendar Highlights

Waiting in the Wings

April 24-26: (Ruidoso)
Waiting in the Wings is presented by Lincoln County Community Theatre at the Ruidoso Schools Performing

Arts Center. A Noel Coward play, "The Wings" is a less-than-lavish charity home for retired actresses in straitened circumstances who have been stars in their day. Here these aged ladies grow older ungracefully amidst squabbles, jealousies and grandiose memories. There is wit, charity, stoicism, and enormous theatrical know-how. The plot revolves around the residents' desire for a solarium that a chintzy governing board would deny them, the breach of privacy by an unscrupulous

columnist who infiltrates the home, plus a long-standing rift between two former divas. A humorous look at the problems of aging that confront us all. Directed by Don Madaris 575-258-3133. For further information, contact LCCT at P. O. Box 2005, Ruidoso, NM 88355.

The Big Dog's Club

April 24-26: (Alamogordo)
The Big Dog's Club, which is NMSU-A's 10th annual Theatre for Young Audiences production, will open at the

Rohovec Fine Arts Center on Friday, April 17 and runs April 18, 24, 25 and 26. There will be special matinees for area school children on April 20, 21 and 23. Written by theatre instructor Connie Breeding, this fun-filled show stars 30 area children and adults. Admission to the show is \$8 for adults and high school students and \$3 for middle school students and children. NMSU-A students with a current college ID can purchase 2 tickets at the discounted price of \$2 per ticket at the box office the date of the show. Advance tickets for The Big Dog's Club are available at The Blue Stone and TLC Portraits in the White Sands Mall. Showtime on Friday and Saturday is 7:30 p.m., while the April 26 Sunday matinee starts at 2 p.m. For more information, call Diana at 439-3670.

Cowboy Dinner and Dance

April 25: (Capitan)
Cowboy Dinner and Dance at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan presented by The Gila Livestock Growers Association and the Americans for the Preservation of Western Environment (APWE). Dinner starts at 6 p.m. and the dance at 8 p.m. Music by Joe Delk, Bucky Allred and The Delk Band featuring Neal, Mark and Byron Delk, Robert Flowers, Roswell; Roy Garcia, Las Cruces; Dee Ford, Alma; Ty Martin, Silver City; Michael Dean, Muleshoe, Texas, and more. No charge to attend this fundraiser.

The Drowsy Chaperone

April 25: (Alto) The Drowsy Chaperone at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 2 p.m., with tickets \$59 and \$56, and 8 p.m., at \$69 and \$66 Click here to order tickets on line. Hankingering for a little old-time Broadway escapism with plenty of nostalgia and unflag-

ging buoyancy? Get ready to be transported to the magical, wonderful world of *The Drowsy Chaperone*, the new musical comedy that swept the most 2006 Tony Awards of any musical on the boards. It all begins when a die-hard musical fan plays his favorite cast album, a 1928 smash hit called *The Drowsy Chaperone*, and the musical-within-a-comedy magically bursts to life.

Patrons are instantly transported from a drab apartment to the glamorous, hilarious tale of a celebrity bride and her uproarious wedding day, complete with thrills and surprises that take both the cast and the audience soaring into the rafters.

Call 336-4800 for tickets.

Kenny Rogers

May 1: (Mescalero) Kenny Rogers in concert at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino at 8 p.m. 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 more information, call the box office at 888-324-0348.

Smokey Bear Days

May 1-2: (Capitan) Annual Smokey Bear Days in Capitan. Friday Night: DJ & Karaoke Competition - Cash Prizes. Sponsored by the Capitan Chamber. Saturday: There's always plenty of fun for children and fire prevention activities for all ages. Events include an arts, crafts and gifts marketplace, a parade, Smokey Bear memorabilia, food & drink vendors, and a chainsaw carving competi-

tion. Free live entertainment will be provided at Smokey Bear Historical Park all day and Street Dance Saturday night. Info: Smokey Bear Historical Park 575-354-2748.

Art of the Blacksmith

May 1-3: (Capitan) Art of the Blacksmith presented by the Southwest Artist Blacksmith Association at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan. Blacksmithing demonstrations will begin Friday afternoon and the art exhibition will begin Saturday morning at 10 a.m. and go through Sunday afternoon. This is both a Juried Art Exhibition for Blacksmiths and Metal Artists and an American Heritage Arts and Crafts Show with Public Demonstrations in the Art of Blacksmithing. Admission is free to the public.

Red Feather Theatre Company Presents

May 1-3 & 8-10: (Ruidoso)
The Red Feather Theatre Company presents two plays: *Cathleen Ni Hoolihan*, by William Butler Yeats, and *Spinning Straw Into Gold*, based on the tale of Rumplestiltskin and written by RHS Drama Instructor Georgene Inks. Red Feather productions are student-driven, with creative efforts both onstage and behind the amazing sets created in collaboration with the Woodshop and Art classes at RHS. Showtimes are 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 5 p.m. on Sundays. The second weekend, May 8-10, they will add *Too Many Doctors*, a hysterical farce which will run in repertory with the first two shows.

Walk in the Woods

May 2: (Ruidoso) Walk in the Woods Health Fair at the Links of Sierra Blanca Golf Course walking trail from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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The art of blacksmiths

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR VAMONOS

The Art of the Blacksmith exhibition at Smokey Bear Days, May 1-3, will offer the public a glimpse of history through its living heritage show – nothing foreign, nothing mass-produced. Exhibitions and demonstrations will take place on Saturday, May 2.

The juried art show for blacksmiths and metal artists will be judged by Rob Gunner and Charly Fary. Winners will be announced at 5 p.m. and cash prizes awarded.

In the medieval feudal days, blacksmiths were ranked as merchants because they made goods to sell. Today, the mission is the same in a resurgence of the ancient art.

Blades, knives, swords and axes are still products of the blacksmith's skills, along with furniture, sculpture, architectural hardware and functional utilitarian pieces such as gates, rails and stairs. Some of each will be on display at May 2 event.

Thirty years ago, the

Artist-Blacksmith's Association of North America Inc. (ABANA) began with only 20 blacksmiths who had a vision. Their vision has unfolded with a membership that has grown to over 5,000 strong. The resurgence of the "lost" art of blacksmithing is unmistakably evident.

The local juried art exhibition for blacksmiths and metal artists will be held at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds and include a craft show and public demonstrations of traditional blacksmithing skills and the work of modern blacksmiths and metal artists.

Allen Family Catering will offer dutch-oven cooking demonstrations and meals for sale. A silent auction will give visitors the opportunity to "get a deal" on vendor items and a music jam session Saturday evening at 6 will liven-up the tent camp at the southwest side of the fairgrounds.

Sponsored by the Southwest Artists Blacksmith Association, the event coordinator is

Capitan resident Terrell Perkins.

Perkins, owner of Iron Age Designs, works in contemporary blacksmithing and metal sculpture. A fifth-generation blacksmith, he traces his roots back to England and Scotland, and today, uses tools he inherited and others he's located that are more than 100 years old.

"Blacksmithing today isn't horseshoeing," said Perkins when he described what most people think of when they think of a blacksmith. "It's a time-honored skill that today offers one-of-a-kind metal sculpture, architectural hardware, ornamental work and the forging of tools."

Perkins, a NMMI grad in the '70s, fell in love with the Capitan area and Lincoln County in general, and recently that drew him back to the area from Austin, Texas.

Ten years ago, Perkins went to school and received an associates degree in Blacksmithing.

He is qualified to certify welders and has taught blacksmithing at university



Blacksmith Terrell Perkins at work. Photo by Mike Allen.

levels. He will begin teaching classes locally out of his shop beginning in May and June. He also accepts contract work for his skills and is working several projects in the county area.

For more information on the Art of the Blacksmith event or the classes he will offer by Perkins, contact him at 354-9158 or by email at

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Earth Day celebration

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The Otero County Master Gardeners have Adopted the Butterfly garden and it is looking great. Soaring Heights Communities and Actus Lend Lease LLC are this year's sponsors of the Butterfly release an event for which many children and local school classes

and others raise Painted Lady Butterflies to be released in the Butterfly Garden at the Zoo, this part of the day's festivities will take place at 11:00 a.m. in the Butterfly Garden.

There will be hundreds of exhibits featuring national monuments and State parks alternative energy displays, alternative fuel vehicles, local businesses and service organizations a mini health fair, featuring free Diabetes and Cholesterol Screenings, Susan Poor CNC will have information and plants for your Balanced Health, a 2

mile health walk with free T-Shirts to participants and lots more. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a free day in the Alameda Park Zoo.

The Otero County Master Gardeners will be on hand with planting and growing information as well as plants for sale as will the Native Plant Society.

The annual Earth Day Tree Sale will offer a variety of 9 species of trees for sale all chosen for their ability to thrive in the local climate.

Offered will be: Winterfat, Serviceberry,

Hackberry, Naking Cherry, Afghan Pine, Arizona Ash, Apache Plume, Piñon Pine. and Desert Willow.

Earth Day Science Fair, Poster Contest and Displays of science-fair style solar car kits and other projects by local children are some of the educational activities that have gone on leading up to the event.

The Solar Car Kits are provided to the children to participate in the EDF by the sponsorship of the Cloudcroft Lions, PNM and the New Mexico Solar Energy Association

The Alamogordo Breakfast Lions will be raffling off the winners choice of a 48,000 BTU BBQ Grill or a Patio Furniture Set for Mom or Dad, BBBS will have a Razor electric 4 WD for the kids and PNM will raffle off the bikes in their booth.

Hang gliders, a free jumping balloon, lots of exhibits with interactive activities for children such as the PNM bike power generators, which will be given away at the end of the event and fully supervised children's activities by NSEA Alamogordo next

to the stage so mom and dad can enjoy the live entertainment just to name some of the many free things there are to do to for children and adults of all ages.

The Scout-O- Rama grows every year last year 185 Boy and Girl Scouts camped overnight in the zoo and enjoyed a nocturnal zoo tour. The Scouts were quite busy all day keeping the grounds litter free as well.

This is truly an event for all ages, fun for young and old alike, so bring your friends, bring your family and come enjoy a fun day in the zoo.

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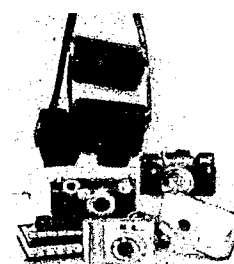
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CUISINE

Quelites



Polly's Potpourri

by Polly E. Chavez

Quelites con Frijoles is what my parents called spinach with beans, yet one Spanish dictionary says that *spinach* translates to *espinacas*. Then a

Spanish/Mexican cookbook says that quelites is Lamb's Quarters.

Oh, I am so confused. No matter ... this is how I make spinach, like my parents' quelites.

Quelites con Frijoles

Sauté one tablespoon chopped onion in one tablespoon cooking oil. Add one can (13 ounce) chopped spinach, including the juice. If you prefer less juice, drain away part of it.

With kitchen shears cut into small bits several *chile piquin* pods and sprinkle over the spinach. Some Hispanic cooks add the *semillas* (seeds) of red chile pods instead of chile piquin.

Add 2 cups of drained,

cooked pinto beans. You can add as little or as much drained beans as you desire. Fried, crumpled bacon can be added as a garnish to quelites when the dish is not

served in a Lenten meal.

Traditional Lenten food is becoming extinct in some areas of New Mexico. This past season, made an attempt to connect with the culinary heritage of many New Mexicans. Meatless meals were common during the Great Depression era. Meat was scarce, unless people of that time raised chickens, cows and pigs.

By the way, Lamb's Quarters have nothing to do with a lamb's anatomy. Lamb's Quarters, also known as white goosefoot and fat hen, have a scientific name of *chenopodium album*. This is a common weed that is one of those wild plants that is edible and used where you would spinach, raw or cooked.



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THEATRE

Red Feather strikes again

The Red Feather Theatre Company, Ruidoso High School's new drama club, is gearing up for the continuation of their spring productions – yes, plural.

On May 1-3, the student thespians will be presenting two plays: *Cathleen Ni Hoolihan*, by William Butler Yeats, and *Spinning Straw Into Gold*, based on the tale of Rumpelstiltskin written by RHS Drama Instructor Georgene Inks.

The weekend following, May 8-10, will feature three plays in repertory, with the addition of a reprisal of the adaptation of Moliere's *The Imaginary Invalid* by Harriet Dexter, *Too Many Doctors*, which enjoyed great reviews in its local premier last month.

According to *Encyclopedia Mythica*, by Camala M. Ryan, the female personification of Ireland is known as Cathleen Ni Hoolihan, and she is a symbol of Irish patriotism. During times of trouble, especially war, Cathleen walks across Ireland to gather the support of men and boys to aid her in battle. As she gathers her supporters, she

has the appearance of an old woman. Yet when she has gained her followers, she takes the shape of a fresh, high-spirited young woman. Initially, she appears to be weak and haggard because she is under great duress. [But] the death of the soldiers gives life to Ireland. She regains her health and youth by feeding upon the blood of the brave soldiers who give their lives for her. These deaths should not be looked upon as tragic or needless, because they have died as heroes and they will always be remembered.

Yeats' works are lyrical and beautiful, and have more than withstood the test of time. In an excerpt from the Nobel Prize in Literature 1923 presentation speech honoring Yeats' work, given by Per Hallstrom, chairman of the Nobel Committee of the Swedish Academy, it is stated: "The subject is Ireland's struggle for liberty throughout the ages, and the chief personage is Ireland herself, impersonated by a wandering beggar woman. But we hear not simple tone of hatred, and the profound pathos of the

piece is more restrained than in any other comparable poem. We hear only the purest and highest part of the nation's feeling; the words are few and the actions the simplest possible. The whole thing is greatness without a touch of affectation."

Allison Hoke of Eco-Servants and Americore, who serves as a parent assistant in the drama classroom, writes, "I am lucky enough to enjoy the great works of art available along with the students. Cathleen Ni Hoolihan ... touched me from the minute I read it and I was moved by the relevance of the story in regards to current situations.

"It appeals blatantly to those reminded of our war on a daily basis because of friends or family involved and even lost," she continues. "So often we lose track of the patriotism our men and women represent



Too Many Doctors reprises May 8-10 along with *Cathleen Ni Hoolihan* and *Spinning Straw Into Gold*, which both open May 1-3.

and the pride they should perpetually evoke. This situation and many others in our lives make us weak and haggard like the old woman. When we gather supporters during hard times, just as Cathleen has, our pride and patriotism as a whole grows, and a strong, young woman emerges ready to defend.

"Some of us are reminded on a daily basis that we are missing people in our lives. Cathleen's

message, 'They shall be remembered forever, The people shall hear them forever,' sends a chill of assurance up our spines that we are fortunate enough to be graced with heroes."

Red Feather productions are student-driven, with creative efforts both onstage and behind the amazing sets created in collaboration with the col-

laboration of the Woodshop and Art class at RHS.

Showtimes are 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 5 p.m. on Sundays. For more on the group, visit ruidososchools.org/redfeather, and stay tuned to ¡Vámonos! for much more on the casts and crews of these production

Cathleen Ni Hoolihan

Student Directors: Diana Valdez, Josie Parsons
Stage Managers: James Adams, Zach Dotson
Technical Director: Jason Montes
Artistic Director: James Adams
Costumes: Ruby Hernandez, Cassandra Everett, Jayli Johnson
Props: Heather Ryan, Jack Brown
Program: Ellyn Koehler, Lindsey Porter

Cast

Peter: Zach Dotson, James Adams
Michael: Gage Whipple
Patrick: Andrew Yeverino, Willie Herrera
Delia: Jayli Johnson
The Poor Old Woman: Hannah Kashmar
Bridget: Lindsey Porter
Prompter: Carly Reynolds

Spinning Straw Into Gold

Student Directors: Carly Reynolds, Mercedes Espinoza
Stage Manager: Kelsey Richardson
Technical Director: Jason Montes
Artistic Director: Hannah Kashmar
Costumes: Ruby Hernandez, Cassandra Everett, Jayli Johnson
Props: Heather Ryan, Jack Brown
Program: Ellyn Koehler, Lindsey Porter

Cast

Narrator: Sophia Miller
Rumpelstiltskin: Cody Jones
Rumpelstiltskin's Mother: Abigail Kipp
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Festivities begin Friday at 1pm till 5 p.m. Saturday begins at 9 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. Sunday will be 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., with an early worship service to kick things off starting at 10:30.

Bruce DeFoor, one of the Kite Festival organizers and Chairman of the Art Department at ENMU Ruidoso, sees it as "a chance for people to discover *huge* handmade kites of unique designs flown by professional kite flyers from surrounding states. It's also a event that you can actually be a participant in. You can sit back and just take it all in, or you can grab a kite and fly with hundreds of others and actually learn to love the wind for a change!"

Believe it or not, kite

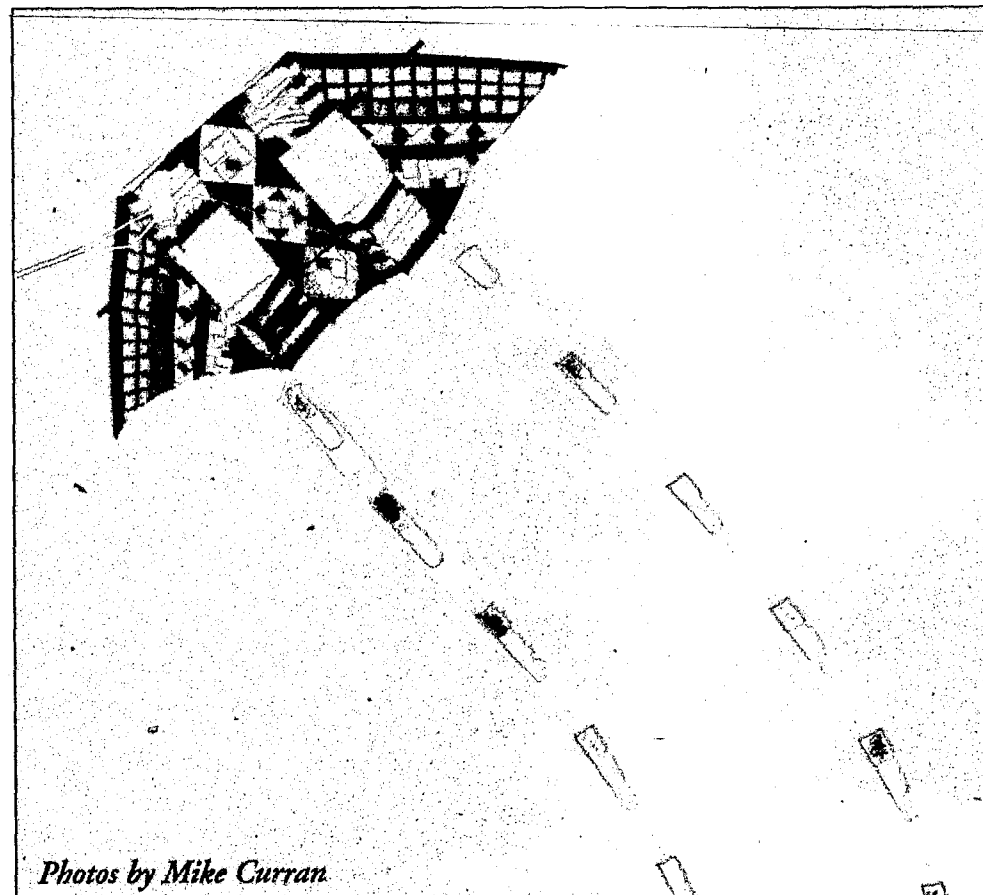
flying is an international hobby in which thousands of people participate. Visit the American Kite Fliers Association Web site at <http://www.aka.kite.org/> for more information about the wide variety of modern kites.

DeFoor was instrumental in launching the 1st Annual Ruidoso Kite Festival in 2007, where no less than 300 kites were made during the weekend (with assistance from volunteers) and flown by local children. Jeri and Joan, the sisters at WeCree8, teamed with Bruce that first year and somehow pulled off a successful event in a little less than a month. The event takes far more planning now though, and new board members Rifle Salas and Dawn Moore are helping to make it more successful than ever.

During the 2008 festival, more than 800 kites were made and this year, the volunteer organization is expected to assist more

than 1,200 children in building and flying their own handmade kites. Local businesses and lodgers have reported increased sales directly related to the Kite Festival and are happily waiting to greet kites this year as well. April is considered a slower activity month for the Village, so the Kitefest makes a great fit. Ironically, April is National Kite Flying Month as well.

There is no entry fee to the festival, and all are invited to come and spend a day or the entire weekend, watching great kites like our giant mascot of the event, 88 ft tall "Ollie the Octopus" and colorful "Spike the Blow Fish," and many more float over the White Mountain Sports Complex. The only cost associated with the festival is \$2 donation per kite, for children who want to make and fly their own kite. Attendees are welcome to bring their own kites too.



Photos by Mike Curran

This is a participatory, not just a spectator, event. There will be prizes given for different categories, such as for the highest kite flown and farthest distance traveled to the show. There will also be high quality, commercially made rip stop nylon kites available for sale for those that don't bring one.

This year will feature an aerial "dogfight" between Snoopy and the Red Baron in their huge kite-airplanes. Come and cheer for Snoopy. Another new event this year will be CANDY DROPS throughout the weekend, where bags of candy will be hauled up in the air by a huge kite, and dropped to the children waiting below.

A Kite Hospital will be waiting for kids with kites in distress again this year. Due to popular request, this year there will be professional kite flyers who will be teaching people how to fly a variety of different kites. Live bands and an announcer will keep things moving along nicely.

Music during the event will feature Blake Martin, The Mixx, Roadmap, MoDan Blues, Dirty Jones, The Usual Suspects and Homegrown. Mike Morrisson of Alpine Recording is providing the sound and equipment for the weekend event. There will also be Kite Festival hats, pins, and t-shirts available for sale, with pro-

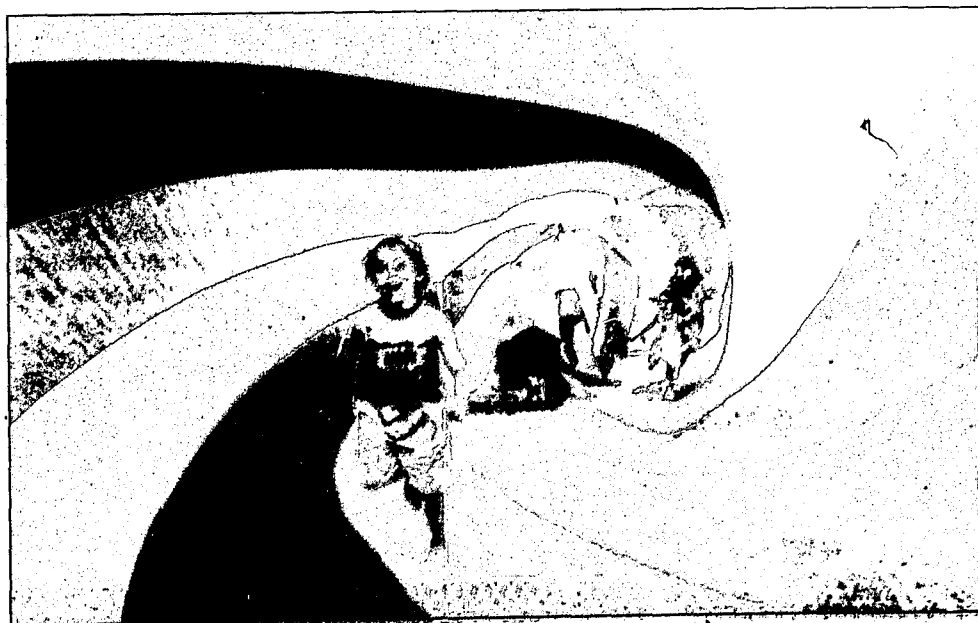
ceeds going to the Kite Festival fund for next year's event.

This event is all about *family*. It is not unusual to see 3 or 4 generations of a family out flying kites and enjoying a beautiful spring day together.

There will also be more food vendors than last year, so you won't have to worry about leaving for lunch.

Donations and volunteers are still very much needed for the event, and it will be the most fun you will ever have as a volunteer. Contact Dawn Moore, ENMU Event Planner at 257-2120 if you would like to volunteer or donate.

See you there, and happy kite flying!



THEATRE

Big Dogs in review

BY SANDY KASHMAR
¡VÁMONOS! EDITOR

"We're big! We're bad! We're big, bad dogs!" Imagine hundreds of children happily chanting as they are leaving the Rohovec Fine Arts Center on the NMSU-A campus, and you can catch a bit of the spirit of *The Big Dog's Club* which opened last weekend and played through this past week in school matinees.

Perhaps you are a parent and have heard it. (Perhaps non-stop.) NMSU-A's Theatre on the Hill has a big hit with their latest Theatre for Young Audiences production penned and directed by Connie Breeding, a theatre instructor at the university.

Thirty actors (ages 5-young adult) have brought Breeding's fast-paced and charming script to life in this uplifting new family play. (Would that I had space to mention each one of them!) Big Dogs, Medium-Sized dogs, Little Dogs, Gal Dogs, Puppies and Cats – all the characters are appealing and they all deserve accolades.

Of course, the ring-leader Bowser, played most charmingly by veteran actor and American Musical and Dramatic Academy graduate Jeremy Colbert, is a hit with both children and adults. His physical comic timing is superb, and underscores his role with a great deal of human emotion that all dog owners are certain their pets possess.

Carlos Aranda, who has appeared on the Rohovec stage before (most recently in *The Nerd*), again shows off his voice talents as well as his great comic timing and physical presence in the role of Rambo.

Mykayla and Jamie Booth, both also Theatre on the Hill veterans, are outstanding as Scrappy and Bimbo the cats, as was newcomer Wayne McFarland in the role of Killer. (We hope to see more from this young man in the future.)

Odette Gutierrez (Gal Dog Calypso) and Victoria Crosby (Petra) both took their supporting roles to heart and were definite stand-outs. Robert Chanez-Jacks shows off his developing voice talents in the



role of Middle-Sized Dog Elmer to fine effect.

And the puppies are absolutely adorable!

Put these and all the other wonderful young actors on the amazingly detailed set designed by Will Bartlett (it reminds me of an "Our Gang" film full of life and color) and you have most of the picture. But you simply must see the makeup and costumes by NMSU-A student Christina Stubbs. Her out-

standing work complements the script perfectly, and I would imagine makes it so easy for the actors to get into their characters.

I must commend Breeding for her direction of the show. Having worked many productions with lots of kids of all ages in the parts, I know it can be quite challenging, yet their entrances and exits went quite smoothly. She might just be the Cecil B.

DeMille of kids' theatre.

So, if you haven't yet seen *The Big Dog's Club*, I strongly urge you to attend one of this weekend's performances. The show plays Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Rohovec, and there will be a Sunday matinee, April 26, at 2 p.m.

The Big Dog's Club is entertainment for the whole family – sprinkled with morals and lessons and lots of lines for all of us big kids, too. Don't miss it.

Admission is \$8 for adults and high school students, with tickets at \$3 for middle schoolers and younger. Tickets are still available at The Blue Stone and TLC Portraits, and also may be purchased at the theater box office prior to the shows.

For more information, contact Diana at 439-

8670.

At left: "Aren't you feeling well, Bowser?" Jessica Seeboerger (Pookie), Carlos Aranda (Rambo), Jeremy Colbert (Bowser), Olivia Budak (Gidget) and Isabell Klement (Schatzi).

Above: An outstanding set and wonderful makeup and costumes complement the fine script and talented young actors. The Medium-Sized Dogs see if Scrappy, the cat, is dead or alive. From left to right: Andrea Bond (Rowdie), Makenzie Moffitt (Dash), Courtney Cook-Ball (Itchy), Robert Chanez-Jacks (Elmer), Raini O'Connor (Fuzzy). Mykayla Booth (Scrappy) lying down.



THEATRE

The Wings in review

BY CONNIE BREIDING
FOR VAMONOS

Congratulations to Lincoln County Community Theatre for building a solid reputation of producing quality theatre in Ruidoso. As they "came up to bat" for their sixth season, with the opening of Noel Coward's *Waiting in the Wings*, the company definitely "hit a homer."

Under the expert guidance of veteran director Don Madaris, *Waiting in the Wings* is a delightful and touching glimpse of a group of retired actresses as they finish their life's run in a charity home appropriately called The Wings. Past rivalries and slights surface, and new challenges arise, but through it all, the ladies who live in



Larry Kingsley plays Osgood Meeker, a regular visitor to *The Wings*.

The Wings show us characters who regard life as just another extended stage performance.

While *Waiting in the Wings* may not have quite as many witty retorts as Coward's *Blithe Spirit* or *Private Lives*, a Coward play would not be Coward if there weren't some brilliant quips. And in *Waiting in the Wings*, Lori Lamphere-Stewart, as the jaded Cora Clarke, gets to deliver some delicious zingers. Lamphere-Stewart has laser sharp comic timing, as she demonstrated when she played Truvy in LCCT's *Steel Magnolias*, and her one-liners were always "on target" and got a laugh. As Lamphere-Stewart moved around the stage somewhat listlessly, her line delivery was both sardonic and masterful.

Sharon Lurix played Lotta Bainbridge, an aging grande dame of the theatre, with a "larger than life" charismatic presence. Her entrance was spectacular, as she sashayed center stage, taking charge as though she were Ethel Merman. Interestingly, her character changed and became very likeable as she tried to mend fences with old rival May Davenport, ably played by Beth Lutes.

Marné Modine was wonderful as Almina Clare, playing the role with such warmth and believability. She reminded me of a favorite aunt, someone we just want to give a huge hug.

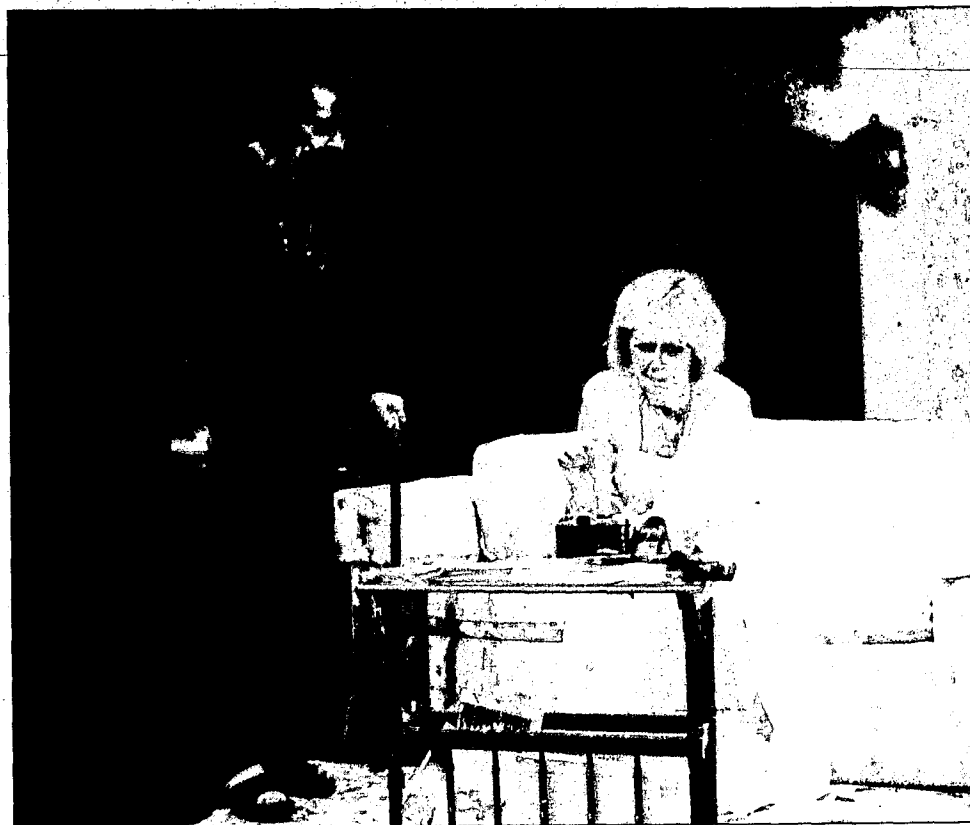
Judy Leatherwood played the addled Sarita

Myrtle with both comedy and poignancy. When Sarita, who nearly burns down The Wings with her fascination with matches, must be transferred to a different facility, I could not help but feel sorry for her because she clearly had moved into that dark space we all hope we never have to inhabit. Having seen Leatherwood in previous LCCT productions, this was one of her more amusing roles, and when on stage, she made the most of her character's eccentricity.

Waiting in the Wings was a family effort for Gabriele and Larry Grasmick. Gabriele played Deirdre O'Malley with an Irish brogue straight out of a Lady Gregory play, while Larry lent just the right touch of humanity to his role of Dr. Jevons.

Veteran performer Cliff Reisig was perfect as Perry Lascoe, the officious employee who successfully lobbies for the solarium the gals want added to the terrace. He was comfortable on stage and embraced his role with both ease and exuberance.

And I must mention that Larry Kingsley was so cute as Osgood Meeker. I do not know Mr. Kingsley at all, but he played an aging suitor magnificently. Every time he entered with a different traveling cap and bouquet of violets, he made me chuckle. I'm quite sure every woman in the audience wished she had the ardor of an Osgood Meeker as she passes into the golden



Gabriele Grasmick (Deirdre) and Judy Leatherwood (Sarita) in LCCT's *Waiting in the Wings*.

years.

All of the able actors in *Waiting in the Wings* demonstrated first-class performance expertise and the ability to play well off each other. It was apparent the cast was having fun onstage and enjoyed performing together.

The production was a tight show with no discernable flubs or fluffs, was quickly paced, and was nicely staged. Madaris has a flair for creating wonderful stage pictures, and he knows how to effortlessly move a large cast on stage.

Waiting in the Wings is a production that skillfully showcases the talents of the cast, director and crew personnel. At the April 19

matinee, the cast received a well-merited standing ovation from the appreciative audience. *Waiting in the Wings* is a satisfying production that deserves to be placed on your cultural calendar.

Waiting in the Wings runs April 24-26 at the Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center. Friday and Saturday performances start at 7 pm while the Sunday matinee begins at 2 pm. Tickets at \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors.

Connie Breiding is a theatre instructor at NMSU-A.

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LET'S GO!

Band night at the Flickinger

The 5th Annual Jazz Band Festival sponsored by NMSU-Alamogordo will be held on April 28, at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts at 7 p.m. Admission is \$4 per person or \$10 per family. All proceeds from the Jazz Festival will support the Lewis Jordan Scholarship Fund at the University.

Joining the NMSU-A Jazz Band will be jazz bands from Alamogordo High School, Mountain View Middle School and Chaparral Middle School. This concert will celebrate the tradition of jazz in our society and its importance in our schools by showing

the progression of musical progress through study in junior high through college and adult levels.

The program includes songs from the big band era as well as jazz standards. The NMSU-Alamogordo Jazz band includes many professional musicians as well as proficient college and high school instrumentalists.

The band is under the direction of Daniel Hale, who is also the Head Band Director at Alamogordo High School. The school bands are directed by Rod Pior (Mountain View), the AHS band is directed by Ms. Nacde Bobadillo and the Chaparral band is

directed by Shawna Denney. Bobadillo and Pior are also members of the NMSU-A Band.

Director Hale said, "This is going to be a great show! All the bands involved have been working hard and cannot wait to present the community with an evening of great jazz music. This concert is for all of Alamogordo, and I hope to see lots of people there to support these musicians."

For more information contact: Lisa Cooper, NMSU-A Jazz Band member, at 575-551-2049, or Daniel Hale, NMSU-A Jazz Band director, at 575-439-3816.



Desert Light Film Festival today

The Desert Light Film organizers invite everyone to the 2009 Desert Light film festival competition April 24. The festival is presented by New Mexico State University-Alamogordo and the Otero County Film Office.

This competition gives students an opportunity to showcase work, compete for prizes and participate in seminars designed for young filmmakers. The competition concludes with a full day festival held on the NMSU-A campus. Students and films come from around the state. More than 50 films will be showcased this year.

The competition is designed especially for New Mexico high school and middle school students. Each entry may be up to seven minutes in length, including credits. Categories include drama/comedy, documentary, animation, music video and a new category this year, the New Mexico tourism 30-second TV commercial. The criteria for all categories include production quality, creativity and resourcefulness.

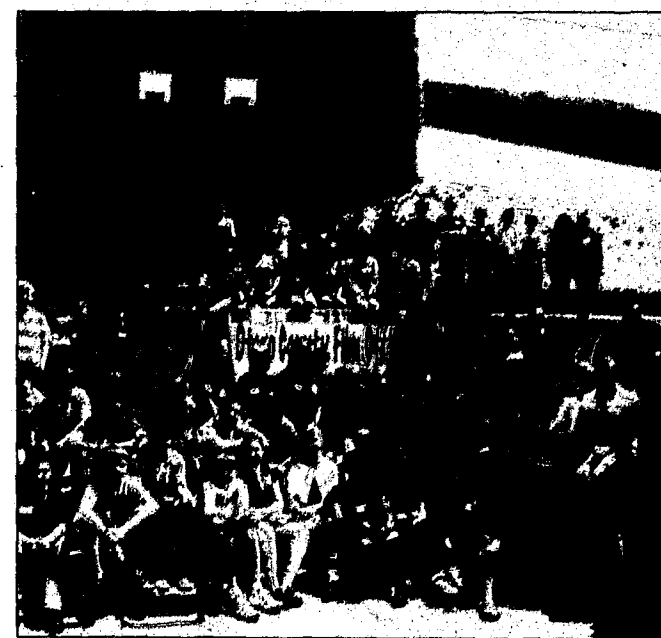
The new category this year is the 30-second tourism commercial video for New Mexico Tourism. First place and honorable mention winners in this category, from both divi-

sions, will be submitted directly to the tourism department for immediate consideration. Seminars this year include Final Cut Pro, special effects makeup for film, MAYA Animation, storyboarding and production techniques.

Another special feature has been added to the festival this year. A special film briefing at White Sands National Monument has been arranged just for participants in this year's festival. Whenever professionals come to film at the monument, they have certain procedures to follow before they arrive and while filming. The interactive briefing with one of the rangers teaches stu-

dents about the protocol of filming at the national parks and other agencies. Students arrive at the Sands before sunset where they will be able to film. This event is only open to students and teachers attending the Desert Light Film Festival.

Organizers for the festival include Jan Wafful, film liaison, Otero County Film Office; Jesse Casto, JC Penney store manager; Bryan Yancey, ProTech Division head, NMSU-A; Kathy Denton, Education and Interpretation Ranger, White Sands National Monument; Mike Espiritu, Otero County Economic Development Council executive director, Joan



Griggs, NMSU-A festival director, and Dr. Bruce Martin, NMSU-A.

For more information,

contact Jan Wafful at jan@filmotero.com or Joan Griggs at jgriggs@nmsua-nmsu.edu.

COMMUNITY LISTINGS: OTERO COUNTY

Education

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

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

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

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

Service Organizations

Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club: Meets at 7 a.m. every Saturday at Maximino's, 2300 White Sands Blvd. The public is welcome. Jeanette or Chuck, 434-6296.

Alamogordo Noon Kiwanis: Meets at Margo's Mexican Restaurant every Wednesday, except the fifth. 434-6417.

Alamogordo Public Library Foundation: Raises money and awareness for Alamogordo Public Library. Flori, 437-6616 or Allen, 434-2349.

Altrusa International: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. at Margo's. Linda, 437-0703.

Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority: Focusing on cultural, social and service activities. Alberta, 437-4258.

Big Brothers Big Sisters: Accepting applications for children ages 6 - 17 and volunteers 18 years or older. 434-3388.

Daughters of the American Revolution: Meets monthly on third Saturday at time and place TBA. 437-7200.

Downtown Lions Club: Meets on second and fourth Mondays at Mariscos Costa Azul, 415 S. White Sands Blvd. Public welcome. Terry Reed at 434-3968 or Martha 437-7515.

Flickinger Guild: Supporting the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts, Guild members sell tickets in the box office, work the door for performances, usher, hand out programs and work concessions. Contact membership chairman Flori McElderry at 437-6616.

Kiwanis Club of Alamogordo: Meets on first and third Thursdays at 8 a.m. at Maximino's Restaurant, 2300 N. White Sands Blvd; 434-0923.

Order of the Eastern Star: Tularosa Basin Chapter No. 72 meets at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday at 409 Higuera St., Tularosa. 434-1456.

Special Olympics NM - Otero: Sports training and competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities; track and field practice at 9 a.m. at NMSBV in Alamogordo. Info: Anthony Bradway, 575-430-8902 or Sally Bradway at 479-2958.

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: Meets first Tuesday of each month at a local restaurant at 5:30 p.m., with 6 p.m. meeting start. Call 437-8590 for location.

Mountain Democrats: Meet second Wednesday of each month at Big Daddy's Restaurant on U.S. 82, Cloudcroft, at noon. Info: Ellen Wedum, 682-2464 or email dotellen@gmail.com.

Republican Party of Otero County: Fourth Thursday meeting each month. Info: Sassy Tinling, 443-1195.

Tularosa Democrats: Meet at Coffee & More, 308 Granado, 5 p.m. sharp second Thursday of each month. Info: Charles Murrell at 585-8153.

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 Rockhounds: Meets every second Tuesday at First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St. Field trips every fourth Saturday, annual campouts and picnic. 437-3377.

White Sands Dart Association: Double team tournaments (open tournaments) 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Fraternal Order of Eagles Club, 471 24th St. Join to play or learn. Contact Delilah at 442-8750.

Other Ongoing Activities

Bingo: 7 p.m. Sat., 12:30 and 3 p.m. Sun., 1 and 7 p.m. Mon. at the Eagles Lodge, 471 24th St. Ages 8 and up welcome with adult. \$750 jackpot. 437-1302.

Bingo: 7 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and Sun., 2 p.m. Saturday at the VFW, 700 U.S. 70 West. Ages 46 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.

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Hondo Iris Farm and Gallery • Highway 70, MM 284 in Old Hondo • Tuesday - Sunday, 10-5.

• 653-4723.

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James Mack Studio • 1002 B Ave. • Carrizozo • 648-5203.

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The annual White Oaks Pottery Studio Tour will be Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26, from 10 am to 5 pm each day.

This year, Ivy Heymann, owner of White Oaks Pottery, invited numerous friends who work in diverse media to join her at her studio.

Among the artists and craftspeople invited this year are: Delfina Diem, Pam Lewis, D. Michael Stalling, Brad and Pat Cooper and Lisa Maue. Works by Suzanne Donazetti and the late Kenneth Payne will also be featured. Photography, jewelry, tile, textiles, landscape painting and, of course, pottery will be available for purchase.

White Oaks Pottery is located 3 miles from downtown White Oaks. Signs will be posted. There is no charge for the event. For more information or further directions, call 575-648-2985.

Delfina Diem celebrates her hand-selected gems by wrapping them in an age old technique combined with a contemporary flair.

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often overlooked.

Lisa learned how to airbrush glazes when she worked for Omnimedia, here in Ruidoso. She combined this technique with the use of acetate templates that she cuts based on photographs she takes of the surrounding area. She recently received a certificate in

graphic arts in addition to degrees in psychology and the humanities and she's also worked for Dave McGary and Judy Chicago.

Her tiles are incorporated into boxes, frames and mirrors and are also sold individually. Larger pieces and commissions are also available.

Ivy Heymann got hooked on pottery in high school. She continued her education for six years, passing through Miami Dade Junior College, the University of Miami, and the University of Tennessee. Apprenticeships in Georgia, North Carolina, New Mexico, and Washington were only part of her continuous education which included numerous workshops. Influences on her work include Asian and

American folk pottery.

Dedicated to beauty of form and excellence of function, Ms. Heymann creates her own, distinct lines of dinnerware and other products, all fired in her custom glazes.

Her pottery is made of porcelain, thrown by hand and slab built. Fired to 2400 degrees, all glazes are home made in a palette representative of the White Oaks environment.



Maue



Lisa Maue sculpts and paints tile. Using an airbrush, she is able to achieve subtle color gradients to render even the most mundane subject matter in bright colors.

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ART SCENE

Guisa artwork on display

BY LISA MORALES
FOR VAMONOS

I'm greeted with a welcoming smile and warm handshake as artist Manuel Guisa introduces himself. He has just finished setting up his art display in the lobby of First National Bank in Alamogordo. Each month a different artist is featured, and throughout the entire month of April people can enjoy the many pieces of art Guisa has created.

One piece that captures my eye is titled "Boy." Guisa says it is one of his favorites.

"It has a lot of emotion and reminds me of my childhood," he said.

Guisa grew up in San Bernardino, Calif., which is where he started to paint. When he was 7 years old, he had such a love for art that he continued with it. He later entered the military, but when he was discharged, Guisa picked up where he left off and began studying with artist Tony Retha and, later, Scott Swens.

Guisa said he enjoys fashioning colors on canvas with oil to shape his emotion into art. Most of his subjects and still works,

he said, are gathered from photos he has taken and from those snapped by friends. Guisa's art is created mostly of oil on canvas, but he does have several pieces of woodcarvings.

One particular painting is crafted by a memory during the time he worked in a steel mill in Fontana Calif. The painting is called "Steel Making." He worked in a steel mill for 25 years.

Guisa prides himself on continual practice of his art.

"I try to do my best in everything I do," he said. "Practice makes perfect. It



took many years to get where I am today. I have taught my kids and tell them, 'Practice, practice, practice.'"

Guisa lives in Alamogordo with his wife of 49 years, Elena. They have two children who live in California.

Manny was asked if there is a piece of art that he has made specifically for his wife. His eyes sparkle and, with a smile from ear to ear, he describes a large oil paint-

ing of his wife and two grandchildren. It hangs in his home in California. Guisa said he is "very fond of the work."

My favorite piece of art created by Guisa is of an elderly man walking along a street in Mexico. It is from a photograph that was taken by a friend. Guisa paints the photograph with a shadow depicting a spirit – and it is breathtaking.

Guisa has won several awards for his work. He

has been awarded first place for "Best of Show" at the Otero County Fair and at the Holloman Air Force Base Art Show.

Some of his work can be viewed at the newly opened Studio 54@70 in Tularosa, as well as at First National Bank during April. Ten percent of art sells from the First National Bank Artist of the month will be given to Capped.

Lisa Morales is with the Alamogordo Daily News

ART SCENE

Art in Public Places



The organizers of Art in Public Places are very grateful for all the artists and patrons who have supported the displays and purchased artworks at the Billy the Kid Byway Visitors Center.

They wish to specifically thank the following artists that participated in the January through March showing of their artwork: Anita Keegan – Oil Painting; Etienne Turner – Photography; Suzy Komara – Fiber Art; Patsy Blasdel – Pastel and Oil Painting; “Bear” Tiews – Photography; Sam Blatchely – Selah Glass; Dorothy Keck – Oil Painting; Frank Jensen, Jr. – Photography; and Rollen Powell – Wood Turning.

Congratulations to all of the artists who have participated and to those who had sales.

The display for April - June is set. The next change out of artwork will be the first week in July 2009.

If you are interested in displaying your artwork for the period of July-September, contact “Bear” at 937-0301 or by email at bears101@windstream-.net.

If you haven’t been by to see these wonderful and var-

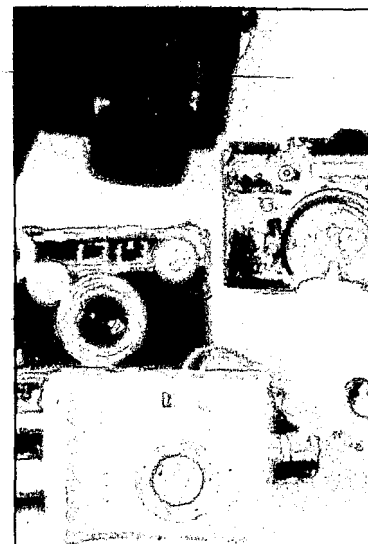
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Tularosa Basin. Lincoln County is rich in historical sites, ancient ruins, beauti-

ful vistas and colorful characters, truly a photographer’s playground.

The show will open on the same weekend as the “Carrizozo Cowboy Days” celebration which will include events for the entire family.

May 19 is the deadline to receive all entry forms, fees and artwork. Judging will be by internationally acclaimed photographer Richard T. Bryant. For more details, visit www.gallery408.com, email gallery408@tularosa.net, or phone 575-648-2598.

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David H. Townsend Library Gallery • New Mexico State University-Alamogordo campus, 2400 Scenic Dr. • 439-3650 • Sunday - Friday • Monthly exhibit.

Eagle Ranch Art Gallery • 7288 U.S. Highway 54/70, between Alamogordo and Tularosa • 434-0035 • 8 a.m. -

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Mescalero

Jordan T. Gallery • 464-2338 • Carrizo Canyon Rd. at the Mescalero Inn • Featuring Mescalero Apache fine art (paintings, sculpture and crafts)

and other work by Mescalero artists.

N'de Fine Arts Gallery • U.S. Highway 70 • 464-2114 • Featuring: Apache fine arts including paintings in oil and acrylics.

Stronghold Gallery • 464-7777 • Gift shop and art gallery inside the Inn of the Mountain Gods, featuring paintings, sculpture and other work by Mescalero artists.

Cloudcroft

Bear Track • 502 Burro Ave. • 682-3046 • Native American arts & crafts, gifts.

Cloudcroft Art Society • Community Center/Library (Red Brick Schoolhouse), corner of Swallow Place and Burro Ave. • 687-3176 • Members' artwork, programs, meetings, workshops.

Cloudcroft Gallery • 502A Burro Ave. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. • 682-3659 • Original paintings, pottery and glass. Unusual handmade gifts. David and Donna Gordon, proprietors.

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Thy, Smiling Dog Art Gallery • 311 James Canyon Hwy. • 682-2122 • Original oils, prints, jewelry, photography, metalwork and home décor.

Tularosa

Adobe Daubers Arts & Crafts Gallery • 275-B Central

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Coffee & More at Tularosa Dry Goods • 308 Granado St. • 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thurs.-Sat.; 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sunday • 585-4575 • Rotating art exhibit.

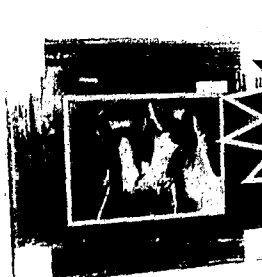
Del Sol • 200 St. Francis Dr. • 585-4581.

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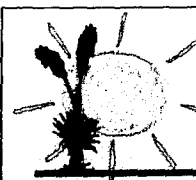
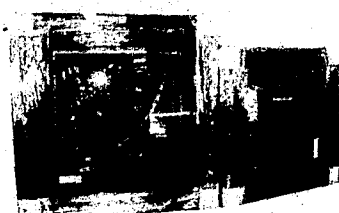
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ASTRONOMY

Missing Messier

Up until about a decade

or so ago, many – if not most – of the comets that were discovered were found by dedicated amateur astronomers who regularly swept the skies looking for these unpredictable visitors. (A few

such astronomers managed to rack up quite a total over a lifetime of searching.)

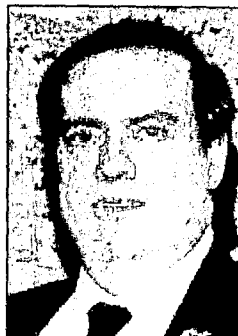
Nowadays, the comprehensive surveys that are primarily searching for near-Earth asteroids with the latest state-of-the-art imaging and computer equipment are finding the overwhelming majority of the incoming comets, and the dedicated amateur comet-hunter is a dying breed (although there still are occasional such discoveries).

One of the earliest such comet-hunters was a French astronomer, Charles Messier, who regularly scanned the skies from near Paris during the second half of the 18th century. Depending upon how one counts “discoveries,” Messier discovered approximately 20 comets during his career, and some of his French contemporaries found several more.

Through a small telescope, a comet typically appears as a dim, fuzzy

In Our Skies

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Astronomer



object. Anyone who has hunted for them knows, however, that the sky is full of dim, fuzzy objects: these can be star clusters, nebulae (i.e., gas and dust clouds), and distant galaxies. While following one of the comets then in the sky, Messier happened across one such object, and at first

thought he might have discovered a new comet; but after the object failed to move after a period of several days, he was forced to conclude that it wasn't one after all.

That incident spurred Messier to begin compiling a catalogue of such objects, in large part to assist himself and other comet-hunters not to waste time with them when they happened across them. Over the next many years Messier compiled several lists of these objects, some being those he came across himself, and others being found by some of his friends or other astronomers.

Together with some objects that later astronomers have determined Messier is known to have observed but didn't include in his published lists, the Messier “catalogue” has 110 objects scattered throughout the sky.

Many of the sky's brightest and most notable objects are in Messier's

catalogue. That initial object that started the whole thing, known as M1, is the Crab Nebula in Taurus, an expanding cloud of gas that resulted from a supernova explosion that was seen from Earth in the year 1054.

The Andromeda Galaxy – the nearest large galaxy to our own Milky Way – is M31 (and its two nearby “companion” galaxies are M32 and M110); the Orion Nebula south of Orion's belt is M42 (with its detached northern component being M43); the Pleiades star cluster in Taurus is M45.

Although the objects in Messier's catalogue are scattered all over the sky – at least, the sky that's visible from Paris' latitude – there are two regions of the sky where several Messier objects are found in close proximity to each other.

One of these is well placed for viewing late on these mid-spring evenings, almost directly overhead in the constellation Virgo; this is the site of a large and nearby (as such things go) “cluster” of galaxies. The other such area is around the center of our galaxy in Sagittarius (now visible in our morning sky, and visible in the evening during the summer months); a large number of star clusters and gas clouds inhabit this area.

It was probably inevitable that a few mistakes would make their way into Messier's catalogue, but although there are some mistakes, they're

relatively few in number. In a handful of cases Messier simply made an error in determining an object's position, and later astronomers have successfully identified the “missing” object with some nearby “real” object. Two of these (M47 and M48) are star clusters currently visible along our western evening Milky Way, and another (M91) – successfully identified just 40 years ago – is one of the galaxies in the Virgo galaxy cluster now high overhead.

One of the sometimes “missing” Messier objects came about when Messier was looking for a nebula that was supposedly located near the Big Dipper's handle. He didn't find anything other than a dim double star, but he nevertheless assigned this as his 40th object.

Another object that has occasionally appeared on the “missing” lists is M73, but Messier himself reported this as a small grouping of four stars close together, and that is indeed what is seen in the position he reported.

Perhaps the most enigmatic “missing” Messier object is M102. This is from a list of three objects this his friend and competitor Pierre Mechain handed to Messier just as he was rushing to get his final list published, and which Messier didn't have time to verify. There is nothing near the location that Mechain specified, and Mechain himself later stated that M102 was nothing more than a duplicate

observation of M101 (a large spiral galaxy located east of the Big Dipper's handle). However, there is some evidence that Mechain (and, later, Messier) might have observed a somewhat smaller and dimmer galaxy located in the nearby constellation of Draco, and some of the published lists of Messier objects include this as M102. Since there is no way to reproduce their observations exactly, the exact identity of M102 will always remain a bit of a mystery.

In any event, because of their brightness and importance the objects in Messier's catalogue make

good observation targets for beginning sky-watchers. There is a delightful irony in the fact that Messier, who considered these objects as nuisances, is nowadays best known for his catalogue of these things, rather than for the comets that he devoted his life to hunting and discovering.

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>

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HISTORY

The escape of Harry Tracy, part 2

Harry Tracy was

doing 20 years in the Oregon State Penitentiary after having been captured following two escape attempts.

Back in Wyoming, he had killed a lawman trying to arrest him. He had reached the peak of his desperation in 1902, when on June 9, he got hold of some weapons that had been smuggled in to him.

As morning roll call began, there were two guards on duty, relaxed and unsuspecting. When Tracy suddenly lunged forward and snatched his rifle from its place of concealment, he fired without the slightest hesitation, killing one of the guards on the spot.

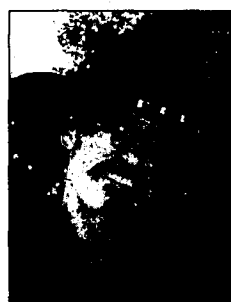
As Tracy levelled the weapon at the other guard, one of the other prisoners tried to stop him and Tracy killed him, too.

Seeing what was happening, the second guard took off like a jackrabbit in one direction and Tracy, in the company of his brother-in-law Dave Merrill, ran the other direction. Merrill had betrayed Tracy and gotten him captured, but the law and Merrill had managed to keep this a secret from Tracy.

Racing to the place at the wall where they had

Past Tense

by Drew Gomber
Historian



previously concealed a ladder, the two desperadoes took two prison employees hostage and used them as shields. A short distance from the prison, Tracy, who was now a killer, dispatched one of the guards, but the other managed to escape. Tracy and Merrill then

vanished.

In their wake, they left utter pandemonium. The other prisoners went directly into riot mode and the remaining guards were kept more than busy. Finally, smashing heads with the butts of their rifles and firing over the prisoners' heads, they were able to bring the prison population back under control. Now, they were able to turn their full attention to Tracy and Merrill.

One of, if not the greatest manhunts in the history of the United States, was about to begin.

Pursuit

After stealing horses and clothing, Tracy and Merrill galloped as fast and as far as they could from the penitentiary. The next morning, June 10, 1902, they forced two men to surrender a buggy. It was the first time that Tracy would use the words that were to become famous in the Pacific Northwest. "I'm Tracy," he said, "we have to take your buggy and we

need it more than you do."

In what would become a pattern, he was polite. Leaving the two startled citizens with their worn-out horses, he called out a cheery "Good morning, gentlemen!"

But the next day found Tracy and Merrill surrounded in a wooded area by nearly a hundred lawmen. They had abandoned the buggy near a place called Gervais, Oregon. Later in the day, the posses were joined by the Oregon National Guard.

Amazingly, the fugitives slipped through without even being spotted.

The next day, the pair appeared at the farm of a man named Akers. When Tracy gave his "I'm Tracy" introduction, Mrs. Akers nearly fainted dead away. She expected to be killed by the outlaws. "Don't worry ma'am," the polite killer informed her, "women are always safe with me." And they were, too. He even left a few dollars for the food they consumed and took.

On June 14, they forced another farmer's wife to feed them. Then, mounted on stolen horses, the pair headed for the Columbia River. Arriving at its banks, the outlaws discovered an older rancher who was tending a small boat. When Tracy asked who owned the boat, the fellow replied, "Mr. Holtgrieve." Tracy then inquired if the man knew how to run the thing, and added almost playfully, "Know who I am?" The

man nodded and Tracy had him take them to Mr. Holtgrieve.

Holtgrieve took them across the river, reminiscing later that "Tracy was laughing and shouting out jokes in a jovial mood."

"No unnecessary killing"

At one point, Merrill told Holtgrieve how Tracy had stopped him from killing one of the local lawmen. "I had him in my sights" said Merrill, "and Tracy wouldn't let me kill him." Tracy said, "Why kill a man when you don't have to Dave? I never have yet and never will. Only Ferrell (the dead guard at the prison) – and he had it coming to him."

When they reached the Washington side of the river, Tracy apologized to Holtgrieve for the inconvenience. Then, he and Merrill vanished once again.

Their next "acquaintance" was a farmer named Peedy. They took his horse, but not before Tracy assured him that "When we are finished with your horse, I'll pin your name on the saddle with a bill. Somebody will return it to you." He was wrong about part of it – no one found the horse, it returned on its own. Pinned to the saddle was a \$5 bill.

Near Vancouver, Tracy and Merrill were cornered by a posse. Tracy charged them with his deadly rifle, firing as rapidly as he could.

The posse consisted of local farmers and townsmen out for a lark more than anything else. None of them were interested in this sort of combat, and they dispersed. The two outlaws escaped clean.

On the outskirts of Castle Rock, the two desperadoes had another farm woman feed them. While she cooked, Tracy read the paper. In it was an account of Merrill's betrayal.

According to the woman, Tracy never said a word, just quietly put the paper down. He then paid her for the food and, apologizing for his appearance, he and Merrill vanished into the woods.

On the morning of July 2, Tracy appeared on the banks of Puget Sound. He was alone. Somewhere between the farmhouse where he discovered Merrill's treachery and the Sound, Tracy had killed his traitorous partner. No body was ever discovered.

At this point, the outlaw commandeered one of the largest launches in the area and, taking half a dozen sailors hostage, he embarked on what would become his famous journey across Puget Sound.

To say the sailors were nervous would be gross understatement, but their fear was for naught. In fact, when Tracy finally left them he was thankful and expressed regret about having to tie them up.

One of the hostages was a 15-year-old boy with a sore wrist. Instead of binding him by the wrists

as he had the others, Tracy carefully tied the youth by his elbows. He even promised to send them money when he could. "You fellows have acted pretty decent by me," he said. Then, as he walked off, he added casually, "Well, so long." They never saw him again.

On July 3, near a town called Bothell, Tracy ambushed a posse that got too close. Deputy Sheriff L.J. Nelson was grazed in the face, tumbled into a ditch, and survived. The same could not be said of another deputy named Raymond who was dead when he hit the ground. A third, Jack Williams, took three rounds in the stomach, but ultimately survived. He was one of the few lawmen to confront Harry Tracy who lived to tell the tale.

Next: The manhunt continues

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ADVENTURE

Crinolines and Confederate gray, part 2

Southern charm in Charleston

Departing from our customary outdoor adventure, this two-part series explores the Old South's traditions and history.

FOLLOW ME TO CHARLESTON!

Clip, clop, clip, clop. The dapple gray Percheron's hooves measured a slow, steady rhythm as the open carriage trundled down Charleston's quiet streets.

Afternoon sun slowly disappeared behind large frame houses painted pastel colors with white trim around windows, doors, porches and picket fences. Gaslights glowed as darkness deepened.

I settled back in the carriage's worn leather seat, its springs squeaking slightly. The Percheron blew through its nostrils. I closed my eyes. Charlestonian Rhett Butler sat beside me, an unlit cheroot between his lips.

Briiinnngg. Someone's ubiquitous cell phone rang. I opened my eyes.

Rhett had vanished.

WHO FIRED THE FIRST SHOT?

Earlier that afternoon, I had left the Fort Sumter Visitors Center in Liberty Square and walked a few blocks to Charleston's historic area, stopping for a non-historic cappuccino in a tiny coffee and pastry shop, one of several new businesses refurbishing the area.

Always looking for inexpensive sightseeing, I then hopped a City Bus (\$1.75) to The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, for a free tour of their campus and museum.

Formed in 1862, The Citadel prides itself on the accomplishments of its Corps of Cadets and alumni. Nevertheless, it came as a surprise to discover that

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The Citadel claims firing the first shot that began the War Between the States.

According to the original telegram on display in the museum, on Jan. 9, 1861 – a full four months before the firing upon nearby Fort Sumter (see "Follow Me!" April 10) – a Citadel unit fired two large cannons from their Morris Island station at

the U.S. steamer, the *Star of the West*, preventing it from reaching Fort Sumter with troops and supplies for Major Robert Anderson and his isolated contingent.

"Citadel supporters consider this action to be the 'first shot fired' in the American Civil War," read the museum display. (Most Civil War historians, however, consider the "first shot" to be a mortar fired on Fort Sumter from Fort Johnson on April 12, 1861.)

S. N. O. B

Many of Charleston's historic sidewalks are uneven slate slabs, so rather than risk a trip and fall, I opted to tour in a 16-passenger fringe-topped horse carriage driven by Philip and Winston, his 7-

year-old Percheron.

"My ancestors were French Huguenots from before the Revolutionary War," Philip began as we clip-clopped down Church Street. "Charleston from the beginning was known for its religious tolerance. We have so many church steeples in our skyline that Charleston's nickname is The Holy City!"

Past St. Philip's Episcopal Church, built in 1680, the Old Powder Magazine of 1713 and the city's the oldest cemetery, we crossed Broad Street into a neighborhood of historic multi-story houses surrounded by white balustrades, impossibly green lawns, live oak trees draped with Spanish moss, neatly trimmed palmetto trees and colorful flowers that bloomed in neat beds or peeked from lace-curtained windows.

"Antebellum cotton plantation owners built mansions along the Ashley River as summer homes to

escape inland heat," Philip pointed out.

"Ever wonder where the term 'snob' came from?" he posed. "Since Charleston's 'better' neighborhood was slightly north of Broad Street, the initials for that location, SNÖB, became slang for high-falutin' rich folk!"

Did Rhett Butler consider himself a "snob," I mused as Philip and Winston turned into King Street, replete with boutiques, restaurants, antique and art galleries.

CRAB CAKES AND TWILIGHT

Giving Winston a farewell pat on his immense nose, I searched for an appropriate supper venue. Charleston's lively night scene guarantees a large selection of eateries and its safe streets pose no problem for a small female pedestrian.

In minutes I was ensconced in a corner of an open-air restaurant,

chilled white wine in hand and contemplating how many crispy crab cakes would leave room for a lime cheesecake.

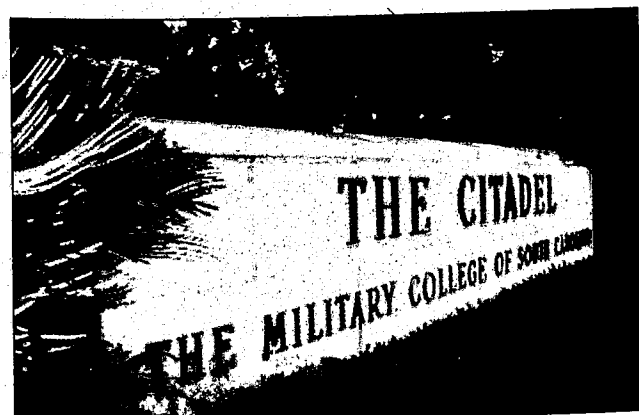
My adventures at Fort Sumter, The Citadel and historic Charleston had indeed brought me closer to the spirit of my Southern ancestors but had also left me curious for more.

The War Between the States saw the first naval battle between ironclad warships. Whatever happened to the Monitor and the Merrimac?

Someday I will find out.

Next time: It's Mother's Day. Let's take Mom whitewater rafting on the Zambezi!

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