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Ethan Romero and sister Skyler check out their poles before Saturday's annual Fishing Daze event at Grindstone Reservoir.

Fishing Daze hooks bait

The annual celebration of fishing at Grindstone Reservoir in Ruidoso is set for Saturday, and is a great opportunity for children to learn about angling and share the experience with their parents.

No license is required, because June 6 is National Fishing Day and the New Mexico Game Commission is granting all anglers, residents and nonresidents, a day of free fishing on public waters statewide. On the special day, no one needs a license or habitat stamp, although all other fishing rules apply.

The Annual Fishing Daze event in Ruidoso is aimed at children and is sponsored by the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department and the United States Forest Service, Wildlife and Fisheries Department. They invite children 12 and under to stop by from 9 a.m. to noon at Grindstone Lake.

The event is free and will include friendly competitions divided by age groups for prizes. The lake is stocked with rainbow trout.

Children should bring

their own fishing pole, bait and sunscreen. Canoe rides, lectures, and refreshments will be provided. Smokey Bear also will greet participants.

Call the Parks & Recreation Department for more information at 257-5030.

Statewide, at least 160 volunteers and more than 30 department staff members will be at clinics to provide fishing instruction and information about New Mexico's fish and fish habitat. Although all ages can benefit, young anglers will learn the basics about how to bait hooks, tie knots, catch fish and the correct way to release fish.

They'll also learn how to be responsible anglers and how to get the most out of the Game Department's Fishing Rules and Information Booklet.

In Las Cruces, the clinic is from 8 a.m. to noon, at Alumni Pond; in Roswell, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., at a portable pool for catfish at Wal-Mart Super Center.

For more information about the clinics, contact Kevin Holladay at 505-476-8095.

—Dianne Stallings

Village on notice for UC

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Court wants officials to explain stance on alternate escape route

Ruidoso village officials were ordered to justify why they have not planned for and constructed an alternate escape route for Upper Canyon.

Fifth Judicial District Judge Charles Currier signed an alternate writ of mandamus May 28, giving village officials until June 22, to appear and show cause in court, "why (the village) has not taken the necessary steps to meet its statutory duty to provide fire protection to the citizens of Upper Canyon in Ruidoso, New Mexico, by planning for and constructing

an alternate escape route..."

The writ does not direct village officials to construct a route; it allows them to show why they should not have to create an alternate escape route.

Members of the Upper Canyon Coalition, and Ernest Powell, William Barlett, Robert Ruhl and James Roff authorized attorney J. Robert Beauvais in April to file a petition for an alternate writ of mandamus naming the village of

Ruidoso, the mayor and village council as defendants.

Mandamus is a judicial remedy in the form of an order from a court to any government, subordinate court, corporation or public authority to perform mandatory or ministerial duties correctly.

The petition contended the village has a statutory and nondiscretionary duty to protect the life and property of people living and visiting in Upper Canyon from cata-

strophic disasters, including wild-fire. The petition stated that village officials ranked a plan for and construction of an alternate fire escape route for Upper Canyon as one of their highest priorities.

"The verified petition alleges the village requested and received a state appropriation to plan and construct an alternate fire escape route," the writ states. "Rather than following the legislative mandate, (the village) used some or all of the money to make improvements to bridges and made no further efforts to complete an alternate emergency means of ingress

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Planners want more input on amended uses

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Changing permitted uses in designated commercial zones must be justified before Ruidoso's zoning ordinance can be amended, the village attorney advised during a planning and zoning workshop Tuesday.

Zoning commissioners told Village Attorney Dan Bryant they want to recommend amendments to the land use ordinance to the village council that would ensure when the use of a site changes, a new plan is submitted for commission review.

They want authority to

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Supreme Court rules against Lincoln Co. man

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J. Tyrone Riordan had levelled threats against District Judge Karen Parsons

The state Supreme Court has ruled that 12th Judicial District Judge Karen Parsons will continue to hear three felony cases against a Lincoln County man after he threatened to harm the judge.

J. Tyrone Riordan, 25, through his attorneys Gary Mitchell and Mandy Wal-drop Denson, had argued in an interlocutory appeal that Parsons should recuse herself to avoid any appearance of impropriety.

In an opinion from the state Supreme Court filed May 21, the appeal was denied.

Riordan has charges pending against him in three cases assigned to Judge Parsons. The first

case, filed on May 18, 2007, he was charged with capital murder, tampering with evidence and conspiracy to commit tampering with evidence. Riordan was allegedly one of three that participated in the August 2006 murder of Johnathan Lopez, 20, of Ruidoso.

In the second case, filed on June 29, 2007, Riordan was charged with five counts of criminal sexual penetration and five counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The third case, filed on Nov. 30, 2007, he was charged with escape from jail.

While these cases were pending, on June 26, 2008, Riordan was charged with conspiring to commit an

assault with a deadly weapon on Judge Parsons. When the case was filed, all the judges in the 12th Judicial District, including Parsons, recused themselves from hearing the case and an out-of-district judge was assigned.

When Parsons recused herself from the case involving threats against her, Riordan then filed a motion in the trial court requesting that Judge Parsons recuse herself from his other three pending cases.

Parsons denied the motion but certified the appeal to the New Mexico Supreme Court for them to decide if her status as an alleged victim in the con-

spiracy would require her to recuse herself.

The Supreme Court justices rejected the argument saying there must be a showing of abuse of discretion and that the law is clear that a defendant in a criminal case cannot drive a state trial judge off the bench by threatening him or her.

Riordan added to his list of charges in November 2008 when he again escaped from prison guards while being taken to the Lincoln County Medical Center. He fled the area on foot but was back in custody within two hours.

In February, Riordan was sent to Las Vegas to the New Mexico Behavioral Health Institute for evaluation. A competency hearing is scheduled for him in Alamogordo on June 11.

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The 2008-09 Leadership Lincoln class graduated on May 21 at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino. The class was photographed at the orientation session at Bonita Park Conference Center, Sept. 11, 2008. Leaders from Lincoln County and Mescalero Apache Reservation participated in the seventh year of this program. Standing left to right in the front row are Catherine Perez, Yvonne Lucero, Susan Phillips, Dusty Romero, Pat Pillar, Susan Finch, Veralyn Mendez and Alta Branham. Back row, from left to right, are Dennis Dunnun, Adam Mendonca, Randall Camp, Sandi Aguilar, Mark Ovrick, Randy Hutchenson, Marty Davenport and Robyn Simmons.

Adam Mendonca, Mark Ovrick and Dusty Romero from Ruidoso; Marty Davenport and Randall Camp from Alto; Catherine Perez from Corona; and Veralyn Mendez, Alta Branham and Robyn Simmons from Mescalero.

Applications for the eighth class are being accepted until June 15 and can be picked up from any Leadership Lincoln Board Member, Southwest Securities, FSB, Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, The Title Company or the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Prospective students can have an application either hand-delivered, faxed or emailed to them by contacting Rich Lurix at 336-1530 or via email at rich.sharon@windstream.net. The Leadership Lincoln student class will be selected during July 2009 and sessions will begin on the second Thursday every month from September 2009 through May 2010.

The first Leadership Lincoln class started in 2001. Leadership Lincoln is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to identifying, enlightening, encouraging and retaining emerging leaders of diverse backgrounds, occupations and cultures for the purpose of enhancing the quality of leadership in our region.

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The Knights of Columbus, Council #6597, awarded 2009 scholarships on May 26. The awards of

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Ruidoso School Board President Susan Lutterman was the keynote speaker for the graduating ceremony.

"You walked in here as 2009 graduates of Leadership Lincoln and tonight you will leave as lifelong alumni members ready to contribute to this program," Lutterman said.

Lutterman spoke about leadership traits and qualities, building trust and creating positive environments.

"The book *No Complaining Rule* by Jon Gordon truly inspired me to a different level of leadership attitude. Too many negative interactions compared to positive interactions can decrease the productivity of a team," Lutterman said.

"Will you stay positive in

the face of your doubts, fears and challenges?"

Lutterman finished her keynote address encouraging the graduates to volunteer with Leadership Lincoln and other opportunities.

"There's nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer," she said.

Leadership Lincoln Board Chairman Rich Lurix was pleased with the graduates' completion of the program.

"I am routinely amazed with how this class embraced each session with a genuine desire to seek more information," he said.

"It has been a very rewarding year from start to finish and I am thoroughly proud of everyone's commitment and dedication," he added.

Graduating students received a copy of the international best-selling book, *The Energy Bus* by Jon Gordon as well as a framed certificate for completing the course. The book focuses on 10 rules to fuel your life, work and team with positive energy.

The graduating students are: Yvonne Lucero and Dennis Dunnun from Carrizozo; Susan Finch, Sandi Aguilar, Randy Hutchinson, Pat Pillar,

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Larissa Tetreault, left, and Victoria Ramirez, right receive scholarship certificates from Chris Furphy, Knights of Columbus.

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Members of Altrusa Club of Ruidoso last week presented a \$500 donation to Emily Parker, shelter manager for the Lincoln County Humane Society. From left, are Sue Ludwig of Altrusa, Parker and Judy Griffin of Altrusa. In front, is Tyson, an 11-year-old Border Collie, who is a shelter resident looking for a home. He's very spry for his age and although he's always lived outside, is fully housebroken. He loves children and dogs and is good around livestock. For more information about Tyson or other pets at the shelter, call 257-9841. Altrusa Club of Ruidoso is part of an international service organization specializing in community needs, including health and literacy. Locally, the club is known for providing low-cost mammograms every October in partnership with Lincoln County Medical Center. Call Membership Chair Deb Sturtevant at 336-1486 for more information about Altrusa.



Dianne Stallings of the Ruidoso News is presented Thursday with the June Champion of Service Award by Sally Burkstaller, Beth Porter and the Ruidoso Valley Greeters. Stallings, who has been with the *Ruidoso News* since 1991, was honored for her "uncommon ability to tell all sides of the story" and her "desire to cover the hometown (or county) with a passion that cannot be measured." On the wall behind the women is one Stallings' numerous awards given by the New Mexico Press Association.

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\$500 each were based on overall GPA, school and social activities and church activities.

Larissa Tetreault has been involved with volleyball and a member of the national honor society, SADD and Who's Who among American high school students. She is a volunteer at the Humane Society and has volunteered with the local Right to Life chapter.

Tetreault will attend New Mexico State University-Las Cruces this fall and plans to enter the R.O.T.C. program and study nursing.

Victoria Ramirez was on the varsity volleyball team and was a member of the Poetry Club and National Honor Society. She has been in the St. Eleanor Youth Choir, has helped deliver Thanksgiving baskets and assists with Knights of Columbus activities.

Ramirez will attend

Western New Mexico University-Silver City this fall and plans to study primary bilingual education.

Fog Sealing

Lincoln County and the Village of Ruidoso will

cooperate in "fog sealing" with fresh oil the entire length of Gavilan Canyon Road from 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday.

Fog sealing will seal the cracks in the road and add three to four years to the life of the road, County Manager Tom Stewart said. Restriping of the road will occur shortly after the fog seal, which dries in less than an hour.

Motorists should expect delays because of lane closures.

Gamblers Anon

Meetings of Gamblers Anonymous are set for 7:15 p.m., Thursdays, at the Mescalero Reformed Church, 336 Wardlaw Dr. in Mescalero.

For more information, contact Mike at 575-682-6200 or 575-464-7106.

Prescribed fire

The Socorro Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management, in cooperation with the New Mexico State Land Office and White Sands Missile Range, is planning to ignite a prescribed burn about 25 miles northwest of Carrizozo and seven miles east of Bingham on Monday, weather permitting.

The Upper Taylor burn will consist of approximate-

ly 2,500 acres of grass and piñon/juniper woodlands, plus limbs and branches that were trimmed from trees in the area during a recent thinning project.

The objectives are to reduce the cut vegetation, maintain traditional grasslands and improve wildlife habitat.

Aerial and ground ignition operations are expected to take two to three days. Smoke may be visible in nearby communities and ranches for up to a week after ignition due to burning stumps and logs. Smoke is not expected to impact Highway 380, but

variations in wind direction may result in brief periods of reduced visibility. Motorists are advised to use caution when driving through the area.

Firefighters will monitor the burn daily until no smoke is visible.

Correction

An incorrect headline in Wednesday's newspaper stated Gavin Gilson was arrested for drug dealing. He was arrested for drug possession and being a minor in possession of alcohol. The *Ruidoso News* regrets the error.

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Fire danger is down, winds are up

Drier conditions expected next few days

The fire danger in the Lincoln National Forest has been dropped from Very High to just plain High.

That's a good sign, considering the change was due to one unseasonably wet week throughout Lincoln County at the end of May. An inch of moisture was enough to lower the danger and buy time until the monsoon season arrives.

Fire restrictions in the forest, meanwhile, have been rolled back to allow a few simple pleasures such as campfires.

Despite the encouraging developments, a caution is in order: The string of days bringing a chance of afternoon showers is passing, to be replaced by drier, slightly warmer – and windier – conditions.

Although they won't be ferocious, Friday's winds are expected to pick up steadily throughout the day, reaching the 20 mph range. The weekend is to be windy, as well.

So, to borrow an advertising phrase, please recreate responsibly.

Prying information from officials often takes a crowbar

When my children were young, one lecture was that problems had two pieces – the situation and communication about the situation. It was always best, the lecture continued, to fess up to the problem, take whatever heat was involved and go about life. Manipulating the communication – lying, fudging or covering up – always led to even more trouble.

The cover-up is a greater sin than the original sin. Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton are the experts.

For journalists, information is the bread and butter of the business. Information denied, manipulated or stonewalled gets the blood flowing.

Recently I have had mixed results around the state in the communication about some basic information.

From Las Cruces, I sought summary facts about the planned convention center. That Las Cruces was moving forward with the facility, economic downturn notwithstanding, was the premise of my story for *Capitol Report New Mexico*. I needed a few basics – size, cost, location. Any sensible organization would have such facts on a summary sheet, perhaps as a page on the city's Web site. Las Cruces did not.

About the same time, I sought to follow up on a spending cut report about the Town of Taos. Two messages, one delivered in Taos, drew no response. Municipal offices were being moved and things were disrupted was the explanation from my Taos friend who delivered the request. And, after all, it's Taos, my friend said.

By contrast and to Taos' credit, a few days ago a town staffer happily provided background information about using the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge to film a scene from *Terminator Salvation*.

The critical piece of data about the filming – traffic volume on U.S. 64 in the bridge vicinity – has proven more difficult. An email request to the Department of Transportation public information director has been ignored. I could not find traffic counts on DOT's web site.

Finally, metro Albuquerque's wizard of traffic counts gave me the name of the DOT traffic-count guru. He is happy to provide the data, but required an email request.

The traffic count quest is because I'm curious about how many lives were disrupted by filming on the bridge. More than 10,000, I suspect, based on some old traffic figures.

In Albuquerque, the administration of Mayor Martin Chavez seems to have a policy of simply ignoring information requests.

Recently, I remembered Chavez's grand scheme to build a broadband network throughout the city. What was the status, I wondered. So I started calling Chavez's alleged public information officer, Deborah

James. A bunch of calls and emails drew one response from James, who promised to get the information. She didn't, of course, and eventually I found another source. The scheme had been dropped, quietly.

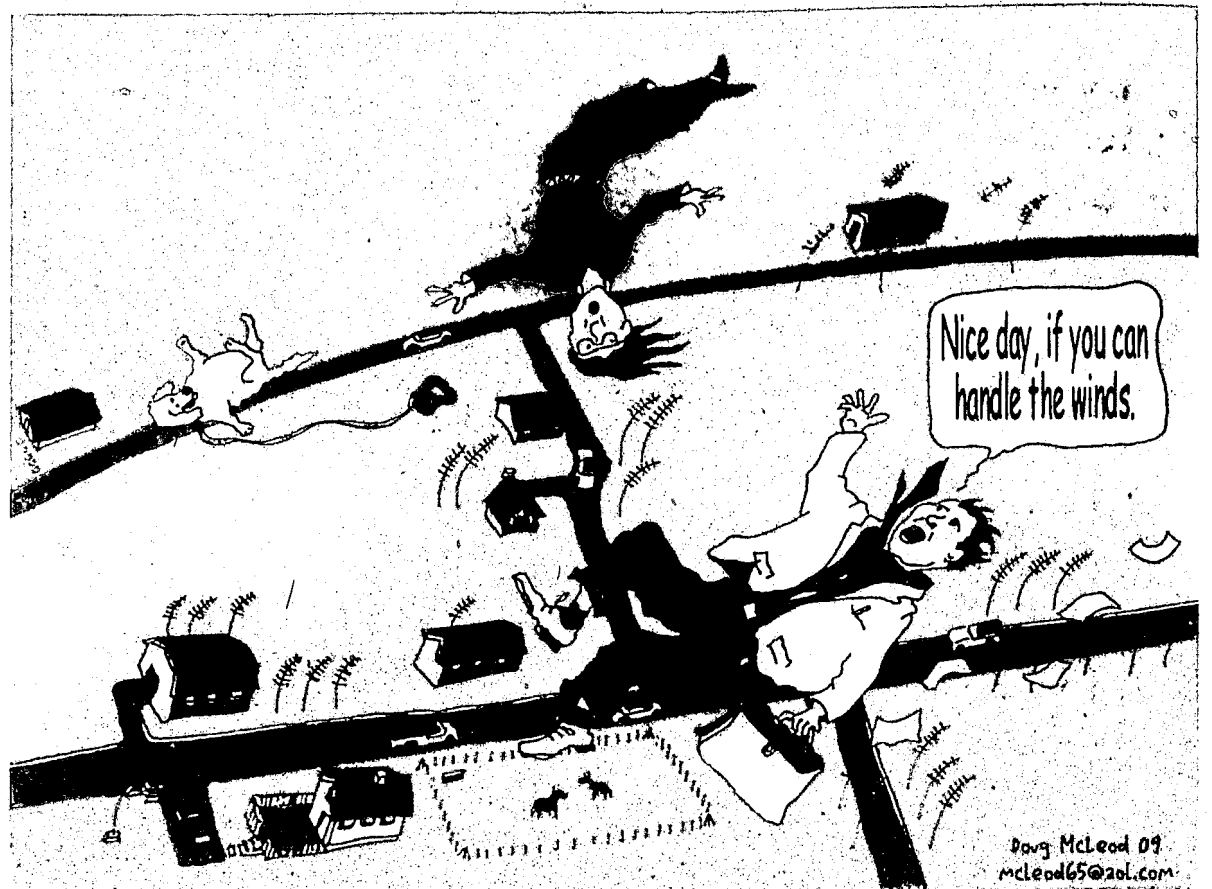
Albuquerque's development department is busy ignoring my request for information about traffic obstructions in the middle of city streets.

Organizations such as the Legislative Finance Committee like information. Two bills passed during the recent legislative session sought more public reporting of Medicaid cost data. Medicaid will spend around \$3.7 billion during the next fiscal year, including about \$800 million in state money. House bills 130 and 544 wanted enrollment and budget data, including enrollee retention and denial rates, says the LFC's 2009 Post-Session Review. SB 531 would have expanded the LFC's authority to look at certain confidential information.

All three got a pocket veto from Gov. Bill Richardson, meaning he ignored them until the signing period ended. The pocket veto turns out to be a popular, though strangely passive approach from our vigorous, aggressive governor, says the *Santa Fe Reporter*.

Check with my kids or Nixon or Clinton. Meddling with communications will catch up to you.

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YOUR

Triathlon goes the extra mile

To the editor:

ON SATURDAY, May 30, 141 athletes took part in the third annual Ruidoso Sprint Triathlon, benefitting the Ruidoso High Altitude Aquatics. The event was held on a gorgeous day, starting at Wingfield Park and finishing at the Ruidoso Athletic Club plaza.

We would like to give credit and thanks to all the local organizations, sponsors, volunteers and athletes who supported this event. Corporate & individual sponsors: New Balance, White Mountain Outdoor Store & Cyclery, Hammer Nutrition, Billy the Kid Casino & Race Track, White Mountain Pottery & Gallery, The Animal Clinic, Holiday Inn Express, Ruidoso Office Supply & Hallmark, Jon Ogden Chiropractor, Ecoser-

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Recreation Commission, Emergency Services of Lincoln County Medical Center, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Boy Scout troop #59.

Last but not least, we would like to thank all the athletes, with a special mention for Senator Rod Adair. We hope that you will be our ambassadors to promote the Ruidoso Sprint Triathlon and Ruidoso as a new destination in New Mexico for outdoor sports. If we have missed anyone who helped, please accept our apology now and know that without your help, this wonderful event would not have been possible.

See you next year on Saturday, May 29, 2010.

Frederic Moras
Race Director

Ruidoso Sprint Triathlon

It's rocking in White Oaks

You know it's almost summer when it hits you, just as you're about to go off to bed, that you had just spent the last two and a half hours watching a bunch of 12 year olds, most of them with beards, try to spell words that are hardly ever used in sentences in New Mexico.

"Could you use 'guayabera' in a sentence, please," the prime-time Scripts Spelling Bee contestant would ask.

"A guayabera is a short-sleeved white shirt-smock thing that dentists wear at the office, an Hawaiian shirt without flowers," spelling bee pronouncer Jacques Bailly would respond.

I swear, Jacques is the same guy that does the dog bios for the Westminster Dog Show, another highlight of my television-watching year.

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It's called Gunfire Disorder Syndrome and it happens every spring, mostly to guys, who find themselves suddenly cut off from daily doses of television shows that think 13 episodes a year makes.

If your Gunfire Disorder Syndrome lasts for more than four hours, hunker down and try to make it until Sunday's

NASCAR race.

* * *

I came home to White Oaks the other day to find that my wife had actually driven 100 miles round trip and brought home a fake rock. Not only had she brought home a fake rock, she paid money for it.

I know because I tripped over it and it moved.

Now, White Oaks, New Mexico, probably has more rocks per capita than just about any place in the rock-populated world. I believe that there's a law in Lincoln County about importing fake rocks when so many local rocks are basically unemployed.

Not only that, but most rocks in White Oaks are up for grabs. The Rock Police seldom patrol here.

"You bought a fake rock?" I asked.

"Yes. Yes, I did."

"It's quite lovely." (Rule No. 8 in the "How to Stay Married" book is "Never start a fight over fake rocks.")

"I thought so."

"Why did you buy a fake rock when there seem to be so many real rocks around?" (Guys, please go to school on this question. I did not say, "What the hell did you buy a fake rock for?")

"The real rocks were too heavy."

I thought to myself that that was kind of what made a rock a rock, but then in a brief moment of introspection quickly repressed, I realized that I was not ful-

filling my responsibilities as a loving husband and provider.

While I was out foraging, hunting and gathering, I had failed to meet my wife's need for rocks. She had turned elsewhere to get her rocks.

A strong pre-storm wind came through the other night and blew it away.

Somewhere down the valley neighbors were sitting on the porch watching TV. One turned to the other and asked, "Was that a rock that just blew by?"

"Don't know. How do you spell 'guayabera'?"

* * *

Okay. I have a Facebook page. I feel like the lone widower in a retirement community. So many casseroles on my stoop; so little appetite for "social networking."

There seem to be a lot of older people starting to use it primarily because their kids are making them. It's sort of the next generation technology of the Instant Message (IM) but to a whole lot of people. It's a gabfest. Despite Facebook's contention that it's equally male-female, it sure does seem to me that it's a chick media. If a guy has something on his mind it usually takes a six-pack of Bud to get it out.

I'm trying to adapt. I'm trying to care about your first thoughts in the morning when you get up.

I'm trying to care about knowing what you had for breakfast.

I'm trying to appreciate the "smiley hug."

But, "What's on my mind?"

"Have you seen my wife's fake rock?"

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YOUR OPINION

Seniors rely on Downs center

To the editor:

AS A VOLUNTEER for the past 12 years and participant at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center, I would like to express my frustration with the City of Ruidoso Downs.

The cost-cutting effort initialed at their last council meeting appears unnecessary since they state that the city is in "good" financial shape. The residents of Ruidoso Downs and participants at the center were assured that funding would not be cut and that the center would continue as it had before.

The seniors who receive Meals on Wheels would not be able to continue living in their homes without the meals program. For some, this is their only balanced meal each day as well as their only contact with someone from outside their home.

Many of our older population living here have no relatives in the area and the contact with our program is their daily lifeline. Those who attend meals and programs at the center enjoy the ability to socialize. For some this is vital to their continued mental well being.

Both Councilor Dean Holman and Councilor Rene Olivo need to consider the consequences of their actions. They are affecting the ability of the program to serve those most vulnerable.

We can only hope that in the light of this decision the county will continue their support. They have always taken the program seriously and showed great compassion to the senior residents of Lincoln County.

This program is an integral part of the fabric of our communities.

Eva W. Chesbro
Ruidoso

attacking his animal, so he had resort to lethal force.

The ones that I do hold responsible are his neighbors, especially one in particular, that decided to feed this bear and had been doing so for some time, I believe, for over a year, and were now feeding her two young cubs as well.

I am having a hard time understanding why this had to happen. Everybody enjoys seeing the bears, it is a unique treat. In spite of this, we see all over town signs that state DO NOT FEED THE BEARS.

I wonder, did these people think that it must be there for the vacationers that might not know better? No, it is for the ones that live here locally that think it is entertaining to have the bears come visit and encourage this with food so they can tell their friends, how great it is to live in the mountains. So much so, we have bears in our own backyard.

However, do you fail to mention that you are leaving them dog food, watermelon and peanut butter sandwiches out and have been for sometime? Probably not, and that is why I hold you responsible for this particular bear's death, and that her two very young cubs are now orphans and are having to be taken to the Española bear refugee habitat.

So I hope that with the money you will be saving by no longer buying them dog food, watermelon, extra bread and peanut butter sandwiches, for this particular bear and her cubs, that you will now do the responsible thing and send that money to help with the care of these two young orphan cubs.

Basically, it is my personal opinion that you pulled that trigger months ago.

Deanie Beavers
Ruidoso Downs

Account for Eric

To the editor:

ERIC LOFLIN is a 10-year-old-boy who is going through heart problems. When he was 7 months old, he was diagnosed with Cardiomyopathy, which is a virus that attacks the heart and causes it to

become enlarged.

At that time, doctors treated Eric with medication for three months to try and get his heart back to the normal size. Without any success, he and his mother were flown to Denver. He was placed on the heart transplant list, and finally got a heart on June 12, 1999, at the age of 11 months.

Thankfully, it was successful and his body accepted the new heart.

Eric had gone nine years without any problems until Nov. 23, 2008, when his body started to reject the heart. He had to stay in Denver again for three months at the children's hospital, where he was treated twice for heart rejection.

His doctor felt it was safe enough for Eric to return home and follow up with a cardiologist in Albuquerque once a week.

To our dismay, he was back in Denver a month later, having to get treated for the third time, on April 23, 2009.

At this time, Eric is at home on medication and going to weekly appointments in Albuquerque, awaiting another heart catheter in June.

The doctors are doing all they can to save Eric's heart but if the heart treatments have no positive effect, he will be put back on the transplant list.

Tanya, his mother, is a single parent having to go through emotional and financial hardships. Family and friends have set up a fundraising event that will help with medical and financial expenses.

There will be a fundraising event on June 20 in the form of a concert at the Roswell Amphitheater.

We are also looking for donated items that we can raffle at this event.

To get information about this event or to donate, please contact Jerry at 575-258-9405. There is also an account for donation at Otero Federal Credit Union for Eric Loflin, Account #16876150.

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Don't feed bears

To the editor:

THERE WAS A mother bear shot and killed this weekend in Ruidoso Downs.

Now, the man that had to shoot the bear I do not hold responsible for killing the bear. In fact, he first shot the bear with a rubber bullet, and unfortunately that did not stop her from

BUSINESS

The nurse will see you now

By HAROLD OAKES
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Her business is kids. "I have been a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner for 10 years," Pediatric Certified Nurse Practitioner Jeanne Monske said. "I have been a nurse for 43 years."

Monske works with Doctor Arlene Brown at Ruidoso Family Medical Group. As a Certified Nurse Practitioner, Monske could set up her own practice, just like a doctor.

"For things that are more complex I like having Doctor Brown there to consult with," she said.

Monske said she enjoys being a Certified Nurse Practitioner.

"We have more time to spend with patients and more time to teach," she said. "I spend a lot of time teaching parents and kids how to treat illnesses and how to prevent illnesses."

Monske knows Ruidoso kids. She returned to Ruidoso Family Medical Group in September 2008 after three years in Alamogordo. Prior to that

she had practiced pediatric medicine in Ruidoso from 1998 until 2005.

"I missed this clinic," she said. "The people here are so nice."

Monske commutes from Alamogordo daily to see patients from newborn to 21 years old.

"I have been around long enough to see patients that are grown and out working in the community," Monske said. "I really enjoy running into them."

Monske said summer could mean burns and bites, unless you take precautions.

"I think the most important thing for parents and kids to remember is sunblock and insect repellent," Monske said. "Teenagers need to understand that they have a much higher risk for skin cancer if they don't use sunblock."

She also said that summer is a good time to schedule those sports physicals the kids will need when school starts again.



Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Jeanne Monske sees patients ages birth to 21 at Ruidoso Family Practice Clinic.

Chic Boutique ribbon cutting at new Sudderth location



The Ruidoso Valley Greeters joined Regina Stokes for a Ribbon Cutting Thursday at Chic Boutique, now located at 2825 Sudderth #J, behind Sacred Grounds. You will find sassy, sophisticated and sweet clothing in Missy to Plus sizes. Chic Boutique opened up about a year ago in the Holiday Inn Express on Highway 70.

Humane Society opens new ReModel Shop

The Humane Society announces the opening of a new enterprise called the ReModel Shop, located at 2028 Hwy 70 in Ruidoso Downs.

The ReModel Shop is a retail outlet selling quality used and surplus building materials and supplies which have been donated by contractors, demolition crews or individuals. In addition to raising funds for the Humane Society's daily operations, The ReModel Shop helps the environment by re-channeling good, usable materials into use. Hours of operation are Thursday,

Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If you or your company have materials to donate to the ReModel Shop, contact them at 378-1040. The Humane Society is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, so donations are tax deductible.

The Humane Society's ReSale Shop at 147 Hwy. 70 is busier than ever, so drop in and pay a visit to one or both of the Humane Society's stores to support the Humane Society's efforts to find loving homes for the homeless dogs and cats of Lincoln County.

Governor Richardson shops Ruidoso



New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson takes time to pose with Laura Lindsey, left, Rose Budser, Coleen Widner, and Gloria Magana at Visions Inc. Apparel shop on Sudderth Drive during a May 30 visit to Ruidoso. Richardson bought some shirts and told the staff that he loved the store.

Comedy adventure film to be shot in New Mexico

SANTA FE-Governor Bill Richardson today announced that the Universal Pictures and Working Title Films comedy adventure, *Paul*, starring Simon Pegg and Nick Frost will shoot in New Mexico.

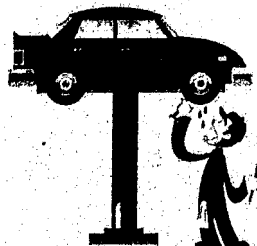
The production will film in and around Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Moriarty, Madrid, Galisteo, Pecos, Las Vegas, Chimayo and Taos from June 8 through mid-August and plans to hire at least 120 local crew members and over 500 actors, including principals and background tal-

ent. "I am pleased that the makers of *Paul* have chosen to film the comedy here in New Mexico," Governor Richardson said. "Not only will the production create work for hundreds of locals, but it will be an economic boost to the communities where filming will take place."

Greg Mottola will direct. Working Title partners Eric Fellner and Tim Bevan will produce with Nira Park of Big Talk Productions. Liza Chasin, Debra Hayward and Robert Graf serve as executive producers.

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"In-home daycare is highly limited by the state," Van Gulick said. "There is not a great reason why it couldn't be a permitted use in residential zones, but to get a permit, it takes one or two months to go through

Decker told commissioners his research about landscaping to soften the impact of a used-car dealership that took over a former dress shop and lot on Sudderth Drive near midtown showed the original site plan approved for the shop listed a wooded area.

The owner of B&M Automotive and Davis told commissioners they work together to try to keep the number of cars parked outside the business within the 18 spaces allowed in the site development plan. But sometimes cars break down over the weekend and are left at the business or it takes two weeks to find a part for older cars, the owner said. Davis said the owner, on occasion, has towed some vehicles to his own property to help out and reduce the visual

"When McDonald's was built, they were made to

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- approved a variance for Don and Nancy Ford to build a double carport in front of their home in Innsbrook Village.

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Stewart enters 12th year as county manager

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With Lincoln County Commission approval of his contract, County Manager Tom Stewart entered his 12th year last month directing county operations.

For now, his salary will remain at \$100,000 annually, a figure approved by commissioners in May 2008. But if wages are increased later in the 2009-2010 fiscal year, commissioners said they will include Stewart's salary.

The only change requested by Stewart was for commissioners to allow him to carry over 10 vacation days.

"I'm concerned about the vacation he never takes," Commission Chairman Tom Battin said. Stewart already has 15 unused vacation days carried forward, plus some sick leave.

"It won't be long until he has six months vacation," Commissioner Don Williams said.

"No. I've been doing better," Stewart said. "I'm going to try to take them a half day at a time. I've been doing that lately."

Commissioner Dave Parks said, "When it's time to look at increases for the entire county, also include the county manager." Stewart quipped that may be sometime in 2011 with current budget constraints.

The manager, who retired from the Pentagon where he coordinated military operations and advised the Joint Chiefs of Staff as chief of the Western Hemisphere Operations Division, has maintained commission backing over several changes in members. The county manager serves at the will of the commission and can be terminated without cause by majority vote.

In other business, commissioners:

- awarded a contract for on-call heating and cooling services to Bonito River Services of Nogal for up to



County Manager Tom Stewart gestures to the County Commission in a recent commission meeting.

three renewals. The two firms responding were evaluated for hourly labor, rates, material markup, response time and travel costs with Carrizozo as the destination point of ser-

vices.

- awarded a contract for on-call electrical services to ERM Electric of Cloudcroft out of two firms that submitted proposals and were evaluated on the same cri-

teria, plus warranty.

- awarded a contract for on-call plumbing services to Ventura Plumbing and Cooling of Carrizozo out of two submissions evaluated on the same criteria.

Contract awarded for MVD services

The State Purchasing Agent awarded a no-cost contract to NICUSA, Inc. to develop online services for the Motor Vehicle Division of the NM Taxation & Revenue Department.

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NIC's services will be paid through fees charged to commercial customers, including insurance companies that purchase records through the new database, he said.

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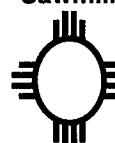
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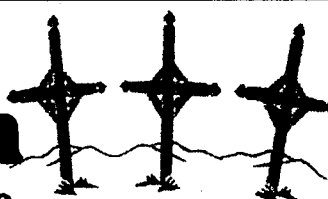
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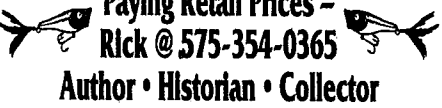
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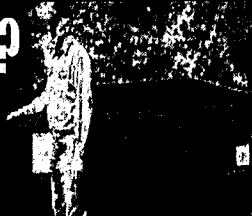
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FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2009

Smokin' Father's Day recipes for the grill

Since most men love to grill, why not make them extra happy this Father's Day. Put together a fabulous collection of smokin' barbecue recipes just for dad. He'll get a kick out of grilling them and your family will love eating them.



MARSHA PALMER

RECIPE BY THE EDITOR

What could be better than that?

Grilled Sauces

Creamy Green Chile and Avocado Sauce

1 firm Hass avocado - quartered, pitted and skin left on for grilling; remove skin when blending
1 small onion, quartered

2 tomatillos - husked, cored and halved
4 peeled garlic cloves
1 jalapeño - stemmed, seeded and quartered
1 poblano chile - stemmed, seeded and quartered
1/4 cup cilantro leaves
1/4 cup water
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

Thread the avocado, onion, tomatillos, garlic, jalapeño and chile onto skewers.

Brush the kebabs with oil and grill over high heat, turning occasionally, until the vegetables are charred in spots, about 15 minutes; let cool slightly.

Remove the ingredients from the skewers and transfer them to a blender.

Add the cilantro, water and lime juice. Puree until smooth and season with salt.

Make it ahead. The sauce can be refrigerated in an airtight container for up to two days.

Serve with grilled chicken.

Pineapple and Red Chile Salsa

1 small onion, quartered
1/2 pound plum tomatoes, halved lengthwise
4 peeled garlic cloves
1/2 pound fresh pineapple, cut into 8 pieces
1 red bell pepper - stemmed, seeded and quartered

1 fresh long red chile, such as a cayenne or Holland chile - stemmed, seeded and quartered
12 mint leaves
1/4 cup water
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

Thread the ingredients onto skewers. Brush the kebabs with oil and grill over high heat, turning occasionally, until the vegetables are charred in spots, about 15 minutes; let cool slightly. Remove the ingredients from the skewers and transfer them to a blender.

Add the mint leaves, water, and lime juice and puree until smooth. Season with salt.

The salsa can be refrigerated in an airtight container for up to three days.

Serve with grilled pork chops.

Grilled Chicken

1/2 cup olive oil
1/4 cup fresh lime juice
1 teaspoon salt
1 can diced green chile peppers
1 chicken fryer, cut into serving size pieces, about 3 1/2 pounds of chicken

pieces

In a bowl, combine olive oil, lime juice, salt and green chile peppers. Add chicken and turn to coat well with marinade; cover and refrigerate for 2 hours, turning occasionally.

Remove chicken from marinade; drain on paper towels.

Grill over medium heat for about 20 to 30 minutes, turning and basting with marinade frequently.

Chicken is done when juices run clear when pierced with a fork.

Grilled Lime Chops

1/4 cup fresh lime juice
1 garlic clove, minced
1/4 teaspoon dried hot red-pepper flakes
1/3 cup olive oil
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
6 (1/2-inch-thick) boneless pork chops
Whisk together lime

juice, garlic, red-pepper flakes, and 1/4 teaspoon salt, then add oil in a slow stream, whisking well. Whisk in cilantro.

Prepare a gas grill for direct-heat cooking over medium-high heat. Pat pork dry and season with salt and pepper.

Oil grill rack, then grill pork chops, covered, turning over once, until just cooked through, 5 to 6 minutes total.

Serve drizzled with some vinaigrette, and with remainder on the side.

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Tobacco merchant compliance survey congratulates 11 merchants

BRENDA MOTLEY-LOPEZ
For the Ruidoso News

The Counseling Center Prevention Program, in participation with the Department of Health, Office of Substance Abuse Prevention, recently conducted the annual, federally mandated, tobacco merchant compliance survey.

Trained and supervised were 15 to 16 year olds who attempted to purchase cigarettes. They approached randomly selected tobacco

merchants throughout Otero and Lincoln Counties.

Of the 12 randomly selected merchants assigned, one was willing to sell to our youth.

The remainder of the merchants requested identification, and when the teens could not produce proof of legal age (18), the merchants refused to sell.

While it is unfortunate that one of the merchants was willing to sell, Counseling Center Prevention staff will be return-

ing to re-educate the merchant and staff of the repercussions, fines and the importance of adhering to the law and identification process.

We would like to congratulate the 11 merchants who have successfully trained their employees to comply with the law that forbids the sale of tobacco products to minors.

They are:

Alamogordo - Conoco #19
Carrizozo - Conoco and Texaco stations
Alto - TR's Market
Ruidoso - Allsup's on Mechem, Conoco Station

#65, Phillips 66, Gateway/Brewer Shell, Lawrence Brothers 1382, Allsup's on Hwy. 70
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We would like to extend our appreciation to the youth volunteers and to the merchants for their continued commitment to reducing underage tobacco sales.

It should be noted that the use of tobacco products is detrimental to everyone's health. Research has also shown that it is particularly harmful to youth under 20 years of age for the following reasons:

• It is more damaging to

the lungs; it actually changes the DNA so that young smokers are more vulnerable to respiratory diseases for the rest of their lives.

• The younger a person starts smoking, the greater the chance of developing a true addiction.

• Nicotine is a "gateway" drug; teens are more likely to go to other, more life-threatening drugs.

For these and many other health reasons, it is important that communities send the message that smoking is a decision to be made only at full physical maturity.

The next time you are in one of these establishments, take time to congratulate the owner or manager for standing up and protecting the health of our youth!

Congratulations again to the area merchants surveyed for your commitment to reducing underage tobacco sales.

For more information, Brenda Motley-Lopez can be reached at 575-437-7404.

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Altrusa encourages early screening for hearing health

May was National Hearing Month and Altrusa Club of Ruidoso is working to inform the public about the importance of early screening.

Speech, language and hearing disorders affect millions of Americans and hundreds of millions of individuals worldwide.

For infants and young children, this can lead to serious difficulties developing speech and language.

Today most states are mandating hearing screening before a newborn infant leaves the hospital.

Without such programs, the average age of detection of significant hearing loss is approximately 14 months.

According to the ASHA (American Speech-Language-Hearing Association) When hearing loss is detected late, language development is already delayed.

Children are more likely then to perform below their grade level, to be held back, or even to drop out of school.

Informing parents

In April 2000, Altrusa International of Ruidoso launched a public service effort to better inform parents and the general public of the need for early detection and treatment of hearing loss in infants and children.

Each year, the club has provided brochures for parents and caregivers, available in both English and Spanish, as recommended by the National Institute on Deafness.

The brochure includes information on early detection, along with a check list of developmental milestones for babies from birth to 3 years old.

More than 1,300 brochures have been distributed throughout Lincoln County and Mescalero.

Project Chair Marie McNeil reports that the initiative is now in Phase III.

Last year, the scope was widened to include children up to 5 years of age.

This year, the goal is to remind and reinforce to the community the critical nature of the problem, and continue to provide brochures to Lincoln County Medical Center for distribution to the parents of newborns.

Marie has already visited with many doctors and nurses, as well as distributing hearing pamphlets at Region IX Child Find locations.

For more information about this initiative, or about infant hearing problems, call the Altrusa project chair at 575-257-1803 or write to Altrusa, P.O. Box 1143, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

Excess acetaminophen can be harmful to the liver

ALBUQUERQUE - The New Mexico Poison and Drug Information Center advises New Mexicans to be careful when taking over-the-counter drugs containing acetaminophen.

Mariya Farooqi at the New Mexico Poison and Drug Information Center, says it's very easy to over-

dose with acetaminophen and not even know it.

"Since May of last year, the poison center assisted around 90 individuals who were poisoned by acetaminophen after unintentionally taking too large a dose," says Farooqi. "Most of these people were taking acetaminophen incorrectly,

or combining medications that both contained acetaminophen."

According to the Poison Center, taking high doses of acetaminophen can cause liver failure leading to hospitalization and even death.

The New Mexico Poison Center suggests reading

the labels of any over-the-counter and prescription drugs to see how much acetaminophen each tablet or dose contains.

Check the ingredients with your pharmacist or contact the New Mexico Poison Center at the toll-free number, 1-800-222-1222.

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Film shot in southern N.M. hits prestigious festival

A New Mexico-produced film, "Becoming Eduardo," will be screened at The Breckenridge Film Festival June 13, with local actress Delana Michaels as a cast member.

Michaels is the daughter of the late Carmon and Leona Phillips, and owns the historic Old Mill on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. She recently played a Russian agent in the "In Plain Sight" television series shot in Albuquerque that airs on the USA channel Sunday evenings.

In the tradition of two of Rod McCall's other films, *Cheatin' Hearts* and *Lewis & Clark & George*, which both premiered at the Sundance Film Festival, *Becoming Eduardo* was produced in southern New Mexico.

Shot last summer in Hillsboro and Truth or

Becoming Eduardo will be screened in Breckenridge this month; Ruidoso resident is a cast member

Consequences, the film will be screened at noon, June 13, at the festival in Breckenridge, Colo.

The event has been a popular Rocky Mountain Independent film festival for more than 20 years.

Michaels plays the role of a bookstore owner who befriends Eduardo and helps him pursue his poetic ambitions.

Michaels appeared in two other McCall films, *Lewis & Clark & George*, and *Bite*.

Becoming Eduardo is based on *Alternate Ed*, a novella by LouAnne Johnson, the author of the book on which the film

Dangerous Minds was based. It stars newcomers Julian Alcaraz, Elizabeth Blanco and Mike Dunay, with support from film and television veterans A. Martinez, Holly Riddle, Josh Cruze, Gary Perez and Elizabeth Pena.

Becoming Eduardo was produced in association with The Creative Mind Institute at New Mexico State University, where McCall is an instructor. Several of his film students acted as production assistants on the film.

Alcaraz portrays the lead character, Eddie Corazon, a 16-year-old juvenile delinquent and

secret reader, who attends an alternate high school in New Mexico and walks a thin line between tragedy and glory as he searches for his place in the world. A buddy pushes Eddie to deal drugs, but his teacher encourages him to develop his intellect and inadvertently gets him to enroll in a ballroom dance class, where he falls in love with college-bound beauty Lupe Garcia, played by Elizabeth Blanco.

To impress her, he begins writing poetry, while his gangster friend tries to pull him in the opposite direction. The film follows his realization that the course of his life is up to him.

Michaels' career covers an impressive list of credits, including co-starring, lead and supporting roles, in films and television.



DELANA MICHAELS

State reports first cases of bubonic plague

FROM REPORTS

SANTA FE — The New Mexico Department of Health confirmed today two cases of bubonic plague in siblings from Santa Fe County. An 8-year-boy has died, and his 10-year-old sister is hospitalized and recovering. These cases are the first human plague cases in New Mexico and the first cases of plague in the nation so far this year. The Department of Health is conducting an environmental investigation at the family's residence to determine if there is any ongoing risk to people.

"Our sympathies go out to this young boy's family and friends," said Health Secretary Alfredo Vigil, MD.

"Unfortunately, plague can be difficult to detect and can quickly escalate in severity."

Most people become ill two to seven days after being infected with the plague bacteria, but it could be as short as a few hours for pneumonic plague. There are three forms of plague: bubonic plague which infects lymph nodes, septicemic plague which is an infection of the blood and pneumonic plague which is an infec-

tion of the lungs.

Symptoms of bubonic plague in humans include fever, painful swollen lymph nodes in the groin, armpit or neck areas, chills, and sometimes headache, vomiting, and diarrhea. Septicemic plague can also present with high fever, abdominal pain, and diarrhea. Pneumonic plague can include severe cough, difficulty breathing and bloody sputum. With prompt diagnosis and antibiotic treatment, the fatality rate in people and pets can be greatly reduced.

"June, July and August are the months when we typically see the highest number of human cases of plague in New Mexico," said Dr. Paul Ettestad, the Department's public health veterinarian. "Everyone should take precautions to prevent their exposure to rodents as part of their regular routine no matter where they live. Pets should be treated with a flea control product and not be allowed to roam and hunt. They can bring fleas from infected rodents back into the home where they can bite people, especially if they are allowed to sleep in bed with people."

Plague, a bacterial disease of rodents, is generally transmitted to humans

through the bites of infected fleas, but can also be transmitted by direct contact with infected animals, including rodents, wildlife and pets.

To prevent cases of plague, the Department of Health recommends:

- Avoid sick or dead rodents.
- Teach children not to play near rodent nests or burrows.
- Treat pets regularly with an effective flea-control product.
- Clean up areas near the house where rodents could live.
- Keep pets from roam-

ing and hunting.

Sick pets should be examined promptly by a veterinarian.

Symptoms in cats are similar to humans. Fever, lethargy, not eating and swollen lymph nodes (usually in the neck area) are the most common signs.

There was one human case of plague in 2008 in an Eddy County man. There were five human cases of plague in Bernalillo, San Juan, Santa Fe and Torrance counties in 2007 with one fatality. Eight human plague cases occurred in New Mexico in 2006 with three fatalities.

Bill targets nursing shortage

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman has renewed his effort to address the critical shortage of nurse faculty.

Because the average age of the workforce is near retirement, the nationwide nursing shortage is growing rapidly just as the healthcare needs of the nation's aging population are increasing.

A 2006 Health Resources and Services Administration report estimated that the national nursing shortage would more than triple — to more than one million nurses — by the year 2020.

Bingaman's bill, the "Nurse Faculty and Physical Therapist Education Act of 2009," would provide grants to nursing schools to help them increase enrollment and graduation from nursing doctoral programs.

"To solve our nation's nursing shortage, we must first address the lack of nursing instructors," Bingaman said. "That's exactly what this bill does."

In New Mexico, nursing

programs turned down almost half of qualified applicants, even though the Health Resources and Services Administration predicts that New Mexico will only be able to meet 64 percent of its demand for nurses by 2020.

In 2004 and 2005, New Mexico nursing schools could only accommodate 55 percent of qualified applicants due to the lack of adequate nursing faculty.

Bingaman's bill, which he first introduced in 2007, also does the following:

- Authorizes funding to train nursing faculty in clinical geriatrics.
- Authorizes a distance education pilot program to improve access to educational opportunities for nursing and physical therapy students.
- Calls for a study by the Institute of Medicine at the National Academy of Sciences which will recommend how to balance education, labor, and immigration policies to meet the demand for qualified nurses and physical therapists.

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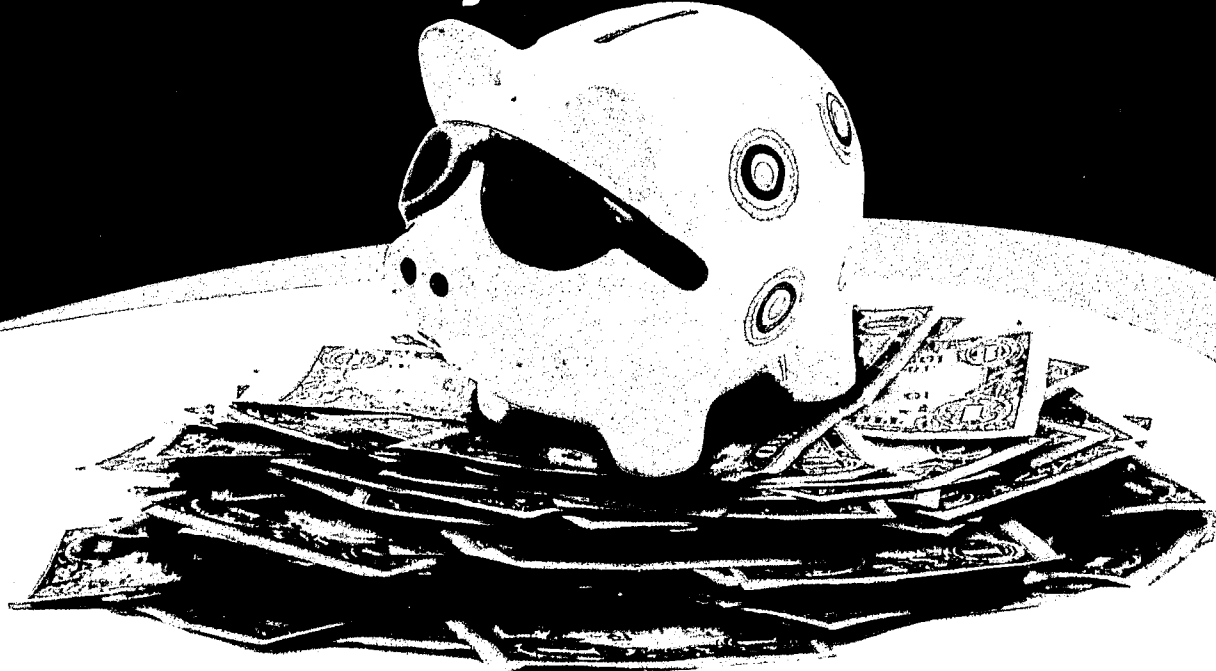
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The unfinished building at River Crossing on Sudderth Drive looms over the rest of the complex, which includes retail units (center) and condominiums.

DIANNE STALLINGS/RUIDOSO NEWS

Skeleton crew: River Crossing owner promises construction

DIANNE STALLINGS
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The new owner of an unfinished retail building at River Crossing, a condominium-retail complex on Sudderth Drive, plans to

finish exterior construction, a Ruidoso planning official said Tuesday.

Many residents and members of the village Planning and Zoning Commission have asked repeatedly about the future

of the steel skeleton left when the original developer was unable to finish the project and sections were sold off.

Village Planning Director Bob Decker told commissioners he spoke with

officials at City Bank-Texas, who were in the area and stopped by his office in Village Hall.

Rebidding underway

"I was told they were rebidding (completion of

the building) and had three potential contractors," he said. "They plan to finalize the contract this month and start construction. I haven't seen anything yet."

Village Planner Jennifer Williams said she received

two calls from bidders seeking information and that the job would cover exterior work only. A new permit would cost \$4,000. The existing permit runs out in about a month, Decker said.

Interior work planned

He added that the interior would be finished as potential tenants were identified. "They were very much aware their permit time was running out and told me it would happen sometime this month," he said.

ROUTE

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and egress to the Upper Canyon."

Village officials repeatedly stated the existing ingress and egress is insufficient, according to the writ.

"In researching village and coalition records, I think these folks are frustrated about numerous statements from the village saying an alternate escape route is the highest priority and the lack of such a route is the highest threat, but then nothing happens," Beauvais said Wednesday. "Sooner or later there is going to be a fire and catastrophic loss of life, so they need to be working on it now. We want a specific plan and commitment and not just talk. This is an opportunity for the town to recommit itself."

The UCC members also want to see how money received from state and federal sources to alleviate the danger was spent, he said.

In a previous interview on the filing, Village Attorney Dan Bryant said the Upper Canyon relief route is a complex issue, "that requires the balancing of a number of public interests, such as the tremendous cost that has been identified for the known alternate routes. I believe the court will recognize that the expenditure of such large amounts of the public tax dollars are inherently vested in their elected public officials."

The court will see "the tremendous amount of work the village officials and staff have put into finding an appropriate solution to the fire danger situation in the Upper Canyon," he said.

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Village Planning Director Bob Decker, left, looks on as Village Attorney Daniel Bryant makes a point at Tuesday's Planning & Zoning Commission meeting.

AMEND

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attach conditions for approval, including parking and landscape plans. Uses now permitted in various zones should be reviewed and possibly narrowed for more control in line with the morphing vision of the village's future.

Bryant said no substantive changes to the existing code can be recommended until a revision of the village's Comprehensive Plan is approved, but agreed commissioners can begin the work needed to be ready when the time is right. A task force assigned to handle the Comprehensive Plan revision is scheduled to report back to councilors next month.

Planning commissioners have complained for the past few years about a shift in how some changes of uses are processed when a lot or building passes from one owner or renter to another. If the new use is listed as permitted within the zone and no major renovations are scheduled, commissioners said they don't have a chance to revisit the site and decide if landscaping or parking or some other issues need to be reviewed.

Bryant said the only place in the ordinance where amended site plans are mentioned is under a section dealing with minor amendments and they are considered a staff function. A section dealing with

parking requirements was voided in a 1999 amendment.

"That doesn't make sense," Commissioner Ray Albom said. Bryant said the sentence that was added could be removed to bring commissioners back into the procedural loop.

Commissioner Bill Hirschfeld said whatever happened, he wants to return to the process by which the commission reviewed all changes of use and had authority to attach additional conditions.

"We had a great vehicle to ask people to do certain things to improve the properties," he said. One of the first successes under that process was when the former Wal-Mart site on U.S. 70 was developed into a shopping mall and requirements were included for landscaping the parking lot, he pointed out.

Bryant recalled when the Comprehensive Plan was first put together, an often-heard mantra was, "We're not Vail or Santa Fe or Crested Butte, we're Ruidoso."

What resulted was a general plan with few specifics.

"When you start pulling out the details, we lose a handle (on growth patterns)," Bryant said. People think if something is acceptable in R1, single-family residential, it must be right for all the other residential zones, because they are less restrictive, he said. But a use for one may not fit the character of another.

One of the first steps for a Comprehensive Plan and associated zoning codes is to decide what residents want Ruidoso to be in the future and how do they obtain that goal, Bryant said. With more details on the ordinance, situations do not develop because too parlors are lumped together with beauty shops. Those drafting the rules must wrestle with how to stop an unwanted activity in a certain place lawfully without interfering with somebody's rights, the attorney said. The community vision and the ordinance must be thoughtfully reviewed, he said.

"We're early in the process and that's very fortunate," Bryant said. Several issues popped up in the last year or two and haven't spiraled out of control. "Someone is knocking on our door saying wake up. It's time to look at the code and we better decide what to allow. Are outdoor sales and car lots the same as dress shops? We've got to start addressing those."

The ordinance now is silent on how to handle sexually explicit businesses, he said. "It's OK for a governing body to prohibit sexually explicit displays in all areas but one. They can't say nowhere. They can set up a zone for that," he explained.

Commissioner Beth Hood said that's exactly why the commission needs to find an area for C4, industrial commercial use. Without a designated zone, uses that should be clus-

tered as industrial were approved in C2, community commercial, and don't fit.

Hood said a starting point might be to review for appropriateness the uses allowed in each commercial district, and to select an area for C4, industrial use. "Midtown absolutely is different from the 'Y' (at U.S. 70) or the road to Upper Canyon," she said.

Albom said in Midtown, the CP spoke of mixed uses for people to live and work there. Bryant agreed, saying people wanted the town to be "more walkable and bikeable," and that created a slant toward higher density in some neighborhood

areas of mixed uses. The main problem is that while the CP laid out that vision, the village's zoning ordinance was never modified "to reflect what that means and several major projects (proposed for Midtown and surrounding areas) turned into war. No one defined mixed uses. It's time to fix those things."

Without specifics, the village is experiencing more "pushback" from developers and landowners who challenge every line and requirement, the attorney said.

"There's no black and white line here," he said. "The village council has to

conduct public hearings, gather data, traffic patterns, etc., and prove one of three things (to change permitted uses within a zone). Either the original plan was a mistake or the area changed so dramatically a new plan is needed or everybody wants a new plan. That last one will never happen."

"We're talking changing the law so we have influence to change the look," Hood said.

"To fix issues, we can go through the principal permitted uses, because you can't deny a change if both the original and new uses are principally permitted," Bryant said. "You just have to justify changing the allowed uses. I can draft language."

Hood said the argument that the village or a particular neighborhood has changed since the original uses were listed should provide justification. "I know it's different since I moved here," she said.

"It was written more than 20 years ago and some uses no longer exist," Bryant agreed.

Hood said the ordinance should be fine-tuned to fit the community of "Ruidoso 2010."

Village Planning Director Bob Decker said wording could be inserted that every site plan must be reviewed periodically and if a change of use is proposed, it be updated to meet current requirements. "Now they are basically forever," he said.

"At the end of the day, when we're done, the ordinance will be bigger and slightly more particular with more rules," Bryant said.

"That's what happens with growth," Commissioner Phillis Barnett said.



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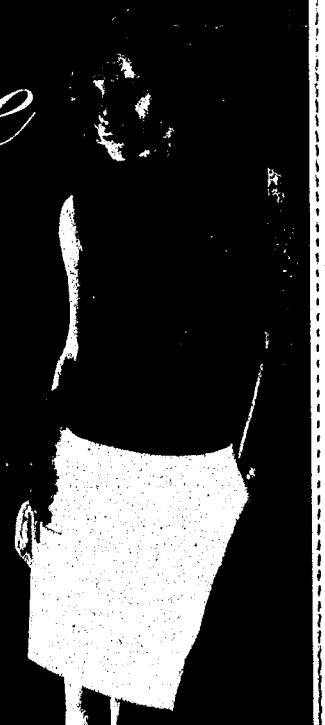
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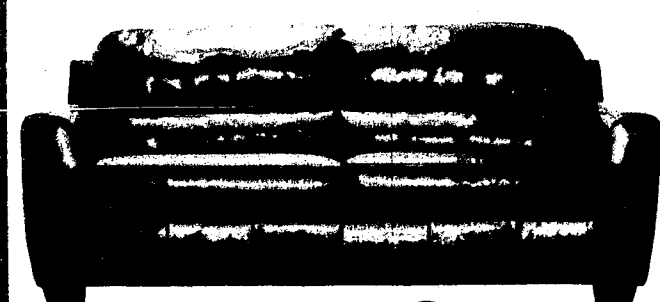
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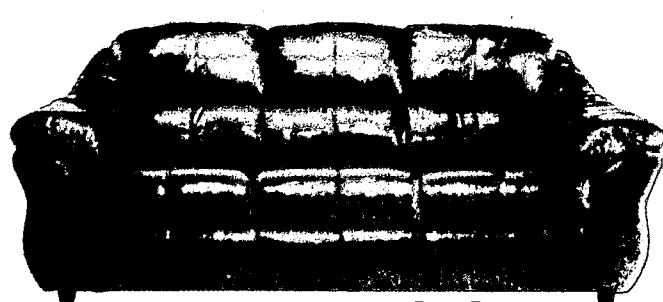
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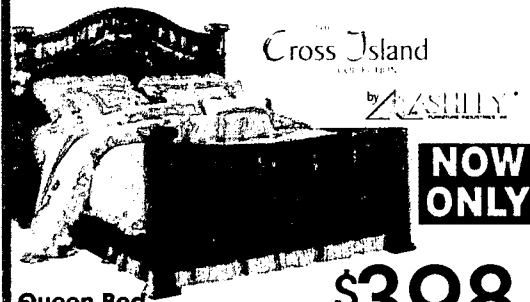
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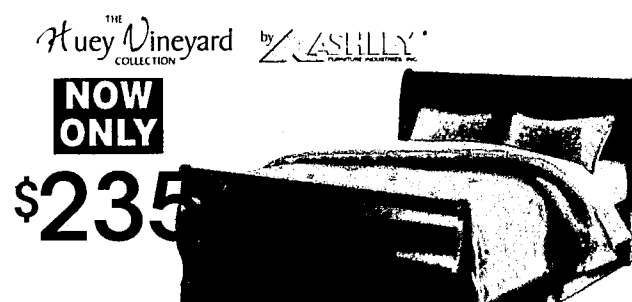
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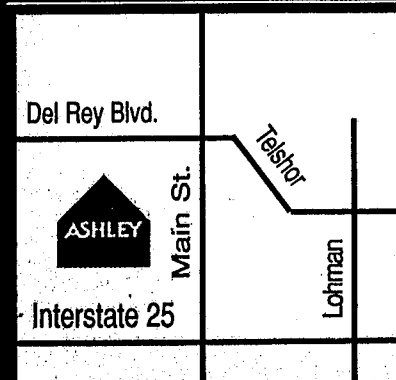
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 - 6:20 PM Survivor Ceremony
 - 6:30 PM Survivor Lap & Caregiver Lap
 - 6:40 PM Relay Starts
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 - 9:15 PM Luminaria Ceremony
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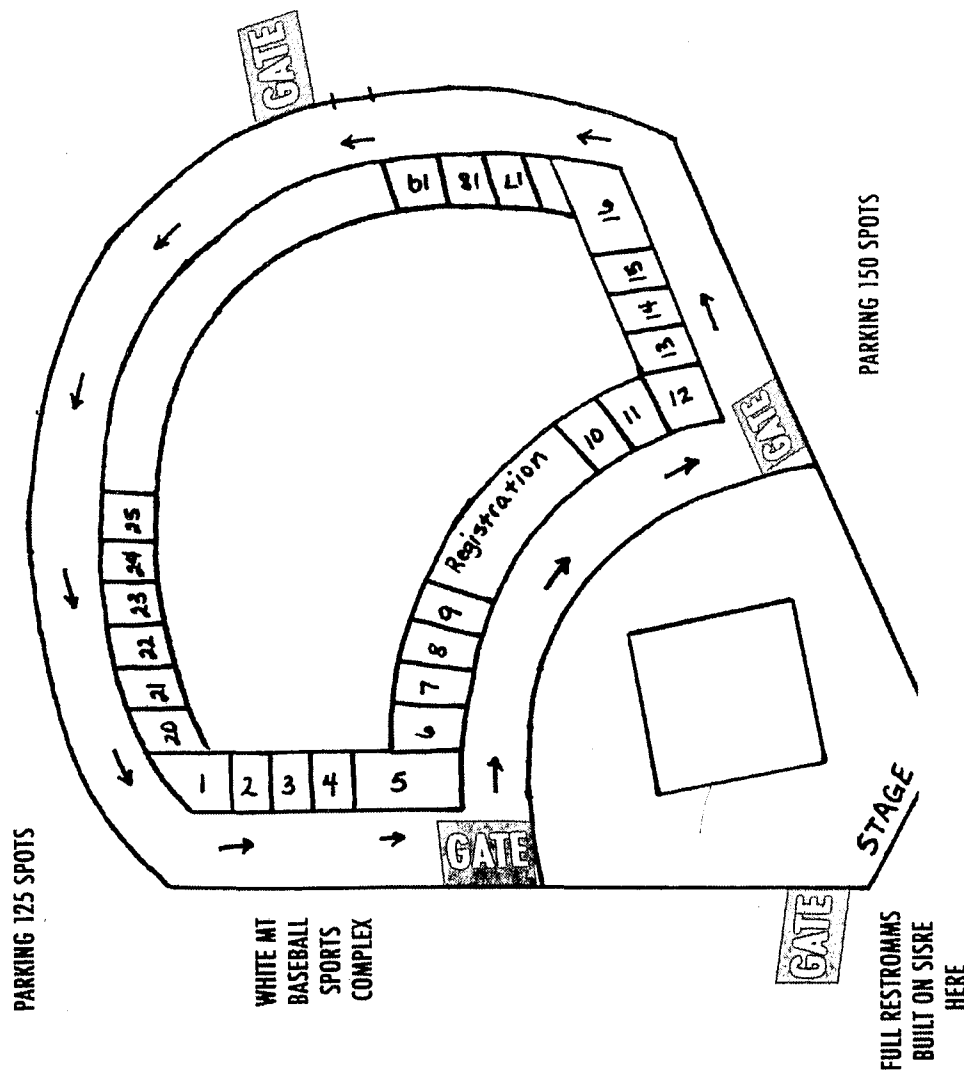
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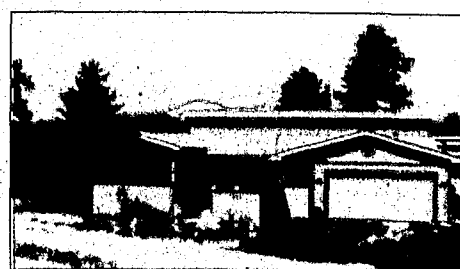
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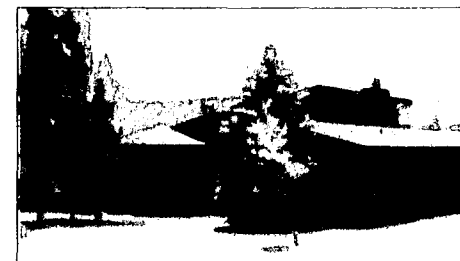


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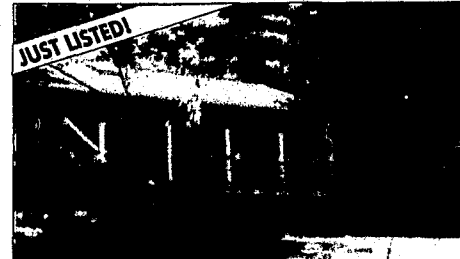
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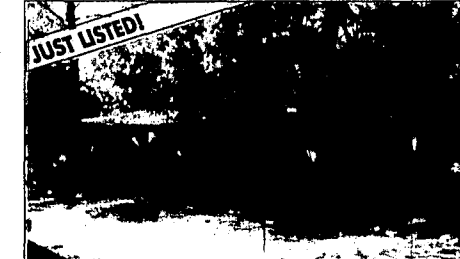
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The school of hard knocks

Ruidoso's Levi Price appears to have a future in the world of cage fighting

MIKE CURRAN
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The agreed-upon place and time of the weekday meeting was set. Some place quiet. A location free of extraneous interference and disturbance. Although the two men had never met, they had a "face-to-face" to resolve.

A 1:15 p.m. parley was decided. None of this high noon, on-the-hour or even half-hour kind of powwow for these two atypical men. A Monday afternoon meet at the Cedar Creek picnic area seemed the ideal spot for such a moment-of-truth get-together.

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The first of the principals arrives early and backs his car into the parking space. He can see

any possible incoming vehicles. Soon, a barely muffled rumbling can be heard. Almost immediately, the source of motorized bellowing appears.

It's a '91 Harley-Davidson Soft Tail custom. High ape-hanger handlebars are bolted atop the front wheel. A pair of heavily tattooed arms easily guide the chopper to its parking place.

His gaze betrays no look of apprehension whatsoever.

Meet 29-year-old Levi Price. Ruidoso's proficient Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) cage fighter. Fresh off a tap-out victory, in :2.21 of the first round in the Saturday night fights at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, he looks refreshed and ready to go again.

The reporter asks for a picture of him on his bike before he dismounts.

"Yes, sir," is his respectful reply.

Price was born in Carlsbad, moved to Ruidoso when he was 2 and later attended RHS.

"Why did you pick such a tough, extreme sport?" the questioner asks.

"Well, early-on I never liked fighting," Price replied. "And even though I'm athletically endowed, I never could play football, baseball or the like. But it seems I have a talent for fighting, and so, this is what I do."

Price had his first bout Feb. 7, 2006, in Roswell. He won by a knockout in 47 seconds of the first round. But he did not fight again until March 7, '09. He won that one when the match was stopped :1.47 of the first round. Until recently, he worked with

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Levi Price, left, and KOTC President Terry Trebilcock are shown after Price's Saturday night win.

Mine That Bird, Brenda Beautiful head double feature

TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

The New Mexico-owned-and-trained Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird racing in the Grade 1, \$1,000,000 Belmont Stakes and champion Brenda Beautiful standing out in the Grade 1, \$308,000 Ruidoso Derby provide a historic double feature on Saturday at Ruidoso Downs.

The Belmont Stakes will be simulcast from Belmont Park in New York and the 400-yard Ruidoso Derby will be contested live at Ruidoso Downs.

There are five other stakes races, including three Grade 1 races, on the Belmont Stakes card.

The entire Belmont Park card will be simulcast with a first post time of 10 a.m.

First post time for live racing at Ruidoso Downs is 1 p.m. There are always free parking and free general admission at Ruidoso

Downs. There will be \$500 giveaways, and food and drink specials throughout the day in the Billy The Kida Casino at Ruidoso Downs.

Mine That Bird is owned by Roswell residents Mark Allen and Dr. Leonard Blach, and is trained by the New Mexico-based Chip Woolley.

The gelding has raised awareness of horse racing throughout New Mexico to an unprecedented level, primarily because of his Kentucky Derby victory.

In the Kentucky Derby, jockey Calvin Borel bravely hustled Mine That Bird through a small hole along the inside rail and they then drew out to an impressive Kentucky Derby victory.

Borel then opted to ride Rachel Alexandra in The Preakness Stakes and they won while Mine That Bird was a late-running second under New Mexico-native Mike Smith.



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Mine That Bird's owners, Dr. Leonard Blach, left, and Mark Allen share a few moments together at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

Borel is back aboard Mine That Bird in his bid to become the first jockey to win thoroughbred racing's Triple Crown on different horses.

Mine That Bird's co-owner Allen has two horses in the Ruidoso Derby - Time For A Cigar and Shaboomator - but most attention will be on Brenda Beautiful.

R.D. Hubbard and Johnny T.L. Jones, Jr.'s, Brenda Beautiful is small

in stature, but stands above the Ruidoso Derby field as the 2008 champion 2-year-old filly and the sole stakes winner in the lineup.

The homebred daughter of 2008 champion broodmare My Dashing Lady rides a four-race winning streak into the Ruidoso Derby.

She concluded her championship season with

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Trainer Blane Wood has three runners in the Ruidoso Derby and is a two-time winner of the Ruidoso Futurity.

Becker crowned National Champion

LINDSBORG, Kan. - Jessica Becker, of Capitan, was crowned NAIA National Outdoor shot put champion for 2009.

Her 15.70m (51' 6 1/4") throw rebroke her school record in the shot put and earned her yet another NAIA all-American honor.

After leading the indoor shot put nationals in early March until the next-to-last throw, only to be beaten by Black Hills State's Aubrey Baxter, this time it was the senior Swede with the ultimate payback. Baxter was leading the

women's shot most of the way until Becker made her final collegiate throw a memorable one - her 15.70m (51' 6 1/4") pushed her into first, but Baxter had one more chance and fouled on her final attempt. Her attempt would have made it close.

It was the ultimate end to a storied career. The shot put champion now has six All-American designations with two championships and two runner-up finishes. Becker also fin-

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Capitan's Jessica Becker is NAIA shot put champion.

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Lincoln County Regulators re-enact Eastwood's *Pale Rider*

JACK SHUSTER
For the Ruidoso News

The Lincoln County Regulators are heading to their Cowboy Action Shooting Range and Western Town at the Ruidoso Gun Club range in Ruidoso Downs on Saturday, June 13. The cowpokes will be armed with six guns, lever guns and scatter guns to help a mysterious preacher protect a humble prospector village from a greedy mining company trying to

encroach on their land in four Cowboy Action Shooting stages based on the Clint Eastwood movie, *Pale Rider*. Stages have been designed by Frank Coe.

In the First Stage, "Git yer gun," participants will try to prevent the mining company's hired guns from shooting the preacher as he rides into town. The pale rider preacher reminds the miners that they have a choice in "Shoot to kill," the second stage. The old miner who found the gold is

heading to town in Stage Three, "I don't need your help," and competitors can be sure that he'll need help. In the fourth and final stage, "I'll be back," the preacher unhorses a miner to keep him from the fight in town.

Pale Rider will be shot from 10 a.m. sharp to 3 p.m., June 13. John Steele will be Match Director. Participants and spectators are urged to bring lunch, water and a lawn chair. Anyone up to helping set up targets and getting the

range ready for the match, is invited to arrive at 8 a.m. Either way, for the sake of their fellow cowboys, participants are asked to please have their gear in order and ready to shoot by 9:30 a.m. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and shooters are asked to pick a shooting category when they register. The range will be closed at 9:30 a.m. and the Safety Briefing will start at that time, following presentation of the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance. There will be a lunch break after

the first two stages. The final two stages will follow. The Match Fee is \$10, cash or check, and SASS rules will apply. Shooters not fully equipped are invited to borrow the firearms of the experienced cowboys and ammunition will be available for purchase at the event.

Cowboy Action Shooting is a multifaceted amateur shooting sport in which contestants compete with firearms typical of those used in the taming of the Old West: single action

revolvers; lever action rifles; and side by side double barreled, pre-1899 pump, or lever action shotguns. The shooting competition is staged in a unique, characterized, Old West style. Contestants shoot in several one-to-four gun stages in which they engage steel and/or cardboard targets. Scoring is based on accuracy and speed. The truly unique aspect of Cowboy Action Shooting is the requirement placed on authentic period or Western screen dress.

Runnnng Brook Gal, Gbh Steppin Johnny meet in Ruidoso Futurity

TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

Fastest-qualifier Runnnng Brook Gal meets the undefeated stakes winner Gbh Steppin Johnny for the \$250,000 first-place check

BECKER

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ished a maddening seventh in the discus (the top six places earn All-American status) and was .01 centimeters (or 1 inch) from sixth place.

But her first event at nationals this year may have been tougher to take as the senior fouled on all three attempts in the hammer throw.

Becker also earned KCAC first-team honors for her efforts during the 2009 spring season.

Bethany College competes in 15 intercollegiate

sports in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, as well as college-sponsored cheer and dance squads.

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The 350-yard Ruidoso Futurity is followed by the Grade 1, \$625,000 Rainbow Futurity (July 19) and the Grade 1, \$2 million (est.) All American Futurity (Sept. 7).

If a horse can sweep the three futurities then the horse's connections receive a \$4 million bonus, the largest in quarter horse racing.

First post time is 1 p.m. and there are always free parking and free general admission at Ruidoso Downs.

Runnnng Brook Gal, a filly from the first crop of Brookstone Bay, surprised in the 17th and final Ruidoso Futurity trial when she dominated by nearly two lengths after being overlooked at 12-1 odds.

It was her first start and her time of :17.638 moved her to the top of the qualifiers' list.

Kenny Muntz, who also rode Ruidoso Derby

fastest-qualifier Brenda Beautiful, was up for Runnnng Brook Gal's trial win and will be aboard in the futurity.

They will start from the seventh post position in the 10-horse field.

The Jackie Riddle-trained Gbh Steppin Johnny was a known horse coming into the Ruidoso Futurity trials and lived up to his reputation.

He pulled away to win by more than two lengths and qualified for the futurity with a :17.809 time.

Gbh Steppin Johnny earned respect at Sunland Park when he won his first two starts before rolling to the three-quarter-length win in the \$120,000 New Mexican Spring Futurity. He was fractious, but regained his composure, drawing out to the convincing win as the 7-5 favorite.

Joe Martinez rode Gbh Steppin Johnny for the first time in the Ruidoso Futurity trials and gets

the call again in the futurity with the third post position.

Denis and Julie Schoenhofers second-fastest-qualifier First Klas Fred won his maiden in his Ruidoso Futurity trial, his fourth career start.

The Fredricksburg-sired gelding qualified for the West Texas Futurity and then won his Ruidoso Futurity trial by one-half length as the 7-5 favorite.

Trainer Mike Joiner has Esgar Ramirez aboard First Klas Fred with the second post position.

Trainer Blane Wood is dangerous in the Ruidoso Futurity with two horses capable of victory – third-fastest qualifier Sir Seth and fifth-fastest qualifier Shake Em Money Pop.

Rodney's Christiansen's Sir Seth impressed in his trial, pulling out to a two-length win in :17.696.

That was his first start for Wood after winning his only other start in Utah.

Shake Em Money Pop's professional demeanor and talent have resulted in three wins and a second in the West Texas Futurity from four career starts.

He was just a neck behind Varsity Girl in the West Texas Futurity and won his Ruidoso Futurity trial by nearly three lengths.


The Ruidoso Futurity runs as the eighth race on the nine-race card and in the third race horses who were not fast enough to qualify for the Ruidoso Futurity fill the \$20,000 Ruidoso Juvenile Overnight Stakes, won last year by Rainbow Futurity runner-up PB And Crackers.

Modern Vintage and Callan Rocks are the two horses in the Ruidoso Juvenile who come off trial wins.

Modern Vintage pulled out to win by more than a length while Callan Rocks prevailed by a neck in his career debut.

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his dad at Kino Construction building log cabins.

His success in the ring forced him to a career decision and now he trains full-time, six days a week, as an MMA fighter.

"It's a tough regimen I have to follow," Price said. "I refuse to lose a fight because of a lack of conditioning so I watch my diet during training. No red meat, lots of fruit and ground turkey."

"It's a good thing I like fruit," the fighter said.

In his March fight Price hit the scales at 185 pounds. For his bout last Saturday he topped out at 155.

"It took a lot out of me but I feel 155 pounds is my natural fighting weight. You have to train hard but train smart."

Price has trained with some of the toughest guys in the business.

In Albuquerque, he has worked-out at FITNHB (fighters in training, no holds barred).

While training in Ruidoso he conditions himself at the RAC with his personal trainer, Tony Goetz.

"I'm focused on my cardiovascular and strength training," the fighter said.

Price intends to maintain a home base in Ruidoso. His family, including 1-year-old son, Levi, Jr., and girlfriend, Amber Herrera are here.

"My mom and dad's family isn't especially large, but they're here and they're important to me," the fighter explained. "They all support me 100 percent."

Shortly after the King of the Cage (KOTC) fights last week, Price entered discussions with the promoter about turning professional.

"Sunday morning I was asked if I felt I was ready to go pro," Price revealed. "I told them I felt I needed two more amateur fights before I made that decision."

Price's honest answer was well received.

"As a pro you should honestly believe you have a minimum 50 percent chance of winning every time you step into the ring," the fighter explained.

"Otherwise, don't do it."

So if Price continues on his planned schedule, and all goes well, he will fight Aug. 1 at the Inn of the Mountain Gods and fight one more amateur bout



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Ruidoso cage fighter, Levi Price, sits atop his '91 Harley-Davidson Soft Tail custom bike.

shortly thereafter before announcing his professional debut.

It will also give him more time to build upon an already increasing group of sponsors which now include Big O Tires,

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"I sincerely thank everyone who has supported me, including KOTC President Terry Trebilcock, Inn of the Mountain Gods and my family and fans," Price concluded.

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three consecutive wins, capped by the Grade 2 Hobbs America Futurity and the Grade 1, \$305,000 Southwest Juvenile Championship, each at Zia Park.

In the Southwest Juvenile Championship she set the Zia Park 440-yard track of :20.96 while defeating a field filled the Grade 1 stakes horses.

Trainer Paul Jones then rested the filly over the

winter at his Tularosa, training facility and she came back to racing action in peak form.

In her 2009 debut, she defeated the highly regarded Lake View Dreams by a neck while establishing the fastest-qualifying time of :19.465 for 400 yards.

Kenny Muntz has been aboard Brenda Beautiful for each of her wins and has the riding assignment with the ninth post position.

Time For A Cigar is the strongest of the two Allen-

owned horses in the Ruidoso Derby.

The \$40,000 purchase at the 2007 Ruidoso Select Quarter Horse Sale won his maiden on Feb. 27 at Sunland Park and then prevailed by one-half length in his Ruidoso Derby trial.

His time of :19.474 was

close behind Brenda Beautiful's fastest-qualifying mark.

Mark Villa rode Time For A Cigar to the trial win and will be aboard again in the derby with the third post position.

Trainer Blane Wood has three horses in the Ruidoso Derby, headed by

third-fastest qualifier Lake View Dreams. She raced to a fifth-place finish in last year's Ruidoso Futurity and came off an extended layoff to finish second behind Brenda Beautiful in their trial.

Freddie Martinez, winner of the \$1.1 million Heritage Place Futurity

last Saturday in Oklahoma City, rides Lake View Dreams with the fourth post position.

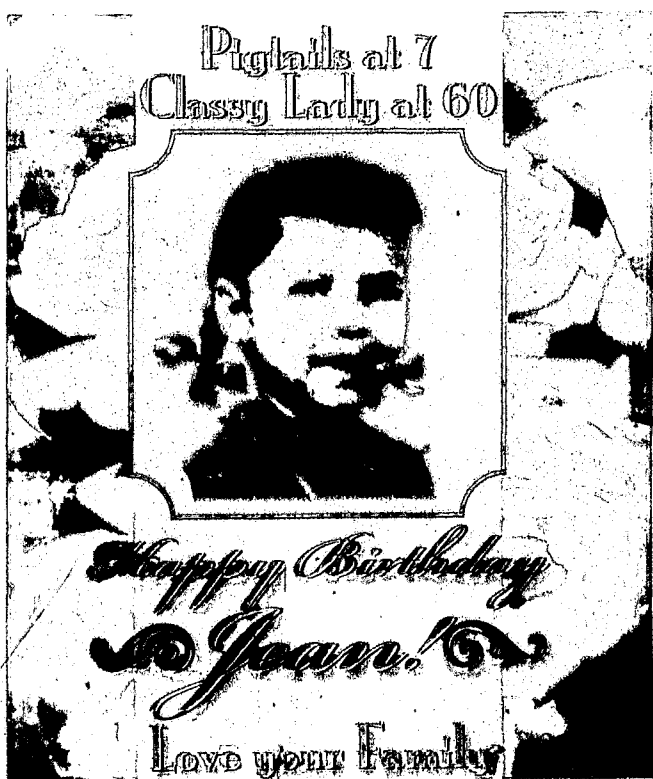
On Sunday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs, fastest-qualifier Running Brook Gal meets the undefeated stakes winner Gbh Steppin Johnny in the Ruidoso Futurity.

CAPITAN ATHLETE



COURTESY

Mitchell Harper, a 2009 Capitan graduate, has been voted All District in baseball and basketball as well as All Tourney in both. He was selected as an alternate for the North/South All-Star basketball squad. In baseball, he was chosen as his team's Defensive Player of the Year and MVP and will play for the North/South All-Stars, June 5-6. Harper will attend NMSU and study sports medicine and is the son of Ron and Shirley Harper.





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Bible Belt religion puts transplant on edge

Q: Nine years after moving to the Bible Belt of Southeast coastal North Carolina, I'm still unable to find a new church home. While there are mainstream Christian churches here of the type to which I'd belonged in the liberal North and urban



The God Squad
MARC GELLMAN

Midwest, their services are so heavily permeated by the culture of the Baptists and independent evangelicals that they're almost unrecognizable to me.

While I like traditional services with scholarly sermons and organ music by serious composers such as Bach, here there's a free-wheeling informality with pop-culture guitar music.

Even if I could get used to that, I could never accept the impromptu, tear-laden witnessing, the old-fashioned revivals, even cheers for Duke sports teams during services.

Even worse for me is the emotional, personal

atmosphere people maintain in relation to God here, with "Jesus" this and "Jesus" that, to the near exclusion of the Trinity. I've also been disturbed by the criticism others direct at me when I can't recount a specific experience of being "saved." Does everyone have

to be cut from the same cloth to feel comfortable and be accepted in a church in the South?

I was reminded of my plight on yet another unhappy Sunday when I read an article in the local paper ballyhooing a successful congregation nearby with 4,800 people coming to an \$18 million church in jeans for services described as "half-worship, half-rock concert."

Started by a self-labeled "very conservative" young man 10 years ago, the church is nondenominational, guided by its charismatic founder, now 38, who felt called by God but was never humble enough to think he

needed to study theology. To me, this adds up to no constraints, no historical context, no oversight, no struggles.

Yes, this church helps people, but only in an atmosphere that makes religion fun and entertaining. This church represents everything that rejects me, my beliefs, and preferred style of worship.

While I almost envy churchgoers who have full faith in simple, sure beliefs, I've encountered too many conflicting ideas in my life not to be plagued by doubt.

I've asked ministers with impeccable seminary credentials how they can let so many misinterpretations go by and they've said they're pressured to "overlook" them to meet the local culture halfway.

Meanwhile, I feel hung out to dry and have no place I can feel at home.

Do you have any advice, because frankly, I've given up.

— Woman without a church, via email

A: My heart breaks for you. I've heard many people foolishly assert that

America, in the era of chain stores and national burger joints, has lost its regional differences. Your spiritually agonized email reminds us that this is false.

The Bible Belt is not a contrived name; it's an accurate description of the place you've chosen to live. And this is not just true for Christians.

The Judaism I encountered in New York was dramatically different from the Judaism of my past in the Midwest; it's more ethnic and more traditional, which took me a while to get used to.

So, in addition to the urging you to have patience and keep looking for a church that fits your religious needs, let me offer some suggestions:

Try to find a church near a university. A scholarly, restrained approach to religion might have an easier time taking root in a college town where faculty and students have spiritual and intellectual needs more closely akin to your own.

Ask trusted ministers from up North about churches and pastors they know down South. Networking to find a church is as important as networking to find a job.

Take a deep breath and sit down before you read my last suggestion:

Don't be such a snob! OK, so you like your religion cool and mental, not hot and emotional. I respect and understand your preferences, since they match my own.

However, there's a wide world of deeply fulfilling religious forms that are unfamiliar to you, and you've settled down in the middle of one of them.

The fervent, personal, committed style of Southern Evangelical Christianity has its fruits and I urge you to sample them.

Try to open your heart and soul to the message of the preacher and try to feel the warmth of the congregation.

Asking you about experiences where you felt saved by God's love and

grace is not necessarily a hostile act. Try to hear the question and receive it as a loving act framed in the person's own spiritual idiom.

As I reflect on the moments of my most productive and exciting spiritual growth, most involved me being exposed to something radically different than what I wanted or expected.

Every Sunday, busloads of spiritually uptight central European and Scandinavian tourists in New York City swamp Harlem churches to let some gospel music warm their souls. Consider your time in the Bible Belt like Moses who found God even though he was "a stranger in a strange land."

If it was good enough for Moses, it should be good enough for you. Have a great journey.

LENORA COLLINS SWEARENGIN DELANEY



"Nora" Delaney passed away on May 17, 2009. She was 83. A three year resident of The Mescalero Care Center, Nora previously resided in Ruidoso, New Mexico for ten years.

Nora was preceded in death by her mother, Mrs. Edith B. Collins; her brother, Bob Collins; her two husbands, Samuel L. Swearengin and Robert J. Delaney; and her daughter-in-law, Mary Louise Swearengin.

Nora is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Robert Samuel and Suzanne Swearengin of Alto, New Mexico; her three grandchildren, Angella Lenora Zook (and husband Alex) of Phoenix, Shana Louise Eads (and husband Craig) of Houston, and Christian C. Swearengin of Ruidoso, New Mexico. Additionally, Nora leaves behind her four great-grandchildren: Madeline Nicole Zook, William Samuel Zook, Jacob Mitchell Eads, and Olivia Louise Eads.

Nora rests in eternal peace at Memorial Oaks Gardens in Houston. She was greatly beloved by her family, friends and the great staff at The Mescalero Care Center. No one like Nora will ever come our way again.

Infected with the 'want to live in Ruidoso' virus

Flatlanders! I joke about them leaving the hot areas of West Texas and New Mexico to come to the cool, pine-covered slopes of the Sacramentos.

They are just demonstrating that they have good sense. My hat is off to them.

You folks enrich our life with your personalities and your appreciation of our laid back "mountain manana" way of life. You get away from the hot and hectic and enter into the cool and collected. It is true that you increase the traffic and make us wait in line at restaurants and cafes. But you do a world of good for our economy.

Our sleepy little village of 10,000 grows to a bustling mini-metropolis of 30,000 or more. But, I must warn you of an infectious virus and a regional illness that can leave an impact on your life.

I'll speak to the regional illness first. It is called "altitude sickness."

The rarified air and low humidity calls for deep breathing and lots of liquids. The symptoms are getting out of breath and hurting headaches. They can take away some of the joy of a summer vacation.

Now, let's deal with the infectious virus. There is no vaccination discovered that can bring this virus to harmlessness.

The main area of infection is the "want to" area of the brain. The main symptom is this ... you "want to" move to Ruidoso or "want to" acquire a second or summer home.

The treatment of this infection can be very expensive. Usually, the virus is quelled by a dosage of tens to hundreds of thousands of dollars. For an extreme infection, the cost may be more than a million.

The prescription is not written by a medical doctor or filled by a registered pharmacist. Usually, a real estate owner and a real estate broker aid

in finding the proper dosage at the right price. And medical insurance does not cover the cost of

that prescription. But the devastating effects of the virus are overcome.

I must warn you. I have purchased four pieces of Ruidoso property in the past 10 years.

And, for some reason or another, I am fighting a relapse of the disease. It can be very tenacious.

We sing a gospel song at the J Bar J — "This world is not my home, I'm just a passin' through."

I'm sure glad that I got to pass through Ruidoso on my way "beyond the blue."

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LINCOLN COUNTY

Grandma's kitchen

It had been more than 35 years since I first saw it and yet when I looked through the doorway, I could see that nothing of consequence had changed.

The kitchen, lit by a single window over the old single basin sink, stood exactly as it had when I took my first baby girl to spend the day with her grandma.

The same as when, a couple of decades later, that baby girl took her baby to spend the day with his great-grandma.

Look around your life and see what, if anything, has not changed in appearance in 35 years and you can honestly say, "It looks exactly the same."

I absolutely cannot look in the mirror and say that. Sure can't point to the pickup and say that. I have owned about, oh, six or seven since then.

The house - I can't even begin there because I've moved at least a dozen times. Good horses and dogs have come and gone. So have the bad ones.

Fresh paint, a new curtain and new floor tile. That was all that was different in her kitchen. Except, in the interim, they invented microwaves so there was one of those and the old wall rotary dial phone was gone.

The table sat where it always was and the center of it, as before, was filled with napkins, condiments, a silverware holder and an assortment of other things deemed important enough to just stay there.

The old bright white wood cabinets filled the east wall broken only by the sink in the middle. The sink with its signature Rubbermaid dishpan inside and no cabinet below it, so a curtain covered up those things you put under a sink.

The cabinets went up the wall all the way to meet the 10-foot ceiling and the top row of cupboards could be accessed only by standing on a stool. The very lim-

ited counter space was always full of canisters, a bread box, dish drainer, percolator coffee pot and assorted packages of cookies and crackers.

Knick knacks, a corkboard full of keys, a big calendar and grandma-kind of decorations filled the walls.

In any kitchen except Grandma's, it would have been clutter. In her's, it was personality, warmth and comfort.

It was her favorite room and she liked it the very best when it was filled full with family members of all ages and generations laughing, talking and telling stories. Stories like the one about how the refrigerator got a bullet hole in it.

As each generation of grandmas passes on, the matriarchal crown moves a little closer to home.

My mom is a wonderful grandma who has many special things she has shared with her grandchildren. They will each have a little different piece of her in their hearts forever.

When the rolling pin passes, it makes us all put on life's brakes, look around and reflect.

We take just a moment to ponder what legacy we are leaving for those coming behind in our tracks.

Aprons, cookies, hugs and plenty of sympathy. Good smells from the stovetop, bushels of apples to be made into jam, jars of canned fruits and vegetables.

Perhaps mine, or yours, may not look and smell the same as the generations before us.

However, there is something about grandmas that makes each one special to those who love them.

Thank God for grandmas. They keep us grounded in what really counts. Pass the cookies, please.

Julie can be reached for comment at jcarter@tularosa.net.



Courtesy: Julie Carter
BY JULIE CARTER



COURTESY

The Senior 4-H Shooting Team took first-place honors at the state contest and heads to the National Shooting Contest in Nebraska later this month. L-r are Roy Payton, J'Nae Wood, Forrest Sweat, Gary Sweat, Robert Vance, Lance Dale, Jerami Vance and Zachary Shearer.

Shooting team heads to nationals

Through the generosity of several 4-H volunteers and a number of sponsors, the Lincoln County Senior 4-H Shooting Teams participated in the state 4-H shooting competitions last month at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton.

The team reached their goal of placing first at the State Contest which qualifies them to compete at the National 4-H Shooting Contest in Grand Island, Neb., June 23-28.

The Air Rifle Team members (4-Hers ages 14-19) are Jerami Vance, Forrest Sweat, Zachary Shearer and Roy Payton.

All the shooting team members belong to the Rockin' H 4-H Club and were coached by Gary Sweat, Mike Hernandez and Robert Vance.

The win was not an easy task as the shooters had to

maintain a certain level of self-discipline to practice their shooting skills at home on days when organized practices were not held.

Also competing at the State level in Air Rifle was Lance Dale. J'Nae Wood and Jerami Vance competed in the Archery Division, both placed as individuals.

The focus for all 4-H programs is the development of youth as individuals and as responsible and productive citizens.

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program stands out as an example.

Youth learn marksmanship as well as the safe and responsible use of firearms.

The activities of the program provide young people with opportunities to develop life skills, self-worth, and conservation ethics.

The Lincoln County Senior 4-H Shooting Team

wishes to thank several individuals and businesses for their continued support and for standing behind them in this wonderful time.

Their thanks go to Dana Terlecky, Jace Enser, James Stephens, Carl Kelley, Jr., Bill Rodolph, Larry Winbrow, Doug Reynolds, DCR Enterprises, Sierra Blanca Chapter of Friends of the NRA, Capitan High Power Shooting Club, The Gunsmith Works, Carl Kelley Construction, Radio Shack, Mountain Top Construction and all the individuals who have donated or bought raffle tickets since the team returned home as state winners.

The team is still in the process of raising funds to cover their expenses on their long journey to Nationals.

COUNTY BRIEFS

First Friday

The First Friday Adult Lecture Series at Capitan Public Library will be Friday, June 5, with a tour of the Capitan Museum.

The museum is filled with relics from Capitan's history, many passed down through the Trujillo family, who are the current owners of the museum.

Guests are asked to meet at the museum at 7 p.m., take the tour and then return to the library for refreshments.

No cameras or photos are allowed in the museum by request of the owners.

The First Friday Adult Lectures are free. For more information, call 354-3035.

Book sale

There is a book sale, Saturday, June 6, at the Capitan Public Library, \$5 a bag book sale from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.. Free coffee and cookies.

Summer reading

The Capitan Public Library Summer Reading Program begins Monday, June 8, and will run on consecutive Mondays through July.

The program is from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Storytime, projects and snacks will be included. There will be three special programs: The Museum Van of New Mexico, musician Andy Mason and the Gypsy Storyteller. If you are interested in helping, come by or call the library at 354-3035.

Capitan Summer Arts

The Capitan Women's Club is sponsoring a Summer Arts program for children ages 8-12.

The sessions will be held at the Capitan Public Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., on the following dates, free of charge. Class sizes are limited to 6-10 children per class.

The classes are as follows:

June 9 and 11 - Gourd Painting with Ole George Tipping; June 16 and 18 - Rock Art with Jeannie Adams; June 23 and 25 - Jewelry Making with Marilyn Quinnell; July 7 and 9 will be a two-part session of *The Exquisite Corpse* book with Beverly Wilson and Paula Wilson.

Call Heidi at 354-5480

to sign up or for more information.

Free street dance

Carrizozo Cowboy Days will host a free Street Dance with music by Paul Pino & the Tone Daddies, on Friday, June 12, 7 - 9 p.m., on 12th Street next to McDonald Park.

Horse clinic

A free horse show clinic for 4-H and FFA members will be held at the Lincoln County Fair Grounds, June 12, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

NMSU Extension Horse Specialist Jason Turner will facilitate the clinic.

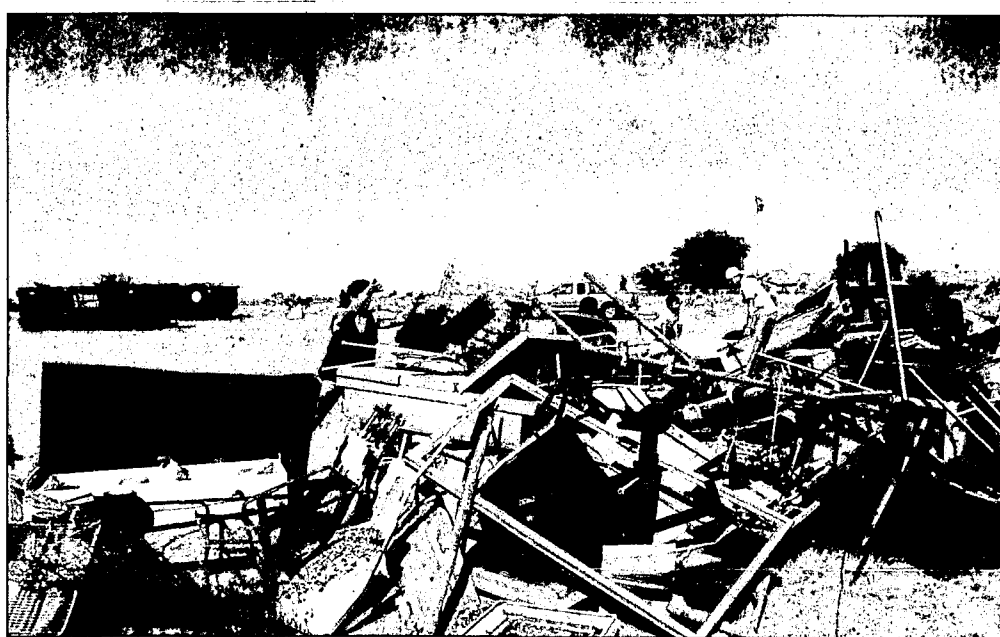
The clinic will address the basics of halter and riding classes that apply to the Lincoln County Fair.

Students will learn what each class is, practice it with instruction and leave with an idea of what they need to work on before the competition in August.

There will be another clinic held July 10, for those that could not attend this one and for any students wishing to return for more fine tuning.

For more information, call Julie Carter at 648-1152 or 799-4581.

CLEANING DAY IN CARRIZOZO



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Carrizozo's cleanup on Saturday was a "trashing" success, filling six roll-offs with assorted trash. The volunteers were able to sort the contributions into metal, glass and styrofoam piles and the brush was put in a pit and burned. Top photo, the Deputy Clerk Margaret LaBelle throws a roll of wire onto the metal pile. Above left, Carlos Samora and Judy Fitzpatrick unload a trailer load of tin and other metal items. Above right, Zachary Zamora piles branches and brush onto a pickup.

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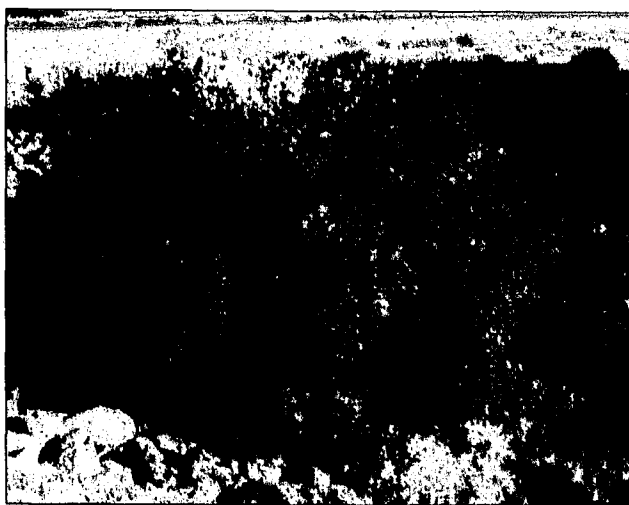
The damage these two trees have inflicted on their new environment was not anticipated.

Both species are considered noxious and invasive.

Salt Cedar (Tamaricaceae) can use up to 200 gallons of water per day per tree; has an extensive root system; excretes salt above and below ground which

inhibits native vegetation; severely limits wildlife diversity; not favored for bird habitat; contains very little protein and is not beneficial for foraging animals.

Russian Olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*) can out compete native vegetation; is capable of thriving in many types of soils; can survive droughts; provides an inferior wildlife habitat for birds and foraging animals than does native riparian vegetation; uses a considerable amount of water, destroys irrigation ditches, quickly colonizes lowland fields and is displacing the native plains

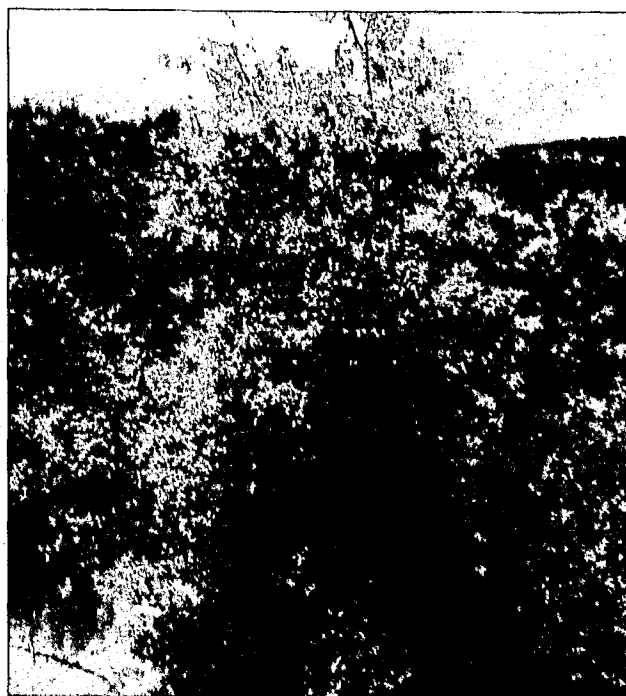


Salt Cedar above and Russian Olive at right.

cottonwood.

Courtesy of the Lincoln County Weed Cooperative,

Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation, Capitan.



NEW DISTRICT FFA OFFICERS



COURTESY

The new District 6 FFA officers were named at the FFA State FFA Convention this week in Las Cruces. L to R are Secretary Saisha Clark, Alamogordo; Treasure, Joel Ferguson, Carrizozo; President Haley Montes, Capitan; Vice president Lyle Danley, Alamogordo; Reporter Cheyanne Cope, Tularosa; Sentinel Marshal Wilson, Carrizozo.



Kristan Nicole Keele and Darrell Raymond Brooks are pleased to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

Ms. Keele, the daughter of Rebecca Keele of Mesquite, New Mexico and the late Pastor Earl Keele, received her Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from New Mexico State University in 2003 and Masters in Education from University of Texas-El Paso in 2007. She is employed with Roswell Independent School District as a high school science teacher.

Mr. Brooks, the son of David Brooks of Capitan, New Mexico and the late Sara Brooks, graduated from Capitan High School in 2001 and received his Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from New Mexico Tech in 2005. He is employed as IT Security Manager for Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino.

A June 26, 2009 wedding is planned. After honeymooning in Bar Harbor, Maine and Nova Scotia, Canada, the couple plans to make their home in Ruidoso.

CAPTAN ELEMENTARY AWARDS

Fourth 9-weeks

4th Grade

Honor Roll - 4th 9 weeks: Sophie Dirks, Cambrea Walker, Christian Newell, Dominique Silva, Gavin Trost, George Berryhill, Adrianna McWilliams, Lizbeth Quiroz, Jayden Daniel, Destiny Millard, Aubrey, Clossen, Alyssa Chavez.

Perfect Attendance All Year: Phoenix Payton.

Perfect Attendance 4th 9-weeks: Aspen Caughron, Phoenix Payton, Phillip Corona, Aubrey Clossen, Destiny Millard.

Responsibility: A.J. Stokes, Aubrey Clossen. Citizenship: All of Mrs. Wenner Class, Zackery Wilson, Torri Trapp

100 percent of AR Goal: Aubrey Clossen, Adrianna McWilliams, Alyssa Chavez, Destiny Millard.

5th Grade:

Honor Roll 4th 9-weeks: Ryan Dement, Oliver Schultz, Wade

Stearns, Lauren Bason, Emily Dirks, David Ellison, Brayden Hall, Evan Sabo.

Perfect Attendance All Year: Cherish Payton.

Perfect Attendance 4th 9-weeks: Jacob Dickinson, Cherish Payton, Oliver Schultz, Wade Stearns, Taylor Wilson, Alyssa Lizo, Collin Parks, Justice White.

Highest GPA's: Overall: Ryan Dement, David Ellison.

Reading: Ryan Dement, Lauren Bason. Spelling: Oliver Schultz, Lauren Bason

English: Regan Pruett, Brayden Hall. Science: Oliver Schultz, David Ellison

Math: Wade Stearns, David Ellison. Social Studies: Wade Stearns, Emily Dirks

100 percent of AR Goal: Tyler Jobe, Abraham Valdez, Taylor Wilson.

Responsibility & Citizenship: Gabi Cadena,

Ryan Dement, Regan Pruett, Wade Stearns, Taylor Wilson, Brayden Hall, Evan Sabo.

Recipients of the President's Award for Academic Excellence: Ryan Dement, Regan Pruett, Oliver Schultz, Lauren Bason, Emily Dirks, David Ellison, Brayden Hall, Evan Sabo.

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More arrests made in assault case

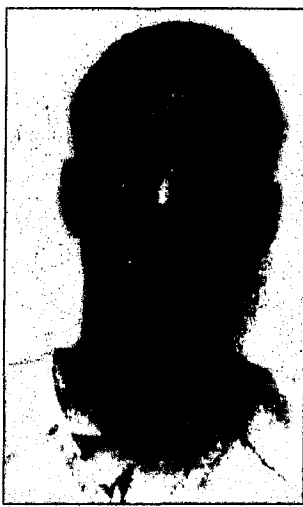
JULIE CARTER
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Another San Patricio man was arrested Tuesday, June 2, in connection with the May 19 violent assault of a Downs man.

Jesus Medina, 19, is charged with kidnapping, conspiracy to commit a crime and tampering with evidence.

Jose Angel Valenzuela, Jr., 28, of San Patricio, was arrested May 29, when he turned himself in to the Ruidoso Police Department after a warrant for his arrest had been issued.

The warrants for the arrest of Valenzuela and Medina were issued after the incident was reported involving a man who suffered serious head injuries from a beating with a piece



Jesus Medina

of pipe.

The victim met the suspects for the first time at a party in the Hondo Valley.

After he was allegedly assaulted by Valenzuela, he was put in his vehicle, allegedly with the help of

the three other men present, driven to a remote location and presumably left for dead.

The third suspect, 20-year-old Martin Castro, is currently a fugitive but a warrant bearing the same charges has been issued for his arrest.

A fourth individual allegedly involved, a 17-year-old Ruidoso male, was detained last week and turned over to a Juvenile Probation Officer.

The suspected weapon and bloody clothing were retrieved from a nearby dumpster.

Medina is currently incarcerated in the Lincoln County Detention Center under a \$1 million cash-only bond set by Judge William Butts in Ruidoso Magistrate Court.

Eidson sentenced; will serve one year

DIANNE STALLINGS
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Edd Ray Eidson was sentenced Monday, by 12th Judicial District Court Judge James Waylon Counts to 4 1/2 years for his conviction on charges dating back to August 2003.

Counts sentenced the former Ruidoso business owner to three years on a criminal sexual contact conviction and to 18 months for aggravated indecent exposure, to run consecutive for a total of 4 1/2 years.

The judge suspended 3 1/2 years, which means Eidson will spend one year in the prison, followed by 3 1/2 years of supervised probation. He will be required to register as a sex offender,

according to Assistant District Attorney RoxAnne Esquibel, who prosecuted the case.

Eidson was convicted in a Lincoln County district court in February 2008 for criminal sexual contact, a 3rd-degree felony, and aggravated indecent exposure, a 4th-degree felony, according to court records. The jury acquitted Eidson on the charge of criminal sexual penetration, a 1st-degree felony.

He was indicted on Nov. 4, 2005, in connection with an incident with a 9-year-old child on Aug. 6, 2003, when the girl spent the night at his home, according to court records.

Eidson, who moved to Corpus Christi, Texas, maintains his innocence, his attorney has stated.

Eddy County murder suspect still at large

SPRINGER — Anthony A. Herrera, date of birth Dec. 6, 1990, incarcerated for attempted murder in the first degree, escaped May 31, from the New Mexico Boys School and remains at large.

Herrera, of Artesia, is described as a Hispanic male, height 5 foot 5 inches, weight 110 pounds, black hair cut in a buzz cut, hazel eyes and a tattoo on his left hand, middle finger that reads "575."

He was incarcerated for attempted murder filed out of the Fifth Judicial

District of Eddy County.

During the evening of June 3, the New Mexico State Police Criminal Investigations Bureau arrested two women from the Artesia area, that were directly linked to Anthony Herrera's escapee on May 31, from the New Mexico Boys School Area 1.

Reyna Alvarado, DOB Mar. 1, 1988, and Brittney Luna, DOB April 20, 1991, both of Artesia, will be charged with assisting with an escape (felony) and conspiracy (felony).

The New Mexico State

Police investigators learned that the two friends of Herrera, Alvarado and Luna, had conspired with him to provide transportation from Springer to southern New Mexico and a place to hide out.

Herrera is still on the run and investigators are asking anyone with information to call State Police at 575-445-5571 or 911.

Eddy County Crime-stoppers are offering a reward for information leading to Herrera's capture, 575-887-1888.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Club fighter

At 1:35 a.m., Sunday, May 31, Patrolman James Urban responded to a call about a fight at a nightclub on Sudderth Drive.

When he arrived he reported seeing several employees attempting to restrain Richard J. Otey, 31, 200 block of Second Street.

Ruban reported that Otey attempted to tackle one of the employees, wrapping his arms around the employee's legs and almost making him lose his balance.

Witnesses reportedly told Urban that Otey had struck another patron with his fist inside the night-

club.

Urban arrested Otey and charged him with disorderly conduct.

Tag, you're stolen

Ruidoso Police Officer Lance Ledford recovered a stolen 1997 Suzuki in the 100 block of Sudderth, May 27.

The vehicle was reported stolen from Corpus Christi, Texas.

It had license plates issued to a 1999 Dodge. Code enforcement had tagged the vehicle for removal.

Just a little bite

Ruidoso Animal Control Officer April Allen cited Barbara Downs, 100 block

of Leona, for a vicious animal, May 20, after Downs' Chow reportedly bit a neighbor's female Chihuahua the previous day.

Allen reportedly arranged for Miracle Paws for Pets to pay for the medical treatment of the Chihuahua when the owners said they could not afford to take the dog to a veterinarian.

Gun gone

An aggravated burglary was reported to Ruidoso Police, May 2, in the 900 block of Main Road. Someone reportedly broke a window and stole a 9mm Ruger pistol, tools and household items.

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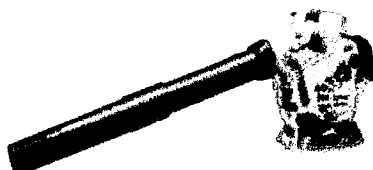
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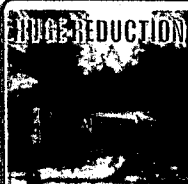
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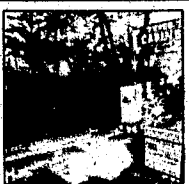


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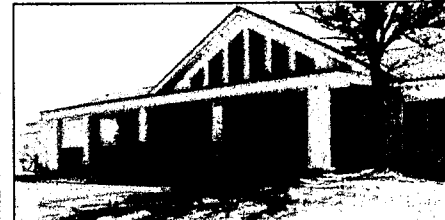
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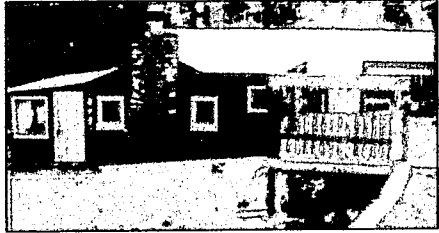


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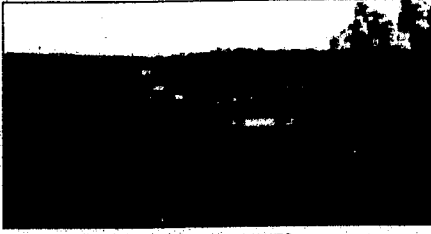
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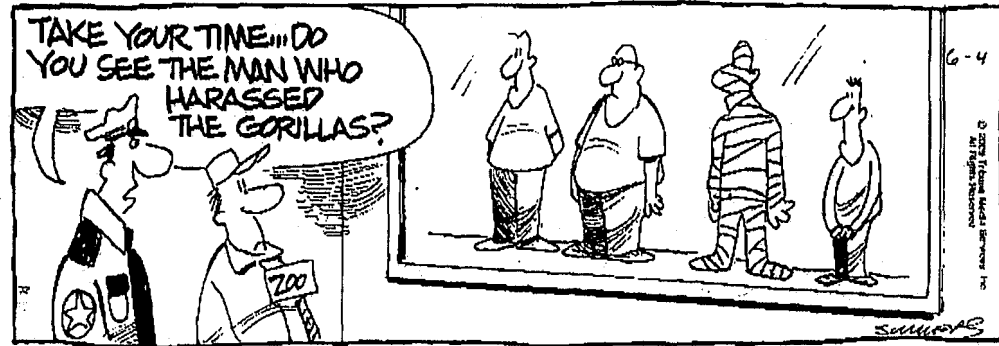
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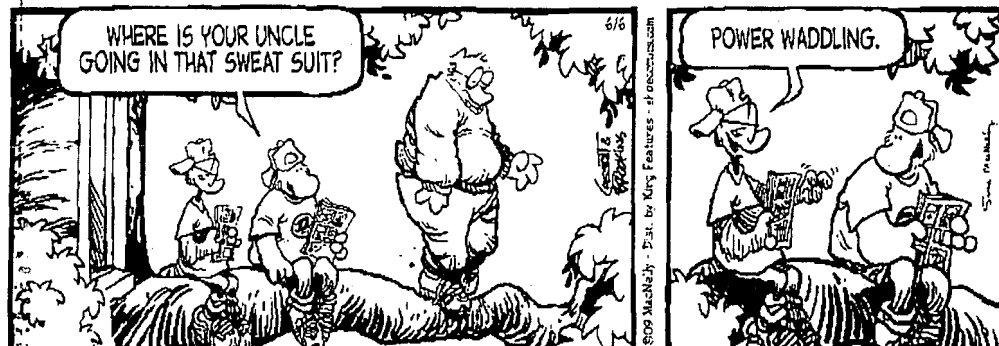
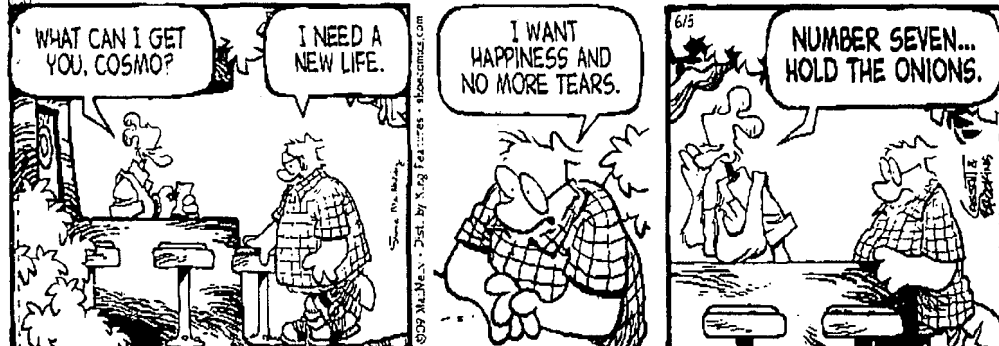
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ACROSS

DOWN

120 Lanten symbol

121 Be a big brother

122 Rib shots

123 On the main

14 Tuscan hill town

15 Che, really

16 Jazz lovers on the Mississippi?

17 Relevant, in law

18 Tony-winning Manhattan restaurateur

24 Finish by

25 Lerner's partner

30 "Can you give me...?"

31 Salchmo's singing style

32 Southwestern pottery maker

34 Back Pft.

35 Arrive en masse

37 Go ahead of

38 Former frosh

39 Georgetown player

40 One...

45 Switch positions

46 Raw recruit

47 Lighter on one's feet

49 "L... c'est moi!"

50 Eye blatantly

51 Pledging site

54 Accessory for an old-time flying ace

56 Track contestant

57 Suzanne of

60 Ab... from the beginning

61 Detective usin' taps?

62 Money-saving carpeting choices

65 Big name in beachwear

67 Actress Soleil

70 At...

73 Zhou of China

74 Wouldn't hurt...

78 "Hold Me" buddy

79 Grammy winner

82 Casa areas

85 Desire

87 Four-time Olympic diving gold medalist

88 Gaelic tongue

89 Tourney ranking

91 Largest of the British Virgin Islands

92 Hagar's dog

93 Subject for Eric Partridge

96 Suit fabrics

97 Landfall for Noah

98 Lops and tops

99 Elbows, maybe

100 Four Holy Roman emperors

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108 "All right, already!"

109 Base material?

112 Security guard requests, briefly

113 In the know

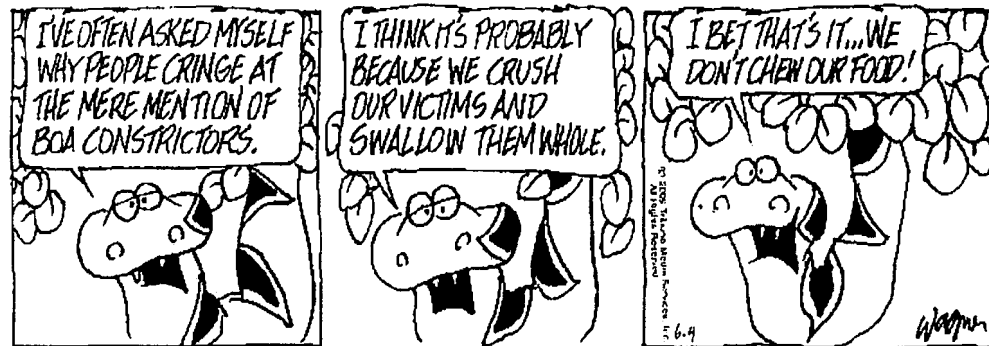
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STATE OF NEW
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COUNTY OF BER
NALILLO
SECOND JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

No. D202-CV-09-3373

SUPPORT**FINANCIAL, LLC,**

Plaintiff,

v.

CHARLES Z SMITH

AND MARYLIN

SMITH,

Defendants

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW

MEXICO to the abo

ve-named Defendant,

Charles Z Smith

GREETINGS

You are hereby

notified that the

above-named Plaintiff

has filed a civil action

against you in the

above-entitled Court

and cause, the gener

al object thereof

being a Complaint on

a Contract and for

Debt and Money Due

That unless you enter

your appearance

said cause on or

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will be entered

against you

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this 18th day of May,

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(COURT SEAL)

By

Cathy Chavez, Deputy

#8623 4T (5/15,22,29

(6/5) AMENDED

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Plaintiff

-v-

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SON and JANET G.

ROBERSON, ALTO

LAKEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB,

INC. a New Mexico

Corporation, and

A. L. O. WATER & SANITA

TION DISTRICT, a

New Mexico Quasi-

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\$40,819.57

Plaintiff is entitled to

additional costs in

this matter, including

costs of publication

and costs of this

Notice, which

amounts may be

added to Plaintiff's

Stipulated Judgment

at the time of the

foreclosure sale.

In addition to the fore

going Judgment liens

of Plaintiff, the Stipu

lated Judgment liens

of Defendant ALTO

Lakes Golf Country

Club, Inc., subject to

Plaintiff's mortgage

lien encumbrance:

Principal & interest**through 4/30/09**

\$5,262.94

Costs of suit**201.43****Attorney fees****1,886.93**

\$7,357.30

The real property

described above will

be sold subject to any

and all reservations,

easements, recorded

and unrecorded liens

and unrecorded special

assessments and

taxes that may be due

at the time of sale

The Special Master

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Div. III

NOTICE OF FORE**CLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS GIVEN

that on June 11, 2009,

at the front entrance

to the Village of

Ruidoso, New Mexico,

the undersigned

Special Master will

offer at public sale

and sell the follow

ing described real

property to the

highest bidder for

cash:

Lot 36A, Block 5,

HIGH MESA SUBDI

VISION UNIT 3,

Lincoln County, New

Mexico, as shown by

the Replat of Lots 36

and 37, Block 5, High

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any mobile or

manufactured home

located on the land

devoid of title to a

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property, if any,

environmental con

ditions exist on the

property, if any, and

zoning violations con

cerning the property,

if any.

NOTICE IS FUR

THER GIVEN that

the purchaser at such

sale shall take title

to the above described

real property subject

to a one month right

of redemption.

Nick Vago,

Special Master

P.O. Box 383

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(505) 648-2463

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Please Mark One:

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Uniform Home - General

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Spacious stucco 1700 sq. ft. 3/2, 2 car garage, 975/min 378-4159.
Nice 2 bdr 2 bath on park like acre in up scale neighborhood. No stairs, \$240/mo. White Mountain Meadows 575-371-5454.
Lease/Rent! 3/2, all appl., 2 1/2 car garage, lg fen. yd, lg stor. area, view. \$1050/mo. 1st & last \$500/sec. 575-258-3517
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bedroom apartment for rent. 1 bdr, 1 bath. No pets. \$525/mo. 937-5303.

House for rent, \$1100 per month. Call Joe Zagona Century 21 Aspen 808-0282 or 257-9057

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3 bedroom 2 bath home for rent with wood burning fireplace. Owner/Agent 575-258-2550

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Artist contemporary loft like house Mid town 1 bdr 1 ba 1,000 sq. ft. \$850. mo. + util. *Foli yard zone c-2. Live Work 575-937-1486

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Carrizozo. Charming 2 bdr home w/ w/d, living, dining, kitchen, & great view. Wood floors, \$450/mo. util. 505-438-9809 or 505-983-0483

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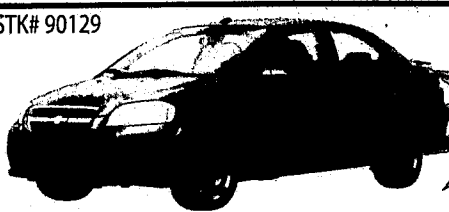
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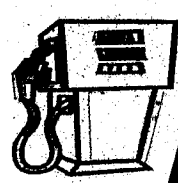
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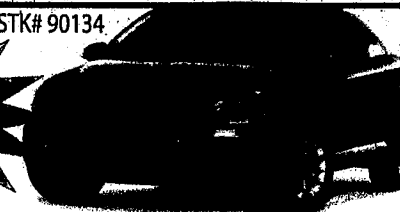
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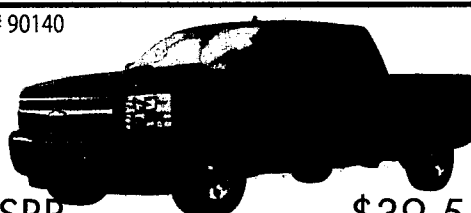


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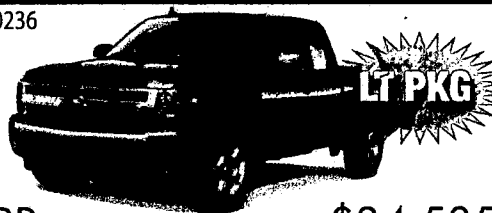


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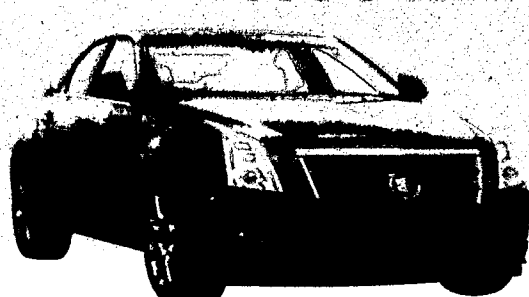


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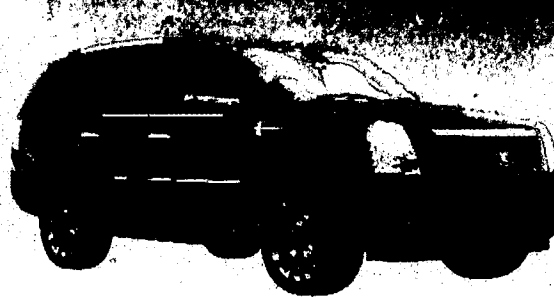
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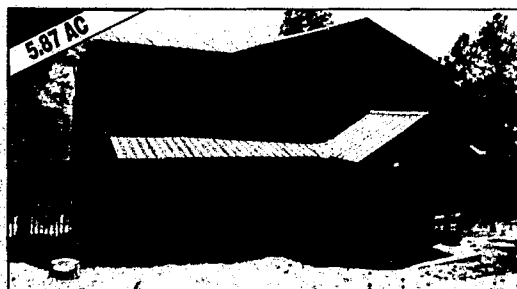
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CHARMING MOUNTAIN HOME ON ACREAGE W/ BEAUTIFUL VIEWS!

This 4 br., 3 ba. home has wood accents throughout and vaulted ceilings. There is a study too, to keep you organized. The large, dual purpose garage has full guest quarters with bedroom, kitchen, and living room. Garage is great too! Horses allowed. Country living at its best! \$449,500. #104963



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This amazing 4 bedroom home has everything you could possibly want! Dynamic windows and vaulted ceilings accent this beautiful open kitchen-living area. Expansive low maintenance deck, concrete drive, 4 car garage, and a lifetime roof. Fabulous interior will win your heart. Many desirable extras including an rv pad and an additional domestic well. A real beauty! \$799,500. #104484



AMAZING TERRITORIAL HOME WITH 400-FEET OF RIVER FRONTAGE!

A fabulous location provides the perfect setting for this 3 bedroom, 3 bath home on 6.3 acres in Ranches of Sonterra. This beauty features wood accents throughout, top of the line appliances, Bose surround sound system, radiant heat, a front and back courtyard, and amazing fireplaces. Also, this property has a great 1120 SQ. FT. audio/workshop with a 1/2 bath. \$895,000. #104682

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**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



**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



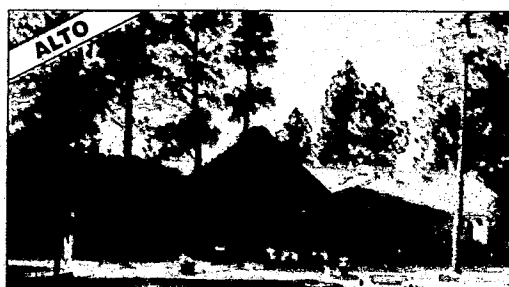
**FABULOUS 4 BEDROOM, 3
 BATH HOME IN BEAUTIFUL
 DEER PARK WOODS.**

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 on the main level. Full golf membership insures your enjoyment of this beautiful area. \$459,500. #104522



**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. #103964



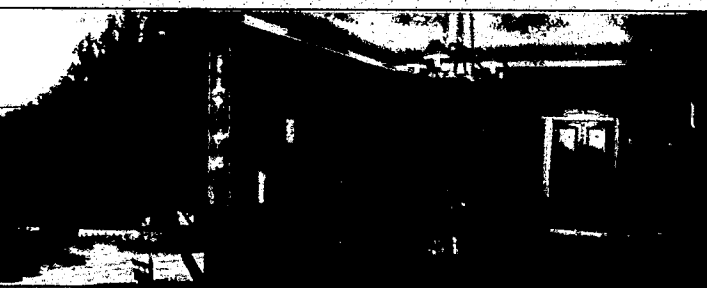
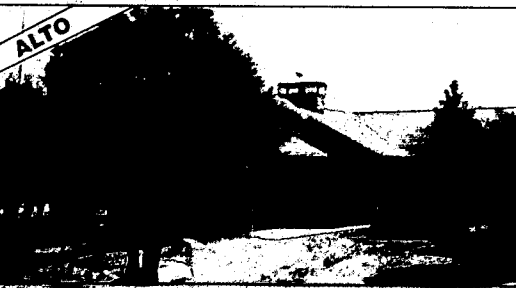
**CLASSY ALTO HOME IN
 A GREAT LOCATION!**

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



**PRESTIGIOUS DEER
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 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



**PRESTIGIOUS ALTO HOME ON
 EXPANSIVE 1.5 ACRE LOT!**

This beautifully designed 5 br., 5 1/2 ba. Alto home has a grand feeling! An impressive and spacious floor plan features exceptional quality throughout. The lofty ceilings, gourmet kitchen & bar, lovely wood accents, and 3 car garage will please even the most discriminating buyer. Professionally decorated. Alto full golf & Kokopelli membership. Pkg. includes jockey club seats too! Luxurious Alto living at it's best! \$1,695,000. #103940

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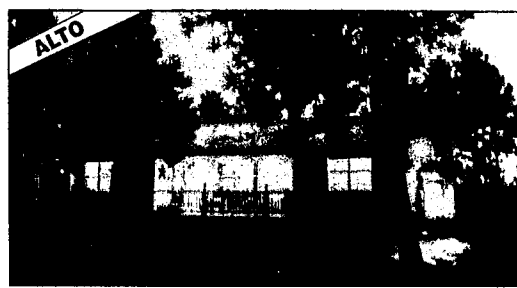
"As long-time members of Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club we can certainly attest to the many enjoyable times that our family has enjoyed at this fine facility. Richard has served on the numerous Alto committees for many years, and we have enjoyed watching the club grow. It's reasonable dues structure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

— Richard and Janis



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



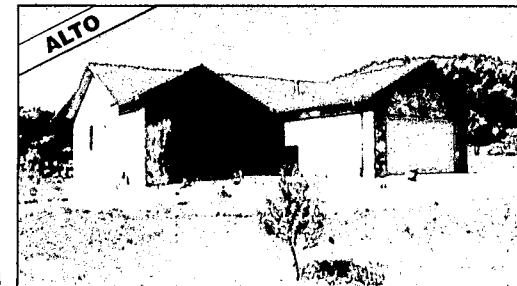
CHARMING 3 BR., 2 BA. ALTO STUCCO!

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! \$319,500. #104241



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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



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



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



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

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**THE ALTO HOME OF
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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



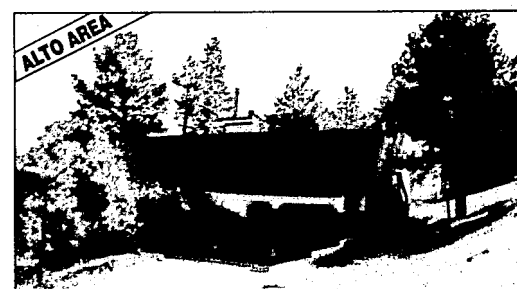
**CHARMING ALTO
HOME ON A GREAT
CORNER LOT!**

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



**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. \$299,500. #103848



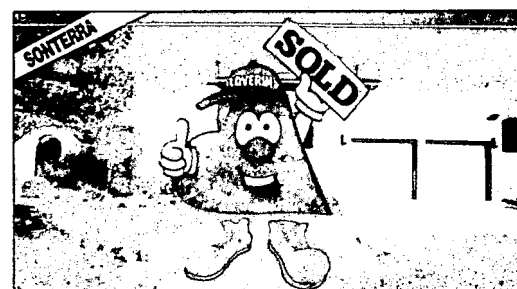
**LOTS OF ROOM FOR
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Six bedrooms and six and 1/2 baths amidst the tall pines of Alto Mountain Village is the perfect vacation getaway or home. Lots of room to spread out here! Spacious game room downstairs. Large covered & uncovered decks. 2 car carport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



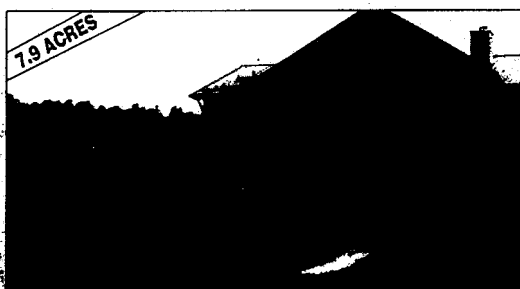
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**CUSTOM SANTA FE STYLE
STUCCO ON 8.65 ACRES!**

Gated 4 br. property with amazing Capitan views in a private setting you'll love. This one-level beauty features 3 fireplaces, plantation shutters & observation deck. Walk to the Rio Bonita & waterfalls or relax on the fabulous back patio with outdoor fireplace. This enchanting home with beautiful upscale features throughout and sun-splashed interior awaits a discriminating buyer who longs for our pristine mountain environment. \$585,000. #102301



**FABULOUS CUSTOM
HOME WITH NICE VIEWS!**

This fully furnished 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home sits on an amazing 7.94 acres in Ranches of Sonterra. Some of the custom features throughout this home include a gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, great room with vaulted ceiling, 3 car garage, and a rain catch system. Enjoy the valley views from a great deck. Also features guest quarters with their own kitchen, living area, and utility room. \$575,000. #103954

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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. \$429,500. #102862



VIEWS!

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



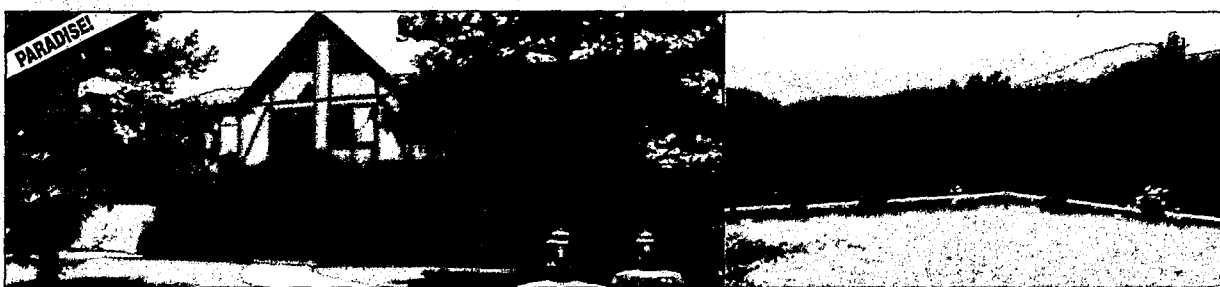
SB VIEW!

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. #105086



SB VIEW!



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LOVELY WH. 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



SB VIEW!

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. \$349,000. #105008



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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 pluses. Paved drive and landscaping too. Wonderful kitchen! Amazing deck w/ panoramic SB View! Wow!!! \$499,500. #104679.

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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



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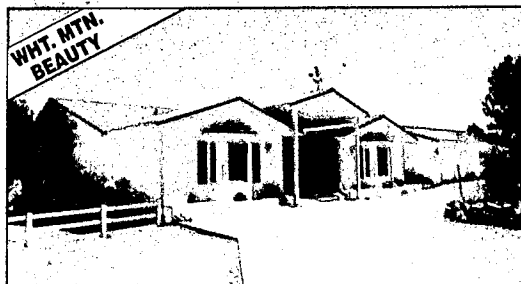
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This impressive 3 br. home is situated on 2 lots replatted into one, creating a generous green space for this special home w/ 2 living areas, 3 fireplaces & a 4 car garage. Granite countertops in the kitchen. 2 baths plus 2 more 1/2 baths. Your spacious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



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 DY-NAMIC view of Sierra Blanca from the back deck. Great location! Close to town and backs up to green space which is beautifully treed. Everything you could want. All of this under 250K! \$249,000. #104608



THIS GREAT 2 BR., 2 BA. STUCCO HAS ALL THE RIGHT TOUCHES!

Beautiful 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



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



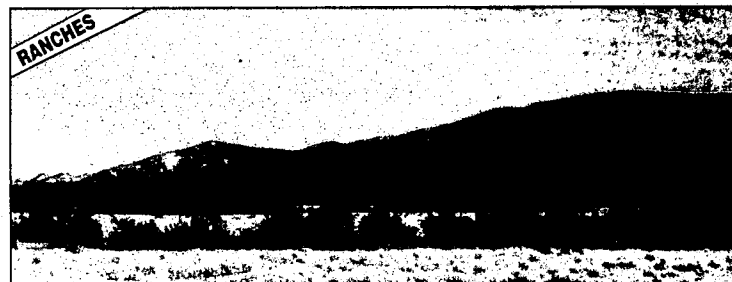
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You'll find beautiful tile floors, sun-splashed interiors, and a wonderful park-like setting right here at The Springs! This end unit has a fabulous open concept living, dining, & kitchen area. The back patio is serene & perfect for your morning coffee amidst the tall pines. A must see. \$179,900. #103606



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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



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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! \$739,500 #103665

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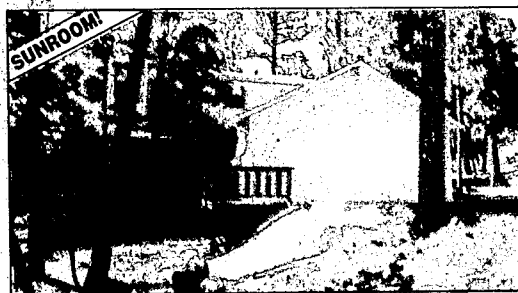


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GREAT VIEWS AND CENTRALLY LOCATED!

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



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! \$259,500. #18269



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. \$175,000. #102767



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



LOTS OF POTENTIAL AND UNDER 150K!

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



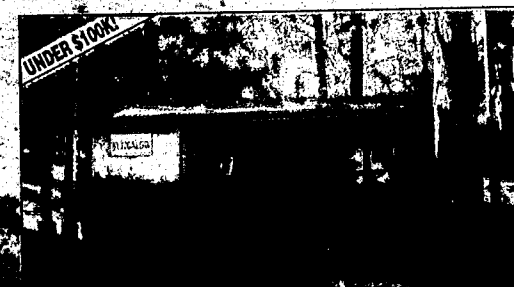
SUPER END-UNIT TOWNHOUSE ON CREE GOLF COURSE

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



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



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

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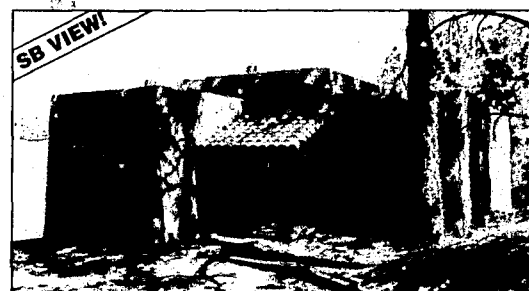
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CHARMING SANTA FE STYLE HOME ON LARGE CORNER LOT!

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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



ONE-OF-A-KIND!



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LUXURIOUSLY, LIVABLE STUCCO ON FAWN COURT

This stellar 4 br., 3 1/2 ba. is a well orchestrated living space with an office/ study and play area too. This open concept beauty has sun-splashed interiors & vaulted wood ceilings. Charming outdoor Bar-B-Q patio w/ kiva for your enjoyment on cool mtn. evenings. An exceptional home in every way. Full golf too! \$598,500. #103287



ALTO

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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THIS WEEKEND

Gold Rush Day



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Come join the outlaws, inlaws, gunfighters and shady ladies in White Oaks this Saturday, June 6, for Gold Rush Day, headquartered at the infamous No Scum Allowed Saloon. The schedule for the day is:

11:30 a.m.: World Famous White Oaks Parade

High Noon: Wild West gunfight performed by Six Guns and a Shady Lady from El Paso

12:30 p.m.: Gold panning, Barbeque, live music and more

2:30 p.m.: Wild West gunfight performed by Six Guns a Shady Lady from El Paso

4:30 p.m.: White Oaks feuding and fighting performed by the White Oaks Old Geezer

6 p.m.: Gold panning closes, barbeque, music and dancing continue into the night.

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Calendar Highlights

Relay for Life

June 5-6: (Ruidoso) American Cancer Society Relay for Life at the White Mountain Sports Complex behind White Mountain Schools. From 6

p.m., Friday, until 9 a.m., Saturday. Admission is free. For more information, call Cindy Parkinson at 575-808-1205.

Gold Rush Days

June 6: (White Oaks) White Oaks 3rd Annual Gold Rush Days, including music, food, vendors, gold panning, shootouts, wagon rides and soiled doves.

Mountain of Blues

June 6: (Ruidoso) Mountain of Blues 12th Annual

Festival at Wingfield Park in Midtown Ruidoso. Featuring performances by Zac Harmon, The Unknowns, The Mixx, Buzz and the Soul-Senders, and Long John Hunter with the Bad News Blues Band. The Ruidoso Blues Fest takes place at 501 Wingfield Dr. Ample free parking for attendees and the event is just a block from shops, restaurants and lodging.

Gates open at 10 a.m. and the music starts at 12 p.m. and plays until 8:30 p.m.

Plenty of food and beverage vendors will keep you well-fed as you kick back for a great afternoon of live blues. So leave your brown bag at home.

We're kid friendly. Kids' activities are available during the event, including a fantastic moon bounce and more. So bring the little ones and keep the blues alive for our next generation.

And after the show, the live music continues. A short walk from the event grounds puts you in the door of Win, Place and Show or The Quarters, where the music flows like a fine aged whiskey.

Firebird and Paquita

June 6: (Alto) Ruidoso Dance Ensemble performances at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Dazzling ballet classics danced with considerable beauty and style by local and professional talents.

Denim Day Games

June 10: (Alto) The Guild of the Spencer Theater presents Denim Day Games from 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. Invite your friends, bring your game of choice and have an enjoyable afternoon. Welcome beverage at 11:30, with a gourmet lunch and door prizes at noon. For reservations, phone 336-8447.

Joe Cocker

June 11: (Mescalero) Joe Cocker in concert at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino at 8 p.m. English rock and blues singer Cocker has become internationally recognized as one of the greatest rock voices of all time.

Known for his gritty voice and hit cover-song remakes, Cocker has won a Grammy Award, an Academy Award and a Golden Globe Award. Get your tickets online now.

Performance begins at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call the box office at 888-324-0348.

Monoyoga Workshop

June 12-13: (Ruidoso) The Yoga Studio presents Master Subbuji at 2810 Sudderth Dr. Friday, 6-9 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The art of Manoyoga has been known to improve heart disease, diabetes, cancer, memory retention and stress management. Visit www.youtube.com/subbuji and contact Anne Lucero, 937-3609 or AneLucero@gmail.com for more information.

Carrizozo Cowboy Days

June 12-14: (Carrizozo) A celebration of cowboy life and lifestyles on the range. Western vendors, Kid's Rodeo, food, street dances, cattle round-up, cowboy parade, Wild West Shoot-Out stage show, cowboy golf and cowboy church. www.carrizozocowboydays.com.

"Satisfaction"

June 13: (Alto) "Satisfaction" at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$79 and \$76. Rolling Stones tribute band with staggering delivery: "Get Off My Cloud," "Under My Thumb," "Angie," "Jumpin' Jack Flash," and many more.

War

June 18: (Mescalero) War, the iconic American funk band, performs at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino. With more than 50 million albums sold to date, the group is recognized around the world for its popular songs, "Low Rider," "Why Can't We Be Friends" and "Spill the Wine." The show is open to the public, and patrons of all ages are welcome to attend. Performance times begin at 7 p.m. and

tickets are only \$25.

For more information, call the box office at 888-324-0348.

The Boys Next Door

June 19: (Alto) The Boys Next Door, presented by Wayland University Theater at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Entertaining and tender tale of four mentally challenged men and their burned-out young social worker.

The Staerkels' Musical Variety Dinner Show

June 19: (Ruidoso) The Staerkels' Musical Variety Dinner Show begins their summer run at Mountain Annie's Dinner Theater in Midtown Ruidoso.

Master musicians George and Barbara Staerkel are scheduled to perform each Friday and Saturday night through Sept. 26. George is a former lead singer for the Tokens, best known for their song "The Lion Sleeps Tonight." He can play more than 50 instruments and has a five-octave vocal range. Barbara has the voice of an angel and can play anything with strings.

They are accompanied by their guitarist extraordinaire Bill Wells. Bill makes his double-neck guitar, as well as his other guitars, sound simply amazing. A different show is presented on each day; once you see the first, you'll come again and again. Mountain Annie's is beloved by full-time Ruidoso residents who find exceptional hometown service mixed with great fun at very affordable ticket prices for most evenings at \$32.50 for adults (includes dinner, the show, tax and gratuity), \$12 for ages 7-12, and free for 6 and under.

Most nights, doors open at 6 p.m., dinner is served promptly at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Phone

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Spring Fling Rod Run & Car Show

June 20: (Ruidoso) Spring Fling Rod Run & Car Show at Mountain Annie's on Sudderth in Midtown Ruidoso from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Registration starts at 8 a.m. Free admission, food and fun. Early registration Friday, June 19, from 5 - 7 p.m., at Mountain Annie's. More info: Detective Doug Babcock, 575-336-8451.

Taste of the Spencer

June 20: (Alto) Taste of the Spencer Benefit at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$50. Fine art auction with local cuisine tastings, music and spirits; special display of Bancroft vintage roadster.

High Rolls Cherry Festival

June 20-21: (High Rolls) Fresh, sweet Bing cherries and cherry products are featured, with more than 50 arts & crafts vendors, food, drink, and children's activities. (East of the U.S. tunnel, follow the signs and traffic personnel.) Admission and parking are free. Visit hrmplions.net for more information.

Rhonda Vincent and the Rage

June 28: (Alto) Rhonda Vincent and the Rage at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$69 and \$66. Blending bluegrass with soul and swing, this singing mandolin player is a key figure in today's bluegrass scene.

Call 336-4800 for tickets.

Fireworks celebration

July 2: (Mescalero) Fireworks Celebration at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino. Kick off the holiday weekend at the Inn for its annual Independence Day celebration. The festivities

begin at 5 p.m. and guests can snack on hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos and cold beverages on the patio while enjoying great live entertainment and other fun activities. The celebration continues into the night and concludes with southern New Mexico's largest fireworks display over Lake Mescalero.

Smokey Bear Stampede

July 2-5: (Capitan) 53rd Smokey Bear Stampede in Capitan at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. Parade at 10 a.m., daily Ranch Rodeos, BBQ, fireworks on the 4th at 7 p.m. and dancing. Info: 575-354-2273.

Jack Ingram in Concert

July 3: (Ruidoso Downs) Jack Ingram in Concert at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack & Casino at 8 p.m.

Around the time Jack Ingram started writing songs and performing, he was studying psychology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. "Music and psychology come from the same place," he says.

He has recorded seven studio albums, and has released more than a dozen singles to country radio. His most recent single, "That's a Man," was released in late 2008 and has charted in the Top 20.

Carrizozo 4th of July

July 4: (Carrizozo) The Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce presents their annual 4th of July celebration, with all-day music, food and vendors at the Valle del Sol gazebo. Fireworks at night.

The Little Mermaid

July 10: (Alto) Fire-10: The Little Mermaid presented by Missoula Children's Theatre at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for students. Free week-long acting workshop for youth culminating in full

musical show. Call for audition info, 888-818-7872, or 575-336-4800 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bridge Tournament

July 10-12: (Ruidoso) Christmas in July Bridge Tournament. at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Game times 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. This is a Sectional Tournament. Contact Larry Woods at 575-257-7411 or e-mail larryrudy2@netscape.net.

Art Loop

July 10-12: (Lincoln County) 14th annual Art Loop and Tour in Lincoln County. As the Granddaddy of all the art loops, this three-day event presents the best artists and artworks from a variety of mediums. This year presents an exciting new format for the event. Juried artists will be able to show in their own studio or join together, allowing some studios to accommodate two or three artists in one space. If you have any questions, call 575-648-2598.

Loverboy

July 16: (Mescalero) Loverboy performs at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino. Formed in Calgary, Alberta, in 1980, Loverboy has produced numerous hit songs in the United States and Canada and released four multi-platinum albums throughout their career. The shows are open to the public, and patrons of all ages are welcome to attend. Performance times begin at 7 p.m. and tickets are only \$25. A part of the 2009 Summer Concert Series.

Hal Holbrook

July 17: (Alto) Hal Holbrook performs as Mark Twain at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$89 and \$86. The great stage and screen star re-creates Twain, his astute wit and political irrev-

erence.

Federated Woman's Club Arts & Crafts

July 18: (Ruidoso) 18: Federated Woman's Club 4th Arts & Crafts Fair from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 116 South Evergreen. For more information, call 257-2309 or 258-2842.

Ruidoso Art Festival

July 24-26: (Ruidoso) Ruidoso Art Festival at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Recognized by the Harris Poll as one of the Top Juried Art Shows in the United States, the Ruidoso Art Festival features more than 100 award-winning artists displaying work in a variety of fine art mediums including: acrylics/oils, fabric, leather, weaving, glass, jewelry, metalwork, mixed media, pastels, pencil, pen and ink, photography, porcelain and pottery, sculpture, watercolor and woodwork.

Art Festival hours are: Friday, noon to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission is \$5 for Adults, \$1 for children under 16. Two-day passes are available for \$8 and three-day passes for \$12.

For more information, call the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at 1-877-RUIDOSO, 1-575-257-7395, or email Kathy Alexander at ArtFest@RuidosoNow.com.

Corona Fiesta

July 25: (Corona) Corona Fiesta with a parade, vendors, music, Ranch Rodeo, brisket dinner and dance.

Sisters Morales

July 25: (Alto) Sisters Morales Salsa Dance Concert at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$39 and \$36. Get up and dance as these Austin gals blend alt-country, R&B and Mexican folk ballads. Salsa Dance Class from 4 to 6

p.m. Free Latin American dance lessons for concert ticket holders (limited availability). Mexican buffet at 6 p.m. for \$20, pre-concert spread of ethnic cuisine. All you can eat.

Trail Ride

July 31-Aug. 2: (Lincoln County) Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse Trail Ride from White Oaks to Lincoln.

Frankie Avalon

August 2: (Alto) Frankie Avalon at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 2 p.m. (tickets are \$69 and \$66) and at 8 p.m. (tickets at \$79 and \$76).

Cowboy Symposium

August 3-8: (Capitan) Annual Lincoln County Fair at the Capitan Fairgrounds. Livestock show, dance and lots more to do and see. More Info: 575-648-2311.

Chamber Festival

August 8: (Alto) Chamber Music Festival at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. The Gold Medalist of the 2009 Van Cliburn International Piano Compe-

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tion performs at the fifth annual festival Saturday, 8 p.m. at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts in Alto.

Fabulous Festival Fling at 6 p.m. (tickets are \$25) fundraising gala for Chamber Music Festival in Crystal Lobby before the piano concert.

Call 575-336-4800. For more information on the Chamber Music Festival, call Marylee at 575-378-4302.

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a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-6
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Airport Grille • 3500 Airport
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Amigos Bakery • 1107 10th St.,
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Washington, Alamogordo •
437-9751 • Open Mon-Sat, 9
a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.-9
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Café 675 • 675 Tenth St. at
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St., Cloudcroft • 682-5588 •
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p.m. • Soups, sandwiches, pas-
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Coffee & More • 308 Granado
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James Canyon, Cloudcroft •
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p.m.

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Chili's Grill & Bar • 202
Panorama, Alamogordo • 437-
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Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-
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ing.

Palm Side • 905 S. White
Sands Blvd., Alamogordo •
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Rocket National Buffet • 607
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CUISINE

'Sobras'



Polly's Potpourri

by Polly E. Chavez

I love cooking with
sobras, Spanish for left-
over food. Making a dish
from *sobras* is a culinary
challenge and surprise.

To prepare my recycled
mock pot roast I went on a
scavenger hunt in my
refrigerator. I came up with
a few chunks of stew meat,
a small batch of pale raw
carrots, wilted raw celery,
half an onion, week old
zucchini and several wrin-
kled, about-to-sprout pota-
toes.

My recipe is best if you
are not in a rush and can
toss in the ingredients by

the hour. While you wait
for lunch you could clean
closets, do laundry, and
sort paperwork...any thing
that will keep you close to
the crock-pot in the
kitchen.

Recycled Mock Pot Roast

8 a.m. – Brown chunky
stew meat. Place in crock-
pot (high) with a handful of
carrots, sliced big. Add 3
cups water or depending
on what you find to recy-
cle.

9 a.m. – Add a handful
of celery, chopped big and
half an onion.

10 a.m. – Add four
small, peeled, whole pota-
toes.

11 a.m. – Add one zuc-
chini, sliced big. Salt and
pepper to taste.

Noon – “Vittles” should
be done. Vittles is from
“victual,” which means
food fit for consumption,
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plies.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tia Lupe's Authentic Mexican Restaurant • 1200 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-0820 • Open 7 days, 10 am-8 pm.

Pizza/Italian

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

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

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

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

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River's Edge • 2404 Sudderth • 630-5394 • Mon-Sat, 10:30-5; Sun, 11:30-5 • Custom-made sandwich wraps, freshly made desserts.

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

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

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Big Game Bar & Grill • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. inside Casino Apache at Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero • 464-7880.

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

Cattle Baron • 657 Sudderth • 257-9355 • Mon-Thu, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.

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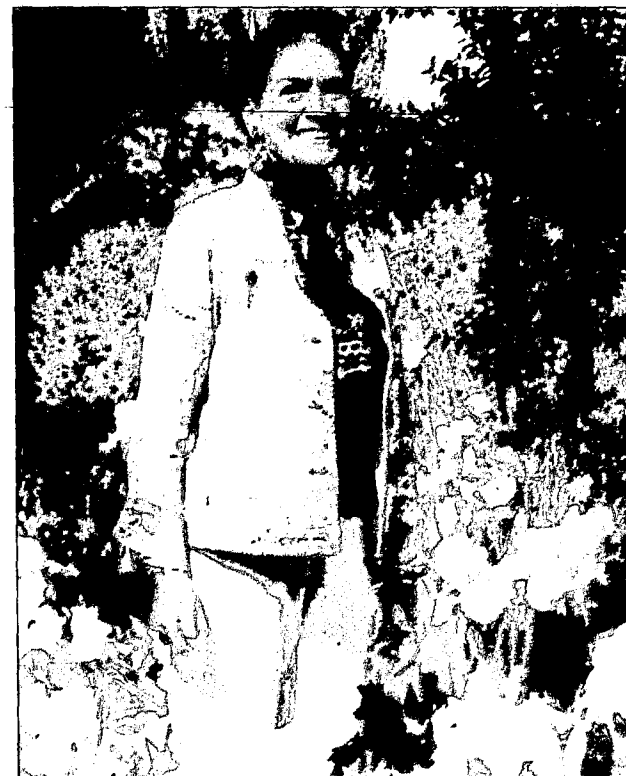
Hubbard Museum

The Hubbard Museum is pleased to announce that special program and demonstration from artist Alice Seely will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 6, in the Johnny & Marty Cope Learning Center at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. There is no charge to view the program other than regular admission fees. As Always, members of the Museum are admitted free of charge.

The wearing of jewelry has ancient roots, over the centuries coming to be a sign of social or religious rank or imbued with other consequential meaning. Jewelry can possess an historic content and relevance. It can indicate a sense of experience and place. Alice Warder Seely's mixed Indian, Spanish, and Anglo heritage reflects the rich cultural diversity of New Mexico and finds its way into the art she produces.

Seely, who makes her home in Hondo, New Mexico, is a writer, painter, sculptor, and jewelry designer. Seely's pewter jewelry, which she designs, casts, and hand finishes, is featured in more than 350 stores and galleries across the country, in Santa Fe, Scottsdale, New York, Michigan, and Florida. Join Seely in this discovery of the significance of our bodily adornment. Some pieces may be purchased in the Hubbard Museum Mercantile.

"This is a fascinating topic that transcends time



and place," commented Jay Smith, Director of the Hubbard Museum. "We are excited to bring Alice Seely to the Hubbard Museum and to hear her presentation about jewelry. Many think that jewelry is commonplace because so many wear it, but in reality is quite complex, imbued by the wearer with meanings that oftentimes are missed by the causal observer."

The Hubbard Museum of the American West is located at 841 Highway 70 West, and is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the Museum is \$6 for adults, and reduced admission is available for senior citizens, military personnel, and youth. Visit their Web page at www.hubbardmuseum.org or call 378-4142 for information about other events, exhibits, and activi-

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p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. • Steak, seafood, salad bar, lounge.

Cree Meadows Restaurant • 301 Country Club • 257-2733 • Sun-Sat breakfast 7 a.m.-11 a.m.; lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m. • Steak, seafood, lounge, banquet room.

Denny's • 2219 W. Hwy. 70 Ruidoso Downs • 378-1389 • Open 24 hr.

Elsie's Charbroiled Burgers • Hwy. 54 at Hwy. 380 Cold Taste Freeze • Camozzo • 648-4200 • Burgers, enchiladas, chicken & steak fingers, salads, soft serve ice cream. Patio seating.

Emily's Southern Accent • 320 E. Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 354-5459 • Mon-Sat 7 a.m.-2 p.m.; also Fri. 5-8 p.m.

Farley's Food Fun & Pub • 1200 Mechem • 258-5676 • Mon-Fri. 11:30 a.m.-1 a.m.; Sat. 11 a.m.-1 a.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.-12 a.m. • Burgers, pizza, pub fare, lounge, pool tables, patio.

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

Gathering of Nations Buffet • 287 Camozzo Canyon Rd. at IMG • 464-7872 • American, Italian, Asian and Mexican cuisine.

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Horsemen's Grill • 321 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 354-1447.

K-BOB's • 157 W. Hwy. 70 • 378-4747.

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Chamber Fest

Violinist Patti Brimberry and pianist Bryan Hutchinson will give a free concert at the Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery in San Patricio, June 6, at 7:30 p.m. The concert is the third of a series of community events sponsored by Chamber Music Festival Inc., the non-profit organization that holds an annual chamber music festival in August, and is supported by grants from New Mexico Arts, the New Mexico Department of Tourism and the Hubbard Foundation.

The program for the concert celebrates French composers Claude Debussy and Cesar Franck.

Brimberry and Hutchinson will play the first movements from the only violin sonatas written by either composer. The piano is an exquisite Steinway owned by artist Henriette Wyeth.

"This is a fabulous place for a concert," Judy Petersen, assistant manager of the gallery, said. "You're surrounded by beautiful music, beautiful visual art and the beauty of the hills."

Brimberry studied piano at the University of



Patty Brimberry joins Bryan Hutchinson for a concert at the beautiful Hurd ranch in San Patricio.

Texas at Austin with Gregory Allen. She got her Master's degree in violin performance, studying under Dr. Louise Scott at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona.

She has taught piano since 1979 and violin since 1990. She maintains a private studio in Alto. Brimberry has played with the Flagstaff Symphony Orchestra and the Roswell Symphony Orchestra.

Hutchinson holds a Master's Degree of Piano Performance from Michigan State University,

a Bachelor's Degree of Piano Performance from New Mexico State University, with additional study at Eastern New Mexico University and University of New Mexico.

He has performed in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Europe. He was a pianist with "Up With People." He has accompanied several university choirs and orchestras, various other chamber ensembles, and competed in the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition with "Trio Sonor."

Post-graduate study includes Aesthetics of Music, Ethnomusicology, and Collaborative Music. He has played piano for 36 years, beginning at the age of 8.

He is the pianist at First Christian Church in Ruidoso and maintains a private piano studio, with students of all ages.

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LET'S GO!

Dazzling dance

BY KATHLEEN McDONALD
FOR VAMONOS

Love, beauty and enchantment are expressed with physical distinction in the Ruidoso Dance Ensemble's adaptation of Stravinsky's ballet *The Firebird*, and the one-act Grand Pas Classique from the wedding scene in Minkus' *Paquita* at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Saturday, June 6.

Excellent seats are available for \$25. Call the Spencer Box Office at 575-336-4800 for tickets.

Under the visionary direction of Deborah Rogers, the productions (two hours in entirety) will feature gorgeous sets, costumes, and drops – plus the remarkable talents of more than 60 local student dancers and professional guest artist Arkadiy Oroovsky.

The elite principals are Kelley Stewart as Paquita, Emily North as The Firebird, and Gigi Wiggins as Princess Tsarevna; Oroovsky will dance as Prince Ivan in *The Firebird* and Lucien in *Paquita*.

About *Paquita*

This one-act ballet features the beautiful Paquita and her beloved Lucien at their wedding celebration in the house of a well-known Spanish nobleman.

Paquita's friends demonstrate virtuosity in their solo dances, and a trio of friends (Simon Pawlek, Victoria Haney and Gigi Wiggins) also dance a beautiful *pas de trois*.



Above, Emily North portrays the Firebird in this weekend's Ruidoso Dance Ensemble productions. Top right, Gigi Wiggins with Rachel Diehl and Victoria Haney. Bottom right, Kelley Stewart and Arkadiy Oroovsky. Photos by Kim Wiggins.

The celebration Feast finishes with the sumptuous dancing of Paquita and Lucien.

About *The Firebird*

Based on a beloved Russian fairy tale, *The Firebird* tells the story of



Prince Ivan, who is lost in the forest and mistakenly enters an enchanted garden belonging to the evil sorcerer Kotschei.

As Prince Ivan is hunting, he encounters the magical Firebird.

The Prince is captivated by the beauty of the Firebird, who gives the Prince one of her feathers, telling him to wave it and she'll come to his aid if he's ever in trouble.

As the Prince continues through the forest, he encounters 10 beautiful dancing princesses. Of the princesses, Princess Tsarevna is especially beautiful, and Prince Ivan falls instantly in love with

her. The dancing beauties

explain to Ivan that they are all prisoners of Kotschei, whose spell calls them back to his castle. They beg Prince Ivan not to follow them, warning him that Kotschei's evil powers will turn him into stone.

The Prince stubbornly follows the princesses, enters the castle, and is captured by Kotschei's servants.

Will the Prince escape his predicament?

Come out and relish the staggering beauty, athleticism, dance technique and theatrical suspense that Director Rogers and her dancers always display – all of which are further accentuated by the handmade costumes and the amazing scenic design, paintings and sets (technically displayed magic spells, swirling spirits, enchanted forests, daunting castle et al).

See you there.



LET'S GO!

Mountain of Blues

The 12th Annual Mountain of Blues Festival will be held at Wingfield Park in Midtown Ruidoso, June 6, featuring performances by Zac Harmon, The Unknowns, The Mixx, Buzz and the SoulSenders, and Long John Hunter with the Bad News Blues Band.

There is ample free parking for attendees, and the event is just a block from shops, restaurants and lodging in Midtown Ruidoso. Gates open at 10 a.m., and the music starts at noon and goes until 8:30 p.m.

Plenty of food and beverage vendors will keep you well-fed as you kick back for a great afternoon of live blues. Kids' activities are also available during the event, including a fan-

tastic moon bounce and more.

So bring the little ones and keep the blues alive for our next generation.

No coolers or pets are allowed in the event area; water is OK. A designated smoking area is available.

And to round out the weekend's entertainment, The Quarters in Midtown Ruidoso will present: the Bad News Blues Band on Friday, June 5, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.; Buzz and the SoulSenders following Saturday's festival; and The Unknowns (with Gary Stamper and Mark Kashmar) for Blues & Barbecue on Sunday, June 7, 3-7 p.m.

Don't miss a minute of the blues action this weekend.

Don't miss the Bad News Blues Band at The Quarters on Friday, June 5. Great on the festival stage, they are exceptional in the club scene!



Award-winning bluesman Zac Harmon headlines the 12th Annual Mountain of Blues Festival Saturday, June 6, at Wingfield Park. Check him out at zacharmon.com.

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'Zozo Cowboy Days



Paul Pino and the Tone Daddies perform during Carrizozo's Cowboy Days celebration Street Dance, Friday, June 12, at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

at McDonald Park starting at 3, then the Street Dance featuring Carrizozo native Paul Pino with his Albuquerque band the Tone Daddies at 7.

Saturday is full of events, including the big parade at 10 a.m., with stage shows that include wonderful Western swing, cowboy poetry, storytelling

and much more.

The Cowboy Shoot-Out on 12th Street commences at 1 p.m., and the Ranch Rodeo follows at Hemphill Arena at 2. There will be food and drink vendors at all the locations.

On Sunday, there will be an 8 a.m. golf match at Valle del Sol. (Call 648-2770 for registration and

tee times.) Cowboy church services will be at 8:30 a.m. at the the museum courtyard.

Many folks have worked extremely hard to create and to sponsor this event, which promises to be a fun time for the entire family.

Be sure to attend next weekend in Carrizozo.



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Carrizozo celebrates Cowboy Days next weekend, June 12-14, with lots of Western music, kid's rodeo, round-ups, shoot outs – the list goes on and on.

After two years of planning, building and securing funds, the community celebrates the second town-wide honor to "The Cowboy."

Many special events have been planned for the three-day event, and, additionally, merchants throughout Carrizozo are making a special effort to provide every fan, visitor and guest with special offerings just for the occasion.

On Friday, the trade show opens for visitors at 1 p.m., featuring Western goods, tack, crafts and jewelry at the Museum Heritage Hall. Following that will be the Kid's rodeo

¡STUFF!

Don't miss 'Satisfaction'

"Satisfaction" is the international touring tribute show dedicated to the "World's Greatest Rock & Roll Band" and just as CBS Sunday News declared, "The next best thing to The Rolling Stones!"

The outstanding group of musicians, led by Chris LeGrand – a virtual Mick Jagger look-a-like and sound-a-like, and Jim Riddick as Keith Richards – celebrates the amazing 45-year musical legacy of the Stones in glamorous style. In fact, Satisfaction is the one and only tribute group that authentically captures (in both its musician cast, sound and costuming) the swaggering showmanship of the Stones, one of the greatest and most influential groups of the entire rock era.

Packed with extraordinary flamboyance,

Satisfaction will have the intimate 514-seat Spencer rocking with gusto. The action takes place at 8 p.m., Saturday, June 13. Excellent seats are available for \$79 and \$76. Call the Spencer Box Office at 336-4800.

The night's playlist will include dozens of Stones classics such as "Get Off My Cloud," "Under My Thumb," "Paint It Black" and "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction." Definitely a night of Stones magic, Satisfaction guaranteed!

Now in its eighth year of production with more than 1,500 performances, this highly acclaimed production has been proclaimed by *Rolling Stone Magazine* to be, "one of the best tribute shows in the world."

In 2005, "Satisfaction" became the first ever Rolling Stones show on the

Las Vegas strip as they debuted as part of the award winning show "Legends in Concert" to outstanding reviews. Declared The Las Vegas Sun, "They shined just like the real Stones on the strip" and Showbiz Magazine stated "They'll have you in the aisles just like Jumping Jack Flash."

The group of rockers received their highest accolades to date last spring when contacted by Paramount Pictures and the IMAX Corporation to assist in promotion of the new Martin Scorsese produced documentary film *Shine a Light*. The film highlights the Rolling Stones performance in New York City along with vintage clips from the past. Satisfaction will be involved in promotions and special appearances for the film, which is due



for release later this year.

Don't miss your chance to get the virtual Stones

experience – up close and personal – with "Satisfaction," June 13 at

the Spencer Theater!



Local artist recognized

The American Plains Artists has accepted artwork by local artist, Victoria Mauldin for inclusion in its 25th Annual Juried Exhibit to be held at the Ellen Noel Art Museum in Odessa, Texas, June 6-July 12, with the preview, opening reception, announcement of Awards, & Sale on Thursday, June 11, 7-8:30 PM. Entries were received from artists from all across the U.S.

Ninety-one artworks from 68 artists were accepted into the show. Mauldin's artwork titled "Old Red's Retired" was accepted into this show. Congratulations to this fine artist.

The public is invited to visit the museum to see this fine exhibit or see it online at www.americanplainsartists.com.

Back in the days

Over the past two to three decades, scientists, along with the general public, have become increasingly aware that life on Earth faces occasional threats from space.

We've
earned that,
over geologi-
cal time,
earth has, on
occasion, been struck by
incoming asteroids and
comets, with sometimes

In Our Skies

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devastating effects for at least some of the life forms on the surface.

We've also learned that there are a fair number of objects still out there that could potentially strike Earth someday, and in response to this several comprehensive search programs dedicat-

ed to searching for such objects have become operational over the past

decade or so. At this time, we don't know of any specific objects that threaten Earth during the foreseeable future, but it nevertheless behooves us to keep up the vigil.

As busy as near-Earth space might seem right now, though, it's relatively quiet compared to what things were like during the solar system's early years. At that time the number of stray asteroids and comets was far greater than it is now, and there was a correspondingly larger frequency of impacts resulting from these objects. About 3.9 billion years ago – a few hundred million years after the planets had essentially finished forming – the solar system went through an era known as the "Late Heavy Bombardment" which lasted for a few tens of millions of years and during which up to 50 or more objects 60 miles in diameter or greater are believed to have struck Earth. (For comparison, the object which struck 65 million years ago and which is widely believed to be responsible for the demise of the dinosaurs was about six miles across.)

We don't see any real signs of this in Earthly soil and rocks, because of the Earth's active geology (i.e., the plate tectonics activity that is constantly resurfacing the surface) and because of processes like weathering.

On the moon, howev-

er, which isn't geologically active on a scale anywhere near Earth's and which doesn't have any kind of atmosphere or surface water, we see the records of this bombardment in the form of the numerous impact craters on its surface.

For example, the features which make out "the man in the moon" (prominent during the full moon that is in the sky right now) are large basins scoured out during some of these large impact events. Because Earth has four times the surface area of the moon, it presents an even larger target to impacting objects and thus would have been struck a correspondingly greater number of times.

Any of these large impacts would have vaporized any oceans that existed on Earth at the time and would have melted a significant amount of the crust. One might imagine that this was a very hostile environment for any life that might have developed, and in fact the consensus view among scientists has been that life – if there was any at the time – was destroyed during or after the impacts. Indeed, the earliest evidence for life on Earth dates back 3.8 billion years, right around the time when the Late Heavy Bombardment era was coming to its close.

However, two University of Colorado scientists, Oleg Abramov and

Stephen Mojzsis, have recently performed some studies (via computer modeling) that suggest that the conditions for life during the bombardment era may not have been as bad as one might initially think. While the large impacts would certainly have destroyed any life on the surface, life forms several miles underground would not have been affected quite as severely. In fact, the impacts would have created large magma passageways and perhaps even underground hydrothermal events.

Within the fairly recent past we've discovered that there are forms of life (called "thermophiles") that not only exist in, but actually thrive in, locations just like these, and that there are also some forms of life that exist miles underground. It is thus entirely within the realm of possibility that similar forms of life could have existed back at the time of the Late Heavy Bombardment.

In theory, one could even go so far as to say that the impacts actually created the conditions that allowed such forms of life to form and exist in the first place.

If this is true, then perhaps life on Earth could have gotten started quite a bit earlier than what has been previously believed, and that it was these forms of life that began to expand out to fill the entire Earth once the bombard-

ment era ended. Since all life on our planet is believed to have come from the first original organisms that initially formed on the early Earth, it is entirely possible that all of us came to be because of, rather than in spite of, a large and otherwise devastating impact event during the time of the bombardment.

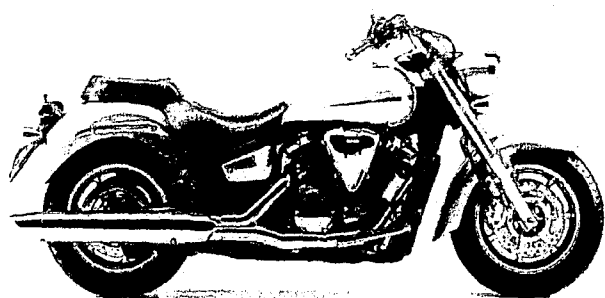
Furthermore, if the overall scenario is true, this could be good news for the existence of life elsewhere in the solar system, since the other planets and moons were also experiencing the Late Heavy Bombardment.

If life on, say, Mars got started as the result of such an impact, it should have adapted to the changing Martian environment over the intervening billions of years (including Mars' watery past, and the much drier conditions that exist today) and even though it might never have had a chance to become "complex" like Earthly life, it might still exist today.

We'll probably just have to go there one of these days and find out.

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 saga of Henry Brown, part 4

Past Tense

by Drew Gomer
Historian



Henry Brown had come from Missouri by way of Texas, where he was rumored to have killed a man.

During and after the Lincoln County War, he had ridden with Billy the Kid. Ultimately, he had drifted north to Caldwell, Kan., where he had become the City Marshal. The citizens of Caldwell, unaware of Brown's past, were thrilled with his performance. He had killed two miscreants in stand-up gunfights at Caldwell and had effectively "tamed" the town.

He even married a young lady named Alice Levagood. The future looked rosy, but for the first time in his life, Brown had responsibilities – something he was unaccustomed to – and in seeking to improve himself and his position, he had done exactly the wrong things.

Less than a month after his wedding, Brown and his deputy, a tall Texan named Ben Wheeler, had approached the mayor with a request for a few days' leave of absence. They informed the mayor that they intended to pursue a murderer who had a price of \$1,200 on his head, deep into the Indian Nations (modern Oklahoma). In reality, there was no murderer. Brown and Wheeler had

other, more nefarious plans.

One day and one month after marrying Levagood, Brown, along with Wheeler, weighted down with extra ammunition, bade farewell to Caldwell. Outside of town, the pair

rendezvoused with two other men, John Wesley and Billy Smith and headed – not for the Indian Nations, but for the town of Medicine Lodge, Kan., some 70 miles away.

Medicine Lodge

It was a few minutes after nine on the morning of April 30, 1884. Billy Smith stayed outside with the horses while the other three bandits, out of work cowboy John Wesley and the lawmen of Caldwell – Marshal Henry Brown and his deputy Ben Wheeler, walked into the bank at Medicine Lodge.

Things went wrong almost immediately. There were only two bank employees present when the desperadoes walked in and pulled their weapons. Cashiers George Geppert and Wylie Payne were stunned when Ben Wheeler ordered them to throw up their hands. Payne, however, was not so stunned that he could not act. As he lunged for a pistol in a drawer, Henry Brown instantly fired at

him with a Winchester, hitting the cashier in the shoulder and dropping him to the floor.

Unfortunately for all concerned, Ben Wheeler then panicked and began firing at Geppert, who had done nothing and was willing to let them rob the place peacefully. Mortally wounded, struck twice in the chest, Geppert managed nevertheless to keep his head and staggered into the vault, which had been open. He slammed the door behind him, locked it and then collapsed and died.

Out in the street, the citizens, hearing the gunfire and deducing what was wrong, were arming themselves. Billy Smith, who had been left with the horses, was firing at anything that moved and in a matter of moments, the shooting had become general.

Back inside the bank, Brown, Wesley and the panicked Wheeler realized that there was nothing more they could do and must abort the robbery. They came racing out of the bank into a hailstorm of bullets. They too, were firing at anything that moved. Brown himself fired three rounds from his Winchester at the city marshal, who was unaware that he was shooting it out with another lawman. The Marshal, Sam Denn, had never been in a gunfight before, but acquitted himself well nonetheless. Standing alone in the middle of the street, he fired relentlessly at the outlaws

who were now desperate to get to their horses and out of town.

Pursuit

Rain had begun falling heavily and it was no help to the desperadoes. Ben Wheeler, who was "fast proving to be less than courageous" dropped the sack with the small amount of money they had gotten from the tellers' cages and raced for the horses. But the heavy rain had drenched the leather reins and their hitch-knots were difficult to untie. After a few panicked moments, the outlaws managed to unhitch their horses and vaulting into their saddles, spurred the horses to a gallop down Main Street toward the river crossing.

Almost immediately, at least a dozen cowboys were behind them in hot pursuit. When they reached the river, Brown and his men paused to send a fusillade screaming in the direction of their pursuers. However, when they saw that the impromptu posse did not waver, they stopped shooting and continued galloping away as fast as possible.

It was as though God wanted them caught. The outlaws had depended on a fence as a landmark in their escape, but the rancher whose fence it was had extended it the previous day and the fence no longer appeared to even be the same fence to them. Confused, they galloped on, their horses slipping

and sliding in the mud caused by the heavy rain.

Eventually, they managed to ride into a box canyon and it was there that they were captured. The outlaws had surrendered on condition that they not be lynched, but it seems that only Billy Smith did not trust this promise. "Boys," he said to the other outlaws, "I came into it with you and I'll go out and die with you." His words were prophetic.

The lynching

The posse was horrified when they learned Brown's identity. Many of them knew and respected him as a peace officer. Nevertheless, he was shackled and taken back to town with the others. With Geppert dead and Payne badly wounded, the town was in a vicious mood.

That night, after writing to Maude and telling her he had done it all for her, Brown heard the lynch mob approaching. Henry decided that no matter what happened, they would not hang him. When the door to the jail opened, Brown made a mad dash for freedom, knocking down the first two men in his way. The third man, however, held a shotgun and Henry Brown's lifeless body fell to the ground just a few yards from the jail. Then, the other three men, with Ben Wheeler weeping and begging for mercy, were dragged to the nearest elevated place and lynched. It was over.

The citizens of

Caldwell were shocked and ashamed when the news reached them. It would be much later before they would be made aware of Henry Brown's lurid past in New Mexico and Texas.

Some of them, however, had conflicting feelings about the affair. One hit the nail on the head when he pointed out that while Henry Brown turned out to be an outlaw himself, his tenure as marshal had been a remarkably good one, as Brown had been the only marshal they ever had who "the cowboys genuinely feared."

But that was the way of things in the crucible known as the American West. It is not for nothing that Henry Brown is known to this day as "The Outlaw Marshal."

SOURCES: *Henry Brown, the Outlaw Marshal*, by Bill O'Neal; *The West of Billy the Kid* and *A Documentary History of the Lincoln County War*, both by Frederick Nolan.

Drew has recently completed "Wolf Story" the incredible tale of his 10-year adventure with a 160-lb., 33-inches-at-the-shoulder gray wolf. For information on how to obtain a copy, please call Drew at 575-653-4056 or email him at drew@pvt.net-works.net

COMMUNITY LISTINGS: LINCOLN COUNTY

Community listings are provided as a public service to organizations offering free services, support, activities and information. To add or correct a listing, email vamonos@ruidosonews.com or fax to 575-257-7053.

Help & Healing

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

Al-Anon: Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor, Ruidoso; Info: 258-8885.

Al-Anon: Meets at noon every Friday at the Methodist Church in Carrizozo. Come to the back door and bring your own lunch.

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m. daily; 8 p.m. Fri, Sat, Sun, at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor, Ruidoso; Info: 258-8885.

Alcoholics Anonymous Women's open meeting: 6:30 p.m. every Monday at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor.

Mountain High Recovery Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 7 p.m. at Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church, 361 Highway 70 East.

Co-Dependents Anonymous: 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Holy Mount Episcopal Church in Ruidoso. Info: 808-2959.

Sex Addicts Anonymous: 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall meeting room, 121 Mescalero Trail. Info: 653-4937.

Celiac Disease/Gluten Intolerance Support Group: Meets second and fourth Sundays of each month, 2-3:30 p.m., in the conference room of ERA-Simmons Real Estate, 918 10th St., Alamogordo. Info: Kathie at 437-0603, Robin at 442-9419, or email painteditladies64@yahoo.com.

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

Bereavement or Grief Support: For the community. Call Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation. Info: 258-3028.

Meditation Practice: First Wednesday of each month; 6:30 a.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Open Circle: Each Sunday; 9:30 a.m. at High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Parenting Classes: Counseling Center Prevention Program facilitates all parents seeking to enhance parenting skills, resolve issues and prevent substance use. Families with children ages 5-17 years of age that complete all requirements of the class qualify for a \$150 stipend. Qualifications and info: Brenda Motley-Lopez or Salli Mason at 257-0520.

Parents of addicted children: New Name Ministry offers help for parents of addicted children. For appointment, phone 802-0263 in Ruidoso and leave a message. Payment of free-will offering appreciated.

Prepared Childbirth Classes: Meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Lincoln County Medical Center's conference room. Six classes per session with qualified, certified instructors; Info: 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.).

Science of Mind Study Group: Each second and fourth Saturday; 10:30 a.m.-noon; High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Shamanic Journeys: Third Wednesday of each month; 7 a.m. at high Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Stretch & Tone Class: For men and women of all ages, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Senior Center, 501 Sudderth; RSVP Terry Franklin, 257-4565.

Temple Builders Weight Loss Support Group: Thursdays

at 6-6:30 p.m. at Angus Church; no dues or food purchase, just friendly support and accountability; weigh-in followed by short devotional. Info: 336-8032.

Wisdom Circle: Each second and fourth Wednesday; 6:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Clubs & Associations

Alto Women's Association: 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards. Business meeting every first Tuesday.

Angus Wood Carvers: 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, junction of Highways 48 and 37; Info: 336-9161.

Art Connection: Last Wednesday of each month. Innsbruck Club House. Info: Pat, 258-3602.

Carrizozo Women's Club: Second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse at 11th and D Avenue; Info: Tona Macken, 354-0769.

Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, plus a 29ers game 1 p.m. Mondays; Ruidoso Senior Center; Info: 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Insighters Book Club: 6:30 p.m. first Wednesday of each month at Insight Books, 1860 Sudderth; No charge and all are welcome; Info: 257-4625.

Lincoln County Bird Club: Monthly field trips are scheduled at various times. For more information, call 257-5352 or 258-3862.

Lincoln County Garden Club: Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m.; New members and visitors welcome; Info: Joyce, 258-4663, or Elena, 258-3724.

Lincoln County Right to Life Chapter: 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday at 309 L.L. Davis Dr. All are welcome; Info: 258-5108.

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

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

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

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

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

Ruidoso Area Singles: Want to meet new friends for social activities - dining out, parties, potlucks, outings, etc.? New group is forming. Info: Judy, 430-7870, or Martha, 430-9808.

Ruidoso Book Review/Discussion Group: Meets first Wednesday each month at 10 a.m.; Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. Public is welcome.

Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club: Meets every Monday; program varies. Potluck and bridge/card games. Second Monday (Sept.-May) includes program, business meeting, potluck, bridge/card games at 116 S. Evergreen.

Ruidoso Masonic Lodge No. 73: Meets first Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., except national holidays, then moves to second Monday. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Info: 258-3598.

Ruidoso Mommies Group: Want to meet other moms? Come join the Ruidoso Mommies group at 5:45 p.m., Tuesdays, at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. (no religious affiliation); Come alone or bring

the kiddos. Info: Natasha at 640-7076, or Alice at 258-3331.

Ruidoso Ridge Runners 4-Wheel Drive Club: Meets first Wed of each month at K-BOB's. Dinner at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7. Info: 336-2714 or 378-4853.

Education

ESL classes: English as a Second Language classes sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Thu, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.; Mon, Tue, Thu, 6-8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church; Spanish language GED Mon, 6-8 p.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.

First Friday Adult Lecture Series: Monthly, Capitan Public Library, free. Info: 354-3035.

GED classes: Sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Fri, 9-11 and Mon-Tues, 5:30-7:30, at NM Workforce Connection in Compass Bank Bldg., 707 Mechem..

La Junta F.C.E.: 10:45 a.m. every third Wednesday at San Patricio Senior Citizens building. Info: 653-4718.

Veterans

American Legion Robert J. Hagee Post 79: 11 a.m. every third Saturday, 101 Spring St. at Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs; Info: 257-6757.

VFW Post 1207: Meets at the Ruidoso Evening Lions Club, behind Chef Lupe's Restaurant on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. Info: email theboss@RuidosoToday.com.

VFW Post 12071: Ladies Auxiliary meets at Ruidoso Evening Lions Club, behind Chef Lupe's Restaurant on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. Info: Kelly Fouse at 575-430-8531.

Service Organizations

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

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

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

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

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

Capitan Smokey Bear Lions Club: 5:30 p.m. every Thursday at Smokey Bear Restaurant. Info: Lion Bob Callender, 575-258-1345 or 575-937-7911.

Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program: 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso. For children age 4 to 6th grade; Info: 257-2081, www.fbcruaidoso.com.

Fort Stanton Museum: Call for volunteers; if you would like to become involved in volunteering at Fort Stanton Museum, join the 6 p.m. potluck on Monday, Sept. 15, at Innsbruck Village Club House; food provided. Info: Susie Berend, 937-9380.

Friends of Capitan Library: Call for volunteers for Not 2 Shabby Thrift Shop. Info: Raynene, 354-3046 or library, 354-3035.

Humane Society of Lincoln County: Shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and

Sat 11-2; ReSale Shop at the 'Y' open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon-Sat; Info: 378-1040.

Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at K-BOB's; Rutalee, 258-1431.

Laughing Eyes Kennels: 501(c)(3) nonprofit breeder and trainer of Service Dogs in Nogal seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling & puppy socialization, bookkeeping, fundraising and kennel upkeep/management. Info: www.lekennels.org or 575-354-4342.

Lincoln County Community Health Council: 8 a.m. first Tuesday of each month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. New members welcome. Info: 973-1829.

Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary: 9:30 a.m. second Tuesday of each month in the hospital conference room. New volunteers welcome. Info: 630-4250.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse: Meets first Sunday each month at 2 p.m. at the Posse building, Hwy. 54, in Carrizozo. Groups needing their volunteer security services, notify by mail one month (but not less than two weeks) prior to the monthly meeting. Send to P.O. Box 1784, Capitan, NM 88316. Info: 888-663-7029.

OES Ruidoso Chapter 65: Meeting every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 144 Nob Hill Dr. Info: 257-5313.

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): Noon every Wednesday at K-BOB's. New members always welcome; 257-5938 or 258-9218.

PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Chapter AR: Meeting every second and fourth Tuesdays. Phone Jennie Powell at 258-3896 for information.

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club: 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. During the school year, meetings every first Tuesday are at the Teepee Lounge at Ruidoso High School. Info: Barbara, 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555, or Greg, 257-1255.

Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary: 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center off East Highway 70; Info: 378-8099 or 378-8316.

Ruidoso Evening Lions: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Evening Lions Club House, 106 S. Overlook (behind Chef Lupe's). New members always welcome. Info: Mike Zaragosa, 937-0768 or Harold Oakes, 937-7618.

Ruidoso Shrine Club: 6:30 p.m. every fourth Wednesday at Cree Meadows Restaurant; Info: 258-5860.

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club: Meets at 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: 257-0363.

Sierra Blanca Daughters of the American Revolution: Third Thursday of each month. Info: 258-3045.

Zia Girl Scout Council: 6 p.m. every third Thursday at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Info: 437-2921.

White Mountain Search & Rescue: 7 p.m. every third Monday at First Christian Church near the intersection of Hull and Gavilan Canyon Roads. Info: email whitemountainsar@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainsar.org or phone 866-596-8382..

Political

Democratic Party of Lincoln County: Monthly meetings first Thursday of each month except Jan., July and Sept.; 6 p.m. meeting; Info: 973-7505, or Maria, 937-8394.

Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County: Regular meetings. For information, call 653-4379.

Republican Party of Lincoln County: Meetings at Cree Meadows Country Club; info, 336-7038.

Art Galleries & Studios

Lincoln County

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

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

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

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

Gaer Barlow Gallery • 560 Highway 48, Capitan • Featuring Cheryl Barlow's impressionistic portraits, many of the Old West • Bronze and clay figurative sculptures • www.GaerBarlowGallery.com.

Gallery 408 • 408 12th Street • Carrizozo • 575-648-2598 • Fine art; annual Burro Serenade; Backroom Gift Gallery; 2nd Floor Studios; Artist Residency and Classes; visit www.gallery408.com.

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

Grizzly's Bears • 2804 Sudderth • 257-3542 • Bears carved from tree trunks by chainsaw and other power tools.

Hondo Iris Farm and Gallery • Highway 70, MM 284 in Old Hondo • Tuesday - Sunday, 10-5 • 653-4723.

Hondo Iris Farm Annex • Highway 70, MM 286 • Tuesday - Sunday, 8-5. Free Jewelry Factory tours. 653-4062.

Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery • Off Highway 70 at mile marker 281 • San Patricio • Home of five artists spanning three generations. Featuring works by N.C.

Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth, Henriette Wyeth Hurd, Peter Hurd and Michael Hurd. • 800-658-6912, or 653-4331.

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

J. Kiker Gallery • Highway 70 MM 284 in Old Hondo • Featuring John Kiker's oil landscapes of New Mexico, the Hondo Valley and beyond. • Open by appointment only. Phone 653-4510, or contact jkikergallery@yahoo.com.

Moondance Gallery • Central White Oaks • 648-2319 • Hand-crafted furniture, jewelry, traditional tinwork, Southwest artifacts.

Oso Art • 100 Lincoln Ave., Capitan • 354-2327 • Art at its best from more than 100 Lincoln County artists • Eclectic blend of wall art, sculpture, jewelry, wood furniture and more • Tuesday-Saturday 10-6; Sunday 10-5.

Studio-O • 131 Jackalope Rd. in Capitan • Pet and people photography and pysanky • www.studio-o.info.

Unique Creations • 354-1041 • Custom furniture, etched and stained glass • By appointment only.

White Oaks Pottery • 4 mi. NE of White Oak Township • Ivy Heymann • 648-2985 • Open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed on Thursday.

ZW's Gallery • Highway 37 W, MM 4.7 (the road to Nogal) • 354-4263.

Ruidoso Area

The Adobe • 2905 Sudderth • 257-5795 • www.theadobeinart.com • Fine art, jewelry, decoratives.

Alice Royer Jewelry Studio • Highway 37 W (4.75 marker at Loma Grande subdivision) • 937-4263 • one-of-a-kind contempor-

rary silver and rare stone jewelry, individually handcrafted and designed • workshops available • by appointment only.

Ann Buell's Fine Art • 2825 Sudderth • 257-9102 • www.annbuellfineart.com • Original fine art paintings and sculpture. Artists include Martha Kellar, Charles N. Pruitt, Ann Templeton and many more.

The Art Gallery • 1712 Sudderth • 257-7272 • Featuring original works by regional independent artists. Home of the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts office.

Backdoor - the knight-mark collection • 2808 Sudderth Dr. • Hand-picked furnishings, Italian textiles, artwork and more luxuries for the home • 257-2270

California Colors Art Gallery • 201 Country Club Dr. • 257-1964.

The Camel House • 1690 Highway 70 East • Ruidoso Downs • 378-7065 • Prints, framing.

DJ's Jewelry • 618 Carrizo Canyon • 630-1514 • Hand-crafted silver and semi-precious stones, Southwest style.

Earth & Stone • 2117 Sudderth • 257-2768 • Pottery by Alan Miner. Thrown vessels, tableware, vessel sinks, platters, sculpted pieces. Watch the artist at work.

Galleria West • 2538 Sudderth • 257-4560 • Fine art, gifts, artisan jewelry, knives, fetishes.

GD Garrett Fine Art • 2306 Sudderth • 257-7695 • Studio and gallery of wildlife painter Gary Garrett.

J. Mauritsen Studio • 624 Carrizo Canyon Rd. • 257-6348 • Wood carver transforms tree trunks into fine art, furniture.

THIRSTY SPACE



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Lights Burn Bright on Friday Nights!

As Ruidoso becomes an arts destination, the Lincoln County Gallery Association is lighting up the summer with Lights Burn Bright on Friday Nights! Member galleries will be open every Friday until 7 p.m. through the summer, June 5 thru Sept. 4. On Saturday, July 25, the galleries will remain open for a promotion in conjunction with the Ruidoso Arts Festival. Gallery names and locations may be found in the association's new brochure, available throughout Lincoln County.

(The name of artist Dustin Justus, who is featured at the Thirsty Eye gallery (above), was incorrectly spelled in last week's ¡Vámonos! The editor apologizes.)

Josie's Framery • 2917 Sudderth • 257-4156 • High quality, affordable & custom framing and local art.

Kindred Spirit • 2306 Sudderth • 257-3846.

Leroy Anderson Studio • 1125 Highway 37 (downtown Nogal) • 354-4242 • Handcrafted silver jewelry, beadwork, rattles and copper sculpture.

Many Moons Jewelry • 2501 Sudderth • 630-9201 •

Hand-crafted silver.

McGary's Studio / Expressions in Bronze Gallery • 2002 Sudderth • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday • 257-1000 • Gallery and finishing studio for world-renowned bronze artist famous for Native-American figures.

Mountain Arts Gallery • 2530 Sudderth • 257-9748 • Southwest art, prints & originals, pottery, custom framing. Resident artist: Teri Sodd.

Picture This Gallery • 2621 Sudderth • 630-0003 • Prints and framing.

Piñon Pottery • 3 miles east of Wal-Mart on Highway 70 • Ruidoso Downs • 378-4270 • (800) 378-4275 • Studio & gallery of Vicki Conley, also shows work by other locals. Thrown pottery and sculpted ceramic for architectural accents.

Rainwaters • 2313 Sudderth • 257-8727 • Gifts, jewelry, can-

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Art Galleries & Studios

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bles & collectibles.

Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts • Highway 220, 12 miles north of Ruidoso off U.S. 48 • 336-4800 • Dale Chihuly glass art installation • Tours 10 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday include behind-the-scenes look at theater.

Square Moon Gallery • 2825 Sudderth Dr., Ste. E, Boulder Plaza • Beautiful hand-blown and fused art glass, original chalk pastels, and more. • 257-8549.

Studio-W • 1311 Mechem • 258-1117 • www.Studio-W.com • 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Wed. - Sat.; 12 - 6 p.m., Sun; Closed Mon. & Tues. • Representing more than 100 artists showing more than 500 pieces.

Tanner Tradition • 624 Sudderth Dr. • 257-8675 • Since 1872, the Tanner family has traded in quality Native American art and jewelry • one-of-a-kind pieces, contemporary and vintage.

White Dove Gallery • 2825 Sudderth, Ste. A • 257-6609 or 866-257-6609 • Specializing in Native-American jewelry, art, pottery and kachinas. Open daily since 1988.

White Mountain Pottery • 2328 Sudderth • 257-3644 • Tableware, lamps & accessories. Representing the works of Tim Wierwille and other local potters.

The Zuni • 2621 Sudderth • (800) 275-4908 • 257-2440.

Alamogordo Area

About Frames • 1602 10th St. • 434-4494 • Fine art prints and custom framing. Dave Beach and Susie Hopkins, proprietors. Open Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday by appointment.

Accents in Glass • 434-4182 • Jo Austin's original art glass designs using fused glass, stained glass, mosaics, 3-D, leaded panels, and jewelry. Jo Austin, proprietor. Web: www.accentsgivingglassbyjo.com.

Pat Beatty Gallery and Framing, 908 New York Ave., Alamogordo • 439-0188 • Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Fine art, work by local artists, gifts, hand-painted cards. Pat Beatty, proprietor.

Copeland's Frame Shop and Gallery, DBA Sketchbook Tours • 622 9th St. (corner of 9th and Texas Ave.) • 575-551-4632 (shop) • 575-442-9594

(victoria) • 575-430-7921 (Michael) • www.michael-copeland.com • www.sketch-booktours.com.

Creative Designs • 917 New York Ave., Alamogordo • Monday - Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • 434-4420 • Ongoing selection of carefully chosen works in all media by local artists.

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

Eagle Ranch Art Gallery • 7288 U.S. Highway 54/70, between Alamogordo and Tularosa • 434-0035 • 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily • Monthly exhibits by a variety of local and regional artists. Marianne and George Schweers, proprietors.

W. Kohler Lamp and Shade Company Gallery • 173 US Hwy 82, Alamogordo • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday • 437-8441 • Distinctive mesquite lamps and copper lamp-shades made on location. Studio tours available.

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.

Copper Butterfly • 206 Burro Ave. • 682-2765 • Fine arts, quality crafts. Gloria and Gary Wood, proprietors.

Hummingbird Nest • 306 Burro Ave. • 682-2728 • Ceramics, paintings. Kathy Powell, proprietor.

Off the Beaten Path • 100 Glorietta Ave. • 682-7284 • Eclectic gifts and original artwork, wacky wire art, jewelry, yard art, artistic lamps, and more. Berle Van Zanat and Donna Rand, proprietors. Open daily.

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

Tularosa

Adobe Daubers Arts & Crafts Gallery • 275-B Central Ave. • 585-2084.

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

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

Horse Feathers • 316 Granado • 585-4407 • Pottery, jewelry, Native American arts & crafts, gifts.

Studio 54@70 • Art Studio & Gallery • 1201 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 575-585-5470 • www.studio54at70.com • Hours: Tu-Th: 10-5; Fri & Sat: 10-7; Sun 10-4; closed Mondays.

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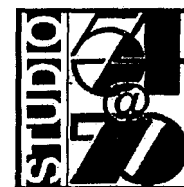
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COMMUNITY LISTINGS: OTERO COUNTY

Education

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

I.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.

Allura 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/luceon 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 vet-

erans, 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 Alamogordo 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 Tining, 443-1195.

Tularosa Democrats: Meet at Coffee & More, 308 Granada, 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 Community 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 Fraterna Order of Eagles Club, 471 24th St. Join to play or learn. Contact Delilah at 442-8750.

Other Ongoing Activities

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

Bingo: 7 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and Sun., 2 p.m. Saturday at the VFW, 700 U.S. 70 West. Ages 16 and over welcome with an adult. 437-0770.

Coffee Club: 7:30 - 9 a.m. every third Wednesday at Edward Jones Investments, 1106 E. 10th St. Topics include current events, identity theft and Social Security. Breakfast rolls and juices provided. 443-1900.

Joyful Noyse Recorder Consort: Every other Sunday in Alamogordo; various locations. Seeking soprano, alto tenor & bass recorder players; Info: 937-2006.

Meditation Group: Every Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon at 1010 16th St., Alamogordo. Music-guided meditation 443-1075.

ADVENTURE

*Return to Africa, part 2:***Hippos doing ... what?**

What's your ultimate wildlife encounter—an African safari filled with lions, cheetahs, elephants, and hippos?

Return with me to Africa for your up close and personal adventure, a three-part safari with Africa's wildlife.

Best of all-it won't cost you a cent and you won't catch the flu!

The itinerary reads "Hippo Pool Breakfast." Does that mean poolside brunch with overweight tourists?

Just when you thought this morning's game drive with feasting cheetahs and lions [Breakfast with big Cats, Follow Me! May 22] was the ultimate intense wildlife adventure, an al

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fresco breakfast with wild hipopotami on the banks of the Mara River promises even more excitement.

FOLLOW ME TO KENYA'S MARA RIVER

"My name is David. Come this way."

A red cloth-draped Maasai moran (warrior) carrying spear and club steps

from chokeberry bushes and beckons. Dodging thorny sickle acacia, we follow him down a narrow path to the river's edge.

A smiling waiter in starched white shirt and immaculate black pants proffers wet washcloths. Wiping away the dust from our early morning game drive, we accept chilled flutes of champagne and follow him deeper into the

bush.

The path ends in a clearing. Sounds of churning whitewater drift from an unseen source. "The river is here." David gestures left. Peeking through branches, I glimpse the source of the churning sound, the Mara River racing over rocks and boulders.

"Please sit." David gestures right. I look away from the river and follow his pointing spear and nearly drop my champagne glass.

LUXURY ON A RIVERBANK

Tables of silver chafing dishes and covered plates of colorful fruit and fragrant freshly baked breads repose invitingly on long tables set with dark green linen, gleaming silver and china.

"How do they do all this out in the bush?" I whisper to my cousin Betty, our travel agent who planned this trip.

She smiles and shakes her head. David waves his spear again.

"Crocs over there and hippos on the side," he announces, gesturing again to the chocolate brown river with whipped cream-like whitewater. We follow his gaze across the river to the opposite bank fifty yards away.

A 20-foot croc lazes in the shade, its mouth open in a wide, toothy yawn. Large wet boulders lie



strewn up and down the far riverbank.

"Where are the hippos?" I ask. Then one boulder flicks its ear.

Dozens of boulder-sized hippos and fat crocodiles sun themselves and swim below our elaborate champagne buffet breakfast. The hippos flick their tiny ears, snort and blow through their noses, sink into the muddy water and rise again.

"I've never seen so many hippos in one place," I whisper to Betty.

"Or so many enormous ones," she whispers back.

"I don't know what to do first, photograph the hippos and crocs or eat breakfast," says our wildlife photographer Bruce, changing lenses with one hand and reaching for a croissant with the other.

HIPPOS DOING ... WHAT?

Appetites whetted by fresh African morning air, we tuck into more champagne, croissants, made to order omelets and crepes with the same enthusiasm shown by the lions and cheetahs earlier that morning.

"Sno-o-rt!"

A louder-than-normal snort jerks our heads around. "Omigosh!" someone shouts, and we abandon crepes for cameras in a mad dash for the riverbank.

Two hippos are mating.

OK, at that distance, one sees nothing specific. Besides, the female is immersed in water up to her neck. But the male moves rhythmically up and down in slow motion, belching with every um-

thrust and sending ripples of water with every heave. Our videos and telephotos work overtime.

If anyone had predicted we'd be drinking champagne while watching hippos in action-only a couple of hours after witnessing a cheetah chase a jackal and vultures clean up after a pride of lions-we wouldn't have believed it.

But we did. And now you did too.

Next time: our African adventure concludes with the perfect souvenir-guess what it is?

Although space is no longer available on this year's real-life Africa adventure with Yvonne (EVLanelli@yahoo.com) and Betty, you can still join them every two weeks in ¡Vámonos!

